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LOWEST LIVING PRICES.
No extra charge for putting in Loom.
Material left at N. F. McCain's Feed Store will reach me promptly, and Carpets will be delivered at same place.
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Graham, Texas.

County Correspondence.

South Bend.

MR. EDITOR, you will please not announce us a candidate for the senatorialship, governorship nor even for district judge until you receive our personal notice. For sometime past, thousands of our friends have been urging us to make the race for one of the above places of responsibility vs. luxury, and gout. We cannot make the race. Our feet are well again, it is true; but we cannot yet run fast enough to enter the race. We appreciate the kindness of our friends but we must decline for reasons well known—so well known are our reasons that it is unnecessary to state them here. Roger Q. Mills, Esq. writes me that if we enter the race he will not place his name before the legislature, as it would be an act of imprudence on his part. But let it be understood, distinctly, but kindly that we will not run.

Mrs. Lula Britton's little girl, Mary, has been very low with a throat disease, but she is now slowly convalescing.

B. F. Scott has gone to Ranger this week with cotton.

Mrs. O. A. McBrayer has been confined to her room and part of the time to her bed with pleurisy. We hope she will speedily recover.

Some little wheat was sown here; but it was little indeed.

The lumber for more school house is on the ground. It will be built in a short time now. "The sooner the quicker," for the school is still growing and more room is greatly needed. A splendid school people have we.

Mrs. Payne writes from Mineral Wells that her health is improving. We are glad to know this.

Joe Bradcock and Harry Moppin returned some time ago from the west.

Miss Anna Lee Bragg, of Breckinridge, is giving music lessons in the community.

Miss Mary Keeter was visiting her parents here Sunday.

Bro. Keeter gave us a splendid sermon last Sunday.

Clarence Goode and family are spending a few weeks with relatives here.

L. D. Powers has moved from Mr. McCluskey's place and Mr. Knight has moved thereto.

Wils Copeland had a severe abdominal attack last week, but we are pleased to know he has well nigh recovered.

Vick Kellar has been to see his girl for the last six weeks and she lives within five miles. But that is O. K. Vick. We will say nothing about it to anybody else.
GEE A. GEE.

Goose Neck Bend.

The long looked for rain has come and a splendid season is in the ground. Everybody can now go to plowing right for this years crop.

Rev. W. L. Gibbs of Abilene, Texas, preached a very interesting sermon here Sunday night, to a large and attentive congregation.

Charles E. McLaren and Eula McKnight were married Sunday evening at Graham, by Rev. A.

E. Foster. Charley stole a march on the boys and if he hadn't have left the Bend when he did, he surely would have been dipped in the tank, or rode on a rail. We extend our heartiest congratulations to the happy couple.

Mr. Eustace and family of Millam county, have located on the McPhail farm, lately vacated by Zeke Carnahan.

Hosea Jones and family have moved on to Mr. Aynesworth's farm.

Goose Neck is not to be left when it comes to bringing out its number of candidates. We have one out for assessor, one for sheriff and one for county attorney. All good deserving gentlemen.

Little Clydus, a three year old child of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Price has been very sick, but is now able to be up.

S. M. Sealy is having him a large cistern built; H. L. Mitchell doing the work.

The late sown wheat is up since the late rains and bids fair to make a good yield. A very good acreage is sown in Goose Neck.
A. J.

Salt Creek.

A fine rain fell last Friday. The farmers are preparing their corn land.

Mrs. I. N. Johnson and family, accompanied by Miss Eunice Ellis, took a flying trip to the city Saturday.

J. C. Casburn and his son Rob were in our community Monday.

Will Mayes has been right sick but is now convalescing.

Several of the young folks attended the singing at G. W. McCormas' Sunday evening and report a pleasant time.

Fred Adare passed through our community last week.

Joe Been of Sebastian county, Arkansas, is visiting his brother, C. M. Been of this place.

Rowland Stewart and Frank Underwood of Dallas, passed through our community Sunday, on their way to Spring creek, where they will spend a few weeks in hunting.

Miss Lizzie Baldwin spent last week with Miss Annie Mayes of Fish Creek.
A. H. K.

Markley.

Elmer Smith's baby was quite sick a few days ago, but is getting better now.

A nice rain fell here last Friday, but not enough for some to plow.

Rev. H. B. Whittenburg filled his appointment here last Sunday and preached an interesting sermon.

Malley Wallace moved last week to the Seward place.

Jim Logan has purchased the Seward place.

Mr. Patterson has moved on the old Markley place.

Ike Tinney has built a new room to his dwelling. Still the town improves. Those wanting town lots must apply soon, as we are expecting a boom when the telephone gets here.

We have 51 pupils enrolled to date in our school and 50 were in attendance last Monday. All seem to be doing good work, and we are expecting good results from this school.
A. GUMP.

Dr. Von Weck's

Weakness manifests itself in the loss of ambition and aching bones. The blood is watery; the tissues are wasting—the door is being opened for disease. A bottle of Dr. Von Weck's Iron Bitters taken in time will restore your strength, soothe your nerves, make your blood rich and red. Do you more good than a special course of medicine. For sale by All Dealers.

Farmer Items.

Everything dull in and around Farmer this week. A great deal of business transacted in our city last week. The weather is somewhat changeable. Cotton on the rise. Some sickness in the community.

We understand Mr. Owens, one of our most progressive farmers, living about 4 or 5 miles north-west of town, will put in a big cotton crop this next year. He made upwards of 27 bales last year.

Dr. Pickens and Ike Tinney of Markley, were welcome visitors in our town last week.

Johnny Gee, formerly one of our boys, was here last week.

Buck Hawkins is putting up a wind mill near his residence. There is nothing like having plenty of water, Buck.

Tom Barber, who left here about a year ago, returned a few days ago. Glad to see you back, Tom.

Dr. J. D. Wilson, P. P. Cady and N. Gegg went to Graham on business Saturday.

Jas. Stinnett of Markley, was here trading Saturday.

Misses May and Nellie Prideaux, of the Oak Grove vicinity, Archer county, were here shopping the latter part of the week.

We are glad to see T. J. Lamons out again after a few days illness.

This year will be trying on the candidates. It seems as if the candidates will be numerous this year by the various rumors from the different parts of the county. It is believed that Farmer will be in it too. The writer has decided to vote for the first man who comes out, whether he be "pop," silverite, or republican.

There was preaching at the Methodist Church, Sunday by Rev. Geo. Rushing of Parker county—a Presbyterian preacher. We learn that he will preach for us every third Sunday for the ensuing year. He has moved out near Olney. We have preaching three Sundays in each month.

Messrs. Midyett, the mayor of Lacy, Frank Peters and J. C. Sensibaugh, were doing business in Farmer Tuesday.

Dr. J. D. Wilson was in the Markley neighborhood Monday.

A. E. Oatman is on a rush making brooms this week. His broom trade seems to be increasing.
SKIPPER.

The Grandest Remedy.

Mr. R. B. Greeve, merchant of Chilhowie, 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 bear 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 remedy ever made, as it has done 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 D. R. Alkin & Co's Drug Store.

Life is short; one bottle of Dr. Simons' Cough Syrup may save your life. Fifty cents a bottle. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded. Ask your druggist for a sample bottle.

Salem Sittings.

The farmers have been awakened from their pleasant dry weather slumbers by the patter of rain. It so enthused and electrified them that the first thing they did after pinching themselves and ascertaining for sure that they were not dreaming was to gather together the plows and harness and make a rush for the field. Now the well know "Gee and Haw" can be heard from every quarter of Anadarko. Look out for an overproduction.

Sunday School is moving along nicely. Our Superintendent, D. C. Brooks, is a live energetic worker. His promptness and regularity at his post has caused many to profit thereby—for it is no trouble to open Sunday School at 10 o'clock now. We have all learned the fact that Sunday School does not open at 15 or 30 minutes after 10, but at 10 o'clock. We have good attendance and enrollment increasing. Would be glad that every child and every one in the community would come out and join us. Sunday School is the place for children, it keeps them out of mischief and teaches them to respect and to keep the Sabbath Day. Every one is cordially invited to come and join the Sunday School.

Mr. Ted Johnson and Misses Bobbie and Bessie Wallace, Theo Hindman, Georgie Ellis, Augusta Beard, Louise Lamar, Addie Johnson and Addie Eddleman of Graham, were at Sunday School last Sunday. They all came out in a hack and spent the day. They also attended singing in the evening at the church, and visited Miss Jeffie Gillespie.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gilmore who have been visiting among us for some time left for their home in Dickens county last Monday. W. I. Gilmore and wife accompanied them as far as Jim Gilmore's in South Bend.

Mrs. Fannie Byran of Graham, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jake Bryan this week. We are all glad to see "Miss" Fannie, as we use to call her, back at Salem as this was her old home.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Sherman of Chico, Wise county, has been visiting Mr. Oliver Lises' family a part of the week.

Chas. Gibson and Bob and Jas. Bryan of Goose Neck and Graham were at singing Sunday evening.

The young people enjoyed a very pleasant social at Knox Criswell's last Friday night. A large crowd was present and everything enjoyable. We gave you warning, Knox, that your house would soon be in the storm center. We "aint" no prophet, but a "powerful" good guesser. So every one look out when we forecast the weather next time.

John Best of Dry Creek, in company with a young lady whom we failed to get her name, was at church Sunday.

Still school increases. There were several new pupils in Monday. Every one seems interested in school. Patrons are requested to come out and see how their children are getting along.

Tom Gilmore, son of W. I. Gilmore, was suddenly taken sick last Monday. We are informed that he has the pneumonia. We hope however, that he is not as bad as reported.

We would advise some young men to camp at the church, rather than be too late for Sunday School.
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GENERAL NOTES.

The Texas State Rangers for the month of December, 1897, made 40 arrests for various crimes. made 70 scouts, assisted the different sheriffs 47 times, guarded different trails 9 times, attended different district courts 34 times, made 9 attempts to arrest, but failed, and traveled 4843 miles.

At a meeting held in Fort Worth it was decided that the Spring Carnival association would at once begin arrangements for the erection of a large auditorium to be used during the spring festivities to be held there, commencing on or about May 10 next and continuing for about two weeks.

In the United States Supreme Court Justice Harland has handed down the opinion of the court in the case of A. P. Stewart vs. O. K. Hayden, receiver of the City National bank of Lincoln, Neb., holding that Stewart could not free himself of the disability of a shareholder in a failed national bank by disposing of his holding prior to the failure, but with evident knowledge of the failing condition of the concern.

