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Ready Candidates.
The Austin correspondent of the Fort Worth Gazette is responsible for the following:

When Colonel Lanham, one of the princes of oratory, and one of the ablest of Texas men and most thorough legislators as well, (as his record in congress shows) represented the thirteenth congressional district in the lower house of the national legislature, like in other districts in the Lone Star state there was no scramble, there was no contention, there was no opposition and the true and tried democrats out in the far west went right along and renominated the man who represented them ably for ten years and too by the unanimous democratic vote. But ever since the able legislator from Parker voluntarily retired, the fight has been on, and today the indications point to the fiercest battle in the forthcoming convention the district has ever witnessed.

Judge J. V. Cockrell who so conspicuously camped on the trail of his democratic opponents even to the ballot box like others who go to comprise the Texas delegation had very much wearied of the bitter and unnecessary fight for the honor and as objects of the present Texas members in other districts have done, has stated emphatically that he retires from the race and will make no effort to obtain the coveted prize, as others there regard it.

The decision of the present congressman was no sooner received than the slate working commenced, and at this writing the prairies out there are full of lauded candidates and others who would like very much for the congressional crown to fall on their heads.

Judge D. E. Patterson, the able and popular district judge of Wise it is understood has the political insect buzzing in his headgear. Tom McMurry, the vigorous and successful ex-county attorney of the same county, is not adverse to the honor, so I am told.

Sebastian of Stephens, a free silver enthusiast and a hard fighter for the white metal, it is conceded will surely be in the political fracas. He has done good work for the cause of the pale metal, and it comes to me that he has some strong support.

Judge W. B. Plemons, who, like Colonel Sebastian, was a member of the immortal twenty-fourth legislature, is a lawyer at Amarillo,

one of the strongest political figures in his county. His name has been mentioned often of late and there are not a few who think that the gentleman from Potter county would have a good following. Fred Cockrell of Taylor county, the elder son of the present congressman, is spoken of as the one to take his father's seat and step into his shoes. In the management of his father's campaign young Cockrell showed himself a thorough organizer and a hard political fighter. It has been said to me that he has a liking for politics and goes into a contest with an earnestness which is commendable.

Then down here we hear that ex-Senator John H. Stephens of Wilbarger county, would not object if the democratic nomination were tendered him. Stephens is regarded, and is a man with not a few friends.

Senator Goss of Baylor is mentioned. He is full of ambition, made his district a most acceptable senator, and was one of the leading and most popular subjects in the last hall on the right side. He is fearless, is honest in his convictions, is aggressive in his fights for measures and is a careful and painstaking legislator.

His fellow townsman, Judge Dave Holman is also looked upon as a possibility.

Judge B. M. Baker, of Hemphill, who served in Governor Ireland's time as superintendent of public instruction and who at present presides as district judge would like to go to the national halls to legislate. He was in the race at the last fight it will be remembered for a while and it is given out that he will probably shy his eager into the ring if the encouragement is sufficient.

Then from the far away county of Donley the clarion voiced Brown did success as a lawyer. Politics, however, has a strange fascination for the talented western brunette leader and statesman and it is talked here that he may, at the earnest solicitation of his friends, make the fight for the nomination.

From up in the northern portion of the district A. K. Swann of Clay, Cobb and Judge Miller of Wichita, are talked of for the place.

And on the extreme west, Col. W. Brack and Senator R. D. Gage, the former from El Paso and the latter from Reeves are mentioned. Brack is an old lawyer, was years ago a partner of Judge J. M. Hurt, and his speech, nominating Commissioner Baker of the general land office at the Dallas convention, created much favorable comment.

As for the senator from Reeves, while he is a very able man, and made a fine record in the twenty-fourth legislature, still he will have to modify to a great extent his views on the great question now before the nation before he can ever hope to step higher. His views on silver are not what the democrats of that district want, so I am reliably informed.

There may be others who are spoken of for congress out there who are not in the middle of the road on the great silver question. However, they will be heard from before nomination is made and the fight ended.

Ex-Congressman Ben Cable, of Illinois, has a little daughter who has the material of a great financier in her. One day her father called her to him.

"My dear, he said, "a man this morning offered papa this room full of gold if he would sell little brother. Now, that means gold enough to fill this room from wall to wall, and from floor to ceiling. If I sell little brother for that sum, I shall be able to buy you everything you want. Shall I sell him?"

"Not papa," answered the little girl, promptly, and then before her delighted father could embrace her for expressing so much unselfish affection, "Keep him till he's bigger, he'll be worth more then."

A northern exchange makes this frank admission as to the morals of the south: "One thing may be frankly and truthfully said—in no part of this country to-day is the old-fashioned American Sunday—a day of cessation from secular labor, respectful quiet, and worship for all who are inclined—so generally observed as in the south. This fact is noted with extreme gratification by northern visitors, already unobscurely familiar with current practices throughout this section and the west particularly."

A wholesale baptism in Kentucky was prevented because some knave stole the necessary water.

The Last of Pugilism.

It seems reasonable to believe that pugilism is rapidly nearing the point of extinction in this country, so far as public demonstrations are concerned. The spirit of civilization, says the Globe-Democrat, is clearly against the kind of science that fights for gate receipts, and brings together great crowds of the worst elements of society. There can be no doubt about the drift of public sentiment in this respect when prize-fighters are denied protection or indulgence in one state after another, and no place can be found where the law will permit them to give one of their brutal exhibitions. There was a time when pugilism was represented by men who, with all their faults, had a certain order of manliness, and were not bruisers and dead-beats. The change from that class of champions to such as we now have is sufficient to disgust all decent people with the business, and to explain the activity of the public authorities against it. When men like Corbett and Fitzsimmons are put forward as the best representatives of an art that once commanded the respect and patronage of reputable people, it is no wonder that a loud demand ensues for the suppression of fistie contests as a form of popular amusement. These degenerate successors of the past heroes of pugilism are in themselves a conclusive argument against the prize fight of the present day.

Two brothers kept a saloon in a Missouri town. One of them went to Chicago to lay in a stock of liquor. When he left home a revival was in progress in town and he had hardly reached the end of his journey when he received the following telegram: "Bill—buy no liquor. Business is taking us to hell.—Jim." That night Bill went to hear Col. R. G. Ingersoll lecture. As soon as he got back to his hotel he sent off a message as follows: "Jim—Hold off till I come. Have it from a prominent citizen of Illinois that hell is closed up.—Bill."

