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GRAHAM, TEXAS.

According to reports China has finally abandoned the idea of raising a loan in London or elsewhere.

De Lome gives up his office, but retains a poor opinion of those persons who make a specialty of prying into private correspondence.

St. Louis claims to manufacture more dry plates for photographers supplies than any other city in the world—furnishing two-thirds of the supplies for the United States, and sending large shipments to Europe.

Mrs. Emma Sprckles-Watson, who a year or so ago relinquished a \$1,500,000 gift from her father because he ejected her marriage to Mr. Watson, has now decided to enter suit to recover this little fortune.

The Santa Fe is credited with a remarkable run the other day on its western division, from La Junta, Col., to Dodge City, Kan. It was the California limited, drawing a composite car, dining car, and three sleepers, and covered the distance, 204.4 miles, in 3 hours and 44 minutes. Counting the stoppages, this gives a speed of 56.7 miles per hour, or better than the Empire Express between New York and Buffalo.

Pension Commissioner Evans recently received from a pensioner in San Antonio, an express order for \$879. It is money which the sender believed he did not properly receive, and animated by this feeling, returned it to the government. Mr. Evans had an investigation made of the case and ascertained that the pensioner was honestly entitled to the money he received, viz., \$12 per month, for deafness, and directed that the entire amount be returned to him.

At last reports fifteen steamships were in port at Philadelphia loading or waiting their turn to load grain that was arriving at that city from the West in great quantities. Their aggregate carrying capacity amounts to over \$3,000,000 bushels, and all grain elevators at Port Richmond, Washington avenue and Girard Point are kept busy in meeting this heavy rush upon them. This big grain fleet consists of British steamships with the exception of two. During the past week thirteen other vessels, not including regular liners, were chartered to load grain there, and the prospects for large shipments of corn, wheat and oats were never brighter.

Anent the report of wolves and Mexican lions hovering around the city of Dallas, Col. Hoffman of that city gives this version: "It is a curious fact that whenever hard times strike a country, and real estates get to be a drug on the market, wild animals, especially wolves, begin to show up in places where they are never seen in prosperous times. I learn from his story that in times of famine and pestilence in Europe and other countries wolves have suddenly appeared in the suburbs of such cities hundreds of miles from where wolves are known to flourish. It appears that to the extent that the people of any country lost their grip and give way to hard times and poverty, do the wild animals begin to reclaim that land. At the same time I do not believe the wolves and lions up the river are there to stay, as better times are already here, and we are going to have more prosperity in Texas in the near future than we ever had."

The St. James Gazette, London, referring to the De Lome incident, says:

"It appears that President McKinley is really making a serious incident out of the affair. He is not content with the prompt resignation of De Lome. The disavowal from Spain and an apology are now demanded from Madrid, and this is a little too much for Spanish pride. Is the American government, which has had for some time ample justification for intervention in Cuba, if it had been able to make up its mind to interfere, going to pick up a quarrel

over this paltry business? Those interested in historical parallels will recall that Napoleon III in 1870 refused to be satisfied with King William's disavowal of his kinsman's candidature for the Spanish throne and demanded a declaration from the king of Prussia that he would never permit such candidature to be revived. War followed immediately."

Talking Through His Hat

Jerry Simpson, who is an up-to-date populist and a very active member of Mr. T. B. Reed's athletic association, is also of an inquiring nature. Recently, in the course of his investigations, he discovered that M. Dingley, the great high priest of protection, is sporting a British pot hat.

This at once raised a very curious issue. An ordinary citizen may wear any kind of hat and talk through it to his heart's content, but Mr. Dingley is not an ordinary citizen. While the protectionist manufacturers are reducing the wages of American labor Mr. Dingley is trying to give it "dignity" by means of a high tariff. He is of the opinion that "dignity" is a good substitute for wages, and it may be, but the average workingman would be willing to swap "dignity" for wages.

However, that is not the point at issue. Jerry Simpson found Dingley sporting a British stamped hat, whereupon Mr. Dingley ups and says he bought the hat in Lewiston; that it was manufactured in New York, and that the maker used the stamp because it made the hat resemble the one made in the case, but was not an American population have got in the east that a London stamp makes goods sell better even to Mr. Dingley, than an American stamp would? More than that why should Mr. Dingley, who stands, as he declares, for the dignity of American labor, select a London stamped hat? Why should he encourage fraud by paying it a premium.

How does he know the hat was made in New York? Did the manufacturer tell him so? The conclusion of the public must be that Dingley is talking through his hat and it is the same hat he talked through when he said the Dingley hat would restore prosperity.—*Atlanta Constitution.*

A COMFORTABLE BERTH.

The Vizcaya to Be Anchored Over a Submarine Mine

New York City:—As the time for the arrival of the Spanish war-ship Vizcaya approaches, New Yorkers are beginning to canvass the possibilities. It is generally recognized that in case of trouble the Vizcaya, once inside the forts, could do a great amount of damage to property, unless engaged at once by an American warship. With 3,000,000 people and hundreds of square miles of buildings to shoot at, the Spaniard could destroy \$250,000,000 worth of property in a short time. Buildings would be ruined, fires would be started all over the city and a general panic would ensue. Grant's tomb, the Statue of Liberty, the Brooklyn Bridge and the score or more of handsome buildings that tower to the sky in the lower part of the city would be easy marks for the Spanish guns.

On the other hand, it is probable that the New Yorkers are giving themselves needless concern. When the Vizcaya comes to New York she will have to obey the instructions of the harbor master in coming to anchor, and a nice place has been picked out for the visitor in the Hudson River, where she will be perfectly safe. This is opposite One Hundred and Tenth street, and there is enough dynamite and nitroglycerine buried in the river at this point to blow the Spaniard to kingdom come at the first sign of aggression. The mine is connected by wire with the mainland.

A similar mine, it is understood, has been laid in the Lower Bay, off Stapleton, and the harbor master will give the Vizcaya the choice of these anchorages if she comes to this port unaccompanied by the Brooklyn or some other American warship.

TEXAS AND TEXANS.

People who object to the rigors of the north and east should come to this healthful and pleasant climate, where splendid land can be purchased cheap and on easy terms.—*Longview Times Clarion.*

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Some local parties who have been figuring on the purchase of a bunch of calves in Mexico, have struck a stump in the matter of duty they were not expecting. In order to get them into this country as "calves" at a duty of \$2 per head their good mothers must accompany them. Otherwise they become "yearlings" and the duty is increased to \$8.50 per head.—*Roby (Fisher county) Banner.*

LIGNITE MINES.

LaGrange: The lignite mines on the Mantion place, about three miles west of LaGrange, near the Colorado river, bid fair to make LaGrange a coal supply point in the near future. The vein is from eighteen to twenty-one feet thick and the bottom half is a different coal from the top half, and different from any coal in Texas, splitting peculiarly, while the top half splits horizontally. The coal carries about 52 per cent fixed carbon and 5 per cent ash, and does not crack or burn in original form.

Colmesneil: Valuable ochre beds have lately been discovered in the eastern limits of Colmesneil. Mr. Levi Votaw, who came here three years ago from the west, and who used to work in ochre mines in Missouri, has lately been buying a number of small tracts of land adjoining his home just east of town. On one of these tracts is an excellent water mill site, with a fall of about fifty feet. The stream runs through vast beds of yellow ochre ranging in depth from four to six feet and covering an area of more than fifty acres square. Several barrels of the ochre have lately been sent to paint factories in different states and the product is pronounced by all as being excellent. Mr. Votaw shipped to-day to a New Orleans firm a consignment of 1000 pounds, for which he receives one cent a pound. The ochre is within four to ten feet of the surface, and little mining therefore is necessary to get it out. There is plenty of water and power alongside the beds for operating pebble mills. Mr. Votaw is entertaining an offer from an eastern firm for the beds, but should they fail to deal he will begin operating the mines within the next thirty days, putting out about seventy five tons of ochre per day. There are several colors of pigments in the same soil, whereby paint of several distinct colors may be made by blending with the ochre. Mr. Votaw will put an iron rail tram road from Colmesneil to the ochre beds if he decides to work the find, which he will do should he not effect a sale soon.

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There is widespread discontent in China over the action of the government in consenting to the occupation of Kiao-Chou bay by Germany.

The reason for this discontent is not so much the loss of the territory which the action of the government involves as it is that within the territory ceded to Ger-

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many lies the mortal ashes of the great Confucius. This statement comes with good authority from Chinese sources and there is little reason to doubt its truth.

In spite of the fact that hundreds of years have elapsed since the death of Confucius, the memory of the great teacher is still held in profound reverence throughout China. Until recently it was not thought that the territory ceded to Germany included the last resting place of Confucius, and now that such appears to be the case, the eyes of many who believe that the effect upon the situation in the far east will be most decided.

It is stated that the territory ceded to Germany actually contains the dust which is honored by all Chinese men, it is more than likely that, in order to avoid all complications, Germany may release back to China that part of the ceded territory in which the dust of Confucius lies.

As a new development in the eastern situation this alleged disclosure is of great importance.—*Constitution.*

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A spiritual medium up in New York professes to have received the following communication from George M. Pullman, now in the spirit land:

"I am unable to assert that the change called death does not lead everyone into a condition of happiness. That seems to be a later attainment. With me the books were opened at once, and what I became apprised of in regard to my past and present requirements does not place me in the most enviable light. My true character appears, and the sight is not cheering."

