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County Correspondence.

Farmer Items.

Plowing gardens is the order of the day.

The Ganaway boys are moving on Dr. Terrell's place six miles west of town.

Joe Noel left Friday for the Plains.

Mrs. W. A. Whittenburg of Ft. Worth, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Buck Hawkins of this place.

Wesley White of the Lacy neighborhood was a trader in our town Friday.

Mrs. John Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hunt, and Miss Norfleet were guests of Mrs. J. D. Wilson last Saturday.

Dr. Johnson, the leading physician and Mr. Kimbrough and wife of Olney, were in Farmer on business Saturday. Mr. Kimbrough is one of Olney's most successful merchants.

W. A. Eaton says he made a dollar at the gin Friday.

Mrs. W. R. Drum and daughter, Miss Jennie, were here shopping Friday.

Messrs. J. B. Golston, A. P. Watts, W. A. Sealy, Will Andrews and J. A. Jones all prominent citizens of Archer county, were here trading with our merchants Saturday.

Milt Eichleberger, a prominent stockman living west of town was on our streets talking business Saturday.

The gin has just about finished the cotton crop here for this season. Total number of bales of the white fiber to date 747.

Our townsman and broom man A. E. Oatman, attended the fifth Sunday meeting at Tonk Valley Friday and Saturday of last week. A nice time was reported.

Miss Jennie Drum came home from Jacksboro last week, where she had been visiting relatives, and now she has gone to Olney for a few days sojourn. Why don't you stay at home some, Jennie? Someone would like for you to not go away.

One day last week, when our town was as quiet as death, our merchants basking in the sunshine, not a single creature was stirring—all of a sudden in rushed a man in a single buggy—and to our surprise, every merchant stood with mouths open looking at the stranger. Of course his manner of dress and "dog eared" collar would have surprised any western boy. In about fifteen minutes he had visited most every store and private house in town. It soon became known that he was an "Eastern Sanky Songster" and would deliver a lecture in the school building on the subject of music, Friday night. After going to the school house to make his announcement he learned that it would be in conflict with the Literary; so he postponed his address till Saturday night. A large crowd composed of about four couple went out to hear the orator; but to the disappointment of his hearers he failed to come, whence he cometh and whither he goeth is still unknown to the people of Farmer.

Charlie Hoffman Jr., of the Brushy Flat neighborhood, was here Saturday and informed us that he had recently returned from Denton county with his

bride. We learned since that his brother Ed was married last week. There has been in and around Farmer more than one-half dozen weddings since the first of September, 1897. Your pensman wishes them all long and happy lives. It is no wonder Chas. Gay likes to be clerk so well. We are thinking of coming out as a candidate too.

Graves Farmer went to Graham to mill Monday.

Bush Jones of Belknap was the guest of W. H. Clarida Sunday.

N. Gegg's favorite dog, Rover, suddenly disappeared more than a week ago. The dog's whereabouts would like to be known by the owner.

A whole lot of little folks took dinner with Nora Oatman Sunday. They all left wishing for another birthday dinner.

Say, I mean all those who have dear ones buried in the Farmer cemetery, would it not be a prudent idea for us to meet to clean up and decorate the same about the 22nd of this month. Suppose we do, and bring our dinners and spend the day.

Miss Mary Fisher of the Mound, has been visiting relatives here this week.

Misses May and Nellie Prideaux Ida and Willie Cook, Miss Terrell and Zephyr Sensibaugh all of the Oak Grove community, Archer county, and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Stiffler of Lacy, were pleasant callers at Dr. Wilson's Sunday.

Walter Ganaway and bride were in the city Sunday.

Mrs. J. D. Spencer and children of Gertrude, are visiting her parents here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Clarida, Mr. and Mrs. P. K. Pittman and W. Pritchett have gone to Bowie this week.

Deputy road overseer, Prof. J. A. Fairly, is warning his road hands this week. SKIPPER.

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Center Ridge.

Miss Ella Turner of Sumner-ville county, is visiting relatives and friends here.

Bill Padgett, George and John Ragland and Homer Willis went hunting last Friday night, but did not catch anything.

There was quite a large crowd out to hear Bro. White preach Sunday.

Malcolm Kramer and another young gentleman we failed to learn his name, was out at Church Sunday.

Dock Rogers and Virgil Willis of Mt. Pleasant community, were visiting relatives and friends Sunday.

Miss Florence Carlton and her brother, visited the family of E. C. Turner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Martin, of Rock creek neighborhood, visited Mrs. Martin's mother, Mrs. Willis Sunday.

There were several of the young folks of this community, attended the dance at Billy Goldston's Friday night and report a nice time.

Mrs. Zora Turner of this neighborhood, visited her niece, Mrs. Yeager Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitfield of Oak-land community, visited the family of J. L. Holly Sunday.

Miss Nancy Holly who has been sick for a few days is better at this writing.

Miss Ollie Hodges is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Farmer, this week. I. M. E.

Salt Creek.

J. C. Casburn passed through our community Sunday evening. W. T. Finch passed through our community last week.

R. M. Summers and family were visiting in Tonk Valley Saturday and Sunday.

Jim Hogg is spending the week with his sister, Miss Eunice Ellis.

Joe Been spent Saturday night in Graham with his sister, Mrs. Jim Rutherford.

Rozwell Graves spent Saturday night with Walter Johnson.

Miss Lizzie Baldwin spent last week with Mrs. Jason Mayes.

Messrs. Harmon and Baker of Red Top, spent Saturday night on the Creek.

Messrs. Norman and Norris of Graham were on the Creek last week hunting.

Our road overseer, Jason Mayes, has become very philanthropic and called out the hands for several days work on the road.

Several of the young folks attended the social at A. B. McLoud's Wednesday night, given in honor of Miss Mullins of Granbury.

Our school is progressing nicely under the management of Miss Eunice Ellis.

George Hollingsworth of Graham was on the Creek Sunday.

Grandpa Hughes, wife and daughter of Fisher county, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. C. M. Been.

Mrs. Sam Fitzgerald is on the sick list this week.

Noah Hammonds is digging a well for Billy Williamson.

Walter Johnson spent Tuesday in Goose Neck.
Liolen Johnson, infant son of Mrs. Marvie Avritte, has been very sick. A. H. K.

Markley Items.

No sickness in our community, but every one seems to be complaining of bad colds.

Plowing is the order of the day and our good blacksmith, Andrew Huber, is kept busy repairing old plows.

Married, Ed Huffman to Miss Mary Slade. We join their many friends in wishing them a long, peaceful and prosperous life.

We have preaching, Sunday School and Epworth League every Sunday. What country place can beat that.

The Markley Literary Society meets every Saturday night. We had an interesting time last meeting and the house was filled with an attentive audience. We have splendid order, and that helps to make a good time.

Our school is preparing to celebrate Washington's birthday, by having an entertainment the night of the 22nd. Everybody are invited to come.

Ike Tinney and Joe McDaniel went to Bowie last week.

George Jackson, of Sherman, is visiting his uncle, J. L. McDaniel.

Lumber is on the ground for a new building in Markley. We have learned it is to be an office for Dr. Piekens. A. GUMP.

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The Leader.

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GRAHAM, TEXAS.

Waco is moving strongly for a cotton mill—and 1000 persons are willing to put up the aggregate sum of \$50,000.

Grabury News: Eight or ten car loads of pecans have already been shipped from Grabury this season, and still the nuts roll in by wagon loads.

It is noted as an interesting phenomenon that the American Captain Mahan's book on "The Influence of Sea Power in History" is now being used in all German schools and libraries to promote the daiser's scheme for a big navy.

Louis P. Boardman, one of the attorneys for the late Theodore Durrant, has been in Meridian investigating the confession of Blantner-Forbes, that he had committed the murder for which Durrant was executed. Meantime Durrant has not returned.

The Orange Leader gives a report of the lumber business of that town during 1897, from which the following summary is taken. Amount of lumber shipped by rail, 90,312,932 feet, foreign export, 27,354,129; shipped coastwise, 4,419,267 feet; total, 122,086,328 feet.

The quickest transmission of a message across the continent ever made is said to have been the one announcing the decision of the U. S. Supreme Court in the habeas corpus appeal case of Durrant. Fifteen seconds after the decision of the case at Washington the word reached San Francisco.

Ex-Gov. Morrill, of Kansas, once said that his ambition was to create in Kansas the largest orchard in the world and leave it as a monument to his memory. That hope is about to be realized, as he has turned his farm over to a man with the stipulation that 65,000 fruit trees, mostly apple, are to be planted there.

Nearly forty letters of Burns never before printed are to be given in the forthcoming "Correspondence Between Burns and Mrs. Dunlop." It is said that this correspondence "clears up a number of points in connection with Burns' life and works, contains his views on religion, and proves that his friends endeavored to secure him a professorship in Edinburgh university.

At Los Angeles, Cal., Judge Van Dyke has granted a motion to vacate a decree of divorce in the now somewhat celebrated Young case. The plaintiff, William Young, sued for a divorce. The decree was granted verbally, but before the papers could be signed Young died. However, Judge Van Dyke signed the decree on stipulations of the attorneys, although he declared the suit abandoned by Young's death. Shortly after, Young's uncle, Joseph McCullough, the St. Louis editor, died, leaving a large estate. By Judge Van Dyke's decision Young's widow is now entitled to his share of about \$75,000.

The big national cattle convention at Denver wound up its business and enjoyed the big barbecue prepared for it. It is said to be the last barbecue to be given in America where buffalo is to appear on the menu. Among the rare viands were nicely cooked elk and opossum, besides beef, mutton and pork in great quantities. The barbecue was held at the Union stockyards and 25,000 to 30,000 people attended. So great was the crowd that six tons of meat served was hardly enough to satisfy all, and before the crowd could be served the tables against which they were surging broke away, and brushing aside police and military guards, the crowds overran the grounds, helping themselves to what was in sight. Gov. Adams and Mayor McMurray were present, but their expostulations were unheeded. The crowd was good-natured and no one was hurt in the stampede, but there being no possibility of restoring order the management declared the barbecue over.

St. James Hotel, Dallas.

An Unused Pension.

