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Prices Cheap as
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Tennyson Notes

Editor RUSTLER.

Every body is about through planting, except cotton and I hear of some having that planted. Hunting and fishing parties are numerous. Preaching at Mule Creek school house last Sunday by Rev. Powers was attended by a good number of our people also a most enjoyable singing at Mr. J. H. Allisou's Sunday night.

Mr. M. H. Havins, of Valley View, Com. of this precinct has been reviewing the roads down here during the past week.

Mr. Gid Graham has been surveying a portion of Bronte and San Angelo road this week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Wylie have been visiting at San Angelo lately. Mr. J. E. Fancher and family has just returned from a visit at Ballinger.

J. D. Odaniel has been making the rounds of our community buying the remainder of the steer yearlings.

Messrs A. J. Petross, W. Fenton, and J. W. Bradley, all made a flying trip to San Angelo last week.

Mr. W. W. McOnfchen has been assessing tax here this week
Novice

Millions Given Away.

It is certainly gratifying to the public to know of one concern which is not afraid to be generous. The proprietors of Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, Coughs and Colds, have given away over ten million trial bottles and have the satisfaction of knowing it has cured thousands of hopeless cases. Asthma, Bronchitis, La Grippe and all Theat, Chest and Lung diseases are surely cured by it. Call on H. H. Pearce Druggist, and get a free trial bottle. Regular size 50c and \$1.00. Every bottle guaranteed.

From Bro. Bates.

I do not wish to be looked upon as a monologist, but will ask some space in which to give expression to thoughts, even though they may be expressed in monotonous, or even in syllables.

Our country is known to the readers of the RUSTLER, but perhaps it's happenings are not known.

Our spring is much earlier than usual, and farmers are well advanced in their crops and are hard at work. There is some wheat sowed, and it is looking well. Oats look well. Some corn is up, and there is a fine season in the ground; so farmers are cheerful.

There are some features that are not quite so pleasant. The noxious atmosphere loaded with poisonous malarial, and aided by imprudences, have produced visible and unpleasant results:

he ce we have had a goodly share of sickness, pain and suffering. I myself have not escaped. I was taken sick away from home on the second of this month, and I reached home on the 24 inst. I am able to be up am convalescing, and feel very thankful. Our town was stirred a short time back by a shooting fray, but nothing serious occurred and it remains now for the Courts to settle. I was very much surprised at some of the casualties and happenings mentioned in the last number of the RUSTLER, but such is life. How true the sentiments which found it's expression in the language of the Bard when in ecstasy he burst forth and said.

"There's never a day so sunny But a little cloud appears. There's never a life so happy But has had it's time of tears" More anon.
Eugene T Bates.

Spreads Like Wildfire.

When things are "the best" they become "the best selling" Abaraham Hare, a leading druggist, of Belleville, O., writes: Electric Bitters are the best selling bitters I have handled in 20 years. You know why? Most diseases begin in disorders of stomach, liver, kidneys, bowels, blood and nerves. Electric Bitters tones up the stomach, regulates liver, kidneys and bowels, purifies the blood, strengthens the nerves, hence cures multitudes of maladies. It builds up the entire system. Puts new life and vigor into any weak, sickly, run-down man or woman. Price 50 cents. Sold by H. H. Pearce Druggist.

Honor Roll.

Of the Paint Creek School for month ending 3-29 1900. The following named pupils made a general average of 96 per cent in all their studies. Ora Collier, Beulah Gardner, Lattie Blackwell, Preston Blackwell, Pitt Gardner, Lucy Benson, Eula Blackwell, Besse Benson, Tom King, Beulah King Pearl Winn, Mary Benson. The above also includes conduct, attendance, and punctuality.
B. U. Smith.

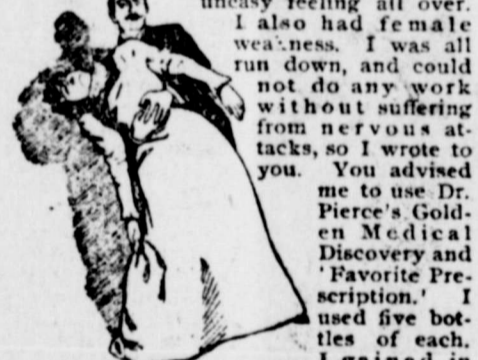
Ft. Cadbourne, Texas.

Dear RUSTLER:— It is a pleasant thing for your scribe to tell the readers of our County paper that the teachers Institute of Coke County; met with our people, Friday-night and closed its work Saturday evening. The program was carried out in full to the mutual benefit of all present. The recitations and music rendered by Prof. Thomas and his students were very entertaining; we were highly pleased with the music rendered by the Bronte string band, on account of the threatening weather, there was not as many teachers as we hoped would be here; but the Institute

was indeed a success, and I will say the teachers that missed the meeting at Ft. Cadbourne missed one of the best Institutes that Coke County ever had. One issue of the RUSTLER would not begin to hold all that was said and done so I will only mention a few of the most important items. In the discussion of each topic a lively interest was manifest among the patrons as well as teachers. The patrons were asked to take part in the discussion of some of the questions especially on the subject patrons co-operating with the teacher in his work. Prof. Jowers made a strong plea for higher education. He said the teacher should have his pupils looking forward to the time when they would enter the State University, he also said that no teacher ought to be satisfied with a certificate under the first grade to which your old uncle said amen. I think his talk did much good; but Mr. Editor the most important business that come up before the institute, was that of a Summer Normal, this question was very ably introduced by Prof. Jowers of Bronte, after discussing this matter for quite a while; it was decided to have a Summer Normal in Coke County, to which I said amen again. It was decided to ask Runels and Tom-Green Co's to join in with Coke County in this Normal work. Robert Lee and Bronte was both nominated as suitable places to hold the Normal Bronte was chosen. Prof. Savage of Lee was elected as Conductor. Uncle Tom.

"I was suffering with what the doctor called chronic indigestion, torpid liver

and vertigo," says Mrs. Martha E. Barham, of Newville, Prince George Co., Va. "My symptoms were giddiness in the head, pains in my chest and an uneasy feeling all over. I also had female weakness. I was all run down, and could not do any work without suffering from nervous attacks, so I wrote to you. You advised me to use Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and Favorite Prescription. I used five bottles of each. I gained in health and strength. When I commenced to use the medicines I weighed only 112 pounds, now I weigh 140. My husband and friends all thought that I would die, but to-day I am a well woman."



Mrs. Barham's experience is not singular. Thousands have given similarly strong and convincing testimony. There are no other medicines in the world that have such a long and continuous record of cures.

There are no other medicines "just as good" or "just the same" as Doctor Pierce's. Like all valuable things these medicines are sometimes imitated. Don't be imposed upon. See that you get what you ask for.

If you have any doubt as to the nature of your ailment write fully, giving your symptoms, to Dr. R. V. Pierce, chief consulting physician, Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y. He will consider your case carefully, and will tell you, absolutely free of charge, what to do to get well.

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When you drive to San Angelo. Your teams well cared for. Feed stuff sold at lowest prices. Headquarters for Knickerbocker, Sherwood, Ozona and Robert Lee mail hacks.

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Tombs, Tablets, Marble and Granite of All Kinds. Also Handle Iron Fencing.