"I said in my haste, all men are liars," said the Palmist. And it has been a philosophical remark made often since that the Palmist might have said it at his leisure.

The more respectable a law-breaker is, the more dangerous he is to society.

Energy, Enterprise and Push.

It is always a pleasant task when we say something good about people, and the Harpoon is never happier than when it sees and notes the prosperity of the men who labor year in and year out, not only to build up a business for themselves, but at the same time display an unselfish enterprise and anxiety for the substantial welfare of the town and country. If there is anything on earth that gives us a longing for eternal rest and deep, damp solitude, it is a man who comes to town or county, builds up a big, paying business, grows rich and then squats down on the gold like a hen on a door knob and is too stingy even to let the gravels grind in his own gizzard.

A real, genuine, 18-karat, stingy, selfish man can't be honest, and if he ever gets to heaven and his wings he will fold them up and walk for fear he might ruffle a plume or lose a tail feather. The kind of men who build up a town and county, and enjoy life and make the best citizens, are the energetic, enterprising and liberal men who believe in living and letting others live, and who, when they get a dollar, don't squeeze it until the goddess of liberty feels like she had on a querset. Such squeezing is what causes the hard times and stops the circulation of the American eagle. If it were not for our broad-gauged, enterprising men, it would be impossible to build up a prosperous city. Life would be one big game of grab, and the devil take the hindmost would be the order of the day.—Texas Harpoon.

Gov. Bob Taylor, the many another governor, quit the chief executive office of Tennessee a poor man, after serving his state two terms as governor. His first opponent for election was his older brother, Alf Taylor. Since Governor Bob retired from politics he has been lecturing and has been making good money at it. He has made several lecture tours in Texas. Now he has returned home and taken his brother, Alf, into partnership with him and they together are now traveling and lecturing, singing and fiddling to the delight of their audiences. They have a new lecture entitled "Yankee Doodle and Dixie," which is interspersed with music, and is no doubt a rare treat. The ex-governor is a democrat, while his brother, Alf, is a republican, and, as stated before, was the republican nominee for governor at the time Bob was elected. In that campaign it was called a "war of the roses," one wearing a red and the other a white rose, and their partisans did likewise.—Terrell Times-Star.

The monthly statement of the public debt of the federal government, issued Nov. 1st, shows that the total debt of the United States is \$946,431,108, which is an increase for the month of October of \$5,341,472. The treasury accounts for this increase by saying the treasury lost that much cash during the month. Of the total debt above stated, \$747,361,560 bears interest; \$1,681,670 ceased to bear interest since maturity. The debt bearing no interest amounts to \$377,335,876, making a total interest bearing and non-interest-bearing debt of \$1,126,379,106. The non-interest-bearing debt is paper money issued by the government (mostly greenbacks) which is classed as debt, but circulates as currency, but bears no interest, but is redeemable by the government on demand of the holder. The cash in the treasury, classified, was as follows: Gold, \$143,360,885; silver, \$503,083,138; paper currency, \$150,180,447; disbursing officers' certificates amounted to \$15,513,185, making a total cash in the treasury of \$822,117,610, against which there are demand liabilities of \$632,189,612, leaving a cash balance of \$179,947,998.

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Items of Interest.

Twenty-eight fish were found in a can of milk in New York recently.

In England credit over the counter of a public house is not recognized in law.

Monte Carlo, the greatest gambling resort in the world, had a disastrous summer.

Indiana will present Gov. Matthews as a democratic candidate for the presidency.

United States Ambassador to Italy Wayne MacVeagh is once again installed at Rome.

The bicycle of the Khedive of Egypt is a gorgeous machine almost entirely covered with silver plating.

It costs \$1,000,000 a day to run the government of the United States. Pensions absorb about half this sum.

For the first time in history cranberry picking on Cape Cod had to be suspended last week because of a snow-storm.

The oldest pupil in the Boston evening schools is sixty-nine. She is a French woman and is now commencing the last year of her course.

Christmas trees by the hundreds are being marked for harvest in Maine. In a few weeks the crop will be started towards New York and other big cities.

Evangelist Dwight L. Moody will soon begin a noteworthy series of revival sermons at Atlanta, Ga., in a tabernacle seating 7,000 people which has just been built for him. Two bucks shot dead at one stand with two shots from a Winchester was Mr. James Craney's accomplishment in a hunting trip near Abbeville, Ga., a few days ago.

As a remedy for infanticide in Paris M. Louis de Grammont proposes that a baby market be established where parents too poor or too indifferent to take care of their children may sell them to those who will look after them.

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The Western Earthquake Region.

The New York World of 4th inst., speaking of the earthquake shock on the 31st ultimo, says:

The Western earthquake Thursday was unusually wide in its territorial extension. With its centre in the old seat of seismic disturbance about Cairo, Ill., it was felt all over the Mississippi and Ohio valleys and as far east as Ohio, as far north as Michigan and Wisconsin and as far south as New Orleans. The shocks caused much distress and alarm, but there was no serious damage done except at Cairo, where the beautiful library building, a memorial of the late A. B. Safford, was badly injured.

Whatever may be the cause of earthquakes on shelving coasts, those that so frequently visit a part of the Mississippi valley seem clearly to be of volcanic origin. The hot springs of Arkansas constitute a volcanic outlet, and the earthquake history of the region seems to establish a marked connection between the ebullition of the hot water and the seismic shocks.

In 1811 the region over which Thursday's shocks extended was shaken almost daily for many months. New Madrid, Mo., a little south of Cairo, was the centre of disturbance. Great fissures were opened in the earth. The settlers, observing that these cracks ran mainly north and south, felled trees east and west and built their cabins upon them for protection. The Mississippi river ran up stream for three days at one time. In West Tennessee a great tract of land suddenly sank, water taking its place and forming what is now known to fishermen, duck-hunters and others as Reelfoot Lake. To this day trees that sank with the land may be seen standing upright beneath the waters of the lake.