The will of the late Isaac Lloyd, which was admitted to probate yesterday, disposes of an estate valued at about \$15,000. Mr. Lloyd was a veteran of the late war and drew a small pension, which he saved with the intention of returning it to the government, providing he was never in want during life. When the will was probated yesterday it was found that his intentions had been carried out, and the will concluded with the following paragraph: "My pension, which I have not used, I have always expected to return to the United States government, expecting I should be in distress or want. I order my executor to return the pension."—Philadelphia Press.

Edison's Courtship.

The idea of the great electrician, Edison, marrying was first suggested by an intimate friend, of whom Edison timidly inquired who he should marry. The friend somewhat testily replied: "Any one." Edison was not without sentiment when the time came. One day, as he stood behind the chair of a Miss Stillwell, a telegraph operator in his employ, he was not a little surprised when she suddenly turned round and said: "Mr. Edison, I can always tell when you are behind me or near me."

Edison fronted the young lady, and, looking at her fixedly, said: "I've been thinking considerably about you of late, and if you are willing to marry me I would like to marry you."

The young lady said she would talk the matter over with her mother. The result was their marriage, and a very happy one it proved to be.

Through Chilkoot Pass.

When one realizes that the distance from Tacoma to Dawson is 1400 miles via Dyea, and that it is fully 4500 miles by the all water route past St. Michael it is evident that through the Chilkoot gateway will swarm thousands of miners as soon as the rigors of winter are somewhat abated, and the audacious enterprise of running a wire tramway across the mountains seems to have more than a fair chance of turning out a financial success.

The system adopted is called the "Bleichat" system and is widely known as the most perfect form of wire railway in use. The cars run on a stationary cable, seven-eighths of an inch in diameter and supported by wooden towers with cross arms, the power being supplied by another cable run by a steam engine. The cars are attached to the traction ropes by patent grips which detach themselves automatically at either terminal, and there is an ingenious patent by which the cars pass the point of contact between cable and support.—Syndicate.

Round vs. Square Bale.

James Boyle, consul at Liverpool, sends a report to state department at Washington on cotton baling and cotton fires. In regard to the first subject he gives the opinion of experts on the advantages and disadvantages of the cylindrical bale compared with the old style, and these criticisms are in line with those made in this country. About 2000 of the round bales have been received at Liverpool during the past two months and distributed to the spinners in the Lancashire district. Mr. Boyle states that the round bales arrived in perfect condition, there being no loose cotton, and no instances of loss of marks. The cotton brokers, spinners, insurance men and ship owners unite, Mr. Boyle says, in declaring the urgent need of an improved system of baling. Then he describes fire tests made with the two kinds of bales. In this connection he gives a statement of Mr. Wm. Muir, chief officer of the Liverpool fire salvage department. He finds it would very difficult to get the round bale out of the hold of a ship in case of fire on account of its uprolling. In the matter of stowing on shipboard, he states that the superiority of the new bale to the old is seriously questioned. Mr. Boyle remarks that the fate of the cylindrical bale will depend largely upon the favor or disfavor with which it is received by the cotton spinners.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

The president has nominated Charles H. Duell of New York to be commissioner of patents.

Gov. John W. Griggs, of New Jersey, has been appointed Attorney General vice Joseph McKenna appointed to the Supreme bench.

The bill to pay the book-publishing house of the M. E. Church, South, \$288,000 for damages sustained by boat corporation during the civil war passed the house by a vote of 189 to 67.

No Compromise.

Washington, Jan. 28.—Mr. Bailey, the Democratic leader, denounces as absurd the printed story that Croker and gold influences dictated the election of Senator White to be chairman of the Democratic Congressional Committee. He says that the fact that Senators Murphy and Smith voted against White answers the statement that Croker was for White. Speaking of the position of the National Democracy, Mr. Bailey says:

"Our position is now, as always has been, that we wait the gold men to come back into the party; but if they come back at all, they must come with the distinct understanding that they are expected hereafter to support the nominees of the party and that we have no compromise whatever to offer them on the platform. With this understanding, everybody is invited to join us and nobody is wanted to join us excepting upon this understanding."

Silver Triumphant in the Senate

Washington, Jan. 28.—After a debate, animated at all times and occasionally acrimonious, which occupied the greater part of the week, the senate has by the decisive vote of 47 to 32, passed the Teller concurrent resolution. The resolution is a practical reaffirmation of that of Stanley Matthews in 1878, and is as follows:

"That all the bonds of the United States, issued or authorized to be issued, under the said acts of congress, hereinbefore recited, are payable, principal and interest, at the option of the government of the United States, in silver dollars or coin of the United States containing 412 1/2 grains each of standard silver; and that to restore to its coinage such silver coins as a legal tender in payment of said bonds, principal and interest is not in violation of the public faith nor in derogation of the rights of the public creditor."

All efforts to amend the resolution were voted down by majorities ranging from 5 to 29. Mr. Lodge's gold standard substitute being defeated by the latter majority. The vote on the Lodge amendment was—yeas 24, nays 53.

Upon the final passage of the resolution some republicans who supported McKinley and the St. Louis platform in 1896, like Carter of Montana, Chandler of New Hampshire, Clark of Wyoming, Pritchard of North Carolina, Shoup of Idaho, Warren of Wyoming and Wolcott of Colorado voted for the resolution because, as Mr. Wolcott announced, they did not believe the resolution committed those who supported it to the free and unlimited coinage of silver.

Battleship Maine Arrived.

Havana, Jan. 25.—The United States battleship Maine, commanded by Capt. G. Sigsbee, which left Key West, Fla., on January 24, has arrived here and was saluted by the forts and warships.

Shortly after the arrival here of the Maine Lieut. Albert Medrano, representing the captain of the boat, Vice Admiral Jose Pastor, visited the United States battleship and extended the customary courtesies. The arrival of the warship caused excited crowds to gather.

A large quantity of tobacco seed has been sold this season at Cuero and tobacco promises to become an important crop in DeWitt county.

It is reported that the Erskine falls of Guadalupe river above Seguin are to be purchased by the Edison syndicate of New York and a plant for irrigation and water supply purposes erected.

OFF THE FENCE.

President McKinley has Declared His Views on Currency.

In a banquet of the manufacturers association at New York a few evenings since, at which over 1000 bankers were present, President McKinley, in a toast, said in part among other things:

"The money of the United States must forever be unquestioned and unassailable. If doubts remain, they must be removed. Nothing should ever tempt us—nothing ever will tempt us—to scale down the sacred national debt through a legal technicality. Whatever may be the language on the contract, the United States will discharge all its obligations in the currency recognized as the best throughout the civilized world at the time of payment.

"Nor will we ever consent that the wages of labor, or its frugal savings, shall be scaled down by permitting payments in dollars of less value than dollars accepted as the best in every enlightened nation of the earth. Under existing conditions, our citizens cannot be excused if they do not redouble their efforts to secure such financial legislation as will place their honorable intentions beyond dispute. All those who represent, as you do, the great conservative but progressive business interests of the country, owe it not only to themselves but to the people to insist upon the settlement of this great question now, or else to face the alternative that it must be again submitted to arbitration at the polls. This is our plain duty to more than 7,000,000 voters who fifteen months ago won a great political battle on this issue, among others, that the U. S. government would not permit doubt to exist anywhere concerning the stability and integrity of its currency, or the inviolability of its obligations of every kind.

"It will not suffice for citizens nowadays to say simply that they are in favor of sound money. That is not enough. The people's purpose must be given the vitality of public law. Better an honest effort with failure, than the avoiding of so plain and commanding a duty. The difficulties in the path of a satisfactory reform are, it must be admitted, neither few in number nor slight in degree, but progress cannot fail to be made with a fair and thorough trial. An honest attempt will be the best proof of sincerity of purpose; half-heartedness never won a battle.

"For us to attempt nothing in view of the prevalent fallacies and constant effort to spread them is to lose valuable ground already won and practically to weaken the forces of sound money for their battles of the future."

He said the St. Louis platform, which the people had ratified, was a mandate to the law-makers to carry out that platform as regards placing the currency on a sound basis.

A DEFAULTER DEAD.

Ex-Treasurer Tate of Kentucky is Pronounced Dead, According to the Law.

James W. Tate, the defaulting ex-State Treasurer of Kentucky, who skipped the State, leaving a deficit of about \$80,000, 11 years ago, is legally dead if not actually so. There has always been a great deal of mystery connected with the disappearance, and it has been claimed by all his enemies and many of his friends that he was alive in some foreign country.

The law in Kentucky is that after a man has been missing for seven years and nothing has been heard from him during that time he is legally dead. It was under this statute that his heirs recently brought suit against the insurance companies to recover the insurance upon his life. The insurance companies fought the cases bitterly until to-day, when the attorneys for the Connecticut Mutual Life appeared in court and paid over \$4,100 on the \$5,000 policy which Tete carried in their company. In so doing they virtually admit the death of the ex-State Treasurer. The other defendants, it is said, will follow the example of the Connecticut company.

There are too many people with prematurely gray hair, when they might avoid it by applying that reliable and effective preparation, Hall's Hair Renewer.

THE ROSS SUCCESSION.

Ex-Governor Hogg Writes a Letter Urging General Mabry.

Austin, Texas, Jan. 14.—Gov. Geo. Pendleton, Belton, Texas—Dear Governor: After a full consideration of the fitness of all the men of my acquaintances for the Presidency of the A. and M. College, I have reached the conclusion that Gen. W. H. Mabry is by all odds the best man for the place. My reasons for this opinion are as follows:

1. He has always been a friend and admirer of General Ross, and will, therefore, not disturb his excellent policy in managing the institution.

2. He is a graduate from the Virginia Institute as a civil engineer, and in other branches, a well educated man.

3. He is a first class disciplinarian, and a splendid diplomat.

4. He possesses the greatest tact and taste for farming of any professional man that I know of, and is not ashamed to plow himself.

5. He is honest, sober, moral, reliable, industrious, and is incapable of deserting or slighting a trust.

6. He is a native Texan and is proud of his state, faithful to her constitution, laws, understands her history, and would die in her defense.

7. He is young, 45 years old, healthy, vigorous, active, ambitious, proud and exemplary.

8. He is a gentleman. In all respects one of whom every member of the board will feel proud, in less than a year, if they shall appoint him.

If you knew him as well as I do, you would stand by him with as much loyalty and pleasure, as you once did by the railroad commission at a serious crisis, which you and I well remember.

