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## THE LEADER.

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**LITTLE LOCAL LEADERS,**

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Rev. W. H. Wycoog preached to one of the largest congregations ever assembled in Graham, at the M. E. church last Sunday, on the subject of "Heaven and its inhabitants." It was a great theme, a grand sermon and was highly appreciated by all who attended.

Buy your Lumber and Portland Cement from H. N. FROST, the leading Lumber Dealer of Mineral Wells.

D. M. Howard has a big ad. in THE LEADER this week. He has an immense stock of dry goods and groceries and is reaching out for the trade of Young county.

Mr. Norman Durham and Miss Clara Ellis were married last Sunday morning at the residence of the bride's father, G. W. Ellis; Rev. G. W. Black officiating. The happy couple left after dinner for the home of the groom, on Spring Creek. THE LEADER extends congratulations.

Attention is called to the advertisement of the new drug store, Mr. King has a nice stock of pure drugs and you will receive prompt and courteous attention. Call and see him.

W. A. Ribble, of the Finis community, called on THE LEADER this week and renewed his subscription for another year. Bill has been taking THE LEADER from its first issue and always pays in advance.

### Masonic Lecture.

Rev. H. R. Coleman, the great Masonic Lecturer and traveler, will deliver public lectures on the subject of Masonry and his travels in the Holy Land, on Tuesday and Wednesday nights, Jan. 5th and 6th, 1897, and to the Masons exclusively Thursday night, Jan. 7th. Mr. Coleman is an able speaker and his lectures will be interesting and instructive. You cannot afford to miss any of his lectures.

J. W. Hamilton of Lavy, gave THE LEADER a pleasant and substantial call last Tuesday.

F. L. Thomas, one of our oldest and best citizens, left Wednesday with his family for Knox county, where he will in future reside. He called on THE LEADER, deposited a silver white and red paper sent to Goree, Knox county.

### Books Wanted.

C. G. King, at the new drug store, wants the following second hand school books:

Steel's Philosophy, Maury's Physical Geography, Swinton's Word Book, Lockwood's Composition, Robinson's Elementary Algebra, Milne's Arithmetic, Maury's Elementary Geography, Arrow-smith's Latin, Werner's Primer. Or any other books used in the Graham Public school. If you have any books you are through with, take them to him.

A. J. Bryan has bought an interest in Carmichael & McCarver's Blacksmith's shop; the firm name will be Carmichael, McCarver & Bryan.

Owing to the scarcity of money they have reduced the price of work to meet the hard times. Plow sharpening from 10 to 15 cents and other work in proportion, for spot cash. All work guaranteed.

Rev. B. R. Wagner and wife returned from Waxahachie Wednesday, where they have been attending Annual Conference.

The following are the appointments of preachers in this district: Vernon district—C. W. Daniel, presiding elder. Vernon station—Sanuel R. Hay. Chillicothe circuit—J. T. Griswold. Harrold mission—W. B. Ford. Alter's mission—A. P. Lipscomb. Mangum mission—R. F. Byrd. El Dorado mission—B. R. Wagner.

Quinn and Childress mission—W. White. Crowell mission—I. N. Crutcher. Seymour station—W. D. Robinson.

Benjamin mission—R. A. Walker. Haskell and Rayner—M. L. Moody. Throckmorton—L. G. Rogers. Graham circuit—N. B. Bennett. Farmer circuit—M. W. Rogers.

### WANTED.

A tank built and some land cleared. I want to pay most of it in trade. Can furnish scraper if necessary. S. R. JEFFERY.

### Business Troubles.

This Graham Mercantile Co. last Friday went into the hands of a receiver upon the application of some of the stockholders. Mr. E. B. Norman was appointed by Judge Miller as receiver and filed his bond in the sum of \$25,000 to take charge of and wind up the business of the concern. He took charge of their stores on Saturday and has a force of men taking an inventory of their goods and merchandise. The liabilities are reported to be about \$18,000 and assets at about \$36,000, though the exact amount of assets will not be known until the inventory is completed. It is thought by the members of the company that the receiver will be able to pay out both creditors and stockholders.

