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The Texas Exemption Law.

There is no greater incentive to dishonesty in business methods than in the ridiculous exemption laws of Texas. They permit a resident of a town or city to own a lot or lots to the value of \$5000, regardless of the improvements, which may be worth \$50,000, if he cares to invest that much, while a poor widow whom he may owe is denied the privilege of collecting a dollar of the money due her by any legal process. Under the provisions of this law a man may engage in business, obtain credit for thousands of dollars, then transfer his money to real estate worth many times what he is honestly worth and leave his creditors without relief. Or, if the man prefers to invest his money in farming land he may hold 200 acres which may and sometimes is worth \$1000 an acre, and though he may own half of the men in his county the law protects him in the enjoyment of his fortune, while men may suffer for the necessities of life because they are unable to collect their just debts from the unprincipled debtor. The Sandwich believes that a reasonable amount should be exempted from forced sale to every head of a family, but the law should not offer a premium on rascality. A better policy would be to allow each family, whether in a town or in the country, a homestead worth, say, \$1000. Even in the largest cities, where property is highest, this amount will buy a comfortable home, a modest one, it is true, yet good enough for any man who is not able to pay his debts, while in the country it will buy enough land to enable the owner to make a good living for his family. Then the law should exempt a reasonable amount of personal property, say \$500 worth, and let this be in whatever is suitable to the man's occupation. If he is a merchant and deals in business he can, with a little home of his own and a capital of \$500 start in business again and provide for his family, while that amount will enable a bankrupt farmer to begin life anew and keep the wolf from his door until he can again get on his feet. As the law now is, while ostensibly in the interest of the poor man, it offers the best and safest opportunity for the man of means to accumulate wealth dishonestly and then to defy those he has swindled. Texas needs and should maintain an exemption law fair, just and honest, but all these attributes are not found in our present system.—Texas Sandwich.

Speaking Slightly of Women.

When a young man habitually speaks slightly of women, one may feel reasonably sure that a moral blight rests upon his own character. A scathing rebuke was once conveyed to a man of this class, who, at a public dinner at which no ladies were present, was called upon to respond to the toast, "Woman." He dwelt almost entirely upon the frailties of the sex, claiming that the best among them are little better than the worst, the chief difference being in their surroundings. At the conclusion of his speech one of the guests arose and said: "I trust that the gentleman in the appreciation of his remarks refers to his own mother and sisters, not to ours." This young man, in his low estimation of woman, unconsciously verified a sentiment saying by the author of "Youth." "The criterion of a man's character is not his creed—religious, intellectual or moral; it is the degree of respect he has for woman." As a contrast to the light and flippant tone in which too many of the young men of the present day speak of the other sex, is the noble tribute of an eminent clergyman who says: "I am more grateful to God for the sense that came to me through my mother and hers than for the substantial integrity and nobility of womanhood than for almost anything else in his world."—Christian World.

March 21 is the date set for hearing testimony from the members of the consolidation committee of the Chicago gas companies. The examination will be held in New York.

The Sixteenth Year Again.

To a superstitious man the election of vice president this year would seem of more importance than usual, especially to the man who is elected. For forty-eight years history shows that every sixteen years the vice president becomes president by reason of a vacancy caused by death. In 1848 Zachary Taylor was elected president, but he died shortly after his inauguration and Fillmore served the greater part of the term. Sixteen years later, 1864, Abraham Lincoln was elected for a second term, but a little more than a month after his inauguration he was assassinated and Andrew Johnson became president. Sixteen years after Lincoln's second election, 1880, James A. Garfield was elected and was assassinated four months after his inauguration. Next November another sixteen years will have rolled around, and if this precedent is to be maintained the vice president elected then will have a turn in the white house. It is to be hoped that no crank will feel inspired from on high to kill the next president, and if he is a good one it is to be hoped he will live through his term. But, seriously, it is well enough always to nominate a strong man for the vice presidency in order to be prepared for emergencies which might arise by reason of the removal from office, the death, resignation or inability of the president. The four vice presidents who became president to fill vacancies caused by death were men whose names were never mentioned seriously in connection with the presidency, and Andrew Johnson was the only one of them who revealed strength of mind or force of character above a barely respectable mediocrity. The importance of electing the best material to an office involving the possible accession to the presidency is illustrated well enough at the present time. If President Cleveland's life had terminated early during his present term the succession of a man like Mr. Stevenson might have been fraught with untold shocks of disaster, in view of the troublesome crises which have recently appeared in our national life.—Dallas News.

To supply the Fort Worth packery to its fullest capacity it requires 2000 hogs daily, winter and summer, and the packery has a market at home for all the products it can turn out. Last year \$22,000,000 was sent out of the state for pork products. The Texas farmers should have raised the hogs and kept this immense amount of money in the state. It will take the Texas farmers seven years, at the present rate of increase in population, to supply the home demand. Then, there is Mexico, that annually buys thousands of heavy hogs in Kansas City that are shipped to Monterey and the City of Mexico through Texas. The rate on live stock from Greenville to Fort Worth is 12 cents and to St. Louis 47 cents, a difference of 35 cents per 100 pounds besides a light shrinkage. Every farmer should know that one bushel of corn properly fed makes 104 pounds of pork, gross, and from this it is easy for him to make his own calculations. Raise hogs.—Greenville News.