I trust you will work to get Mabry appointed, and hold me responsible for all mistakes that may be made by it. Your friend,
J. S. Hogg.

Important Decision.

St. Louis, Jan. 22.—In the suit of John G. Harless against the judges of the United States court of appeals for the Indian Territory, the United States court of Appeals at St. Louis has decided that it has no power to issue a mandamus except when necessary to aid its own jurisdiction in cases already pending before it. Harless was convicted of receiving stolen property and appealed to the Indian Territory court of appeals, at the same time applying for a writ of habeas corpus. This was refused and the court refused to admit him to bail pending his appeal. He applied to the court at St. Louis for a peremptory writ of mandamus to compel the Indian Territory. Sanborn, Thayer and Phillips held court to admit him to bail. Judges Sanborn, Thayer and Phillips held that, besides having no power to issue a writ of mandamus, the question of admission to bail is a judicial one and a writ of mandamus cannot perform the functions of a writ of error, nor has an appellate court power to direct another court to decide a judicial question in a particular way.

'Twas Not All a Dream.

Denver, Col., Jan. 28.—There is no longer any doubt that the big gold strike at the mouth of Indian Creek, four miles out of the town of Golden, is going to prove a bonanza to the finder. There is a rush of people for the mines and they have verified it to their satisfaction.

J. T. Cary, who made the strike, is confident he is going to become rich. He is a hale and hearty, white bearded man of 55 years.

"If I am ever a millionaire," said Mr. Cary, "I will owe it to the fact that I was wise enough—some people might say crazy enough—to stake my money on a dream and risk everything I had on its fulfillment. I dreamed three times that I was being led to the scene of fabulous wealth near Golden, Col., and after the third dream I took up my journey from the east and came here on the hazard. I am glad I came."

Cary was born in Niagara, N. Y., fifty-five years ago. He declares the site of his mine was revealed by the spirit of his old Indian nurse.

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DOLE INTERVIEWED.

He Says That His Government Is Not Menaced by Japan.

In an interview with a representative of the press, President Dole discussed freely conditions of the republic of which he is the executive head, but refused repeatedly to talk of the Hawaiian annexation question now before congress.

"I can not go into a discussion of the latter, which is before congress," he said.

"The newspaper men appreciate my position, I think, in regard to it, and have been very courteous."

"But there is one thing I do wish to say," the president continued, "and that is this—there is absolutely no foundation for these stories of Hawaii being menaced by Japan. There is absolutely nothing in it. We are not menaced by Japan, and we did not have a cabinet meeting and discuss the matter, either before my leaving or at any other time, and there is no element in our relations with Japan in the cause of my leaving. There is nothing in the relations between Hawaii and Japan that hurried me to America."

"What is the sentiment in Hawaii on the annexation question?" President Dole was asked.

"I really can not answer the question exactly. It is impossible to say how many Hawaiians are in favor of it, and how many are opposed to it, because no one knows. The royalists would tell you, some of them, that all Hawaiians are opposed to annexation, which is not true, but how many are in favor of it, nobody knows. The Portuguese consul regards it as a very good prospect for the interests of the Portuguese in the islands. I think the Portuguese are generally in favor of it. I think the Germans are generally in favor of it. The Englishmen are divided; some of the strongest annexationists are Englishmen, and many of the foreign citizens are for it."

Mr. Dole discussed at length the social and political features of the islands, talking interestingly of the tariff, Honolulu's municipal department and similar matters. In answer to a question as to what would become of the present government should the United States refuse to annex the islands, the president said:

"I don't know that anything will happen except that the government will go on as usual. I don't see any danger from any other country. We have a dispute with Japan in regard to immigration and we cannot tell exactly how it is going to come out. The Japanese claim that under an old treaty they have the right of indiscriminate immigration into our country, whether we like it or not, and we have had to put a stop to it and send away from time to time a thousand immigrants who had arrived; would not allow them to land, and it raised some excitement in Japan. There has been a long diplomatic correspondence on the matter. They claimed we should recognize our liability for damages for these men who were sent back. The matter of arbitration has been considered and discussed in regard to it, and the Japanese have accepted it. It was a proposition of years. The points for arbitration have not been settled. Of course, indiscriminate immigration from Japan would be a very serious matter for the Hawaiian islands."

"Emigration from Japan is under control by the government. The planters who wish laborers apply to the government from time to time, stating the number they wish; the government approves or disapproves. If they approve of the applications then immigration companies who are in the business recruit these men. The native population is insufficient to supply the demand for labor. The mixed Hawaiian population is increasing. The pure Hawaiian population is diminishing. This is because the mixed population has greater intelligence, greater thrift, greater latent ability, more enterprise. In the mixed Hawaiians the sexes are equal, which is a good sign and represents a normal condition. In the pure Hawaiian population the males predominate considerably."

"Is it your opinion that in the event of the failure of the senate

to ratify the annexation treaty the government of Hawaii will then take steps to stand on its bottom, fortify its harbors, drill its people, etc., to prevent absorption by any foreign power that may swoop down?" the president was asked.

"We are not strong enough to fight any of the great powers. But all our legislation for some time past, while it has looked forward to annexation, has completely prepared the way for the republic to continue indefinitely. I should not think of putting ourselves on a footing to withstand one of the naval powers, because we could not do it."

"Suppose some other nation wants to annex Hawaii?"

"We cannot help it. We are not strong enough. It is our interest in the question of annexation, our sense of its importance to the Hawaiian islands that brings me here."

"Do you expect to be heard before the senate or senate committee?"

"No, I do not."

"Have you any intimation of when you will have an audience with the president?"

"No. No time is set that I know of."

Klondike Gold.

A New York dispatch says: A personal representative of Jas. R. Keene has been in the Klondike since early last fall. Mr. Keene has received two letters from him detailing the scarcity of provisions and the discomforts. Life during the winter there, according to the letters, is decidedly uncomfortable.

The houses are poor and the cold is intense. Nevertheless, the health of the community is good. Mining continues as effectually as is possible under the weather conditions. Averaging up the district and winter earnings, the yield is about \$30 per cubic foot. Mr. Keene's representative saw one bucket of earth weighing over 100 pounds which yielded \$575 in gold. Claims are in good condition in the El Dorado and surrounding mines. Some have been sold at an average price of about \$100,000 cash. Further away from Klondike claims have been selling at \$10,000 and upwards. The community will require an enormous amount of supplies and it is in great need of all kinds of machinery used in mining. It is expected that these will all have been provided in abundance during the summer.

Distinctively American. "I had a singular experience during a recent tour of Europe," remarked a gentleman prominent in the literary world to a reporter, "in the search for one of the simple, ordinary butterfly neckties. There was a time when I wore scarfs and ties more elaborate, but that has passed, and I, like many other men who have passed the meridian of life, am content with comfort instead of looks. I had a pretty good supply of butterfly ties with me, but somehow I mislaid them while in Rome. I searched through nearly every store in the Eternal City, but could not find any. I had a similar experience in Berlin and Vienna. I was told, however, that I would have no trouble to secure what I wanted in Paris. But, though I tried nearly all the large establishments, I could not find such a thing, though there were hundreds of other styles easily obtainable. Next I tried London, though more for the fun of the thing than anything else, for I had some made to order in Paris, and, strange as it may appear, none of the haberdashers of London could supply them. Until this experience I did not know that the butterfly tie is distinctly an American idea, and is only known here."—Washington Star.

FIFTY PERSONS CREMATED.

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 25.—At midnight fire is destroying the Great Eastern block, on Riverside avenue. The stairway is burned away and people in the building are at the windows crying for help. It is feared there will be loss of life. The building a six-story brick and the upper floors are used for light housekeeping. It is now feared that fifty or more persons have perished in the awful furnace. The upper floors were occupied by 75 or 100 roomers and it is not thought that more than 25 have been saved. Mrs. Davies of Nebraska, leaped from a window to the stone pavement. She will die. The flames are beyond the control of the firemen, and will extend to the adjoining building.

Helena, Ark., has again been startled by a severe earthquake shock. Houses were shaken to their foundations and a series of noises were heard that sounded like immense explosions. People who had assembled in the Presbyterian church for prayer meeting rushed out of the church, expecting the walls to tumble down upon them. There were three distinct shocks within quick succession, the first being the most severe and the three occupying less than a half dozen seconds. They were succeeded by a trembling motion and not by the usual swaying and waving motion. Telephone messages from country points indicate that the shock was felt at many points.

A Disgusting Exhibition. Indiana officers have had their attention called to brutal exhibition that is given by Mr. and Mrs. James Foy in that state, and pressure will be brought to bear to stop the continuance of the display. It consists of a hypnotic exhibition, the Charcot system of hypnotism being used, which paralyzes all vital organs but the heart. After the wife is thus put to sleep Foy disjoins every one of her limbs. When he pulls them they crack like the report of a gun. He then pulls the arms and legs around out of shape. After the woman is thus disjoined Foy continues by taking hold of her head and twisting it. Finally there is a cracking, and the neck becomes elongated. The head then falls upon the breast, the backbone apparently being disjoined. The head is then tucked around under an arm or laid on the back. Many leave the hall, overcome with disgust. Foy then places the disjoined bones in proper position and brings her out of the trance.

LILIAN BELL IN PARIS. "For a month," says Miss Lillian Bell, writing at Paris—one of her bright letters of travel—in the January Ladies' Home Journal, "I have been in this city of limited republicanism; this extraordinary example of outward beauty and inward uncleanness; this bewildering cosmopolis of cheap luxuries and expensive necessities; this curious city of contradictions, where you might eat your breakfast from the street—they are so clean—but where you must close your eyes to the spectacles of the curbstones; this beautiful whited sepulchre, where exists the unwritten law, 'Commit any offense you will, provided you submerge it in poetry and flowers'; this exponent of outward observances, where a gentleman will deliberately push you into the street if he wishes to pass you in a crowd, but where his action is condoned by his inexpressible manner of raising his hat to you, and the heart-felt sincerity of his apology; where one man will run a mile to restore a lost franc, but if you ask him to change a gold piece he will steal five; where your eyes are ravished with the beauty and the greenness, and the smoothness and apparent ease of living of all its inhabitants; where your mind is filled with the pictures, the music, the art, the general atmosphere of culture and wit; where the cooking is so good but so elusive, and where the shops are so bewitching that you have spent your last dollar without thinking, and you are obliged to cable for a new letter of credit from home before you know it—this is Paris."

