

The Graham Leader.

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The republicans and populists of Louisiana will fuse on a state ticket.

Longview is expecting parties to establish there a tannery and shoe factory.

This is leap year and the coming woman leaps into the saddle and makes her wheel spin.

Utah is now a full-fledged state. The president issued a proclamation this effect on the 4th inst.

The street car strikers failed in their second attempt in Philadelphia. The hotheads misled them.

Two thousand bales of cotton were burned at Clarksville last Saturday, entailing a loss of \$50,000.

The Greenville Herald has eighteen announcements of candidates for the various county offices at the November election.

President Cleveland has signed the proclamation admitting Utah to statehood. This makes forty-five stars for "old glory."

Marion Hardcastle has been given thirty-five years in the penitentiary for the murder of Dr. J. J. Wray, at Dallas, in October last.

Cotton growers of the south are called to meet in Memphis on Jan. 21 to consider the advantages to be gained by a further decrease in the size of the cotton field.

The republican congress will do break the "endless knot" after a 48-hour session from Co. Sibley I started for Louey. I took a bunk in the car, like I had been doing for six past; and I reckon the other folks best thought I was a heap uv a more for every half-hour I give the nigger a dollar to break me off. The car wuz full uv people—rich people, too, I reckon. They wore good clothes and crecked the scenery. Just across from me there wuz a lady with a big fat baby—the prettiest woman I had seen in a month uv Sundays; and the baby why, dog-gone my skin when I wuzn't payin' money to the nigger, darned if I didn't set there watchin' the big fat little cuss, like he wuz the only baby I had seen. I ain't much of a nigger, 'cause I haven't no nigger in my eye when I see Albuquerque—Graham, Tex.

The editor of this paper has received various kinds of Christmas presents this season. One lady was kind enough to give us a piece of her mind.—Comanche Chief.

You should not let a little matter like that bother you. Such presents are of almost daily occurrence with some editors.

"Now, Mary Ann, said the teacher addressing the foremost of the class in mythology, "who was it that supported the world on his shoulders?" "It was Atlas ma'am."

"And who supported Atlas?" The book doesn't say; but I suppose his wife supported him."

Lieut.-Gov. Jester concluded his address at Atlanta by saying to the audience: If your burden becomes too heavy to bear among these old red hills, remember a hearty welcome, and peace, and plenty, and contentment, await you on Texas' broad and fertile domain."

The Federation of Labor, in session at New York, condemned the proposition that laboring men organize politically separate and apart from other classes. The action means that the Federation of Labor declines to be considered in any sense a partisan political force.

One correspondent of a New York paper says that George Vanderbilt is considered a greater man than George Washington in North Carolina. George V. must have been entertaining some members of the North Carolina legislature who placed Fred Douglass above R. E. Lee.—Houston Post.

President Cleveland has named the Venezuelan boundary commission, and as usual the great mug-wump favors the republicans, appointing three members of that party and two democrats. The following compose the commission: David J. Brewer, of Kansas, justice of the U. S. supreme court; Richard H. Alley, of Maryland, chief justice of the court of appeals of the District of Columbia; Andrew D. White of New York, Frederick R. Candert of New York, and Daniel C. Gilman of Maryland.

The Financial Can-Can.

In a recent issue of his weekly bulletin Henry Clews calls attention to a fact upon which the Gazette has commented from time to time: That there is no precedent anywhere for the extraordinary facilities offered by the United States treasury for the withdrawal of gold. The system which has been adopted here by executive ruling—not by legislative action, but in defiance of it—has the appearance of being concocted to precipitate just such emergencies as have resulted from it. The pretext for the extraordinary policy which has placed the treasury of the United States at the mercy of all the money gamblers and stock brokers of all the world is that it is necessary to retain public confidence. On this subject Mr. Clews, who is one of the oracles of Wall street, says:

"The banks of England, France and Germany put all the obstacles possible in the way when gold is required from them in large amounts to send out of their countries, while in this country we have always done exactly the opposite. The banks have furnished the facilities by giving greenbacks in large quantities, when called for, which are presented to the treasury as received from the banks, and the government gives gold in exchange almost instantly in bags with the government's seal on, the amount being officially marked thereon. These bags are received from the treasury and put on shipboard and depart from our country seriously to our detriment in times like these."