Twenty per cent discount when work is received at Marble Yard.
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City Barber Shop.

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Courteous treatment and good work at all times

When in town, come in and try this well known shop.

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are the pains and aches of

**RHEUMATISM
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Sure as taxes is the cure of them by

St. Jacobs Oil



An Underground Mule.

In the salt mine at Kingman, Kan., a mule is used one thousand feet underground to draw the cars back and forth. Any attempt to josh this mule about the Boer war will be resented by the general public.

\$100 Reward \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of Testimonials.

Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
Sold by druggists 75c.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

A widower's griefs cannot always be measured by its sigh.

Do Your Feet Ache and Burn?
Shake into your shoes Allen's Foot-Powder, a powder for the feet. It makes tight or New Shoes feel Easy. Cures Corns, Bunions, Swollen, Hot and Sweating Feet. At all Druggists and Shoe Stores, 25c. Sample sent FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

The man who saves much money displays lots of cents.

Send for "Choice Recipes," by Walter Baker & Co. Ltd., Dorchester, Mass., mailed free. Mention this paper.

What is the baby thinking of when he looks so wise?

To neglect the hair is to lose youth and comeliness. Dress it with Parker's Hair Balm. MENDERGERS, the best cure for corns. 15c.

The teller is not suffering because he spends his life in pay-in.

Santa Fe Excursion Rates.
San Antonio—\$5.00 for the round trip, April 16, 17, 18 and 19, limited April 22, account meeting Federation Woman's club, annual convocation Knights Templar and meeting Mystic Shrine.

Austin—One fare for the round trip, no rate in Texas to exceed \$5.00 from any point in Texas, April 4 and 5, limited for return April 8, account of Traveler's Protective association.

A woman is well dressed with feathers on a hen, with hers off.

EDUCATE YOUR BOWELS.

Thousands of Premature Deaths Caused by Neglect.

Every Person Can Prolong Life and Enjoy Health and Happiness Who Will Listen to the Voice of Progress.

If you want to open a door, you don't smash it with a crowbar, but open it with a key.

It's easier and less destructive. When you are constive, or bilious, or constipated, don't take an old-time dose of physic, throw your bowels into spasms and turn your liver inside out, as long as everything can be set right, in a nice, gentle, quiet, positive, natural way by Cascarets, the ideal laxative.

We have all found out that persuasion is stronger than violence. Instead of trying to force your disordered organs to do their duty, Educate Your Bowels and make them act naturally by using Cascarets, Candy Cathartic, so pleasant to the taste, so mild, so effective. They are guaranteed to cure any case of constipation or money refunded.

Buy and try Cascarets to-day. It's what they do, not what we say they'll do, that proves their merit. All druggists, 10c, 25c, 50c, or by mail for price. Send for booklet and free sample. Address, Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago, Montreal, Can.; or New York.

This is the CASCARET tablet. Every tablet of the only genuine Cascarets bears the magic letters "C C C." Look at the tablet before you buy, and beware of frauds, imitations and substitutes.

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THREE DOSES OF ROGERS' BLUE CHILL CURE will cure any case of Chills and Fever. Price, 25c. No Cure, No Pay—All Druggists.

When a man desires a row let him fight it himself.

Each package of PUTNAM FADELESS DYES colors either Silk, Wool or Cotton perfectly.

It is easy to say: "Don't mind it," but we all do.

Do not fail to read the advertisement of TEETHINA in this paper.

A man must think a great deal of his wife who will go with her to select an Easter bonnet.

PORTUGAL TO PAY.

The Arbitrators' Decision Against that Government.

MANY MILLIONS OF FRANCS ARE

Decided Upon as the Amount of Damages that Will be Necessary to Settle the Delagoa Bay Affair.

Berne, Switzerland, March 30.—According to the Delagoa bay railroad award, Portugal is condemned to pay 15,314,000 francs.

Following is the text of the decision, which is in clauses:

"1. The Portuguese government, as the defending party, is condemned to pay to the government of the United States and to Great Britain, the claimants, altogether, in addition to the £28,000 paid on account in 1890, the sum of 15,314,000 francs in legal Swiss money, with simple interest on this sum at the rate of 5 per cent per annum from June 1, 1889, up to date of payment of said sum.

"2. This sum, after deducting what is necessary to defray the costs of arbitration falling on the claimants, and in addition to the balance of £28,000 paid on account in 1890, shall be employed in the payment of bondholders and other creditors, if there is need, of the Delagoa Bay Railway company according to their standing. The claimants will draw up a scale of distribution for this purpose. The Portuguese government will have to pay into the hands of the government of the United States the sum which, according to said scale, shall accrue to McMurdo, represented by said government in her quality of bondholding creditor of the first and second degree. It will pay the surplus to the government of Great Britain for the benefit of all others having rights.

"3. The delay of six months fixed by the last line of clause 4 of the arbitration compromise shall run from this day forth.

"4. The costs of the arbitration, according to a scale to be drawn up in accordance with clause 5 of the arbitration compromise, will be borne in equal parts by the three parties to the suit; that is to say, a third part by each of them.

"5. The conclusions of the parties in so far as they differ from the above award are set aside.

"6. An authentic copy of the present award will be delivered through the intermediary of the Swiss federal council to each of the three parties to the case."

The award is unanimous.

Cattle Die.

Guthrie, Ok., March 30.—C. C. Shoemaker of Kansas City, Mo., shipped 100 head of thoroughbred bulls to the XXX ranch in Beaver county a few days ago from northern Missouri and Nebraska. The animals were unloaded at Liberal, Kan., on the Beaver line, and driven to the ranch. The sudden change from cold and snow, where they were loaded, to bright sun and a temperature of almost 80 degrees, caused the animals to become overheated during the drive, and 23 of the 100 died in a few hours. They were worth about \$250 a head, making a total loss of \$5750.

Two Blocks Burn.

South McAlester, I. T., March 30.—At 7:30 Thursday evening fire broke out in the office of the Grand Avenue hotel, a two-story frame building. The town is absolutely without facilities for fighting a fire except for the desperate, but almost futile efforts of men with buckets, and there was little to do but watch the destruction. The flames ate through the block to the street west and through the middle south, crossed the street swept the opposite block clean to the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad, only stopping at the depot.

About thirty buildings with their contents are entirely destroyed, one-half being business houses.

Some of the largest establishments destroyed are the Grand Avenue hotel, Wave's saloon, Capital stables, Manchester stables, Ferguson Grocery company, Smith's grocery, Cole & Dunn, auction store; Ed Cole, telephone exchange and Morgan & Co. The loss is incalculable.

HAVE COOMBS.

He is the Party Who is Alleged to Have Fired the Death-Dealing Shot.

Frankfort, Ky., March 30.—The scene of action in hunting down the persons suspected of complicity in the assassination of Gov. Goebel has shifted to other points in the state. All of the detectives and others who have been working on the case have gone, leaving affairs here to be watched after by the local officers.

The arrest of "Tallow" Dick Coombs, the negro, at Beattyville, on an old capias from the Clark circuit court, it is understood, may be followed later by a warrant charging him with complicity in the Goebel murder. The arrest on the old capias was for the purpose of preventing him from getting away in case he is wanted.

Since the detectives left there have been all sorts of reports as to who they are after.