Hillsboro has been dry for two years, but whisky was voted back on the 7th inst. A recent special from that place says: As there was some question as to when the saloons could resume business, the county attorney under instructions of the court investigated the matter and states that the local option law has to go out as it came in; in other words, that the commissioners' court has to count the vote, declare the result and publish it in some newspaper for four weeks before the saloons are authorized to do business here. It is announced that up to that time violations of the local option law will be subject to prosecution.

Joe Dudley, a negro boy, indicted by the last grand jury of Coryell county, on two charges, sent the county judge word that if he would dismiss one of the cases against him he would commit "suicide" on the other.

Death in Raw Oysters.

The state board of health of New York, composed of distinguished physicians, has discovered typhoid germs in raw oysters and cities in instances where deadly epidemics have been caused by infected bivalves. This would indicate that science is merciless in deprecating upon the happiness of humanity, for the tendency is to discover a deadly germ in everything conducive to enjoyment. It will be remembered that not long ago somebody discovered that the ruby lips of a pretty girl were but a stamping ground for microbes, which were transmitted by means of love's golden chariot, the kiss, from one person to another, and that thousands of people were hurried to the other world every year on account of over-indulgence in this delicious but treacherous pastime. The world refused to follow science to the point of suppressing the kiss, and the propagation of the oocystococcus now proceeds uninterruptedly as it had since humanity sprang into existence up to the discovery of the kiss germ. The oyster germ discovery is less unpleasant than the kiss germ discovery, still it is not calculated to contribute to the happiness of mankind. Of course the oyster germs can be killed by cooking, while the kiss germs would have required carbonization, which ecstatic rapture rarely furnishes time for. Still, the world wants its oysters raw sometimes and its kisses without chemicals all the time. But it seems that humanity can not survive many generations and combat both germs. So it will worry along with the kiss-germ and endeavor to evade the oyster germ. To do this efficiently paternalism must be called in to take hold. Commissions must be appointed to furnish raw oysters with a certificate of health and character before they can go upon the market. Each restaurant must have its oyster inspector, working under a government license, and church festivals hereafter must be conducted under government supervision. In the meantime let science permit us to rest until this last rude shock is received from.—Dallas News.

College Shams.

Men graduate from this college year after year with less mental strength, less moral strength than the average "uneducated" man whom they pass on the street. There is a very general desire among us to get through on the least work, to outwit the instructors. A man who comes here to study, now-a-days, is dubbed a "dig," is branded as an out cast, perforce soon finds himself out of sympathy with the body of his associates, sinks into undisturbed but ostracized manners of life, gains his honors, but comes out at the end of his course a mere book-worm. It is a well known fact, and one winked at by those in a position to correct it, that the supposed religious work of Dwight Hall, during his first two years covers a tremendous amount of hypocrisy—hypocrisy that has at least one redeeming feature of being apparent on the very face. With all respect, the competition for a class deaconship is a most melancholy sight. As much canvassing is done, as much talk excited as in the election of a Tammany chieftain. It is because the position insures social recognition that men most desire it; it is because, along with a baseball and football champion, a religious leader stands a good chance for future social honors.—Yale Literary Magazine.

Senator Chilton probably did not care to see this country involved in an unnecessary war with Spain. It must be remembered that as yet Cuba has no permanently organized government. So a mild resolution expressive of the mere recognition of that country as belligerents was all that was necessary. When their government is fully established then there is time enough to endorse resolutions expressing the war sentiment of this country. The Cuban question is more a matter of sentiment than anything else panyway.—Tyler Dispatch.

Cleveland the Leader of Secession.

Fort Worth Gazette: The Review of Reviews, a standard magazine, careful and accurate in its statements, commenting upon the differences on the financial issue between the administration and the masses of the democratic party, says that if a free coinage platform is adopted by the democratic national convention, the supporters of President Cleveland will withdraw from it. The Review of Reviews is in sympathy with the president's financial policy. The Washington correspondent of the Chicago Record, which is a "Cleveland Democrat," if anything, in politics, confirms this interesting information. He says: "I find among Democrats here, too, an expectation that their party will split on the free coinage issue at the Chicago convention; that the majority will nominate a free silver candidate who will be endorsed by the Populists, and that the minority will either support the Republican nominee or stay away from the polls. "With all the South and West against us I do not see how we can nominate a sound-money man or secure a sound money platform," said a Democratic leader here today, "and I do not see how the democrats of New York, Pennsylvania and New England can support any other. It is absurd to talk of a third term for President Cleveland. He cannot get a vote south of the Potomac and Ohio rivers nor west of the Mississippi. The next candidate of the Democratic party will have to straddle the silver issue or get down on the 16 to one side, and Grover Cleveland will do neither. Nor is there any sound-money man in the Democratic party who would be any more acceptable to Senator Morgan or Senator Tillman or Senator Jones of Arkansas or any of the democratic leaders west of Chicago."

This correspondent, who warmly supports the financial policy of the administration, is frank enough to tell the whole truth about the attitude of Mr. Cleveland toward the majority element of the Democratic party, which is that it must come to him or he will endeavor to disrupt the party. He has caused it to be given out as the official view that no democrat is bound by the party action which does not fully endorse his administration. The full purport of this will be perceived on a moment's reflection. It seems that Mr. Cleveland proposes to dominate the Democratic convention at Chicago, or failing in that, to cause to be organized another convention which he can control. This is a significant forecast of the Record correspondent—a Cleveland sympathizer—on that subject.

