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Spectacles! Spectacles!

We have a nice line which we are offering CHEAP.

If you need anything in this line you can get a BARGAIN.

We have the largest five-cent School Tablets in town.

Don't forget last week's prices on Soap.

Graham Drug Co.

THE LEADER.

Published Weekly by J. W. Graves.

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LITTLE LOCAL LEADERS.

Dr. W. A. Morris returned last Monday from a visit to his old home in Austin.

Men's heavy Overcoats \$1.95 to \$2.50 at J. E. Morrison & Co's.

W. P. Stewart came in last Monday from Ellis county, where he has been looking after his cattle feeding there.

Michigan Salt.

\$2.50 per barrel at SHUMAKER BROS.

L. E. P. Social.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Church will give an L. E. P. Social at the residence of C. W. Johnson, Friday evening, Jan. 15. An interesting program will be furnished.

Everybody cordially invited to come and have a good time.

Trunks—A big lot of them lower than ever known, at The Graham Mercantile Co. N. J. TIMMONS, Manager.

Miss Cleo Hindman returned to Christian last Saturday to resume her school there after spending the holidays at home.

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

Miss Nina Arnold left last Saturday for Waco to visit her sister, Mrs. Judene Meace.

New goods coming in every day. S. B. STREET & Co.

Miss Lelia McJinney and Miss Mattie Morrison have gone to Dallas to attend music school.

When at Mineral Wells stop at the Mineral Wells Wagon Yard. Judge Sporer and J. J. McCarron of Jackboro, attended the Knights of Pythias supper here last Friday night, returning home Saturday.

Gent's Underwear.—A fine lot of it of the very best quality. Don't fail to lay in a supply while they are cheap. You will not have an opportunity of getting them so cheap again. N. J. TIMMONS, Manager Graham Mercantile Co.

Miss Nellie Johnson left Monday morning for Dallas on a business and pleasure trip.

Mackintoshes.—We will have a good deal of cold weather next month and you will need a Mackintosh to keep you dry and warm. Better get one now while they are cheap. We have a big lot of them and are selling them cheaper than anybody. Call early. N. J. TIMMONS, Manager Graham Mercantile Co.

Joe E. Morrison has gone to Dallas.

At A. R. McDonald & Co's is the place to buy Cheap Groceries for cash.

We publish this week a communication from Lacy and one from True, that should have appeared last week, but were unavoidably crowded out.

When you come to town don't fail to come in and get our prices before you buy, as we sell cheaper than any house in town, and have the goods. S. B. STREET & Co.

Uncle Sam's Innings.

On last Monday deputy marshal J. V. Cunningham of Abilene, arrested J. C. Stewart at this place on a warrant issued by the U. S. Commissioner at Abilene, upon a charge of selling liquor in violation of the United States Internal Revenue Laws. He started immediately for Abilene with his prisoner. Stewart is the same man convicted at last term of our County Court for selling liquor in violation of our local option laws. Stewart left his place of business closed and some joker put up the following sign on his door: "Closed by the U. S. of America, R. W. Collier, Receiver." Lee Waggoner and Will Owen were summoned as witnesses in the case.

Orange Blossoms.

News comes to this office that just as the sun on last Sunday afternoon was shedding its parting rays upon the picturesque scenery around the little town of Ellaville in this county, Rev. W. H. Wyough, in his smooth and characteristic way, was pronouncing the words that made W. P. Stinson and Miss Lucy Daws man and wife. The ceremony took place at the church just after the four o'clock services. The house was full of friends of the contracting parties. This is truly a case where pure love has overridden all obstacles, and after an engagement of four years triumphed in happy and joyous union.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. J. J. Daws, one of our old settlers and one of the most prominent citizens of the county. The groom, Mr. W. P. Stinson, has been a successful and popular school teacher in the county for several years and is a young man of sterling integrity and worth. "Jerry," as he is familiarly called by his friends, has intelligence, pluck and energy and his brave fight in the battle of life so far justifies the prediction that he will make his mark in the world and be a useful and honored citizen. We take special pleasure in extending him our congratulations upon this happy event, because we feel an especial interest in him. We have watched his career ever since he came to Young county, numbering him among our warmest friends and from our knowledge of his intellectual attainments, his industry and his moral character, we have always thought he had a bright future, and now that he has found a "gem of purest ray serene" and added it to his crown of honors, we are glad to devote more than usual space in extending him and his bride our congratulations and best wishes.