A jury in the Fourteenth District Court, at Dallas, in the case of Mrs. Joana Breadnow vs. Texas and Pacific Railway company found for the plaintiff and awarded her \$8000 damages apportioned as follows: \$2000 for herself and \$2000 apiece for her three children. Mrs. Breadnow's husband was an employe of the Texas and Pacific railroad and lost his life accidentally a few years since while at work in the yards of the defendant.

The Galveston police believe they have solved the tramp deportation question. With not enough work to keep the convicted tramps employed, they were sent out of town on trains. This pleased the tramps and they would all return. They are now loaded on steamers and taken across the bay to Bolivar Point, from which place it is impossible to return by water for less than 35 cents and the land route back is 130 miles. Beaumont, the eastern gateway, is quarantined by rock pile regulations.

There is a "Giant of Green County," Pennsylvania, who wants a pension because, being seven feet and four inches tall, the government had no overcoat to fit him while he was in the war. We are told how long this giant is, but we are not told how long he fought or why it has taken him so long to discover that his name ought to be writ large upon the pension roll. If he has rheumatism in every joint, he should surely demand an extra pension on account of the superficial area of the disease.

The legislature of Tennessee has recently passed a measure forbidding youthful lovers and admirers of the fair sex to loiter in the neighborhood of female colleges, or to interfere in any way with the students thereof. Under the operation of this measure young men are not allowed to accompany the young ladies to the college grounds nor to escort them back home. Of course there is much indignation among the gallant youths of Tennessee and vigorous efforts are already on foot to have the statute repealed.

Spread of the Mexican Weevil

The Agricultural Department at Washington, has issued a circular regarding the spread of the Mexican cotton boll weevil during the past season. Several years ago the weevil made its appearance in certain portions of Texas and there was great fear that it would spread to the north and east and even to Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia. The investigation conducted by the department shows, however, that the progress of the insect toward the north and east has been very slow; that its spread is practically checked by the first heavy frost, and it is doubtful whether the insect will advance to any great extent beyond the region of the growth of volunteer cotton. In all the infected region the crop this year seems to have been very short, a condition largely attributable to

drouth. Where there was no top crop there was very few weevils. In the lowland where the plants showed some growth of squares the weevil and its work were abundant. Careful examination of the country adjoining the borders of the infected area of 1896 showed only one important extension of the spread, this being immediately in the south of Cuero.

Texas Packing Industry.

In the year just closed the Fort Worth Packing company slaughtered and prepared for market 103,000 head of hogs, 5500 of cattle and 1500 sheep.

Through the courtesy of the management the following facts are obtained by the reporter, relative to this large industry, important not alone to Fort Worth, but to the entire state. In the first place, it is quite apparent that the packing-house there and the one at Dallas are only now supplying a very small fraction of the demand for cured meats in Texas. No state in the union consumes a larger quantity of salt and cured meats than does this state in proportion to the population. The sale of dry salt and smoked bacon in Texas is greater than that of any other state. It is a matter of fact that at least two out of every five refrigerator cars that reach the cities of Dallas and Fort Worth or other large business centers of the state are loaded with cured meats from the big packing-houses of the north.

Now the capacity of the packing-house there is easily 250,000 hogs a year and in case of necessity 1500 head could be handled. That this increase in the business of the company at Fort Worth, and possibly the same can be said of other like institutions in the state, is not due to any lack of demand for the products, but to the fact that Texas is woefully short of hogs and that so few farmers pay and attention to this lucrative industry.

Of the 103,000 hogs received at the packing-house last year, 40,000 at least were Texas-bred hogs that had been shipped to Oklahoma and the nation as feeders, the breeders paying the freight and then, after the animals were in condition, selling them to the packing company's buyers at the prevailing low prices and still making money. This fact clearly indicates the money there is in the business for the farmer.

In no state in the union can hogs be raised as cheaply and with as little labor as in Texas. Little or no shelter is required, owing to our moderate climate. No feed is needed until the animal acquires his growth and a weight, say, of 120 to 150 pounds. Grass, mass, berries and what a hog can usually pick up in a pasture will bring it to that weight, then by feeding it ten bushels of corn its weight can be increased at least eighty pounds, bringing the animal to a condition that fits it for the market.

The packing company is very clear in its ideas on this subject, but is of the opinion that it will require a concerted action on the part of the press of the state to bring the matter home to people who are yearly failing to take advantage of an avenue of profit that would not only benefit themselves, but the entire state.

A Farmer to the Farmer.

Now is the time to decide on what to raise on your land for the year 1898. The first thing to do is to look over last year's expenses and see what you have bought and then see how much of this you can raise at home, as this investigation can not help but convince any thinking man or woman now engaged in farming in our part of the state that home production should begin now and never end. Try and arrange it so your wagon will have a load both ways, if you have to go to town, always take something along to sell or trade. Try and make this thing count both ways; at first it will seem like a very small business, but keep at it and at the end of the year you will be surprised at the result and all on your side of the ledger. If there has been no market in your town for farm produce, you and your neighbors can make a market by raising enough to create one.

Don't figure the labor expense of what you use at home, if you do you can make your eggs cost

you 50 cents per dozen and butter 75 cents per pound. Better be a seller of these things at a low price than a buyer at any price.

Keep a close watch on your garden, for one acre for this purpose well managed and cared for will be worth more to you and your family than any ten acres on your farm, and in addition to this don't forget to put in at least one-fourth of an acre in the common white navy beans, such as you buy at the store, they do well here or at least have for us the past two years. This year we raised ten bushels on a very small piece of land and they are fully as good as any northern beans we buy. At least one-half acre should be planted in sorgum in drills to be made into molasses. If you have no mill in your neighborhood club together and get one for you can now make better molasses than you can buy.

Early Irish potatoes will be a good crop to raise this year as there is a big shortage throughout the world and if you raise more than you want for home use, you will find a ready sale for the surplus. Now is the time to make arrangements with your merchant for garden seeds.

Don't neglect raising enough hogs for your own use and a few to sell. If you don't own a brood sow, get one at once, for cheap grain will make high priced stock hogs next fall. While planting in the garden don't fail to plant at least a few rows of pop-corn as this is nice to have in the house these long winter evenings for the children as well as the grown folks.

The things mentioned are only a few of what you can grow with profit for home use and it will depend on each one what will be done in this direction during the year 1898.

The farmer who works six days in the week this year and will raise his own food, will come out all right at the end, and in doing this he will have accomplished what he has been striving for—a fair profit for his labor.

The independent cotton farmer of the future will be the one who raises his own wheat, oats, corn, chickens, eggs, milk, butter, molasses and pork, with enough surplus to buy coffee, sugar, salt and other things needed at home. The first to gain this independence will be those who try it this year.—M. R. Hoxie, Hoxie's Ranch, in Taylor Tribune.

Richard P. Bland of Missouri, takes a hopeful view of the prospects of the silver men in the congressional campaign next fall, at which members of the house will go before their constituents for re-nomination and re-election. Mr. Bland thinks that the democrats will make gains in every part of the country where republicans were victorious at the last election, and the next house will contain a comfortable majority in favor of free silver. "We will have a good majority in the next congress," he said. "I predict that one of the first legislative acts of that congress will be to pass a free coinage bill, which will be sent to the president for his action."

The oldest man in the world died last month at San Juan de la Vaquera, in the state of Nueva Leon Mexico. His name was Crispino Salazar, and his age was 130 years. He distinctly recalled the famous aurora borealis display of 1789, a marvelous phenomena for this tropical regions and he was a grown man when that happened. He was in good health almost to his last day.

On good authority the peanut crop of the United States is said to be diminishing. This should not be allowed to happen. The normal crop is 4,000,000 bushels, and the Americans are so fond of the nut that they spend upon it \$10,000,000 a year. Chemists say the peanut contains 50 per cent of fat and over 30 per cent of nourishing compounds, and it is commended by physicians as an article of food. No doubt it can be improved by judicious culture. In any case, it can not be spared, for it fills a place of its own.

Thd beard, mustache and eyebrows may be made a desirable and uniform brown or black by an occasional application of Bucking-ham's Dye for the Whiskers.

Sarsaparilla Sense. Any sarsaparilla is sarsaparilla. True. So any tea is tea. So any flour is flour. But grades differ. You want the best. It's so with sarsaparilla. There are grades. You want the best. If you understood sarsaparilla as well as you do 'tea and flour it would be easy to determine. But you don't. How should you? When you are going to buy a commodity whose value you don't know, you pick out an old established house to trade with, and trust their experience and reputation. Do so when buying sarsaparilla. Ayer's Sarsaparilla has been on the market fifty years. Your grandfather used Ayer's. It is a reputable medicine. There are many sarsaparillas. But only one Ayer's. IT CURES.

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The mayor of Fort Worth, has suspended the city judge, J. H. Jackson until the next meeting of the council. Mayor Paddock said: "I suspended the city judge for the reason that he has been stating to parties what would be the amount of fines and amounts of costs in cases where frame buildings were removed into the city limits in violation of the law. I decided that I could afford to take no other action in the premises. Besides, there are other charges, which will be specified later."

Only 20 per cent of the murders committed yearly in America and Europe are never found out. St. James Hotel, Dallas.

B.B.B. BOTANIC BLOOD BALM. A Household Remedy. Cures SCROFULA, GLUCERS, SALT RHEUM, ECZEMA, every form of malignant SKIN ERUPTION, besides being efficacious in toning up the system and restoring the constitution, when impaired from any cause. It is a safe Tonic, and its almost supernatural healing properties justify us in guaranteeing a cure of all blood diseases, if directions are followed. Price, 50¢ per Bottle, or 6 Bottles for \$3.00. SENT FREE BOTTLE OF BROCHURE, CURE, together with valuable information. BLOOD BALM CO., ATLANTA, GA.

Found the Mother Lode. A special dispatch from Seattle of a late date says: Miners arriving from Dawson say the town is greatly excited over the discovery of the mother lode from which all placer gold heretofore discovered comes. The lode was first located on a claim owned by Pugilist Frank Slavin. So rich is the quartz that gold can be secured by pounding the quartz on a common anvil. It runs right through many claims extending for miles and is thirty five feet wide. The returns from the richest placer mines will be insignificant in richness compared with those from the mother lodes. It is said the report has added to the fever of those contemplating going to the Klondike, and many who were wishing for spring to open will brave the winter and go now. The Baptist Standard, Dr. Cranfill's paper, will, it is reported, be removed from Waco to Dallas, where the greatest Baptist publishing house in the world will be established. Col. C. C. Slaughter, it is also reported, has put into this business enterprise \$25,000.

THE LAND OFFICE.

Some Practical Information Regarding Its Workings.

