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LATEST WAR NEWS.

Troops Ordered To Move.

CONSUL LEE AND ALL AMERICANS ARE REQUESTED TO COME HOME.

The following telegram to the San Angelo Standard are the latest war news obtainable.

The forecast of the President's Message, which will be made to Congress Monday, is that he will recommend armed intervention, if necessary, but will not ask for the independence of Cuba;

Washington, D. C., Apr. 5—(Special Telegram to San Angelo Standard.) Consul General Fitzhugh Lee and all Americans in Havana ordered home by first vessel. All Americans remaining have been placed under British protection.

Twenty thousand regular troops ordered to be mobilized at Chattanooga, Tennessee. Great excitement in Washington.

Washington, D. C., April 6—(Special Telegram to San Angelo Standard.) President McKinley this morning notified Congress that he would send his message of seven thousand words this evening at 1:30. A noon received message from Consul General Fitzhugh Lee is as follows:

"If message was sent to day he would not be responsible for the lives of Americans in Havana."

The president then decided to withhold his message to Congress until Monday so that the Americans will have time to leave Havana.

The feeling of greatest disappointment was manifested in the House when the news went around there would be no message from the President until Monday. Members are in the lobbies in groups disgusted at cause of delay, but they will acquiesce.

More than two hundred lives were destroyed at Shawneetown Ill., on the 3rd instant by the levee breaking, drowning almost the entire population.

It has been suggested by some of our people that the congressmen should do a part of the fighting, especially if they would make warriors on a parity with their talk.

DeWitt Talmage: Young men buy no lottery ticket, purchase no prize packages, bet on no base ball games or yacht racing have no faith in luck, answer no mysterious circulars proposing income for small investment, drive away the buzzards that hover around our hotels trying to entrap strangers. Go out and make an honest living.

To Invade Texas.

Later reports from the Mexican border affirm the report that was made last week that a band was being formed to raid Texas at the moment hostilities were declared between Spain and the United States. However, the Mexican authorities have the leaders under arrest, and state that they will do all in their power to prevent the filibustering. If hostilities occur a large company will be required for defense along the Texas border. It is believed that the Mexican government will take steps to prevent the marauding bands, but there are many Spaniards in that republic, and they will doubtless make various attempts to cross the Rio Grande.

The fifty million dollar war fund with other increased appropriations, it is stated, will insure a deficiency in the National treasury, which will at once have to be made good by more taxes, war or not, and plans are now being discussed as to how the increase is to be made.

It is being surmised by some of our people that it is the intention of the Colorado Valley Railway company to go east of Robert Lee, and locate a new town on some point on the line. It is stated that a large tract of land was purchased just south of the Colorado river, on Buffalo creek, by J. D. O'Daniel, who has associated himself with the railway company, with this object in view.

We have plenty and to spare. Of horses and mules we have more than one to every man and boy above 14 years of age. Of cattle we have one animal to every man, woman, and child over the age of 10 years; Of sheep nearly one to each inhabitant, and of hog a little more than one for every man, woman and baby in the land. Of corn we have about 30 bushels; of wheat 7 bushels; of oats 12 bushels; of barley 11-4 bushels and of rye, 3 pecks; or a total of 51 bushels of grain for every human being within our borders. Besides this we have about 5 bushels of potatoes to each person. The average of the world is less than 5 pecks of wheat, and of all grain combined including rice, less than 2-1-2 bushels. Ours is the greatest food producing country on the earth.—Farm And Ranch.

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The West Texas Press Association.

After advising with all the members possible in a short time, I have decided to postpone the next meeting of the above association to Tuesday, April 26th 10:00 a.m., in order to give all who wish to do so an opportunity to join the teacher's excursion to excursion to El Paso, which leaves Abilene on the afternoon or night of Wednesday 27th. This gives us practically two days for work and pleasure, the latter being guaranteed by the citizens of Abilene, the former arranged by our association's program committee. Simmons College will give the association a musical and literary entertainment in the College chapel on Tuesday night, the directors of the West Texas Fair will entertain you at their homes, and our women's literary clubs will see that you are not neglected at any time during your stay. Our meeting will be held in the Library Hall which comfortably seats 300 people, contains a nice stage piano and reading room. We want every member to come and bring his wife or sweetheart, and we want all newspaper men in our territory who have not joined to make a point of being here and affiliating with us at this meeting. Let every member do some missionary work on this line, and help us make this association what its field entitles it to—one of the largest and best press associations in Texas. Write to your brethren and urge them to come. This notice is sent to every paper we can locate in this territory, and we trust it will bear fruit.

Fraternally,
L. B. Shook,
President.

Frank E. Thomas, a teacher of Roscoe, Texas, who is pasturing horses in Coke county, passed through Wednesday on his way home. He will buy cattle for the Coke county range. He reports regular floods in Nolan and Fisher counties and fair rains in Coke.—Enterprise.

A monument is to be erected to the memory of ex-Gov. Ross.

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EXTERNAL EXPLOSION.

REPORT TRANSMITTED TO CONGRESS BY THE PRESIDENT.

It Was Accompanied by a Message Reciting the Facts but Counseling Further Deliberation.

Washington, Mar. 29.—The official report of the court of inquiry into the Maine disaster was sent to congress by President McKinley. The following is a synopsis:

At the time of the explosion the battleship was anchored in about six fathoms of water.

The discipline on board of the ship was good; everything being placed according to orders. The temperature at 8 p. m. was medium, except in the after 10-inch magazine, which did not explode.

The court finds that the explosion occurred about 9:40 p. m.; also that there were two explosions—one immediately after the other. The ship was blown up on the first explosion.

The court forms no definite opinion of the wreck from the divers' evidence. The court deduces that the Maine was exploded under the ship on the side of the port.

The court exonerates the crew on board the ship from all blame.

The explosion of two magazines were caused by the first explosion.

The court finds no evidence to fix responsibility.

The report is signed by all the members of the court. It does not state that there were, or are now, mines in Havana harbor, except in the finding that a mine was exploded under the ship.

The opinion is that the explosion of the mine caused the explosion of the two magazines.

The report is a formal recital of facts. It does not exceed 1800 words. Among the eight parts the details under the second head is the longest—which deals with the discipline of the ship. The temperature of the magazines an hour and forty minutes before the explosion disposes of the question of accidental combustion of the two magazines that exploded.

The explosion of the mine under the port side of the ship causing the explosion of the two magazines, explains the destruction wrought. The explosion is thus shown to have combined the force of a mine outside, and the two magazines inside.

The two explosions, one immediately after the other, shows that two forces operated in causing the destruction.

The finding that the ship lifted on the first explosion shows an external force, and one with great power to lift a ship weighing thousands of tons.

The character of the wreckage described in the fifth part of the report from which the court deduces that the mine was exploded on the port side, sustains the view taken by most experts after the Maine disaster, that the force of the explosion was exerted from port to starboard.

The feature of the report of deepest interest to the navy is the complete exoneration of all the crew on board, contained in the second finding, and declaring in the sixth finding to be the disaster to be due to no fault of those on board.

The failure of the court to find evidence to fix responsibility, as stated in the eighth part, makes the report so guarded in expression of blame that neither Spain nor Spanish are mentioned throughout.

WHAT THE PRESIDENT SAYS.

The Message is Short and Devoid of Sensational Features.

After reciting the circumstances connected with the sending of the Maine to Havana, showing it to be an act of courtesy and friendly feeling, President McKinley, in his message accompanying the report, says:

At 40 minutes past nine in the evening of Feb. 15th, the Maine was destroyed by an explosion by which the entire forward part of the ship was utterly wrecked. In this catastrophe two officers and 260 of her crew perished, those who were not killed outright by her explosion being panned between decks by tangled wreckage and drowned by the immediate sinking of the hull. Prompt assistance rendered by neighboring vessels anchored in the harbor, aid being especially given by the boats of the Spanish Alphonse XII and the Ward line steamer City of Washington, which lay not far distant. The wounded were generously cared for by the authorities of Havana, the hospitals being freely opened to them, while the earliest recovered bodies of the dead were interred by the municipality in the public cemetery of the city. Tributes of grief and sympathy were offered from the officials of all quarters of the island.

The appalling calamity fell upon our people with crushing force and for a brief time intense excitement pre-

valled, which in a community less just and self controlled than our might have led to hasty acts of blind resentment. This spirit, however, soon gave way to calmer reason, to resolve to investigate facts and await material proof before forming a judgment as to the cause and responsibility, and, if facts warranted, the remedy due. This cause necessarily recommended itself from the outset to the executive, for only in the light of dispassionately ascertained certainty could it determine the nature and measure of its full duty in the matter.

The usual procedure was followed, as in all cases of casualty or disaster to national vessels of any maritime state. A naval court of inquiry was at once organized, composed of officers well qualified by rank and practical experience to discharge the onerous duties imposed upon them. Aided by a strong force of wreckers and divers the court proceeded to make a thorough investigation on the spot, employing every available means for an impartial and exact determination of the cause of the explosion. Its operations have been conducted with the utmost deliberation and judgment, and while independently pursued, no source of information was neglected, and the fullest opportunity was allowed for a simultaneous investigation by the Spanish authorities.

