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Farmer Cleanings.

We had a good rain last week. It put plenty of water in the tanks and a good season in the ground. Every thing looks refreshed. Wheat, oats and grass are coming. The cattle are heard to low no more at the gate, but have gone to grazing.

We feel very sad indeed over the death of Mrs. Sam Herron, who lived in the Oak Grove vicinity, Archer county. She died very suddenly on the night of the 10th inst, and was interred in the Farmer Cemetery last Saturday. Mrs. Herron had many friends and was loved by all who knew her. Her home was always bright and pleasant. God has called her home where all is peace and happiness. We can hardly bear to give up our friends and loved ones here below, but He who doeth all things well knoweth best. We extend our deepest condolence to the bereaved husband who was much devoted to his loving wife. We would say to him that earth hath no pains which Heaven cannot cure. We should be prepared so that when we are called to die we can say, "all is well with my soul."

Eld. W. P. Harmonson filled his appointments at the Baptist Church Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night. A very good crowd was out at each service to hear what Bro. Harmonson had to say. Some of the boys became very restless Sunday night and made quite a disturbance, attracting the attention of many. I suspect the boys didn't think what they were doing, but I would caution them to not do that way any more. If we can't behave ourselves at church we ought to stay away is the best policy.

A. E. Oatman has a very sick baby this week. Bert and Graves Farmer went to Graham Monday. Farmer & Co. are moving their tin outfit to Graham. They have sold all their tinware to Benson & Sons. We regret very much to have them leave Farmer, but as they have found a real "klondike" in Graham, we wish them much success in their new location. There was quite a rush in business in our town Saturday. It had rained so that the farmers could not work and they came to town. Some one said, "where is the man who said that we were going to undergo a drouth and there would be no crops this year?" I have asked several and everyone said, "I didn't."

Mrs. M. W. Cook and daughter, Ida, were shopping in town Monday. Several parties north of town are talking of forming a club to battle against the prairie dogs. Dr. Prideaux has been on the sick list for some time. Mrs. J. D. Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Pittman went to Graham Tuesday. Mr. Midyett of Lacy, was here on business the first of the week. C. F. Cates and wife were in Farmer Tuesday. Mr. Cates said his baby was right sick.

We heartily agree to what the Markley correspondent said in regard to the entertainment. We don't like to see anyone make fun when the best effort to entertain all present is put forth. As to charging admission the Markley correspondent was right in what he said. **SKIPPER.**

Eliasville.

Eliasville is not represented very often in the county columns, but the most of us still survive. Last Saturday was a big day for our town. We had just had a fine rain and everybody felt good. It was horse show day and besides having fine stock on exhibit, two stallion sales were made, both fine animals. A. J. Allen of the Peach creek country, sold his interest in the big "company" horse to Esq. Hughes for a herd of fine Merino goats. One pony race and the day closed at sundown.

Parley Pratt has been down for sometime with the gripe; has not been able to see his best girl for some little while. P. P. P. is looking a little "shot up" over the effects of (we imagine) both.

W. A. Starrett, one of our popular blacksmiths, has retired from business and has just gone on a trip west to eastward.

Mr. Hewitt, our popular and jocosse miller, has lost his poodle premium poodle, and the mill crew has been observing appropriate mourning. All Eliasville has, in a resolution, offered its sincere and sympathetic sympathy; and especially does the writer extend exuberant condolence, as he has experienced the same excruciating, exterminating, expiring experience.

Walter Roach is up from Breckenridge visiting home. Donnell Bros. are just in from the east, where they purchased some fine thoroughbred cattle. Our school is all right—full to overflowing.

Dr. Price has opened up snugly in his new drug store, the inside and outside of which is as neat as a pin. His old building he has converted into a livery and feed stable.

Jim Young is building a handsome dwelling on Belknap Boulevard. Mr. Young has recently located at Eliasville. He has gone in business with S. H. Harris. The firm name of Harris & Young now owns and operates a general mercantile business that any town in this part of the country might well be proud of.

Our town is strictly on a boom, and while she is booming the fathers had better watch their boys that they don't boom in badness. Already our boys are trying to imitate the typical bad boy and brainless smart alex of other one-horse towns. They guy any and every man that they choose to, regardless of age or nobility. They whistle at his horse or team, hollow woa and other exclamations unknown to a boy with a brain or a future. Now you "daddies" watch your boys a little, and if you don't become disgusted it will be because your boy is a chip off the old block. Don't you "daddies" get mad at the above, for it is written more as a warning than a reproof. A casual outside observer sees more than you do. Some boys can't stand the pressure of telephones, street cars, railroad shops, theatres, etc., a part of which Eliasville now has and of which she is destined to have in the near future. Eliasville has never had a regular bad boy and may never have one, but the bigger she

grows the more apt she is to have one. The point is to pay attention to your boy as you do to your cattle and business and nip his meanness in the bud. If the above puts a hornet attitude on you don't shoot me or disable me so that I can't finish my crop and don't you land me a Fitzsimmons knockout before you give me a chance to take it all back.
JERRY S. MIAH.

Goose Neck Bend.