Six pounds best Soda for 25 cts. at J. E. Morrison & Co's. Boys' work shirts 10 cents at J. E. Morrison & Co's.

Arbuckle Coffee 6 packages for \$1.10. J. E. Morrison & Co. The Graham Mercantile Company are selling out their stock of Dry Goods, Groceries, Clothing, Boots and Shoes, Hats, Dress goods, Notions and everything in their line at astonishing low prices. Call and get bargains while they are to be had. The goods must be sold within a limited time and now is your opportunity. N. J. TIMMONS, Manager.

We have the best stock of goods in town and will beat all competitors. S. B. STREET & Co., Cheapest House in Town.

Go to A. R. McDonald & Co's for Cheap Groceries.

Shoes.—Call on the Graham Mercantile Co. and examine their stock of shoes and get their prices before buying elsewhere. N. J. TIMMONS, Manager.

Hats.—We can suit you in a hat, both in style and price. Try us. N. J. TIMMONS, Manager Graham Mercantile Co.

Men's heavy work pants 25 cents per pair. J. E. Morrison & Co.

They say J. E. Morrison & Co. is selling Dry Goods and Groceries cheaper than any house in town.

We want a correspondent in every community to send us the local notes. Don't be afraid to write because your spelling is not good, we will make it look alright in the paper; and won't print your name unless you desire it. We want you to send along your brief and pointed letters, telling about the weddings, births and deaths, new-comers, improvements, schools, societies and things of interest generally in your community. We advertise just what we have and always have what we advertise. S. B. STREET & Co., Cheapest House in Town.

Awarded Highest Honors—World's Fair. DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER. MOST PERFECT MADE. A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant. 40 Years the Standard.

Murray Matters.

Christmas has past and gone. We had a Sunday School Christmas Tree, which surpassed anything yet on Fish Creek. There were two trees beautifully arrayed and enough left to have dressed another. It gladdened the hearts of the children, and as they sang "Jesus is Light" you could see the love and joy beaming on the faces of those of riper years, which seemed to say "Thank God we have a christian community."

We have two Sunday Schools at this place, the Baptist and Methodist; the former has gone into winter quarters but will start up in the spring. The Methodist have a very interesting school, to which all are welcomed to its privileges. They elected a new list of officers last Sunday for 1897: A. J. Baker superintendent, G. H. Craig, secretary; Teachers, first Bible Class, W. N. Fawks; second Bible Class, G. W. Robinson; Primary, G. H. Craig; Infant, Miss Dora Fawks. We have preaching the second Sunday by the Methodist and the third by the Baptist; the League meets the 1st and 4th Sundays.

Well, Mr. Editor, we have not much grub up here, but plenty of grubbing. The long looked for rain has put us to work with renewed energy, and we enter the new year with fond hopes.

The hum of the saw and hammer is still heard on Fish Creek. Our trustees have called the patrons and got nearly enough money to ceil our school house.

W. B. Snodgrass has had the finishing touch put on his house. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Walsh has a young lady visitor at their house; mother and child doing well.

E. S. Cuseberry has gone to Threefork to take his daughter who is attending school there.

Mrs. Thee Price's father from Missouri, is visiting her. The rats undermined two large tanks of water for E. McReynolds and wasted all of the water. Me, you will have to get some rat traps and—and we will not say what.

Ask Mr. Cuse to show you his watch chain he got on the Christmas tree.

Some of our young folks visited the Elm Christmas tree and reported a nice time.

If this misce's waste basket I may write again, as this is the LAST CHANCE.

The Grandest Remedy.

Mr. R. E. Grove, merchant of Chihuahua, Va., certifies that he had consumption, was given up to die, sought all medical treatment that money could procure, tried all cough remedies he could hear of, but got no relief; spent many nights sitting up in a chair; was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery and was cured by use of two bottles. For past three years has been attending to business, and says Dr. King's New Discovery is the grandest cough ever made, as it cures so much for him and also for others in his community. Dr. King's New Discovery is guaranteed for Coughs, Colds and Consumption. It don't fail. Trial bottles free at Aki's Drug Store.