Had the region been populous then, with cities as densely built as many cities are in our time, the earthquakes of 1811 would unquestionably have cost thousands of lives and would have ranked with those of Lisbon, Caracas and Calcutta as historic disasters. Another "earthquake year" such as that one was in the region involved would be a national calamity. Fortunately as the earth grows older such disturbances are less and less to be expected.

The employment and wages of women college graduates are the subject of a report prepared by the Association of Collegiate Alumnae. Responses to an inquiry sent out were received from 451 women graduates who are working for pay, including 169 teachers, 47 librarians, 28 stenographers, 22 nurses and superintendents of nursing, 19 newspaper editors and reporters, 18 clerks, 15 telegraph operators and 15 typesetters. About one-fourth of the number are paid from \$25 to \$50 a month, one third \$50 to \$75, one-fourth \$75 to \$100, and nearly a sixth \$100 to \$200, two exceeding this amount, and two receiving more than \$300 a month. Most of them say that their pay is less than that of men doing the same work, a fact thought to be chiefly due to custom. The main purpose was to ascertain if women college graduates are benefited in business by their training. The answer is affirmative, and this aside from the profession of teaching.

The new woman may follow in the footsteps of man from the time Adam went into the garden of Eden up to the present time, she may wear a white shirt and a high collar and sport diamond studs and a four-in-hand tie, she may wear a long tail coat and bloomers and she may take up many more garments that God intended only for men, but some day she will come to a halt and wonder if she can ever sprout a mustache or become a groom at a wedding.—Exchange.

According to the traditions of the Indians, the world has been destroyed three times—once by fire, once by water and once by grasshoppers.

The postoffice department has begun warning people about being careless in mailing holiday gifts.

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New York city is again in the clutches of the tammany tiger.

Fifty thousand head of cattle are being wintered in the vicinity of Big Springs.

A town or community divided against itself will soon be in the hands of a trustee.

Every dollar turned loose at home may come your way again. Spend your money where you make it.

Rich Yother, a daring desperado, was killed in Collin county by officers last Saturday while resisting arrest.

It is estimated that \$200,000,000 of American gold has been invested in European titles during the last twenty years.

Judge G. A. Brown of Vernon, is prominently mentioned for appointment to the bench of civil appeals, vice Judge Head, resigned.

Last week, near Grandview, John Wilkins shot and killed Grace Taylor, while the latter was eating his supper.

Childress has a cotton gin, which has ginned nineteen bales this season. They expect to gin 1900 bales next year and demonstrate to the world that the panhandle is a cotton country.

Georgetown is happy over the consummation of arrangements for building a \$50,000 addition to the Southwestern University and the early completion of the Georgetown, Trinity and Gulf Railroad.

One of the most absurd claims of the peeps is that theirs is the farmers' and laborers' party. There are more farmers and laborers in the democratic party to-day than all the populist voters combined.

There is now a prospect of the Corbet-Fitzsimmons fight being pulled off in Mexico, just across the Rio Grande from El Paso. Fitzsimmons is now giving sparring exhibitions in this state and waiting for the arrangements to be made for a fight.

The Mineral Wells Graphic says it is "independent" and will support the best man for the office, regardless of party creed. Whenever a paper or an individual lacks the courage to take sides and fight for political convictions, it, he or she may be safely written down as a pop. Democrats are made of the stuff that never quails in the presence of a foe and they have much less respect for a dodger than an enemy who fights in the open. In this country especially those who are not for the democracy can always be counted against the party. Harboring skulkers has done the organization infinitely more harm than good. Kick them off and over the fence.—Comanche Chief.

A story is going the rounds to the effect that a married lady had a birthday anniversary a short time ago, upon which her husband presented her with a pretty piano lamp. He was much flattered when she told him she intended to give it his name, until he asked her reason for so peculiar a proceeding. "Well," said she, "you know, dear, it has a good deal of brass about it, it is handsome to look at, it is not remarkably brilliant, requires a good deal of attention, is sometimes unsteady on its legs, liable to explode when half full, flames up occasionally, is always out at bed time and is bound to smoke."

"It has simply come to this, Jim" said a sound money country editor to the foreman, as he pushed a stick of subscription stove wood into the office heater, and then proceeded to make connection between his Plymouth Rock pants and his suspender by means of a string of mail. "I say, Jim, that the time has come when the monied interests of this country have got to stand together in this financial contest, or else the free silver fanatics will have us by the pants, and an undue inflation of pot-metal currency will reduce us to silver monometallicism, and the reputationists will dance the can-can over the ashes of our wrecked fortunes."—Grand Saline Sun.

As might have been expected, the northern papers are indulging their tears freely over the "poor colored man" who was baked to a brown on the public square in Tyler, for the outrage and murder of a virtuous and respectable white lady. As might also have been expected, not a word of sympathy is expressed for the fate of the victim of the black beast's lust, or for the husband or family of the murdered woman, whose hearts are broken and whose lives are wrecked by the awful fate that overtook their loved one. The fact is, the negro in the south is the especial pet of the northern press and ever since the market gave out and they could sell no more negroes to the south for slaves, they have not ceased to encourage him in any sort of devilry in the south, if thereby they could use him as a political cats paw. This is all the secret there is to the love of the northern press for the "poor colored man." If their regard for him were genuine and they were seeking to promote his highest interest, they would admonish him that the surest way to keep from being lynched, is to stop his villainy. The south can well afford to do without the sympathy of the north in dealing with the negro problem, but the north had as well learn first as last that when a negro rapes a white woman, at least in Texas, that he is just as certain to meet death as he is caught, and the people as a rule, are a little bit particular about the manner in which he shall take his departure.—Wichita Falls Herald.

Erath county gets annually \$8,345 more from the public school fund of Texas than her people pay back to the state in taxes, and the same can be said of many other counties, but the gentlemen who reside at the forks of the creek continue to groan about the enormous burden of taxation. We have a certain number of yokels in this county who send from five to eight children to the public schools from three to five months every year, and they have not paid a dime to the tax collector in ten years. They are strictly "agin" the government and the democratic party, though, because the Alliance and populist brethren have told them these are two engines of oppression for the poor man. All the legislation in this state since the days of E. J. Davis and his horde of thieving republicans, has been favorable to the poor man.—Comanche Chief.