Mrs. L. McJilton, one of our most highly esteemed christian women, died last Friday of typhoid malaria and was buried in Goose Neck Cemetery Saturday at noon. It was a sad stroke to the family and we join the entire community in offering our sincere condolence to the bereaved family.

Grandpa Sealy from Lee county, is visiting his son, S. M. Sealy. Mr. Sealy is here for his health and will stay for some time.

Mrs. Allen Holt, who has been sick for quite awhile is slowly recovering.

Goose Neck wants a special school tax to supplement its school fund and for incidental purposes and is circulating a petition to that affect.

We have had splendid rains lately and everybody are in good spirits. This with the latest railroad news makes us very jubilant. Everybody are pushing forward to make a big crop this year and we do hope we may have a railroad to haul off our surplus.

Brother Caperton lectured here Monday night. Bro. Caperton is a very forcible speaker and we would like to hear him oftener.

Goose Neck needs a gin and mill very bad and Mr. Elmore of Jack county, will be here on the night of the 25th inst.—Friday night before the election, and requests all who favor this enterprise to meet him on that date. Let everybody turn out. If we can secure a gin and corn mill, then it would be a good location for a blacksmith shop. Then as the gin, mill and shop would be located on a U.-S. mail line we surely could have a post office. Then a railroad running out from Graham called the Goose Neck Tap would be next in order.

It seems as though Uncle Sam is very slow in "picking a fuss" out of Spain. If it was Texas that was dealing with Spain, she would have been spanked and put to bed without her supper long ago. But we hope things will turn out alright after while.

The jack rabbit is getting too numerous in these diggings, and it will not be long before we will have to fence against him, as the only means of protection. They eat up our wheat and oats, go in our garden and fill up on our first vegetables, then to stay their appetite they gnaw our young fruit trees.
A. J.

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Indian Mound.

We have had a fine rain. Corn is planted; some is coming up. Sheriff Williams was in our community on Sunday and Monday last.

Joe Birdwell of the Flat Rock country, was visiting in our part Sunday.

Messrs. McComas and Frye have gone to Jacksboro to attend court.

Grandma Steadham has been very sick for over two weeks, but is at this writing reported to be improving.

Mr. McCombs and family were visiting in our part Sunday and Monday.

The telephone line passes through our community; why not have a phone in this part? We do hope that some one of our neighbors will consider the matter and have a phone put in.

Mr. Grubbs says that the school teacher, "got in" in time for breakfast Monday morning. We wonder where Mr. Timmons had been.

Judge Finlay of Graham, was out to visit our school last week. Come again, Judge, we are always glad to see you.

We have one of the best schools in the country. Our written examinations are fine. We also have daily instructions in penmanship in our school.
A. STUDENT.

ONE OF TWO WAYS.

The bladder was created for one purpose namely, a receptacle for the urine, and as such it is not liable to any form of disease except by one of two ways. The first way is from imperfect action of the kidneys. The second way is from careless local treatment of other diseases.

Chief Cause.

Unhealthy urine from unhealthy kidneys is the chief cause of bladder troubles. So the womb, like the bladder, was created for one purpose, and if not doctored too much is not liable to weakness or disease, except in rare cases. It is situated back of and very close to the bladder, therefore any pain, disease or inconvenience manifested in the kidneys, back, bladder or urinary passage is often, by mistake, attributed to female weakness or womb trouble of some sort. The error is easily made and may be as easily avoided. To find out correctly, set your urine aside for twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates kidney or bladder trouble. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney and bladder remedy, is soon realized. If you need a medicine you should have the best. At druggists, price fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet, both sent free by mail upon receipt of three two-cent stamps to cover cost of postage on the bottle. Mention THE GRAHAM LEADER and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The proprietor of this paper guarantees the genuineness of this offer.

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GRAHAM, TEXAS.

The fastest time ever made on the Katy between Kansas City and Derison was made by a special train of Wagner cars a few days ago. The distance of 440 miles was covered in eleven hours, making an average of forty miles an hour, including stops.

Horse meat was served at the annual banquet of the Kansas City veterinary college, the other night, says a special. Though the spread was elaborate not a morsel of meat other than the flesh of the horse was served. From soup to roast, it was all horse. The students and faculty of the college who gathered around the board made merry and insisted that it was appetizing.

The war department has created a new department of the army, embracing all of the states bordering on the Gulf of Mexico, Georgia and South Carolina, and designated it as the department of the Gulf. The department of Texas has been abolished and is made a part of the department of the Gulf, with headquarters at Atlanta. Gen. William M. Graham, commander of the department of Texas, has received directions from Washington to proceed to Atlanta and take charge of the department.

Our Mineral Wealth.

Some idea of the almost unlimited resources of this country may be obtained from the abundance in which only six of its mineral products are found, viz.: coal, iron, gold, copper, petroleum and silver. The figures giving the total output of these mineral products for the past year are not available; but for the year 1896 the figures are as follows: Coal, \$206,982,718; iron, \$87,688,660; gold, \$57,000,000; copper, \$48,786,080; petroleum, \$42,162,184; silver, \$30,461,665.