The recent letter of Secretary Carlisle declining to interfere in the senatorial contest in Kentucky is the topic of a good deal of comment, and the democrats think it will have a decided influence upon the action of the Chicago convention. It is assumed that the letter was not written without the approval of the president, and may be considered as coming from him. Therefore when it defines a doctrine and a rule for the guidance of a minority in a political contest, it is regarded of more than significance. It recognizes no obligation on the part of a Democrat to support a nominee of his party whose views on any public question he cannot endorse. When that letter is read, as it is likely to be, in the Chicago convention, the Eastern delegates will be invited to endorse or denounce such political heresy. If held with President Cleveland and Secretary Carlisle that they are not bound to support the candidate of their party unless he happens to agree with them upon financial questions, their preference as to the presidential ticket will be entirely ignored by the silver men.

"Though I have been trained as a soldier and have participated in many battles, there never was a time when, in my opinion, some way could have been found of preventing the drawing of the sword. I look forward to an epoch when a court recognized by all nations will settle international differences, instead of keeping large standing armies as they do in Europe."—General Grant.

Louis Pasteur once said that there were forms of bacteria and microbes that were so small that a bundle of them containing 1,000,000,000 specimens could be put through the eye of a common sewing needle.

An Old Wagon.

Dr. A. W. Acheson, surgeon for the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad, at Denison, relates the following bit of history to a Dallas News reporter: "A few days ago," mused the doctor, "I saw Mrs. Judge Porter of Preston's bend, about ten miles from town, on the streets, and I was reminded of a bit of history and the story of the lasting qualities of bois d'arc. In 1852 the United States government had a fort at the point now known as Preston's bend, and Capt. Coffey of the United States army was in command. In the same command under Col. Coffey were such distinguished soldiers and statesmen of after days as Lieut. Jefferson Davis, afterward president of the southern confederacy; Gen. George B. McClellan, afterward commander-in-chief of the United States army, and the famous Phil Kearney. During the days of illness around the fort, when the officers were not being harassed by the Indians and border desperadoes, this coterie of brilliant men would sit around the quarters, swap stories and recite experiences of bivouac and battlefield. On one of these occasions Lieut. Davis was telling of the lasting qualities of the bois d'arc timber with which this country then abounded. Some one remarked that there was no end to the lasting qualities of the wood, and the remark was made by Col. Coffey that it would last forever. The commander decided to have a wagon constructed entirely of bois d'arc to try its lasting qualities, and accordingly it was built, and for forty-four years that wagon has done service in Grayson county. At least three times a month it can be seen on our streets loaded with farm produce, and apparently in as good order as it was in the beginning. True the ironwork of the wagon has been replaced a number of times, but the old bois d'arc still holds out as good as ever. Of that brilliant company of men who superintended the building of the wagon, not one remains. All were afterward written down as heroes in the pages of history and have gone to their reward, but the wagon still lives on, a useful implement of the heirs of the commander of the fort. Mrs. Judge Porter is the widow of Capt. Coffey, and lives today near the old site of the fort, and can tell many interesting stories of the early days in Texas. The old bois d'arc wagon is one of her most highly prized relics of those bygone days."

Four families from the "Illinois" district of the Indian Territory arrived in Denison last week. The heads of the families said that they were driven out of the territory by the Cherokee officials. They claim to have leased farms there for the term of one year, but after the decision of Judge Springer of the United States court they were ousted. The decision of the court is that all persons who have leased lands from others than the Cherokees themselves or occupy by the right of any sub-lease of lands are "squatters," and the Cherokee officials have a perfect right to order them to leave. No leases are valid unless direct from the Indians themselves; it is said that a great many people are affected by the decision of the court and who will have to leave the Indian lands.

Wm. E. Morrison, in speaking of his possible candidacy for the presidency, makes the following sensible remarks: "Whatever my aspirations as to the honorable leadership of a great party, I would not snap my fingers for the presidential nomination of a divided and demoralized party. There must be evidence of party cohesion around well settled doctrines of the Democratic party before I would accept a nomination. Let there be a fight in the convention. A fight in a convention is not dangerous if a proper party spirit prevails, but it should always be a fight in which it is understood that antagonizing interests should abide the results. No man in his senses would go before a convention with any other understanding."

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On another occasion a man who had drifted over into Nebraska from Colorado, who was not familiar with the manner of administering justice on the Nebraska side of the border, appropriated a horse which he found hitched to a post in front of a country store. The horse happened to be the property of Judge Gaslin. The thief was captured, and later bound over to await trial in the district court. A few days after Judge Gaslin met a fellow judge from another district, and requested him, as a favor, to come into his district, on a day specified, and sentence a horse thief, as Gaslin said he felt a little delicacy in sentencing a man for stealing his own horse. The fellow-judge assented, and incidentally inquired when the offender was convicted. "Oh, he isn't convicted yet," replied Judge Gaslin, "but I'll tend to that part of it."

And he did.—Globe-Democrat.

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Ex-Gov. John Ireland died at San Antonio last Sunday.

The fruit crop will be short in Northwest Texas this year.