Mr. J. T. Robinson writes as follows concerning the land office: "It may be of interest to your readers to give them some information in regard to the workings of the land department of the state for the year just closed. The land that has been surveyed and set apart for the permanent free school fund and classed as grazing land is sold for not less than \$1 per acre. That which is classed as agricultural is sold for not less than \$1.50 per acre. All is sold on forty years time with 3 per cent interest. The interest must be paid every year, but none of the principal, except the first payment of one fortieth cash at time of purchase, is required to be paid until the end of the fortieth year. The interest on these sales is applied to the available free school fund. The principal becomes a part of the interest-bearing permanent free school fund.

During 1897 there were sold 1,378,309 acres, and the year closed with about 5000 purchase applications pending. These sales added about \$1,500,000 to the interest-bearing school fund, with much more in sight. In addition to the sale of the land, the states also leases the public domain as well as the surveyed land. The lease price is fixed by law at not less than 3 cents per acre per annum. The land which is leased is generally used for stock grazing, but not infrequently do we find splendid farms cultivated on land held under lease. Most all of the leased lands are west of a line down from the northeast corner of Wilbarger county south to the Rio Grande.

Last year was one of unprecedented activity in the lease department. During the year there were leased 4,859,808 acres. This added \$145,794.24 to the available free school fund for the present education of the children. During the year there were paid on old leases \$137,457.97, or a total revenue from the lease department alone of \$283,252.21. There were canceled during the year leasing covering 2,571,702 acres. At the close of the year there were under lease 9,947,942 acres. By the last of this month there will be under lease 10,250,000 acres. The operation of the lease department, from which was derived this revenue, cost the state \$3300, as against \$4900 under former administrations. Under Commissioner Baker's management the business has been so systematized that the greatest amount of work can be done in the least possible time from which results a great saving to the state.

Acting upon Commissioner Baker's suggestions the last legislature enacted laws whereby several thousand purchases made years ago by speculators, but on which no interest had ever been paid, were forfeited and the land again placed on the market for sale or lease. As a result millions of acres are now yielding revenue to the state which had been idle for years so far as the state was concerned. Also upon his suggestions the law regulating the sale or lease of lands was simplified, improved, and the actual settler and stock interest benefited as well as the state. However, this is not fully appreciated by these most interested, nor will it be until the great number of applicants now on hand get their land, settle down in their homes, take a retrospective view of the situation and realize the feeling of security brought to one having a perfect title to his property. Many who have applied to buy land feel they have cause to complain at Col. Baker on account of the delay in their applications. But if they understood the situation there would be less uneasiness among them.

Up to the enactment of the law simplifying the sale and lease of land, and authorizing the commissioner to declare forfeitures for nonpayment of interest on the old sales, the force in the sales department was sufficient, he did not ask for an appropriation for clerks he did not then need. The full effect of this law could not be anticipated, nor could the result in so great an increased demand for land be foreseen, hence the clerical force at his

command is insufficient. Applications are still accumulating. Every applicant is treated alike, taken in his turn just like going to mill, so the first one who files on land and is complying with the law is sure to get it. In Col. Baker's administration of the land office, it is claimed, he has reduced the expenses to a minimum and saved to the state a sum sufficient to run the land office more than a whole year, or about \$70,000 for the four years.

The supreme court now in session at Austin has reversed and remanded the case of the county of Mitchell vs. the City National bank of Paducah, Ky. This is a test case brought to determine the validity of courthouse and jail bonds, also road and bridge bonds, issued by the various counties of this state. The decision sustains the validity of the bonds, holding that it is not necessary for a county commissioners' court to make provision for the levy of a tax to pay interest and establish a sinking fund for such bonds at the time they are issued. The general state law under which the bonds were issued is a sufficient levy of the tax required by the constitution.

The jury in the case against W. S. Fields tried before Special Judge John G. Winter, at Waco, has returned a verdict of guilty and assessed the penalty at 5 years' imprisonment. The charge against Fields is criminal assault on Mrs. Alice Requardt, the wife of a young farmer, who rented land from the defendant. At the time the assault occurred Requardt was absent and Mrs. Requardt was stopping at Fields' house. She testified that he entered her room and personated her husband.

Dr. D. T. Morgan of Dallas, has filed suit against the Pullman Palace Car company, for the sum of \$25,000 damages. Plaintiff alleged that he engaged a berth in a sleeper at San Antonio to come to Dallas. En route he was bitten by a centepede, or a reptile and permanently disabled. He also alleges that he paid for a clean bed and clean linen, and the agents of defendant failed to live up to their contract.

The Secretary of the interior has advertised for bids for leasing grazing lands on Kiowa, Comanche and Apache Indian reservation in Oklahoma for three years from April 1 next; also for lands on Wichita reservation in Oklahoma for one year from April 1. These lands are said to be the finest grazing lands in the United States.

A committee of Austin peddlers called on the comptroller and attorney general, seeking to have refunded the tax they paid under the provision of the occupation tax law, which was recently declared unconstitutional by the court of criminal appeals at Tyler. They were informed the legislature was the only place they could get relief.

A movement has been inaugurated among the alumni and ex-cadets of the Agricultural and Mechanical College to erect a \$20,000 monument to the memory of ex-Governor Ross. They are communicating with each other and organizing clubs in various towns to raise the fund.

Paul Hyde was charged with selling whisky without license in the city of Greenville. He pleaded and was sentenced to 30 days in jail, and he was immediately released, as he had already been in jail six months. What about the 130 extra days he served is the question that is agitating Mr. Hyde's mind.

The property and franchise of the Queen City Railway company of Dallas, has been purchased from G. W. Davenport of Winchester, Mass., by C. H. Alexander of Dallas. The price paid was \$150,000, \$90,000 in cash and \$60,000 in notes.

Additional rich gold discoveries have recently been made in the district north of San Antonio. Extensive prospecting is going on in Uvalde, Gillespie and Llano counties, and large mining developments are expected during the next few months.

A petition requesting congress to invoke government aid in securing deep water at Aransas Pass is being circulated in Southwest Texas.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

Representative Lanham has introduced a bill in congress authorizing the president to appoint an additional district judge for Texas.

Representative Bland of Missouri has introduced a free coinage bill in the house. It makes gold and silver the standard of unit.

The seed appropriation bill came up in the house and was passed after a hard struggle. The bill calls for the appropriation of \$130,000.

The diplomatic and consular appropriation bill which has been reported to the house by the foreign affairs committee appropriates \$1,749,008.

The senate committee on judiciary has reported favorable on the nomination of Attorney Gen. McKenna to be a justice of the United States supreme court.

The house committee on Indian affairs by a vote of 6 to 5 restored the item for the maintenance of the board of Indian commissioners to the Indian appropriation bill.

Senator Morgan has introduced a bill providing for the increase of the naval establishment by the construction of four coast defense monitors of the class of the Mainomah, Amphitrite, Monodnock and Terror.

Secretary of the Navy Long has sent a recommendation to the house committee on naval affairs for an increase in the force of enlisted men in the navy by 1000 men and asked for an increase of the apprentices in the navy by 700.

Senator Cannon of Utah, has presented the following resolution to the senate, and it was adopted: "Resolved, that the president is requested, in his opinion it is not incompatible with the public interest to transmit to the senate at his earliest convenience, a statement showing what measures are in force by this government in the island of Cuba, and in waters contiguous thereto to protect the lives, liberty and property of American citizens now dwelling in Cuba.

Senator Quay of Penn., has offered the following resolution which was referred to the committee of Indian affairs: "Resolved that the Secretary of the Interior shall be and is hereby instructed to investigate the facts attending the recent alleged atrocious burning to death of two Seminole Indians by a mob in Oklahoma Territory and make a report thereon to congress.

"That the sum of \$25,000 or so much thereof as necessary is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the investigation, apprehension and punishment of the guilty persons, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior."

Senator Hoar of Massachusetts, presented the following resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution:

"That the following articles be proposed to the legislatures of the several states as an amendment to the constitution of the United States. The term of the office of president and of the Fifty-Sixth congress shall continue until the thirtieth day of April in the year 1899, at noon. The senators whose existing term would otherwise expire on the 4th of March in the year 1899, or thereafter, shall continue in office until noon on the 30th day of April succeeding such expiration, and 30th day of April at noon shall, thereafter, be substituted for the 4th of March as the commencement and termination of official terms of the president, vice-president, senators and representatives in congress."

In the Supreme Court of the United States the judgment of the Court of Claims in the case of the United States and Comanche Indians against Kemp, a matter arising out of the Indian depredations claims, was affirmed. This is a most important matter to those having these claims against the government, because it finally establishes the law under which they will have to proceed in the future, and settles a point which has arisen all along and embarrassed the people who have had claims.

GARY TAKING INTEREST.

Postmaster General Making Efforts to Promote Free Mail Delivery.

Postmaster General Gary is taking a great deal of interest in the matter of legislation for free mail delivery in the rural districts. The department was given \$50,000 with which to make experiments in this line during the present fiscal year and those already tried have proved very successful. Mr. Gary hopes congress will make a much larger appropriation for the purpose during the coming year with which to extend the sphere of the experiments already undertaken.

In this connection he has prepared and sent to the postoffice committee a report showing the extent to which free rural delivery has been put into operation in Europe. In Great Britain the free delivery of letters was begun about fifty years ago. All mails are delivered at the office of the addresses without extra charge, the rural postmen making a daily walk from fifteen to eighteen miles and receiving a compensation of 18 shillings or about \$4.50 per week. Pensions are granted in cases of permanent incapacity after ten years of active duty. Rural posts are believed to be self supporting.

In 1830 rural delivery was established in France. Even the most outlying hamlet of the country received at least one free delivery per day. The postmen have a right to retire on a pension after fifteen years and reaching the age of 45 years. Eight hours is the maximum time of employment.

In the German empire a small charge of from 10 to 20 pfennings (2 to 4 cents), according to weight, is made, for the delivery of mails in the rural districts. The hours of service of foot carriers are from eight to nine hours daily.

In Austro-Hungary a small extra charge, ranging from half a cent to a cent and a half is made for delivering letters and small packages in the rural districts. The service is not self sustaining.

Rural free deliver prevails all over Belgium, the pay of the carriers being graded according to the cost of living in the localities where they serve. Their average trips are sixteen to eighteen miles daily. Participation in political campaigns forbidden and their tenure is secure during good behavior. After a certain term of service they are entitled to a pension.

In Switzerland, the home of the universal postal union, there is at least one free delivery a day in every hamlet. The system has been in operation since 1848.

Letter from Gomez

T. Estrada Palma of New York has received a copy of a letter written by General Maximo Gomez, the rebel chief in Cuba, to Captain General Blanco. The letter says in part:

"You have come to substitute Weyler. To a man of your conditions, I would ask, as I did in the case of General Campos: What are your aims and purposes? To exterminate us? It is impossible to do that, and to pretend such a thing might be little honor to you. Is your purpose to subdue us? That is absurd and might prove a ridiculous attempt for you. Our determination is well known and patient. Neither extermination nor in view of this fact, I now repeat to you what I said to General Campos:

"Let this bloody war be stopped. Let the use of the torch cease, general.