The failure of this firm is a matter of deep regret to the people of the county at large. The Ford Brothers, who were at the head of the corporation, are well and favorably known to all the people of the county. They have been friends to the public at large and by an unbroken policy of kindness and courtesy to the people have won their highest regard. It is the earnest wish of their many friends that the company will come out of the present trouble and take their place again in the business world.

The failure was caused primarily by stringency in the money market, short crops and consequent shortness of collections, and not by any mismanagement on the part of the manager or board of directors.

### True Court Notes.

On last Saturday Justice M. N. Hardy held court at True and tried a three or four cornered lawsuit between Mr. Clayton of this place, W. M. Ross and Jno. E. Morrison & Co. Mr. Clayton and Mr. Morrison appeared in person and Rev. Geo. Thomas appeared for Mr. Ross. The amount in controversy was a bale of cotton, raised by Ross, attached by Clayton and claimed by Morrison under bill of sale. The case excited great interest and the pleadings acquitted themselves with credit. Many speeches were made pro, con, and their bursts of fiery eloquence nearly took off the roof. After hearing the evidence and the speeches of the parties the court rendered judgment in that which should always characterize the action of a court of justice. Morrison & Co. got the cotton and Clayton pays the cost.

Our farmers need rain very badly on their wheat.

The school is progressing finely under the management of Prof. Tettler.

We expect to be able to report a wedding or two between now and 1897.

### South Bend.

Elder H. J. Parker and wife, his son West, and Miss Cyba returned last Friday night from an extended visit with relatives and old acquaintances in eastern Texas. Mrs. Parker's health is much improved, and Bro. Parker is as gay and as tall as ever. West and Miss Cyba will doubtless start to school soon.

A very pleasant social was given at Mr. Scott's last Saturday night. While the reporter was present, Cam Parker, Ed. McCluskey, and Frank Hale furnished the music.

Mr. D. F. Hale and family returned last week from a few week's visit to relatives in Jones county.

Charlie Rogers is visiting in the community.

Miss May Keeter will stay with her uncle, P. B. Keeter, and attend school at this place this year.

W. A. Morris left with his family Monday for Henrietta where they go to live, and where Mr. Morris will make headquarters as general agent for the insurance company, known as The Royal Fraternal Guardians, a new but well organized corporation. Mr. Morris and family will be missed in the community.

Hearing a noise in the kitchen the other night, Clay Parker rushed in and found a coon sitting up before the cupboard helping himself to a midnight meal, and when Clay approached the "varmint" did not seem to be at all interrupted, being more interested in the taste of one of Mrs. Parker's cold biscuits than he was in Clay's appearance, as ferocious as the latter doubtless looked. While the intruder devoured his biscuit, Clay procured a club and downed his coonship. It got in the house through an aperture in roof. GEE A. GEE.

## Who is R. L. HENEGAR?

He is the new Blacksmith who will set your Buggy Tire without boring new holes in the Rim. Will point your plows so they will not need re-pointing. Will build you a Top for your Carriage or Spring Wagon. Will shoe your horses in the best style of the art. Will do your first class work in either wood or iron, and he is now ready to serve you. Good service. Liberal prices to all. Respectfully. R. L. HENEGAR.

**C. G. KING,**

In the Post Office Building.

Has Opened a Nice Stock of

**Drugs, Chemicals, Patent**

Medicines, Paints, Oils, and Toilet Articles.

Prescriptions Carefully Compounded.

**J. C. STEWART**

Has moved to the Bower building, next door to Short's Meat Market, and has a nice assortment of

**CONFCTIONERIES, &c.**

Delicious Cold Drinks.

Express Office in Connection.

### Our Thanksgiving.

In obedience to the proclamation from Bazzard's Bay we proceed to be thankful to day, though our work is of such a nature we cannot close up our place of business and take a "lay off" as would like to.

We have a great deal to be thankful for to-day and we trust we are truly thankful to our great Creator and Preserver for all of his kindness and mercy toward us.

We are advised by our President to be thankful that "national dishonor" etc. has been safely averted.