"I had meant to be just and considerate and to deal fairly by men, the working men especial. I desired to be an example for others, but I see myself now as a selfish withhold of rights and means for the numbers whose share should have been equal with mine. Loads of responsibility rest on me that may not be shaken off without great effort on my part toward removing the stains of my past career."

Talk up your own town.

GREAT RESPONSIBILITY

Resting Upon the Jury in the Trial of Sheriff and Deputies at Wilkesbarre.

Wilkesbarre, P., Feb. 20.—The lives and liberties of 68 men rest with 12 plain and serious citizens of Luzerne county. Since courts of law look on their formality; since set and steadfast rules were made for trying of human beings for taking the lives of their fellows, there has never been a parallel to this, towards which the eyes of the nation are directed.

The charge against Sheriff Martin and his deputies is murder. In the space of 33 seconds they killed 19 fleeing miners and wounded 38 others.

It will require 33 days at least to fix the responsibility for this killing. It may take longer. And until it ends the future of the sheriff and his assistants, the 68 men, as in the keeping of 12.

Those who are accused are men of education, or influence, for the most part. They have considerable incomes. Many are graduates of colleges. A dozen or more are relatives of the rich coal operators. The jury is made of laborers, mechanics, clerks, small manufacturers, and one farmer; the majority of them are poor; not one is rich, even according to the Wilkesbarre standard.

This trial shows the extraordinary possibilities of the jury system. It exemplifies the enormous power vested in twelve men. Probably no civilized law has seen a dozen men placed in control of the lives and liberties of so many since the French Revolution, when the awful Committee of Public Safety condemned at its will.

But the proceedings about Martin and his deputies are according to law. They follow the set rules which the state has set up for its own protection and that of its citizens. The accused are defended by able counsel, who are throwing up a fortification of skill, the strategy of legal attack and retreat.

The 68 are accused of murder, of killing their fellow-men. They may go to the gallows. They may feel the black cap, the hemp knot, which burns like a ring of fire; the black annihilation of an infamous death. They may enter a prison whose bars shall confine them for years. Or they may go scot free.

It all rests with the 12 men, the round dozen of sober, serious men who are listening day after day to the stories told by the bullet-headed, heavy-faced, toil-scarred miners.

Some of the accused men are innocent, beyond doubt. They should never have been indicted. They are among those deputies men who threw down their guns, declaring that they would not shoot unarmed human beings. But guilt and innocent were alike indicted, and the innocent must prove that they took no part in the slaughter. And the jury must determine whether or not the proof is worthy of belief and weight.

The responsibility rests heavily upon these 12 men. It has become a part of their life. Their faces are shadowed by it. The deputies who are accused, who are in jeopardy, look upon the jurors with wonder. The deputies are not troubled. They know neither remorse for what they did nor fear of the future. They cannot understand why there should be so much fuss about that shooting.

It seemed to me as I sat in the court room, studying the faces of the twelve whose decision means much, and of the 68 whose lives and freedom are in the balance, that the twelve plain men in the oblong box realize more fully the importance and meaning of this trial than do the men about whom it turns.

In Luzerne county, and in the Hazleton district especially, the lines of caste are distinctly drawn. The classes are separated by wide and high barriers. The coal operators and the more intelligent and better educated employes are superior races.

The foreign speaking population is looked upon as scarcely human people; an unfeathered biped that is not a man, except, perforce, that he shared man's toil.

The coal operators hate their foreign speaking miners. And is

there not the best of reasons? Did not Van Winkle and Cox colliers import them about 20 years ago? At that time the miners were mostly English, Welsh and American, men who thought for themselves and who could speak English. And these miners would go on strikes now and then. So the Slavonians were imported.

It is really true. The men who were sworn in as deputies under Sheriff Martin feel no more remorse over shooting down those unarmed, helpless men than they would had they killed so many rats.

And these deputies represent the education, wealth, culture and refinement of the community. Many of them were graduated from colleges. More than a third of them have been in colleges.

Public opinion may be said to still justify the first volley, but there is no justification in heaven or earth for the continued firing—the deliberate slaughter of fleeing human beings. Some of the deputies used every one of the 16 shots in their guns.

If the evidence has caused public opinion to swing around, as the compass follows the wind, is it not natural to suppose that it has had the same effect upon the jury? And then the position of the accused becomes more and more uncertain. The statement that these 12 hold in their hands the lives of 68 men becomes pregnant with meaning.

The accused deputies occupy five rows on the Judge's left side, just beyond the railing. The first two rows look like a delegation from a college, and indeed nearly all of them have had a college, experience of varying length. They are mostly young, smooth-faced men, with hair parted carefully in the middle, with fashionable neckwear and clothes fashionably cut. They have the clean, bright, well-groomed air that college imparts with other things.

These young men were among the slayers. They were among those who shot at fleeing strikers and shot to kill. Many of them are relations of coal operators. They were educated especially for work in connection with the mines. The colliers need many civil and mechanical engineers.

James Martin was a mine boss before he was elected sheriff, and he must look to the coal operators for his livelihood when his term expires. He is backed by the enormous wealth and influence of the coal operators. They are paying for his defense.

At the first glance Martin looks like a fighting man and a strong one. This is due to his lower jaw. I think that if Martin was thrown into a room and told to fight he would furnish a bitter struggle.

Close study of his face does not bear out the first impression. His mouth is weak. His eyes are not clear and steady. There is a certain shiffliness about them that suggests irresolution. I should believe that he lacks moral courage. There is no real force in the man, although there is obstinacy which is an entirely different thing. He had confidence in himself and a desire to prevent bloodshed, the Lattimer tragedy would have never taken place. Nothing can be surer than this.

It may have been necessary for Sheriff Martin to swear in as deputies persons connected with the mine owners and whose livelihood and future depends upon the operators. At any rate the testimony shows that these men displayed a remarkable anxiety to shoot human game.

It will be seen that every man whom Sheriff Martin swore in as deputy in Hazleton gains his living from the coal operators, either directly or indirectly. Four-fifths of them are employed by the coal companies.

To one who makes unbiased investigation of the facts there is constantly obtruded a suggestion that the deputies were seeking an opportunity to give the foreign miners a lesson.

The better class of employes reflect the position of the companies. The coal operators were finding the foreign miners troublesome. It was time to teach them a lesson that they would remember.

There were miners among the deputies. Few of these knew that they would be called upon to fire.

The majority of them threw down their guns and refused to kill unarmed men. These American miners have no love for the Slavs. They would be glad to see them driven from the country. The English-speakers have been the principal sufferers from the importation of the foreigners, and their hatred is very great. But their humanity exceeded their hatred.

The deputies under indictment are in no very great danger. Many of them should not have been indicted at all. The innocent and the guilty are placed on trial together in the hope that those who threw down their guns will save those who killed.

The coal companies are protecting the deputies. They have employed counsel to defend them. They are paying all the expenses of the trial. Should it happen that any of them are convicted and sent to jail, the companies will look after their families.

The dominance of the men who make up the coal companies cannot be grasped by anyone who has not been in Luzerne county. The barons own almost everything. Their social influence is tremendous. They are leaders in everything. There is no branch of business which they cannot influence. They have the power of medieval barons.

When these men were placed on trial I do not believe that there was one of them who had the slightest anxiety over the outcome. Even now the majority of the deputies look upon the trial as a bore. Half of the time they are asleep. They feel absolute confidence in their position.

These young college-bred men, boys not yet old enough to enter colleges, sons of ministers, mine workers, clerks, engineers, all act as if they had the right to shoot down human beings when they happened to be striking miners speaking a foreign tongue.

If you listen to the deputies talk you would think they believed that, had the foreign miners been permitted to march on that peaceful errand to persuade other workers to quit work, a revolution with a reign of terror would come again. For to the more educated and refined people, these foreign miners are sans-culottes, believing in "the sacred right of insurrection" and ready to rule or ruin.

The well-dressed, well-groomed, prosperous deputies cannot believe that these foreign-speaking miners, living in houses as black as the mines, eating fat back, drinking horrible whisky, which leads to murdering each other, deserve consideration when they rise against constituted authorities, the same authorities being the coal operators.

The lives of these quarreling, carousing workers have no sacredness. They have no rights which sworn deputies are bound to respect when they refuse to obey remarkable orders or even want to parley about them that they may understand.

The defense will seek to prove that the miners were rioters, that they were a menace to the community, that lives and property were in danger. Outside of court the deputies make no such claim. They insist that the strikers should have been shot down on general principles, and if they were killed because they didn't understand the laws that is the strikers' misfortune.

There are men among the deputies who are filled with horror over this wholesale killing, but they are men who took no part in it. The real killers do not even express regret.

The position of the majority of the people with regard to the deputies is very like that of the Lady Marechal before the French Revolution. "Depend upon it, sir," said she, "that God thinks twice before damning a person of that quality." So the people of Wilkesbarre say that the country should think twice before condemning persons of that quality. The majority of the deputies on account of these lawless, foreign speaking miners.

It is likely that the trial will narrow down and that Sheriff Martin and four or five of his deputies will be made the real defendants. It is expected that the cross-examination of the deputies will bring out the most damaging evidence against them.—Post Dispatch.

ALL IS NOT GOLD

That Glitters in the Wilds of the Frozen Regions of the Klondike.

Returning miners from the Alaskan gold fields bring news of bitter disappointment to thousands of persons who have been lured to the Klondike by the stories of sudden great wealth achieved there. Many have already turned their backs on the desolate region and are striving to reach home before their funds are exhausted.

It has been demonstrated that gold fields are boomed by agents of transportation lines in Seattle, Portland, San Francisco and other Pacific coast cities, who have disguised the truth, magnified the richness of the diggings and the luck of prospectors.