Principles, Not Men!
 It was the administration financial policy that was condemned in the recent election, and not the democratic doctrine. The principles of Jeffersonian democracy are as dear to the American people as they ever were. It is humiliating and sorrowful that the grand and good name of democracy has been used to cover up a pernicious policy, but the party can be reorganized and purged of the impurities and heresies that have attached themselves to it.

There is no need now for recriminations or for quarrels between those who still stand for democratic principles. All who are for the people as against the gold power, must get together.—O'tumwa (La.) Sun.

Indianapolis, Nov. 7.—A long-standing feud between white pupils of the North Meridian Street public School and the colored pupils of a school two blocks away, culminated last night in a pitched battle in University Park. Clubs and stones were used and some of the white boys were unmercifully beaten. None of the participants were over fifteen years old.

A number of negroes were arrested. It was shown that during the ten days a number of white boys had been robbed in Wild Western style, being compelled to stand with hands up while their pockets were plundered of marbles, money and other valuables by the negroes. It was also disclosed that many of the boys both white and black, were armed with revolvers and knives, and that they had sworn vengeance upon each other.

Will the Comanche Chief, Abilene Reporter, Breckinridge Texan and other single gold standard administration newspapers please explain, on any other hypothesis than it is the result of Clevelandism, why this recent political avalanche?—Parker Co. News.

Mr. Gorman has dropped "My Maryland" from his list of songs. Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder Awarded Gold Medal Midwinter Fair, San Francisco.

A Money Sign of the Times.
 The treasury report of changes in circulation during October is eloquent of widespread and general business improvement.

There was a net gain of \$13,265,807 in circulation, not counting national bank notes, which were increased by \$1,035,991, making a total gain in paper circulation of \$14,301,798.

There was also an increase of \$3,207,565 in the circulation of standard silver dollars, but this was offset by the cancellation of Sherman notes and represented only a demand for small money.

A notable feature of the currency changes during October, was the very great reduction in the volume of large notes and the corresponding increase in the circulation of smaller notes, particularly fives and tens. This means pay-rolls and crop movements—the distribution of money among the people. A few figures will suggest its extent.

The volume of \$1,000 notes outstanding decreased during the month no less than \$11,135,000, while the \$100 notes fell off \$956,100, making an aggregate of \$12,191,100. The circulation of fives and tens increased during the same time by \$8,540,755, the remainder of the increase being in ones and twos.

The people are busy. The mills are running. The crops are being marketed. The merchants are selling goods. In a word, prosperity has returned.—N. Y. World.

A boiler explosion in Detroit, Michigan, one day last week wrecked a great five story building, killing thirty-one people and injuring twenty others. "Some one had blundered."

Direct to the Treasurer.
 AUSTIN, Texas, Nov. 1.—Editor Fort Worth Gazette: Will you do me the courtesy to request through the columns of your paper all county papers to say for the information of their readers, that it would greatly relieve this office if all persons would send their moneys for the purchase, lease and interest payments on school land, direct to the treasurer of the state. The law requires this to be done and no provision is made by the law for accepting moneys in this office. Unless this course is adopted in compliance with the law, I shall be compelled, in the interest of economy in this service, to return their moneys to the writers. The people can have no conception of the amount of labor imposed on the land office by this disregard to the law. Besides it causes much delay in having their business letters promptly acknowledged.

Very respectfully,
 ANDREW J. BAKER,
 Commissioner.

Fasting Carried to Extremes.
 The people of Serbia are forever fasting. The most severe fast is that of Lent, which lasts seven whole weeks. Then, on the 20th of June, is the fast of St. Peter, which lasts two weeks, and is observed by some persons for four weeks. From the 1st to the 15th of August, the fast of St. Mary, and Christmas is preceded by a forty days' fast. Apart from these lengthy fasts every Friday and every Wednesday throughout the year is held to be a fast day. Fasting in Serbia is no mere change of diet; it means real abstinence and privation. At St. Peter's fasting has assumed such serious proportions as to constitute a grave medical problem and a national danger, for it affects seriously the health of the population, the strength and fighting capabilities of the soldiers. The medical men reckoned that, on the whole, half the days in the year were fast days. This means that for some six months in the year the population of St. Peter and neighborhood is only fed bread, raw onions, and raw vegetables. No cooking is done; not a morsel of meat is allowed.

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New people are continually coming in.

Big frosts and general winter weather.

Cash paid for Corn at the Sub-Treasury.

J. C. Hindman is up again after a protracted illness.

Jo W. Akin is back from a week's trip to Bowie and other points.

Sheriff Williams is collecting taxes in the rural villages this week.

6 lbs. Tobacco for \$1.00.

Jno. E. MORRISON & Co.

John H. Wood & Son lost about 9000 green bricks by the rain of last week.

Judge R. F. Arnold departed Wednesday for Mineral Wells and other points.

40 lbs. Peas for \$1.00.

Jno. E. MORRISON & Co.

The weather is wintery again, roads are bad and the mails arrive behind time.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Brooks are rejoicing over the arrival of a brand new boy baby.

Mince Meat.

GRAHAM MERCANTILE Co.

A. L. Franklin and family have moved to and are now domiciled on North Oak street.

T. A. Wayne and family left this week for Knox county, where they will reside in future.

Cash paid for Corn at the Sub-Treasury.

Weddings are becoming quite frequent and there are several more said to be on the tapis.

There is now a fine season in the ground and nearly all the farmers have finished sowing wheat.

Fresh Line of California Evaporated Fruits at

Jno. E. MORRISON & Co.

C. W. Morrison and F. W. Girard, jr. have been attending court at Throckmorton this week.

A few Lamps left. Cheaper than ever.

GRAHAM DRUG Co.

Butter and eggs seem to be more plentiful in the market than is usual at this season of the year.

Christmas will be here within a few weeks and the merchants are preparing for a large holiday trade.

New Crop Currants.

GRAHAM MERCANTILE Co.

E. Jackson is making an improvement in the appearance and comfort of his cozy home on South Oak street.

The Graham free school will open on Monday, Nov. 25th, instead of the first Monday in December, as announced last week.

Fresh Comb Honey.

GRAHAM MERCANTILE Co.