We have a suspicion that he refers to the result of the recent election in this part of his message as he is well known to have the opinion that free silver would mean national dishonor. We are truly thankful that his administration of affairs has not plunged us into any deeper miseries than it has and that the people have some degree of manhood left but when we contemplate the situation at large; when we read with horror of the wholesale butchery of innocent christians in Armenia; when we hear the cry of struggling patriots in Cuba and realize that our so-called "land of the free and home of the brave" will not lift a helping hand we feel that we might very well leave off our thanks. America could speak the word that would give freedom to those people. Mr. Cleveland could stop the murder of American citizens and the outrage of Cuban women if he would—and would he not avert "national dishonor" by doing a great deal more than by deserting the people who elected him to his high office and sending his subordinates into the political hustings to fight the battles of our political enemies? But we didn't intend to make this a political article. We have really a great deal left to be thankful for. Among other things we have a spirit of investigation abroad in the land which will sooner or later arrive at a true conception of national greatness and honor.

### La-y Locals.

Aunt Lina Cox, Miss Ida Young and Miss Fannie Adams are on the sick list.

A young lady has been boarding at Lynn Hawkins's the last week. Mother and daughter doing well.

J. W. Adams has gone to Bowie after lumber for John Cox, who is fixing to build a house.

Last Monday, our mail driver, Allen Whittenburg, was jogging along homeward, thinking of the happy days gone by, when his gule was struck with something, well, it was not the nature of a dove, for he went at break-neck speed down the road. One wheel of Allen's cart soon came in contact with a tree. With the assistance of John Cox, Allen mounted the mule and journeyed on. He says he was not ashamed to ride the animal into town, for the mule was a descendant of the animal Christ rode into Jerusalem.

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

## Bigham & Crain

Have just received a Car of the Celebrated Magnolia Flour,

Which we guarantee to be the best and finest goods in the city. If you want light bread that will mak a man

**HIT HIS DADY**  
buy the Magnolia Brand. If you have never tried it give it a trial, and our word for it you will be pleased.

In addition to this we have a nice line of **FRESH GROCERIES,**

All of which we sell as cheap as any house in the city. Will be pleased to have you call and examine our stock. If we can't sell you any goods we will be pleased to have you call at our store. John will entertain you on politics.

**BIGHAM & CRAIN.**


PRICE BROS. Manufacturers of Dealers in **SADDLES & HARNESS.** We Carry a Full and Complete Stock.

FINE HAND WORK A SPECIALTY. All Repairing Done Promptly at Low Prices. GRAHAM TEXAS.

**PORTER & EDDLEMAN,**

MANUFACTURERS OF AND DEALERS IN

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constantly on hand or made to order on short notice. **BUGGY TOP REPAIRING PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO.**

**Get Your Christmas Gifts Free**

Many thousand dollars worth of valuable articles suitable for Christmas gifts for the young and old, are to be given to smokers of Blackwell's Genuine Durham Tobacco. You will find one coupon inside each

two ounce bag, and two coupons inside each four ounce bag of Blackwell's Durham. Buy a bag of this celebrated tobacco and read the coupon—which gives a list of valuable presents and how to get them.

**Blackwell's**

**Genuine**

**DURHAM**

**Tobacco**

**SECRET SOCIETIES.**  
**MASONIC.**  
R. A. BOTT'S CHAPTER No. 167 (R. A. M.) meets Friday night of or before the full moon of each month. Visiting companions invited to attend.  
J. W. AKIN, H. P.

**YOUNG COUNTY LODGE No. 485** (A. F. & A. M.) meets on Saturday of or before the full moon of each month. A. R. McDONALD, W. M. J. W. AKIN, Secy.

**ESSEX LODGE No. 650** (F. & A. M.) meets on the first Saturday night in each month.  
W. B. POPE, W. M.  
M. N. HARBY, Secy.

**IO O P**  
**DELPHI LODGE** No. 291, I. O. O. F., meets on second and fourth Saturday nights in each month in Knights of Pythias hall. S. A. KULLMAN, W. L. GRAVES, Secy.

**K. O. F. H.**  
**TWIN MOUNTAIN LODGE No. 2202**, Knights of Honor, meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights in each month.  
O. E. FINLAY, Dictator.  
J. R. HARRIS, Reporter.