More gold can be gotten out of Western prairies and at the bench of the workshop in Western cities than will be realized by ninety-nine in every hundred of those who leave their homes and risk their savings in the pursuit of yellow dust in the wilds of the Klondike.

With all the perils encountered, all the money expended in getting there by the thousands who have made the journey to the Northern wilderness, less than \$1,000,000 has been dug out of the gold fields.

These are facts which those who, in Missouri, Illinois and other Western States, are preparing to make the trip this spring should ponder before the start is made.

SOME OF THE PERILS PROSPECTORS ENCOUNTER.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 20.—Wm. J. Wessner, who has returned from Klondike, has written from Port Angeles, Wash., to friends here a letter which should warn adventurers against placing too much reliance upon tales of returning Klondikers who have "postholes" to sell.

In the beginning he tells of tales of extortion and outrageous treatment by transportation companies and relates the death of a companion who died on shipboard by canned food. He adds:

"On my return I stopped at Minook, a new town which sprung up in less than 24 hours. There I prospected for 10 days. The hardships I encountered words or pen cannot describe. Our party consisted of 12, including an Indian guide. The first day out seven of the party returned to camp. The others, however, journeyed on, through rain, snow and sleet. During the night we were obliged to camp out, with little or no sleep at all. This continued during our entire prospecting expedition. In many places we would wade the creek almost up to our neck, and the water as cold as we could stand it; yet we spared no time to dry our clothing. This would have been fruitless, as we were unable to tell how frequently we would have to repeat the dose.

"In many places, where the footing was solid, down we would go up to our hips, and what a time we had getting out, with packs on our backs weighing from 40 to 60 pounds. Still determined in our efforts we pushed ahead. When we found a creek too swift and high to ford we would fell trees and make bridges. While crossing one of these I missed my footing and fell into the creek, drifting about 100 yards. Were it not for good judgment and presence of mind I would have been drowned. I lost my pack, which contained all my provisions.

"What a predicament we were in! There was nothing in sight to eat, and the only thing to do was to return to camp. We were many miles away, but lost no time in changing our course in that direction. We crossed mountains ranging from 4000 to 6000 feet high on the trip. At one time I became exhausted and thought my end was near.

"However, after a night's rest, I was somewhat refreshed and journeyed. We had nothing to drink for 38 hours; not a morsel to eat for 52 hours. One of our party became exhausted from exposure and starvation. Our efforts to revive him seemed useless, and in less than a half hour our associate passed away. Another became a raving maniac and died a few days later. The last day of our tramp was fast exhausting us, and I am safe in saying that we fell to the

ground fully 100 times and more, being too weak to lift our feet. Had I been out one night longer I would never have lived to recite my experience.

"We at last reached camp. While being helped to remove my boots it was discovered that one of them was frozen to my pants' leg and had to be cut from top to end of toes. My feet were covered with blisters and my stockings saturated with blood. After narrating our experience and the news of companions a meeting was soon called, and 10 men volunteered to bring the bodies back to camp for burial.

"During our trip we located four claims each, but I don't think they will ever amount to anything. I have found many of the reports printed in the papers are exaggerated. For example, a miner returns with a few thousand dollars in nuggets. He is interviewed and then rated to have brought down ten times or more than that amount.

"Klondike is without doubt a rich field, but not so rich as the general public is made to believe. Seattle and Frisco papers are responsible for these invented reports, which are printed for the purpose of booming their cities.

"I prospected Minock, Hoosier, Hunker and Little Minock creeks, and saw but one claim that had been taken, equivalent to \$2000. This required a year's digging, with much expense attached. It barely paid to work the claim. I also noted in one of the papers that a party had refused \$10,000 for a claim on Hoosier Creek. It happened to be the adjoining claim above the one I located. Before I left Minock I offered my four claims, one each on the above-mentioned creeks, at \$10 each, but could find no purchaser, and even if I offered them to-day at that figure I am in doubt if any one would buy. It just proves to you how matters are openly misrepresented.

"It is really an outrage the way these fabulous reports are sent broadcast. The public should know the facts and not misrepresentations. I warn all those who contemplate seeking fortunes in Arctic region to use judgment. It is hardly likely that I shall return in the spring. I have seen sufficient to satisfy myself that the states are good enough.

"It requires a small fortune to begin work. You must have a cabin, provisions, etc., and then work a year before you know whether you've struck it or not. Many people imagine that gold can be picked up anywhere without work. Those who get it are certainly deserving of what they find. Their work and hardships entitle them to every cent.

"The chances for any one to locate a paying claim are very remote. For miles and miles adjacent to Dawson claims have been staked, many of which are not worth the price of recording.

"I note in a Seattle paper of recent date that fully 100,000 people will pass through that city next spring en route to Alaskan gold fields. What this number of people are going to do in the far frozen north heaven only knows. Mark my words, you will find a mad rush from the Klondike next year. There will be many tales of woe of a more serious nature than we have yet heard."—St. Louis correspondent.



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Miss Frances E. Willard is dead.

Prohibition carried in the Whitney precinct last week by 220 majority—an increase of 167 votes for prohibition over the number two years ago.

China has consented to have Russia manage her customs and railways.

People in Western New York are out and going to the Klondike in droves.

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

A Crane club of 300 members has been organized at Temple. The attorney general will open his campaign there to-day.

Every populist member of congress has signed Butler's appeal to the people and agree to join hands with democracy. What says the Texas contingent?

The government is still investigating the cause of the Maine explosion. It is the general opinion that it was not the result of accident. The Secretary of War is pushing operations at all Navy Yards to make ready every war ship. The Court of Inquiry is in secret session at Havana, and it appears that war is imminent.

The fact that the state of Texas offered to buy some \$800,000 worth of her bonds held in New York, and met with a refusal on the ground that the investment was considered too good to be given up, will help push Texas along. Such fresh incidents are needed to overcome evil effects of older ones.—Dallas News.

Chairman Jones of the national democratic committee, Chairman Townes of the "free silver" republican committee and Chairman Butler of the national populist committee have issued a joint address to all those parties interested in the restoration of the free coinage of silver, to work in harmony in the next election.

But bad as the saloon is, there is a worse thing in society than it is. The sentiment in a community or nation that will tolerate the saloon, that makes a saloon possible, is worse than the saloon itself. The saloon is a result: the bad sentiment is the cause. The first is a painful excrement; the latter is a blood poison, of which the saloon is but one of its evil consequences. It enervates and deteriorates the nation's Christianity, the Nations civil honor, and nation's manhood. It works through every fiber of the body politic, and lowers the nation's health to the feverish stage of the nation's barrooms.—Rev. J. B. Gambell, D. D.

To Cure a Cold in One Day
 Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund the money if it fails to Cure. 25c.

Fort Worth is preparing for a big time in March when the cattlemen will be there.

I'm not denyin' that women are fopligh. God Almighty made 'm to match the men.—George

The Attitude of the News.

The Dallas-Galveston News has been accused of partiality to Maj. Sayers in the present four cornered race for Governor of Texas. This is not the case. The News expressly says that it has no axe to grind in the campaign. All of the candidates favor measures and policies to which the News is opposed and each of them acknowledge an allegiance to party commands which the News does not. Each of them advocate free silver, while the News bitterly opposes it, yet the News says that either Crane, Jester, Sayers or Wynne will give the State an honest administration. Its columns are open to each of the candidates and it proposes to treat them all alike.

The State Executive Committee met in Dallas last Tuesday. They designated July 9th for the holding of Primaries, and Aug. 2nd for the State Convention. Galveston was selected as the place for the Convention.

The Teller resolution which passed the senate by a vote for 47 to 32, every democrat except Caffery of Louisiana voting for it, 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 of the coinage 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.

The Breckinridge Roller Mill

Has been purchased by Irvin & Andrews and thoroughly overhauled. They are now running regularly and give 32 pounds of the best flour and 13 pounds of bran per bushel for wheat testing 60 lbs., and 35 pounds of second grade with 13 pounds bran. Also buy wheat, paying the market price. They solicit your patronage.

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The Corsicana Chronicle speaks our sentiments when it says:

We want to see men elected to office who will live up to their oaths—who will both obey and enforce the law according to their oaths. No other man is fit to hold office. There may be some very objectionable and wholly unjust laws in the books, but as long as they are there they should be enforced. A law that can't be enforced should be repealed.

Mother and Son.

"Hood's Sarsaparilla has cured me of rheumatism and neuralgia when I could find no relief from anything else. My son also suffered for years from neuralgia and boils, but since taking Hood's Sarsaparilla he has had no symptoms of these diseases." Mrs. Annie McGowan, 8 North 10th Street, Temple, Texas.

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Well Known People.

WICHITA FALLS, TEX., Feb. 16, 1898.—Mrs. J. L. Meeks, wife of a well known coal and grain dealer in this place, has been a sufferer from childhood from catarrh. She took various remedies, but continued to grow worse until a physician told her that her stomach was ulcerated. The medicines prescribed were so nauseating that she could not take them, and she began the use of Hood's Sarsaparilla. To-day her stomach trouble has entirely disappeared and her health is perfect.

Cheerfulness.

We like the home where cheerfulness dwells, for it betokens happiness and health—good things to have, not so easy to keep. Many mothers would doubtless be cheerful if they had health, but it persistently eludes them. Weak—nervous—in distress—dependent, it is little wonder that they get discouraged, yet Parker's Ginger Tonic has in myriads of such cases supplied the pressing need. Nutrition, the blood, the functional energies are reinforced by it. It revivifies the heart power, purifies and revitalizes. Pain disappears, sleep and strength return and cheerfulness reigns in the home again. No mother should be without Parker's Ginger Tonic.