What country on the globe can surpass the aggregate showing which the foregoing figures present? Of course some countries may forge ahead of the United States in the abundance of some one or more particular mineral product which they possess, but in the aggregate they must necessarily fall short. But as yet the mineral wealth of the United States is only partially developed; the future alone can reveal the contents of our hidden treasures.—Atlanta Constitution.

The Belief of the Chinese.

A Waco Chinaman having stated that he was severely beaten and robbed of all his cash, County Attorney Cullen F. Thomas summoned a number of the associates of the Mongolian to an ex parte investigation. The courtroom was crowded with celestials of every craft, and one by one they were put on the stand to testify as to what they knew concerning the attack alleged to have been made on the restaurant keeper. Each Mongolian was required to answer questions touching his belief in the sanctity of an oath such as is customarily administered under the laws of Texas. All of them stated that cutting off the head of a chicken, although practiced as one form of oath in China, was not necessary as a conscience binder in the estimation of advanced thinkers among the Chinese. The following passed between one of the Chinese witnesses and the county attorney:

"What god do you worship?" the county attorney inquired.

"The God of heaven and earth," replied the Mongolian.

"Do you believe," the county attorney inquired, "in the divinity of Jesus Christ?"

The Chinaman paused before replying and a shrewd twinkle could be seen in his almond-shaped eyes, then with a bright smile on his face which was just the color of the plumage of a first prize winning buff Cochon hen, he replied, "Yes, in this country, I do."

He was permitted to testify.—Waco Exchange.

Why Americans Do Not Enlist.

To many it is surprising that in the recent shipment of men for the navy native-born Americans are conspicuous by their absence, when comparison with other nationalities is drawn. Comment is also excited by the official reports showing that the personnel of our navy is, so far as birth is concerned, far from being representative of American citizenship.

If one will stop to consider the several points of the question the surprise will disappear. There are

economic and sociological reasons why Americans do not enlist in the navy. The average pay of a sailor is \$17.50 a month and his rations, which amount to \$9. More rations than this no man in the United States navy is allowed, be he landsman on his first cruise or rear admiral of forty years' service. The compensation, then, is no inducement to the American, who can, or thinks he can, earn in two weeks ashore as much as he could in a month aboard ship. The fact that on ship board his \$17.50 a month is as certain as death till his three years enlistment is completed does not appeal to the American. It does, however, appeal to the foreigner, and, too, \$17.50 is in excess of what he has been earning in Europe.

But a more significant cause for the American's absence aboard his own country's ships is the confinement and discipline to which he must be subjected for three years. No nationality can respond to discipline quicker and more thoroughly than the American, yet he is the first to rebel against it. That supreme authority should be lodged in one man "aft in the cabin" is against his republican principles. His natural hatred for dictatorial powers makes him shun the one place where it exists—aboard ship. And he doesn't enlist.

Modern war vessels, too, do not call for sailors. They are engines of death in which the art of sailing has little place. A knowledge of heavy gunnery, electricity, machinery, etc., is more essential than splicing, reefing and setting skysails. And the man who possesses such knowledge needn't work for \$17.50 a month. The American seaman passed with the sailing ship.

About Human Life.

There are 3064 languages in the world, and its inhabitants profess more than 1006 religions.

There are on the earth 1,000,000,000 inhabitants. Of these 33,033,033 die every year, 91,834 every day, 3730 every hour, 60 every minute and 1 every second.

The number of men is about equal to the number of women. The average of life is about 33 years. Of 1000 persons only one reaches 100 years of life; of every 160 six reach the age of 65, and not more than one in 600 lives to 80 years.

The married are longer lived than the single and above all those who observe a sober and industrious conduct. Tall men live longer than short ones. Women have more chances of life in their favor, previous to 30 years of age, than men have but fewer afterwards.

The number of marriages is in proportion of 75 to 1000 individuals. People born in the spring are generally of a more robust constitution than others. Deaths are more frequent by night than by day. The number of men capable of bearing arms is calculated at one-fourth of the population.

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THE LABOR LIEN LAW.

An Act to protect accountants, book keepers, artisans, craftsmen, factory operatives, mill operatives, servants, mechanics, quarrymen, common laborers, and farm hands; to provide a lien, and prescribe the time of payments, and in lawful money of the United States; and prescribing the rights of the assignees of such persons, and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas: That whenever any clerk, accountant, book-keeper, artisan, craftsman, factory operative, mill operative, servant, mechanic, quarryman, or common laborer, farm hand, male or female, may labor or perform any service in any office, store, saloon, hotel, shop, mine, quarry, manufactory, or mill of any character, or on any farm, under or by virtue of any contract or agreement, written or verbal, with any person, employer, firm, corporation, or his, her or their agent or agents, receiver or receivers, trustee or trustees, in order to secure the payment of the amount due by such contract or agreement, written or verbal, the hereinbefore mentioned employes shall have a first lien upon all products, machinery, tools, fixtures, appurtenances, goods, wares, merchandise, chattels, or thing or things of value of whatsoever character that may be created in whole or in part by the labor of such persons or necessarily connected with the performance of such labor or service, which may be owned by or in the possession of the aforesaid employer, person, firm, corporation, or his, her or their agent or agents, receiver or receivers, trustee or trustees; provided, that the lien herein given to a farm hand shall be subordinate to the landlord's lien now provided by law.