B. W. Moss, a solid citizen of the Markley neighborhood, was in the city Tuesday and paid THE LEADER his pleasant periodical call.

Mrs. Baldwin of Denton county arrived on Wednesday's stage and will spend the winter here with her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Clark.

Children's Cloaks at

In order to make room, at

GRAHAM MERCANTILE Co.

Originators of low prices in Graham.

Messrs. Andrew and P. N. Taylor, prominent citizens of Seymour, have been visiting their brother, John Taylor, of this city this week.

Shumaker Bros. are closing out their stock of men's and boys' clothing, and will sell you a good suit cheaper than you ever bought one.

Graham is getting along first-rate without a railroad, but it is more than likely that one will be built to this place before another twelve-month rolls around.

Some varmint got into C. W. Johnson's henery a few nights ago and the report made by his gun was loud enough to scare the varmint to death even if he didn't hit it.

Ladies'

Imperial Belt Hole Supporters, Belling Ribbon, Kid Curlers, at

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We offer Violins, Guitars, Accor-

dions, etc. at a big sacrifice.

GRAHAM DRUG Co.

Two rural citizens "tanked up" last Monday and wanted to settle a difference a la Corbett-Fitzsimmons, but friends intervened and oil was poured upon the troubled waters.

Paints, Oils, Window Glass, etc. Large stock. GRAHAM DRUG Co.

At a business meeting held at the Christian church Wednesday evening, Eld. Ira Adams was employed to take pastoral care of the church for another year—preaching two Sundays in each month.

Silks.

A large line for waists; Fibre Chamois for the large sleeves, only at

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Originators of low prices in Graham.

Rev. M. L. Moody left Monday morning to attend the annual conference of the M. E. church now in session at Temple. He was accompanied by Rev. J. J. Harris of Farmer.

Cash paid for Corn at the Sub-Treasury.

Oak Gholson was in town this week seeking relief from a severe attack of rheumatism. He is able to hobble about and it is hoped he may find an immediate remedy for the excruciating pain he now suffers.

Window Shades.

A nice line,

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GRAHAM MERCANTILE Co's.

Originators of low prices in Graham.

Commissioners' court convened on Monday morning and adjourned Wednesday. There was nothing of importance appearing before the court, except the regular routine business, which was promptly disposed of.

Don't fail to see and price our Violins. Greatest bargains ever offered.

GRAHAM DRUG Co.

Mrs. C. E. Causey of Spokane Falls, Washington, arrived Saturday night and will spend the winter in Graham. Mrs. Causey was formerly a resident of this city and has scores of friends here who are glad to welcome her back.

Dress Goods.

Serges, Henriettas, Cashmeres, and all the late novelties.

GRAHAM MERCANTILE Co.

Originators of low prices in Graham.

Work on the bridge has been progressing satisfactorily, but the workmen are now waiting on the arrival of additional piers. The city has lumber and piling on the ground to trestle the slough and connect the bridge with the mainland on the east side.

Red Wagons! Your boy wants one. We are selling them below cost.

GRAHAM DRUG Co.

Little Cub, the 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Bigham of Dillingham Prairie, died last Monday and was interred in Oak Grove cemetery on Tuesday afternoon. THE LEADER tenders its sincere sympathy to the bereaved family in their sore affliction.

Carpets! Carpets!

We keep in stock a beautiful line of two and three ply carpets. Will measure your room and cut to match.

GRAHAM MERCANTILE Co.

Originators of low prices in Graham.

There are a few good-natured but rollicky school boys in town who usually enjoy their freedom after school hours. As an evidence of this a lamp shade was broken at the Sub-Treasury Tuesday evening by the rollicky crew; but the damage was promptly repaired by the "victim" buying a new shade.

Attention Fiddlers.

A meeting of all the fiddlers of Young and adjoining counties is called to meet at our store as soon as possible to examine and price our stock of musical instruments.

GRAHAM DRUG Co.

Corbett and Fitzsimmons failed to pull off their fight in Texas, but two of our local pugilists "pulled off" an impromptu fisticuff in front of the Red Store Saturday night. Sheriff Williams and Marshal Harris stopped the fight at the close of the first round, as the pugilists were not observing the Queensberry rules.

Money Saved is Money Made.

We save you money on your purchases of Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots, Shoes and Groceries.

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New subscribers to THE LEADER are coming in at a rapid rate. Many of them are taking advantage of the great combination offer to be found in another column. Remember this offer will be withdrawn on January 1st and if you wish to avail yourself of the opportunity to procure good newspapers at a great reduction of price you must speak before that time.

Prof. G. A. Gray of South Bend is in the city.

Surveyor Hughes of Jacksboro was in the city this week.

The stage drivers and freighters say the roads are in a fearful condition.

Graham can boast of several amateur fiddlers and some of them give promise of a brilliant future in the musical world.

Wednesday's east-bound stage broke down before it reached Christian and was four hours late in reaching here Thursday.

W. V. Bigham and wife of Dillingham Prairie remained in town a day or two with relatives, after the interment of their child here on Tuesday.

The Graham Mercantile Co. are having a magnificent sign painted, so that "he who runs may read."

Jas. B. Girard is doing the work and has demonstrated that he is not a novice in this line.

Dr. J. W. Gallaher, assisted by Drs. Price, Geo. LeGrand, C. M. Scogin and Logan of Finis, amputated Tom Abernathy's leg last Monday. The leg was injured several years ago by the accidental discharge of a pistol and it would not get entirely well; so the physicians, as well as the patient himself, thought it best to amputate it. The operation was a very dangerous one, but was successfully performed and at last accounts the patient was doing well.

Overcoats.

See and price. We save you money on them and sell you only the correct styles.

GRAHAM MERCANTILE Co.

Originators of low prices in Graham.

There was a raffle for two elegant lamps, valued at \$10 each, Wednesday night. Virg Eddleman threw the highest number and won the choice of lamps, while John Bosworth threw low and won second choice. County Attorney Kay appeared upon the scene yesterday morning and will prosecute all engaged in the raffle, about twenty-five in number, for gambling. A few of the particeps criminis threaten to sue out a writ of habeas corpus before Judge Hurt; but the matter will doubtless be settled to the satisfaction of all in the local courts.

To make room for our Xmas goods, we offer all Lamps at cost during this month.