The Eleventh District of Texas will choose a Representative in Congress on April 7 to fill out Mr. Crain's expired term.

John Dove was tried at Palo Pinto last week on a charge of criminal assault upon an aged deaf and dumb lady. He was found guilty and the death penalty assessed.

Sixteen persons are said to have been massacred by Spanish troops at a plantation owned by a citizen of the United States, the proprietor being one of those killed. The estate of a French citizen was rendered waste, himself and thirteen of his people killed.

A car load of gold-bearing rock found east of Orlando, O. T., will be shipped to the smelter at Argentine, Kansas, and will be followed by regular shipments. The field is proving a rich one and many speculators are flocking there.

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Congressman C. K. Bell has declined to be a candidate for re-election from the eighth district, and the friends of ex-Congressman S. W. T. Lanham of Weatherford are urging him to make the race. Col. Lanham could be easily elected in his district, and his election would be good in the eighth.

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Next time the government makes a loan it will have to require a check or deposit from bidders as a guaranty of good faith and financial standing, or be overwhelmed with bogus bids. It is said that a New York office toy bid for \$10,000 of the bonds at a price to be accepted and sold out his right for \$6,000. There are undoubtedly numerous instances of this sort.

It May Do As Much For You.
Mr. Fred Miller, of Irving, Ill., writes that he had a severe kidney trouble for many years, with severe pains in his back and also that his bladder was affected. He tried many so-called kidney cures but without any good result. About a year ago he began the use of Electric Bitters and found relief at once. Electric Bitters is especially adapted to cure all Kidney and Liver troubles and often gives almost instant relief. One trial will prove your statement. Price 50c. and \$1.00. At D. B. Akin & Co's Drug Store.

Some stirring scenes have been witnessed in Frankfort, Ky., this week. The legislature has been balloting for a United States senator more than two months, and representation was made to Gov. Bradley that the legislature was being coerced and intimidated by armed men to vote for certain candidates. The governor therefore called out the state militia, 600 strong, who took charge of the state house and allowed no one but members and officers of the legislature to enter. The senate and house, as well as the city council passed resolutions denouncing and condemning Gov. Bradley for his action in the premises. Not a gun has been fired, but the excitement and apprehension have been intense. It is now thought the legislature will adjourn by limitation without the election of a Senator.

The Ideal Panacea.
James L. Francis, Alderman, Chicago, says: "I regard Dr. King's New Discovery as an Ideal Panacea for Coughs, Colds and Lung Complaints, having used it in my family for the last five years, to the exclusion of physician's prescriptions or other preparations."
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To the Democratic Voters of Young County.

The democratic executive committee of Young county, met in Graham, February 29, 1896, and endorsed the action of the State Democratic executive committee, which met at Austin February 5th, 1896, and ordered a democratic primary election to be held in every county in the state, on the 6th day of June 1896, at the established voting precincts. "To determine whether or not, the democratic party of Texas favor 'Bimetallism.' That is the free coinage of both gold and silver, into Standard Money without discriminating against either metal, or charge for mintage, upon the same terms and subject only to like limitations as to right of coinage, and legal tender qualities, at the ratio now established by law, in the United States, to-wit, 16 of silver to 1 of gold, and at the same time, to elect delegates to represent said counties in the State Democratic conventions which meet in Austin June 23rd, 1896, and Fort Worth August 18th, 1896, and the District conventions which may assemble during the year 1896. The county democratic executive committee further ordered that a primary election be held at the same time to-wit, on the 6th day of June 1896, to nominate candidates for the various county offices of Young county.

Therefore, said primary election is hereby called to be held on the 6th day of June 1896, in the several established voting precincts in Young county, and the polls shall be opened by the precinct chairman, in all the voting precincts of Young county, and remain open from 12 o'clock m. to 6 o'clock p. m., except precinct No. 1, which shall be opened at 8 o'clock a. m. and closed at 6 o'clock p. m. If any chairman of any precinct fails or refuses to open said polls for said primary election, then the democratic voters present shall be authorized to elect a chairman who shall be vested with full power to hold said primary election. Each chairman to select two persons who shall assist him in holding said election, two poll lists and tally sheets shall be kept. One of each sealed up together with the ballot sealed up in a box, shall be delivered by one of the officers holding the election to the chairman of the county democratic executive committee, on or before June 13th 1896, and the other preserved by the chairman of the precinct. On said date said county chairman shall open and count said election returns and the parties receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected.

The qualifications of voters shall be the same as prescribed by the National democratic executive committee and reaffirmed by the state democratic executive committee viz: All democratic voters under the laws of this State irrespective of past political associations and differences who will abide the result of such an election and support the nominees of the democratic party shall be admitted to vote in said primary election.