"Spain should not allow Cuba to owe her independence, directly or indirectly, to outside help. Let the deep abyss between Cubans and Spaniards disappear by Spain's recognition of the Cuban republic. Then there shall be eternal peace. Otherwise there shall be blood and fire. That would be the command of our honor and dignity. We would follow it until victory, which always crowns those who fight for justice, settles our fate."

"Our strength grows out of our weakness. Not until we are pricked and stung and sorely shot at, awakens the indignation which arms itself with secret force."—Emerson.

England is now consuming large quantities of American slate.

NEW POPULIST PARTY.

No More Fusion—Their Appeal to the People—The Referendum Committee.

St. Louis, Jan. 14.—At the conference of the Populist leaders held here a new political party was born. It was christened the people's party. The people's party proposes to go it alone.

It has severed all connections with the national populist committee and made all arrangements for administering its own estate without the aid or advice of any outside party.

A report was adopted as follows in part:

"To the people of the United States: The fusion movement consummated at St. Louis in July, 1896, and the inexcusable treatment of our candidate for vice president in the campaign that followed gave rise to such dissatisfaction among the rank and file of the people's party as to threaten the absolute dismemberment of the only political organization honestly contending for the social and political rights of the laboring and producing classes of the country.

"It has been the purpose always of the committee to be courteous to the National Committee and our supreme desire has been at all times to promote a harmonious co-operation with said committee, that fractional differences might be obliterated, our party prestige retained and our organization restored to its ability to show that it is no fault of ours that the National committee is not present as a body to-day, but it does not choose to waste valuable time on the wrangling over questions of official etiquette.

We avow it to be our sincere purpose now, as ever heretofore, to promote in every honorable way the reform movement on true populist lines, and we deem the issue too momentous and the dangers threatening free government too imminent to allow us to pause to consider personal grievances or to permit wounded dignity, real or imaginary, to overshadow patriotic duty. Under present conditions our beloved organization is slowly but surely disintegrating and our comrades are clamoring for aggressive action.

"Having in vain importuned those who assumed to be our superiors to permit us to aid them in the grand work of reorganizing the people's party that it may accomplish its glorious mission, we now appeal to the people, the true source of all political power."

The referendum committee appointed is as follows. Messrs. Dixon of Missouri, Tracy of Texas, Reynolds of Illinois, Metsinger of Indiana, and McGregor of Georgia.

The populists concluded their work by giving out the details for setting in motion their novel plan of taking a referendum vote of the rank and file of their party. The questions submitted are:

"What date is your choice for holding a national convention for the nomination of presidential candidates, Monday, July 4, 1898; Friday, May 26, 1899, or Thursday, February 2, 1900?"

The ballots are similar to the Australian ticket and will be polled by the local committees and populist press.

Work of Whitecaps.

Luling, Jan. 11.—Several days ago a large farmer living in San Marcos received a notice from the whitecaps that if he didn't discharge his Mexican laborers and cease renting land for money that he would be burned out. As he failed to comply with the demand his barn and one house was burned. The next night a coffin was placed in the center of a roadway where it passed through a gate, and from the beam that connected the two posts a rope reached to the coffin. A note pinned to the coffin warned the landlord that such a box would soon be his home if he did not comply with the demands. The gentleman has discharged his Mexican and made new contracts with other tenants. In the northern part of the county notices have been posted threatening to poison wells.

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Dick Wynn's candidacy is no longer referred to as a joke, his strength surprising the friends of all the other aspirants.

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 "I was troubled with headaches and was broken out with eruptions on my face and body. I was feeling very poorly and could find no medicine that did me any good. Seeing Hood's Sarsaparilla recommended I began taking it and was soon cured. I continued its use until cured." L. L. SLACK, Grubbs, Arkansas.

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The comptroller has compiled the assessment rolls of all the counties for 1897, and they show the taxable valuation of the property in the State to be \$854,967,775, an increase over 1896 of \$4,585,520.

Nearly every republican paper is declaring against the civil service law, while the president is not saying much, but is getting in line with the dominant sentiment of his party.

A slight cough is a light thing, but it may become serious; do not hesitate to buy a bottle of Dr. Simmons' Cough Syrup; it will cure you. Satisfaction guaranteed. Fifty cents and fifty doses.

His name is Marcus A. Hanna, of course, but the fat frying game was played to a finish. His trusts will now proceed to turn the screws again.

The people of Texas are put on notice that the only way to get rid of any of our State officers is to choke them off at the primaries. When a man gets a swipe at the pie counter down at Austin he imagines himself there to stay and only clamors for a higher seat at the table. Charlie wants to move up to the senate; George and Marcellus clamor for the vacant chair. The assistant wants to be promoted to chief, the secretary wants a better job and the land commissioner actually wants to become a senator. There must be an element in the Austin air which promotes the rapid development of what is commonly called "gall." Certain it is that few indeed of those who smell the fresh breeze blowing off the rippling waves of lake McDonald ever quit smelling till a convention chokes them off and retires them to the shades of private life. They may be, and doubtless are, a pretty good and deserving set of fellows, but there are other good and deserving democrats in the State, long-suffering hungry and battle-scarred veterans who have fought the battles of democracy in the trenches, privates in the ranks of the party, who would enjoy a brief sojourn at the capitol and who personally and politically believe in the old doctrine of rotation in office.

That cough of yours may become serious; why neglect it when a bottle of Dr. Simmons' Cough Syrup will cure it? Fifty doses for 50 cents. Satisfaction guaranteed.

The Bonds are Valid.
 The Texas Supreme Court has recently found that there is ample law to sustain the validity of the court house, jail and bridge bonds which were supposed to be in jeopardy. So it turns out that we had no need whatever for the constitutional amendment voted on last fall and defeated. If it had passed it would have made the law no stronger than it was and is. This little error in judgment of the law on the part of Mr. Culberson and Mr. Crane cost the people of the State a good deal of money and at the same time gave us a very bad odor abroad, for it looked like an effort on the part of the State to become a preferred creditor to the exclusion of other holders of the supposed invalid bonds.

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Diversity of Crops.
 The newspapers of Texas, following the lead of the Dallas News, are giving the people some good advice about diversity of crops. Advice of this kind should not be refused simply because it is cheap. There is no reason why the people of our country should not raise a great of the things they now buy from the merchants. Too much money is spent by our people for articles they could raise at home. The thousands of dollars that annually go to the Northern packeries from Young county for bacon and lard might just as well be dropped here if the people would raise and properly cure their own meat. Cabbage, beans, corn, potatoes, tomatoes, fruits all flourish here and a little care in their culture and preservation would stop a tremendous drain on this line. There is no reason why the local market should not be supplied by Young county producers in these lines and the money left with us. Too much cotton is being raised and too little of the other products adapted to our soil and climate.

Something to Know.
 It may be worth something to know that the very best medicine for restoring the tired out nervous system to a healthy vigor is Electric Bitters. This medicine is purely vegetable, acts by giving tone to the nerve centres in the stomach, gently stimulates the Liver and Kidneys and aids these organs in throwing off impurities in the blood. Electric Bitters improves the appetite, aids digestion and is pronounced by those who have tried it as the very best blood purifier and nerve tonic. Try it. Sold for 50c or \$1.00 per bottle at Akin & Co's drug store.

A New Populist Party.
 At a conference of the populist leaders, held in St. Louis on the 13th inst., a new political party was born. It was christened the People's Party, and they propose to go it alone. It has severed all connections with the national populist committee and made all arrangements for administering its own estate without the aid or advice of any outside party.

With a few exceptions the delegates declared themselves unequivocally in favor of going it alone in the future. The referendum system was most highly complimented and recommended for use among the middle-of-the-roaders in settling matters of national importance to the order and there was a practical agreement among the delegates that a national presidential convention should be held this year.

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The Texas Political Ring at Austin.

There is a lot of growlers, sore-heads and disaffected, disgruntled mugwumps as private citizens, disappointed office seekers, and erroneously informed ignoramus who are on all occasions charging county and State officials with misappropriating funds which have been entrusted to the care of the office-holders the people have elected. About two-thirds of these bullet headed bipeds cannot keep an account of a full days work on the blank leaves of a chill tonic pamphlet.

If they had a brain big enough to fill an average sized almond hull and honesty with sufficient pushing power behind it, and believed what these filthy mouthed wags claim to believe, every office holder from Col. Taylor to McKinley would be sent through the penitentiary to the scorching fires of the lower regions before a telephone message could cross the Brazos River.

If there is any truth or shadow of truth in such accusations as that the office holders at Austin have received money for which they have never accounted; that they have embezzled thousands of dollars each year; that they have been bought by the railroads trusts and corporations, why do not these self righteous Pharisees of political purity institute proceedings to have the matter fully ventilated?

When men voluntarily give voice to the most false accusations without knowing, or caring for the validity of the same they soon grow too base to be noticed by a respectable African. But the people have been misled by the wily demagogue, who would make them believe that all government is corrupt and treacherous. The writer has this to say: not a man in Texas can show where a dollar has been embezzled at Austin or where there has been a compromise made between the State, through State officials as agents for the State, and the corporations of any sort, whereby said officials received emoluments or fees more than what is allowed by law.

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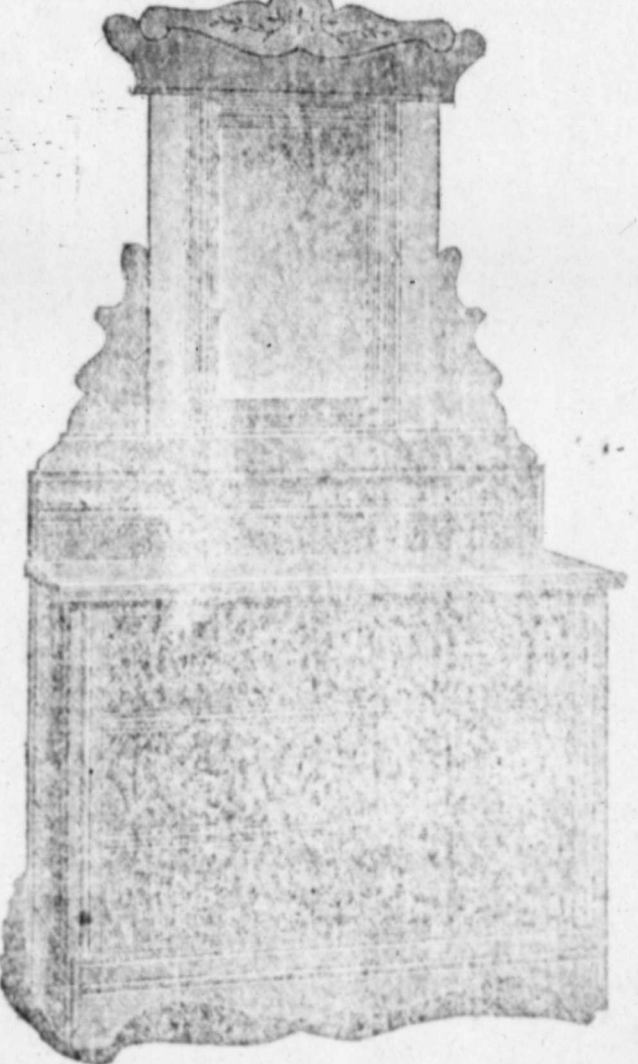
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The following persons have paid their subscriptions to THE LEADER since our last issue:

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One bottle of Simmon's Cough Syrup will cure you when perhaps all the physicians in the world could not three months from now; why not try a bottle? Price fifty cents. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded.