Gov. Taylor has gone to his old home in Butler county to attend the funeral of his sister, and the other Republican state officers, with the exception of Secretary of State Powers, are at their homes, leaving the state building in charge of deputies and clerks. Gov. Beckham and all the Democratic state officers are at their offices in the Capitol hotel.

After another day of fruitless search for bondsmen, Capt. John Davis, charged with complicity in the murder of Gov. Goebel, is still behind the bars at the county jail. His friends say that he could secure the bond were it not that men qualified to act as his bondsmen do not want their names connected with the case.

Col. David G. Colson, who has for two months past been an inmate of the King's Daughter's hospital here, suffering from the wound received in the pistol duel with Lieut. Ethelbert Scott, in which he killed Scott, voluntarily returned to the county jail, his wound having recovered sufficiently to warrant his leaving the hospital.

Boers Concentrating.

London, March 30.—The Boers are concentrating in force about fifteen miles north of Bloemfontein, in the rear of Glen, and Lord Roberts is sending forward troops to engage them. The seventh infantry division and part of Gen. French's cavalry have been sent up to join the fourteenth brigade and the two cavalry regiments that are holding Glen and its environments.

There is a Boer report from Natal that a Russian soldier of fortune, Col. Ganetzky, with 100 horsemen, is operating close to the British outposts on the western border.

The Boers have reoccupied Campbell and are in strength near Taungs and Barkly West. They shelled the British camp at Warrenton Wednesday, moved out of range that night. Thursday two British guns enfiladed the Boer trenches, quieting their Mausers.

Lord Methuen and the forces that had been operating in the Barkly district have been recalled to Kimberley by Lord Roberts. No explanation has been given for this, but the mounted troops are dissatisfied at having been ordered back.

Campbell's Statement.

Cincinnati, March 30.—Col. T. C. Campbell, in an interview here, denied the story that Goebel was shot by the same feudist who is showed to have killed Tom Baker in Clay county, Kentucky. He confirmed many reports regarding the alleged confession of W. H. Culton.

Officers Get Him.

Manchester, Ky., March 30.—Tallow Dick Coombs was arrested at Beattyville Thursday by order of Chief of Police Calms of this city. Coombs, who is a negro, was convicted in this city two years ago for running a blind tiger and fined \$4000, which would have kept him in jail for more than twelve years. Shortly after conviction Coombs escaped and the authorities had found nothing from him until the confession of Wharton Golden at Frankfort. While a great deal has been published about Coombs' connection with the assassination of Gov. Goebel, since Golden's confession, his arrest at Beattyville was solely on a writ from this county, and had no connection with the Frankfort trouble.

The Western Union Telegraph company refused to make concessions to the striking messenger boys at Fort Worth and they returned to work.

Tyler's street fair was a grand success.

If conductors were discharged every time a threat was made against them, the cars would be at a standstill.

"Hobs" Daughter.

One of the most admired and talked of young women in all England to-day is Miss Ada Edwina Stewart Roberts, the eldest daughter of Lord Roberts, familiarly called "Hobs," commander-in-chief of the queen's forces in the Transvaal.

Miss Roberts has always been popular, but since her father's victory over the intrepid and daring Cronje she may be said to occupy a peculiarly enviable position in the public eye.

She is the eldest of two daughters, both of whom were born in India. They were reared in a very atmosphere of adventure, for, during their childhood and early girlhood, there was scarcely a year in which their father did not take part in some desperately dangerous campaign.

Ceylon Tea Popular.

The Ceylon tea, which have grown into so great favor in this country, especially since the Columbian exposition in Chicago, are called "black" teas, being in fact the best of the class which has long been known commercially as "English breakfast" teas. Now the Ceylon growers are beginning to send over fine green teas, pure, uncolored and unfermented, which have already captivated New York tea-drinkers, so that the demand exceeds the supply.

Cheap diamonds are called "paste" ones, but in order to secure the genuine sparklers it takes "dough."

You have heard of Swanson's 5 DROPS Rheumatic Cure, still you are suffering from Rheumatism and other diseases that this remedy so surely cures. Many of your friends have advised you to use it, and yet you hesitate before giving it a trial. Why delay any longer, and why waste any more money and time? You will certainly find what you have sought in vain for, and we are confident it will do for you what it has done for others similarly afflicted. If all knew what thousands know of the efficacy of 5 Drops as a curative as well as preventive of any ache or pain known to the human body, there would not be a family in all America without a bottle of Swanson's 5 DROPS Rheumatic Cure. You can try it for the small amount of 25c, on receipt of same will send you a sample bottle; or, send us a Dollar and we will send you a large bottle prepaid by express, containing 300 doses, 5 DROPS is the name and dose. Free from opiates in any form. Absolutely harmless, a child can use it as well as an adult. For further particulars write Swanson Rheumatic Cure Co., 160 Lake St., Chicago.

Saved \$9000 Feeding Baby.

A Larned, Kan., woman whose husband hires the family washing done is reported to be the most economical woman in Kansas," says Austin Neal. "When she feeds the baby she puts an apron over its dress, then a bib over the apron, a clean rag around the baby's neck over the bib and then holds one hand under the baby's chin while she feeds it with the other. By practice of this sort of economy she has enabled her husband to save \$9000 in the last seven years."

Was Talking in Canada.

Frederick D. Kilburn, state superintendent of banking of New York, made a campaign speech for Gov. Roosevelt last fall that was a record-breaker. Kilburn, the colonel and other spellbinders were touring the extreme northern part of the state.

Early one morning the engine stopped for water near a lumber camp. Kilburn got out the end of the car and delivered a rip-roaring speech on Tammany hall and kindred campaign topics. The lumbermen listened with no show of enthusiasm.

A trifle nettled, Kilburn returned to the car. A brakeman, noticing his gloom, said cheerfully:

"Don't mind those French-Canadians. They are a wooden-headed lot."

"French-Canadians?" said Kilburn, with surprise. "Where are we?"

"We're just over the line in Canada. I thought you knew that," said the brakeman.

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Costs only 25 cents at Druggists,
Or mail 25 cents to C. J. MOFFETT, M. D., ST. LOUIS, MO.

TO ALL SUFFERERS, with HEADACHE and NEURALGIA. We will send postpaid a package of
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This remedy is guaranteed to cure the most aggravated case, and to be perfectly harmless. Write name and address plainly.
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When the eye is in trouble use a reliable remedy.



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Price 25 cents. All druggists.

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The Best Saddle Coat.
Keeps both rider and saddle perfectly dry in the hardest storms. Substitutes will disappoint. Ask for Tower's Fish Brand Pommel Slicker—it is entirely new. If not for sale in your town, write for catalogue to A. J. TOWER, Boston, Mass.

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DROPSY NEW DISCOVERY, gives quick relief and cures worst cases. Book of testimonials and 10 DAYS' treatment FREE. DR. R. H. GREY'S 5055, Box 2, Atlanta, Ga.
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THE TEEMING WEST.

Western Canada Prairie Lands Being Filled with Excellent Settlers.

The salient fact that presents itself in taking a birdseye view of the Canadian West, is that of intense activity in every department. Whether the glance be turned upon the district east of Winnipeg, the Red River Valley south or north, the Dauphin and M. & M. W. district, the Southwestern, or whether it take in the great central division along the main line of the C. P. R., stretching away out to the Rockies and from there bending north and south to Prince Alberta and Edmonton, McLeod and Lethbridge—whether the examination be made in any of these directions the same activity, growth and hopefulness are observable.