**K. O. F.**  
Corinthian Lodge, No. 148, Knights of Pythias, meets in Castle Hall every Monday night. Visiting Knights invited to attend.  
J. T. RICHMAN, C. C.  
Jo. W. Akin, K. of R. & S.

**PROFESSIONAL CARDS.**  
**ATTORNEYS.**  
P. A. MARIEN, Attorney at Law, Office in Court House, GRAHAM, TEXAS.  
**JOHNSON & AKIN,** ATTORNEYS AT LAW, Graham, Texas. Will practice in the courts of Young and adjoining counties. Office upstairs in the Morrison Street brick.

**Fish Nets.** Made in order on short notice. Cheaper than can be obtained elsewhere. Work guaranteed. Address: P. P. PRATT, Elliasville, Texas.

**Wanted—An Idea** Who ever thinks of some simple, cheap, useful, and novel invention, write to W. H. HIGGINS & CO., Patent Attorneys, Washington, D. C., for their \$100,000 prize and list of free business prospectus.

## NEW GOODS! NEW PRICES!

We have received a new lot of Goods this week, and we wish to say to our customers and friends that we defy competition on prices. We will sell you All standard prints for 40 Best L. L. domestic. Good yard wide bleached Extra stout Hickory Sp. **Shoes.**

We will sell you Men's best oil grain long plow Heavy buckle plow shoes, Good heavy all leather ladies b't'n's Boys' two buckle plow shoes, **In School Shoes** We have a large line and will save you money on them. We are in the fight and will not allow any one to undersell us. Come in and get our prices. **Shumaker Bros.**

**W. H. GEORGE,**

Wholesale and Retail Dealer in

**FURNITURE, CARPETS, And Household GOODS.**



Undertaking a Specialty. Coffins Furnished Promptly. Mineral Wells, Texas.

**500 ACRES OF GOLD**  
Located in Overland Mining District, five miles from Lewiston, Fremont County, Wyoming. This Company has 500 acres of ground. Both rich placer mines and lode veins. The Golden Crown lode runs \$31.00 per ton at a depth of only ten feet. **PROSPECTS OF A BONANZA DEEPER DOWN** In order to help meet the expenses of mining machinery, mules, etc., a limited number of shares of treasury stock will be sold. **Now is the Time to Get in on the Ground Floor.** The Company is incorporated under Nebraska laws. All stock is FULL PAID and NON-ASSESSABLE. Proceeds positively to be used solely for developing the mines. Prospectors giving full particulars will be furnished on application. Will give any number of references if desired. Any one desiring to either purchase or place order for stock, will please address **THE ELECTRIC MINING AND MILLING COMPANY** W. M. A. HIGGINS, Sec. and Treas. P. O. Box 445, OMAHA, NEB.

**The Beckham National Bank.**

Capital, \$100,000. Surplus, 25,000.

**J. B. ROBERTSON & CO.,** DEALERS IN **Staple and Fancy Groceries,** Sub-Treasury, East Side of Square, GRAHAM, TEXAS.

**M. H. CHISM,** Dentist and Photographer, GRAHAM, TEXAS. West Side Public Square, First Door South of Shumaker Brothers.

**Don't Be Fooled**

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**B.T. BABBITT'S POTAS.**

Sold under similar names and labels.

**THE BEST AND PUREST** Put up in **WHITE TIN CANS** containing one pound full weight is manufactured only by **B.T. BABBITT** NEW YORK CITY and has stood the test for over 50 years.





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One copy one year, \$1.00.  
Six months, .50.

H. J. Strickland has sold the *Herald* right to E. M. McInley, who has assumed control.

The projectors of the Brazos Valley railroad are making a good deal of noise about building their road, and it looks like they will build it. Work has commenced between Millam and Mineral Wells.

The Galesville Signal, popu- larly the populists of Cook county, saved one justice of the peace and a constable from the wreck.

The Republic will scarcely be inaugu- rated until the next fall, democrats are themselves—if they can be so called.

The Democratic year in the state is over, and the year in which the people are to elect their representatives is beginning.