"The French must be the most curious people on earth. How could even heavenly ingenuity create a more uncommon or bewildering contradiction and combination? Make up your mind that they are as simple as children when you see their innocent picnicking along the boulevards and in the parks with their whole families, yet you dare not trust yourself to hear what they are saying. Believe that they are cynical, and fin de siecle, and skeptical of all women when you hear two men talk and the next day you hear that one of them has shot himself on the grave of his sweetheart. Believe that politeness is the ruling characteristic of the country because a man kisses your hand when he takes leave of you. But marry him and no insult is too low for him to heap upon you. Believe that the Frenchmen are sympathetic because they laugh and cry openly at the theater. But appeal to their chivalry and they will rescue you from discomfort only to offer you a worse. The French have sentimentality, but not sentiment. They have gallantry but not chivalry. They have religion, but not morality. They are a combination of the wildest extravagance and the strictest parsimony. They cultivate the ground so close to the railroad tracks that the trains almost run over their roses, and yet leave a Place de la Concorde in the heart of the city."

THE MAYFLOWER SOLD. Leopold, King of Belgians, Pays \$100,000 for Her. New York, Jan. 28.—A special to Herald from Paris says that Leopold, king of the Belgians, has bought the May Flower for \$400,000.

Locally the Herald says: "The May Flower is now at Erie Basin, where she has been laid up since her arrival at this port from Newport last September. She has been ordered to Southampton so soon as she can be made ready for sea."

"Messrs. Tams and Lemoine of this city, in whose charge the May Flower was placed when she was sent to Erie Basin, has given orders to the John N. Robins company to put men on board and use all possible haste with the work required. This was at once done and the yacht will be ready to sail in less than a fortnight."

"The yacht will not go in the dock here, it was learned, and there is not a great deal of important work to be done. Coal and stores will be taken on board in a few days and by February 10th or before, she will have taken her departure for Southampton."

COMING TOGETHER. Action of the two Bodies of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The following official report of the action of the joint committee on federation appointed by the General Conferences of the two Episcopal Methodisms which met at Baltimore recently has been given to the press by the secretary, Dr. R. J. Cooke, editor of the Methodist Advocate.

After an elaborate discussion covering several days conference the joint committee finally agreed on the following resolutions, the exact language of which and particulars explanatory will be given hereafter as provided for by the joint committee.

1. That the General Conferences of the two churches be recommended to order the preparation of a commission catechism, hymn book and order of public worship for both churches.

2. While recognizing the value and growth of the Epworth League of the respective churches and rejoicing in the spirit of fraternity manifested in their biennial international conference in the absence of any legal provision for it, it is suggested to the General Conferences the propriety of recognizing and regulating it by legal provisions.

3. That the General Conferences of the respective churches be recommended to adopt measures for the joint administration of their publishing interests in Japan and Chinese.

4. That while appreciating fully the Christian comity prevailing in our missions in foreign lands and having given careful consideration to the principle and desirability of co-operative administration as a means of lessening the expenditures of funds in the prosecution of the work, the committee, without attempting to formulate any plan of such co-operation, commends the subject to the consideration of the two General Conferences.

5. It was further agreed for the prevention of hurtful competition that in places where either church is established and supplying the needs of the people, new work shall not be obtained by the other church without the consent of the bishop having jurisdiction.

6. The following with reference to Christian education was adopted: Resolved, 1. This expression is of such practical form as will increase the efficiency of higher institutions of learning.

2. That the years 1900 and 1901 should be the period for the presentation of the subject of higher education to all our people and their gifts to the cause.

3. That it is the imperative duty of the Protestant Church to provide in the city of Washington a university, Christian, Catholic, tolerant and American, having for its sole aim post graduate and professional study and original research, and that the American university is worthy of the confidence and benefits of the people in all our churches; we therefore recommend that the claims of this institution be commended to both churches for special contributions during the closing year of the present and the opening year of the coming century. We also agree to recommend to the General Conferences of the two churches provision for the reception of ministers from one church to the other without loss of orders in ministerial standing.

During the leisure recently forced on him by impaired health, the pope has been revising the Latin verses, which will shortly appear under the title "Carmina Novissima."

In 1872 the Duke of Golliera began to spend large sums of money in the collection of rare stamps, and his collection is now believed to be the finest in the world. It is estimated to be worth \$1,250,000.

Col. S. P. Roller of Ennis, Texas, had a hog butchered on the 13th which weighed, gross, 810 pounds, and net, 736 pounds. The hog was raised by J. L. Beard, near Ennis.—Farm and Stock Journal.

The ballet girl, like her age, is always a poser.

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Says It Still Lives.
 Chairman Bradley of the late lamented Populist party made the startling announcement one day last week that the aforesaid party is not really dead, but on the contrary is in a very hopeful condition. This announcement was so strange and so unexpected that his remarks were printed in many of the leading dailies of the state. Simultaneously comes the announcement that Bradley's paper is going to move from Abeline to Waco, where the versatile talents of J. Soap. will have a wider if not a better field. Dead? Well, we reckon it is. But the subscribers of the Sentinel don't think so and Bradley don't want them to think so.

The Bartlett Tribune is quoted as saying that J. H. Barry, one of the leading members of the populist party in Bartlett, has decided that populists can accomplish more if they would abandon their organization and return to the democratic party as now organized, and Mr. Barry is correct. There is no hope for the populist party in the future, rent into warring factions as it is. Let the men who want reform rally around the flag of democracy and Hannaism, McKinleyism and goldbugism will be buried so deep in 1900 they will be beyond the sound of the arch angel's trumpet.—Cleburne Review.

Mr. Henry Watterson complains bitterly that the Republicans have built "an impassible wall between themselves and their sound money allies." There must be something bad the matter with Mr. Watterson and his "sound money" gold standard democrats. The Democrats kicked them out at Chicago and they went to the Republicans via the sound money route, and now it seems like the Republicans are quarantining against them.—Belton Reporter.

The Party is United.
 The Galveston Tribune, says the way to reunite the democratic party in Texas is to nominate Sayers for governor. Who said the party was divided? In 1896 the democracy licked the pops, republicans, goldbugs, fusionists, disgruntled crowd and everybody else, and did it gracefully. Democracy is united already—very firmly reunited. The kid who grinds out gush for the Tribune must have a case of post-Christmas melancholia.—Alvarado Bulletin.

The rush to the Yukon gold field has started up afresh. Several steamers have already started from New York with passengers for that far off land. Thousands will risk their all and many lose their lives in the mad rush for gold. A few may succeed in making fortunes, but the many will lose and not gain.

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

Both Protestant and Catholic German missions in China are being attacked by Chinese and further complications are probable.

Late Primaries.
 Lieut. Gov. Jester has expressed himself in favor of holding late primaries this year, and we see many of the state papers agree with him. We heartily concur in the opinion that the later the primaries are held the better it will be. Wait till the crops are "laid by," and wait till the picnic and camp meeting season is over. Let the watermelon "smile on the vine," and wait till beans and potatoes mature; wait till the people have time to draw a long breath after the farm work of the year is over, and give the county candidates a chance to wake the echoes and inject some enthusiasm into the campaign. Give us all time to think and talk. We don't want any "Jim Crow" primaries or "snap" conventions in our'n. Texas wants time to pause and consider her best interests, and we want to get acquainted with the candidates and "size up" their respective merits. While deeply interested in free silver and a low tariff, we don't want to be forced to the necessity of voting for the fellow who can raise the biggest "hullabaloo" about these things simply because we don't know the other fellow. Texas needs a good sound business administration and let's give all the boys time enough to show their goods. Sayers is busy in Congress; Crane is busy in attending to the duties of his office; Wynne and Jester have the field to themselves, but they are both too honest and high-minded to take an advantage; Mills and Culberson are, (or ought to be) busy about the affairs of the people for which they are paid; so let the primaries be late by all means, and give them all a chance to sweat it out in the dog days.

McKinley and Lee.
 The Houston Post considers the retention of Gen. Fitzhugh Lee as Consul General in Cuba by the McKinley administration, proof positive that the bloody shirt has been buried, as well as strong evidence that no man in northern republican ranks could be found who had the brain and the nerve to perform the intricate and delicate duties of our nation's representative in Cuba.

There is good logic in the Post's conclusions. Fifteen years ago no southern democrat, especially if his name be Lee, could have been the mouth-piece of a northern republican administration in foreign countries. The cry of "Confederate brigadiers" would have been sounded from Maine to California; Grand Army resolutions and public indignation meetings would have been on the boards and in the papers, but such is not the case to-day. Be it said to the credit of Lee that he is such a valuable officer that his government cannot spare his services, and be it said to the credit of McKinley that he knows a good thing when he sees it, and has risen above the sectional feeling that characterized his party in the years gone by. Then again, be it said to the credit of the people and press of the north that they are uttering no complaint over this seeming departure from "the time-honored principles and traditions of the party."

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.

A race war is imminent in Lonoke county, Ark. The whites have notified the negroes to leave the county in thirty days. The negroes refuse to go and trouble is feared.

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Hood's Sarsaparilla Gave Relief and Restored Sleep and Appetite.

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If any living man can read the dispatches in relation to Cuban affairs and tell which side is winning, or what part the United States is playing in the game, he would be greater than Solomon. One day we read that the insurgents are just ready to walk in and take possession of Havana, and the next day the dispatches tell of great Spanish victories and the surrounding of the insurgents. One day we read that Spain is very jealous of this government and threatens war unless we do better, and the next day we read about the United States being very friendly towards Spain—for instance this week a war vessel was ordered into the port of Havana, and some suggested that it was rather a war-like demonstration, but the administration says it was done only as an act of courtesy towards Spain, to show that we were friendly towards the Spanish government. It looks like that kind of friendship and courtesy that we in boyhood had extended to us by the school teacher. When we saw him coming towards us with a long beech limb in his hand, we knew that he meant courtesy and friendly relations.—Bonham News.

How Advertising Pays.

Two farmers were once discussing their local paper. One thought it had too many advertisements in it. The other replied: "In my opinion the advertisements are far from being the least valuable part of it. I look them over carefully and save at least five times the cost of the paper each week through the business advantages I get from them."