Many Influences Combine to make the hair lifeless and gray. Parker's Hair Balm restores its color and life.

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"I have been afflicted with a disease of the lungs, and my constitution has not been strong for many years. Several years ago I was taken with rheumatism in my left hip. It was not acute, but very troublesome, making it difficult for me to walk. My physicians told me my blood was in a bad condition and that I needed a blood purifier. I bought three bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla and when I had taken the first bottle I was greatly benefited. I took the second and third bottles and found that I had no more rheumatism. I gained five pounds in weight and was much stronger than before taking Hood's Sarsaparilla." J. E. BOZEMAN, Armour, Texas. Remember

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I will sell a few eggs from as fine Plymouth Rocks as there is in the State. If you are interested in fine poultry call and see them or address R. L. HENEGAR, Graham, Texas.

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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, JF on left jaw, 7C.
 JFR (or con) on shoulder, JO on left thigh, 7 or 8 years old, 14 hands high.
 Also, one iron gray horse, 3 years old, branded 7C on left shoulder, about 14 1/2 hands high.
 One bay saddle horse 10 years old, star in face branded W on left shoulder, about 14 1/2 hands high. This Feb. 1, 1898.
 REPORTED by W. H. Ardis, Com'r Prec. No. 2, and left with J. B. Self, one brown horse, 7 years old, not branded and is not broken. This Feb. 21, 1898.
 REPORTED by W. H. Ardis, Com'r Prec. No. 2, and left with W. D. Sanders, one dark bay horse mule, 4 years old, branded SH (con.) and left shoulder, about 13 1/2 hands high, with small split in right ear. This Feb. 21, 1898.
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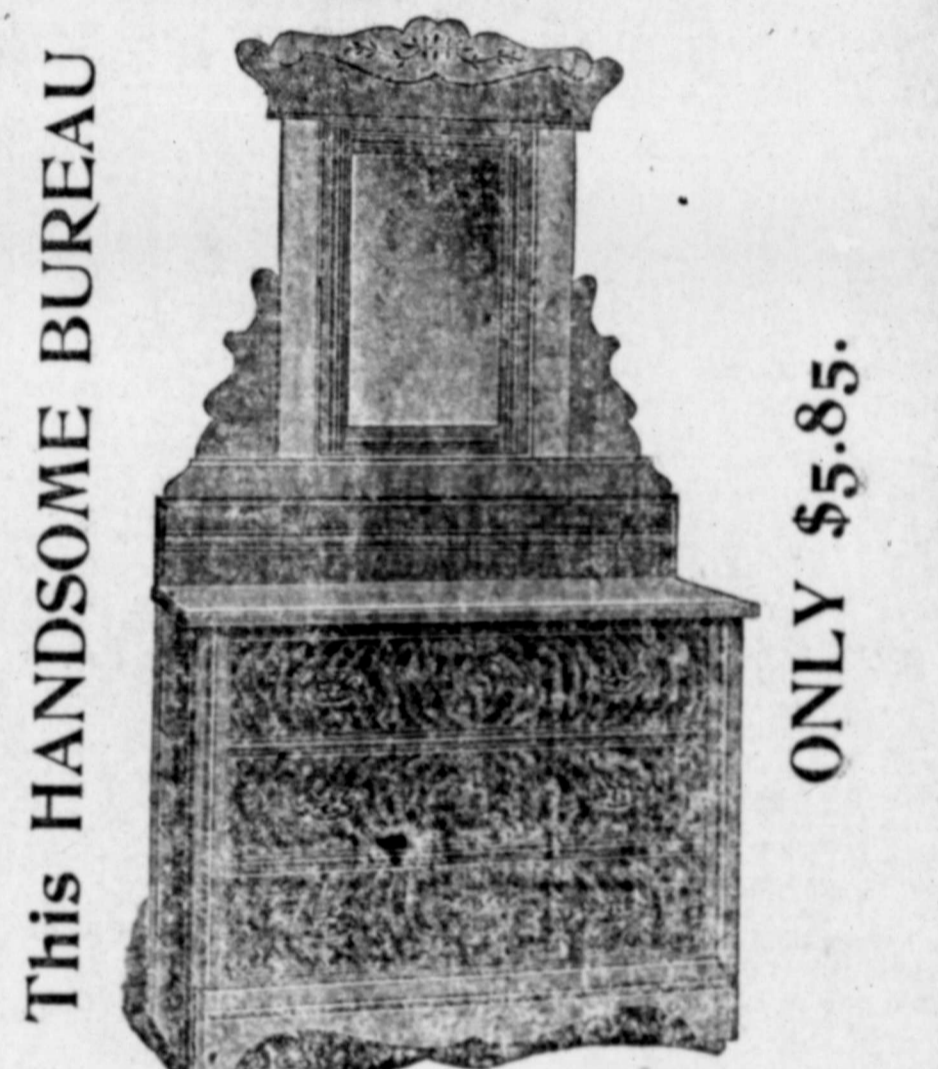
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Announcements.

We are authorized to announce the following candidates, subject to the Democratic Primaries:

- For Tax Assessor.
G. H. CROZIER.
J. C. CASBURN.
PRESTON BROOKS.
S. H. JAMES.
W. P. BECKHAM.

For County Attorney.

J. E. SIMPSON.

JOS. H. AYNESWORTH.

For County Judge.

O. E. FINLAY.

For Sheriff.

H. C. WILLIAMS.

For District and County Clerk.

CHAS. GAY.

For County Treasurer.

J. A. DIXON.

Henry Schuster of Seymour, is visiting his parents and his many friends in this place.

Henegar's Plymouth Rocks are beauties and he guarantees satisfaction.

A. R. McDonald returned from West Texas a few days ago.

The owners of the Red Store property are going to tear away that ancient landmark about the first of March and will probably put up a new building there.

Our Spring Goods

Will be in and open by March 5th. Mr. Street writes us from Chicago that he has simply bought more goods and prettier styles than ever before. You are cordially invited to call and see our stock.

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Prof. J. E. Simpson spent "Birthington's Washday" in the city.

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.

L. T. Davis passed through Graham Tuesday and spent a short time shaking hands with old friends. He is now traveling for a soda and baking powder factory.

Fresh Cabbage, Potatoes, Green Apples.

At J. E. MORRISON & Co.

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

M. Briscoe, L. R. Drum, T. M. Sifton, J. H. Bright S. Dozier, G. C. Shearer, Mrs. S. E. Bower, J. F. Orrell.

Our business has been better the past season than ever before. We feel that we want to thank our friends for their liberal patronage in the past, and by honest dealing and low prices hope to merit a continuance of same in the future. Yours for good values and low prices.

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Judge P. M. Stine of Henrietta, was in Graham a few days this week "putting up his fences" for the judgeship of this district for which office he is a candidate.

More good goods for the same amount than any house in town, has always been our motto. We have always lived up to it in the past and intend to do so in the future. S. B. STREET & Co.,
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The protracted meeting at the Christian Church, under the preaching of Rev. Boen, is attracting great crowds and awakening a lively interest. Mr. Boen is a talented speaker and his sermons are highly entertaining and instructive.

Cutting Affray.

Last Friday night at a dance near Belknap, Will Blackwood was cut and seriously wounded in an affray with John Cochran. The boys fell out over some trivial remarks made in the ballroom and went out in the yard to settle it. An affray come up resulting in a serious cut in the arm for Blackwood. He bled profusely and but for prompt assistance would have died, but at last accounts he was doing well and will doubtless recover. Young Cochran, believing that he had killed Blackwood, left for parts unknown and has not been apprehended.

Arnold-Cunningham.

Last Sunday evening Henry G. Arnold and Miss Maude Cunningham were married at the residence of the bride's parents on North Oak Street, Graham, Rev. Geo. W. Black officiating. The bridesmaids were Misses Olive Norris, Florence Matthews, Beulah Wood and Belle Cunningham, while the attendant groomsman were Messrs. Sam Dowdle, Harry Graham, Virgil Tidwell and Edgar Matthews.

Quite a large number of the friends and relatives of the contracting parties attended and after the ceremony were royally entertained at a wedding supper of surpassing excellence, and after an hour or two of pleasant conversation and congratulation the young couple repaired to their home in the southwest part of town. The groom is the junior member of the firm of Arnold & Arnold, Attorneys and the bride is the second daughter of our popular postmaster Jno. T. Cunningham. Both were raised here and are immensely popular with our young people. Mrs. Cunningham, in the reception of her guests was assisted by her friends Mrs. Mai Voules, Mrs. S. R. Jeffery and Mrs. P. H. Brogden.

THE LEADER was the recipient of a fine plate of wedding cake for which Mrs. Cunningham has our thanks. To the young couple we extend our best wishes.

The Graham Normal.

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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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Fred Obitz imbibed too freely of the "juice of the jimson weed" last Monday night with disastrous results. He attended church at the Christian Church and getting too near a hot stove became quite sick and had to be removed by friends. After going home he undertook to whip his wife and on Wednesday was arraigned before Judge Finlay on charges of disturbing religious worship and aggravated assault and battery. He pleaded guilty to both charges and got \$50.00 fines and thirty days in the county jail. Freddy has discovered that the "way of the transgressor is hard".