The finding of the court of inquiry was reached after 23 days of continuous labor, on the 2d of March, instant; and having been approved on the 22nd by the commander-in-chief of the United States naval force on the North Atlantic station was transmitted to the executive. It is herewith laid before congress to-day with the voluminous testimony taken before the court. Its purport, in brief, is as follows:

When the Maine arrived at Havana she was conducted by the regular government pilot to buoy No. 4, to which she was moored, in from five and one-half to six fathoms of water; the state of discipline on board and the condition of her magazines, boilers, coal bunkers and storage compartments passed in review, with the conclusion that excellent order prevailed, and that no indication of any cause for internal explosion existed in any quarter. At 8 o'clock in the evening of Feb. 15, everything had been reported secure and all was quiet. At 40 minutes past 9 o'clock the vessel was suddenly destroyed. There were two distinct explosions, with brief interval between them. The first lifted the forward part of the ship very perceptibly, the second, which was more prolonged, attributed by the court to the partial explosion of two or more of her forward magazines. The evidence of divers establish that the after part of the ship is practically intact and sank in that condition a very few minutes after the explosion. The forward part was completely demolished.

Upon the evidence of the concurrent external cause the finding of the court is as follows:

At frame 17, outer shell of the ship at a point 11½ feet from the middle of the line of the ship and six feet above the keel when in its normal position, has been forced up so as to be now about four feet above the surface of the water; therefore, about 34 feet above where it would be had the ship sunk uninjured. Outside, the bottom plating is bent into a reversed "V" shape, the after wing of which is about 15 feet broad and 22 feet in length (from frame 17 to frame 25) is doubled back upon itself against a continuation of the same plating extending forward. At frame 18 the vertical keel is broken in two and the keel bent into an angle similar to the angle formed for outside plates. The break is about six feet below the surface of the water and about 30 feet above its normal position. In the opinion of the court his effect could have been produced only by the explosion of a mine situated under the bottom of the ship about frame 18 and somewhat on the port side of the ship.

The conclusions of the court are: That the loss of the Maine was not in any respect due to fault or negligence on the part of any officers or members of her crew. That the ship was destroyed by an explosion of a submarine mine, which caused the partial explosion of two or more of her forward magazines; and that no evidence has been obtainable fixing responsibility for the destruction of the Maine upon any person or persons.

I have directed that the finding of the court of inquiry and the views of this government thereon be communicated to the government of her majesty, the queen, and I do not permit myself to doubt that the sense of justice of the Spanish nation will dictate the course of action suggested by honor and the friendly relations of the two governments. It was the duty of the executive to advise congress of the result, and in the meantime deliberate on the consideration that is to be invoked. WILLIAM MCKINLEY, Executive Mansion, March 24, 1898.

ENTERTAINMENT AT MADRID.

The Display of Patriotic Sentiment Was Thrilling.

Madrid, April 2.—The display of patriotic fervor at the Royal opera Thursday night was really thrilling. The whole assemblage, numbering about 3000 persons, was profoundly impressive. The queen regent, who was accompanied by the princess of Austria and the infanta Isabella, was the object of repeated ovations.

Most of the younger ladies, especially those belonging to the higher ranks of the aristocracy, wore ribbons of the national colors in their hair. When the orchestra played the national hymn a wave of intense feeling swept over the assemblage. The queen and the princess, the grandees, and every one, in fact, rose spontaneously and gave vent to a great shout of "Vive Espana!" followed by shouts of "Long live the queen!" "Long live the queen!"

On the stage the chorus was composed of the leading singers of Spain, with whom were grouped the principal musicians, painters and artists of the country, while the orchestra was reinforced by military bands in full uniform.

In the midst of the excitement two regiments of infantry marched in single file across the stage, and so appeared to be an endless body of men, whereupon the national anthem was sung and the audience clamored for the national banner.

Then some one on the stage took down a flag from the wings of the stage, and it was hoisted on high by a group of actors, who bore it to the middle of the stage, where the flag was waved aloft. This direct appeal to the national sentiment evoked a stupendous demonstration, which seemed endless. At length the queen rose to leave, and the orchestra played the royal march, which caused the audience to recommence, all the ladies joining in it, acclaiming the queen and waving handkerchiefs, while the men rapturously cheered her majesty. As the ovation continued the queen was compelled to return to the front of the royal box half a dozen times, and bow her acknowledgment of the applause. Her majesty was unable to control her emotions. It was generally remarked that in spite of the confusion and the intensity of patriotism, no cry was heard against the United States. The performance lasted until after 1 a. m., and it is the general opinion that such a scene was never before witnessed in Spain. The receipts are estimated to have exceeded a million pesetas.

Independence of Cuba.

Washington, April 2.—The sub-committee of the senate committee on foreign relations, appointed to draft a report and prepare a form of resolution outlining the action which this government shall pursue toward Spain with reference to Cuba, so far completed its work yesterday that it will be able to report to the full committee to-day.

The sub-committee will recommend the adoption of a resolution declaring, in the first place, for the recognition of the independence of the Cuban republic, and second, for the intervention of the United States army and navy for the purpose of securing independence in case Spain refuses to concede it. The committee will treat the rescinding of the order for the reconcentration of the Cuban non-combatants as a subterfuge, and will dwell upon the past, if not the present, treatment of these unfortunates; will detail the Maine incident and attempt to demonstrate that it is sufficient cause for the declaration of war if this country were desirous of making it such, and also will touch upon the injury to American interests caused by the Cuban struggle as a full justification for our intervention.

There has been an effort to persuade the committee that Spain's release of the reconcentrados leaves the United States practically without excuse for intervention, but the committee has not so far been convinced by this reasoning, and there is great unanimity in the rejection of this view, as there is in the decision as to the general course to be pursued.

The committee will report on Monday, unless it is then made evident that it has been impossible for the president to complete his promised message for lack of time. The disposition is now against much further postponement for any cause. The committee's information is to the effect that the message will be ready for submission by Monday.

To Meet the Flotilla.

Key west, Fla., April 2.—The news that the Vizcaya and the Almirante Oquendo had sailed from Havana was conveyed to Capt. Sampson by a newspaper correspondent. Capt. Sampson appeared much interested, and anxious for details. The general feeling among the fleet is that the warships have gone to meet the torpedo flotilla. A strict patrol was maintained in the harbor last night by the Cincinnati and two torpedo boats.

To Remain in Hampton Roads.

Washington, April 2.—The flying squadron is to remain in Hampton Roads for the present at least. This decision was made yesterday afternoon by Secretary Long. The secretary stated that the department believed that the present rendezvous was the most available for which the ships under Commodore Schley could operate in carrying out the purposes for which it was formed; that is, the protection of the north Atlantic seaboard. He added that no orders had been issued to Commodore Schley and none were in immediate contemplation.

In the various phases of the situation yesterday the flying squadron stood out prominently both as a center point of interest in connection with rumored orders for its sailing from the Roads and as a matter of consideration by the department. It is stated on reliable authority that the department discussed ordering the ships to sea, presumably, though not officially stated, in connection with the approach of the Spanish torpedo flotilla, which has since arrived at Porto Rico. It has been an open secret for some days that the naval authorities have regarded the approach of the Spanish flotilla with apprehension and their feelings in this regard were strong enough to call the matter to the attention of the authorities. After considering the matter it was decided no orders would be issued looking to the departure of the squadron.

While the decision is understood to have been based upon the fact that it would be unwise to remove the ships from their present valuable strategic position, yet it is believed that diplomatic consideration had some weight. It was pointed out that the sending of the squadron in the direction of the West Indies, even though its mission were not to intercept the flotilla, would be regarded as a hostile act not warranted by the present conditions of affairs. It also is understood that it was deemed not wise to permit any movement of the squadron whatever just now, as public interest being so largely centered upon such a movement would be liable to misconstruction and give rise to rumors that would tend only to aggravate the situation.

CABINET ASSEMBLED.

Very Little Concerning the Meeting Made Public.

Washington, April 2.—The cabinet assembled to consider Spain's reply to Minister Woodford's representations and what the next step of the United States should be. Secretaries Bliss and Alger were the first to arrive, and Assistant Secretary Day again saw the president just before the cabinet gathered, as did Representative Adams, of Pennsylvania, the ranking member of the house foreign affairs committee, in Representative Hitt's absence owing to illness.

Capt. Crowninshield, chief of the navigation bureau, whose duty it is to order movements of all naval vessels and to keep track of all matters bearing on our comparative naval strength, was summoned to the cabinet meeting during its deliberations. Assistant Secretary Day, Capt. Clover, chief of the naval intelligence bureau, and Capt. Barker, naval aid and a member of the strategy board, were also called into consultation. Senator Davis, chairman of the foreign relations committee, called, and was shown into the library adjoining the cabinet room. The cabinet adjourned at 4:15 to meet again at 5 o'clock.

Members of the cabinet regard the situation as of the very gravest and most critical character possible.

In connection with the official statement made public yesterday afternoon it can be stated that the case as now made up by the negotiations between Spain and the United States will constitute the case as it will be submitted to congress in the president's message. There is no present intention of pursuing further negotiations which will change the status of the Cuban question as now presented in the correspondence between the two governments.

Washington, April 2.—A special cabinet meeting was held yesterday afternoon, beginning at 5 o'clock. All the members were present except Secretary Sherman. An adjournment was taken 6:20 and the announcement made that the only business under discussion was the president's forthcoming message to congress. The president was very much fatigued and retired early last night. To-day he will begin the preparation of his message and hopes to have it ready by Monday.