Said the other: "I believe you are right—I know that they pay me well and rather think it is not good taste to find fault with the advertisements after all."

It pays any man with a family to take a good local paper for the sake of the advertisements if nothing more. And if business men fail to give farmers a chance to read advertisements in the local paper, they are blind to their own interests, to say the least of it.

"You never trade with me," said a business man to a prosperous farmer. "You have never invited me to your place of business and I never go where I am not invited; I might not be welcome," was his reply.—Fourth Estate.

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"I had inflammatory rheumatism in my feet and ankles. Reading so much about Hood's Sarsaparilla I began taking it. In a short time I was relieved and I continued its use until I was cured. I have not had a touch of rheumatism since." IDA FARMER, 3820 Ave M., Galveston, Texas.

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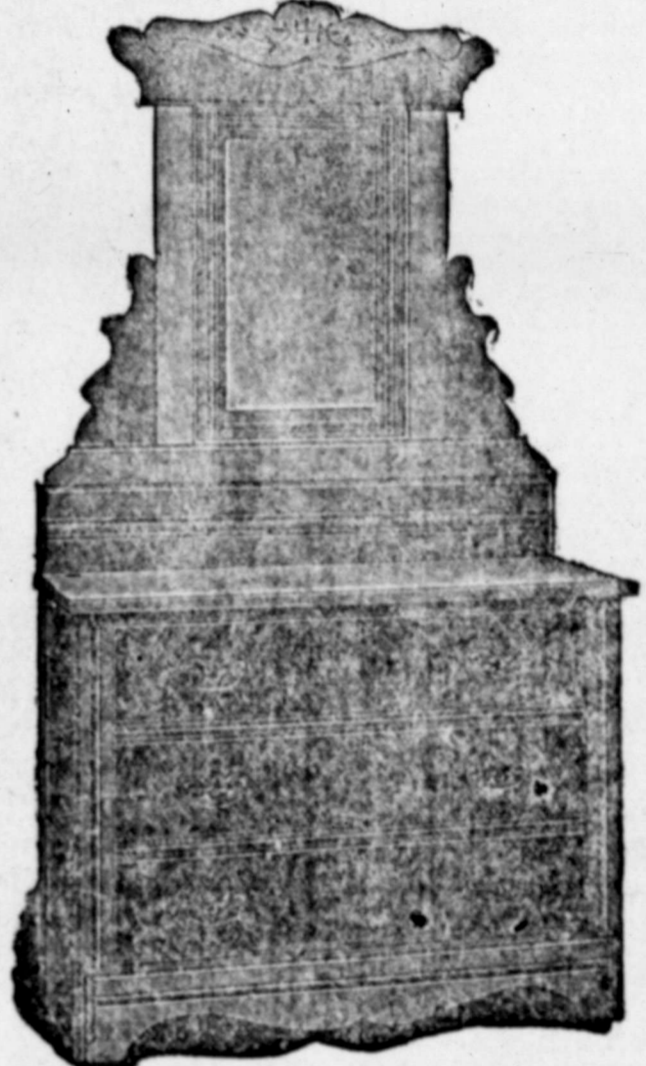
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For County Attorney:

J. E. SIMPSON.

JOS. H. AYNESWORTH.

F. Herron of Ming Bend was in the city on business Thursday.

John Kisinger was in Graham Thursday.

Say! You owe us on subscription and we need it badly. It's true what you owe don't amount to much, but four or five hundred little sums amount to a heap to us. Send us 50cts., \$1.00 or more. We will appreciate it and it will help us out of a tight.

County Attorney Kay and P. A. Martin went to True Monday and tried a case before the school board. Prof. Tefteller, the teacher, was charged with certain irregularities and after a full hearing the Board sustained the teacher. The complaining parties appealed to the County Supt., but that officer affirmed the decision of the board.

O. W. King, at the post office building, will take your subscription for any newspaper or magazine in the United States at the lowest possible rates.

Geo. W. Terrell left Wednesday on a business trip to Ft. Worth.

J. L. Flint and family returned from Ft. Worth last week where they have been visiting relatives.

Want Your Wheat.

I will pay Weatherford prices for wheat. L. B. KIDWELL, Mineral Wells, Texas.

John H. Wood is preparing to make a large lot of brick. He says there will be a good demand for building material here this spring and summer. On with the boom.

Notice to Teachers.

Will exchange or sell all new book which have been adopted by the State, at contract prices. Call and see me.

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Wild Goose Oil possesses the most wonderful healing properties for Cuts, Burns, Sprains and Sores of any medicine on the market. For sale by C. G. King, Graham.

Miss Lelia Vaughan left Thursday for St. Louis to purchase a large stock of Millinery Goods for J. E. Morrison & Co. She will spend a month in the trimming rooms there, and will be prepared to fit the ladies out in the latest styles.

Miss Lelia has had a good deal of experience in the millinery business, and will come back better prepared than ever.

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Did you know the railroad was coming?

Our Railway Prospects.

\$20,000 Deposited for Survey.

Surveyors Already in the Field.

Some fourteen months ago Judge R. F. Arnold of Graham and B. B. Paddock, Mayor of Fort Worth, took in hand the work of promoting the development of the coal fields of Young county and incidentally the building of a railway from Fort Worth to the southwest part of this county, 120 miles.

Mr. Paddock went to London, England, and took with him samples of our coal and other minerals and laid before the English capitalists the magnificent resources of our country and the great advantages of an investment here. The Britishers became interested and the result was that a syndicate was organized, and Mr. Paddock was promised that if the coal deposits, &c., came up to his representations the syndicate would take hold of the enterprise. Judge Arnold at this end of the line secured option upon a large number of the coal bearing surveys in the southwest part of the county and the work quietly proceeded.

In November last Dr. Keith, of London, was sent out by the syndicate to investigate the coal fields of this county. He is a mining expert of great ability and coming to Young county, he made a most careful examination of the various coal shafts and outcroppings and took samples back with him to London. His report to the syndicate was favorable and last week the syndicate authorized Hess & Co. of New York, to represent them and proceed with the enterprise.

The Fort Worth and Northwestern railway company was then chartered with a capital stock of \$250,000. Among the incorporators are B. B. Paddock of Fort Worth and R. F. Arnold and S. R. Crawford of Graham. The newly formed company organized in Fort Worth last Monday and deposited \$20,000 in a Ft. Worth bank to pay for the survey.

Capt. M. O. Hall and a competent corps of assistants were employed and went to work Tuesday surveying the route from Ft. Worth in this direction. They are expected to reach this county in about thirty days. There will be another meeting of the incorporators in New York next week and it is expected that the deal for the coal lands will be closed in a few days.

This is one of the best prospects for a railway we have ever had and our business men all seem to have confidence in it.

This capital comes from "across the branch" and it seeks investment here because they think it will pay. They have asked no bonuses or privileges so far, but have advanced the money to pay for locating the line.

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

S. B. Street left Monday for Chicago and other cities to purchase his spring stock of dry goods.

One bottle of Simmons' 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.

A little child of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Randolph was seriously burned Tuesday by its clothing catching fire. It is now improving and will probably recover though at first the burn was thought to be fatal.

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The name of deputy sheriff Preston Brooks is presented this week as a candidate for the office of tax assessor of Young county, subject to the action of the democratic primaries. Mr. Brooks is well known to most of our readers, but to those who are unfamiliar with his past we will state that he has, for the past five years been continuously engaged in public work. For two years he assisted Capt. A. T. Gay in the District and County Clerk's office, and for the past three years he has been the office deputy of Sheriff Williams. Having in hand the book keeping and tax collecting work of the office it is safe to say that no man in the county is more familiar with the tax rolls and with the work of tax assessing. Quick and accurate in figures, a splendid penman and thoroughly acquainted with the work, his candidacy should receive the most favorable consideration. To these qualifications we may truthfully add that he is steady, sober and industrious and while yet only twenty-three years of age, he has built up for himself a splendid character. With the consciousness of duties faithfully performed he invites an examination of his record and enters the race with confidence that he is in all respects competent to perform the duties of the office to which he aspires.

Notice is Hereby Given

That I have this day dissolved partnership and severed by connection with the late firm of D. R. Akin & Co., heretofore composed of D. R. Akin, F. M. Burkett, B. S. Doty and R. G. Graham.

I have formed a partnership with Edgar Matthews and moved back to my old stand on west side of square, where we are prepared to fill prescriptions and issue out drugs. D. R. AKIN.

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.

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.

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Mr. John C. Casburn announces this week as a candidate for tax assessor of Young county, subject to the democratic primaries.

Mr. Casburn came to this county twenty years ago with high recommendations for honesty and industry. Since then he has been continuously one of our citizens and has always borne the character of an honest hard-working man. He is well qualified for the duties of the office and would fill it with credit.

He was a candidate two years ago for this position and among the many who run for the office Mr. Casburn was next to the head of the list on the final count, being just 34 votes behind Mr. James the present incumbent. He will make an active campaign and the man who beats him will have to get up and rustle.

Any Person

Wishing to know the truth in regard to their health should not fail to send for a valuable and new 64-page Booklet which will be sent FREE for a short time to those who mention this paper. This book is published by the celebrated physicians and specialists—Dr. Hathaway & Co., of San Antonio, Texas, whom you should address. Write to-day.

More Railroad News.

We have it upon good authority that the Santa Fe system has bought out the Weatherford, Mineral Wells & Northwestern and will soon push out from Mineral Wells to the northwest, probably to connect with the Southern Kansas branch of that system at Washburn. If such is the case the road is bound to come up the Brazos Valley and will probably adopt the old survey of the W. M. W. & N. W. up the river. It will develop the finest agricultural country in the northwest and make a magnificent line.

It is probable that in the present year we will witness an interesting race between two rival lines each trying to get here first.

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.

Mr. E. C. Fain made a short business journey to Weatherford last week and returned fully satisfied that we will soon have the Santa Fe railroad in this county.

Floyd Shock, formerly of this place, now of St. Louis, spent a few days in Graham this week shaking hands with old friends and transacting business for his firm, Geo. D. Barnard & Co.

Rev. B. M. Stevens, at one time Presiding Elder of this district, died at Weatherford last Monday morning. A good man has gone to his reward.

Carmichael & Bryan have moved the old shop from the East side of the square to their present location and converted it into a wood shop.