Sec. 2. Whenever any person, employer, firm, corporation, his, her or their agent or agents, receiver or receivers, trustee or trustees, shall fail or refuse to make payments as herein-after prescribed in this act, the said clerk, accountant, bookkeeper, farm hand, artisan, craftsman, operative, servant, mechanic, quarryman, or laborer, who shall have performed service of any character, shall make or have made duplicate accounts of such service, with amount due him or her for the same, and present or have presented, to aforesaid employer, person, firm or corporation, his, her or their agent or agents, receiver or receivers, trustee or trustees, one of the aforesaid duplicate accounts within thirty days after the said indebtedness shall have accrued. The other of the said duplicate accounts shall, within the time hereinbefore prescribed, be filed with the county clerk of the county in which said service was rendered, and shall be recorded by the county clerk in a book kept for that purpose. The party or parties presenting the aforesaid account shall make affidavit as to the correctness of the same. A compliance with the foregoing requirements in this section shall be necessary to fix and preserve the lien given under this act; and the liens of different persons shall take precedence in the order in which they are filed; provided, that all persons claiming the benefit of this act shall have six months within which to bring suit to foreclose the aforesaid lien; and provided, further, that a substantial compliance with the provisions of this section shall be deemed sufficient diligence to fix and secure the lien hereinbefore given; provided, that any purchaser of such product from the owner thereof shall acquire a good title thereto, unless he has at the time of the purchase actual or constructive notice of the claim of such lien holder upon such products, said constructive notice to be given by record of such claim, as provided for in this act, or by suit filed.

Sec. 3. Under the operations of this act, all wages, if service is by agreement performed by the day or week, shall be due and payable weekly, or if by the month, shall be due and payable monthly. All payments to be made in lawful money of the United States.

Sec. 4. Any of the parties named in section 1 of this act, may transfer or assign their rights hereunder, and their assignee or assignees shall have the same rights and privileges as are conferred upon such persons enumerated in section 1.

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in conflict with the provisions of this act, be and the same are hereby repealed; provided, that this act shall not be so construed as to repeal Chapter 2, of Title LXVI, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to liens of mechanics, contractors, builders and material men.

Sec. 8[7]. It being important that the benefits of this act be realized at once, because the parties to be benefited by this act have no adequate protection under existing laws, creates an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days should be suspended.

Took effect in September, 1897.

AMUSING SKIRMISH.

Senator Proctor Gives a Description of a Cuban Battle.

A Key West dispatch quotes Senator Proctor in this incident:

Senator Proctor and Col. Parker gave a most graphic and amusing description of the skirmish between a company of Spanish cavalry and a handful of insurgents which took place while they were on a train near Matanzas, and which was undoubtedly prepared for their especial benefit.

Before reaching the station they noticed that the telegraph wires had been cut and some slight obstruction placed on the track to impede their progress. On a hill in the distance they could see silhouettes of a dozen Cuban insurgents outlined against the sky. In the valley the Spanish cavalry had started toward them, but they were brought to a sudden halt by the bullets from the enemy.

The distance was too great to hear the shots, but the smoke from the Cuban's rifles gave warning of what was taking place. The Spaniards halted and formed a hollow square, while the officers sought safety behind some convenient trees. Meanwhile the insurgents called for a truce and withdrew into the dense woods, and the Spaniards returned to the station in time to meet the train and receive the congratulations of the commander of the district.

This by-play struck Senator Proctor as most amusing war tactics. A Confederate veteran who accompanied the party, asked the Spanish officer in command why he had not given chase to the insurgents, as there were not more than a dozen of them. His reply was characteristic—that there were more than a thousand behind the hills.

The story is told that each member of cavalry has already received a medal in commemoration of his bravery in that battle.

New presidential postmasters for Texas: F. P. Cummings, Bellville; Thomas Richards, Sherman.

Rush for the Klondike.

The American Monthly Review for March has an estimate of the extent of the exodus to the Klondike the present season, and calculates that 100,000 people will invade the Alaska gold fields in 1898. It then adds an estimate as to the expenses and profits of the great rush after the yellow metal.

That each man should spend, on the average \$600 does not seem to be an overcalculation, but it reaches the grand total of \$60,000,000. Of this sum it is estimated that the railroads will receive \$5,000,000, traders and hotel keepers, where outfits are procured, \$30,000,000, the ship companies for transportation \$10,000,000, and for the transportation of freight over the passes in Alaska \$15,000,000. These figures are declared to be low and for necessities only, so that they might be increased by 25 or 30 per cent so as to be made to include all the money that will be paid out in the attempt of gold-seekers to reach the mines.

On the other hand, there have been a good many estimates made as to the amount of gold that it is expected the Alaskan fields will yield this year, and they range all the way from \$30,000,000 to \$50,000,000. The smaller amount is regarded, by those qualified to judge, as being as much too small as the larger is considered to be too great. Probably \$30,000,000 would be a liberal estimate. No one has placed the output at anywhere near the amount that will be expended by the gold hunters in reaching the mines.