The Canadian West is not only a good place to locate permanently, but it is also a good place to invite one's relatives and friends to come to. This is the spirit that seems to animate the West at the present time, and its effects are to be seen on every hand. To enumerate the towns where handsome and substantial blocks and residences have gone up this year would be simply to give a list of the towns and villages along the railway lines. And this movement has not been confined to these centers of population, but in many cases it has been overshadowed by the improvement in farm buildings.

So far as one can see, this is no passing phase, no repetition of any temporary boom following a period of good crops and fair prices. It is a movement more spontaneous, more general, more marked than anything that has gone before, and seems to indicate that the great West, like Samson, bursting the encompassing bands, has awakened to a period of activity and development that will surpass anything we have known in the past and which will only be paralleled by the opening out of some of the most fertile of the western states of the union.

Look at some of the figures. Over a thousand schools in Manitoba, and the number going up by leaps and bounds; something like 500 schools in the territories. Winnipeg as representing the gateway of the West, the third city in the Dominion in regard to bank clearings, postal business and probably in regard to customs, the customs return at Winnipeg running about 30 to 40 per cent greater month by month than in the fiscal year of 1897-8, the largest previous year for actual business entries, when over \$900,000 was paid through the Winnipeg office for duty; the C. P. R. and Canada Northwest land sales together running over \$1,500,000 for the year. These and a thousand more signs show how the West has leaped into new life.

This is an inspiring and cheering spectacle, but it brings with it great responsibilities. The business men realize this, the banks realize it and have spread their agencies through every bustling little town clear out to the coast; the churches realize it, and one denomination alone has opened an average of about thirty new stations in each of the past two years, and will increase this in the year now entered upon; the government departments realize it, and there is talk of redistribution and additional members. The educational branches realize it, and new schools are springing up everywhere. Over 12,000 settlers came in from the United States alone last year, and these, with the people who came in from the East, prove the most rigorous westerners. They lose no time in developing their farms, in filling their grazing lands with stock, and in every district is to be found evidences of thrift and prosperity.

Go to Puerto Rico.
At the request of the Episcopal board of missions. Bishop Whipple has gone to Puerto Rico to examine the field and report the opportunities for church work in the island. The first Protestant services ever held in Cuba were held by Bishop Whipple in Havana, in 1871. The Bishop's son, Major C. H. Whipple, U. S. A., is chief paymaster at Puerto Rico.

A New Year's Eve Idyl.
"What are you doing here?" demanded the girl's father, unexpectedly entering the parlor as the clock struck 12.

"I am ringing the bells in honor of the new year," replied the young man, as he slipped a jeweled circlet on the fair one's finger.

Hot Water Heating.
Ed Gwynn, an electrician of Delaware, O., signed his acceptance of a franchise granted by the city council giving him all legal rights to public highways for the establishment of a system of hot water heating for the entire city. The plant will be completed by next fall at which time the use of old-time fuel here will be relegated to the rear rank.

New Through Chicago Line.

May 1 the Cotton Belt will inaugurate, in connection with the Chicago and Eastern Illinois railway, a through passenger line from Texas points to Chicago, prominent features of which will be free reclining vestibule chair cars and Pullman sleepers from Texas to Chicago without change.

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Major G. W. Perryman, Robert Lee's most prominent lawyer and land man, spent several days in Ballinger this week.—Runels' Co. Ledger.

The Democratic Executive Committee of Coke County meets on April 21st.

Our announcement column will be found the name of A. J. Adkins for Sheriff and Tax Collector. To all the old settlers of Coke Jack is better known than the writer. He has lived here about twenty years, or, since a long while before Coke County was dreamed of. He has a reputation whom none have ever assailed, and his most intimate friends are those who see the most of him. We ask, and believe that our people will give him the consideration he deserves.

Judge Willingham.

Judge Chas. H. Willingham of Ballinger submits his name to the Democrats of Coke County for their consideration, as a candidate for Representative. A number of our people are personally acquainted with Judge Willingham and know his fitness for the place. To those of our people who are not personally acquainted with him, we desire to say—He has been known to us for nearly twenty years. He is a lawyer of ability, a politician who has always fearlessly advocated the rights of the people, and who held highest office within the gift of his county for some sixteen years, and voluntarily declines to accept it again, for the reason that his friends outside of Runels County want to send him to Legislature at Austin, as a truly representative man, who knows the need of West Texas, and will surely support such legislation as will tend to develop and build up this part of our great state. He desires the support of Coke County.

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J. P. Hutchinson
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South of the Colorado River are found Grape, Pecan, Paint, Salt, Wild Cat, Buffalo, Live Oak, and Mule creeks, on each of which can be found prosperous ranchmen and stock-farmers, many of whom have made fairly good fortunes in Coke.

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

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

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We are hereby authorized to announce C. E. Dubor's as a candidate for District Attorney for the 51st Judicial District subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce Gid Graham as a candidate for the office of County Judge of Coke County, Texas, subject to the voters at the November election.

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

We are authorized to announce S. C. Wilkins as a candidate to the office of County and District Clerk of Coke County, at the November Election.

We are authorized to announce A. J. Adkins as a candidate for the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Coke County, subject to action of the voters at the November election.

We are authorized to announce Judge Chas. H. Willingham, of Ballinger, as a candidate for Representative for this the 95th District—Subject to the action of the Democratic Party.

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Peach prospects are bright.

Texas fruit prospects are bright.

Farming operations progress.

Florists are actively at work.

Alvin has shipped her first strawberries.

Heavy rains fell last week in many counties of Texas.

Mountain Grove, Mo., is to have a fruit experiment station.

Five cars of fat steers were shipped from Gatesville recently.

Anderson county farmers will raise more hogs than ever this year.

A carload of hogs were shipped from Gatesville a few days ago.

Three carloads of hogs were shipped from Hillsboro one day last week.

Great flocks of wild geese have recently passed over Austin going north.

M. R. Birdwell of Mineral Wells shipped a carload of mules to New Orleans.

Much damage has been done planted lands in Cherokee county by the recent rain.

Steger & Co. of Bonham have a contract to furnish 300 mules to the British government.

W. L. Foster of Sterling is reported to have sold 1200 yearlings to Green Igo, of Colorado City, at \$15.

A. B. Robertson and Winfield Scott have bought the St. Louis ranch and cattle located in Crosby county.

The New Hampshire supreme court has sustained the constitutionality of the state anti-color oleomargarine law.

The statistician of the national agricultural department is compiling a list of the cotton gins in the United States.

L. F. St. John of San Angelo sold to J. N. McLeod three high grade Durban bulls, one two-year-old and two yearlings.

Wool is now selling at the highest price since 1891 and the supply is not equal to the demand. Wool also is a spring product.

John H. Strickland of Ozona contracted 800 muttons to be delivered Mar. 15, after shipping to Allen Richardson & Co. at \$2.75.

Frank Washler of Blanton sold to H. M. Henshaw of the Indian Territory 1000 head of sheep to be shipped this month to that place.

Wool from high grade Angora goats is worth from 40 to 50 cents a pound, while that from inferior stock will not bring more than 10 or 12 cents.