Even Wall streeters are becoming disgusted with the financial can-can in politics.—Ft. Worth Gazette.

They Must Be Benefactors. We are fast coming upon a period when virtuous self respect marks the standard of the man or woman, and not the length of the purse string, nor the title they have worn.

We are coming upon a time when men of great wealth, unless they are known as benefactors, are regarded with suspicion and dislike, not only by anarchists, but by the best people of the land—and why? because of the excuses to which they resort.

Jefferson, with whom President Monroe had consulted, warmly approved the Monroe doctrine. In writing to Monroe, he said: "Our first and fundamental maxim should be never to entangle ourselves in the broils of Europe. Our second never to suffer Europe to meddle in cis-atlantic affairs. America, North and South, has a set of interests distinct from those of Europe and peculiarly her own. She should therefore have a system of her own, separate and apart from those of Europe. While the last is laboring to become the domicile of despotism, our endeavor should surely be to make our hemisphere that of freedom."

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This is what is the matter now with the country. Legislation has been and is now, too much in favor of the bankers and speculators, without regard to the interests of the people.—Ottumwa Sun.

A Yankee book agent has been coining money by the barrel in Alabama. He came from Connecticut and has been selling books chiefly to negroes. He soon came to appreciate the enthusiasm of the negro in matters of religion. He found that in all the illustrated bibles the pictures of the angels were white, and conceived the idea of having a Bible made for the colored race filled to overflowing with negro angels. The books cost him about \$1.10 a piece, but he placed the first large shipment at \$8 each, payable \$2.50 cash, and the balance in monthly payments. He is selling the books as fast as he can get them delivered.—Ex.

Hector D. Lane is making heroic efforts to induce the farmers of the country to avoid over-production of cotton in the next crop. His services in this line heretofore have been of incalculable value to the agricultural interests of the South.

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Sullivan Knocked Out Again.

John L. Sullivan has been knocked out for the second time in a fair fight. It happened at La Salle Ill., a few nights ago. Sullivan and Paddy Ryan were traveling with a dramatic company, another member of which is a large billy goat named "Dan." Sullivan had great delight in bantering the goat and watching the frantic efforts of the latter to resent it.

John L. would slap Dan, pull his whiskers and offer other indignities that fairly drove his goatship insane with rage. When he could think of nothing worse Sullivan would turn Dan over on his back, where the goat would lie helpless, his spreading horns preventing him from turning over.

Then Sullivan would spit in his face. Dan's feelings toward the ex-champion became such that he would snort with rage at sight of the pugilist. But his day of reckoning came. When the show was at La Salle Sullivan was standing in a dressing room near the stage engaged in putting on his shoes when the door opened and Dan who was standing near by the wall as usual, got a glimpse of him. The goat made a lunge and snapped his rope. Before Sullivan realized that he was in any danger Dan had struck him with the force of a trolley car and the big fellow was knocked into a corner of the room. Sullivan tried to rise and the goat give him another rap so hard that he could not rise. He just lay on the floor and gasped. A member of the company walked in at the moment and the goat give him a butt in the stomach that laid him out completely. Sullivan had by this time regained his wind and let out a series of lusty bawls for help that brought enough reinforcements to subdue Dan. Sullivan for a time was wild with anger and nothing less than the murder of the goat was satisfactory. He finally changed his mind and now says that Dan can whip any goat on earth and he is ready to back him.

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HAVERA IN POSSESSION OF THE CUBANS.

Boston, Jan. 6.—The Traveler has received the following dispatch: Batabano, Cuba, Jan. 6.—At 1:30 o'clock this morning the cable operator here received the following dispatch: Cubans have captured the city (Havana). Mora Castle alone holds out. General Campos. Here the dispatch ended abruptly, as cable communication between Havana and this point was cut off. There has been no confirmation of the statement contained in the foregoing dispatch that Havana has been captured.

Jesus Petuna, a well-known patriot, received a cipher dispatch from General Gomez this morning declaring that the Spaniards were hemmed on all sides and that before nightfall Havana would be in possession of the patriotic troops.