GRAHAM DRUG Co.

Deputy U. S. Marshal J. W. Cornelius has returned from Leavenworth, Kansas, where he placed the four convicts, sent up at the recent term of federal court at this place, in the federal penitentiary. Mr. Cornelius says when the prisoners arrived at Dallas, en route to the penitentiary, the Italian citizen, Angelo Pio, sent up for passing counterfeit dimes, was afraid to abide temporarily in the Dallas jail, fearing the "kangaroo court."

Pio went to jail just the same and paid the penalty, being unable to sit on a cushion from Dallas to Leavenworth.

Married.

Mr. E. H. Wade and Miss Amy Graves were united in marriage at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Graves, at 10:30 o'clock last Sunday morning.

Rev. M. L. Moody performing the ceremony in his usual happy and impressive manner. The wedding was a very quiet one, no one but the immediate relatives of the contracting parties being present.

This young couple are well known in society circles, the bride having lived here from early childhood, and the groom has called Graham home for several years, being now identified with the Graham Mercantile Co., one of the principal business institutions of the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade will reside on Pecan street and are now getting ready for housekeeping "just like old folks."

NORMAN-MABRY.

On Thursday evening, Nov. 14, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. James H. Norman to Miss Ella Mabry, Eld. Ira Adams officiating.

The union of this popular young couple has been the on view for several weeks, and the consummation of the happy event brings forth a spontaneity of congratulation from a large number of friends.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Mabry, and having grown from childhood into lovely womanhood in our midst is loved and admired by all for her many noble qualities of heart and mind.

The groom is a popular young business man, now associated with the firm of Jno. E. Morrison & Co., and possesses in an eminent degree all the essential characteristics for a successful career in life.

THE LEADER takes great pleasure in congratulating this worthy couple and trusts that their entire life may be one continual ray of happiness.

Facts From Farmer.

Farmer is moving on at the same old pace.

H. M. Hawkins is just completing a new residence in town.

H. C. Williams and Edgar Ryb of Graham, were in town on business the first of the week.

Rev. Metcalf of Seymour closed his series of meetings here on last Sunday night. He is an earnest and forceful preacher. His lecture, Saturday night, on "The Evils of the Social Dance," would have made Abe Mulkey "green with envy."

"Twas decidedly rich and every word true.

The public school opened here two weeks ago with a good attendance. The school building has been much improved by a movable partition and a lot of new blackboards.

The Teachers' Institute here last Friday and Saturday was meagerly attended; Prof. Gant and Lindsey being the only visiting teachers. The program was briefly discussed in an informal manner. The most important steps taken by the institute was the organization of a reading circle for the teachers of the northern part of the county and for those who are near us in Archer county. The first meeting of the circle will be held at Farmer on Saturday Dec. 9th. All teachers in active work are cordially invited to attend.

Steps were also taken to get up a directory of the teachers of Young county; provided THE LEADER will grant us space for that purpose.

W. A. Davis was appointed to write it up from data furnished by the teachers themselves. S. W. P.

New Crop Molasses, Maple Syrup, Dodson & Hils' Pickles, Choice Confectionery, Apples, Staple and Fancy Groceries in the greatest profusion and at the lowest prices.

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Every reader can get a handsome briar pipe free. See advertisement of Duke's Cigarettes.

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GRAHAM DRUG Co.

We Have to Sell—What?

A beautiful line of Jewelry, Children's Underwear and a general variety of notions, at the Racket Store.

South Bend Budget.

It rained down here. It rained hard. There will be a good acreage of wheat planted in this section.

Mr. B. H. Payne, who has been sick for some time, is yet very ill.

Dr. Geo. LeGrand was in consultation with Dr. Love of this place last week on the case of Mr. Payne.

He is afflicted with a combination of diseases, but it is hoped they will be checked by the physicians now attending him.

The river was not fordable for several days after the rain.

Public school begins here next Monday. The teacher earnestly requests that all pupils be present at the opening that they may be represented in the arrangement of the program, and that they may get an incite to what is expected of them as pupils; what can and must be done during the term. It is also requested of the parents that they so arrange matters to have their children attend regularly. They cannot accomplish anything at school unless they attend it. As teacher we are not responsible for what they fail to learn while being kept at home. Let nothing but sickness interfere with attendance.

Rev. M. K. Irvin preached an able sermon here last Sunday. He left Monday to be in attendance at conference which meets at Temple on the 14th inst.

J. L. Payne of Graham was in South Bend this week visiting his brother, B. H. Payne, who is sick.

Wink Parker was in Graham Sunday.

Quite a number of the farmers who went to Ranger with cotton were caught in the rain Thursday night and were delayed on their return.

John Scott is nursing a sore hand, which renders him unable to attend to his farm duties.

Wilson Copeland had business in Graham Monday. GEE A. GEE.

Clocks at cost.

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A well selected stock of gents' hats, over-shirts, under-shirts, neck wear, etc. a thousand other things to the Racket Store.

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At the Bargain House of V. F. Gorrisen, at bed rock prices. Will undersell any house in the West. Don't pay traveling machine agents \$45 to \$60 when you can get them for less than half the price from our hand—no cheap job machines, but only the very best grades, such as the Domestic, New Home, White, Empress, New Crown, New Cottage and Union—\$22 to \$32 each.

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In Memory of Thomas J. Kenan.

To THE LEADER.

As old associates, we had hoped that we would see in THE LEADER some suitable expression upon the death of Thomas J. Kenan. It is fitting that such should be made. Not more words of fulsome praise, but a simple tribute to his memory; for he possessed in an eminent degree, those qualities of heart and mind—a gentle blending of sincerity, purity and beauty;—the contemplation of which, makes mankind better.

We regret that such has not been prepared by one endowed with the power to portray in a suitable manner, the character of one of the purest and noblest men who ever called Graham "Home."

At Graham, he unfolded the promises of early manhood. Here unfolded the ray-based possibilities of the future; alas, too often an "ignis fatuus" that but marks the pathway to the grave.

He was born in Quincy, Florida, on the 26th of October, 1853. In the early seventies he came to Graham, and in the intervening years can be found no trace of a questionable act; and as the consciousness of righteous deeds brings peace of mind above price, such was his reward.