An advertiser one day and the next day, is a good deal like the boy who in the afternoon digs up the seed he planted in the morning to see why it doesn't come up.—Vernon Globe.

The LEADER has been very lenient with its patrons in the way of demanding cash on subscription, until at this date many of our subscribers are in arrears for eighteen months. This is a small amount but if all will kindly remember, and contribute this amount to the missionary fund, THE LEADER'S party will be greatly relieved.

It is said that Mr. William J. Bryan is writing a book to be published about January 1st, which is to be a thorough discussion of bi-metalism. He has announced that one-half of the royalties he receives from the sale of the book will be donated to advance the cause of bi-metalism during the next four years.

There is a man in Tarrant county who always pays for his paper in advance. He never has been sick a day in his life, never had any toothache, and his potatoes never rot, the weevil never eat his wheat, the frost never killed his corn or beans, his babies never cry at night and his wife never scolds, says an exchange, and when he dies he will get a free editorial pass to the new Jerusalem, where street paving is done in a gold standard.

The Globe-Democrat is authority for the statement that "in the three states where women voted for president Bryan's aggregate majority is not less than 140,000." God bless the women. That only makes up one-third of the total vote.

Nervous Troubles Relieved. Claude, Tex., Nov. 9, 1896. "I have been afflicted for several years with nervous trouble and was unable to be about my business. I was also afflicted with impure blood and indigestion and began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and it affected a cure. Since then I have taken Hood's Sarsaparilla to keep my blood pure and it always gives satisfaction." W. E. MILLER, Assessor.

Hood's Pills are purely vegetable.

Silver Clubs. In many places in Texas and throughout the Union, Democratic Silver Clubs are holding meetings and are resolving to continue their organizations for four years, to be ready and armed for the battle for free silver coinage in the next presidential campaign.

The lead of our champion citizen Bryan is being followed. On his visit to St. Louis recently, he was met by a tremendous crowd and enthusiastically received. He made a speech of three or four minutes in length which he commenced by saying "It looks to me like you will not know the election was over." He counseled his audience to keep up the fight.

His short speech brought forth a hearty cheer as he had received anywhere in his late unparalleled canvass.

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 pain in his back and 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 our statement. Price 50c, and \$1.00. At D. R. Akin & Co's Drug Store.

The republicans claim that the vote in the next congress on the financial issue will stand as follows: For the single gold standard, 204.

For the free coinage of silver, 188. The republicans claim that they have elected 207 congressmen, but admit that five of them are for free coinage.

## Running Crane.

The Dallas Morning News, by its vigorous opposition to Hogge and Culberson succeeded in electing them to the highest office in the gift of the people of Texas. It began while Hogge was Attorney General and its opposition insured his nomination and election to the office of Governor. It pursued the same course with Culberson and its vigorous systematic abuse of him has been of great assistance to him in his two campaigns.

Now the News has begun a crusade against Crane, the present Attorney General, seeing in him a prospect of future gubernatorial succession. Mr. Crane may or may not aspire to follow the path of his illustrious predecessors from the Attorney General's to the Governor's office; if he does so aspire he could not do better than to secure the earnest opposition of the Dallas News. That paper exerts a wonderful influence in Texas politics. Its supporters blight a man's political prospects like a heavy frost withers a morning glory, but it a politician can just get the old lady to scold him he will get there every time. If Crane were a rich man the people at large would suspect him of buying the old girl's opposition.

Try It and See. Whatever may be said about the publications of Rev. H. R. Hicks by those who do not fully understand the facts, there is no denying the truth that his paper and Almanac have come to stay. His splendid journal, Word and Works, is now entering its tenth year, largely increased in circulation and in every way improved, until it deserves the national reputation it has attained. His 1897 Almanac is now ready and is by far the finest and most beautiful he has yet issued. It contains 108 pages, including cover artistically printed in colors, and is filled from back to back with just what is wanted in every shop, office and home in America. One feature of the Almanac for 1897 is a series of 12 original, beautifully engraved star maps, with explanatory chapters, which could not be bought for less than five dollars in any work on astronomy. As Mr. Hicks has so correctly and faithfully warned the public of coming droughts, floods, cold waves, blizzards, tornadoes and cyclones, in the years passed, aside from the other value and splendid features of his paper and Almanac, these considerations alone should prompt every family to subscribe at once for 1897. The Almanac is only 25 cts. a copy. Word and Works is one dollar a year, and a copy of the fine Almanac goes as a premium with every year subscription. Write to Word and Works Publishing Co., St. Louis Mo.