Farmer & Co., of Farmer, will open a tin shop in the old court house building about the 15th of March. They are prepared to do all kinds of tin, sheet iron and wind mill work. They are good workmen, and we bespeak for them a liberal share of your work. See their advertisement in another column.

Albert H. Wilson of Farmer, and Miss May Ella Peery of Bellevue, were quietly married on the 16th inst. at 7:30 p. m., Eld. T. F. Medlan of Fruitland officiating. The happy couple left Bellevue Thursday morning and arrived at Farmer Friday noon, where a nice dinner had been carefully prepared for them by Mrs. J. D. Wilson and Mrs. P. P. Cady. They will reside in Farmer. THE LEADER congratulates the happy couple and wishes them a long and happy life.

Messrs Kay, Johnson, Williams, Finch, M. K. Graham and John Norman spent two days this week hunting birds in the vicinity of True and had a very pleasant time. They killed 75 birds.

Teachers' Institute.

The next meeting of the teachers' Institute will be held at Mt. Pleasant (Putman's) school house on Saturday, March 5th, 1898. Teachers are expected to be present. Everybody invited, ladies especially.

O. E. FINLAY, County Judge.

The Trustees of Mt. Pleasant School extend a special invitation to the ladies to attend the Institute, and the wife of one trustee says she is glad the ladies are invited, whereupon Pink Brooks says he "is glad too and wishes they were all ladies."

FARMER & COMPANY

Have caused Graham to be a real Klondike. They will open a shop in Graham on March 15th.

Well Tubeing, Guttering, Galvanized Water Tanks, Metallic Flues and Wind Mill Work.

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A petition for a local option election was presented to the last Commissioner's Court, but as the two years had not expired the Court could not act on it, but will meet on the 8th of March to order the election, which will probably be held about the 1st of April. Both sides are preparing for the fight, and we may expect warm times.

Liver Ills

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Tabulated Statement

Of Receipts, Expenditures, Indebtedness and cash on hand for the year ending February 14, 1898, Young County, Texas:

JURY FUND—1st CLASS.		
Feb. 9, 1897.	To Balance	\$242.29
	To amount received during year	1,198.27
	By amount paid out during year	
Feb. 14, 1898.	To balance (cash on hand)	\$469.18
		\$972.43.
ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND.		
Feb. 9, 1897.	To Balance	\$1,695.71
	To amount received during year	4,292.10
	By amount paid out	
Feb. 14, 1898.	To balance (cash on hand)	\$4057.02
		\$3,718.95.
GENERAL COUNTY FUND.		
Feb. 9, 1897.	To balance	\$1,110.12
	To amount received during year	11,965.04
	By " paid out "	
Feb. 14, 1898.	To balance	\$6,389.98
		\$6,426.08
SPECIAL REPAIR FUND.		
Feb. 9, 1897.	To balance	\$1,029.28
	To amount received during year	3,129.54
	By " paid out "	
Feb. 14, 1898.	To balance	\$1,700.39
		\$2,458.43
BOND INTEREST AND SINKING FUND.		
Feb. 9, 1897.	To balance	\$753.51
	To amount received during year	2,347.15
	By " paid out "	
Feb. 14, 1898.	To balance	\$1,458.37
		\$1,942.29
PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND.		
Feb. 9, 1897.	To balance	\$2,473.91
	To amount received during year	1,135.55
	By " paid out "	
Feb. 14, 1898.	To balance	\$83.37
		\$2,526.09
AVAILABLE SCHOOL FUND.		
Feb. 9, 1897.	To balance	\$ 167.58
	To amount received during year	7,225.67
	By " paid out "	
Feb. 14, 1898.	To balance	\$293.91
		\$7,098.29
AVAILABLE SCHOOL FUND, (APPORTIONED.)		
Feb. 9, 1897.	To balance	\$5,535.51
	To amount received during year	11,049.38
	By " paid out "	
Feb. 14, 1898.	To balance	\$5,594.60
		\$10,990.29
GENERAL REPAIR FUND.		
Feb. 9, 1897.	To balance	\$201.06
	To amount received during year	26.09
	By amount paid out	
Feb. 14, 1898.	To balance	\$168.44
		\$58.73
TAXES ASSESSED FOR 1897.		
General County Fund.		
Sept. 1, 1897.	To amount assessed	\$7,803.22
	By amount collected during year	
Feb. 14, 1898.	To amount uncollected	\$432.97
		\$6,870.25
Road and Bridge Fund.		
Sept. 1, 1897.	To amount assessed	\$4,199.06
	By amount collected during year	
Feb. 14, 1898.	To amount uncollected	\$445.38
		\$3,753.68
Special Repair Fund.		
Sept. 1, 1897.	To amount assessed	\$2,259.50
	By amount collected	
Feb. 14, 1898.	To amount uncollected	\$237.54
		\$2,001.96
Bond Interest and Sinking Fund.		
Sept. 1, 1897.	To amount assessed	\$1,676.72
	By amount collected during year	
Feb. 14, 1898.	To amount uncollected	\$178.26
		\$1,501.46
Indebtedness of Young County.		
Outstanding Court House Bonds		\$8,000.00
" Bridge Bonds, dated Feb. 17, 1894		28 0 0 0
" County Warrants, dated April 7, 1895		8,246.96
" " " " " May 24, 1895		8,013.90
Total		\$25,269.96
Condition of Permanent School Fund.		
Amount of cash on hand		\$ 83.37
8 Court House Bonds		8,000.00
7 Road and Bridge Bonds		3,500.00
2 " " " " " Warrants		1,000.00
Vendors lien notes		2,550.70
Total		\$15,884.07

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ROCK TURNED TO WOOL.

The Period When Sheep Will be Utilized as Mutton.

C. C. Hall is a Moses. In the miracle line he is greater than Moses. The original Moses smote the rock in the desert with his staff and living waters gushed forth to quench the thirst of the people of Israel. Mr. Hall smites the rock with the staff of science and the whole business is turned into wool to clothe the people of the U. S. A.

In the times of Moses and down to the present people who wanted to wear woolen clothes have been dependent upon the flocks of the field, which today are and tomorrow are devoured by revenging wolves, maybe. A fellow was never certain that the day might not come when he would have to fall back on seersucker. At the least a man had often to deny his stomach the mutton it craved, because the meek-eyed sheep could not be spared from wool making long enough to be converted into the manner and form of mutton.

Now all this is changed. Henceforth the young he-sheep need not anxiously watch in the brook's mirrored depths for the first sign of down on his chin. He is out of the down business. He will not stay long on earth. Soon he will be down in the mouth of the great hungry world.

Mr. Hall lives at Alexandria, Ind. He is the chemist for the big plant of the Union Steel Co. at that place. The rock with which he performs his miracle is ordinary Indian limestone. Just how he does it Mr. Hall is not telling just yet. He says he uses 94 per cent of the limestone and 6 per cent chemicals, but he is not ready to name the chemicals or say how he mixes them up.

He has a lot of machinery in cases in rough coats of brick. He puts the limestone and the chemicals in the hopper gives the crank a few turns and wool, which is as white as the driven snow and as downy as cotton, comes out. Anybody may see the one go in and other come out, but nobody may see the transformation take place.

For years Mr. Hall has been a student of mineralogy, and as he got deeper into it he began experimenting on silicate fiber. This fiber has been manufactured out of a number of substances, but principally a chemical composition in which slag from furnaces is the principal ingredient. One concern has used a certain kind of shale as a filler in its process. This silicate fiber is used for a great many purposes, but principally as a wrapper for steam, hot and cold air and conduit pipes.

The great drawback to silicate fiber has been that it contained a per cent of sulphur. Sulphur being a very unstable element is subject to oxidation by atmospheric influences, and causes the fiber to disintegrate. It will settle and shrink in course of time, and also causes pipes around which it is placed to corrode.

For several years Hall has been working on a silicate fiber in which the sulphur disintegration would be overcome, and this led to his present discovery. A portion of this sulphur comes from the raw material and the rest is produced by the burning process. He discovered a burning process which produced no sulphur. Finding raw material free from sulphur was not so easy, and after making over 100 metallurgical experiments he abandoned it for the time.

Three months ago while making experiments on limestone for the factory he found that a certain kind which he found in large quantities instead of turning to quicklime, as is the natural process of ordinary limestone when subjected to fire, would, when combined with other chemicals, turn into a lava, and when still other chemicals were added and when subjected to a process of working, this lava could be made perfectly pliable and could be handled much on the same plan as molten glass or taffy.

This was the beginning. This mass was subjected to a blowing process which caused it, like glass, to come out in threads.

The finest and prettiest of cloth, it will be remembered, can be

made from common glass—a cloth that is as soft and pliable as silk, and as glossy as satin, still a glass which will not cut, and will not break when switched around in a skirt. Some years ago an actress caused considerable comment by wearing a glass dress, and it is said that Queen Victoria's favorite dress is made out of glass.

Work on this theory was pushed still further, and instead of getting simply a silicate fiber free from sulphur, Hall got the downy wool.

As the finished silicate wool stands it cannot be woven into garments because the fiber is not elastic enough, but a large weaving firm in Boston is making experiments which it is expected will perfect it. The announcement is made that a company is already formed for the erection of a very large plant at Alexandria to manufacture this wool.

The wool would have to be put through another process before it could be made into clothing, but the wool of the sheep is also subjected to many processes by which the fiber is straightened, combed and prepared for the looms. Hall has just as white, a good deal downier and purer wool than the sheep produces, but it is not so long.

Mr. Hall says the rock can be turned into this raw material cheaper than sheep can be raised and clipped. There is no oil to be worked out and in some respects the rock produces the best article.