The Graham Mercantile Co. has a big lot of Men's and Boys' Clothing which they are selling lower than ever before known in Graham. Now is the time to buy. N. J. TIMMONS, Manager.

The following named subscribers have paid their subscriptions to THE LEADER since last issue: J. M. Whitefield, J. A. Wade, W. B. Snodgrass, W. T. Capps, Rufus Bryant, Chas. Neulau, J. S. Starrett, J. Schlitter, Geo. Wadley, J. A. Coffey, J. H. Wood, Sam H. Wood, Benj. Waters, John Martin, H. D. Kunkle, A. Rawlins, W. L. Grubbs.

Window Shades—in endless variety at the Mercantile Co. N. J. TIMMONS, Manager.

Don't be fooled by false advertisements, but trade with us and get honest values. S. B. STREET & Co., Cheapest House in Town.

The January number of the Cosmopolitan is on our table, filled brim full of interesting reading, and profusely illustrated. It is a magazine of over 100 pages, and all for \$1.00 a year. John Brisson Walker is editor. It is one of the finest magazines published, and contains more reading matter for the money than any magazine published. Address The Cosmopolitan Magazine, 5th Ave. and 42nd St., New York.

When you are in Mineral Wells buy your groceries of Cogdell Bros. and save money.

We will sell you more goods than any house in town for the same amount of money. S. B. STREET & Co., Cheapest House in Town.

South Bend.

Having been on the other side of the river on his work, Rev. Goode was kept away from home longer than usual last week by high water. Miss Ula Norton of near South Prairie is reported very low with pneumonia.

Mrs. W. L. Britton was very ill last week, but is now improving.

We learn there is also some sickness in J. W. Burgess' family.

Mr. Fletcher of near Peach creek has moved on the old McBrayer farm to live the coming year.

The school here has reached an enrollment of sixty-one pupils. Next that Leap year is gone nothing is left for us to do here but to take pattern after the Indian Mound people as spoken of by "X. Y. Z." last week, and that is to organize a Bachelors' Club, and, whilst we have not consulted the gentlemen, we are able to assert that the club could head its list with the following whose competency and proficiency in bachelorhood are evident: unquestionable: M. I. McBrayer, B. F. Scott, Mack Fickling and Jim Boozer. It is very probable that these gentlemen would get married as soon as they become old enough to know how to raise a family.

It is a sad thought to oneself, even, that Leap year is gone! Oh, how sad! We will probably live over it, but the chances are that we'll never look well. (By the way, this must have been the trouble all along.) Never mind, by the time another Leap year comes we will have been "out of our teens"—twenty-two just in our prime—and it we can't get up a case then it will be given-up-that-it-is-a-hard-case! indeed and in truth.

GEE A. GEE.

Lacy Locals. WRITERS FOR LAST WEEK. Christmas is over and Santa Claus may rest for another twelve months.

J. A. Keith and family visited relatives near Weatherford last week.

Misses Clara and Jennie Hawkins and Charley Keen and Prof. Collier visited friends at Jackboro Saturday.

Will and Melvin Cox and Mark Keith started for Bowie last Monday.

J. W. Hamilton is erecting a new residence just so th of Lacy. Jacob Cross' family visited relatives at Weatherford last week.

Uncle Joe Young has moved to his place in Baylor county. Prof. C.—was riding home from school the other day, and trying to make his horse oper before the boys, it became unmanageable and threw Prof. to the ground, his shoulder striking the ground first. Fortunately no bones were broken. On recovering from his fall the Prof. told the scholars not to tell it, but it leaked out. However it was a stick horse. We would advise the Prof. to be more careful how he catches at limbs while riding.

El Vance visited Whitt Xmas and returned with a bride, a Miss Vick. We wish them a happy life. —A-SWITAIN.

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Good Newspapers AT A VERY LOW PRICE. THE "SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS" (publication of Dallas) is published Tuesday and Friday each issue consists of eight pages. There are several departments for the farmer, the lad and the boy and girl, leading a world of general news matter, illustrated articles, etc. We offer THE SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS GRAHAM LEADER for 12 months for the low clubbing price of \$1.25 cash. This gives you three papers a week, or 126 papers a year for a ridiculously low price. Hand in your subscription at once.