Democrats of Young county, you are called upon to settle in your primary the most vital and momentous question of the 19th century, one that is most intimately connected with your welfare and you should speak out in no uncertain terms. The question can be settled in no other way than by the sovereign will of the people, all power being inherent in the people. If then your decision shall be for the Gold Standard and the further debasement of Silver, then you can console yourselves that you have added something to the power of consolidated capital, and the encouragement of politicians and self-constituted leader in the democratic party, with Gold at a premium and a Gold Standard, you have constant falling prices which brings to all (except capitalists and salaried officers) hardships, suffering, misery, and it might be said that it is one of the most powerful means in use, by the crowns of Europe to keep in subjugation their subjects, but if your decision shall be for both gold and silver, with unlimited coinage on equal terms as money of final redemption, the money of our fathers, authorized by the constitution then with silver restored to the place it occupied prior to 1873 contraction will cease, expansion will revive commerce, the scramble for gold will be a thing of the past, tramps and strikes will be less frequent, enforced idleness will disappear, the hum of industry will be heard throughout this fair land of ours, and glad faces and happy hearts will make these United States the most prosperous nation on the globe.

A. T. Gay, Ch'm., Dem. Ex. Com. Y. C. Texas.
It now transpires that the bill granting lands to for school purposes passed by the house over Cleveland's veto was a bundle of jobbery, and numerous protests are being sent to the senate from Arizona by representatives of all political parties asking that body to sustain the president's veto.

ELECTION NOTICE.
Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in Graham on the first Tuesday, (7th day) of April, 1896, for the purpose of electing free trustees of Graham Public School.
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B. F. SHUMAKER, Sec.

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President Isaac Lewis of Sabina, Ohio, is highly respected all through that section. He has lived in Clinton Co. 75 years, and has been president of the Sabina Bank 20 years. He gladly testifies to the merit of Hood's Sarsaparilla, and what he says is worthy attention. All brain workers find Hood's Sarsaparilla peculiarly adapted to their needs. It makes pure, rich, red blood, and from this comes nerve, mental, bodily and digestive strength. "I am glad to say that Hood's Sarsaparilla is a very good medicine, especially as a blood purifier. It has done me good many times. For several years I suffered greatly with pains of

Neuralgia

in one eye and about my temples, especially at night when I had been having a hard day of physical and mental labor. I took many remedies, but found help only in Hood's Sarsaparilla, which cured me of rheumatism, neuralgia, and headache. Hood's Sarsaparilla has proved itself a true friend. I also take Hood's Pills to keep my bowels regular, and like the pills very much." ISAAC LEWIS, Sabina, Ohio.

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Is the One True Blood Purifier. All druggists sell. Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

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are prompt, efficient and easy in effect. 25 cents.
PROHIBITION ORDER.
It appearing to the Court that heretofore, to-wit: On the 7th day of March, A. D. 1896, an election was held in the various voting places in Young county for the purpose of determining whether or not the sale of intoxicating liquors should be prohibited within the limits of said county, and the Court, after opening the polls and counting the votes cast in said election find that a majority of the votes so cast are "for prohibition," that is to say, that the total number of votes cast was One Thousand and Fourteen (1014) and that Five Hundred and Ninety-five (595) were cast "For Prohibition" and Four Hundred and Ninety-five (495) were "against prohibition" and if there were appearing that a majority of Twenty-four (24) votes were cast "for prohibition."

It is THEREFORE ordered by the Court that the sale of intoxicating liquors within the limits of Young county, Texas, be and the same is hereby absolutely prohibited except for the purposes and under the regulations prescribed by law, until such time as the qualified voter, therein at a legal election held for that purpose, by a majority vote, decide otherwise. It is further ordered by the Court that this Order be published for four consecutive weeks in some newspaper published in Young county.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF YOUNG,
I, A. T. GAY, Clerk of the County Court of said county, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an order passed by the Commissioners' Court of Young county at a special session of said Court, on the Eighteenth day of March, A. D. 1896, as the same appears of record in Book A, Page 165 & 166 of the minutes of said court.

Witness, my hand and seal of office, at Graham, Texas, this March 19th, 1896.
A. T. GAY,
C. C. & Y. C. T.

If you don't advertise it is evident that you are not doing much business, and likely to do less.

Durham Bulls.
I have for sale a few high grade Durham Bulls, one year old.
P. B. HUNT,
Drummond, Young Co., Tex.

The supreme court of the United States has decided the Greer county case and given it to the United States. Texas thus loses 1,500,000 acres of fine land, but fortunately she has an abundance of land without it and poor old Uncle Sam probably needed it. The president has issued a proclamation warning the people to not locate any lands in Greer until it is properly opened to settlement, which will probably be done at an early date.

A full corn crib and a fat smoke-house are two of the strongest planks in our economical platform.
Wherrin Mineral Wells buy your Groceries from Cordell Bros.

There is...
no virtue in the nasty taste of cod-liver oil.

Then why take it clear?

Scott's Emulsion
breaks the oil into drops so small that you can hardly taste it.

ELECTION NOTICE.
Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in Graham on the first Tuesday, (7th day) of April, 1896, for the purpose of electing free trustees of Graham Public School.
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Have Removed to the Randolph Building, next door to the R. G. Graham Drug Store, where they have one of the nicest and best stocks of

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They make a specialty of
FRESH FRUITS,
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Among which are the "SUPERIOR" "WOOD BOWHAWK" "CHARTER OAK" and other popular brands, which we are selling at Reasonable Prices.