The new wool is not affected by water or fire. A garment made from it could be washed and thrown in on the open grate to dry. It would render its wearer impervious to the sudden changes of heat and cold.

The rock from which the wool is manufactured is to all appearances common limestone, and is obtained from the quarries in and around Alexandria. It is used for building and many sky-scrapers in Chicago and a few in St. Louis have Alexandria stone in them. It is considered one of the best building, curbing and foundation stones Indiana produces. It is of a whitish gray color, attractive to the eye. The foundations for the big rolls in the steel mill are of the same stone and many residences and business blocks in Alexandria are built of the rock. There is a series of very large quarries of this stone around Alexandria and the supply is unlimited throughout this county. Chemically, the stone differs somewhat from the limestone of most other sections of the country. It is this difference which gives Mr. Hall his results. This may be caused by chemical impurities.

The machinery used in transforming the rock into wool is very intricate and was all designed by the inventor of the process. It is so increased, however, that none of it can be seen. The sheds which were erected for the experimenting process and which have since been used, were partially destroyed by fire a few days ago, and this will hasten the erection of the large plants which have already been planned by Hall and the new company which he has organized. The plans which are prepared for the new plants provide for very large machines. It is understood that the Boston weavers are interested in this step.

This Boston firm sees great possibilities for this discovery in the lines of manufacture. They say there are hundreds of uses aside from clothing to which cloth made from wool of this kind could be put. Fire curtains in theaters, for instance, are at present made of steel and of asbestos, but both are cumbersome, crude and expensive. A pretty smooth cloth, on which scenes could be painted the same as the linens and muslins that are now used, and at the same time be a fire protection and a curtain through which no noise could penetrate, would find demand in this line.

As it stands now, and being used as a silicate fiber, it is adopted for any purpose in which insulation is needed.

Hall is a New Yorker and the graduate of a technical school at Worcester, Mass. He is a chemical engineer. For several years he was manager and chemist of the Union Steel Works, which were formerly located at Belle-

ville, Ill. He was also connected with the South St. Louis Steel Co. and other plants. He is a man who does not talk much and being a chemist he does not take anything for granted. He admits that the wool in its present state is not perfect, but he has absolute faith that the experiments which are being made will make it so, and revolutionize the lines of manufacture in which wool enters.

Prof. Wm. B. Potter, Professor of Metallurgy in Washington University:

"Judging from past knowledge of the subject and the nature of the material from which the wool is obtained, I am not disposed to regard the discovery as remarkable or the product in any respect better than the mineral wool which is already being manufactured.

"Mineral wool is brittle. The claim for Mr. Hall's wool is that it is tough and therefore available for weaving purposes. It is not even clear that this brittleness has been overcome. It seems that experiments are now being made in Boston to make the fiber tough. But supposing it is accomplished, I cannot see that it substantiates Mr. Hall's claim of having discovered a new and better process of converting a mineral into fiber or wool. The result of toughness, it seems, is brought about by the after treatment. If Mr. Hall's wool can be made suitable for weaving so can mineral wool by the same treatment. The real discovery would be the treatment and not the process of making the cotton.

"The main ingredients of wool are silica, alumina and lime. Mineral wool is made from granite, ingredients of which are alumina and silica, and lime is added. Mr. Hall begins at the other end with limestone, which contains silica and alumina as impurities, and I suppose he adds more of these either in the form of clay or granite rock. I cannot see how this reversal of process would impart any qualities not possessed by mineral wool."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

ANTI-TRUST LAW WINS.

Cast Iron Pipe Manufacturers Must Give Up Their Trust.

Cincinnati, Feb. 15.—The United States circuit court of appeals for the sixth circuit has decided the Cast Iron Pipe trust case. The suit was begun in the United States circuit court at Chattanooga by a bill in equity, filed by the attorney general of the United States against six cast iron pipe companies: Addis Stone company of Cincinnati, Dennis, Long & Co. of Louisville, Chatanooga Pipe Works of South Pittsburg, Tenn., Anniston Pipe works, Anniston, Ala., and Howard Harrison company, Bessemer, Ala., to enjoin them from continuing to do business under a contract association which the bill charged was a violation of the federal anti-trust act of 1890, because it was a restraint in interstate trade in cast iron pipe and an attempted monopoly of the same. The circuit court dismissed the bill and the United States appealed.

The court of appeals held that the contract of the association was a restraint and a burden on interstate commerce and a violation of the federal anti-trust act and should be enjoined. The court distinguished their case from the sugar trust case on the ground that the contract sought to be enjoined was under the federal anti-trust act in that the case was a contract of an association for the manufacture of sugar and did not involve, as the contract in this case did, the restraint of sales of merchandise to be delivered across state lines.

The judgment of the circuit court of appeals reversed the decree of the circuit court and instructed that court to enter a decree enjoining the six defendants from continuing to do business under a contract of an association or from in any way maintaining the same.

The supreme court of Illinois has sustained the sentence of ex-bank-president Charles W. Spaulding to the penitentiary. He was convicted of embezzling bonds of the University of Illinois.

St. James Hotel, Dallas.

MISS WILLARD DEAD.

The Great W. C. T. U. Worker Passes Over the River.

A Chicago special says:

Although the fatal termination of Miss Willard's illness was not entirely unexpected in Evanston, it was, nevertheless, an intense shock to her friends when they heard of it. Before she developed those qualities of leadership which raised her to a position of so great prominence as an advocate of temperance, Miss Willard was well known to many now living in Evanston who's friendship was on the same intimate footing when the great leader attained the height of her fame as an when her gentle influence was a budding genius made itself felt in the little village, "Rest Cottage," where Miss Willard made her home, was always kept ready for her return. The souvenirs of her work and the many articles of household furniture made dear by association were cherished with great care and her room was kept in constant readiness for an unexpected return.

Funeral services over the remains of Miss Frances E. Willard, president of the World's Woman Christian Temperance Union were held in New York Sunday. The body was sent to Chicago for interment.

Oklahoma Items.

At Guthrie, Ok., the territorial supreme court has handed down a number of decisions. In two cases from Payne county the court sustained the lower court in claims against the grand lodge of Ancient Order of United Workmen for insurance on lives of members who died when their assessments for the months were not paid. The lodge must pay the insurance.

In the case involving all the taxes collected in Greer county between 1890 and 1897, while the county was in controversy between Texas and the United States, the court reversed the lower court and holds that the taxes so assessed and collected belong to Oklahoma and the delinquent taxes can be so collected.

A case involving the right of cities and counties to tax undeeded town lots still in contest, and also the validity of the tax deeds, was decided upholding the right of the territory and its municipalities to so tax and validating tax titles to such property. This case will settle several hundred others all over the territory and make good hundreds of thousands of dollars of contested taxes.

As a result of the race war at Blackwell, Ok., caused by Col. A. Blackwell's attempt to colonize the town with negroes, Col. Blackwell was arrested on a charge of insanity, but was discharged as sane. George Stewart, one of the five negroes besieged in Blackwell's house, is reported dying from a bullet wound.

Pistol Play in Court Room.

Junction City, Ark., Feb. 15.—A desperate duel with pistols between a party to a suit on trial and an attorney in the case occurred in a crowded court room here, resulting in the dangerous wounding of both duelists. Bullets flew thick and fast for several minutes and it is a miracle that many persons were not injured. The exciting affair occurred in the court-room of Justice Wright, which was the scene of a fatal shooting affray between lawyers last June.

During the trial of the A. N. Garland failure case, H. S. Powell, an attorney, and A. N. Garland became involved in a heated argument which culminated in both men pulling their revolvers and beginning to shoot. Both men were wounded and when the smoke cleared both were lying on the floor weltering in their blood. Each received several wounds which may result fatally. The greatest excitement prevailed in the court room while the desperate men were emptying their revolvers. Both principals in the shooting affray are prominent citizens.

On June 8 last, during the progress of a trial in the court room which was the scene of the tragedy, W. B. Coffee, an attorney, was shot and almost instantly killed by another lawyer named J. J. Sheppard. Sheppard was subsequently acquitted.

THE BATTLESHIP MAINE

Blown Up—The Disaster Occurs While the Vessel is in the Havana Harbor.

Havana, Feb. 15.—At 9:45 p. m. a terrible explosion took place on board the United States cruiser Maine in Havana harbor. Many are killed or wounded. All the boats of the Spanish cruiser Alphonse XIII are assisting. As yet the cause of the explosion is not apparent. The wounded soldiers and sailors of the Maine are unable to explain it. It is believed the cruiser is totally destroyed.

The explosion shook the whole city. The windows were broken in all the houses.

From the wounded sailors it is learned that the explosion took place while they were asleep.

The wildest consternation prevails in Havana. The wharves are crowded with thousand of people.

It is believed the explosion occurred in a small powder magazine. One hundred of the crew is believed to be killed.

The Maine was built in New York in 1890, at a cost of \$2,588,000. She had a steel hull and a complement of 874 men.

Key West, Fla., Feb. 15.—The correspondent of the Associated Press has been assured in reliable quarters that Capt. Sigsbee is under the impression that the warship Maine was blown up by a floating torpedo, and that he has communicated his impressions to Washington, asking at the same time that the navy department should send naval engineers and mechanics to investigate the explosion.

The Plant line steamer Olivette did not leave Havana until 3 o'clock and she did not reach here until shortly after 10 o'clock.

She brought a large number of the wounded of the unfortunate vessel. The authentic figures as given of the casualties are 104 saved and 253 dead.