In a heart readily responsive to good were early instilled by the gentlest of parents lofty principles, developing a nature of singular purity.

As in ante-bellum days, the people of the land of his birth were distinguished by an elegance of manner and courtliness of bearing, the influence of which survived the blight of war; so, in him, were best typified those qualities to which all the world delight to pay homage, and re-invests the term "gentleman" with its true significance.

As his character is contemplated, unbidden words of tender regard and others expressive of his merit, struggle for utterance.

Resolute of purpose, an integrity and candor that shrank from evasion, inviolable fidelity to his word, frankness, a solicitous regard for the rights and comfort of others, a total absence of revenge or malignity, attachments to friends, gratitude to his benefactors, patience in misfortune, mildness, sobriety, purity of life, all springing from an innate nobility of character, were his distinguishing traits.

In man's estate he evinced a fervent and sincere piety, for "He found in the christian religion a subject of faith and consolation, and in its precepts a rule of practice."

For ten years he served the Federal Government as a weather observer and severed his connection therewith, leaving a record of unsurpassed excellence. About the year 1885, while engaged at the military post of Fort Bridger, Wyo., he sustained a serious illness, that left him for many years thereafter more or less an invalid, and resulted in a serious impairment of his vision.

A cruel accident at Fort Worth on July 7th, 1895, caused his death, leaving a wife, child and other kindred, as well as many friends, to mourn the loss of the noblest man they ever knew.

Obituary.

Mrs. Mary Higgins, wife of E. T. Higgins, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Stone, died at her home on Fish creek, Nov. 8th, 1895, of pneumonia. She was twenty years of age, and by her sweet disposition and quiet, loving ways always won the hearts of all with whom she came in contact. She had for two years been a devoted member of the Methodist church, during which time she lived a consistent christian, always at her post of duty when possible and ever wielding an influence for good. Mrs. Higgins leaves many friends who are sad at her departure. A husband and a little babe are left behind; also a fond mother and father, two sisters and three brothers, who miss her sadly. May God's grace cheer and comfort the sorrowing ones, and may they all meet in the Sweet Beyond. A FRIEND.

Nothing like it. At the Racket Store. Call and examine this stock before you buy.

Lamps at cost.

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The R. G. Graham Drug Co. will open by Dec. 1st the most complete line of Holiday Goods ever brought to Graham, consisting of Silverware, German, French, and Japanese Pottery and Chinaware, Japanese Novelties, Fine Pictures in Oils, Pastels and Crayons. Elegant line of Toys of all kinds. Everything at prices that cannot be beaten.

Take Notice.

We have engaged Mr. J. T. Rickman to collect all notes and accounts due us. Prompt payment of same will be highly appreciated by us.

Yours truly,

PORTER & EDDLEMAN.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.

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When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

Great Combination Offer.

We will send THE LEADER, the Fort Worth Weekly Gazette and the American Farmer (monthly), all one year for \$1.25 in advance; or the above three papers and the New York Thrice-a-Week World for \$2.00. Just think of it, 272 papers for \$2.00. This offer will be withdrawn after the expiration of sixty days. Send in your orders now.

Advertised Letters.

In the Graham Post Office for the week ending Nov. 12, 1895. If not called for within two weeks the same will be sent to the dead letter office.

John Gregory, Mr. Thompson, A. J. Wilkerson, M. R. Williams, C. C. Upton, Joe Upham.

When calling for the above letters please say "advertised."

G. H. CROZIER, P. M.

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STAYING A DEATH.

It was living in seclusion in a small town about thirty-five miles north of London. I was writing a novel. So engrossed was I with my task that I had no time even to read the newspaper and was quite ignorant of what was going on in the world. It was a little after 8 o'clock one evening in April that I finished the second volume of my work. It was with great satisfaction that I wrote, and with considerable flourish, too, the words, "End of Volume the Second."

It was useless doing any more that night, so I put on my hat and coat and started off for an evening stroll. I had no sooner stepped into the street than a boy accosted me with a bundle of papers under his arm. "I have a request," he said, "to buy an evening paper, sir." I bought one, put it in my pocket, and resumed my walk.

My landlady had brought in my supper, and, as my walk had given me an appetite, it was with no small pleasure that I viewed a goodly joint of cold beef awaiting my attack.

I had laid the newspaper on the table when entering the room, intending to read it during supper, but it was not till I had lit a pipe and subsided into a cozy armchair by the fire that I unfolded the sheet of printed matter.

Therefore I looked at the "leader." Something about a new "Greek loan." That didn't interest me. I skipped through the little items of news and hurried Jeffries and summarized peculiar to our evening papers. Presently my eye was caught with the following paragraph heading:

"The murderer of the unfortunate James Renture will be hanged tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock. The wretched man, whose name—Charles Penthurst—is now in everybody's mouth, still persists in his plea of innocence."

The name of Penthurst was most familiar to me. I formed a personal friendship with a man of that name. He was a good fifteen years my senior and had died about two years previously. I knew he had a son named Charles, a young fellow, who had broken his way south Africa early in life. Could this be the same man? I read on:

"It will be remembered that at the trial the strongest circumstantial evidence was brought to bear upon Penthurst. The murder took place in a house on the outskirts of the small town of Clinfold."

"It is proved that Penthurst was in the habit of frequenting Renture's premises and that, apparently, he was expected there on the evening in question. He was seen near the place soon after the crime was committed and several other proofs of a strongly condemnatory character were also laid against him."

"He has persisted from the first, however, in maintaining that he was absent from Clinfold at the very time the murder took place. This was about 7 o'clock in the evening. At that hour he says he was returning from London, where he had been spending part of the day. Only one witness, he says, could prove this, and this is an individual who traveled with him as far as London and entered into conversation with him. Advertisements have been inserted in all the papers by Penthurst's legal advisers, but as no answer has been forthcoming, it is generally believed that the story is a myth. The murder was committed on February 6. Since his condemnation the prisoner has been confined in Silkmaster jail, where his execution will take place."

"Astomishing and dismay confronted me as I laid the paper down. I was the missing witness they had so vainly sought. I had entered into conversation on the return journey with the only other occupant of my compartment, a young man with small black hair, on which were painted the letters 'C. F.' I remembered all this distinctly. In order to make sure I scratched up my diary and quickly thumbed to the date of the murder, February 6. There was the entry.