It is not at all probable that any such exhibits will deter any one with the gold fever from trying his fortune, for it is always "the other man" that will not "strike it rich." Still, the chances are that not one in fifty will ever come back with a competency that he has dug from the frozen soil of the inhospitable Klondike country, while the hardships of the journey and of the life there will shatter the constitution of many a man who will return an invalid for life, if he returns alive.—Chicago News.

A woman fell over a valise in the aisle of an Alton train. The Illinois Appellate court holds the road liable.

Yano Fumi, Japanese minister to China, has demanded an official signed assurance of the payment of the indemnity due next May. China has given the written undertaking.

St. James Hotel, Dallas.

MORE WAR-LIKE.

Spain Asks the Recall of Consul General Lee.

McKinley Politely But Firmly Declines to even Consider the Matter.

Washington, March 7.—The Spanish situation developed two new phases, when it became known the Spanish government had formally requested the recall of Consul-General Lee from his post at Havana, to which request the United States had courteously but firmly refused to comply; also that the Spanish government had suggested the impropriety of sending relief supplies to the Cuban reconcentrados on the cruiser Montgomery and gunboat Nashville, to which suggestion the United States had given a like answer in the negative.

The first intimation of these steps came in a brief and explicit cable dispatch from Madrid. Previous to its receipt, however, the authorities here had been fully conversant with the facts, although no intimation had been allowed to get to the public on either subject. The disclosures from Madrid left no further ground for reticence in Washington, and after a conference at the White House by the president, Assistant Secretary Day of the State Department and Secretary Long of the Navy department, the following authorized statement was handed to the Associated Press by Judge Day as comprising everything that was to be said by the administration on the subject:

"The president will not consider the recall of Gen. Lee. He has borne himself throughout this crisis with judgment, fidelity and courage to the president's satisfaction. As to the supplies for the relief of the Cuban people, all arrangements have been made to carry a consignment this week from Key West by one of the naval vessels, whichever may be best adapted and most available for the purpose to Matanzas and Sagua."

McKINLEY ENDORSED.

Senator Cullom said: I regard the course pursued by the President in answer to the Spanish government as right, justified by the conditions, and the American people will endorse him in the position he has taken. I have believed for some days that we were nearing a crisis or culmination of troubles, from day to day, and it has seemed to me that the Spanish government was endeavoring to bring on a conflict between that government and ours, whether this government desires it or not. On this account it would be almost forced into war with Spain. I do not well understand, in view of the interest, or manifestation of interest, this country has taken in the conflict which has been going on between Spain and the Cubans, how a withdrawal of any kind could be thought of, either from the point of view of national interest or of common humanity. Our people do not want war, neither does the president, but neither the president nor the people will submit to any humiliation at the hands of the Spaniards. I think it is another step on their part into forcing an issue between that government and our own."

Senator Morgan said: I heartily applaud the president's action in the dispatch brought to my attention. I do not think the Spanish government will insist upon Lee's recall, nor do I think it will refuse a bounty to those poor starving creatures, the reconcentrados, though it may be dished out to them with a mailed hand. We of the south are very proud of Gen. Lee and his conduct in Cuba. It only proves what we have always known about him—that he is a brave, patriotic man, fearless to do his duty under all circumstances. The recall of Gen. Lee, in my opinion, was in deference to the mob sentiment in Madrid. After all the forgeries we have shown Spain in making our country a base for her supplies she turns upon us and makes everything done by us into an act of enmity. After a while we will be sufficiently informed as to the intentions of the Spanish government toward us to meet them half way."

SPAIN COMES DOWN.

Withdraws Her Demand for the Recall of Consul General Lee.

Washington, March 8.—Spain has withdrawn her request for the recall of Consul General Lee, and it is now believed that the incident is practically closed.

The withdrawal came in the shape of an official communication from Minister Woodford. It is

stated that the request was never put in the shape of a demand, but that it was merely a suggestion on the part of Spain, and when she found that it would not be pleasantly received by this country she promptly receded.

It is learned that the Spanish objection to Consul General Lee is based largely upon the sympathy for the Cubans and some of his utterances which have found their way into print. It is understood that the Spaniards also take exceptions to the friendly relations and companionship existing between Gen. Lee and correspondents of papers, which have been decidedly unfriendly to Spain. It is believed that Senor de Lome carried to Spain papers and information calculated to make the Spanish government request the recall of Consul General Lee.

What Gen. Lee Has to Say.

Havana, March 8.—Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, consul general of the United States, was questioned regarding Spain's demand for his recall and said:

"I shall continue to do my duty, which is to guard American interests. Fitzhugh Lee, my son, came to visit me during the short vacation granted him by the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad. He was here before; has many friends and will return to the United States when his vacation is over, next week. Mrs. Lee is not ill nor is she nervous. I have not written her anything to alarm her. I have had no need to do so."

Reb Hion in the Philippine Islands.

London, March 8.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Hong Kong says a fresh rebellion has broken out in the Philippines and that three Spanish soldiers have been killed. No further details are known at Hong Kong.