It was a sad scene at the dock to-night as stretchers were carried to the waiting ambulances, by artillerymen and the sufferers tenderly placed on seats for conveyance to the marine hospital. The brave fellows bore their suffering admirably and some limped through the lane of eager faces with their arms in slings, heads bound and blood-stained bandages on legs or trunks.

Washington, Feb. 16.—After a day of intense excitement at the navy department and elsewhere from the destruction of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor last night the situation to-night after the exchange of a number of cablegrams between Washington and Havana can be summed up in the words of Secretary Long when asked as he was about to depart for the day whether he had reason to suspect that the disaster was the work of an enemy, replied:

"I do not. In that I am influenced by the fact that Captain Sigsbee has not yet reported to the navy department on the case. He is waiting to write a full report. So long as he does not express himself I certainly can not. I should think from the indications, however, that there was an accident and that the magazine exploded. How that came about I do not know. For the present, at least, no other warship will be sent to Havana."

"PAINFUL FOR SPAIN."

Madrid, Feb. 16.—All the members of the cabinet and of the diplomatic corps left cards at the American legation to day.

El Dia expresses sorrow for the disaster, which it describes as "a very painful occurrence for Spain."

El Correo Espanol urges the government to issue orders prohibiting the Vizcaya from visiting New York.

Havana, Feb. 19.—One hundred bodies of the crew of the ill-fated battleship Maine have been recovered and buried under the auspices of the Spanish authorities.

Dandruff, which causes so much itching of the scalp, can be cured by Hall's Hair Renewer, because it is a coarsening tonic for the glands producing dandruff.

LATE TEXAS NEWS

Goldthwaite suffered \$35,000 loss by fire Sunday.

Rev. Abe Muikay is conducting a revival at Winsboro.

Mrs. Fick of Yoakum, aged 78 years, accidentally fell and broke her leg.

Politicians have launched a U. S. Senatorial boom for Hon. J. W. Blake, democratic chairman.

Will James, one of the death watches over Eugene Burt of Austin, dropped dead of heart failure.

Preparations are in progress for the extension of the Llano and Northern railroad from San Antonio.

Hood county populists have reaffirmed their allegiance to the Omaha platform, and set down on fuson.

The State Text Book board has decided to not adopt, for the present at least, either a sixth reader or physical geography.

A Fort Worth reporter is responsible for the report that a new railroad will be built from that city to Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The little mule is no longer to ring the bell to street cars in Dallas. He must go to give place to electricity on the remaining car lines of the city.

The body of Hetty Moore, a colored woman, was picked up in the Trinity near Dallas—her head having been crushed. Her husband has been arrested charged with the crime.

Continued from the previous page: The commission are in the counties of Llano and Llano counties. It is stated that in one of the mines is a vein six feet wide and ore found averaging \$40 to the ton. Gillespie county has no small part of the region within her bounds.

It is announced that a movement is on foot in Texas, with seat of operations in McLennan county to aid the Cuban insurgents with men and arms.

It is reported that packs of big lobo wolves are making night hideous around Dallas. They have killed many goats, both old and young.

"Blowing his own horn, was he?" said the sarcastic boarder. "In what key?"

"The key of I, of course," replied the Cheerful Idiot.

A NEW TRIUMPH.

The Dreaded Consumption Can Be Cured.

T. A. Siocum, the Great Chemist and Scientist, will send to sufferers, Three Bottles of His Newly Discovered Remedies to Cure Consumption and All Lung Trouble.

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

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STATE CAPITAL NEWS

The governor has offered a reward of \$300 for the arrest and conviction of the unknown murderers of Fred W. Fox, murdered in Houston on the 5th.

The Western Union Telegraph company paid the comptroller \$2356.72 tax on messages handled by that company during the quarter ended December 31. The number of full rate messages sent within the state of Texas during the quarter amounted to 225,125 at a tax of 1 cent each equaled \$2251.25, half-rate messages 21,096 at 1/2 cent each \$105.48.

The following insurance companies have filed their annual statements, paid taxes and were granted a permit to do business in Texas during the current year: North British and Mercantile Fire of Great Britain—Occupation tax \$290.87, office fees \$22, agents' certificates \$130; total, \$442.87. The Metropolitan Plate Glass of New York—Occupation tax \$5.63, office fees \$22, agents' certificates \$22; total \$49.64.

The mandamus case of the Arkansas Building and Loan Association was decided in the Supreme Court. The writ was to compel the secretary of state to receive \$10 as the franchise tax for 1897, as fixed by the act of 1893, but the last legislature increased the franchise tax on all corporations and more than double on foreign corporations than domestic and it is contended this is a discrimination in violation of both the state and United States constitution. The court holds that the mandamus should not issue where the relation is merely at arm's length.

The money by the state, is not necessary for the purpose of the alleged right of the relation to continue business in the state upon payment of an annual tax of \$10. The writ is therefore refused. It was not necessary for the court to pass upon the constitutional questions for reasons stated above.

The Faculty Announced.

The following is a list of the faculty announced for the state school of methods and the university buildings, Austin, Texas, beginning June 6, 1898:

Hon. J. M. Carlisle, state superintendent of public instruction, Dr. George T. Winston, president of the University of Texas.

"Studies in History of Education," W. S. Sutton, M. A., professor of pedagogy, University of Texas.

"Child Study," A. C. Ellis, Ph. D., adjunct professor of pedagogy, University of Texas.

"School Management," Joseph Baldwin, LL. D., emeritus professor of pedagogy, University of Texas.

"Practical Pedagogy," O. H. Cooper, LL. D., superintendent of schools, Carthage, Texas.

"Summer Normal Work," R. B. Cousins, R. A., superintendent of schools, Mexia, Texas.

"History of Texas and United States," D. F. Eagleton; B. A., teacher, Bonham, Texas.

"Literature, Foundation Principles," L. A. Johnson, Ph. D., chairman of the faculty of Trinity university.

"Civics," T. G. Arnold, A. B., superintendent of schools, Beeville, Texas.

"Historical English Grammar," Mark H. Liddell, M. A., associate professor of English literature, University of Texas.

"Arithmetic," Wm. Gay, A. B., superintendent of schools, Denison, Texas.

"Algebra," H. C. Pritchard, A. A., president, Sam Houston Normal Institute.

"Geometry," W. H. Bruce, Ph. D., superintendent of schools, Atkinson, Texas.

"Constitutional History," Geo. P. Garrison, Ph. D., professor of geology, University of Texas.

"Primary Methods," Miss Bell Thomas, institute lecturer, University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.

"Geography in Grammar in Grade," Miss Bell Thomas, insti-

tute lecturer, University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.

"Physics and Chemistry," R. S. Hyer, M. A., professor of science, Southwestern university.

"Bookkeeping," Alfred Freshney, Austin, Texas.

"German and Spanish," Sylvester Primer, Ph. D., professor of Teutonic languages, University of Texas.

"French," Miss Lilla M. Casis, M. A., instructor in modern languages, University of Texas.

"Latin," Thomas Fitz Hugh, M. A., professor of Latin, University of Texas.

"Physiology," S. H. Flake, B. A., superintendent of schools, Navarro, Texas.

"Librarian," Benjamin Wyche, librarian, University of Texas.

"Secretary and Treasurer," Jno. A. Lomax, registrar of the University of Texas.

Austin will be prepared to entertain 1000 teachers during the session of the summer school. It is confidently expected by the management that the largest body of teachers that have ever gathered in one school in Texas will be in the university buildings next June. Besides the faculty announced, there will be different courses of lectures from eminent men from different sections of the country.

Confederate Veterans' Order.

The following general order, appointing staff officers, has been issued by Brevet Major General Joe G. Booth, commanding southwestern division of United Confederate Veterans:

Headquarters Southwestern Division, U. C. V., Austin, Texas.—General order No. 2. The following staff officers are hereby appointed:

John B. Hood, adjutant general and chief of staff with the rank of colonel.

R. G. King, Belton, Tex., inspector general with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

W. B. Walker of John B. Hood camp, quartermaster general with rank of lieutenant colonel.

J. B. Rogers of John B. Hood camp, commissary general with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Fred Carleton of John B. Hood camp, judge advocate with rank of lieutenant colonel.

Dr. Frank Rainey of John B. Hood camp, surgeon general with rank of lieutenant colonel.

W. C. Denison of John B. Hood camp, chaplain general with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

W. K. Hamby of John B. Hood camp, aide-de-camp with rank of major.

Will Lambert of Dick Dowling camp, aide-de-camp with rank of major.

The camps and comrades of the southwestern division of United Confederate Veterans are requested to respect the foregoing appointments as made. By order of Joe G. Booth, Brevet Major General, Commanding S. W. Division U. C. V. E. M. PHELPS, Adjutant General.

Texas School History Adopted.

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

"The state text book board has just concluded its labors by adopting the revised edition of the United States history by Cooper, Estlin & Lemmon. This book differs materially, both in size and subject matter, from the old edition of the history prepared by the same authors. The new book, however, can not be furnished to the public until the publishers have sufficient time to bring out an issue of the revised edition.

"The state text book board has devoted much time in making a careful and thorough examination of all the histories submitted and the board is confident that the book adopted will be satisfactory to ex-confederate soldiers as well as to the public in general."

The price of the history adopted is 80 cents and exchange price 40 cents. The author of the history is Prof. Oscar H. Cooper, of Carthage, Panola county, formerly state superintendent of public instruction, and later superintendent of the Galveston city schools.

Taxes on Passenger Earnings.