We had our first taste of winter weather for the season on Wednesday.

A good season is in the ground and the people will be plowing instead of playing now.

Mr. Rowland Stewart of Dallas, is visiting relatives in this county this week.

We will have plenty of space to announce all the candidates if we have to run a supplement for the benefit of the candidates for tax assessor. We will see that no one is entirely crowded out.

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Mrs. Glover, living on North Oak street, has been quite sick for several days.

We learn that A. R. McDonald has sold out his interest in the McDonald and Company store and will move to the Plains in a short time. We will be sorry to lose Mc from our midst for he is a good and valued citizen.

Lon Martin and Wm. Farley have opened up a new barber shop in the back room of the First National Bank building.

S. H. James extended his waterworks plant to the corner restaurant last week.

Mrs. W. T. Blakley has been sick for several days, but now better.

George Matkins has returned to Graham and accepted a position in Akin & Co's drug store. His many friends will be glad to learn of his return.

Information on Books.

The publishers have decided to put most of the adopted books on sale at once.

The Geographies cannot be had before summer as the State board has not passed on the Texas Edition, and the contract has not been signed for the Physiology published by Maynard, Merrill & Co.

We would advise all parties who purchase books to get the cloth bound, as they will last much longer than the boards. Most of the books are standard works. The history which is undergoing revision, will be a very acceptable work.

The local dealer cannot sell the books on time. Note this. J.

\$100.00 in Gold Given Away.

The Youth's Advocate, Nashville, Tenn., a sixteen page illustrated journal—a paper that is read with interest and profit by people of all ages—offers ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS IN GOLD to the person who will form the greatest number of words from the letters in the name DRAUGHON. It also offers, free, a bicycle, gold watch, scholarship in almost any business college or literary school, and other premiums. Every person who enters the contest will get a premium of some kind. Send at once for sample copy of paper, which will explain all. Contest closes April 20, 1898.

A seven year old daughter of Mrs. Will Britton died last Tuesday and was buried in Graham on Wednesday. It is said that she died of paralysis. THE LEADER extends sympathy to the bereaved family. It has only been a few weeks since the death of Mr. Britton himself.

The snow storm Wednesday forenoon, would have wrapped the world in a garb of white, had it not melted as fast as it fell.

Dr. Smith, Oculist and Aurist, treats Eye, Ear and Throat. Weatherford, Texas.

Rev. G. W. White was quite ill Monday and Tuesday last, but is able to be up again.

Buy Your Books.

I am informed that the Graham public school will make no change in text books this year, therefore I will handle all old books that can or will be used in the school.

C. G. KING.

Charley Short has been suffering from a hard attack of pleurisy during the past fortnight, but is now said to be improving.

County Court formally adjourned last Wednesday for the term and the minutes were signed and closed.

From the fact that the campaign, both state and county, has opened about six months earlier than common, the primaries are likely to be held very early this year, therefore the candidates that desire to get before the people had better announce as soon as possible.

HUNT'S LIGHTNING OIL

Cures Catarrh, Neuralgia, Headache, Cramp Colic and Diarrhoea. Failing, money refunded.

The Graham Gin will make her last run Friday, Jan. 28, 1898. Parties having seed due them from the Gin Company will please take them away.

S. R. CRAWFORD.

John Bosworth left yesterday morning to visit his old home in Alabama. John has been in bad health for some time and he hopes that a few months in his old state will fully restore him. He will also visit a sister in Pensacola, Fla., and from that place intends to take a gulf passage back to Texas. We wish him a pleasant journey.

Royal makes the food pure, wholesome and delicious.



Absolutely Pure

Fifth Sunday Meeting.

The Fifth Sunday Meeting of Macedonia Baptist Association will meet with the Tonk Valley church on Friday at 10 o'clock a. m., before the fifth Sunday in January, 1898.

PROGRAMME.

1. Introductory sermon by Elder Warren Cunningham; Elder R. Lindsey, alternate.
 2. Organization.
 3. When and by whom was Christ's kingdom set up? W. T. Andrews, Elder I. H. Cunningham.
 4. What were the qualifications for church membership in New Testament times? J. L. Vaughan, Elder J. C. Welch.
 5. Who are justified, and how? H. D. Butler, Elder C. K. Stribling.
 6. Is it possible to reach a state of sinless perfection in this life? L. Z. Timmons, Elder P. B. Keeter.
 7. To what extent may a Baptist minister affiliate with the denominations in their meetings? D. P. Still, Elder Warren Cunningham.
 8. The obligations and duties of pastor and church. James M. Wood, Elder A. E. Foster.
 9. Saturday Night—Mass meeting in the interest of Buckner Orphans' Home, conducted by Sister Laura Ratliff.
 10. Sunday, 9 o'clock a. m.—Sunday School mass meeting, conducted by A. A. Timmons.
 11. 11 o'clock a. m.—Missionary sermon by Elder J. H. Longan; Elder G. W. Black, alternate. It is important that all Board members attend this meeting.
- G. W. BLACK,
WARREN CUNNINGHAM,
J. L. VAUGHAN,
JAMES M. WOOD,
Committee.

Seed Oats and Cotton Seed.

I have for sale some extra fine cotton seed for planting, known as the Al. Coffman cotton. Also, seed oats free from Johnson grass seed. Oats 30 cts. per bushel. Cotton seed 25 cents.

S. B. KEETER,
Tonk Valley.

Mrs. I. B. Padgett is quite sick with an attack of pneumonia.

A. Rowlin, the genial agent of the Weatherford tombstone works has been in Graham this week.

Bank Election.

The Stockholders of the Beckham National Bank of Graham met last week and elected the following directors: R. F. Arnold, E. B. Norman, Oliver Loving, W. D. Craig, S. R. Jeffery, J. B. Norris, J. W. Gallaher, W. P. Stewart.

The directors met and re-elected the old officers, as follows: E. B. Norman, Pres., R. F. Arnold, 1st. Vice Pres., J. B. Norris, 2nd Vice Pres., W. D. Craig, Cashier, J. M. Norman, Asst. Cashier.

Rheumatism Cured and the Crutches Thrown Away.

I have been afflicted with Inflammatory Rheumatism for two years so that I had to go on crutches, and my feet were broken out in sores. I took three bottles of S. J. S. (St. Joseph's Sarsaparilla) and am now enjoying good health, and feel grateful to you for sending such a great preparation to our country. Taylorsville, Miss. J. D. MOSELY.
This greatest and best of all Blood Purifiers is for sale by the Graham Drug Co. and D. R. Akin.

The Credit System.

Did it ever occur to you, dear reader, that something is wrong in our social system? Listen just a minute! I want to tell, laborers, tenants, professional men, something that will be of great interest to you. Your groceries have cost you more money than they should have cost you. Your dry goods and drugs have been sold to you "out of sight." All that you have bought on time from a paper of pins to a steam engine or a farm, has cost you extra for time. You have paid off bad debts contracted by your co-debtors. The merchant, dealer, doctor, teacher, must charge rates high enough to cover loss from bad debts.

But the credit system has many other bad features. Men in limited circumstances buy items for which they have no practical use. Men's minds are excited in speculation and uncertain prospects of gain.

Many times the farmer thinks his cotton crop will yield ten, twenty, or even one hundred bales of the fleecy staple and the actual product will be one fourth of the estimated amount, with the price about half. Such erroneous calculations will usually leave the farmer hopelessly in debt. Perhaps the next year will prove no better. The farmer will then believe that something is wrong. Money with him is scarce. "His nose is on the grindstone," and it is said that when the nose goes to the grindstone it remains there till it wears away.

The credit system necessitates disappointments, loss of confidence in our fellow-men, engenders strife and hate, and often destructive rivalry in the mercantile trade.

If you buy on time you pay for the time at a rate you would not pay interest. You pay bad debts, you are disappointed; you learn to spend more than your income, and therefore grow extravagant and careless. In nearly every town in Texas the merchants are organized and have a system of blacklisting. If you buy and fail to pay you are placed on the "dead head" or slow pay list.

It is right that merchants protect themselves against rascally men who travel from place to place, devouring the substance of honest labor; but the credit system is responsible for a great deal of the rascality.

Dear citizens of Young county, do not buy on credit if you can avoid it. Of course, give your family such necessities as will promote health, and at the same time be careful that you do not go in debt too far. Do not mortgage your property till forced to do so; be independent; look to the best interests of your family—they are certainly not in the credit system.

In next week's LEADER I shall give you the inside facts concerning "protective and detective" collecting agencies to which many retail merchants belong.

Yours, SOUND BUSINESS.

I am headquarters for Paints and Oils. Mineral paints for fences, barns and roofs. Standard brands of paints for all kinds of outside and decorative purposes. You will serve your own interests by calling on me before buying.

C. G. KING.

Easy to Take Easy to Operate

Are features peculiar to Hood's Pills. Small in size, tasteless, efficient, thorough. As one man

Hood's Pills

said: "You never know you have taken a pill till it is all over." 20c. C. I. Hood & Co., Proprietors, Lowell, Mass. The only pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

SUNSHINE.

Just a bit of real sunshine and pleasure dropped into our office this morning. A thing of beauty is Vick's Gargen and Floral Guide with its cover of delicate tints, blue, pink and gold, and the Golden Day Lily and Daybreak Aster embossed in bold relief.

The many half-tone illustrations are as life-like as possible to make by photography. One can almost smell the fragrance from the flowers, and the radishes and asparagus in glass dishes look very tempting. No doubt but this catalogue is the best one sent out by James Vicks Sons of Rochester, N. Y., during the forty-nine years they have been in business, and next year will be their Golden Wedding anniversary, and it is their intention to give a handsome souvenir to each customer for 1898.