J. J. Thomas is reported as having sold 100 two-year-old leathers, yearling hogs and yearling steers, all above the live at \$1.50 for cows and \$1.75 for steers.

On the 23rd and 24th twenty carloads of cabbage left Corpus Christi for northern markets. The shipment breaks all southeast Texas records, it is claimed.

Experiments made by farmers in Houston and Medina counties go to show that peas will better much more rapidly on peas soaked in water than on dry peas.

The Danish steamer Nordfær will sail for Denmark, loaded with the largest cargo of grain ever taken from Galveston. She had on board 225,000 bushels of wheat.

J. G. Logan of San Antonio has been moving his sheep to the G. H. pasture for shearing. Loading of 1100 sheep has begun. Mr. Logan will ship about 2000 muttons to market in May.

A Clarksville firm is authority for the statement that 4000 bales of cotton were sold there the past season at from 9 to 10 1-4 cents, and at least 2000 bales brought from 10 to 10 1-4 cents.

The recent drought in Dallas county was the severest in twenty-one years, only 49 of an inch of rain falling in sixty-one days. The nearest approach to this was 31 of an inch in February and March, 1893, 87y nine days.

West of Florence, on Thornton creek and rapids there was a cloud-burst and crops of cotton and corn were ruined. There was considerable hail, which damaged crops not ruined by rain in that vicinity.

BRITISH TRAPPED.

Convoy of Cavalry Were Caught in a Spruit.

NO SCOUTS HAD BEEN PUT OUT

And They Were Readily Ensnared—Latest Military Movements in the South African War.

London, April 2.—Gen. Buller's actions inquiry whether British officers will ever learn the value of scouting comes back with forced emphasis to the British public on receipt of the tidings that a convoy with guns has walked deliberately into a Boer ambush within twenty miles of Bloemfontein.

Lord Robert's own report of the affair, if yet received by the war office, has not been published and no account of the affair is available to the public except the dispatch from Bushman Kop. Nothing can be said, therefore, regarding the exact extent of the British misfortune.

Evidently Col. Broadwood thought it necessary to retreat in haste from Thaban Chu, as he marched all through Friday night, apparently followed by a considerable force of the enemy. The convoy and guns had to pass through a deep spruit, which the Boers had occupied.

Six to twelve guns, comprising two batteries, all the wagons, and, it is feared, many men, fell into the hands of the Boers, whose daring, displayed so near Bloemfontein, shows that they are rapidly recovering after their recent reverses.

The hope is expressed here that Gen. Colville will recover the convoy and guns, but this is hardly likely in such a difficult country, and it is probable that the next news will be that after a stiff fight, Gen. Colville has extracted Gen. Botha, who has made his reputation but failed to retrieve the disaster.

Severe criticism are heard regarding the renewal of the old mistakes of underestimating the Boers and the absence of proper precautions. No doubt the affair will revive the Boer hopes and inspire confidence among the enemy at a critical moment.

Great things are expected by the Boers of the new commander-in-chief, usually in annual conference in Washington wholly during the present campaign. Foreign officers serving with the Boers have expressed surprise at his clever tactics.

The proof of continuing Boer activity in the Free State will compel greater circumspection on the part of the British and will probably delay the march of Lord Roberts northward.

Detailed accounts of the fight at Karee Siding, in which the Boers were driven back with heavy loss, estimate the Boer forces variously from 3000 to 5000 men. Brabant's horse occupied Wepener last Thursday, unopposed.

Lord Methuen has issued the following notification at Kimberley:

"I have received instructions that if any disturbance occurs west of the Vaal river my force is to return and punish the rebels immediately."

Will be Shot.

Antlers, I. T., April 2.—Jackson Jacob, a fullblood Choctaw Indian, has been sentenced to be shot at Mayhew, twenty-eight miles from Antlers.

Next Name Time.

Washington, April 2.—For the first time since 1891, when the Baltimore conference of the Methodist Episcopal church divided the two organizations, the Methodist Episcopal church and M. E. church, south, will meet simultaneously in annual conference in Washington. The Methodist denomination in the United States divided in 1844 on the question of slavery, but the Baltimore conference remained undivided until shortly after the outbreak of the civil war. Since 1866 there have been two Baltimore conferences.

Treasure Trove.

Savannah, Ga., April 2.—The dredge Babcock, at work in the river for the terminal of the Georgia and Alabama railway, has just closed up two old-type English cannons, in a man-of-war wreck it is pulling out nearly opposite the foot of Bull street. One gun weighs about 1000 pounds and the other about 850. The vessel is supposed to have been sunk at the time of the British occupation of the city, when the French allies sailed up the river to attack them.

PLEASED WITH PETTUS.

The Alabama Senator Excites the Risibles of His Colleagues.

Washington, April 2.—Merriment and mirth swept away much of the traditional dignity of the senate Friday. Staid sticklers for senatorial decorum literally held their sides and shouted with laughter, while the crowded galleries joined in the laughing tumult, which not the faintest effort was made to restrain. Had the effort been made it would have been futile.

Senator Pettus of Alabama, the oldest member of the body, his age being only a few months short of four score years, delivered the funniest speech heard within the senate chambers in many years. It sparkled with wit and bubbled over with humor. Its sarcasm was keen, but not bitter, and even those who were the victims of it could not but enjoy its perfect good humor and unalloyed fun. Throughout it all Mr. Pettus was as solemn as if he were delivering a funeral oration. Not a smile softened the deep lines of his strong and rugged countenance, and, as he stopped occasionally to mop the perspiration from his face and head with a big silk bandana, he glanced about the senate as if surprised at the laughter of his colleagues. Indeed, he apologized once for the lightness of the vein in which he was addressing the senate on so important a question as the Puerto Rican bill.

Mr. Proctor (Rep.) of Vermont had delivered a forceful argument in favor of free trade with the island of Puerto Rico. His speech was listened to attentively by senators on both sides of the chamber and at its conclusion he was congratulated, even by some senators who did not agree with him. He was followed by Mr. Pettus, who devoted the first part of his remarks to the constitutional phrases of the subject. Then, quite unexpectedly, came the fun as he sharpened his wit at the expense of Mr. Gallinger of New Hampshire and Mr. Beveridge of Indiana. "It was a gem," said one senator, commenting upon Mr. Pettus' speech, "and will long stand as one of the best examples of senatorial funmaking."

Senator Depew of New York was the first to congratulate Mr. Pettus and the New Yorker's hearty handclasp was followed by such an ovation as a man seldom receives in the senate. Former Senator Pugh, Mr. Pettus' immediate predecessor from Alabama, was one of those who particularly enjoyed the speech. During the entire session Mr. Pettus received the congratulations of his colleagues.

Arabs Routed.

Paris, April 2.—An official account has been issued of the victory of the French troops over the Arabian army at Inrar, which assembled with the object of attacking the French expedition which recently reached the Oasis Isalah, southward of Algeria. The French learned of the intention and decided to storm the enemy's position, which was successfully carried March 19 by a column led by Lieut. Col. Eu. The town was first bombarded and then stormed, the Arab warriors making their last stand in the mosque. They left 630 men killed and 100 wounded on the field, in addition to 450 prisoners taken. The French losses are nine native soldiers killed, forty-eight wounded and two officers wounded.