Clipping Bureaus. Another scheme whereby to enrich the way coin from the pocket of the reluctant jay, has been devised by some alleged clipping bureaus in New York, who advertise that they will pay high prices for clippings from country papers. The would-be "clippers" is first required to buy a "outfit" of them for \$2.50—worth about 25c, and that is the extent of the monetary transactions between the high contracting parties. The "clippers" may clip up in his hand, and he has no coin from New York ever soothes his pain. The goods "don't suit," are "not available," and so on to the end of the chapter. And they are said to make a good business of it, too. Publishers should warn their readers about these men—and not accept their advertisements, which, is more to the purpose. Reputable clipping bureaus require skilled people, and can make no use of outside talent.—Publishers Guide.

MINERAL WELLS, TEXAS. The great watering place of Texas, is reached only via the Western, Mineral Wells and Northern Railway. Excursion tickets are on sale with the principal roads of the State. All Santa Fe and Texas Pacific trains make connection at Weatherford, to Mineral Wells.

TIME TABLE. No. 1 Leaves Weatherford 10:28 a. m. Arrives at Mineral Wells 12:00 m. No. 2 Leaves Mineral Wells 7:00 a. m. Arrives at Weatherford 8:27 a. m. No. 3 Leaves Weatherford 4:45 p. m. Arrives at Mineral Wells 5:45 p. m. No. 4 Leaves Weatherford 2:45 p. m. Arrives at Weatherford 3:45 p. m.

Sumner Diarrhea Cured. G. W. Clark, McGregor, Texas, says: "Our little baby daughter has been cured of a violent case of summer diarrhea from the use of Dr. King's Royal Remedy." She had been reduced nearly to a skeleton. The first dose of Remedy helped her, and now she is well and fat.

## That Business Revival.

By preconcerted agreement all the employers of large numbers of hands on Monday before the election notified their forces that unless McKinley was elected they need not return to work Wednesday morning. This was not coercion. No! It only said to a poor fellow with wife and children to support: "Vote for McKinley or rations may be cut off." No stronger appeal could be made. What stronger argument could be offered than the possible suffering of a wife and children?

By preconcerted agreement, no doubt, everything was given a boost, send off Wednesday morning after the election, and from day to day, as the certainty grew that McKinley was elected.

Thus they start well for fulfillment of the promises of the victors that prosperity would be assured by McKinley's election. It must not only come, but it must stay at least four years—or we may enter McKinley and his crowd. It must not only be a prosperity of the manufacturers, money lenders, and speculators. It must be also for the farmers and wage earners. The farmer is not now receiving cost of production for any crop nor for any collateral of farming; as, for instance sheep, wool, hogs, miltch cows or beets. The McKinley supporters must see to it that this is changed; or the farmers and stock men won't rely on promises longer. Not only must wages be maintained at fair rates, but the McKinley victors must see to it that work is provided for the multiplied thousands now out of work. If these conditions be met, the rankest silver man will have to cause to complain. It is not done, the fellows who coerced employes into voting for McKinley by threatening starvation to their wives and children will hear from them in no uncertain tones. These laboring people will no longer sully their name by such a scheme.

The McKinley victors are under pledge for good times. Let the people expect them. Let not one obstacle be thrown in the path of the party in power. Give them full right of way; the middle of the road. By nearly a million majority the people have decreed their faith in the pledges made. Every chance, every desirable help, should be given. Mrs. McKim's Redemptive Pills. If they are not dislodged from power. If they are not redeemed that party, with its syndicates, etc., will be swept from the face of the earth.—Texas Farmer.

Two Lives Saved. Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City, Ill., was told by her doctors she had Consumption and that there was no hope for her but two bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it saved her life. Mr. Thos. Eggers, 129 Phoebe St., San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching Consumption, tried without result everything else then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results, of which these are examples, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in Coughs and Colds. Free 10¢ bottles at Akin & Co's Drug Store. Regular size 50c, and \$1.00.