If interested in good gardening write at once, simply mentioning this paper, and receive a copy of this elegant seed catalogue free.

Democrats will do well to keep an eye on the candidates for governor, who are being boosted by gold standard organs, as the men to unite the democracy of the state. Texas democracy is not divided to hurt and it is best to be on the safe side and select as state officers men who have no affiliation with the opposition forces.—Denton News.

The article on Arthur Henry Hallam, by Mr. Gladstone, in the New Year's number of THE COMPANION, is one of the most fascinating literary papers ever written by the great English statesman. It carries one back to a past full of charm. The remainder of this number abounds in interest. There is the beginning of a new serial story by C. A. Stephens, a good story of a reporter's interview with the late Emperor Dom Pedro of Brazil, several other short stories of exceptional merit, and the usual rare selection of miscellany.

Col. R. M. Wynne of Fort Worth is a self made man and has always been in the thickest of the fight for democracy. Why not elect him governor?—Gordon Courier.

Babbitt Metal, in any quantity, for sale at this office.

Of Unusual Service in Emergencies.

Heart weakness and distressing disorders generally, Parker's Ginger Tonic gives more gratifying results than any other medicine. R. J. Van Buren, Albany, N. Y., writes: "I have found Parker's Ginger Tonic of so much benefit that I have used over a hundred bottles of it. Debility with distressing pains gave me great trouble for a long time and I could find no permanent relief until I began to use the Tonic. My wife also suffered with disorders that gave her great distress, and would have been gone before now only for your Tonic, for nothing else would help her. It is the best preparation I have seen in my whole 60 years."

Don't Neglect Your Hair. Neglect your hair and you lose it. Parker's Hair Balsam renews the growth and color.

The Farmer's Best Friend

Is the man who will give him full value for every dollar he spends. You will find such a friend in

HENEGAR, THE BLACKSMITH.

for he starts in with the New Year to give MORE Work and BETTER Work for the same money than you can get elsewhere in Young county.

Thanking you for past patronage, and wishing you a prosperous year, I am
Yours to please,

R. L. HENEGAR.

One door East of Brick Stable.

TEXAS AND TEXANS.

The home industry movement is taking quite a hold on the people. It is growing in favor all the while and in a short time will have the unqualified indorsement of every citizen in the city.—Corsicana News.

Lavonia, Wilson county, has a woman blacksmith. She works with her husband and gets her hands just as black as he does. It is said she can shoe a horse as good as her husband and strike just as hard a blow on the anvil.—Paris News.

Mr. T. S. Miller, attorney for the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway company has pleaded guilty to the 25 rebate suits recently filed by the Attorney General, and the lowest penalty was assessed—500 in each case—amounting to \$12,500.

There isn't any town in the state that contains two more prosperous banks than San Angelo, and one reason why this is thusly is because you could put the cotton we raise out here in your eye. Calves in ours. Our enemy can have all the cotton he wants.—San Angelo Standard.

Tobacco raising near Willis, Montgomery county, Texas, has proven such a pronounced success experiments with the plant will next year be tried in many parts of the state. With cotton, wheat, corn, sugar, rice and all the other smaller crops and fruits Texas is simply unapproachable and unapproachable.—Colorado Citizen.

It now seems clear that the Corsicana oil field is a success. It is almost a certainty that a refinery will be erected. Which will increase to an immoderate degree the Standard Oil trust's interest in Texas. That means that Navarro county needs to send one of her wisest and best men the Legislature.—Corsicana Courier Light.

The Texas newspapers are just now devoting a good deal more space to a discussion of diversified crops than to party politics and practical thinkers and workers are liberally contributing to the discussion. The low price of cotton has had a good effect in arousing the farming interests to a realization of the times as never before. San Antonio-Express.

The recent rapid development of the oil fields in Texas at Corsicana and at Sour Lake, in Harris county, is bringing to sight literally as well as figuratively, some of the long hidden wealth of this great state, says the Houston Post. It might be said to a Horatio that there are more good and profitable fields in Texas than his philosophy ever dreamed of.—Waco Telephone.

A fire is reported as having swept over 100 square miles of the range in Lubbock, Hall and Crosby counties. It started west of Crosby county and burned east to north of Emma, when a norther turned it southward over a strip ten miles wide. North of Emma one herd of 3000 sheep was killed and many farmers lost their winter feed.—Gonzales Enquirer.

Texas is deliberately allowing Japan to build cotton factories, buy cotton from her and ship it thousands of miles. Her duty, and everybody knows it, is to manufacture her own cotton and ship it to Japan. The state is sadly in need of an administration which will devote its entire time to industrial development and put politics off the shelf.—Cuero Record.

Now that the holiday festivities are passed, looking back over 1897 Whitesboro really has little cause for regret. Oa the whole it has been a prosperous year. Our merchants have had fair trade throughout the year and every one seems to have more money than at this time last season. Indications are good for a prosperous year during 1898.—Whitesboro News.

If the investigation of Llano gold discoveries should prove one-half as good as reported, it would check the Klondike flow. It is a fine climate in Southwest Texas, where a miner could live on little and be comfortable without a house. Texas is rich in undiscovered as well as in discovered resources, but its cities must furnish

machinery and manufactured goods or be only farming towns. We have 3,000,000 people now consuming the labor of 3,000,000 outside of Texas. If our cities and towns should furnish the victuals and clothes consumed in our own state it would add over a million to our city population in Texas.—Dallas Times-Herald.

The property of the defunct Llano Improvement and Furnace company, advertised for sale by the receiver, Mr. F. J. Semple, was sold Tuesday at public sale to Rufus Hardy, Esq., of Corsicana, for \$5825. Mr. Hardy made the bid after a visit to the Schryver gold mines and a lengthy interview with the manager, Col. Clifford. This ought to be a pointer to Llano property owners.—Llano Times.

While the snow is 2 feet deep in Nebraska and business is suspended in North Texas on account of the recent sleet storm, which was the severest in the history of the state, we have had only one or two light frosts, and can hardly realize that it is Christmas week. Verily Southwest Texas has an ideal climate where fires and overcoats are rarely in demand and sleigh bells are never heard.—Carrizo Springs Javelin.

STOCK NOTES.

Parties from the upper panhandle state that from all indications rain is imminent there and that it cannot come too quick. Cattle are beginning to suffer and the tanks fast drying up.

Many hundreds of head of stock have been vaccinated this season in the panhandle with the Pasteur vaccine as a precaution against blackleg, and with excellent results. The few cattle that died and whose loss was attributed to blackleg, in reality died from dry murrain.

W. M. Arnold of Wichita, Kan., says that farmers in that section made money last year, raising from 500 to 3000 bushels of wheat to the farm. He says a far greater area of wheat has been planted this year than last, but the prospect now for a crop similar to last year is very poor. Mr. Arnold is of the opinion that with a reasonable rainfall the year 1898 will far exceed last year in its profits to the cattle men.

Mr. J. W. Ozman of Oklahoma City, was in north Texas a few days since. Mr. Ozman is largely interested in stock in the Territory, and also in farming. He says that a larger area of land has been planted this year in wheat than ever before, and that farmers are still sowing. On his way south he noticed a great number of drills running and scattering the seed over new land that had been broken up last fall. The season, he says, has thus far been propitious, and the indications are favorable for a large crop.

Cattle raisers are becoming exercised over the fact that stock cattle are scarce, not only in Texas, but, as it appears, nearly everywhere else. A stock dealer recently made an extended trip through the stock raising districts in the northern and western states, Kansas, southern Iowa, Oklahoma, Wyoming and Montana, and he states as the result of his observation that although thousands of head of stock were in sight, there were practically no cows or heifers to be seen. The bulk of the stock he saw were feeders that had been shipped in to prepare them for market. Many thousands of these cattle came from Texas, in fact, a large majority of them, and they were nearly all steers.

The legislature of Mississippi has unanimously adopted a roasting Cuban resolution. It demands that the United States immediately intervene, "peacefully if we can, forcibly if we must."

A tract of water front property comprising 1304 acres, at Newport News, Va., has been purchased by C. P. Huntington from the Old Dominion Land company. It cannot be ascertained what Mr. Huntington's object was in purchasing the land, but it is said that he will erect a large armour and ordnance factory on it and operate the plant in conjunction with ship building.

STATE CAPITAL NEWS.

State Health Officers' Appropriations.

Health Officer Swearingen has given out the following account of the State Health Officer's appropriations. The extra expenses of the quarantine department caused by the yellow fever were as follows: Additional station at Waskom, pay of guards, etc., \$300.70; Logansport, \$576.22; Possum Gap, \$379.80; Sabine river crossing, \$808.78; Texarkana, \$1652.75; Atlanta, \$365; goods infected, destroyed at Beaumont, \$81.65; telegrams, \$76.90; special service, \$75; traveling and hotel expenses of state health officer, \$185; total \$4511.80. Total appropriation for quarantine, all purposes, \$33,000; total expenses regular stations to December 1, nine months, including some repairs, etc., \$27,632.20. Total extra extra expense on account of yellow fever, not anticipated, \$4511.80. Balance on hand December 1, sufficient to pay half of December bills, estimated, \$856. Balance on hand December 1, \$856. Expenses of stations for January and February, 1898, and half of expenses for December, 1897, unpaid.

In order to conserve this appropriation of \$33,000 the state health officer had to reduce expenses for the ordinary improvements of stations and to practice the most rigid economy at all points. Notwithstanding these efforts to hold expenses to the amount of appropriations, there will necessarily be a deficiency of about \$3750, the estimated expenses of the regular stations for the two months and a half stated above. Had not the yellow fever epidemic broken out the department would not have a deficiency at the end of the year, as the expense of the winter months amount to about \$1600, while it takes about \$3300 per month in the summer when all the stations are used.

Official Warning.

State Superintendent J. M. Carlisle, who is ex officio secretary of the state text book board, gave out the following:

It has been reported to this department that certain text-book publishers whose bids were not accepted by the state text-book board on account of the high prices at which their books were offered, are preparing to push their books into the public schools through private contracts with trustees between this and the 1st day of September next, the prices at which their books are to be introduced not being considered. If this report is true, the evident purpose is to nullify or defeat the purpose of the law enacted by the Twenty-fifth legislature to regulate the introduction and use of elementary text-books in the public schools of this state. It is no doubt presumed by those having this scheme in charge that if they can get a large number of the new books in the hands of the people by the first of September next, that they can induce the parents to resist the change required by the new law, and in this way practically defeat the measure.

The legislature seems to have had such a scheme as this in view when the text book law was enacted, for the law contains the following language: "Any county, city or town which has assumed control of its schools, and which has, prior to April 1, 1897, adopted a uniform series of textbooks, shall not be required to comply with the provisions of this act prior to the first day of September, 1899, or until contracts heretofore entered into shall have expired."