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PORTER & EDDLEMAN,
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Everything in our line kept constantly on hand or made to order on short notice.
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R. F. Arnold, First Vice President.
J. B. Norris, Second Vice President.
W. T. Stewart, Cashier.
J. H. Norman, Ass't. Cashier.
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The Beckham National Bank.
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In Art Squares and Chain Patterns—the latest Styles Out—Prices 12 1/2, 14, 20, 22, 25, 27, 28 and 30 Cents Per Yard.
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Always on Hand a Varied Assortment of
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For the Cure of the Whiskey, Opium and Tobacco Habits.
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RUPTURE! Also Guaranteed to Cure any case of RUPTURE without operation of knife or hyper-dermal injection. It is endorsed by many physicians who have been cured by this treatment.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

(Subject to the Action of the Democratic Primaries.)

For County Judge.

O. E. FINLAY,
R. C. McPHAILL,
J. S. STARRETT.

For County and District Clerk.

CHAS. GAY,
ANDREW O. NORRIS.

For County Attorney.

JOHN C. KAY.

For County Treasurer.

J. A. DIXON,
T. E. DOWDLE.

For Sheriff.

H. C. WILLIAMS.

For Tax Assessor.

JOHN C. CASBURN,
J. W. CORNELIUS,
P. L. THOMAS,
C. C. MAYES,
T. J. LAMONS,
I. B. PADGETT,
S. H. JAMES,
BENJ. MOSELEY, Sr.,
B. B. GARRETT.

For County Surveyor.

C. P. BENSON.

LITTLE LOCAL LEADERS.

Tom Wallace is down with the measles.

Early vegetables will soon be on the market.

Miss Lou Mabry is seriously ill with pneumonia.

The cool weather has been rough on early garden truck.

Smith Groves and wife of Olney visited friends in the city this week.

Miss Mary Graves closed her school in Tonk Valley last Friday.

The Sunday schools of the city are growing in numbers and interest.

If you need a new carpet call on Shumaker Bros. and save money.

Deputy Sheriff Preston Brooks is able to be up after his serious illness.

Graham Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Stewart, is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Easter is coming and dreams of the Easter bonnet are being indulged in by the ladies.

J. Farley left this week for McKinney. He will return, however, within a few weeks.

Mrs. E. E. Johnston left Monday for Dallas, and other points to buy a large stock of spring millinery.

J. M. Norman is wearing a smile of unusual dimensions. It is a boy, of course it is just like it's papa.

The young man who has the temerity to propose matrimony now is quickly told to wait till he is asked.

Tuesday was St. Patrick's day and passed off very quietly, as it was not observed to any appreciable extent.

It is a comment frequently heard that Graham is peculiarly blessed in the ministers of the various churches.

Messrs. J. N. Adare and Nelson Gribben returned Wednesday from a business trip to Henrietta and other points.

The new residence of E. H. Wade, on South Elm street, has been completed and is now occupied by Mr. Wade and family.

W. T. Finch's fine bird dog was stolen last week and taken to Jacksboro, where he was recovered by the sheriff of Jack county.

Attorney Frank Girard returned to his home at Mineral Wells last Monday after a pleasant visit to relatives and friends in Graham.

Horace Dangerfield, the ebony-hued assistant at Dowdle & Hughes' livery stable, left Tuesday for Vicksburg, Miss., on a visit to his folks.

Brown McJilton, Jno. B. Girard, Walter True and Tom Wallace were summoned to Palo Pinto last Saturday to appear before the grand jury. They returned Sunday.

Miss Grace Brown has returned from a visit to Missouri where she spent a short time ago with relatives, who returned with her and will make their home in Young county.

If you need a new pair of shoes, maker Bros. will sell you the shoes, for the least money, than any house in town.

Prof. Chas. E. Rupe, phrenologist, has delivered several instructive and entertaining lectures at the court house this week. The professor seems to understand his business thoroughly and has "thumped" the heads of several prominent cit-

Commissioners' court met Wednesday to count the vote in the recent prohibition election. The vote tallied out just as published exclusively in THE LEADER last week—twenty-four majority for prohibition.

Dr. M. H. Chism went to Henrietta last week to have a tooth pulled. The molar was of peculiar formation and there was not an instrument here that would extract it. The doctor came back with a swollen jaw, but is now about well again.

The weather Saturday night and Sunday and again on Tuesday night and Wednesday was unusually severe. The rain, sleet and frost was particularly rough on the fruit crop and it is estimated that a great deal of the fruit, perhaps fifty per cent of it, is killed.

C. P. Benson is announced to-day as a candidate for re-election to the office of county surveyor. Mr. Benson is one of our oldest citizens and has given universal satisfaction, so far as we have been able to learn, in the management of his office. The office is no sinecure, there being but little pay in it; but Mr. Benson is willing to serve another term if the people desire him to do so.

Benj. Moseley, sr., announces in THE LEADER as a candidate for Tax Assessor. There is no man in the county with a more extensive acquaintance than Ben Moseley. He has been a citizen of Graham for twenty-two years and in all that time he has been an upright citizen. He possesses every qualification for making an efficient assessor and if he is elected the people will never have occasion to regret it.

Shumaker Bros. have just received their spring stock and they are underselling everybody. If you will call on them they will convince you of the fact by showing you their goods and prices.

Miss O'Donnell's elocution class gave their third annual entertainment last Friday night, the Eliasville band furnishing the music. The programme was well rendered and very much enjoyed by all. Quite a large crowd attended and all pronounced the entertainment a success. The "pole drill" by a number of little girls was particularly pleasing and displayed the thorough training which the little folks had received from their excellent teacher. The music by the band was excellent and indeed quite a treat.