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True Echoes.

WRITERS FOR LAST WEEK. True is still on a boom and everything lively.

We had a nice Christmas tree; everything passed off quietly.

Old Santa Claus brought the children all the candy and apples and nuts they could eat and everybody was happy.

Miss Bertha Leberman has come home from school to spend the holidays with friends and relatives.

The young folks enjoyed an entertainment at Mr. Dick Leberman's last night; they report a nice time.

Mr. Geo. Fugatt has come home to spend Christmas with friends and relatives.

The young folks of True enjoyed a dance at Mr. Bill Leberman's last Friday night.

Our school will commence again next Wednesday. It is progressing nicely; there are 60 enrolled. Our Sunday School is improving nicely.

John Leberman has come home to spend Xmas.

Tuk Patterson is visiting True right often here lately; we don't know what for but we think he has found a girl up here.

J. L. Ennis has started to school; we wish him much success.

Our Literary Society is moving along nicely; it meets every Friday night.

Married: At the residence of Mr. Ward, Mr. Sam Waters and Miss Lela Gibbs; we wish them a long and happy life.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Larimore have gone to Greer county to visit their daughter, Mrs. L. T. Clark. B. A. B.

Overcoats.—We are selling our stock of Overcoats at prices never before known in Graham. Winter is here and you will need one. Better get it while they are cheap. N. J. TIMMONS, Manager. Graham Mercantile Co.

SECRET SOCIETIES. MASONIC. B. A. BOTT'S CHAPTER No. 167 (A. M.) meets Friday night or before the full moon of each month. Visiting companions invited to attend. Jo. W. AKIN, B. P. A. T. GAY, Sec.

YOUNG COUNTY LODGE No. 285, A. F. A. M. meets up Saturday of each month. Visiting companions invited to attend. R. McDONALD, W. M. J. W. AKIN, Sec.

ADDELPHI LODGE (Knights of Pythias) meets on second and fourth Saturday nights in each month in Knights of Pythias hall. S. A. KILLAM, W. L. GRAVES, Sec. Geo. Beechey.

K. O. P. TWIN MOUNTAIN LODGE No. 2202, Knights of Honor, meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays in each month. G. E. FINLAY, Dictator. J. R. HARRIS, Reporter.

K. O. P. Co. of Dallas Lodge, No. 143, Knights of Pythias, meets in Lacle Hall every Friday night. Visiting Knights invited to attend. J. T. RICHMAN, C. C. Jo. W. AKIN, E. of B. & P.

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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

Hrt His Daddy

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.

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SADDLES & HARNESS. We Carry a Full and Complete Stock. FINE HAND WORK A SPECIALTY. All Repairing Done Promptly at Low Prices. GRAHAM TEXAS.

W. H. GEORGE, Wholesale and Retail Dealer in

FURNITURE, CARPETS And Household GOODS, Window Curtains, Mating, Picture Frames, Etc. Undertaking a Specialty. Coffins Furnished Promptly. Mineral Wells, Texas.

Hon. W. J. Bryan's Book

ALL who are interested in furthering the sale of Hon. W. J. Bryan's new book should correspond immediately with the publishers. The work will contain

an account of his campaign. His biography, written by his wife. His most important speeches. The results of the campaign of 1896. A review of the political situation. AGENTS WANTED.

Mr. Bryan has announced his intention of devoting one-half of all royalties to furthering the cause of bimetalism. There are already indications of an enormous sale. Address

W. B. CONKEY COMPANY, Publishers, 344-351 Dearborn St., CHICAGO.

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The Beckham National Bank. Capital, \$100,000. Surplus, \$5,000.

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Welcome the Coming!

Eighteen Hundred & Ninety-Seven

is row with us and I hope it may be a prosperous year to each and every one of us.

To this end I offer you my services as a **First-Class Blacksmith.**

I have the material and know how to shape it and will make it to your interest to give me your patronage. Respectfully, R. L. HENEGAR.

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In the Post Office Building. Has Opened a Nice Stock of

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Prescriptions Carefully Compounded.

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The Graham Reader.

J. W. GRAHAM, Publisher. GRAHAM, - - - TEXAS.

It is always easy to see where others could do better.