New contracts made since that date, and especially those made since the adoption of text books by the state text-book board, cannot affect the introduction and use of the books adopted by the state board.

It is not believed that the trustees and teachers throughout the state will join in any scheme having for its purpose the defeat of the law, which is now in force in reference to the use and adoption of text-books. School officers and teachers should teach obedience to the law and an overt act seeking to destroy the effect of an existing law would nullify all teaching that they might undertake to impart

to the children in regard to a respect for the law.

This law has been adopted and the board has proceeded in accordance with the requirements, and it will be enforced. This notice is given out simply to call the attention of the public to this law pending the official closing of contracts with publishers. As soon as this is done the proclamation of the governor will be issued to the people of the state, and a circular of information in regard to the supplying of text-books under this law will be sent out from this department. In the meantime it would be well for all teachers and trustees to make no changes in the text-books used in their schools, as another change at the beginning of the school year of 1898 would be required under this law.

HER PRESTIGE WANING.

Southern Cotton Mills Forcing Northern Firms to the Wall.

A Boston dispatch says: Although Boston is the center of the cotton mill business of New England, the men prominently connected with the trade would have little to say concerning the action of the Eastern manufacturers in reducing wages. The treasurer of one of the Fall River mills, who was willing to discuss the matter, said that he regarded this cut as a beginning of a serious time, not only for the Fall River print mills, but for all the cotton mills in New England. The key to the whole situation, he said, is the relative cheapness of Southern labor, which could not be better shown than by the fact that it costs a mill in Georgia or North Carolina 3 1/2¢ to produce a pound of material, and in New England 6¢.

With this fact in mind, it is evident that the cut of 10 per cent is not going to help matters much, and the only thing that will do any good at present will be a radical cut of say 20 to 25 per cent. This would inevitably bring on a strike, but with a cut of 10 or 11 per cent, he says, there would be little likelihood of a strike, as the operatives are well acquainted with the conditions, and know that a reduction of some kind is necessary. Even this would still leave a difference of about 25 per cent in the cost of labor in favor of the Southern mills—too great a difference to struggle against successfully.

In the first place the southern mills have every natural advantage; they have cheaper cotton and less burdensome taxation. Some of the big mills in Fall River for instance, have a yearly payment of \$10,000 and even \$20,000 in taxes to make, whereas in Georgia and North Carolina the mills are, in many instances, exempted from taxes for 10 or 12 years. It is in labor, however, that the great difference lies, according to the official quotations, for the labor in the south is as good as it is here and, taken as a whole, is about 33 per cent cheaper.

The laborers have had about 10 years training in mills started by experienced cotton manufacturers, and run under their supervision, and the operatives there attend as many machines and turn out just as good work as operatives in the best New England mills.

Another great advantage the Southern mills have is not being hampered by legislation. In Massachusetts the hours of laborers are limited to 58 a week, while in the South they are unlimited. The only hope for the New England mills, according to the speaker, is either improvement in the print cloth market, or in a general evening up of conditions between the North and South.

"A North Carolina paper says: 'Bad Williams shot Tump Strimble, but he apologized to Tump before the latter died.' How charming it is to see men under such circumstances observe the rules of true politeness.

Last year Greece was buying guns, and this year it has ordered 10,000 plows.

The trade of England with China is said to far exceed that of any other European country.

The wire tramways across Chillicothe are planned to be ready by the opening of spring.

The long tails of the Shah of Persia's horses are dyed crimson or six inches at their tips.

TORNADO AT FORTSMITH.

Forty-Five Human Lives Lost, and Property Worth \$1,000,000 Destroyed

Fort Smith, Ark., Jan. 12.—Two score of human lives and upward of \$1,000,000 worth of property was destroyed by a terrible tornado, which burst upon this city a few minutes past 11 o'clock last night. The storm struck near the National Cemetery and tore its way through the entire city, leaving its path marked by death and desolation. Men, women and children, peacefully asleep in their homes, were without a moment's warning awakened to a horrible death in the fearful storm, while others momentarily more fortunate and who escaped the furies of the wind met a far worse fate a few moments later in the flames which soon engulfed many of the wrecked buildings.

The scene following the first terrific gush of the storm was one of awful grandeur. Business blocks, handsome mansions hotels and humble cottages were razed to the ground and scattered in shapeless masses. Several of the wrecks caught fire and the inflammable timbers burned furiously. Many of the people who escaped death when the buildings collapsed were caught in the ruins and roasted alive while the excited people who escaped unharmed were powerless to render their assistance.

The city was crowded with rural visitors, many of whom were sleeping at boarding-houses unregistered. For this reason the number of victims who perished in Fort Smith last night may never be definitely known.

The body of W. H. T. Durrant was cremated at Los Angeles, Cal. The ashes were removed from the furnace and delivered to the parents. No one saw the inside of the crematory except the employes and the Durrants.

The British steamship Ranza, left the dock at Savannah, Ga., with the largest cargo of cotton ever shipped from the Atlantic coast, her destination is Bremen. The number of bales carried was 18,000, weighing 8,963,855 pounds valued at \$524,589.

A NEW TRIUMPH.

The Dreaded Consumption Can Be Cured.

T. A. Slocum, the Great Chemist and Scientist, will Send to Sufferers, Three Bottles of His Newly Discovered Remedy to Cure Consumption and All Lung Trouble.

Nothing could be fairer, more philanthropic or carry more joy to the afflicted, than the generous offer of the honored and distinguished chemist, T. A. Slocum, M. C., of New York City.

He has discovered a reliable and absolute cure for consumption, and all bronchial, throat, lung and chest diseases, catarrhal affections, general decline and weakness, loss of flesh and all conditions of wasting away; and to make its great merits known, will send three free bottles of his newly discovered remedy to any afflicted reader of this paper.

Already his "new scientific system of medicine" has permanently cured thousands of apparently hopeless cases. The doctor considers it not only his professional but his religious duty—a duty which he owes to suffering humanity—to donate his infallible cure. He has proved the "dreaded consumption" to be a curable disease beyond a doubt, in any climate, and has on file in his American and European laboratories, thousands of "heartfelt testimonials of gratitude" from those benefited and cured, in all parts of the world.

Catarrhal and pulmonary troubles lead to consumption, uninterrupted, means speedy and certain death.

Don't delay until it is too late. Simply write T. A. Slocum, M. C., 98 Pine Street, New York, giving express and postoffice address, and the free medicine will be promptly sent. Please tell the doctor you saw his offer in this paper.

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ROSS' COLLEGE DAYS.

Judge Cummings Relates Some Boyhood Recollections.

Judge C. C. Cummings of Fort Worth, who was a classmate of the lamented Sul Ross, to a Register reporter spoke as follows regarding the man who had probably more friends and fewer enemies than any man in public life in Texas during the present generation. Judge Cummings said:

"The sudden death of Gen. Sul Ross was a shock to me and his other college mates here in Fort Worth—Henry Edrington, Oliver Kenedy and Jo Pankey. He and I were born the same year and were in the same class for three years at Wesleyan University, Florence, Ala. Wes. Downs of Waco was in this class. The following Texas boys, then residents of Texas, were in the class below: Oscar Downs, dead; Thos. G. Davidson, dead; Haywood Brahan, dead; and Judge Jo Polley, living at Floresville, Texas. Brahan was for a long time identified in state politics under Gore and successor in the management of the penitentiary affairs. And I forgot to name Davis R. Gurley of Waco in the class above us all. Major Gurley and the Downs bothers were with Ross in the west, and followed him through all the vicissitudes of his romantic career as rough riders, and won fame eternal in asserting the right to attend to one's own affairs, and forcing others to do the same. Brahan and Polley were in Hood's brigade of Texans in Virginia, where I marched to victory with them through all these fierce fights till I left them at Gettysburg in the Peach Orchard, while they were climbing the rocky heights of Little Round Top and skulking the foe out of Devil's Den. Ask Jim Easley, walking the streets here every day, he was there. "But I started out to tell of Ross as a college companion. The boy oft proclaims the man. And yet I can't say that there was anything in Sul Ross above other boys, except he was possessed of a certain coolness of judgment that prevents the blood of passion blinding the clearness of his mental vision. The prominent mental faculties displayed in his ample, fine head indicate the qualities.

"This was illustrated on one occasion while at school. We boarded out among the citizens; had not the dormitory system of huddling them in a pen like wild beasts. This boarding out had the happy effect of humanizing us by contact with family restraints, and polite society, for which this good old Alabama town was distinguished in those halcyon days of a patriarchal form of labor, with the man in black as a base, the like of which will never be seen again on this side of the continent. When we recited we would go down town together, and, after the usual sauntering around, would return to our respective boarding places for study. Next morning we would meet according to the hours of the particular classes.

"As we were going down town one day, a Mississippian, who rejoiced as a pattern of chivalry—but with such an excess of it that he spelt it with an S—Shiverally—and when he got mad he would shiver all over for a fight. And fight! He would fight at the drop of a hat and drop it himself. I was from Memphis, Tenn., but, having been reared in Mississippi, I ganged with that outfit, and we had it in for the Texans because they had so much to say of the sunny Brazos and the wide rolling prairies and the big Injun battles, and the wild and woolly fighters in Texas.

"Now, these Texas boys were just like any other boys, only they spread themselves too much, we thought, about such things. As for myself, I was content to let them talk, but my shiveralrous friend wasn't. Some trivial matter came up between him and Sul Ross, so small that I don't remember it, as we walked down town that day, and the Mississippian made show of fight and sidled up to Sul and wanted to know of Ross if the knife he held in his hand was intended for him. Sul wasn't mad. He slowly closed his knife and put in his pocket and faced the Mississippian calmly, and, without a flush or change of muscle, said "No," very pleasantly.

His coolness took all the mad out of the blusterer. He saw he had tackled a tartar, and that, if he went further, he had a fight on hand with doubtful result.

It was this same calmness in the midst of disorder which made Grant what he was. If one can hold his thinkers level and make his body execute his order telegraphed from the mind, instead of giving way to the passions of that body, he has gone a long way towards conquering others, because he has first learned to conquer himself. This is a gift and in battle it is of the supremest importance. The general is watched and it he dodges shells and balls it is contagious and the whole army takes the infection. If he leads with a flourish and a hurrah his men will follow. The percentage of loss in the southern army among its officers was much greater, because of this fiery force in the southern blood.

"But Ross was a child of destiny. He faced every sort of force and missile in the 125 pitched engagements his brigade was in and came out unscathed, at least came out whole and alive. How many wounds he received I know not.