B. B. Garrett is a candidate for Tax Assessor, and his announcement will be found in the proper column. Mr. Garrett is not a stranger to the people, for he is an old citizen and has been in the race before and polled a creditable vote. He is thoroughly qualified to fill the position in a business-like manner, and if elected will make a model assessor. Mr. Garrett wants his friends to know that he is in the race and asks them to remember him at the primaries.

The meeting, as announced, will begin with Sunday's services. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights will be observed as special seasons of prayer for an out-pouring of the Holy Spirit upon the meeting, upon the work of the Christians and the preaching of the Word. We earnestly solicit the co-operation of every Christian. It seems to be understood that Mr. Mulkey will be here. He will not be here, I have done my best to procure his help, but he says: "I am tied down hard and fast till November. I would like so much to be with you." Let every worker rally to the standard of the Lord, and great victory will be ours. Work, watch, pray; continue in prayer. Yours truly, M. L. MOODY.

H. L. Bentley of Abeline, will address the people of Young county at the following places:
Eliasville, April 6th, 7 p. m.
Fish Creek, 7th, "
Graham, 8th, 7:30 p. m.
Belknap, 9th, "
True, 10th, 7 "
Farmer, 11th, 7:30 "

The Executive Committee of the People's Party will meet at the Court House Wednesday, April 8th at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of fixing the time of holding the precinct and county conventions and to transact such other business as may come before the committee.
A. R. McDONALD, Chairm'n.

Notice to Tax Payers.
Notice is hereby given that the tax roll will be closed on March 31st. Please come forward and settle your taxes by that time. Yours truly,
H. C. WILLIAMS,
Tax Collector.

When at Mineral Wells stop at the Mineral Wells Wagon Yard.

For Prohibitionists and Anti-Prohibitionists.

Prohibition carried. The commissioners' court may be enjoined from counting the vote before this goes into print. The injunction will be based upon some mere technicality to defeat the will of the majority of the voters of Young county, for men of debased appetites are not willing to be controlled by the majority vote. There is another question before the good fathers of Young county that has never been voted upon and which may be decided by each parent and an injunction made by each against the sons of said parents. Sons of the most respectable parentage should be enjoined. They are each day taking away their life blood. They are seeking to destroy their own lives, many of them consciously doing so. They are engaged in a habit that affects their heart, lungs, digestion, respiration, nerves and mind. They are engaged in a business more dangerous to the young than drinking whisky under our present statutory laws. These boys and young men have been engaged in their business so long that their faces are pale and sallow, their pulses weak and irregular, their minds clouded and weakened, their steps inelastic and unstable. These young people are engaged in a business that robs them daily of a small amount of change, and later of a medical account and gives to them a beast that they cannot control. A few of these young men are moral and religious in a sense that they are not responsible for their actions because they "know not what they do."

Still they are engaged in a practice that will debase their moral character so much that they offer insults to ladies in public assemblages and in private parlors by lighting a cigarette and puffing the offensive gas into all parts of the room, greatly to the offense of the sensitive olfactory nerves of a refined and cultivated lady. The fathers have seen young men stand near the church doors, puff their offensive tobacco smoke so that the wind would carry it into the faces of all the ladies passing from the church. In the public buildings, school houses, church houses and in our temple of justice in the town of Graham we can on any day see the filth of tobacco displayed over the floor and even the walls of these houses. In the amen corner the church worship of some good brother is disturbed from the fact that he cannot kneel for prayer with his new suit on without resting his saintly body on a quid of wet, soft tobacco. Cleanliness is certainly one of the christian graces and we rather doubt any man's having full control of his spiritual life who engages in the habit in God's temple.

If the editor of THE LEADER will give us space we shall give the physical and mental effects in next week's issue from a medical point of view. We are not going to censure any person in the next article, but will give a scientific discussion as we understand it. M. D.

Eliasville Echoes.

Prospects are fair for another fruit crop.
Mr. Starrett is living at home now.
Mr. Kirkin is having his house painted. Sam Harris is doing the work.
Corn is about all planted.
Prof. Bowron is visiting the band boys for a few days.
Mrs. Dr. Price and Mrs. W. T. Donnell have been on the sick list, but both are convalescent.
Dr. Parrott is dangerously ill with a chronic stomach trouble at this writing.

DeLong & Atkins say they have the fattest bunch of steers in Texas.
William Pratt had a finger hurt while playing base ball at school one day last week, which was followed by a nervous attack that would have proven critical but for the timely administering of Dr. Price and son.

Mr. Cornelius was out a few days ago feeling of pulses and examining the race track in this precinct.
The 14th inst has passed and the comet has not struck us. We are now breathing natural again.
Mr. Gus Young has got back and is looking well.
Our town has been full of drummers this week.
Eliasville has three candidates that will announce in the near future. They will straddle the prohibition wave.

Our public school will be out in about four or five weeks.
They say Jerry Stinson is going crazy, and the prevailing and accompanying conclusion is, that he has already traveled the greater part of the journey.
JERRY S. MIAH.

EVERYTHING SEASONABLE, EVERYTHING REASONABLE.

We invite the people to call and examine our immense Spring Stock of
DRY GOODS and GROCERIES,
Which are arriving daily. Call early before the choicest goods are picked over.