Nothing further concerning the meeting would be made public.

Reuben Rister was recently hanged at Plaquemine, La., for the murder of John Allen.

SOL EDEL DEAD.

He Committed Suicide in Houston by Shooting Himself.

Houston, Tex., April 1.—Yesterday afternoon Sol Edel committed suicide in the store No. 305 Prairie avenue. Everything was quiet about the place at the time and the report of the pistol was so muffled that it was heard only by Mr. Kramer, who sat at the time in the front part of the store. When the gasping man was found life was almost extinct. The muzzle of a pistol had been placed by Edel in his mouth and the pistol was discharged. The ball went toward the brain and where he lay upon the floor a puddle of blood was formed.

The following letter was found by him:

Houston, Tex., March 31.—To the coroner, city of Houston—Dear sir: I take my life willingly and intentionally for the simple reason that I am not able to make a good and honest living, hard as I tried. You will be kind enough to send two telegrams for to Mr. Max Marcus, Asheville, N. C.—one that I got hurt and the next that I am dead. The expense will be paid. I also wish you to send one to my dear uncle, David Davidson, Clarksburg, W. Va., that I am dead. Thanking you for the trouble you have taken, I remain yours truly, SOL EDEL."

The above letter was enclosed in a sealed envelope and addressed to the coroner.

There were two other letters, one addressed to Judge S. R. Perryman, who had been the attorney of deceased in a trial on the charge of murder in connection with the killing of Walter Hughes one night about two years ago at the residence of Frank Dunn, in this city. It may be recalled by many readers that Edel was arrested at Asheville, N. C., here he was with his family and brother, for trial by Sheriff Erickson. He was tried and found not guilty.

Before his suicide yesterday he had a long talk with Judge Perryman and told him he was going to commit suicide. The judge talked with him until he thought he had dissuaded him from it.

Mortally Wounded.

Tyler, Tex., April 1.—At 6:40 yesterday evening, while Deputy Sheriff W. G. Smith was attempting to arrest John Alexander, a negro well known here, Smith was severely cut in several places on the head and body. The negro was shot twice through the body, and is thought to be mortally wounded. No one knows who did the shooting. A crowd immediately began to gather, and a large number of persons clamored for the negro's life, and the excitement was only allayed and a lynching prevented by rumors reaching the crowd that Smith was not dangerously hurt.

The crowd was still lingering in front of the drug store where Smith was being ministered to, late last night, and in case his condition becomes more dangerous an assault on the jail will be made, and the negro will be lynched, despite the precautions being made to prevent it.

The negro, who believed he was dying, made the following statement to a reporter: "Mr. Smith was passing in a buggy, and came near running over me. I was drunk, and made improper remarks to him, and he alighted from the buggy to arrest me. I began cutting him. When the shooting began I feigned dead for a while, because I heard white people halloo, 'Lynch him! Kill him!'"

Mr. Smith's statement verifies the negro's statement, with the exception of the last sentence. During the excitement, right after the cutting and shooting, men were seen rushing into the yard of the store where the negro was carried, with hatchets and revolvers, and were only prevented from finishing him by being told the negro was dead.

At a late hour last night Mr. Smith's condition was unimproved. The crowd in front of the drug store was being reinforced. Such sentiment has not been known here since the lynching of Bill Jones in May, 1897.

Laundry Blown Up.

Cleburne, Texas, April 1.—Yesterday afternoon, about 5 o'clock, a gasoline tank at the Columbia steam laundry exploded, setting fire to the building and badly burning one of the employes, James Vernon. His leg and arm and face are badly burned, and his clothing was set on fire. The burning building was extinguished by the fire department before much damage was done. Vernon, the injured man, was given immediate medical attention and is doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

Ex-Sheriff Kemp, who was charged with the murder of Sheriff Door, of Eddy county, N. M., was acquitted several days since.

CIRCUS KINGS.

The Sells Brothers' Combined Show Coming Soon.

The circus will soon be here again. The robin, the street organ, the circus, are sure harbingers of spring. Every one likes to see the street parade. But behind the gaiter, the pomp, the confusion of paraphernalia, the gaudy trappings, the costly equipage, the princely display, is a wear and tear of nerve forces; a drain of vitality not generally considered.

The managers of the Sells Brothers' immense shows take Pe-ru-na. They take it because it is nerve food, brain food, blood nutrient and strength-giver. In a recent letter to Dr. Hartman, Mr. Peter Sells says: "I would not be without Pe-ru-na in my travels. My business as advertising agent of our immense consolidated show keeps me constantly on the go, with change of climate and diet. I find Pe-ru-na an admirable remedy to correct these evils."

Mr. Eph. Sells also writes the Doctor as follows: "Your Pe-ru-na is certainly one of the very best tonics that was ever brought to my attention. As the financial manager of the great combined Forepaugh and Sells Brothers' shows, I am necessarily subjected to constant strains of the nervous system and brain. This kind of wear and tear makes me feel frequently in need of a good tonic to assist digestion and to keep my nerves steady and my brain cool. I find in Pe-ru-na exactly such a tonic. It produces an even and natural appetite, aids in digestion and procures sound and refreshing sleep. I would not be without it for any money."

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English Rapid-Firing Guns.
In recent experiment with Vicker's 6-inch rapid-firing gun the accuracy was such that two of the projectiles in a round of ten discharges went through the same hole in the target. It is anticipated that picric acid will be adopted by the British authorities as an explosive for shells.

There wasn't a single sign last winter to indicate an early spring.

Beware Of Mercury!

Mr. Henry Roth, of 1848 South 9th Street, St. Louis, was given the usual mercurial treatment for contagious blood poison. He was twice pronounced cured, but the disease returned each time, he was seized with rheumatic pains, and red lumps and sores covered his body.

"I was in a horrible fix" he says, "and the more treatment I received, the worse I seemed to get. A New York specialist said he could cure me, but his treatment did me no good whatever. I was stiff and full of pains, my left arm was useless so that I was unable to do even the lightest work. This was my condition when I began to take S. S. S., and a few bottles convinced me that I was being benefited. I continued the medicine, and one dozen bottles cured me sound and well. My system was under the effects of mercury, and I would soon have been a complete wreck but for S. S. S."

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TEXAS MILITIA STRENGTH.

Adjutant General Mabry and a U. S. Army Lieutenant Holds a Conference.

Houston, Tex., April 4.—Yesterday afternoon Lieut. Thomas J. Senn, of the United States navy, who arrived from New Orleans, and Adj. Gen. W. H. Mabry, of the state militia, were in conference for some time, and again after supper at the Capitol hotel. While they did not say as much, the meeting here was premeditated, and it is gleaned in an indirect way that the purpose of the visit of Lieut. Senn is to get at the immediately available war strength of the militia or volunteers in this state, and to further size up the chances of making the militia more effective to meet the needs of the prospective situation. Gen. Mabry, before the conference took place, speaking of his present trip to the towns in south Texas, stated that the papers had given more importance to his visits than they were entitled to. He stated, however, that he believed there would be war, and further, that the battleship Maine was blown up by the Spaniards, with at least the connivance of those in authority, if not under their orders. He gave very strong reasons for it, among them being that the Spaniards would necessarily know all about the torpedoes or torpedo mines in the harbor of Havana, and even about all the dynamite to be found in the city or available.

After the conferences of Gen. Mabry and Lieut. Senn, the latter wired to his department at Washington for particular instructions to fit the situation as it is found here. At a late hour last night no answer had been received, and it is likely that one will arrive today. Both officers will remain here.

Buried in the Gravel.

Granbury, Tex., April 4.—A sad misfortune occurred in town Saturday evening at the gravel pit near the old Haney mill, which resulted in serious injury to Earnest Aline, and death to Joe Hanna. The city is grading West Bridge street, and have been taking a great deal of gravel from the pit, where half a dozen hands were at work digging it out. The embankment had been dug down until the clay was five or six feet deep above the gravel, and instead of clearing the clay away, the men had been excavating the gravel, leaving the wall standing. Young Hanna and Aline were digging the gravel out Saturday evening, when the whole embankment caved in on them, burying Aline about four feet deep, and covering Joe up to his neck. As the wall crushed him down he fell across a large piece of earth, and another large piece struck him just over the heart, driving a rib into his heart. The earth was soon removed from his body, and he was placed on a stretcher and carried home, but he lived only a few minutes. Aline was dug out and is doing well and will be up in a few days. J. D. Baker of Weatherford, Joe's uncle, and Miss Earl Hanna of Waco, his sister, were telegraphed and came in Saturday night.

Organized Naval Reserve.

Galveston, Tex., April 4.—The patriotism of the people of Galveston, and their readiness to serve their country in its hour of need, was again manifested yesterday afternoon when a large and representative gathering assembled at the naval recruiting rendezvous in response to the notice given by Mr. J. H. Hawley, suggesting the organization of a naval reserve. In a few minutes after the preliminaries had been arranged and the enrollment list opened, 116 men had enrolled their names and tendered their services in the event they should be needed.

Mr. Hawley was unanimously chosen to act as chairman of the meeting, and in accepting the trust he delivered a short address, explaining the object of the call and the purposes of the proposed organization.

On motion, Mr. G. W. Kemp was selected as secretary, and the enrollment began. The men quickly filed past the secretary's desk, and gave their names, and in a very short time 116 men had indicated their willingness to go to the defense of their country and their homes. Mr. Hawley said to a reporter that a meeting would be called soon for the purpose of taking further steps toward organization, and to elect officers.