"I have wondered what this destiny was, and I am inclined to believe it was the peculiar fitness he showed in educating the boys of his comrades in the double role of mind and muscle training of the Agricultural college, where he died in the harness of duty. The old plan was to educate the mind in mental gymnastics while the body deteriorated by the penning up process of the dormitory system.

"I remember when we met in the morning, just at class, I would seek out Sul as being better posted in Spanish, from catching snatches of it here in Texas from the border Mexicans, while I could assist him in Latin and Greek, having been drilled in it years before starting to college.

"When I look back now and recount the fairest years of my young life dawdled away on dead languages, I am prepared to commend the genius of old Ben Franklin, who devoted much of his time, more than a hundred years ago, to prove that the dead languages ought to stay dead and buried, and that our mother tongue, the English, is what we should learn to handle with facility as the coming universal language of the world—the civilized world at least.

Educational methods move as slowly as the reform in legal methods, because confined in its conduct by a learned few who are slow to give up what they have been so long in acquiring. But the time is coming when there must be a change in schools to suit the changed conditions. Something more than books must be learned. Baseballers show the necessity for muscle training along with the mind. These methods will disappear, baseballers, very rapidly when you harness all this lost force into useful avocations connected with school training. Hand training is slowly gaining ground in the cities, and the agricultural arts, coupled with books in the country, is of sufficient importance to be recognized by the general government, and the Bryan agricultural college started with donations of the united States, abetted by the state.

"Ross' name will be ranked among the pioneers in these new methods, as he is already ranked among the pioneers to supplant the man in red with the man in white. The Indian is fast passing over to the happy hunting grounds. "The finishing struggles in Texas of the reds and whites was headed by Ross in the fall of 1859. He left college to go into this with a success that prepared him to win the fame that belongs to him and in settling the status of another man of color on this continent—the man in black."

Insurance Superintendent Van Cleave has rendered a decision that it was a violation of the law for an insurance company to print upon the back of its policy or upon its advertising matter any other than its corporate name, and that if it is a joint policy issued by two or more companies it can only use in its policy and advertising matter the corporate name of the several companies issuing such policy.

EXIT BLOOMERS.

Science Will Oblviate the "New Woman" by Guiding Sex in Embryo.

A special dispatch to the New York World from Vienna says: Prof. Schenk of the Vienna university, whose reported marvellous discovery of the secret of sex startled civilization last week, has made the first authoritative statement of the results of his experiments.

Dr. Schenk for more than thirty years has been absorbed in studying the development of the human and lower animal embryos and is recognized as the leading authority on that branch of science. He published in 1867 the first essay upon the development of the embryo on a heart and since then has written a whole library on the development of man and beast from the ovum or egg.

He is a thoroughly serious scientist who does not exploit his discovery for money. He refuses to treat patients for fees however tempting.

The correspondent asked: "Can you give me positive direct information of your discovery with regard to the treatment of women anxious to have sons?"

Prof. Schenk answered with determination. "I gave the treatment under seal to the Vienna Imperial academy of Florence, where it will be tested and published. But I can tell you the results of my discovery and let you have the scientific facts upon which my discovery is based. What lies between is my secret. If I say I can determine the sex of a child to be born, you must understand that I can bring it about that the woman shall become the mother of a son and not a daughter.

"My treatment has no other aim than causing boys to be born. I made my discovery many years ago and subjected it to proofs. It is by my own choice that I am the father of six sons, four of whom are alive and strong. I have achieved similar results in the families of relatives, friends and some persons in whose ability to keep a secret, I have full confidence—fourteen cases in all.

"But I cannot treat every stranger who may appeal to me. I must be able to watch the patient, must be certain that my directions are scrupulously obeyed. I consider every case an experiment, a test of my discovery. I must have certainty.

"I can bring it about with human beings or with animals having one young at a time that this offspring shall be male, and with animals bearing many together that the majority shall be male.

"When I observed hens I numbered the eggs, determining beforehand whether a male or a female bird would come out. I scarcely ever was mistaken."

The correspondent remarked that no doubt he would be appealed to by many families and particularly where large fortunes are at stake. The professor replied:

"I am no man of business but exclusively a scientist. I am anxious to gain a fortune, but desire above everything that my discovery shall be scientifically confirmed and recognized. The academy of science alone can do this.

"I have accepted no reward in the successful cases I have treated. They are precious to me beyond gold as proofs of the reality of my discovery.

"I have achieved success in a family in which the desires for the birth of a son were intense. If I told you the name of the head of the family you would know that for him to pay me \$10,000 for my services would be no more than for you to pay a doctor \$15 for examining your throat. But I did not accept any reward.

"All former theories, hypothesis shows that man has no influence whatever on the sex of the child. It all depends upon the woman.

"But the treatment must not begin after pregnancy, it must begin before the conception, as the woman must be put into a position to enable her to develop a male child from the ovum.

"The assertion that the ovum in the female ovary possesses the male or the female germ already developed before impregnation is false. On the contrary the embryo is sexless during several

stages of development. It is impossible that my treatment can develop a male child even in this stage, but there is no certainty of it.

"My discovery is based upon the scientific fact that the blood in a grown up man contains five million blood corpuscles, the bearers of life giving, nourishing oxygen, while the blood in a grown up woman contains only four million.

"This difference is the basis of differences in sex and of the different moral and physical working powers in man and woman. This proposition is observable in the quantity of blood from a man or woman. All my efforts are directed toward producing in the embryo the right number of blood corpuscles required by the male. I have succeeded in attaining this effect by suitable nourishment of the woman and by influencing the metabolic process in the change of matter."

A New Scheme.

The New York Times prints the following:

It is claimed by the Adams Express company that a man giving his name as T. Francis Sanders, has obtained a large amount of money in small sums from the wives and relatives of persons recently deceased by sending valueless packages cash on delivery. As outlined by an official of the company, the scheme was to deliver for transmission at the office of the company a sealed package, alleged to contain a certificate of stock for six or more shares of the "Monterey Mining company." The sender ordered that this package be sent cash collected on delivery, the amount ranging from \$3 to \$5. In each case, so far as can be ascertained, the package was directed to the residence of a man whose death had been chronicled by the newspapers and addressed in his name.

The addresses to which these packages were sent were in various sections of the country, several going to New Haven, Conn., some going as far west as St. Louis and as far south as New Orleans.

The scheme, it is alleged, has been in operation for about three years, Sanders making collections regularly.

Sanders did not call at the office of the company yesterday. There were awaiting him there four checks, representing the collections on envelopes sent out last week. They were signed by John Ready, New Haven, Conn., \$375; O'Connor, St. Louis, \$425; Joseph B. Cobbell, Lexington, Ky., \$4; Charles E. Baird, Wilmington, Del., \$375.

It was announced that the company had decided to withhold payment on these checks. Unless Sanders can obtain a written or telegraphic order from the signers of the checks ordering the payment, he cannot get the money. What other action the company will take has not yet been decided.

Charlie is Dead.

"Jim" Holland's famous bear, "Charlie," is no more. "Charlie" became a tippler before he was six months old, and when he rounded out his first year he was a toper of the high-rolling variety. Beer was his favorite beverage, but he doted on Manhattan cocktails in the morning and "gin-fizzes" before retiring for the night.

"Charlie" grew quarrelsome as he older. "Puss" Lucas, the colored individual who bossed "Charlie," said that Bruin was getting wild, wooley and hard to handle. He was not a good-natured drunkard. He was a terror and always spoiling for a fight. On several occasions he did his level best to make it interesting for his owner, his keeper and the spectators, and so it was decided that "Charlie" had outlived his usefulness. He was sold to a butcher, and his skin is now a prize trophy in the home of a Dallas hunter.

Strong drink was "Charlie's" besetting sin and it led him to his downfall and ignominious death.—Dallas News.

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A PLUCKY LITTLE WOMAN.

She Uses a Hat Pin with Telling Effect Upon Two Robbers.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 18.—Two men tried to rob Conductor Warren Symonton of a Blue Island avenue cable train last night, but were foiled by a woman passenger named Miss Sadie Williams.

Besides Miss Williams there were three other passengers—another woman and two men—and the gripman. Neither the male passengers nor the gripman came to help the conductor, who was having a desperate fight with the robbers inside the car. Just as the robbers were getting the best of the fight she concluded to take a hand. Grabbing her long hat pin that fastened her hat to her hair she made a plunge with the pin on the robber nearest her. All her strength was lent to the thrust and the man screamed with pain. He released his hold on the conductor and turned on Miss Williams. She struck him again and he quit the fight. Miss Williams went for the next man and she made a thrust for his eyes. The point of the pin struck the cheek.

"Take her off," cried the robber. He turned to look for his companion who by this time was on the platform making ready to jump. He was asked to come back, but he did not. Meantime the young woman was striking for more vital parts than his face. She reached her pin for the stomach. His thick clothing saved his life. The conductor was then bleeding and in a half dazed condition. When he came to his senses there were but two persons on the car. The other passengers whose names could not be learned, had gone. So had the robbers.

When the excitement was over and the robbers had disappeared behind some buildings, Miss Williams replaced her hat and then asked the conductor if he was hurt. He was not. Then she fainted. She was soon revived, however, and escorted to her home.

Miss Williams resides with her parents and is employed as an amenuensis in one of the downtown offices. She is small of figure, but it is said that she has the courage of a soldier.

Russia's Empress at Home.

Beside Queen Victoria there is no woman on earth occupying such an elevated station as the young czarina of Russia, who was born and brought up in a small and not especially wealthy court.

The czarina is a tall woman with erect carriage, which makes her seem taller. The czar is three inches short of her stature. She has a very fair complexion, dark blue eyes and a deep voice. To the world she is cold and haughty, but among her intimates she is full of good humor and pleasantries. When she was a girl she knew what it was to live in an English lodging house and now she has at her command wealth impossible to imagine, representing as it does the toil and accumulations of ages. Her palaces are numbered by the score, all loaded with wealth in every form. In St. Petersburg there are a dozen, the winter palace having the finest picture gallery in the world, footmen by the hundred in gorgeous attire and walls covered with silver and gold. The empress, however does not personal care for this splendor and her own rooms show her desire to get away from the brilliant oppressiveness of it all. The wife of a clerk on a comfortable salary has more pretty things in her own bedroom and sitting room than has the empress of all the Russias. A broad, comfortable sofa is covered with cretonne, and the china-ware on the wash stand—for there is no running water—is cheap and plain. Oak chairs, simple in design, are scattered about and all effect is sacrificed to simplicity.

The empress prefers to live in a small and secluded house in Peterhof park out of sight of the gorgeous palace at that place. Another favorite place is in the forest near the magnificent summer palace, 800 feet long, which was built by the great Catherine—Chicago Record.

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 New York Evening Post.
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