WE ARE SHOWING THIS WEEK:

Elegant Patterns in Black Goods.
Batiste, Nun's Veiling, Mohair Black Lawns, Black Dimities and Dotted Swiss.

CHALLIES
Are still popular and up to date. We show a full line in the very latest effects.

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Are now the craze for spring dress goods. We are showing the plain Grass Linen, Barred Linen Lawns, Lace Stripes and Dotted Linen Lawns, Linen Batiste.

WHITE GOODS.
100 Pieces of Cross Bars, Stripes and Dots and plain Muslins and Lawns.

DIMITIES.
20 Pieces from the daintiest extra sheer fine cord, to the best medium price.

DOTTED SWISS.
15 Pieces. They are dainty, they are the best and you will have them.

GINGHAMS.
The very latest patterns in Zephyr and Madras Gingham. 20 Bolts Apron and Bonnet Checks.

Look For Our Millinery Opening, Wednesday, 25th.

Remember We Like to Show Goods, Whether You Buy or Not.

MAKE YOURSELVES at HOME IN OUR STORE.

GRAHAM MERCANTILE COMPANY.

South Bend Budget.

Last Sunday evening, about five o'clock, while the family were all absent, Eld. H. J. Parker's house caught on fire and was burned to the ground with its entire contents, except a cooking stove. Mr. Parker and wife were away at meeting in Stephens county, and the boys, with some of the neighboring boys, had taken dinner at home and before leaving had swept the hearth of the fire place. They suppose the broom was left with some fire in it, as they had not been gone but a few minutes, but failed to notice the fire until the house was wrapped in its flames. Wink and Ford Parker experienced a very narrow escape from the falling in of the roof, while trying, though vainly, to save something. The loss to the family was very great, as they were comfortable, big fixed for a rural home, and it leaves them in very bad circumstances. The entire community joins in sympathy for them, which is evidenced by the liberal subscriptions to the subscription list being circulated. The house which was burned was on the farm known as "the old McBrayer farm," and had the note of being the oldest house in this section of the country—the house in which the McBrayer children of to-day were born and reared. A new house will be built soon.

Some Miscreant Entered the House of Jesse Harrell last Saturday night and went away five dollars better off in hard cash. See! he is one of these free silver agitators—however, he doesn't seem to be much of an agitator, but then it is obvious he is in favor of free silver. Isn't it, Jesse? The same thief attempted to break open another trunk, belonging to Morgan Anselby who boards at Mr. Harrell's but his time seemed to have been limited, consequently he "made steps forward" without further booty.

Ex-Confederates.

Young County Camp No. 127, Ex-Confederate Veterans, is hereby ordered to assemble at Graham on Saturday, March 28th, at 1 o'clock p. m. Every member required to be present. Our semi-annual dues are due and payable April 1st, and every member who fails to pay fifteen cents to the adjutant, on or before that date will be suspended and his name dropped from the roll.
O. E. FINLAY, Captain,
March 12, 1896.

The Story of the Confederate States.

It is a self-seller. The roads here have been divided into three precincts with a trio of overseers in the persons of W. W. Parker, J. W. Burgess and J. J. Scott. We can't say very much in favor of these gentlemen, because we wanted the position very badly and we feel a degree of animosity towards them. To think they would oppose a person who so badly needs that great compensation and all those emoluments that is to be derived from that office.

While in Graham the other day, and while on the stump in favor of 16 to 1, "Jerry S. Miah" lost a nuckle's worth of stick candy. The writer was an eye witness to the "thievery." GEE A. GEE.

True Tidbits.

Farmers are busy planting corn. There is considerable sickness here now, Mr. Heskett and Mr. Lefell's little boy being down with pneumonia.

The True base ball nine went up and played the Farmer boys and were defeated by a score of 37 to 9. We are looking for them down next Saturday to play us again.

Mr. Allbritton and Mr. Sheets, with their families, came up from Jack county last Saturday to visit friends and relatives.

School is meagerly attended this week on account of so much sickness. Whooping cough is epidemic.

There was not a very large crowd out at the spelling bee Friday night, but we had spelling just the same.

Mr. T. L. Richardson is going to Graham this week to take charge of the Call. We wish him success.

George Fugett was thrown from his horse Saturday, but escaped injury.
B. N. L.

Rock Creek Cuttings.

Messrs. Ragland and Turner are making preparations to fence 1280 acres of land, known as the Jones survey, and some of us think it hard but fair. Free grass, in this part of the county, is a thing of the past.

J. D. Ross says his wife has the prettiest baby on Rock creek, notwithstanding it is a boy and resembles its father.

Don't forget the debate between the Missionary Baptists and the Martinites on the fourth Saturday in March.
DEWITT.

Cash Bargains!

Do not fail to get Jno. E. Morrison & Co's prices on Groceries and Dry Goods.

Cemetery Entertainment.

Thursday evening April 9, 1896. Committee on chairs and benches: Messrs. Andrew Norris, Columbus Rickman and Major Girard. Committee on Lights: Messrs. J. B. Crain, Bob Rickman and Granville Girard.

Door-keepers: Messrs. W. S. McJimsey and D. R. Akin. Ushers: Messrs. S. B. Street, E. B. Norman, J. B. Norris and C. W. Johnson.

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