Madrid, Jan. 6.—The Herald announces that Martinez de Campos, captain general of the forces in Cuba and governor-general of the island, has resigned.

The Cuban news recently received here has caused much excitement in Spain, and it is believed that further reinforcements will be dispatched to Cuba.

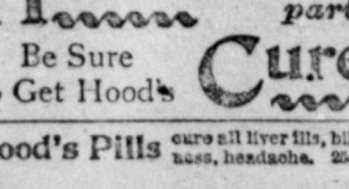
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WATCH THE X MARK.

Many of our subscribers are in arrears on their subscriptions to THE LEADER. Some are one year and others are more than one year behind. They are all good pay, but have neglected to keep square with the printer. If you are in arrears a cross mark will appear after your name for each year or fraction of a year that you owe. Now don't get mad and say we dunned you; but take the hint, square up and look pleasant.

LITTLE LOCAL LEADERS.

Fine weather for winter. More weddings to follow soon. The roads have been bad again and mails late. County court convenes in regular session next Monday. Merchants report trade holding up remarkably well since the holidays. F. M. Durham has moved, and now lives in the Spring creek neighborhood. Farmers are all well and do not come to town unless it is a case of "pushency."

Robt. F. Arnold started Wednesday on a business trip to Fort Worth and other points. Miss Maud Carmichael returned one day this week from a visit to friends in Jack county. Mrs. V. E. Eddieleman left Tuesday morning to visit her sister, Mrs. J. R. Fore, at Memphis.

J. A. Wright of Rico, Col., arrived Wednesday night on a visit to his father, T. A. Wright. F. M. Drum, one of the substantial citizens of Qiney, gave THE LEADER a pleasant call Tuesday. We will pay 25 cents per bushel, in mill stuff or groceries, for Corn. GRAHAM MILL CO.

A bevy of merry skaters enjoyed the first skating of the season on Salt creek last Saturday and Sunday. Large quantities of pork have been marketed in the past two weeks. The ruling price has been 3-1/2 cents per pound. R. G. Beard, who has been visiting his father, R. F. Beard of this city, departed Wednesday for his home in Arkansas.

One young gentleman in town has bought a cozy little home and will capture a life partner about the 20th inst. to occupy it with him. I will make a trip to Mineral Wells soon. You had better call early if you want work. M. H. CHISM.

The windows of the Christian church have been nicely painted by the diligent artist, J. L. Payne, who did the work free of charge. Undie Girard, while skating on Salt creek last Saturday, had the misfortune to go through the ice. He escaped injury, but enjoyed a frigid bath.

S. W. Goode and Miss Mary Stockton were united in marriage at the residence of Mrs. Sibley on Wednesday, Judge N. J. Timmons tying the nuptial knot. The new buildings of S. B. Street & Co., and Jno. E. Morrison & Co., are quite an improvement upon the old buildings, as they have handsome iron and zinc fronts.

John Marsee of Texas county, Mo., who has been visiting his brothers here, returned to his home Wednesday and will make his home in Young county as soon as he can arrange matters in Missouri. A little child of Mr. and Mrs. Green died Tuesday night. The bereaved parents seem to be peculiarly unfortunate, as this is the second child they have lost within the past few months.

The Salt creek bridge and approaches are about completed and the work is first class in every respect. Street Commissioner Taylor has had a force of hands at work on the dump on the east side, while W. L. Cornett had the contract for the work on the west side. To the farmers of Young and adjoining counties: Our Gin will start up next Wednesday week and finish up the present crop, so all that have cotton in the seed and want us to handle it must bring it in, as we will not buy any cotton in the seed after that time. MERCHANTS, Graham, Jan. 10, 1896.

Small pastures to lease, call on C. P. Benson, office in Court House.