Fortunately for men, few women really care to manage them.

Never make an agreement in which anything is left to the imagination.

What a dry time some of us would have if we got nothing but our debts.

Those who never watched a man while he was at work often wonder why he is successful.

One of the sure roads to success is always to consider your own business of paramount importance.

People who tell the public of their litanies generally get no further on the road to accomplishment.

People who want to keep out of trouble generally wait until called on before offering either help or advice.

If the weather man keeps on trying he is bound to predict a cold wave at the right time between now and spring.

A great deal of repentance reaches a man about the time that he discovers that people whom he has injured are in a condition to retaliate.

Those who devote all the present to building for the future generally do before reaching what they consider a satisfactory condition of things.

The public man who thinks he can get along without a stage manager generally plays to empty houses before he learns that his season is closed.

People who have tried to keep the strap of a silk tie beneath a short-neck collar button will not be surprised to hear that the cotton tie is going up.

Corsets was perfectly safe in offering to build a home for aged actresses. There are no such actresses, and they become superannuated they enter the ballet.

There is a considerable amount of inconvenience about being on friendly terms with people who have patronage to dispense, when one also has acquaintances among the hungry.

In Roseburg, Oregon, a curfew law has recently been passed which will apply to boys only. It will work all right. Does anyone know of a girl who has been arrested for being out after dark?

With all due respect to the New York Journal, David Blagman—one of the greatest baritone living—is not an American. He is a good old-fashioned American from Philadelphia. He has produced so few men who have become great singers—despite our list of successful prima donnas—that it is a pity for an American newspaper to take the lead in denying the birthright of the best masculine singer that America ever put forward.

Rev. Madison C. Peters of New York is aroused on the divorce question. He insists that they come too easily and demands a uniform law for every state. He wants Oklahoma wiped off the map unless it ever accords to Mr. Peters that possibly marriage sometimes comes too easily. While we are about it, it might be well to have certain uniform restrictions thrown around Cupid. As it is now, anybody who wants to can get married.

There is positive uproar among the New York city by the stand taken by President Roosevelt of the police commission, in supporting private detectives, and the support given him by the Rev. Dr. Parkhurst. The prominent preachers of the metropolis all say that they are simply amazed that Mr. Roosevelt should have been present at such an exhibition as the Maher-Choyrak fight, and allowed it to go on, and they have no words for their astonishment at the additional support of Dr. Parkhurst.

It appears that charming Clay Fitzgerald is suffering from a peculiar trouble which may damage her as a social value professionally. It is well known that her wink was one of her great charms, and she used it in a most lavish manner. But now the tail wag the dog, so to speak. She has winking so persistently that instead of having control of her wink the wink controls her, in fact she winks all the time. To be frank and plain about it, she has begun to squint horribly. Naturally her managers are indignant at her failure to control her wink for it is habitual. They are greatly troubled about it and do not know what to do.

A Kansas man is somewhere in the far unknown kingdom of the archaic. Two men were sentenced the same day, one to eighteen months and the other to two years penal servitude. The clerk of court mixed up the verdicts in making out the reports and the two-year man was released Thursday and quickly betook himself no one knows where. The real eighteen-month man also demanded his release and thus the error was discovered. He was also released, of course, and the other man is just six months ahead of the game, and consequently happy.

A Maryland man has sued a steamboat company for \$5,000 damages because one of its boats was so late that he lost his vote at the last election. This is about \$4,998 above the current rates for votes throughout the doubtful western states.

The women in Idaho are said to be jubilant not because they are happier than other women, but because the suffrage amendment has been passed by a large majority. All of the politicians will want to stump Idaho hereafter.

Heriberto Philadelphia has been caught if her policemen were 5 feet 6 inches in height, but now the city authorities have decided that they must have officers an inch taller than that. If they have to send "out west" after them. Go on, your short men are good enough.

A Kentucky man in Germany claims that the Kaiser's minions are trying to force him to become a soldier. Such tyranny as to try to make a common soldier out of a freeman is almost as parallel to history.

Talmage's Sermon

Employments of Heaven. . . .

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6, 1896.—Dr. Talmage's sermon to-day gives a very unusual view of the celestial world, and is one of the most unique discourses of the great preacher. The text is Ezekiel 1:1: "Now I came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives of the river of Chebar, that the heavens were opened."