Look out for the cars; they are coming this time, sure.

Biliousness

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insomnia, nervousness, and, if not relieved, bilious fever or blood poisoning. Hood's Pills stimulate the stomach, rouse the liver, cure headache, dizziness, constipation, etc. 25 cents. Sold by all druggists. The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Mr. Jos. H. Aynesworth announces this week as a candidate for County Attorney, subject to the democratic primaries.

"Joe," as he is familiarly called by his friends, is a son of our fellow-townsmen, G. L. Aynesworth. He is now 24 years old and has been studying law for the past eighteen months. It is his intention to apply for admission to the bar at the next August term of our District Court if not before.

Like many young lawyers, Mr. Aynesworth began his career as a school teacher, being principal of the Farmer public school for one term and of the Victory school one term.

It is his highest ambition to make a successful lawyer and he desires to begin his practice in the County Attorney's office.

He is a steady, sober and industrious young man, full of energy and perseverance and if elected he will make an honest and capable officer.

He was practically raised in Young county, having lived here for the past eighteen years. We commend his candidacy to the favorable consideration of the voters. He will make an active and vigorous campaign before the primaries and become better acquainted with the people.

The universal opinion of persons interested in horses and who are in position to know the situation of both this and foreign countries is that the next few years will witness good prices for good horses. All say, however, that inferior horses will remain too low to make the breeding of them profitable. It is said that the men who begin breeding now to meet the coming demand will reap good profits.

Successful Physicians.

To our readers we wish to recommend Dr. Hathaway & Co., of 209 Alamo Plaza, San Antonio, Texas, as being perfectly reliable and remarkably successful in the treatment of chronic diseases. They guarantee to cure where others fail. They never employ traveling doctors. If in need of medical help, you should certainly write them for their expert opinion which you will receive by return mail, free of charge.

ESTRAYS.

TAKEN up by W. C. Wilkinson and estrayed before M. N. Hardy, J. P. Prec. No. 3, Young county, one gray mare branded JF (con.) on left jaw, 76, JO on left JFR, (37 con) on left thigh, 7 or 8 years old, 14 hands high. One iron gray horse, 2 years old, branded 76 on left shoulder, 144 hands high. One bay horse 9 years old, branded W on left shoulder. This Feb. 1, 1898.

REPORTED by H. L. Leberman, Com'r Prec. No. 3, and left with J. A. Hutchings, one brown mare about 12 years old, and branded W on neck and W on left shoulder. This Jan. 26, 1898.

REPORTED by A. C. Casey, Com'r Prec. No. 4, and left with C. A. Brinkley, one bay mare, 8 years old, 13 1/2 hands high, branded on left shoulder, white in face and on nose. This Jan. 26, 1898.

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

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CLAIMS ALL THE WHEAT.

Letter Clique Say They Have All the Surplus—Putting Up the Price.

Chicago, Jan. 27.—"Basing our estimates on the government figures, we think we now own every bushel of surplus wheat in this country," George B. French, the active manager of the big wheat combination said for himself and Jos. Leiter, who is the visible head of the "clique."

He said further: "According to the most reliable estimates obtained we think there is not more than 15,000,000 bushels of wheat unaccounted for. Scattered over different parts of the country we have holdings of at least that amount, so we can safely claim to have possession of all the surplus."

Added to the estimate of 530,000,000 bushels for last year's crop, the 30,000,000 bushels carried over from the crop of 1896 gave Mr. French his basis of 560,000,000 bushels as the original supply. This he proceeded to dispose of as follows:

Exported to date 145,000,000 bushels, estimated necessary for home consumption 340,000,000 bushels, estimated necessary for feed 60,000,000 bushels, making a total of 545,000,000 bushels comfortably put away. The difference between the original estimated surplus and the amount accounted for is 15,000,000 bushels. This is the amount of wheat which, according to Mr. French, furnishes the key to the situation, and on which the "clique" has put a price of 10 cents in advance or the Chicago price for May wheat whatever that may be from day to day.

"The situation is simply this," declared Mr. French. "Everything goes to show that this country has sent abroad more than its exportable surplus. We think wheat has been over exported to the extent of 15,000,000 or 50,000,000 bushels, and that the United States is the country in which to sell.

Sold His Daughters.

A Toledo, O., special says: At Kelley's Island Joseph Folk sold his two daughter for \$100, giving them in lieu of money each to satisfy a debt of \$50 which he could not otherwise meet. A year ago Folk left his home and family in Poland to seek his fortune in America, making his way to Kelley's Island, where he found work. Then his wife died and the sad news came to him that his young daughters were in want. He had not money enough to send for them but he borrowed \$50 each from Peter Mille and Joseph Hidock, who were earning more than he, to pay their passage across the ocean.

A couple of weeks ago they arrived and were warmly received. But the money loaned by Mille and Hidock was due and Folk could not pay it. They prosecuted and finally the old man said he was afraid he could never pay it, but to satisfy the debt he would give one of his daughters to each as a wife and this proposition was accepted. Mary Folk, aged 16, was chosen by Hidock, and Annie, the younger, by Mille. Yesterday was the wedding day.

Man's Vital Force.

Dr. Baraduc, a French scientist, has just made public the result of his experiments to obtain exact knowledge in regard to the vital force of human beings. He claims that by means of photography he has at last been able to measure and register the volatile matter of which every living thing is constantly riding itself. On the plates were impressed all sorts of luminous points, varying according to the condition of the subject.

"By this method," says Dr. Baraduc, "the moral condition of individuals can easily be diagnosed, for it is a fact that whenever sick or exhausted persons are photographed their bodies attract toward them the strong forces of nature. In the case of a harmless person of moderate intelligence the luminous points assume the form of a handful of hailstones which have been violently thrown together and again scattered, whereas in the case of a man of dominant character they assume the grateful form of a pearl. I operated some time ago on a lady who was suffering with gastric trouble. She had in vain consulted 22 physicians and before coming to me she had taken

to prayer as her last resource. I photographed her body, and the luminous points were plainly visible, most notable being a pointed jet of flame which appeared on her forehead.

"My experiments satisfy me that man lives in an atmosphere of light, and is surrounded by an atmosphere so peculiar and unique that it is well worth while for scientists to spend time in an attempt to analyze it. Only by continuous and progressive work can we obtain real light in regard to vital force." —Pall Mall Gazette.

THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY

An Effort to Encourage Tobacco Culture in Texas.

The following circular letter has been sent out to the County Judges of the State by Mr. A. R. Moore of Houston, president of the Texas Tobacco Growers' association:

To All County Judges in the State of Texas:

Houston, Texas, January 21st 1898.—You will kindly mail me at your earliest convenience the names of two of your most prominent and progressive farmers or business men or one each of the two professions, who will then be appointed by me as chairman of a tobacco committee of your county. It will then be their duty to form a county organization which will be an auxiliary branch of this organization (the Texas Tobacco Growers' association), which was formed here on the 10th day of last December. Information will be furnished each branch as to the proper method of cultivation tobacco, where seed can be obtained and such other information as is necessary for the successful raising of tobacco in this State. I have already appointed county chairman in all the counties traversed by the International and Great Northern railroad from here to Longview east of that road.

I would advise all tobacco raisers to plant nine-tenths of their crop in cigar tobacco (filler seed) and experiment in a small way with cigar wrappers and Burleigh chewing tobacco. The demoralized conditions and the great shortage in the Cuban tobacco crop this year will cause our Texas tobacco growers to get fancy prices for this year's crop—50 cents, and possibly 60 cents a pound for cigar tobacco—and if the Texas tobacco growers will raise a sufficient amount of "Texas Havana," I feel confident that where they are now using the Texas tobacco in the Eastern manufacturing districts, that we will have no difficulty in sustaining the far famed and well known grades of Texas tobacco over that of Cuba. "So make hay while the sun shines." I sooth forward and feel assured that good, stiff prices will be maintained for the next five or six years and possibly longer.

Tobacco growers in Florida are making immense fortunes, and we have the same climate as there, and why not the Texas farmer? You will be able to sell all the tobacco you may properly cultivate and cure at either Houston or Galveston. The tobacco industry of Kentucky amounts to \$14,000,000, equal to one-fourth of the Texas cotton crop. It will soon be time to plant seed, so I urge you to take immediate action. I am yours very truly, A. R. MOORE, President Texas Tobacco Growers' Association.

Mario Garibaldi, the last surviving son of the Italian liberator, has resigned his lieutenantancy in the Italian army because of broken health.

Ghouls at Nashville robbed the cemetery of the bodies of two once prominent citizens. Detectives traced them to Vermont—and the bodies were returned and arrests have followed.

There are reported at Corsicana at present 1700 head of steer cattle at the feeding pens, being prepared for the Chicago market with cotton seed meal. Col. J. W. Edens says that there is enough feed on hand to make them off and leave a little surplus, but that it is not probable other feeders will be shipped in this winter. Shipments from this point up to this time have in every instance brought satisfactory returns.

DARKEST AFRICA.

Greatest King of Modern Times—Dwarf Life, their Peculiar Ways.

The most bloodthirsty villain unhung is the King of Benin, in Africa. He used to slaughter his subjects daily for amusement, but when he massacred a party of unarmed British negotiators his reign ended.

His palace was partly built of human bones, and surrounded with countless numbers of them. The British sent an expedition to Benin and annexed the country and the palace.

This king has been responsible for more needless bloodshed and sheer cruelty than any other savage living. Benin, his capital city, deserves well the title bestowed on it of "The City of Blood." Happily this ghoul is no longer at large. He is in the hands of the British officials on the Gold Coast. Doubtless he will be transported and made an allowance by the British government. The proper allowance for him is a long rope and short shift.

The British take a great deal of credit to themselves for putting an end to the brutal reign of the King of Benin. Probably they had more moral justification in this case of an attack on a native state than is usual. Benin, the city, is an extremely interesting place in a gruesome way. No white man had ever been there and left it alive before the British expedition went. The king's palace was approached by an avenue of poles, on the tops of which were skulls. The doorway of the building was made of human leg bones.

Flies are very numerous in Benin. The king had a rooted aversion to them. Unlike most of his subjects, he wore a garment that covered the whole of his body except his face and hands. Two slaves were always on guard with fans to keep flies away from his majesty. If a fly succeeded in alighting on an exposed part of his majesty's person the two slaves were executed on the spot.—Exchange.