"MUST BE QUIETED."

Hanna and Gage Say that War Talk Must Be Stopped.

A special to the Chicago Chronicle from Washington says:

Mark Hanna was at the cabinet meeting the other day, and he talked very plainly to McKinley and his advisors. He declared that it was almost a crime to be hurrying forward matters which the country regards as preparations for war. He said it made no difference even if Spain had officially directed the destruction of the Maine.

"Suppose," exclaimed Mr. Hanna, with much feeling, "that we go to war with Spain and whip her. It will settle values in this country and cost us millions of money. We can not expect any indemnity. The best thing to be done is to drop the question as soon as possible. Meantime, you must give out an announcement which will convince the business world there is to be no war. Unless the administration comes to the relief of the exchanges there is no telling what will happen."

With these words he withdrew. The members of the cabinet were very much impressed with his little speech. Secretary Gage insisted that Mr. Hanna was right. Then there was the question as to who should make the announcement. Gage wanted Alger to father it, but Alger suggested Long. The president, too, said he thought Long was the proper person to quiet the popular pulse; and Long reluctantly consented to perform the service and give out the news that the administration had officially acquitted Spain.

The very best information obtainable is that Secretary Gage said that even should the complicity of the Spanish authorities in the blowing up of the Maine be demonstrated beyond the possibility of a doubt he was unalterably opposed to going to war simply for the sake of a ruined battleship and 300 dead soldiers, who, after all, can not be brought to life again.

"I am in favor of going slowly," said Secretary Gage, "and of giving Spain the fullest opportunity to apologize."

The cruiser Montgomery has gone to Havana with relief supplies for Cuba's starving reconcentrados. The Fern goes to Matanzas and Sagua la Grande.

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FIFTY MILLIONS.

Not a War Measure, But One for the Safety of the Public.

The House Votes Fifty Millions to the Discretion of President McKinley

Washington, March 9.—In a spirit of patriotism with eloquent words ringing in their ears, every member of the house of representatives responded to the president's first call to meet the Spanish situation by casting his vote for a bill placing in President McKinley's hands \$50,000,000 to be expended at his discretion for the national defense.

Party lines were swept away and with a unanimous voice congress voted its confidence in the administration. Many members who were paired with absent colleagues took the responsibility of breaking their pairs, an unprecedented thing in legislative annals, in order that they might go on record in support of this vast appropriation to maintain the dignity and honor of their country. Speaker Reed, who as the presiding officer seldom votes and then only in case of a tie, had his name called and voted in his capacity as a representative.

The scene of enthusiasm which greeted the announcement of the vote—yeas 311, nays none—has seldom been paralleled in the house.

All day long the galleries were jammed with enthusiastic spectators applauding to the echo the sterling patriotism or the words of eloquence which were uttered by the members on the floor. All the speeches were brief. Although four hours were allowed for debate, so great was the pressure for time that no one member was given more than five minutes and most of them had to content themselves with a beggarly fraction of a minute. In all fifty-nine speeches were made. With one acclaim members from the north and south, from the east and west, the states and territories, battle-scarred veterans of the union and the confederate armies, all joined in proclaiming their support of the course of the president.

Gen. Grosvenor of Ohio said that at if war did not come the \$50,000,000 appropriated by this bill would be wisely expended if it only served to show the world that when threatened from without the hearts of the American people beat as one.

In the whole debate there was only a slight discordant note caused by the speech of Gen. Bingham of Pennsylvania, a gallant soldier who served with distinction under Hancock. He spoke severely of the aroused temper of the house and when he insisted that our relations with Spain were as friendly as they had been for years many of the members hissed him.

While almost every member who spoke deprecated the possibility of war, a wide divergence of opinion as to how close were hostilities manifested itself in the debate. The general contention by the majority among the leaders on both sides was that this appropriation by preparing for war would prepare the safe guarantee of peace. Others insisted that war's serious alarm would be heard and Mr. Mann of Illinois declared that war existed in all save name.

The speeches which attracted most attention were those of Messrs. Cannon, Grosvenor and Dooliver on the republican side and Messrs. Bailey and Sayers on the democratic side.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Senate Makes Short Work of the Big Appropriation.

Washington, March 10.—Senator Hale reported the \$50,000,000 national defense bill in the senate and asked its immediate consideration.

It passed without a word of debate. The yeas and nays were taken on the message, but there was not a dissenting vote. All pairs were broken and those present voted in the affirmative. Seventy-six senators voted for the bill.

Within twenty-six minutes after the senate convened the roll call was completed and the vice-president announced the bill passed.

As the vice-president made his announcement a slight ripple of applause ran through the galleries, but the members of the senate remained calm and dignified, repressing all enthusiasm, which was evident from the smiling faces and intense interest manifested in every look and gesture the great majority of them felt.

During roll call it was authoritatively announced for every absent senator, if he were present he would have voted aye.

It is semi-officially announced that \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000 of the above appropriation will be expended in the purchase of war vessels from foreign countries, if desirable deals can be made.

LOOKING ABROAD FOR SHIPS.