Ezekiel, with others, had been exiled and while in foreign slavery, was standing on the banks of the royal canal which he and other serfs had been made to dig. The name of Nebuchadnezzar—this royal canal in the text called the river of Chebar—the illustrious exile had visions of heaven. Indeed, it is almost always so, that the brightest visions of heaven come not to those who are on mountain-top of prosperity, but to some Paul in Manerine dungeon, or to some Ezekiel standing on the banks of a ditch he had been made to dig.

It is not in the thirtieth year, or in the fourth month, or in the fifth day of the month, that you have had visions of heaven. You shall never forget. You remember the year, you remember the month, you remember the day, you remember the hour. Why may we not have some such vision now, and it be in the twelfth month, in the twelfth day of the month?

The question is often silently asked, though perhaps never audibly pronounced, "What are our departed friends doing now?" The question is more easily answered than you might perhaps suppose. Though there has come no recent intelligence from the heavenly city, and we seem dependent upon the story of eighteen centuries ago, still I think we may from strongest inference decide what the present occupations of our departed friends are.

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WESTERN SKETCHES.

Jackson's First Week.

The first week of Jackson's stay in the city has been a very busy one. He has been seen at the opera, at the races, and at the various public functions.

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The Graham Leader.

Published weekly by J. W. GRAVES, GRAHAM, TEXAS.

Entered at the postoffice at Graham, Texas, as second class mail matter.

News has been received at Washington that the authorities of Spain have recalled Capt. Gen. Weyler.

Heavy rains have fallen all over the north and west. In Chicago the streets were one vast sheet of water.

Articles of agreement have been signed by Corbett and Fitzsimmons for a fight.

The coyotes are said to be so hungry in some portions of Kansas this winter that they get under windows and howl all night.

Rheumatism is caused by lactic acid in the blood.

Albert J. Prantz was given a death sentence for the murder of Beatie Little at Dayton, O.

Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds.

A negro named Ed. Smith was taken to the city hospital at San Antonio the other night in a dying condition.

You Can Be Well. When your blood is pure, rich and nourishing for nerves and muscles.

A. G. Alford, son of the late Gen. George F. Alford, well known all over Texas, has been arrested in Los Angeles charged with the forgery of a \$1000 draft on a Philadelphia bank.

Buckley's Arnica Salve. The old Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Furuncles, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Coughs, and all Skin Eruptions.

Electric Bitters. Electric Bitters is a medicine suited for any season, but perhaps more generally needed when the legard, exhausted feeling prevails.

Fifteen Texans who had joined the insurgents were shot to death in Cuba last week.

Something to Know. It may be worth something to know that the very best medicine for restoring the tired and nervous system is healthy vigor is Electric Bitters.

King Solomon in the sea, stopping, bounding, racing, caused by nature, and disappear with the use of Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Busted Texas Counties go Broke on Pretty Pictures.

"If you will get a lawyer in this city" remarked an ex county official yesterday, to a Times reporter "to show you any law providing for the purchase of printed letter heads by the county for county officials then I will eat the law."

A stationer also means a publisher and a dealer in books and the general acceptance of the term stationer means stationery prepared for business purposes.

At the Vendome hotel breakfast table the other morning two visitors from the east were sitting at a table near a Times man and two El Paso business men.

A widow of Kansas City started with her arms extended to grope her way along a dark hall one night recently to awake her son and she thought had just gone down stairs.

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Statement from the Comptroller.

Boston Mass., Jan. 2.—The Journal this afternoon prints a signed statement from Comptroller Eckels in which he says in part:

"The bank failures which have occurred here have been entirely due to local conditions, and in almost every instance to defective policy in the institutions failing."

"The same may be said of all the national banks failing since Nov. 1, and I imagine the same thing will hold good in the state and private banking houses which have ceased to do business."

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Notice to Pardon Applicants.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 25.—Governor Culberson returned to Austin this morning and gave out the following statement: "I will think the press to give notice that no application for pardon will be considered until after the meeting of the legislature."

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Sherman, Tex., Jan. 2.—County Judge Wood is seriously considering the advisability of hereafter refusing to take convict bonds, which practice has been in vogue in Grayson county for several years.

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