Six persons were drowned in the St. Francis river, near St. Francis, Ark., several days since.

Twelve buildings burned at Charlotte, N. C., recently, involving a loss of \$250,000.

Wm. Godfrey, postmaster at Tallulah, Ga., was shot and fatally wounded several days since.

Parents' Titles.

"I was brought up," said a fond father, "to say father and mother. I never dreamed of saying papa and mamma when I was a child, and I should have made awkward work of it if I had tried. My children until lately have always said papa and mamma. I don't know how they got started that way, but at the outset and for a long time they never thought of saying anything else. Then the older ones took to saying father and mother. The older children soon accustomed themselves to the change; the younger children were a little shy over it at first, but they soon got pretty well used to it, and now we rarely hear in my house papa and mamma; it is father and mother. And I must say I like it better. And I don't think it is because that is the way I was brought up, though these titles certainly do have to me an old and familiar and affectionate sound that is very pleasant; but I think I like father and mother better, anyway."—New York Sun.

WOMAN AND THE WHEEL.

From the Gazette, Delaware, Ohio.
The healthfulness of bicycle riding for women is still a disputed question between eminent physicians and health reformers. Used in moderation it surely creates for women a means of out-door exercise, the benefit of which all physicians concede. Used to excess, like any other pastime, its effect is likely to be dangerous.

The experience of Miss Bertha Reed, the seventeen-year-old daughter of Mr. J. R. Reed, 355 Lake St., Delaware, Ohio, may point a moral for parents who, like Mr. and Mrs. Reed, have experienced some concern for their daughters who are fond of wheeling. In the fall of '96 Miss Bertha who had ridden a great deal began to feel in an alarming manner. She grew steadily paler and thinner, and it appeared she was going into consumption. Rest and quiet did her absolutely no good. A physician found her pulse at 104—a very high rate. Thinking this may have been due to temporary nervousness when he

She Rides Well examined her, closely, but her pulse continued at that rate for two weeks. He was satisfied then, from her high pulse and steadily wasting condition that she was suffering from anemia or a bloodless condition of the body. She became extremely weak, and could not stand the least noise or excitement. In this condition of affairs they were recommended by an old friend to get some of that famous blood medicine, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. They did so, and almost from the first dose Bertha began to improve. She continued to take the pills and was by means of those pills made entirely well, and more grateful people than her parents cannot be found in the whole State of Ohio.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have proved a boon to womankind. Acting directly on the blood and nerves, they restore the requisite vitality to all parts of the body; creating functional regularity and perfect harmony throughout the nervous system. The pallor of the cheeks is changed to the delicate blush of health; the eyes brighten; the muscles grow elastic, ambition is increased and good health returns.

If you love a man, see that he wears his overcoat until the weather is warm enough to discard it.

OVERWORKED WOMEN.

Letters to Mrs. Pinkham From Women Who Have Been Helped From Sickness or Health.

The ordinary every-day life of most of our women is a ceaseless treadmill of work. How much harder the daily tasks become when some derangement of the female organs makes every movement painful and keeps the nervous system unstrung!

The following letter from Mrs. WALTERS BANTA, Sparkill, N. Y., tells the story of many women, and shows them how to get relief:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I cannot thank you enough for all Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done for me. When I wrote to you I had suffered for years with falling, inflammation and ulceration of the womb; my back ached, and I was so much distressed I could scarcely walk. I was a burden to myself and did not care whether I lived or died.

"I have taken five bottles of your medicine and it has done wonders for me as all my friends can testify. I can now do my own work, and do not know how to express my gratitude to you for the good your medicine and advice have done me. I owe my life to Mrs. Pinkham."

Mrs. Pinkham's counsel offered free to all women who need advice about their health. Her address is Lynn, Mass. Mrs. P. H. HURCHCROFT, Kellerton, Iowa, tells here in her own words how Mrs. Pinkham helped her:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I was in a very bad condition before I wrote to you and began the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I did not know what to do. I suffered terribly every month, when on my feet would have such a bearing-down feeling, was very weak, womb was swollen, back ached, appetite was very poor, also had trouble with my head. I have taken several bottles of your Compound and cannot say enough in its favor. It helped more than all the doctors."

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A Dallas man believes that if he should go to war, and be shot in the back, he would receive a back pension.

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To manufacture a cheap kalsomine stuck on the wall with glue, claiming it to be the "same thing," or "just as good" as the durable Alabastine, or to buy and sell such goods on such representations would seem a cheap trick. Some resort to it. To be safe, buy Alabastine only in packages and properly labeled.

A new girl to arrive in town brought her sun bonnet with her. This means until October 1, anyway.



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Geo. Gould has just made an extended trip through Texas, over the Gould and other railroads.

The question of war with Spain is becoming serious, and may be looked for at most any date in the near future.

All Texas congressmen advocate armed intervention in the Cuban affair if a peaceful settlement cannot be had.

Our young politicians must remember that if there is war, a war record will be indispensable in the campaign of 1900.—Dallas News.

The Waco Carnival Klub is making preparations for the May Queen Carnival which will be held in the city of Waco on May 11, 12 and 13.

Sixteen counties, with a vote of 172, in the state convention have adopted the state executive committees test, and forty-nine counties, with a vote of 384, have adopted the liberal test.—Dallas News.

The May Queen Carnival which will convene at Waco, proposes to use one of Texas "best looking" girls as a Texas advertisement. The May Queen selected will be put on exhibition in the eastern cities, with all expenses of her and party paid.

The cause of war can be better illustrated by the rights of parent and child than in any other way. The parent has a right to subdue the child, but when he resorts to starvation and slaughter then the parties standing by should interfere, else they should become parties to the crime.

It is most sure that Abilene, Sweetwater and San Angelo will have a Fair each during this year, and we suggest to our farmers and others, to each make a specialty of looking after some item of merit, preparatory of "walking off" with some of the best prizes. Such a thing is possible, and would it not be nice for the "Free State of Coke" to wear laurels from these shows?

The Brann Iconoclast is again the cause of two more deaths—that of its editor, W. C. Brann, and Capt. T. E. Davis, both of Waco. Editor Brann was certainly a man of brains, but evidently has let his prejudices outweigh them. Davis was an honored citizen of Waco. Each of the antagonists have many admirers. It is hoped that this will end the trouble, and that the Iconoclast will devote its space to a higher plane of literature.

Municipal elections in many Texas cities were held on the 4th instant.

The next democratic state convention will meet at Galveston, Aug. 2, to nominate a state ticket.

The pension rolls have increased more than 13,000 during the past year, and there is a deficit of \$8,000,000 in the pension appropriation. Do pensioners ever die? is a question now asked by many people.

Texas needs more factories and a good way to induce them to come is to give these that are here a liberal patronage. Patronize home industry, should be the watchword of every citizen in the greatest state in the American union.—Albany Enterprise.

The Scurry county land suit now pending has just revealed the fact, according to the States argument of the case, that the school fund is about 10,000,000 acres short of the constitutional requirements, one half of the public domain, the land having been appropriated and set apart for other purposes, and the State contends that the land known as block 97 should be appropriated to that fund, which would only make up a part of this shortage.

Colorado is afflicted with a high toned bums. It is said they have a den in the bank of the river fitted up with a cooking stove and other conveniences. They call at the various residences and ask for a little meat, flour, sugar, coffee, tea, chickens, eggs and any delicacy craved by their patrician appetites. They should everyone be roasted before they do some devilment. Our people are getting tired feeding them, and the officers should either make them move on or fill the hole in or them.—West Texas Stockman.

A young couple was married near here last week and came to Albany on a bridal tour and stopped at one of the hotels. Early the next morning the lady came running down stairs with a sheet wrapped around her, screaming at the top of her voice, that there was a man in her room, and then ran back up stairs. Some men followed her up stairs, pushed open the door and the woman exclaimed "I forgot that I was married."—Albany Enterprise.

In his recent public letter on Georgia politics, Rev. Sam Jones said: I love to go rabbit hunting but as I have said before, when we have more dogs than rabbits then I propose to go dog hunting. Talk about the cost of traffic on railroads or the high prices of monopolies but the average politician of this state does less and costs more than any institution or domestic animal that home or farm is blessed or cursed with. Lets pen up the jackasses for a while in the back lot and trot out some thorough breeds.

Land Forfeitures Declared.

Austin, Tex., Apr. 5.—All the forfeitures of sales delinquent from non-payment of interest made under every law from 1874 to 1895 inclusive were declared forfeited by the land commissioner to-day and the lists of forfeitures will be forwarded to the county clerks as fast as they can be made out. No definite amount of the land affected can be had, but from the best information about 900,000 acres are involved.

The Veteran Speaks.

Has Jimmy fetched the paper?
An' Molly, what do they say?
Anything new an' startlin'?
Air we going ter war terday?
Have they found the cause o' the trouble?
Air they making the matter plain?
How did the whole thing happen?
An' what blowed up the Maine?
Lord in Heaven above us!
But things air agoin' wrong;
An' the song that's singin' the babies ter sleep,
May be drowned in the battle-song!
Thar's a wild and reckless feelin'
On the sea and rumblin' shore,
An' the boys'll kiss you goodby, soneday,
An' never come home no more!