Representatives of the Navy Department Sent to England.

New York, March 9.—A special to the Herald from Washington says:

Secretary Long has given orders to Commander W. H. Brownson, now on duty as a member of the board of inspection and survey, to leave at once for England and France to inspect the vessels which have been offered to this government and to report without delay if they are suitable for service in the United States navy.

Commander Brownson will not only look at the vessels which have been offered, but will examine war ships under construction for foreign nations, and should he report that any are desirable and ready for sea, this government will undoubtedly enter into negotiations with the nations which ordered the ships looking to their sale to the United States.

Secretary Long talked with Commander Brownson and told him what he wanted, and the instructions given during this consultation will guide the naval officer in the important work which has been placed in his charge. Upon arrival at Southampton the early part of next week, Commander Brownson will confer with Lieut. J. C. Colwell, who is naval attaché to the United States embassy in London, in regard to the ships under construction at Elswick and other points in England. He will then go to France, where he will meet Lieut. W. S. Sims, who is naval attaché to the United States embassy in Paris, and in company with that officer will inspect the two battleships Marshal Floriano and Marshal Deodoro, which the Herald has stated have been offered to this government.

Commander Brownson while abroad will also inquire as to the amount of ordnance material on hand. It is anticipated by the department that if hostilities occur it will be necessary for this government to purchase such material from foreign manufacturers.

Vickers Sons & Maxim, limited, have offered guns and ammunition to the department, but the English powder has a nitro base which the department does not care to place on board naval ships on account of the explosive quality of such powder. It is believed, however, that the Duponts, and the California powder works, will be able to turn out sufficient brown powder for the present.

Buying Alabama Coal.

A special to the Memphis Commercial-Appeal from Birmingham, Ala., says. The United States government has, it is learned, recently been buying Alabama coal in considerable quantities for immediate delivery at the gulf ports for the purpose of coaling warships. It is known that the cruiser Detroit, which was in Mobile harbor ten days ago, was coaled with Alabama coal and large shipments have been going to Mobile, Pensacola, Tampa and Key West. A northern firm of coal operators has written to operators in this district saying they were figuring on securing a contract for furnishing a quarter million tons of coal to the government for prompt delivery and desire to make heavy purchases of Alabama coal to help fill it. Alabama coal being near the gulf ports, they said it could be utilized to advantage. Alabama operators have determined to bid hereafter on all government contracts where the coal is to be delivered in southern waters and have already taken steps to provide suitable facilities at several gulf ports to deliver the coal.

MUST FIGHT OR CRAWFISH.

Russia and France Twisting the British Lion's Tail.

London, March 10.—European diplomats regard the international situation in the Old World at present as far more critical than that between the United States and Spain.

There is no longer any doubt that Great Britain's declaration that she would go to war rather than be deprived of the markets of the far East or suffer the dismemberment of China will soon be put to the test.

Russia and France are determined to disregard the recent British assertion of the limit beyond which she would not allow rivals to trespass. These limits have now been overstepped both in China and West Africa, and Europe is waiting to know what Great Britain's answer will be.

Two years ago, in a less serious crisis, it was the sudden equipment of a flying squadron. It will require something more formidable now.

Queen Victoria never ventures to interfere personally in Great Britain's foreign relations unless war is practically in sight. She has done so now, postponing a visit to the Riviera under the convenient fiction of indisposition.

But England is preparing for war on even a more extensive scale than the United States. Not only is there the greatest activity in the naval and war departments, but there is creditable authority for stating that Great Britain is negotiating for half a dozen warships which Spain is trying to secure.

Russia has also been a persistent bidder for the three ships being constructed for Chili.

A dispatch to the New York World from London says.

Nothing short of a miracle can preserve the peace of the world now, it is believed among British statesmen and politicians.

Not since the Napoleonic wars has danger threatened from so many quarters. The news from Washington combined with the grave tidings from China and West Africa sent consuls down ½ per cent on the stock exchange and the panicky feeling there was reflected in the house of commons lobby.

In their present temper Englishmen would regard with extreme disfavor the transfer of any British built warship to any foreign country.

The admiralty is savagely attacked for permitting Spain to take over two torpedo boats recently completed for her. Yet those boats were only the partial filling of an order from Spain given more than a year ago, when four torpedo catchers were contracted for from the Fairfield Ship Building company.

It is proof of the extreme exigency of Spain's requirements that those two completed torpedo catchers are accepted, notwithstanding that they failed in their recent speed trials and showed other defects which there has not been time to make good. They were contracted for as thirty-knot boats, but they only attained twenty-five.

The work on the remaining two boats is being strenuously pushed, but it cannot be completed under six weeks at the earliest.

Noisy demonstration or public speakings have been forbidden on April 1, the birthday of Prince Bismarck, on account of his precarious state of health.

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There is no news from the prospective war with Spain. The Court of Inquiry has not yet reported. Both governments are preparing for war. Both hope for the best and are preparing for the worst. What the outcome will be no man can tell, but it is the general opinion that there will be no war.

At Itasca, and Hubbard City, Hill county, the prohibitionists won by about two to one. They have tried prohibition and want to continue it.