AFRICAN DWARFS.

Most of these people are smaller than their Bakoko and Mabeya neighbors, but not all, as the dwarf women are sometimes married into these tribes. They deserve the name dwarf more from the similarity of their habits to the true dwarfs further inland. They live a wandering, Indian-like life, hunting. They have nets 120 feet long and three or four feet high, a number of which they stretch across the bush, and the men, women and children drive the game into these nets. They are experts in trapping, too. They do not stay in one place doing enough to plant, so they trade their game to their agricultural neighbors for vegetable food. These Mabeya head men have a certain kind of ownership over them, sometimes furnishing them with powder and guns, and nets and a very little cloth for their game during the time they are in that community. When not successful in the hunt, they must depend upon the wild plants, nuts, honey, which they know so well how to find. They often have a feast and more often a famine.

Their sheds are from 15 to 50 feet long, the leaf roof touching the ground on one side and being about 4½ feet high on the other side. Where there are large trees the roofs are made of the bark of a tree 4 or 5 feet in diameter, which often do not have time to crack and leak before the dwarfs want to move. Under these sheds are the pole beds, supported by forked sticks 4 or 5 inches from the ground. There is a space left for a fire between every two beds. If they have any boxes or small tin trunks, they keep them hid in the bush; there is nothing to be seen unless they have a pot or a bowl, or basket, a net or gun, or a native ax, and no one man is rich enough to possess all of these. They can move all their possessions on 15 minutes' notice; may be living here to-day and 20 miles away to-morrow. Three moves do not equal one fire with them.

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possible, the spectators clapping their hands and calling, beating on sticks and their drums during the performance. They seem to believe in one supreme being who is good and kind, but, of course, have no definite knowledge of him.

They fear the spirits of the departed, and are said to move at once from a place where one of their number died. They fear and try to appease many evil spirits, one of which takes a dreadful form for his punishment.

Among the Mabeyas near here I know of but one blind man; yet it is the rule to find one blind man in a community of from 15 to 50 dwarfs, and sometimes as many as three blind ones, made blind some night by the agent of the evil spirit as a punishment for some offense.

Miss MacClain, a lady of Glasgow, has given the funds for the work for these people. It is the purpose to establish a station about 90 miles from the beach, doing regular station work with the Ma-speaking people there, and at the same time doing everything possible for the speedy evangelization of these wondering people. But the workers are needed, men with good constitutions and a real love for itinerating bush travel. If a man has a love for plants and insects and birds, so much the better. These people might be able to show him a medical property of some of the plants they know that would be helpful to all. The power to shoot a parrot out of a high tree with a winchester ought not to be lightly overlooked in a country where everything is eaten, from a snake to a monkey.—Oscar Roberts in the Independent.

TYPEWRITTEN TELEGRAMS.

Abandonment of Penmanship Thought By Many to Be a Detriment.

In conversation with a telegrapher of long standing, as to effect of the introduction of typewriters, he stated that the beautiful chirography peculiar to the fraternity would soon be a lost art. "A few days ago," he continued, "the Postal Telegraph Company opened up for business in Dallas, with the announcement that only operators familiar with the typewriter would be employed.

"I have heard a banker in Houston state that they preferred an operator's handwriting, in money transactions, to type-written telegrams. Many cotton men in large transactions, prefer plain chirography to the typewriter. There is no loophole for a telegraph company to evade responsibility when a telegram is received by one of their operators with a pen. An official of the Western Union re-

cently declared to me that no operators could swear, he received a type-written telegram, but when received by a pen he cannot deny his own handwriting. The typewriter is great labor saving machine, and for long newspaper specials, where an occasional wrong word is of no moment, they come in place admirably. Of course when an operator writes a poor hand or has the telegrapher's paralysis, which is very frequent, the typewriter is a thing of joy to him.

"What is more desirable to a business man than the reception of a legibly written telegram, the handwriting with which he is often familiar? The banker, in large transactions, knows its all right, and has no hesitancy in paying the cash on such telegrams. What institution of business would sign the full name with a typewriter? Who would accept a deed with the signature in type?

"A telegram is usually a very important document.

"Now, sir, the good, old-fashioned hand-write, learned at school, is indispensable. But, as I stated, the typewriter is ruining the beautiful penmanship for which operators have been noted."—Houston Post.

The Prince of Wales' plume worn on state occasions is worth \$10. The feathers are pulled from the tail of the ferwah, one of the most beautiful birds of India.



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NEW CENSUS REGULATIONS

Will Save the State \$100,000—Enacted Laws of the Last Legislature.

State Superintendent Carlisle has issued the following rules and regulations for taking the scholastic census under the law enacted by the Twenty-fifth legislature:

To County Superintendents, County Judges, Census Trustees and Assessors in Community Counties: The purpose of the census law enacted by the Twenty-fifth legislature is to secure a full, accurate and honest scholastic census for the state. Many difficulties will arise in the proper enforcement of this law, but these difficulties should not in any manner stand in the way of its proper enforcement. All school officers having anything to do with the taking of the scholastic census under this law are urged to make themselves thoroughly familiar with all the provisions of the law, and co-operate with this department in an effort to secure an honest and faithful enforcement of the same. This department is ready at any and all times to render any assistance within its power to the officers having these arduous and important duties to discharge.

It is respectfully suggested that you read carefully the new census law, section 39, of the school law issue of 1897.

Your attention is called to the following suggestions, which, it is hoped, will be of some service to you in the discharge of duties imposed upon you by this law:

DISTRICT COUNTIES.

To County Superintendents:

First—Appoint a census trustee for each school district in your county.

Second—Furnish each census trustee with a sufficient number of blanks (form Y) to be used by parents and guardians in giving the names and other information in regard to their children, and one board cover for each trustee.

Third—When the census trustees have made their returns you make a consolidated alphabetical roll, on form E, in duplicate, for the white children in your county, and a consolidated alphabetical roll, on form E, in duplicate, for the colored children in your county, and on form F a complete summary of both white and colored children, excluding the children of independent districts.

Fourth—You should make a consolidated alphabetical roll on form E for the white children in each independent district in your county, and a consolidated alphabetical roll for the colored children in each such district, and a complete summary in duplicate of both white and colored children on form F.

Fifth—In making the consolidated rolls on form E for the county and independent districts, as above suggested, you should carefully exclude all duplicates that may occur on the rolls submitted to you.

Sixth—You should make affidavit to the rolls and summaries, both originals and duplicates, and send the originals of each to the state superintendent at Austin, Texas, on or before the first day of July. You should file the duplicate of each with the county clerk.

Seventh—You are to receive as compensation for your work in connection with the scholastic census 1 cent for each child reported on the consolidated rolls, after excluding all duplicates.

Eighth—You should carefully file and preserve the census returns made by the census trustees, and have the family statements of each district arranged in alphabetical order, carefully bound and preserved for future reference.

COMMUNITY COUNTIES.

To the County Superintendents.

First—Appoint a census trustee for each school district organized in your county.

Second—The assessor of taxes of your county should be furnished with blanks (form Y) to take the scholastic census of that part of the county not formed into school districts.

Third—In transacting the census business with the census trustees and the assessor of your county, please observe suggestions

made in paragraphs 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 above.

Fourth—You should have each census trustee file with you the returns of parents (form Y) bound together in alphabetical order, with rolls and summaries for each district. You should have the assessor of taxes file with you the parents' returns (form Y) of scholastic census of each justice precinct separately, the forms being arranged in alphabetical order. These should be preserved by you for future reference.

INDEPENDENT DISTRICTS.

To Presidents of School Boards:

First—You should appoint one census trustee for the whole of your independent district, or one for each ward of the district, as you may see proper.

Second—You should furnish each census trustee with a sufficient number of blanks (form X) to be used by parents and guardians in reporting the names and other information in regard to the children under their control.

Third—When the census trustees appointed by you have completed the work, each one should arrange the parents' return (form X) in alphabetical order and should prepare in duplicate consolidated rolls (form E) of the scholastic census for white children, and a separate consolidated roll (form E) for the scholastic census of the colored children, and make a complete summary of the white and colored children in duplicate (form F) and file them with you.

Fourth—The parents' returns and consolidated rolls and summaries prepared by the census trustees should be delivered by you to the county judge on or before the first day of June.

DISTRICT COUNTIES.

To Census Trustees.

First—He should secure from the county superintendent a sufficient number of blanks (form Y) so that one may be used in taking the scholastic census of each separate family of white or colored children in his district, he should also secure from the county superintendent a cover for these forms and should place the forms in the cover and securely bind the same with suitable cord.

Second—The census trustee is required to take the scholastic census of his district between the first day of May and the first day of June, and to have each parent or guardian rendering a child or children to certify to the correctness of the same under oath.

Third—The census trustee is required to visit each family, home or residence, and by observation and inquiry enumerate and enroll all the children who will be of scholastic age, from 8 to 16 inclusive on the first day of next September.

Fourth—The census trustee should in each case write on the blanks for the use of parents and guardians (X, Y) the family names first, followed by the given name, which should be the real name of the child, and not "Bud" or "Sis," or some other nickname. Use this form: Williams, Henry J.

Fifth—The trustee is required to administer oaths to parents and guardians and report any violation of the oath to the most convenient justice of the peace.

Sixth—The trustee shall arrange all the forms used by parents and guardians of white children in alphabetical order, and all forms used by parents or guardians of colored children in alphabetical order and bind the same substantially, to be returned with his rolls and summaries to the county superintendent.

Seventh—When the trustee has completed the census of his district he shall take the forms upon which the parents and guardians have rendered the children and shall extend the ages in the proper columns, being careful to extend only the ages of those that are within the scholastic age, from 8 to 16 inclusive, on Sept. 1, 1898.

Eighth—He is required to make on form E census roll for the white children a separate roll for the colored children, showing the name of each child and other information called for in the form furnished, and to make summaries of each on form F.

Ninth—The trustee is required,

when he has completed the census of his district, to take the forms (Y) out of the cover and arrange them in alphabetical order and rebind them and make a summary of the same on form F, showing the number of children of the different ages who will be of scholastic age on the 1st day of September next.