Little Allie Norris has been quite sick this week. Bob Henry departed for his home in Potter county Tuesday. The Teachers' Institute meets at Goose Neck school house tomorrow. Frank Kramer and brother of Fish creek were in the city yesterday. I. H. Carmichael is re-covering and otherwise improving his dwelling. Dr. E. F. Lewis is recovering rapidly from a severe spell of pneumonia. Pork is cheap and everybody is reveling in sausage, spare ribs, backbones, etc. I. H. Jones boarded the east bound stage Wednesday morning for Itasca and other points. G. C. Johnson and family left Wednesday for Mineral Wells, where they will reside in future. Now is a good time to bring that wood you promised THE LEADER. We won't need it next summer. Jno. E. Morrison & Co. yesterday bought a bunch of fat hogs of J. S. Timmons, paying three cents lb gross. Miss Nettie Short is confined to her home by sickness. Her numerous friends wish her a speedy recovery. Mrs. Foust and daughter of Knox county arrived on Wednesday's stage, and are visiting friends in the city. Chas. E. Robinson and wife have returned from a visit to Fort Worth, where they spent the holidays with relatives. The two dollar a dozen cut on Photos will soon be over. Call at once if you want the benefit of it. M. H. CHISM.

Foster, the weather prophet, says we will have squally weather next Friday and Saturday. Replenish your stock of fuel. Miss Mary Graves has been quite sick during the week, and Miss Lizzie LeGrande has been conducting her school in Tonk Valley. John Kinsinger, one of the solid farmers of the Finis region, was in the city Tuesday and gave THE LEADER his periodical call. The good year 1896 will witness more farming and better farming in Young county than has ever been known in her history. The man Simmons, arrested last week on a charge of carrying a pistol, entered a plea of guilty before the county judge, Tuesday, and was given ten days in jail. The Graham gin has turned out 1880 bales of cotton for the season and it is thought the number will exceed 1900 bales when the gin closes for the season. The sheriff's office has been crowded with tax payers during the past two weeks, but the rush is about over and the sheriff can now enjoy a breathing spell. Exposure to cold, damp winds, may result in pneumonia unless the system is kept invigorated with Hood's Sarsaparilla. There was a man in town this week prophesying that the millennium would come in 1900, and was warning all to make preparation for eternity while they had four years' time. C. R. Rutherford has returned from a visit to Groesbeck and was accompanied home by his daughter, Mrs. E. S. Sharp of that place, who is visiting her parents and other relatives here. Mr. W. T. Cyrus of Galveston, who has been quite sick at the residence of his brother-in-law, John M. Wyatt, during the past month, is now able to be up and is improving rapidly. Dan Bryant returned from a visit to relatives in Arkansas yesterday. He says the old country don't look like it use to—the hills are all jammed up together. Dan says that Texas is the best State in the Union, and that Young county is the best county in the State. School Desks for sale on long time. J. N. JOHNSTON. Gus Young of the Eliasville community was tried before the county judge yesterday upon a writ of inquiring de lunatico. He was adjudged insane and will be sent to the asylum. This unfortunate man was sent to the asylum once and was discharged from that institution as cured; but he now seems to be in a worse condition mentally than before.

An Old Newspaper. Miss Nettie Short has handed THE LEADER a copy of the Ulster County Gazette, published at Kingston, N. Y., January 4, 1800. The paper, now yellow with age, was presented to Capt. J. C. Short by his father, and has been carefully preserved. It contains an account of the death and funeral of President George Washington on Dec. 14th, 1799; besides a number of advertisements which in these modern times seem peculiar. Some of them read as follows: "For Sale.—A stout, healthy, active negro wench. Any person inclined to purchase, may know the particulars by applying to John Schoonmaker, at Rochester. Nov. 23, 1799." "A quantity of Scotch Peas for sale, or will be exchanged for wheat. John Tremper, Dec. 28, 1799." "Strayed, a Red Bull, branded on both horns P. T. B. Any person having taken up the said bull will be thanked, by giving information to the Printers, Kingston, Dec. 14, 1799." "Writing, wrapping and bonnet paper, for sale at the Printing Office. October 12, 1799." A merchant advertising his wares, says: "The following articles will be received in payment. Wheat, Rye, Buckwheat, Oats, Corn, Butter, Flax, Ashes, and Raw Hides. These articles will be taken in at the Exopus prices. Cash will not be refused." The latest news from London was dated October 20, 1799—seven-five days en route.