Joubert's Dying Wish.

Pretoria April 2.—President Kruger said in public that the last expressed desire of the late Commandant General Joubert was that he should be succeeded as commandant general by Louis Botha.

"A Perfect Fraud."

Princeton, N. J., April 2.—Ex-President Grover Cleveland, when interviewed relative to an article on "Imperialism, War and Citizenship," said: "The article is a perfect fraud. The article has been taken word for word from the speech I delivered at Lawrenceville in June, 1898. A reporter called with a paper which had the speech in it and asked me if I would allow him to use the speech, I told him it provided he stated when it had been I had no objection to any one using delivered, as the speech was already obsolete."

To be Extended.

New York, April 2.—Col. Chew, fiscal agent of the Gulf, Beaumont and Kansas City railway, says that President Kibby has just closed a contract with the Old Colony Contracting company of Boston for an extension of his road from Roganville, Jasper county to the town of San Augustine. The distance is about sixty-five miles and the work is to be finished in ten months. The Old Colony company has not heretofore taken any Texas contracts.

TOLD OF TEXAS.

Some of the Recent Happenings Within Her Mighty Midst.

Frost Fell.

Gainesville, Tex., April 2.—Saturday morning quite a good deal of frost was on the ground. The best opinion is that fruit is not hurt and that about all the damage that is done is in the lowlands, where early and tender garden plants will be nipped.

Denton, Tex.—There was frost Saturday morning, but not enough, it is thought, to affect either fruit or early gardens.

Terrell, Tex.—The weather was rather cold here Friday night. Farmers in town report a frost last night west of town that destroyed young vegetables.

Texarkana, Tex.—A heavy frost covered this section Friday night.

Montague, Tex.—There was a heavy frost and some ice here Saturday morning, but little damage to gardens and none to fruit was done.

Paris, Tex.—Ice was formed in exposed places Saturday morning, and there was considerable frost. On account of the dry weather, however, it is not thought that much damage will result.

Sherman, Tex.—A pretty well defined frost fell Friday night. Beans, lettuce and other young garden products suffered to some extent.

Truck Growers Organize.

McKinney, Tex., April 2.—An enthusiastic truck growers' meeting was held in the courthouse Saturday evening. H. M. Foote of Sulphur Springs addressed the crowd, followed by E. W. Kirkpatrick. Organization was effected by the election of W. A. Hall, permanent chairman, and W. B. Perkins, secretary. Nearly all those present subscribed their names, while several names were handed in for those who could not attend the meeting. The object of the association is to further extend diversification and to provide for economy, safety and final remuneration in preparing and shipping. There will be regular meetings hereafter, and a revolution in local truck growing is confidently expected.

Col. Hall Dies.

San Antonio, Tex., April 2.—Col. William Hall, aged 67 years, a native of England, died here after a long illness from dropsy. The deceased was prominent at one time in English politics, representing West Kent in parliament. He had been a resident of the United States for about eleven years. Col. Hall was somewhat of an eccentric character, his hobby being architecture. At the time of his death he had in preparation plans for restoring a tower on the Second mission, and also intended to complete an unfinished tower on San Fernando's cathedral in this city. Col. Hall was charitable, giving away over \$400,000 during his life time. Seven children survive him.

Swisher Passes Away.

Houston, Tex., April 2.—John M. Swisher has died at the age of 58 years of Bright's disease. He was born in Austin. His father commanded a company in the battle of San Jacinto. They fought there side by side. His father lived several years in Galveston and was for a time a banker in Austin and was well known in Texas. The deceased leaves a widow and three daughters. He was with the Southern Pacific railway at the time of his death, before which time he was agent for the Western narrow gauge here.

Building a Bridge.

Wharton, Tex., April 2.—The Southern Pacific bridges construction force is now fairly at work on the new iron bridge to span the Colorado at this point. The structure when completed will be on a scale unequalled in south Texas. The main piers will be of stone 45x16 feet. The foundation goes down fifteen feet below the bed of the river. The main iron span will rest on these piers. Other parts of the bridge are in like proportion.

Cotton Mill Charters.

Austin, Tex., April 2.—The cotton mill agitation which was started in this state some time ago is beginning to show results. Within the past few weeks the charters for five cotton mill companies have been filed in the secretary of state's office. In each instance the capital stock is \$100,000. There are several cotton mill charters now in the department awaiting the necessary approval, and it is expected that many more corporations for this purpose will be formed within the next few weeks and their charters filed.

Don't Like Potatoes.

The citizens of Lagrange, Ind., have presented a remonstrance to the town board that is out of the ordinary. A skunk farm was started within the corporate limits of that city and the scent was more than the neighbors could stand. The remonstrance is drawn up in legal form and is signed by twenty-nine residents, who assert that "there are at least twenty skunks in the inclosure, and that at times, especially when the atmosphere was heavy, a very offensive and sickening odor arising therefrom filled the neighborhood."

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CONSUMPTION

PRETORIA MARCH.

Its Progress Will Consist of a Series of Movements.

PEESIDENT KRUGER'S WARNING.

He Threatens to Bombard and Destroy City of Bloemfontein and Make Way With Burglers Found Therein.

London, March 31.—The head of the army of Lord Roberts is now twenty-one miles north of Bloemfontein. It occupies a cluster of hills won from the Boers after a stiff fight, in which the British lost seven officers and 100 men.

The Boers had been using these kopjes as a base for marauding bands that have been beating up the country adjacent to Bloemfontein for supplies, driving off cattle and forcing non-resistant Free Staters, into their ranks again. The enemy must have been in considerable force as Lord Roberts sent 8000 infantry and 300 cavalry against them.

Lord Roberts' progress to Pretoria will probably consist of a series of such forward movements in which Boer positions will be attacked by a portion of the army advancing rapidly with wheel transport, the main army coming up as the railway is repaired.

Lord Roberts is stripping the forces in the minor spheres of operations of their wagons and transport animals in order to hasten the advance. This is understood to be the reason why he recalled Lord Methuen from Barkly West to Kimberley. Lord Roberts lost 3000 transport cattle at Watervaal Drift and it is estimated that he has lost 4000 other animals since the forward movement began on Feb. 13.

The advance beyond Bloemfontein is through a mare country, and the supply officers foresee an increasing difficulty in providing for a great army moving along a single line of railway, even when the latter is working smoothly and with ample rolling stock.

The Canadian mounted rifles were part of the force that occupied Onhardt Friday.

The rebellion throughout the north-west districts of Cape Colony is almost suppressed.

The Goth has sailed with 600 men for St. Helena, to guard Gen. Cronje and 4000 prisoners.

Kruger's Warning.

London, March 31.—The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Daily Chronicle, telegraphing March 29, says:

"President Kruger's latest proclamation warns the women and children to leave Bloemfontein within five days, as he intends to bombard and destroy the city and to shoot the burghers whom he captures these.

"Vigorous measures have been taken by the British to harass marauding bands of Transvaal Boers. The latter are resorting to guerilla methods, chiefly against Free Staters who refuse to join Kruger."

Transvaal Commissioner.

Washington, March 31.—Gen. James R. Obern, who was appointed by President Kruger commissioner extraordinary of the Transvaal republic, had long interviews with the president and secretary of state concerning affairs connected with the Boer government. While Gen. Obern discussed Transvaal matters with Secretary Hay, the latter is authority for the statement that it was in an unofficial and informal capacity entirely.