How long since the war?
It never has seemed long to me
Since I follered Stonewall Jackson,
An' charged in the fight with Lee.
How long since I jined my regiment?
An' marched erost the hill away,
With the ol' band playin' "Dixie,"
An' boys shoutin' back 'hooray'!
Long enough for the frosts ter come
An' sprinkle my hair with white;
Long enough for the friends we loved
To whisper a last "goodnight,"
An' pass to the peace unbroken,
An' yet—not long I say;
Fer the bands are playin' "Dixie,"
An' the boys shoutin' back 'hooray'!

No matter * * The sky looks darker
Than I've seen in many a year;
But I'm glad that the boys still face it
With never a flinch o' fear!
I ain't no spy with my rifle now—
My joints are stiff with pain;
But I want to know, I tell you,
Who blowed up that warship Maine?

I don't keer what we have suffered—
I shet my eyes ter the past;
I am for my country—right or wrong—
Fer my country first and last!
Let 'em git down ter business;
Let 'em tell it—and tell it plain;
Whose wuz the hand that done it?
Who blowed up the warship Maine?

Peace? I'm fer peace, I tell you!
I ain't a huntin' no fight;
But ef wrong's been done ter our country,
We must battle our way to right!
'Who air the ones that done it?'
Is passin' from lip ter lip;
It's a solid and simple question;
Who blowed up the ship—the ship?

Read what the paper's printed,
What does it say terday?
Air they any nigher to mornin'?
Air they clearin' the mist away?
Let 'em get down ter business!
An' ef it must be a storm,
Han' me my gun, I tell you,
An' trot out my uniform!

An' ef it comes ter the worst,
We're ready to play our parts;
We're one with the great, green country
That blossoms around our hearts.
Here's one of a million veterans
That's wantin' an answer plain;
Whose wuz the hand that done it,
Who blowed up the warship Maine!

—Frank L. Stanton.

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LOCAL CHIPS.

Another cool snap the first of the week.

R. B. Blair was on our streets Thursday.

J. E. Stewart went to Angelo Wednesday.

W. E. Ingram paid San Angelo a business trip the first of the week.

W. T. Caraway, of Hayrick was doing the city one day this week.

Wytey Byrd was in the city Tuesday attending to business.

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

Go to the Loe Restaurant, when in San Angelo. First class meals only 20 cents.

J. T. Hamilton and family, moved out to their ranch on Boozer last week.

Temp Whitesides, of the T. K. Wilson ranch, on the divide was seen in the city Thursday.

Sand storms and winter has been the weather record during the past week.

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

Farming operations would be better with another rain.

The recent cold weather has retarded the grass considerably.

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

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.

A short time ago a young man by the name of Jim Fisk "worked the Colorado National bank to the sum of \$600. He has been arrested.

Judge Chapman remained at his ranch several days this week on account of his being on the puny list.

Judge L. H. Brightman has sold his place in town to Wm. Davis, who has just arrived from Kentucky, the consideration being about \$300.

District court will convene here next Monday, with a docket of important cases, and it is likely that the term will be several days longer than usual.

Rufe Whitesides was in town Thursday on his way out to his ranch on Boozer. He has just returned from the east where he has been on a cow buying expedition, while gone he bought three or four hundred head of yearlings.

R. S. Rowen, F. M. Bowen and J. D. O'Daniel have a contract with the Colorado Valley Railroad Co., which gives them the town site and colonizing privileges along the route of the road.—Coleman's, vice.

Sheriff Murrah and J. H. Burroughs made a business trip to Sweetwater the first of the week returning Wednesday. They report that the work on the C. V. has been laid off for a few days and that the company is negotiating with partigs to take the contract for the entire line.

Married:—On last Sunday morning Mr. T. J. Yance and M. E. Green were married at Eld. Gid Graham's residence. The couple presented themselves to Elder Graham to perform the ceremony, which was solemnized while the couple remained in their buggy. The contracting parties were two of Saaco's most estimable young people, and the Rustler with their numerous friends wish for them a happy and prosperous life.

LIST OF PETIT JURORS.

April term of District Court, which convenes here Monday, April, 11.

FIRST WEEK.

M A Richard,	Joe Linley
N C Lucas,	B F Montgomery,
M Read,	Will Cumble,
E Adams,	W W Norman,
John Sayner,	Jim Allison,
Don Allison,	W H Sewal,
P. W. Hudman,	R M Henderson,
A S Eubanks,	Jerry Read,
W A Robbins,	Jessie Black,
John Barron,	Jim Burroughs,
John Cornelius,	J B Cotten,
J A Pettross,	Ben Bilbo,
S S Cosper,	J R McDonald,
G W Moore,	Rufe Whitesides,
W. R. Gunnels,	J L Hyde,
R Y Haggerton,	Jack Atkins,
Henry Bennick,	A Bennett,
W B Harrison,	

SECOND WEEK.

Sam King, H Q Lyles,
A K Landers, C W Laughlin,
F S Lane, Jim Lanley,
M C Brister, C W McCutchen,
Will Sheppard, J D O'Daniel, Jr.
G W Payne, W R Presler,
W H Rodgers, Frank Scarborough
Peter Keesee, J N Coulson,
G W Offield, Jim McDorman,
Geo Peav, J Q McCabe,
W M Billingslea, M B Ulmer,
J J Vestal, C W Warner,
Press Walling, Jim Sparks,
W A Stepp, W S Tripp,
Tom Goss, Ben Aere,
J M Ainsworth, Fletcher Connor,
Bob Hulse, C R Creighton,
H T McPeters.

Grand Jurors.

A B Blackwell, B A Taylor, B Craig, Malcom Sheppard, Jim Shook, J. B. McCutchen, Bert Sheppard, M Byrd, Milt Havens, Silas Connor, W F Stevens, T A Higginbotham, J W Ashurst, F C Ainsworth, J. W Reed, and W. R Boykin.

The fishermen are beginning to hunt the funny tripe.

John Burroughs was in the city Thursday.

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

Most of our warriors are rather peaceable since the war cloud hangs so heavy.

The weather clerk certainly "pressed the wrong button" several times during the past few weeks.

One stone building, a large hotel and a modern school building are three of the "1898" improvements already assured.

Our merchants are enlarging their stocks to some extent and when our people get correctly on to the necessity patronizing "home dealers" we can look for every want to be supplied here.

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.

Robert Lee may hope for some substantial improvements this year, some of which are already in sight.

J. R. McDonald, one Bronte's best citizens was in town the first of the week on business.

We want a local writer in each neighborhood in the county, and especially at each postoffice. Any one who will act, call or write for stationery.

Some who you would mention the benefits of home patronage to will declare that they can buy goods elsewhere cheaper than from our home merchants. Just so, but give our home merchants the patronage and it will enable them to sell cheap.

Announcement.

Our terms for announcements are cash in advance, and rates as follows:
District offices.....\$10.00.
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Remember, the cash must accompany the announcement in every instance.

For District and County Clerk.

We are authorized to announce W. F. (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. Deats 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.

Frank Robinson and Rex Lewis were in town a few hours one day this week.

G. C. Laswell, M. B. Ulmer and W. F. Scarborough and wife passed through town Thursday evening on their return home from San Angelo.

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.

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Messrs Henry and S. B. Williams have purchased an interest in the Harrison and Webb stock of goods and postoffice building, and will enlarge the stock soon. S. B. Williams will serve as deputy postmaster in the future, in lieu of J. A. Gardner Sr.

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New York is planning a fair for 1900, but the fair of 1900 will be held in Paris.

Spain may as well understand right from the start that Uncle Sam doesn't fight according to the plans and specifications laid down by Greece.

That Jersey City man who stole a locomotive the other day is simply wasting his talents down east. Why doesn't he go to Chicago and enter politics?

We feel authorized to say that Spain warmly indorses the demand by the Philadelphia peace society that congress refuse to appropriate the money necessary to strengthen the coast defenses.

The New York clergyman who says that "Christ couldn't be elected king in any ward of this city" seems to have a very misty notion of Gotham's city government and an equally misty idea of ministerial propriety.

A calamity like that in the harbor of Havana puts its victims on a common level. Technical and official distinctions vanish. The sailor newest to the service who perished in the destruction of the Maine is no longer classed as an ordinary seaman. He, with the rest, belongs now to the company of those who will not be forgotten.

It is doubtful if people generally realize the stealthy attack that is being made from one end of the country to the other upon the public rights. It does not take a practiced eye to see that in almost every city the street car companies are making extraordinary efforts to invade the rights of the citizens; to fasten themselves for long periods upon the taxpayers.

Shakespeare makes a man on a storm-smitten ship exclaim, "Now would I give a thousand furlongs of sea for an acre of barren ground!" Modernized and amended, this cry may take the form of the exclamation, "Now would I give a thousand square miles of Alaska for the rockiest acre on a New England farm." Many a disappointed Klondiker would compromise on a half-acre.

It is reported that in Iceland there have been but two cases of theft in a thousand years, and that all forms of crime are so nearly unknown that the island has no soldiers, no policemen, no tramps, no poorhouses, no prisons. Commenting on this blissful innocence a Western editor calls out, "Just think of it, boys, and then go kick yourself! In fact, nearly everybody in this country had better kick himself a little bit."