Tenth—He is required to report his rolls and summaries under oath to the county superintendent. The census trustee is allowed to receive as compensation for taking the scholastic census 4 cents per capita for each child after the rolls have been accepted by the county superintendent and all duplicates reported in the county have been excluded.

Eleventh—The census trustee is required to report to the county superintendent the name and address of each blind, deaf and dumb child in his district and the name of its parents or guardian.

COMMUNITY COUNTIES.

To Assessors and Census Trustees:

First—Each assessor should secure enough blanks (form Y) for the use of the parents in returning their children, for use in each justice's precinct in his county and should secure a sufficient number of covers that he may have one for each justice's precinct. He should then place the forms (Y) in the covers and substantially bind them together and proceed to take the scholastic census of the white and colored children in his county separately.

Second—The assessor in a community county may begin to take the scholastic census of his county on January 1 or as soon thereafter as he may desire. He is required to complete the same by the first day of June.

Third—Each census trustee in a community county should secure blanks (form Y) from the county superintendent and proceed to take the scholastic census according to directions given above for census trustees in district counties.

Fourth—All other rules and regulations given above for census trustees of district counties shall apply to assessors and census trustees in community counties, making rolls on form E for precincts instead of districts and summaries on form F.

INDEPENDENT DISTRICTS.

Census Trustees:

First—The census trustees of independent districts are to be appointed by the president of the school board and are to proceed in taking the scholastic census under the directions given above for census trustees for districts, except that they are required to obtain the street and number of each child and to use form X instead of Y for parents and guardians.

Second—The compensation of trustees in independent districts is as follows:

Four cents for each child enrolled in cities and towns of less than 2500 inhabitants.

Three cents for each child enrolled in cities and towns from 2500 to 5000 inhabitants.

Two cents for each child enrolled in the cities and towns of 5000 inhabitants and upwards.

Most respectfully,

J. M. CARLISLE,

State Superintendent.

Starr in The Penitentiary.

A Columbus, O., Special says,—"Henry Starr, leader of the daring gang of train and bank robbers which has been terrorizing the citizens of the southwestern states for the past ten years, has been received at the Ohio penitentiary to serve eight years for robbery and one for manslaughter.

Starr led the gang that robbed the bank at Bentonville, Ark., of \$20,000 five years ago. When captured at Colorado Springs he had \$10,000 in gold in his clothes. Starr was once a member of the famous Dalton gang of outlaws, the surviving members of which are all in the Ohio penitentiary.

When the news of Starr's arrival was heard at the prison a score of old-time desperadoes applied for special permission to see the retired chief.

Unusual as these requests are they were granted, and one by one the men who once terrorized the people of Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas filed in.

The prisoners talked over old times and inquired after former comrades.

TEXAS AND TEXANS.

An eastern company will build a new compress at Brownwood, with a capacity of 180 bales an hour.

The San Angelo Enterprise suggests establishing a factory to make soap from the fat of prairie dogs.

Prospectors are reported to have struck gold quartz in McLennan county that runs \$1 to \$5 to the ton.

The Atascosa Monitor says that in that county there has been a second crop of excellent grapes, in spite of the dry fall.

The agent for an Ohio syndicate is arranging a lease on 6000 acres of oil land in the vicinity of Strawn, which is pronounced by experts to be unalaid with a basin of superior lubricating oil.

Col. Wm. F. Cody, who owns an immense pig ranch in the Big Horn country, is building a dam from the Shoshone river which will carry water 125 miles through mountains rich in ore to his acres in the Big Horn basin.

The story is told of a 16 year old boy raised in Bell county, who upon being told that there was no cotton grower in the northern states, exclaimed, "I don't believe a word of it! What in the world do the people have to sell to buy something to eat with if they don't raise cotton?"—Belton Reporter.

It is stated in a Chicago dispatch of the 14th that the Grand Falls Irrigation and Improvement company will establish on their Pecos valley land in Ward county one of the largest creameries in the south under the direction of W. D. Hoard, who is famous as a dairyman.—Farm and Stock Journal.

Water Drinking

When it is considered that the body is made up very largely of water, it can readily be understood how important to health is a constant supply of this fluid. Many people have a notion that the drinking of water in any quantity beyond that actually necessary to quench thirst is injurious, and, acting on this belief, they endeavor to drink as little as possible. The notion, however, is wide of the truth. Drinking freely of pure water is a most efficacious means, not only of preserving health, but of restoring it when failing.

All the tissues of the body need water, and water in abundance is necessary also for the proper performance of every vital function. Cleanliness of the tissues within the body is as necessary to health and comfort as cleanliness of the skin, and water tends to insure the one as truly as it does the other. It dissolves the waste material, which would otherwise collect in the body, and removes it in the various excretions.

These waste materials are often actual poisons, and many a headache, many rheumatic pains and aches, many sleepless nights and listless days, and many attacks of the "blues," are due solely to the circulation in the blood or deposit in the tissues of these waste materials, which cannot be gotten rid of because of an insufficient supply of water.

Water is accused of making fat, and people with a tendency to corpulence avoid it for that reason. But this is not strictly true. It does undoubtedly often increase the weight, but it does so because it improves the digestion and therefore more of the food eaten is utilized and turned into fat and flesh. But excessive fat, what we call corpulence, is not a sign of health, but of faulty digestion and assimilation, and systematic water drinking is often employed as a means of reducing the superfluous fat, which it sometimes does with astonishing rapidity.—Youth's Companion.

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LATE TEXAS NEWS

A blaze at Gainesville destroyed \$50,000 worth of property.

Col. John H. Traylor has entered the contest for Mayor of Dallas.

The Finch, Lamar Co., postoffice is discontinued; mail to Blossom.

The State Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows will meet at Fort Worth on the 7th.

Judge Winter of Waco ruled that he released a prisoner by the "inherent power of the court" and refused to order him rearrested.

Gaines was given a life term for murder at Sherman. He says if there were no hope of getting out he would prefer hanging to a life in the penitentiary.

Steve Greer, charged with killing John Homer, at Waxahachie, has been found guilty and sentenced to the penitentiary for the term of twenty-five years.

Another Gold Find.

San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 26.—A wonderful strike has just been made in the Llano district, ninety miles north of this city. A vein has been opened up seventeen feet in width that averages \$95.59 per ton in gold across the full width of the vein, which is all mineralized. A chute of the vein a foot in width carries gold visible to the naked eye, and gives assays from \$1160 to \$1550 per ton. This find coming on the heels of that of the Schryer mine, thirty miles to the north, proves the existence of an extensive gold-bearing belt of great richness. There is great excitement in this city and throughout the Llano district, and many prospectors are coming in.

Add Rann College.

Add Rann College at Thorp Springs, of which Hon. Randolph Clark is president, will soon be moved to a larger city. With this end in view a committee representing the faculty of the college held a conference with two special committees, one from Dallas and one from Oak Cliff, at the office of the Commercial Club at Dallas. The college wants to locate in Dallas or Oak Cliff, and at the close of the meeting the committee determined to do their utmost to bring the institution to Dallas. The inducements demanded are the donation of a tract of land at least 10 acres in size and \$10,000. The college committee went to Lancaster to hear a proposition which the citizens of that place made. Add Rann is one of the oldest colleges in Texas and the institution of the Christian Church in Texas. It has nearly 500 students.

The Russian fleet at Port Arthur is tied up, practically helpless, for lack of coal.

At Tehuantepec, Mexico, earthquakes have been felt quite recently; several of them were quite severe.

A German sailor has been assassinated at Chu Foo, China, and the pig tail empire is likely to have to pay the fiddler.

The Ohio river is again on a boom. Great uneasiness is felt both at Cincinnati and Louisville. The river, at last reports, was in a few feet of the danger line, and still rising. The Mississippi, too, is raging and great fear is entertained. All tributaries to both streams are full.

Cotton Mills Opened.

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 28.—The Indian Head Cotton Mills just completed at Cordova has begun operation, employing 1000 persons. The mills are the largest in the State, containing 50,000 spindles and 10,000 looms, with an annual consumption of 10,000 bales of cotton and representing an investment of \$900,000. They were built and are owned by Boston capitalists, who are now preparing to double the capacity of their plant, making it probably the largest in the south. The output, which is coarse grade cloths, has been sold for several years ahead in China, and will be shipped thence as rapidly as prepared. Proximity to the cotton and coal supplies caused the mills to be located in North Alabama.

The Record Publishing Company of Dallas wishes to purchase a second-hand stereotyping outfit.

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The Spanish press is disturbed over the recent bellicose talk in congress.

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Down in the state where the one crop idea prevails from 50 to 100 crop mortgages are being filed daily in the county clerks office of the various counties. This is certainly a sad commentary on the people in those counties. Giving a crop mortgage on the crop of 1898 before it is planted is a bad state of affairs.

To those of who do not use printers' ink freely, we can give no better advice than that they should advertise in their local paper during 1898. By making a yearly contract for the space needed the cost will be reduced to a minimum, and by the insertion of readable advertisements during the year, any storekeeper can not only increase his trade but will increase his standing in the community as a live and progressive citizen.—St. Louis Dry Goods Reporter.

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THE Morgan News says that Homer Randall, present county treasurer of Bosque county, elected on the populist ticket last election, has renounced his faith in the populist party and has returned to the democratic party.

The railroads operating from St. Louis to Texas have reduced the rates on merchandise to common points in Texas 37 cents per hundred pounds. The new rate is 70 cents to all common points, with a maximum of 77 cents to all other points. This action was caused by our state commissioners reducing rates from Galveston to other points, thus giving the New York jobbers a lower freight rate than St. Louis.

The man who wrote the book, "Hell and How to Get There," is very likely one of those fellows who will read one of his county papers two or three years, and when called on to pay up, sneak around to the postmaster and tell him not to put the paper in his box and writes a letter to the editor and swears he never subscribed for the paper and received it but once a month, nohow." Oh, what wailing and gnashing of teeth there will be when a man like that arrives at his eternal destination.—Navasota Tablet.

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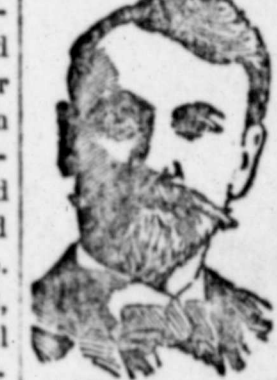
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