Without an Ally.

Paris, March 31.—The Gaulois, in an article discussing the eventuality of a Russo-Japanese conflict, says:

"It is not likely that Great Britain will interfere, being too much occupied in the Transvaal and in watching her frontiers. Japan, therefore, will be left alone, no other European power being interested in aiding her, and the United States, with whom she sympathizes more than any other nation, having its attention occupied in the Philippines."

Holding the Frontier.

Allwal North, March 31.—Gen. Brabant and his staff have returned from Rouxville, and are now actively engaged in holding the southern frontier of the Free State. Detachments are being sent to strengthen the positions which have been occupied. It is reported that Commandant Ollivier, now moving north, is being closely watched by Sir Godfrey Langdon, the Basuto-land commissioner, who is in communication with Gen. French.

INDIAN TERRITORY TIPS.

Items of Interest, Both Incidental and Accidental, Noted.

The Republican district convention will meet at Purcell April 21.

A six-foot vein of coal of excellent quality has been found near Emet.

The fire at South McAlester burned thirty-seven buildings and entailed a loss of \$60,000.

Two miners were fatally burned by gas in a mine at Hartshorne and another seriously injured.

Two miners were badly hurt in a Hartshorne mine by going back too soon on a windy shot.

Property holders at Atoka, owing to alleged high appraisements, threaten to appeal to the secretary of the interior.

While out hunting near Bristol Oscar Statan accidentally shot himself in the breast. His body was found soon afterward.

John Donaghe, white, was arrested at Milton, charged with the murder of a colored man at Sulphur Springs, Tex., four years ago.

Great numbers of hogs are reported dying near Tishomingo from a disease that causes the animals to become sleepy previous to death.

The controller of the currency has received since Dec. 1 ten applications from the Indian Territory for authority to establish national banks.

The Brunswick Asphalt company of St. Louis, Mo., has leased lands near Dougherty, the first lease under the Atoka agreement.

Jasper Simpson, charged with killing Marshal Grady and Deputy Marshal Hill at Jensen in 1898, has been arrested. He had eluded arrest up to his capture.

United States court at Purcell has been suspended until April 9 owing to the absence of Judge Townsend, who has gone to the bedside of a sick sister at Cleveland, O.

The ninth annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic of the Indian Territory was held at Ardmore. J. S. Hammer of that city was elected department commander.

Three miles northeast of Lawton, in the Cherokee nation, the dead body of J. T. Gordon was found by his daughter. His neck was broken. He was arranging to move a hen house, and the presumption is a handspike he was using slipped and struck him.

Oakland is to have a bank.

Says it is False.

Princeton, N. J., March 31.—Ex-President Cleveland said relative to the reports that have been circulated that he had announced his intention of supporting Wm. J. Bryan for the presidency in the coming campaign:

"I do not think these reports are worthy of denial, but I will simply say I have not in any way signified to any one what course I shall take in the next campaign.

"The statements accredited to me are absolutely false. In fact I have not given any considerable attention to the approaching election. You may say that I have not indicated my probable attitude in any way, shape or manner."

The famous "man-milliner," Worth, is brought to life again in Richard Whiteing's "Fashionable Paris" in the April Century. Mr. Whiteing once interviewed the great modiste on the subject of starting the fashions.

The Columbia theater, Chicago, burned. Loss \$190,000.

In sureness and variety of attraction, it would be hard to surpass McClure's Magazine for April. The account of the interior of China, especially with reference to its rich promises as a market for America was written by Mr. W. B. Parsons, chief engineer of the American China Developing company, from observations made on his own journeys, and illustrated very fully from photographs taken by him.

Gov. Mount of Indiana will not recognize Gov. Beckham of Kentucky officially.

War Alarms.

London, March 31.—The Sebastopol correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says:

"War alarms fill the naval headquarters here. The whole Euxine squadron is fully equipped for service. Troops with full war kits are daily arriving from the interior. The garrison will soon be a powerful army corps.

"There is much excitement among the staffs of both services and all talk is of bringing Turkey to her senses by forceful measures."

TEXAS TOPICS.

Matters of Moment that Have Just Happened or are about to Happen.

Found Dead.

Grand View, Tex., March 30.—J. F. Greggs was found dead on the side of the public road near Barnesville Wednesday night, with his throat cut from ear to ear, and in his right hand was firmly grasped a razor, all covered with blood. Justice Wade was called to the scene, and after an inquest the verdict was that Greggs had killed himself. The contents of his pockets were \$2 in silver, a union card, No. 31, of Fort Worth, Tex., of the National Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, a receipt dated March 1, 1900, issued by C. F. Simmons of Cross Timber Camp No. 4, Woodmen, at Cleburne, in which he carried insurance for \$1000. A memorandum book in his pocket showed he was a line repairer, supposed to be in the employ of the Western Union Telegraph company. His home address was 1004 East Henderson street, Cleburne, and his last record was written as follows: "March 29, 1900—God bless my wife and boys. They are the best on earth, and in no way responsible for my action.—J. F. Greggs."

A Couple of Fires.

Texarkana, Tex., March 30.—The repairing shops of the Texarkana, Shreveport and Natchez Railroad company at this place were destroyed by fire at 1 o'clock Thursday morning.

The entire contents of the establishment were lost, including some very fine machinery. The total loss is \$15,000, with no insurance.

The freight office and depot of the St. Louis Southwestern Railroad company at Genoa, about five miles east of here, was consumed by fire Wednesday night, together with \$500 worth of freight and two blooded calves that were on hand to be shipped out. The depot building was worth \$700, uninsured.

Indicted.

Galveston, Tex., March 30.—The grand jury returned two bills of indictment against Capt. H. M. Ward of the steamer Lawrence. The first charges him with murder in the first degree in the shooting and killing of Michale Nelligan, boatswain's mate of the gunboat Machias, on March 22, and the second bill charges him with assault to murder Edward Nelligan, a fireman of the cruiser New York. Following the preliminary hearing last week, the justice of the peace entered an order admitting Ward to bail in the sum of \$5000, in default of which Ward was committed to jail. The return of the indictments suspends the bail order. Ward applied to Judge Aiken of the criminal district court for a writ of habeas corpus, which was granted.

Sold to the Western Union.

Fort Worth, Tex., March 30.—By an instrument filed in the office of the county clerk here, the Fort Worth and Denver City Railway company and the Mercantile Trust company of New York, trustee under the first mortgage of the railroad company, convey to the Western Union Telegraph company the telegraph lines and equipments of the railroad company, consisting of 452.4 miles of line between Fort Worth and Texline, together with office fixtures, etc., in consideration of the sum of \$150,000. The conveyance carries with it the right and license to operate, repair and renew the telegraph lines along the right of way of the Denver railroad.

Masters Fined.

Galveston, Tex., March 30.—Owners of excursion boats which carried passengers to the battleships last week, and who were fined for loading beyond the licensed limits, had a hearing before customs officers Thursday. They showed their inability to control the crowds at the ships. Fines to the extent of \$1500 were assessed, and the treasury department requires that they be paid immediately. The owners will, after paying, make application for remission of the fines.