The autographic pane of glass has many a poor relation of whom it may well be ashamed. A young woman waiting in a railway station the other day noticed on a much-scratched window her own name. She had written it there years before with her first little diamond ring. Some stranger had scratched a heart below it with the name, John Smith. The young woman let her train go by, and obtained permission from the station master to have the obnoxious glass replaced by a new pane.

Not since the opening of the century has the earth been so far filled with the stern threat and preparation for armed conflict, and it is where the commercial spirit runs highest that the talk of war is loudest. The armaments of the great commercial powers have never been so large either relatively or absolutely as today, but this is not enough, and to England's special call for \$120,000,000 for more war ships, France echoes \$100,000,000, Russia \$70,000,000, Germany quite as much, and the United States anywhere from \$50,000,000 in special and regular army and navy bills.

Wagon-ruts have been the subject of some recent experiments by a Missouri scientist. A heavily loaded wagon with ordinary tires was run over soft stubble land, and the ruts found to be fourteen inches deep. With broad tires the same load made ruts only five inches deep, the difference in the draft being 34 per cent in favor of the broad tire. On corn land just dry enough to plow, the difference was 72 per cent, an enormous loss or saving of horsepower and man-temper. One of the comprehensive thinkers of the times dates his interest in public themes to a conversation with a wise country doctor, as the two drove on a life-and-death errand over a horrible road. "If those poor fellows bleed to death," the doctor exclaimed, "it will be the fault of the narrow tires that have made this road almost impassable. Never make ruts, my boy; put broad tires on your life."

FARM AND STOCK ITEMS.

A good big shipment of cattle was made recently from Clarksville by M. Harrold of this city. The cattle went to the St. Louis market direct.

The corn crop was entirely killed in the vicinity of Plano by the late freeze, and is being replanted as fast as the weather will permit. The fruit crop was also killed, except a few trees that were not in bloom.

A. T. Crowley of Midland, had a train load of Mexican stock from El Reno unloaded at Odessa, in west Texas, recently. Another train of Mexican stock from the same place was unloaded at Colorado City.

The recent cold wave has destroyed the peach and pear crop in the vicinity of Picketon, Hopkins county, and many farmers will have to plant their corn over. The cotton crop will be increased in this vicinity to a greater acreage than ever before planted.

A. S. Wilson of Sallis, Ellis county, says the farmers are beginning to replant corn, frozen by the late freeze. Superintendent Ralston of the Ellis county farm, says the freeze destroyed 120 acres of corn for the county, which has just been replanted. In nearly every section of the county the corn has been replanted.

Dealers in seed and farmers in from different sections of this county say that nine-tenths of the corn is destroyed and must be replanted. Only some that was planted deeper than common escaped. Fruit buds do not seem to have suffered much and if no further freezing ensues the fruit and berry crops will be large.

Methods of irrigation are being reduced to a science in Pecos river country, and it has been found that too much water is fully as hurtful to the crops grown in that sandy soil as not enough. Excessive flooding, they say, is ruinous, rots the roots of the cereals and blights the fruit trees. More plowing and less water is what is claimed is needed.

Col. Henry Exall of Dallas received a telegram from New York reporting that at the sale of 250 trotting-bred horses at Madison Square Garden six horses had been sold for over \$500, and of these six, two were Tony Craig and Astaloff by Col. Exall's grand stallion Electrite. About 250 highly bred horses were sold at this sale, the stables of the celebrated breeding establishment of Polo Alto in California being well represented, as well as some of the best in Kentucky, New York and other states. Only six sales were considered sufficiently important to be given to the press and that two of these were Texas bred and raised says much for the state, as well as for the Lomo Alto farm and for the sire Electrite, who has also achieved for himself a reputation as one of the really great sires of the country.

Recently E. G. Wolcott of Vernon, had on the market twenty-three Texas steers, 1022-pound average, which sold at \$4.10. These steers were fed on Mr. Wolcott's farm in Greer county on ground Kaffir corn, which he considers as good feed for fattening stock as either cotton seed meal or corn. "I have an irrigated farm in Greer county," said Mr. Wolcott, "and last year I planted forty acres of Kaffir corn. I ground it up, heads and all, and fed it that way with the very best results." In speaking of Wilbarger county, Mr. Wolcott said: "We have a good many cattle yet in Wilbarger, and they are all doing well. The rains have come at opportune times and the outlook for grass stock was never better. Throughout the county and those adjoining the prospect is good for both cattle and crops."

Ryan Bros. of Leavenworth, Kas., were in Fort Worth recently. This firm has recently made some large transactions both in land and cattle. They sold their Montana ranch several days since for \$450,000 to an eastern syndicate and are now apparently putting a great part of the proceeds in Texas stock. They have bought within the past few days from Nels Morris of Martin county, 3000 head of steers at \$25. They have also just closed a trade with Col. Smitson of Sterling county, for 2000 steers at a price something above the other. These 5000 head will be delivered in a short time and will be shipped to one of their ranges in Kansas. The firm owns a big range near Wilcox, Ariz., and they are now preparing to ship from there a large herd into Kansas, over 5000 head. They recently sent out to their Arizona pastures several cars of costly bulls.

TEXAS NEWS ITEMS.

While feeding stock recently at Hillsboro, A. Battaille was gored in the neck by a vicious bull. The bull attacked him without warning, inflicting a wound with one of its horns three inches long, missing the jugular vein about an inch.

Mrs. Hunt, who lives about four miles southeast of Collinsville, Grayson county, had her barn struck by lightning recently, setting it on fire. Lightning two mares and their mule colts, a saddle horse and all her harness and hay.

John P. Hart, an old settler living one and a half miles west of Springtown, Parker county, was found dead recently. He retired the preceding night at his usual hour in apparent good health, but when he was called to breakfast he did not respond and on going to his bed he was found dead.

At a meeting at Houston recently it was decided that the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Immigration association shall contribute \$1500 toward the expense and the citizens of Houston shall contribute \$1000—none of the same to be used for advertising purposes—for an exhibit at the Omaha exhibition.

John Thurman was shot and instantly wounded at Junction City, Kimble county, recently. A man was creating a disturbance at the hotel, of which Thurman was proprietor, and was ordered to leave. He walked out and when Thurman reached the door the shooting commenced. A party is under arrest.

Marion Holloway, alias Williams, of Comanche county and Henry Banks of Cherokee, pleaded guilty in the district court at Goldthwaite recently to indictments charging theft of cattle and were given two years each in the pen. Banks also pleaded guilty to a charge of perjury in connection with the grand jury investigation and got two years.

In a row recently at Kopperl, A. N. Landon was stabbed and cut sixteen times. Two of the wounds go to the hollow—one in the left side and one in the right side. Landon walked a mile through the rain and mud to town after the cutting. Several of the wounds are in the head and arms, some of them being as much as six inches long. He is in a very critical condition.

The Standard Savings and Loan company of Dallas, recently filed its charter at Austin. Capital stock \$1000. Purpose, the transaction of a general real estate, building and loan business. Incorporators, F. W. McGuire, J. B. Adoue, W. Thompson, C. Wetherill, Edward D. Foster, Martin E. Galvin, W. Warne Wilson, Dwight C. Rexford, Cyrenius A. Newcomb and John E. Griffiths.

The charter of the Lone Star Cotton Jammers and Longshoremen's association of Texas as filed recently at Austin. No capital stock. Principal office at Galveston. Purpose, loading and unloading ships and other vessels, jamming and screwing cotton in holds of ships and vessels and handling of freights of all kinds, both on board such ships and vessels and along the wharves and along shore at all ports in Texas. Incorporators, James A. Taylor, R. G. Abbott, F. D. Harkness, Thomas Calhoun, N. E. Plummer, Mose Smith, L. Coleman and Jack Jackson, all of Galveston.

The following charters were recently filed at Austin: The Central Compress company of Sulphur Springs, Hopkins county. Capital stock \$50,000. Purpose, the compressing of cotton. Incorporators, O. M. Pate, P. H. Foscoe, B. T. Robertson and B. Stanback. Pine Island Irrigating company of Beaumont. Capital stock \$25,000. Purpose, construction of dams, reservoirs, lakes, wells, canals, flumes, laterals, etc., for the purpose of irrigation, navigation, milling, etc., and the construction of a canal from the La Blanc ford on Pine Island bayou, in a southerly direction to Taylor bayou. Incorporators, S. H. Van Warner, Catherine Stenge and Frank Cooley.

Theodore Stephen, an engraver, 43 years old, dropped dead at Austin recently from heart disease. Deceased leaves a wife and three children. He was well known throughout the state.

Hon. Ben Carter, a United States assistant attorney of Washington, D. C., is at Stephenville taking testimony in Indian deprecation claims. He is instructed to remain as long as he can be kept busy. There are about seventy cases pending here and the town is full of old pioneers.

BRANN IS DEAD.

Editor of the Iconoclast and Capt. Davis Fight a Duel.

Waco, Tex., April 2.—In the midst of busy preparations for city election meetings, while hands were playing and scattering handbills from their decorated vans calling the people together, W. C. Brann, editor of the Iconoclast, and Capt. M. T. Davis met and fought a revolver duel to death.

The combatants met just at 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon on South Fourth street, in front of the Cotton Belt ticket office, and after exchanging a few words, both drew and began emptying their revolvers into each other's bodies.

When the battle was over Brann was found to be perforated in the left lung, the right leg and the right foot. Davis was shot through the right lung and through both of his arms.