THE New York World, THIRICE-A-WEEK EDITION. 18 Pages a week, 156 Papers a Year.

It stands first among "weekly" papers in size, frequency of publication and freshness, variety and reliability of contents. It is practically a daily at the low price of a weekly, and its vast list of subscribers, extending to every state and territory of the Union and to every foreign country, will vouch for the accuracy and fairness of its news columns.

ESTRAY NOTICE. REPORTED BY R. W. Brown, Com' Pro. No. 4, Young county, and with C. L. Isham, one black horse, under no. 15, bands high, branded J on nose, B on left thigh, about 8 or 9 years old, Sept. 23, '96. Reported by J. T. Hunt, Com. Pro. No. 5, and left with G. M. Furbush, One dark blue faced stocking horse about 10 or 12 years old, branded A on left thigh, collar & saddle marks. This Aug. 10, 1896. A. T. GAY, C. & C. Y. C. T.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children.

THE GREAT REMEDY FOR INFANTS AND CHILDREN. Sold in every drug store.

SUFFERING IN SILENCE. Women are the real heroes of the world. Thousands on thousands of them make their lives a martyrdom in the silence of their homes. They suffer on and on—weeks, months, years. The story of weakness and torture is written in the drawn features, in the hollow skin, in the listless eyes, in the lines of care and worry on the face.

Inborn modesty seals their lips. They prefer pain to humiliation. Custom has made them believe the only hope of relief lies in the exposure of examination and "local treatment."

Take ten cents of "McKIM'S WINE OF CARDUI" and in nine of them "local treatment" is unnecessary. There is no reason why modest, sensitive women should submit to it.

Differs from the money question if you will, but when it comes to a question of health, perhaps of life and death, get the standard.

Your druggist sells Scott's Emulsion. Two sizes, 50 cts. and \$1.00. SCOTT & BOWNE, New York.

## Prosperity Ahead.

As the crops are about all gathered the farmers should consider the program for the big crops of next year. Lard should be broken as deeply as possible, and as early as convenient. The rains of winter will consolidate it sufficiently and the freezes will pulverize the surface, thus making a good, soft seed bed, underlain with a forging ground filled with water, and with plant food accessible. Half the work of making a corn crop should be done before the plant comes up. If the work of preparation is badly done the fault can never be redeemed, and the yield suffers; therefore it is good practical agricultural sense to prepare the land well in the first place, and not to destroy all probability of a full crop at the beginning of the work. If neglect must come, let it be later when fishing is better and picnics prevail, for some excuse is better than none. Some farmers have contracted a habit of thinking that land left fallow-plowed and naked will deteriorate and consequently they postpone plowing until spring. The fact is land exposed to winter weather is improved. It is the baking summer heat that injures the naked soil. The plows are already going in some fields, and soon large areas will be put in proper shape for winter. As "a fast follows a famine," we expect to see grand crops next year. There will be no exciting political contest to distract the attention of the farmer, and he can devote most of his time, all his ability and an equitable temper to the work of production. We are not of those who believe there was any necessary connection between the drought of 1896 and the contemporary political turmoil. But whether there was or not we would prefer to have less of both, or either, hereafter.—Farm and Ranch.

Vernon, Wilbarger Co., Tex., Nov. 22—Saturday afternoon about 3 o'clock, while Richard Napier and Lee Stephens, son of Congressman-elect John H. Stephens of this city, were out hunting west of town one of their shotguns was accidentally discharged while driving over a rough piece of ground and the full charge tore through the arm of young Stephens between the elbow and shoulder. He at the time was holding the gun in his arms with the muzzle testing against his arm. The arm for three inches was literally blown to pieces, the charge ranging up. Young Napier got the wounded boy to town as quickly as possible. The weather was raw and chilly, and from the exposure and loss of blood young Stephens died at 8 p. m., Saturday, and will be interred at Weatherford, the bereaved family leaving here to day with the remains.

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Bryan and Sewall	269,964
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Culberson	276,366
Kearby	223,319

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## Why is it?

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