Railroads paid tax on passenger earnings for quarter ended Dec. 31, as follows: International and Great Northern, tax \$358.38, earnings \$35,835.59; Texas Midland Railway company, tax \$235.37, earnings \$13,537.01; Houston East and West Texas, tax \$199.17, earnings \$19,917.03; Waco and Northwestern Railway company, tax \$114.47, earnings \$11,446.91.

Card From Superintendent Carlisle.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. M. Carlisle gave out the following:

At a recent meeting of the Henderson County Teachers' Institute Mr. J. E. Arnold, a teacher of that county, remarked that he was endeavoring to induce the patrons of his school to donate to the school all their old readers, the same to be used for supplementary reading. I desire to commend to the teachers of the state Mr. Arnold's plan. If all the old readers now in use in the schools of the state, that are in fairly good condition, were kept in the respective schools for use as supplementary reading, they would be worth much more to the district than would be received for them if they are exchanged for books provided in the state text book contract. County superintendents should bring this matter to the attention of the teachers in their institutes, and in this way endeavor to secure a concert of action among the teachers of the state in an effort to establish a beginning of a library for supplementary reading in each school.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

The senate has passed a resolution refusing to confirm the sale of the Kansas Pacific railway.

The sub-committee on Indian affairs have framed a new bill, a most comprehensive measure. It abolishes all Indian courts in the territory and requires the president's approval of all acts passed by the Indian legislature. This latter provision is to prevent much of the scandalous legislation enacted by the Indian legislature which was prejudicial to the interests of the Indians as a whole. The bill extends the criminal and civil laws of the United States to the territory so as to prevent a conflict of authority, such as has heretofore frequently arisen where a white man was murdered by an Indian or vice versa. It also allots in severalty the lands of the five civilized tribes and adjusts pending disputes between them. For instance, the Delaware have purchased 167,000 acres from the Cherokees, but have not yet obtained them. It empowers the Dawes Indian commission to lay out town sites and provides means for acquiring lots and the methods of conducting the business of the town, and in various other ways provides for the equities between the Indians. Mr. Fischer, chairman of the Indian committee, hopes to secure action on the measure at this session of congress.

School Training.

The practice in some public schools of requiring the children, when moving in a body, to observe more than military rigidity of line, with penalties for looking in other than a prescribed direction, or for lifting the hand to allay a facial irritation, reaches a climax in the San Francisco schools. There, the boys, when lined up in front of the school, awaiting the tap of the bell, are required to stand with their arms folded across their chests, exactly in the prison attitude. When they move it is with the prison lockstep, and between rows of nails driven into the sidewalk, and woe be to the unlucky youth who steps over the line. The criticism of the method comes from a detective. The boys, he claims, are acquiring a habit which in later years will be a source of annoyance and a cause of suspicion. Discharged convicts, the detective asserts, frequently resume the prison habit of the lockstep and the folded arms when their minds are preoccupied, and to the veteran police officer the motion and the attitude are as distinctive as the striped suit.—New York Post.

St. James Hotel, Dallas.

GENERAL NEWS.

Ex-Minister De Lome has sailed from New York for the land of the dons.

Osman Pasha, uncle of the Khidive, and noted Turkish general, is dead.

The number of missing reported at the great Pittsburgh fire the other day is still put down at 35.

Extra cars have been put on the Northern Pacific to accommodate the throngs now drifting to Alaska.

Hon. W. J. Bryan is to deliver an address before the constitutional convention in session at New Orleans.

Rt. Rev. Chas. Todd Quintard, Episcopal Bishop of Tennessee, died suddenly at Meridianville, Georgia.

Ship carpenters to the number of 150, gathered principally around Louisville, Ky., have started for the Klondike.

Reports states that a terrible blizzard has been prevailing in the Klondike country. The victims numbered 27.

The pope celebrated mass at Rome Sunday in the presence of a congregation of 150,000 persons, of whom 20,000 were pilgrims.

Mrs. Hyman H. Brown, wife of the national treasurer of the Chickasaw nation, committed suicide by shooting herself through the head.

Another big filibustering expedition is reported as having eluded the authorities at Jacksonville and sailed for Cuba. It is alleged that Gen. Serrano is in command.

Ex-Priest Joseph Slattery and his wife, who were mobbed in Savannah, Ga., and other American cities, have been arrested in Edinburgh, Scotland, under charge of selling indecent books purporting to be an exposure of Catholicism. On promise to destroy the books they were released.

The Compagnie Generale Trans-Atlantique line steamer Flachet, bound from Marseilles for Colon, was totally wrecked on Anaga Point. Her captain, second officer, eleven of her crew and one passenger were saved. Thirty-eight of the crew and forty-nine passengers were lost.

The correspondent of the New Orleans Times Democrat claims positive information from San Salvador, Central America, that the greater republic of Central America has ceased to exist, the principal and most powerful state, San Salvador, having withdrawn from the union. This action on the part of San Salvador was precipitated by the action of Guiteras, the president of San Salvador, who is at present assisting indirectly in the revolution in Nicaragua, and who has declared officially that the liberal party of Honduras is unworthy to hold office.

The mill operators' strike at New Bedford, Mass., is still on without indications of agreement. Law advisers say that a new feature in the situation is the appearance of Canadian government commission agents who have been sent with a view of having the English Canadians out of work settled on unoccupied lands in the Lake St. John district of Quebec. These agents will begin a tour of the mill towns in southern New England immediately. The Canadian and Quebec governments have undertaken to aid settlers. The existing troubles are causing the idleness of about \$17,000 persons in New England.

Rioting has been resumed in Lonoke county, Arkansas. A mob has been at work in Crooked Creek township burning and otherwise destroying property. Nearly every schoolhouse in the township has been burned and other public property destroyed. The grand jury of that county which has just adjourned says in its report: "We have made special efforts to investigate and ferret out the depredations and outrages committed against some of the colored residents of the town of Lonoke, but regret to state that our efforts have been without success, and we are compelled to refer these matters to the next grand jury."

We do protest against the election of M. M. Crane. There is no bigger fraud in the Austin gang than Crane; there is no viler politician in the state than him.—Coleman Review, (pop).

We do protest against such butchery of the English grammar as the above. What the average pop needs more than anything else is a little education. The democratic party has provided free schools for just such cases as the editor of the Review and he should drop his quill and go to school. The idea of an illiterate numskull on the frontier abusing Attorney-General Crane puts us in mind of a stumpled pup barking at an express train. The populists of Texas have good reason to despise Crane, for no man in the state has done more "than him" to bury them in their little grave. Every little pop toe that is turned to the daisies in the state is a monument to M. M. Crane. There is no man they would dislike to see elected governor more "than him."—Comanche Chief.

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THE DRUNKARD'S SERMON.

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"By Jove," said one, "think of having a thirst like that, and not the price of an extinguisher in your pocket! Beats old Tantalus all to pieces, eh? Liquor, liquor everywhere, and not a drop to drink." He ran his hand in his pocket and proffered the tramp a dime, but before it could be accepted the other young fellow interposed. "Say," he said, "let's do the good Samaritan and set Hobo up to a good drink," the other hilariously consented, and the tramp slouched into the saloon at the heels of the two gilded youths. The barkeeper set before them glasses and liquors and with a hand that shook the tramp poured out a brimming glass and raised it to his lips. "Stop," cried one of the young men, drunkenly, "make us a speech. It is poor liquor that doesn't unloosen a man's tongue. The tramp hastily swallowed down the drink, and as the rich liquor coursed through his blood he staidened himself and stood before them with a grace and dignity that all his rags and dirt could not obscure. "Gentlemen," he said, "I look tonight at you and at myself, and it seems to me I look upon the picture of my lost manhood. This bloated face was once as young and handsome as yours. This shambling figure once walked as proudly as yours, a man in a world of men. I, too once had home, and friends, and position. I had a wife as beautiful as an artist's dream, and I dropped the priceless pearl of her honor and respect in the wine cup, and Cleopatra-like, saw it dissolve, and quaffed it down in the brimming draught. I had children as sweet and lovely as the flowers of spring, and I saw them fade and die under the blighting curse of a drunkard father. I had a home where love lit the flame upon the altar and ministered before it, and I put out the holy fire, and darkness and desolation reigned in its stead. I had aspiration and ambitions that soared as high as the morning star, and I broke and bruised their beautiful wings, and, at last, strangled them that I might be tortured with their cries no more. To-day I am a husband without a wife, a father without a child, a tramp with no home to call his own, a man in whom every good impulse is dead. All, all swallowed up in the maelstrom of drink." The tramp ceased speaking. The glass fell from his nerveless fingers and shivered into a thousand fragments on the floor. The swinging doors pushed open and shut again, and when the little group about the bar looked up the tramp was gone.

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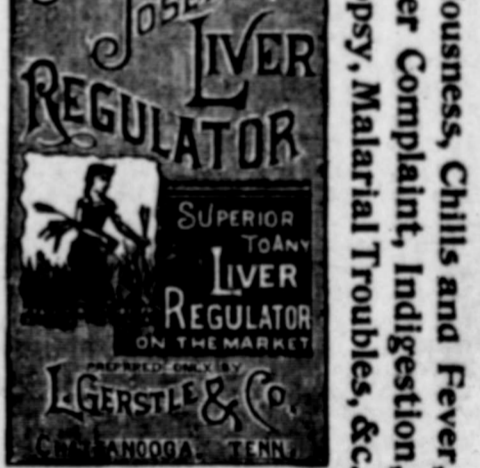


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