The difficulty grew out of the Brann-Baylor feud of last year. Capt. Davis' daughters are pupils of Baylor university, and the references made in the Iconoclast to Baylor, which were generally construed to mean reflections on the moral character of pupils and faculty, brought forth from Capt. Davis denunciation of Brann delivered in language most forcible and direct.

Yesterday afternoon Brann and his business manager, W. H. Ward, were on the opposite side of the street from the Cotton Belt office, and were seen crossing the street together, going in the direction of French's book store. Capt. Davis' office being between the book store and the Cotton Belt office. When Brann and Ward reached the front of the book store, Capt. Davis was in front of his office. The words that passed between them were terms of reproach, and they lost no time in getting out their weapons. About ten seconds were occupied in the shooting, at the end of which Brann and Davis lay bleeding, and Will H. Ward, Brann's business manager, was shot through the right hand, the bones being shattered.

There were many eye witnesses of the shooting, among them being this reporter. Apostle Brann shoot bolt erect, and delivered his shots with a double-action revolver in quick succession, aiming deliberately at Capt. Davis' breast. Capt. Davis had been both a railroad man and a cowboy. He is noted for nerve and courage. Brann had been told that Capt. Davis had it in for him, and was liable to open on him at any minute. When the two men faced each other and began shooting, neither appeared to desire to avoid the shots of the other. Neither sought shelter. They stood up facing each other on the sidewalk, less than ten feet apart. Capt. Davis' position being nearly in front of the Cotton Belt office, and that of Brann nearly in front of the book store, the front of Capt. Davis' office being between the points occupied by the shootists, and thus they poured it into each other until they both fell.

The shooting yesterday is the second tragedy at Waco to be attributed to Brann's publications in the Iconoclast concerning Baylor university. The first was the famous three-cornered duel of Nov. 19 last year, in which Col. G. B. Gerald, a defender of Brann, fought and slew J. W. Harris and W. A. Harris. In the Gerald-Harris duel W. S. Jasper, a colored man, was shot in the leg by a wild bullet. The Harris brothers are sleeping in a double grave at Oakwood, and Col. Gerald stands charged by indictment with killing them.

Prof. Kehlor, a musician who was shot in the foot by a stray bullet in the duel of yesterday evening, is suffering much pain. The ball is lodged between the bones.

Half an hour past midnight Capt. Davis was resting under the influence of anaesthetics, with chances against him. The probability is that two funerals will result from the duel.

There were many points of similarity between the two tragedies.

At 1:15 a. m. W. C. Brann, the apostle, died. The funeral will take place Sunday. His wife and children were beside him. It was a wonderful death-bed scene. The room was a picture never to be forgotten.

Delegates Appointed.

Austin, Tex., April 2.—Gov. Culbertson yesterday appointed the following delegates to represent Texas at the twenty-fifth annual meeting of the National Conference of Charities and Correction to be held in New York city May 18 to 25, 1898: Wm. Clemens, Ney Braunfels; B. F. McNulty, San Antonio; T. B. Cochran, Austin; W. C. O'Bryan, McGregor; J. S. Grinnam, Terrell; J. G. Smither, Huntsville; J. P. Gibson, Rusk; R. C. Buckner, Dallas; Jirk Evans, Corsicana; E. G. Douglass, Fowler.

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A Good Blood Purifier a Necessity Now

Hood's Sarsaparilla Unequaled for Making Rich, Red Blood.

The necessity for taking a good Spring Medicine to purify the blood and build up the system is based upon natural and unavoidable causes. In cold weather there has been less perspiration and impurities have not passed out of the system as they should. Food has consisted largely of rich, fatty substances, and there has been less opportunity for outdoor exercise. The result is, the blood is loaded with impurities and these must be promptly expelled or health will be endangered. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the best Spring Medicine because it is the best blood purifier and tonic. It thoroughly purifies the blood and gives vigor and vitality.

Hood's Sarsaparilla
Is America's Greatest Medicine. \$1; six for \$5.

Hood's Pills are the favorite cathartic. All druggists, 20c.

For Lung and chest diseases, Piso's Cure is the best medicine we have used.—Mrs. J. L. Nortcott, Windsor, Ont., Canada.

If you criticize your partners whist-playing it is bound to hurt.

Beauty is Blood Deep.
Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathartic cleans your blood and keeps it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin to-day to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarets.—Beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed, 10c, 25c, 50c.

You hear a good deal about the awakening of love.

No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents.
Guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak men strong, blood pure. 50c. \$1. All druggists.

We wish we were only 19 years old, and in love for the first time.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup
For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25 cents a bottle.

Everybody is interested in the marriage question.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.
To quit tobacco easily and forever, be magnetic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c. or \$1. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address Sterling Remedial Co., Chicago or New York.

Ancient Keys of Metal.
Keys of bronze and iron have been found in Greece and Italy dating from at least the seventh century before Christ.

FITS Permanently Cured. No fits or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. Send for FREE \$3.00 trial bottle and treatise. Dr. R. H. Kline, Ltd., 931 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

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Both the method and results when Syrup of Figs is taken; it is pleasant and refreshing to the taste, and acts gently yet promptly on the Kidneys, Liver and Bowels, cleanses the system effectually, dispels colds, headaches and fevers and cures habitual constipation. Syrup of Figs is the only remedy of its kind ever produced, pleasing to the taste and acceptable to the stomach, prompt in its action and truly beneficial in its effects, prepared only from the most healthy and agreeable substances, its many excellent qualities commend it to all and have made it the most popular remedy known.

Syrup of Figs is for sale in 50 cent bottles by all leading druggists. Any reliable druggist who may not have it on hand will procure it promptly for any one who wishes to try it. Do not accept any substitute.

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We delight to do an early friend a good turn. The working parts of ANY ARMOTOR MOTOR BEARING, up to 100 lbs. weight, including UP-TO-DATE MOTOR, 8 FT. FOR \$6; 12 FT. FOR \$12; 16 FT. FOR \$20. They run like a bicycle, and are made like a watch, every movable part on rollers. Bunkles geared all power. The Armotor runs when all other mills stand still, and made the steel windmill business THE NEW BEATS THE OLD AS THE OLD BEAT THE WOODEN WHEEL. On receipt of amount, revised motor (not used or used) will be sent to replace old one then to be returned. Offer subject to cancellation at any time. If your old wheel is not an Armotor, write for terms of swap—new for old—on our old wheel. You can get it on Armotor Co., Chicago.

A Tame Wildcat.

From the Kansas City Journal comes pleasing account of a tame wildcat, the property of a Chicago gentleman: The cat, which is as large as a good-sized bull-dog, and, according to its proud owner, could whip an even dozen of those iron-jawed beasts in as many minutes, is as docile and gentle as a kitten. Trapper James Wilson, whose log cabin is situated in the wilds of the Minnesota woods surrounding Sturgeon lake, captured the wildcat when it was so small that its eyes were hardly open. He trained it for thirteen months, feeding it with cooked beef, milk, and bread, and today, in its new Chicago home, it plays about the office in amusing gentleness, stands gravely in the window gazing with wondering eyes out upon the street, with its multitude of horses and wagons, or starts in its brisker moods on a wild career of leaping about the office. A jump of a seven-foot partition is not quite the limit of its endeavors, and a spring of ten or eleven feet from the top of a desk to a stack of boxes, on which it lands without causing the pile to topple over, is one of its prettiest feats.

How Were the Pyramids Built.

Wonder is often expressed at the ability of the engineers of ancient Egypt to construct the great pyramids at Gizeh. According to one estimate, no less than 100,000 men must have been employed, during a period of twenty years, to build the largest of these pyramids. It has also been assumed that the ancients possessed immense machines which could hardly be matched in our day. At a recent meeting of the Philosophical society in Washington, Mr. J. E. Watkins read an illustrated paper on this subject, and showed how the great pyramids could have been erected without the use of complicated machines, and without the employment of an enormous force of workmen. The principle employed by the pyramid-builders, according to Mr. Watkins, was that of the inclined plane. By banking up the structure with earth, the builders were able to carry the great stone blocks to the summit with the aid only of levers and pry-bars. Afterward the earth was removed and the ground leveled.

Great Benevolence.

In large cities of the United States the condition of the poor is constantly being improved by the benevolence of wealthy people. Sanitary reforms are suggested and carried out with earnestness, but those produced by Hostetter's Stomach Bitters in disordered liver, bowels or nervous system are very conspicuous.

On the dead quiet, girls do not like bon-bons; they prefer peanut candy.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury.

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescription from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is tenfold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by druggists, price 75c per bottle.

Hall's Family Pills are the best. You will see a herd of reindeer with every circus next year.

Star Tobacco is the leading brand of the world, because it is the best.

When an old girl is good looking, watch for her younger sister.

To Cure Constipation Forever. Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic. 10c or 25c. C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

Too much paint and powder often suggest immorality.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets. Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

Women have transacted the church business so long that it is startling to see a man at it.

To Cure Headache in 15 Minutes. Take Dr. Davis' Anti-Headache. All Druggists.

If you nudge a fat man long enough he will finally get mad.

Headache Quickly Cured. Dr. Davis' Anti-Headache never fails, 25c.

Grand Opera 300 Years Old. It was 300 years ago in Florence that the first grand opera was produced.