"The horror of the situation now flashed upon me. A man's life—the life of my old friend's son—depended upon me. I looked at my watch. It was just 11 o'clock. Hurriedly I dragged on my boots, thinking the while what I should do. My first impulse was to rush to the telegraph office. Then, with dismay, I remembered that it was shut for the night after 8 o'clock and that the postmaster took the 8:30 train to a large town about five miles off, leaving the office for the night in the charge of a caretaker, and returning by an early train the next morning.

Then I thought of going to the police there were just two constables and a sergeant in our little town, but what could they do more than try? Madly I threw on my hat and rushed out. I ran in a mechanical way to the post-office. Then I started for the railway station. This was about half a mile from town. As I hurried along, I thought, with fresh dismay, that this would also prove a fruitless errand, for the last train to Silkmaster was the 8:30 p. m. should leave till the morning and telegraph? I remembered that the office did not open till 8 o'clock. I had, by this time, reached the station. Of course it was all shut up and all the lights were out except those in the signal boxes for the night ex-

press. It is now 11:30. Was there no hope? Yes!

"At this moment my eye caught a light in the signal box, about a quarter of a mile up the line. I could see the signalman in his box, the outline of his figure standing out against the light within.

I looked at my watch; the down express from London was almost due. I would make a dash for that signal box, and compel the occupant to put the signal against it and stop it.

Even as I reached the rails, a semaphore signal that was near me fell to its arm, and the red light changed into a brilliant green. Would there be time?

It was very dark, and I stumbled over and over again. I had cleared about half the distance, when I heard the ominous roar ahead, and in a few seconds could distinguish the distant glitter of the engine's lamp-head bearing towards me.

"At that instant my eye fell upon a ghastly-looking apparition. It was a train of the dark. It resembled a one-arm gallow with a man dangling from it. This strange looking apparition was none other than a mail bag suspended from a post—in fact, part of the apparatus by which a train going at full-speed picks up the mails.

"A mad and desperate idea took possession of me. The train that was bearing down, and that would reach me in one minute, should pick me up with the mails. If I could hang on to that bag so that it came between me and the net it would break the force of the shock and the net would receive me as well as the bag.

"I have hung just over my head. I jumped at it, seized it, drew myself up parallel with it, held it firmly at the top, where it swung by a hook, and drew my legs up so as to present as small a compass as possible.

Then I waited. It was but a few seconds, but it seemed hours. I heard the roar of the approaching train. Then the engine dashed past me. I shall never forget the row of lighted carriages passing about a foot away from me—closer even than that, I suppose—and I hanging and waiting for the crash to come.

"And it came. There was a dull thud—a whirr and a rush, and all was dark. When I came to my senses I was lying on the floor of the postal van. Two men in their shirt sleeves were busily engaged in sorting letters at a rack. I felt bruised and stiff all over, and I found that my left arm was wound in a sling, made out of a handkerchief.

"Where are we?" I asked. "Oh, you've come to, have you?" said one of them. "Now, perhaps you'll give an account of yourself. It's peculiarly lucky you're here at all, let me tell you, for if you had been a taller man we should only have got a part of you in the net. As it is, you've got your collar bone broken. Now, perhaps, you'll speak out; and look here, if we find you've been dodging the police, don't you go thinking you'll give us any more of your kind. The mail van isn't a refuge of that sort."

"They would not believe me at first. Luckily, though, I had put the evening paper and my diary in my pocket, so I showed them the paragraph and the entry. They were civil enough then. 'Well, sir, we shall be in Silkmaster about 2, or a little later. I hope you'll be able to save the poor fellow's life. You must excuse our turning to look again, and the best thing for you will be to rest yourself.'

"Before he went to work again the other one said: 'What a pity you never thought of a better way out of the difficulty than coming in here so sudden like.' 'What was that?' 'Why, you should have got the signalman to telegraph to Silkmaster; he could have done it all right.'

"What an idiot I had been after all! However, I should be in time to stop the execution.

"A little after 3 we drew up at Silkmaster station. There was a police man on the platform, and I at once told my story to him, the result being that he drove round to the jail and insisted upon seeing the governor.

"Of course, he was deeply interested in what I had to tell him, and at once made arrangements to stop the execution. The home secretary was communicated with by means of special wire. Fortunately he happened to be in town, and after a couple of hours' anxious suspense, a reprieve was received from him.

"Little remains to be told. I soon identified the condemned man as the person whom I had met in the train. He also turned out to be the son of my old friend, as I had fully expected. After the due formalities he was discharged, and about a fortnight afterwards the real murderer was discovered and captured.

"A bicyclette. Saturday afternoon passengers on a north-bound limits car going past Lincoln park saw a large, odd-shaped object fitting among the trees and moving along a dirt driveway in the same direction as the car. 'It moves like a bicycle, but the top part is too big for a man,' said one. 'Maybe he's got a load of hay on his back,' said another. 'I bet that's the fat bicycle agent, was the inspiration of the man who spoke first. As the object sailed along people wondered. Suddenly there was an opening in the trees and the object darted out into the sunshine, disclosing a combination of bicycle and a large parcel.

"The Daily News reporter who was going to view the 500 feet extension of the lake shore speeding drive yearned to know more. The car steadily gained on the rider, and when it had got far enough ahead the reporter dropped off the footboard and started on a cross-country move toward a spot where interception and an interview seemed plausible. But it was too warm for the nature of the undertaking and the bicyclette had passed the point of arrival. The parcel had lace on it and she wore bloomers—Chicago News.

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The farming communities of Kansas are just now evincing great interest in the experiments that are being made by the milling companies at various places with Kaffir corn, the new variety, that grows in defiance of drought and dust and hot winds. Several mills have ground the corn into flour, and the bread that is made therefrom is said by Kansas epicures to be most excellent. It resembles in taste and color Graham, or brown bread, but the flavor is better and the taste more pleasant. Unquestionably the new cereal is a food product of great value. In addition to making good bread and cakes, the corn makes fine "popcorn." Every grain pops out white and full, and there are none of the hard particles and unpopped grains found in the ordinary popcorn.

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