Sowing and Reaping. EDITOR LEADER: I ask for space enough in your paper to heartily endorse the article of "Citizen" in last week's issue. He undoubtedly portrayed the situation as it is, giving facts that are well known to most of our people. The most biased mind in this matter can not for a moment doubt the truth of his article. Every law and order-loving citizen in Young county will give it their hearty approval and endorsement, and fathers will undoubtedly awake to the dangers that threaten their boys and do everything in their power to avert the impending evils that must result from such a sad condition of affairs. All those citizens of the county who have served on our grand jury during the past two or three years are well aware of the fact that these cases of liquor drinking among our boys come up at almost every sitting, with little or no result, save to impress the grand jury that perjury has been resorted to by the boys and youths of the country in order to protect those who violate the law. Whether it is all this tending? Could we but lift the mystic veil and peer into the unknown future, some of us might see our boys, the hope of our lives, in the clutches of the law—reaping the harvest that will grow from such sowing as was so truthfully told by your correspondent. W. J. M.

Graham has been the leading cotton market during the season just closing and can show a better record for receipts and prices paid than any town in northwest Texas. Some 1900 bales have been ginned in Graham, besides the receipts from other gins in the county. Taking into consideration the short crop this is an excellent showing for Graham, and it is all due to the pluck and enterprise of our merchants who, by paying top prices for cotton have brought the trade of considerable territory here, which had heretofore gone elsewhere. E. D. Dempsey, charged with counterfeiting, had an examining trial before U. S. Commissioner Girard on Tuesday and was admitted to bail in the sum of \$300; failing to give which he was remanded to jail until the March term of federal court. Mr. Jas. Lyons has disposed of his interest in the Graham Drug Co. and will go to Dallas. Mr. Lyons has made hosts of friends during his brief residence in Graham and one all regret to see him leave. Miss Marvie Johnson cut a switch from poison oak the other day and got the poison on her hand and face, which became poisoned and very much swollen. She had to suspend her school at Red Top and come in for medical aid yesterday. Sheriff Williams is now doing a flourishing hotel business, there being seven jail birds to feed. Charles B. Blakey is happy over the arrival of a bran new boy baby. James Porter went on a business trip to Dallas last Tuesday.

Retrenchment.

We have noticed that when a spasmodic, economical affliction seizes upon a man, the first effect is to stop his county paper. True, his whiskey bill and tobacco bill amounts to more than twenty times that amount, but you know economy must begin in the small things of life. The next retrenchment is the pay of his preacher. Christ, told his disciples to take neither purse nor scrip for their journey, and they "don't believe in preaching for money now." The next expense to be cut off is his tuition. He stops his children from school—"education don't amount to much anyway—there are plenty of people who are highly educated, and who make no use of their talents, so we can't see how the little schooling we are able to give our children will benefit them." And thus the work of "retrenchment and reform" goes bravely on, to the great detriment of morals and brains, until finally the soul and the intellect is so sensibly dwarfed that creature comforts, food of the meanest quality and clothing of the coarsest fabric, are all that are necessary to satisfy the longings of a debased and corrupted immortality. The statistics of earth will show that a parsimonious nature rarely rises above mediocrity. A man who is not progressive in his disposition rarely accumulates wealth even, and contenting himself with such things as only minister to gross selfish desires, he not only is content to dwell in these low lands of selfishness, but unwittingly shuts out the glorious sunlight of christian charity from the souls of his children, and condemns them to the same weary tread-mill of existence which his parsimonious spirit has made enticing by his example. "Live within your income" is one of the cardinal rules of success in life, but in the work of retrenchment let us be sure that we do not cut off those expenses which are essential to the mental and spiritual welfare of a God-given immortality.

Weather pleasant, health good. Wesley White has bought fifty-four acres of land adjoining him on the north. Mr. Kennedy of Archer county is visiting Joe Young this week. Mr. Nickell of Oklahoma is in our midst, shaking hands with his many friends. Billy Whittenburg and wife started Tuesday for Henrietta to meet Mrs. Whittenburg's brother and sister from Arkansas. Bro. Harris occupied the pulpit Sunday. He gave us a good sermon, in which was some plain talk on drinking and dancing: All christians enjoyed hearing him and endorsed what he said. Some of our good members got in just at "hat picking up time." Remember that Bro. Harris is always on time. It is strange, but yet it is a fact, that when a person enters the church house during the sermon all heads seem to work on the same hinge with the door. When the door turns they will always turn at the same time and thus lose the connection of the sermon. We are glad we are not punished for looking back, as they were in the time of Lot's wife. Come again "Citizen," we like to read your arguments and endorse every word of it. A. SWITHIN.