New Route to Health. Little, fragrant, palatable tablets in a dainty enameled metal box, just right for the rest pocket or the lady's purse. On the tablets are stamped the letters "C. C. C." Cascarets, Candy Cathartic. Eat one like candy and the little tablet at once purifies and destroys disease germs in the mouth and throat, stops souring of undigested food in the stomach, stirs up the liver tones and strengthens the bowels, making them act healthily and naturally. They are well and widely advertised in the press, but the best advertisement for Cascarets is their wonderful mild yet positive action, which makes a Cascarets convert of everyone who tries them. We recommend them to all our readers.

A woman is safe in being sarcastic to all men but her husband.

Smoke Sledge Cigarettes, 20 for 5c.

A sure sign of overwork is when you go over your day's work in your sleep.

FLOTILLA STOPPED.

Will Remain at Cape De Verde Islands Until Further Orders.

Madrid, April 4.—The Spanish cabinet has decided the flotilla is to remain at Cape de Verde islands until further orders. The flotilla will be joined later by a squadron composed of the armored cruisers Emperor Charles V. of 9285 tons, the cruiser Alfonso XIII. of 5000 tons, the armored cruiser Infanta Maria Teresa of 5000 tons and the armored cruiser Cristobal Colon of 6840 tons, which will accompany the torpedo flotilla to Cuba.

It has been decided by the government to send the armored cruisers Vizcaya and Almirante Oquendo, both of 7000 tons, back to Havana. They will receive orders to this effect as soon as they sight Porto Rico.

A national subscription to strengthen the Spanish fleet will be organized by a royal decree, but the decree will not be published before the declaration of war.

The cabinet, which met at 8 o'clock Saturday night, discussed the situation until midnight. At the close of the conference it was decided that no official news had been received at that time from Washington, but it was admitted that the ministers were filled with gloomy impressions. One cabinet minister declared that he had received private information confirming the extreme gravity of the situation.

The minister for war, Lieut. Gen. Correa, submitted for the approval of the cabinet elaborate plans for the organization of the military forces of the kingdom. The minister for the home department, Senor Capedar in an interview, declared that everything pointed to war.

The cabinet has expected propositions for armament of the vessels for privateers, but it has been decided to await events before coming to any decision on this subject.

Finally a telegram from the Spanish minister at Washington, Senor Polo y Bernabe, was read at the cabinet meeting, in which Senor Bernabe said President McKinley would be overruled by congress.

Flying Squadron Ready.

Fortress Monroe, Va., April 4.—Commodore W. S. Schley will to-day notify the authorities at Washington that with the arrival of the Texas he will be ready to move at an hour's notice. The most formidable squadron of fast fighters ever gotten together is complete with the exception of the Texas. The cruiser Minneapolis began at noon yesterday to change her coal and painting will be finished to-day. Her bunkers are filled with coal, and like the other vessels of the fleet, she is fully ammunitioned. Commodore Schley expects the Texas within forty-eight hours.

Despite the enforcement of the Sunday law at Newport News, which had the effect of stopping Sunday work on the battleships Kearsage and Kentucky, the divers continued work on the bottom of the battleship Massachusetts yesterday and made such progress that Capt. Higginson believes they will be able to finish by night fall to-day. The work on the Brooklyn has been fully completed, and her eight-inch turret guns will now throw a much greater distance. The Columbia has finished painting and coaling and is in splendid condition.

Commodore Schley understands that the Texas is thoroughly completed in improvement, is painted the prevailing lead color, and is all ready for sea as soon as she arrives here.

Varying as are the opinions as to this assemblage of fighting boats, it is generally admitted by naval and army men here that it is imposing.

In addition to the active naval preparations here Fort Monroe is being improved rapidly. The dynamo for the big electric searchlight is now in operation. The emplacement for the rapid fire and disappearing guns will be finished this week, and this port will be in a modern condition. Commodore Schley will take the Brooklyn out to sea to-day to try her turret guns.

Major Hereford's Funeral.

Dallas, Tex., April 4.—The funeral of Major J. B. Hereford took place Saturday from the family residence. Rev. W. M. Anderson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, conducted the services and paid a most feeling tribute to the departed. The floral pieces were numerous and very beautiful. The magnificent casket which enclosed the remains was fairly smothered with the floral offerings. At the grave simple services were held and then all that was mortal of the veteran soldier and business man was consigned to the tomb.

Two Hundred Drowned— Louisville, Ky., April 4.—A special from Evansville, Ind., says:

At 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon the levee at Shawneetown, Ill., broke a mile above the town, and from all the information that can be secured here it is learned that a great part of the place has been destroyed, and that perhaps a large number of citizens have been drowned.

Shawneetown is seventy-five miles below Evansville, on the Ohio river. It is situated in a valley of extremely low land, with hills skirting it in the rear, and with twenty-five-foot levee in front, running from hill to hill. The town is very much in the position of a fortified city, and when the levee gave way a mile above town, under the pressure of the very high river, the water shot through the twenty-five-foot opening and struck the place like a hurricane, sweeping everything before it. Houses were turned and tossed about like boxes. The people were not warned of the break, and for that reason so many were caught. Those at home sought refuge in second stories and on housetops. Those in the streets were carried before the avalanche of water, and probably a majority were drowned.

Citizens came from the place by skiffs to a telephone several miles away and asked for aid from Evansville. They said that more than 200 people were drowned, and they had reason to believe it would reach 500, or even 1000. The water stands from twenty to thirty feet all over the town.

There are of course no fires or lights in the place, and total darkness envelops the desolate scene. Consequently, it was impossible for them to have anything like definite information. The men quickly left the telephone, and no communication has since been had.

QUIET AT WASHINGTON.

The Members of the Cabinet Did Not Call on the President.

Washington, April 4.—There was comparative quiet about the White House and the departments yesterday. The members of the cabinet did not call on the president during the early part of the day, nor did they visit the departments. The White House was in its usual state of Sunday quietude, Secretary Day being the only forenoon caller, remaining with the president for about half an hour. Several of the higher officers of the state department and clerks in charge of transmitting cipher cables were on duty.

Assistant Secretary Day came to the state department in the afternoon, and immediately began dictating to his stenographer. He gave orders to admit no one, and would not be interrupted for any purpose. Other officers of the department remained in their rooms during the day. It was stated that the department had no official information about the consuls of the United States going to Havana for safety.

Secretary Long did not visit the navy department, but his mail was sent to his residence. Assistant Secretary Roosevelt was at the department for a short time, attending to his correspondence.

Both the war and navy departments have been considering bases of supplies in the event of hostilities, and all available ports on the south and gulf coasts have received attention. The general belief is that the gulf offers more and better places than the Atlantic coast. Pensacola, Tampa, Mobile and New Orleans are all believed to be available. No one place will be depended upon. The water stages given are: Pensacola 22 feet, Mobile 22, Tampa 20, and the Mississippi 26 feet. This is the low water entrance. It is not intended that the big war vessels shall be taken into these places to receive supplies. They will be coaled, provisioned and receive ammunition from lighters which can be sent over the bars into the harbors. It is regarded as impracticable to attempt to get the big ships up to wharves, and moreover their coming to land would not tend to increase the efficiency and discipline of the cruisers. It is said that Punta Gorda, farther south than Tampa, is being considered by the war department as a point for embarking troops and supplies in case an army was to be sent to Cuba. Light draft vessels could easily enter the bay for such a purpose.

To Strengthen Baskets.

To strengthen basket chairs, clothes baskets, etc., they should be soaked in cold water for several hours and then dried in the sun once every six months. This treatment would make them last considerably longer than they would do in the ordinary course of events.

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

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seasoned with a little salt, and drink only a little milk. I became so bad that a trifle too much of even these caused terrible suffering in the regions of the stomach, darting pains back of the eyes, attended with dizziness and partial loss of sight. The only way I could get relief was by vomiting. Finally I had such a severe attack that the entire left side of my body felt numb and partially paralyzed, and in this condition I was taken to my room unconscious. The physicians failed to help me, and none of the many remedies I took did me any good. At last a friend presented me with a bottle of Dr. Ayer's Sarsaparilla and before I had used half of it, I could see a decided change for the better. I used three bottles and was so completely cured that for four years I have not been troubled with the old complaint, but am rugged and hearty and able to eat anything that can be eaten. It would be impossible to say too much in praise of Dr. Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and I would not give one bottle of it for a dozen of any other kind.—M. S. SHIELDS, Meridian, Miss.

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J. D. Collier & Co., are selling good cotton checks at 4 cents per yard, and everything else proportionately low at the Edith Store.

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Geo. W. Moore, one of Ft. Chadbourne's best citizens and family passed through town the first of the week on their way to San Angelo. He reports everything getting along nicely in his section of the country.

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2nd. Speech by Oswell Brightman.

3rd. Speech by Ollie Finch. Music.

4th. Speech by Elsie Toliver.

5th. Recitation by Lottie Hayley. Music.

Select Reading by Lula Webb.

Essay by Miss Alvia Ingram. Music.

Recitation by Miss Ada Fry.

Solo—Seeking the lost by Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Brightman.

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Harve Martin, W. A. Stokes and J. A. Tubb have sold their steer yearlings to W. C. Barron at \$15 per head, delivered April 1st.

Mr. Houston, son-in-law, of T. T. Meeks arrived a few days since from California, being away from his family more than a year.

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MIKE.

(Come oftener Mike. Ed.)

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