One of them said that he thought the killing of the sailor here caused the department to insist upon the strict application of the rule.

Engineer and Fireman Killed.

Texarkana, Tex., March 30.—A freight train was wrecked on the Iron Mountain railroad near Traskwood, about sixty miles north of this place, at 1 o'clock Thursday morning. The accident occurred by running into a creek, the trestle over the place having been burned in the early part of the night. Engineer Seelye and Fireman Wise were killed outright.

NOTED STOCKMAN DIES.

W. B. Tullis, After a Brief Illness, Passes Over the River of Death.

Fort Worth, Tex., March 31.—The news of the death of Hon. William B. Tullis of Quanah was received here. The deceased was one of the three members of the Texas Livestock Sanitary commission and was well known and had many friends among the cattlemen in this city. It is learned here that the cause of Mr. Tullis' death was pneumonia. He was an Alabamian by birth, 55 years old and leaves a wife and three children.

He owned a ranch in Greer county, which adjoins Hardeman county, and also had ranch property in Bailey county. He was appointed a member of the Texas Livestock Sanitary commission by Gov. Culberson, serving through his administration and was re-appointed by Gov. Sayers. The Texas Cattle Raisers association, appreciating the valuable work done by the board, adopted a resolution by a unanimous vote asking Gov. Sayers to re-appoint the old commissioners. During his connection with livestock sanitary matters in Texas he made a comprehensive investigation of all collateral interests and was very active in bringing about that harmonious relation which for several years past has existed between the western states and Texas, perfecting, according to business principles, a system of cattle handling by railways which has rendered almost absolute safety to the voluminous trade consequent on separating the fever infected from the non-infected districts. It was through his efforts as president of the Western Livestock Sanitary association, composed of the states west of the Missouri river, that unification has established for all time the protection of the blooded and range herds of Texas from the possibility of the introduction of tuberculosis or other infectious disease likely to decimate herds of both blooded and range cattle. It was probably largely through the activity of the deceased in his intelligent co-operation with the United States Bureau of Animal Industry, that the confidence was inspired, resulting in the special order of the secretary of agriculture modifying the quarantine line for the state of Texas, throwing the great pastures of the west and north on the upper country markets.

Governor's Proclamation.

Austin, Tex., March 31.—Gov. Sayers issued the annual quarantine proclamation in part as follows:

Be it known, That I, Joseph D. Sayers, governor of the state of Texas, by authority vested in me by the laws of this state, do hereby declare that quarantine shall be established on the gulf coast and Rio Grande border on and after April 1, 1900, and it shall continue until closed by proclamation.

Said quarantine shall apply to all vessels, persons or things coming from places infected by yellow fever, smallpox, bubonic plague or cholera, and all places south of 25 degrees north latitude, shall be considered infected unless proof to the contrary be submitted to the state health officer, and special exemption be granted to said places, and persons from such places are prohibited from entering this state within a period of ten days.

I further declare quarantine against any person or persons infected or liable to be infected with yellow fever, smallpox, bubonic plague or cholera, either within or without the state, and direct the quarantine officers of the state and health officers of the counties and towns to establish local quarantine around any and all such persons whenever discovered.

Postponed.

Fort Worth, Tex., March 31.—The flower carnival and parade of the Mystic Knights of Bovicinia were postponed for a week, at a meeting of the Bovicinian committee having in charge the affair. The meeting was held to consider the objections of Rev. Bartow B. Ramage, rector of St. Andrew's church, who had taken exception to what he considered a desecration of holy week, the date of the festivities having been fixed for April 11 and 12. The matter was thoroughly discussed by different members of the Knights of Bovicinia and others, and the agreement here mentioned was finally reached.

At Pittsburg, Pa., Assistant District Attorney Billows, colored, sued W. J. McCarthy, a restaurant keeper, for \$5000 for refusing to serve a meal to him. Billows was awarded 6 1/4 cents.

Ed Dodd of Galveston was found dead in bed at Waco.

RETURNED SOLDIER.

He Speaks of Matters Pertaining to and in the Philippines.

Gainesville, Tex., March 29.—A. J. Thurman has arrived in the city from the Philippines, having in his pocket his discharge from Company E, Twenty-Third regiment, infantry, which was given him on account of ill health. Mr. Thurman has a splendid record. The discharge bears date of Aug 20, 1899, and Mr. Thurman was in the hospital six months and is now a physical wreck, being pale, thin, weak and emaciated.

He gives a glowing picture of the events of the island, and says the condition of the soldiers is much worse than is known here or given out in the reports. Numbers are killed and die from sickness that are not reported, and he says there are many cases of insanity among the soldiers. He says the climate wrecks the physical man within two years at farthest, and that together with the terrible strain and arduous duties and constant dangers in many instances unbinge the reason.

In the skirmishes with the insurgents at San Pedro from March 4 to 10, 1899, he says, the strain was terrible. The insurgents outnumbered the soldiers by at least five to one, and had the former known it they could have taken the breastworks at any time. The soldiers constantly expected it, and during the six days and nights there was no sleep nor rest, and that out of the men who were in this terrible ordeal sixteen lost their minds during the time.

Mr. Thurman came to the United States in the hospital ship City of Kara and in it were a number of insane soldiers.

Messenger Boys Strike.

Fort Worth, Tex., March 29.—Nine Western Union messenger boys walked out of the local office Wednesday in accordance with an agreement signed by them to quit the service of the company if they should be refused an advance in wages from \$15 to \$18 per month. The working hours were reduced a short time ago on their demand from twelve and thirteen to ten hours per day. The boys claim that it costs them several dollars per week to keep a wheel.

A crowd of 500 gathered around the Western Union telegraph office Wednesday night. Messenger boys gathered around an outsider who started out with messages, pleading with him to "take them back," and threats were made of what they would do in case he attempted to deliver the messages. A scuffle ensued, in which several men and boys and a policeman were mixed up. Capt. W. J. McDonald of the Texas Rangers, who is in the city and who happened along, ordered the crowd back. The boy who started out with the messages finally took them back. Additional policemen were telephoned for and two of them came, one guarding the office, which had been cleared of the crowd.

A difficulty occurred between one of the messenger boys and another party, in which the latter was cut in the hand.

Purchase Approved.

Austin, Tex., March 29.—Gov. Sayers and Attorney General Smith approved the purchase by the San Jacinto Battlefield commission of an additional tract of 100 acres, comprising the Maynes T. Habbernahl homestead and forming a part of the San Jacinto battlefield. The price paid for this tract was \$4000. It adjoins the other 200 acres already owned by the state making a total of about 300 acres now in the proposed battlefield park. The late purchase was made under an act of the twenty-sixth legislature. The burial ground of the San Jacinto heroes killed in that battle, is located in this 100-acre tract.

Fired by Burglars.

Sherman, Tex., March 29.—Wednesday morning about 2:30 o'clock the building occupied by the Myrick Grocery company was burned. Loss, \$2,200; insurance \$1300. Several articles of merchandise that have been identified as a part of the stock in the burned building were found under a bridge on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway near by and the officers are at work on the theory that the house was looted and fired to hide the offense.

Col. W. J. Bryan addressed large audiences at Albany and Salem, Or. He proposes that the Philippines be given their independence, but be under the protection of the United States to work out their own destiny.