In order to make the civil year keep pace with the astronomical year, the Gregorian calendar provides that centennial years shall not be leap years unless they are divisible by 400. Thus it is that the year 1900 will not be a leap year, and those girls who wish to take advantage of their leap-year prerogative must do so in 1896, or else wait till the year 1903. Perhaps, however, the new woman about whom we hear so much does not intend to be fettered by this leap year rule.

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UNCLE COTTLE'S WOOLING

"I'm going to get married, Tim." Uncle Cottle sat very upright in his chair, and spoke with an air of inevitable decision.

"What, again?" drawled his nephew, wearily. "Again, sir? When was I married before?"

"But this isn't the first time you've been going to do it, uncle; that's what I mean," Tim explained. "I know the favored lady."

"It's Miss Sybil Holt, Tim," said Uncle Cottle, confidentially. "The most lovely—the oh-h! I met her the other evening at Mrs. Dymham's silver wedding party, and she—quite like she is," he sighed, pensively, "but I look a good ten years younger than I am; don't you think so?"

income and said nothing of his age, but craved an interview. If he explained his precise position, he feared she might fancy it was too insecure to render him eligible; but if he could see her, he felt sure of confidence when he had to acknowledge that he had approached her under a false name; at the same time, as she had withheld her surname and address, he felt justified in requesting her to direct her reply, in the first instance, to the post-office in Baywater Road, to be left till called for.

"I can look in for it the next time I go to see uncle," he reflected. "If it turns out a frown, I needn't tell Merrows anything; he'd only grin about it. I'll get the letter off before he gets to it." And he ran out and posted it at once.

"He half regretted his impetuosity when he contemplated what he had done in the cold light of the next morning. Nevertheless, a couple of evenings later he journeyed to Baywater and inquired at the post office for his letter, but it hadn't arrived, so he walked on to see Uncle Cottle, but as his uncle was not at home, he told them to say that he had called, and would wait.

"I don't remember ever to have met her." "Ah! If you had you couldn't forget her. She's an aunt you'll be proud of, my boy."

Death Dealing Inventions.

Thomas A. Edison, who was asked by a reporter if he thought American inventions could devise engines of destruction sufficient to destroy the British fleet, replied in the affirmative.

"It would require but the impetus of war," he said, "to bring forth such inventive genius as would astound the world. As it stands to-day a land battle need not be fought. A handful of men could sweep away an army. The destructive power is found in electricity. I believe that the submarine boats are now on trial by various nations can be so improved that they will be irresistible when bent on destruction. With properly compressed air I think it would be impossible for such a boat to remain under water a day at a time. At present they are too slow to be effective. That could be overcome.

"I believe that the aerial torpedo furnishes us with protection from hostile war-ships. We are just beginning to understand how effective they are, and how they can be improved. I have not the slightest doubt that an aerial torpedo can be constructed that can be steered. The cost of construction would be trifling—about \$1500 for each. Each torpedo could be set to explode at a certain time after being cut loose from its ship. Now suppose fifty of these things were turned loose at one time, and sent out to sea with a 500-pound dynamite torpedo hanging to each. It would not be necessary to strike the ship when dropped and exploded. The very force of the concussion within two miles of a ship would almost shiver her.

"Electric power can be applied in so many different ways that I am convinced that it will furnish the machines to defend this country against all foreign attack. If there is a war with England, which I trust there will never be, you may quote me as saying there will be some remarkable things done by Americans. For myself, I will say that I will abandon all else and give my whole energy to the service of my country. The dynamite gun should be taken up first. A vessel armed with a dozen dynamite guns would be a terror to the seas. American inventive genius will soon supply what the army and the navy lack."

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