Hon. J. N. Browning of Amarillo has announced as a candidate for lieutenant-governor. He represented Panhandle district in the 80s. He is an able man and has a state reputation.

It is said that McKinley has definitely determined that the war in Cuba shall be stopped by May 1, and that he is now formulating a plan to deliver this ultimatum to Spain.

Millinery and Dress Making.

Mrs. J. H. Stewart announces to the public that she has opened a Millinery and Dress Making establishment in the Crawford house, near Masonic Hall, and requests the ladies to call and see her goods, which will arrive next week.

The test adopted by the democratic executive committee is having a hard "test" of it. Nine-tenths of the county executive committees that have met since the test was adopted have repudiated it, and adopted a more liberal test suggested by chairman Blake, Hogg and Reagan.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c.

N. W. Cuney, the great colored republican leader of Texas is dead. He stood at the head of the republican party of Texas for years, and was acknowledged its leading spirit; in fact he was the brains of it. Some of the so-called leader of the party of to-day no doubt are glad that their old time leader is dead; he was a thorn in their sides. He died of consumption at San Antonio.

The Breckinridge Roller Mill

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The National Printer Journalist tells of a Missouri editor who says he stepped into the store of a business man who didn't advertise and was surprised to find him busy. The storekeeper had the itch and a Waterbury watch, and when he was not scratching himself he was winding his watch.

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when we can enjoy the good things of life and have health, but when health departs, all the joys go with it. To get it back no remedy supplies the pressing need so well as Parker's Ginger Tonic. Chas. Hintz, Chicago, Ill., writes: "I have used eight bottles of Parker's Ginger Tonic and it has fixed me up in good shape. My lungs were sore and weak, with cough, great difficulty of breathing, pain between my shoulders, and dreadful headache. I was so weak I could hardly walk, and had to stop every little way to rest. One of Chicago's best doctors prescribed for me, but it only made me worse. Your Tonic is better than all doctors and medicines. How to Avoid Them. void baldness gray hair dandruff and thin locks by using Parker's Hair Balsam.

A Mighty Patient Waiter.

In the fight between the gold and silver forces for the control of the Texas delegation to the democratic national convention of 1896 began early in 1895. The bimetallic convention at Ft. Worth was called by members of the twenty-fourth legislature about the time of its adjournment in the spring of 1895. M. M. Crane was there and by his boldness and plainness of speech brought down upon himself the wrath of every Clevelandite in the state. A number of gentleman prominent in Texas politics, including several congressmen, were at that convention. Congressman Sayers was not among them. He was waiting, waiting, patiently waiting.

From the day of adjournment of the bimetallic convention, the fighting over the silver issue became fast and furious in Texas. Almost every man in the state of voting age and ordinary discretion took part in it. Among the few exceptions was Congressman Sayers. Like 'Brer Rabbit in the story book, Mr. Sayers was busy keeping silent. He was waiting, waiting, patiently waiting.

It was generally believed at that time that Cleveland would control the next democratic national convention and either force his own renomination or the nomination of one of his claquers. From a "conservative" standpoint, it was a time to saw wood and wait, and Congressman Sayers is nothing if not conservative, at all times.

But there were people who asked embarrassing questions. They were not in waiting; they were struggling to free the democratic party from the baleful domination of Cleveland, Carlisle and Whitney, and their Wall street backers. These impatient folks insisted on hearing from Congressman Sayers, and when the leaves began to fall he ventured to make the following timid deliverance, which was reported in a special dispatch from Austin dated September 13, 1895:

"Hon. Joe Sayers, who represents this, the Ninth district, in congress is in the city, and has this to say about the financial question: "With reference to the silver question, I wish to state that I will abide by the national democratic convention's action thereon AND WAIT PATIENTLY UNTIL THEY DECIDE THE MATTER, for there is the best and only proper place to settle it. I believe that before the political battle comes on next year we will have harmonized our people on this silver question. I do not see the necessity, nor do I see the sense in a split on this matter, and I shall certainly exert myself to bring about harmony in our ranks."

With such evidence as this before us, who will deny that Congressman Sayers is a mighty patient waiter?—Waco Times-Herald

And now we see the chasm no more between the boys who wore the blue and those who wore the gray.

A common enemy proves that we are brothers at heart. Thank God for this patriotism that lies deep down in the heart of every man, north, east, south, and west, whether he voted for Bryan, McKindley or Watson. It requires a little outside threatening occasionally, to show us how we love each other.

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To the Voters of Young County:

As our County will, on March 26th, again be called upon to pass upon the important question involved in Local Option, we deem it both proper and necessary that the great mass of our people should know the difference that exist in the condition of our local affairs between the last two years and the same period of time preceding the adoption of local option.

To secure this data we have examined our County Criminal Dockets and find that from April, 1894, to April, 1896, and prior to the adoption of local option, the Docket of the County Court shows 22 cases for carrying pistols; three cases for selling whiskey to minors, and three cases for disturbing religious worship, aggregating 28 cases; while from April, 1896, to March, 1898, the same Docket shows only two cases for carrying pistols and one case for giving whiskey to a minor, and we understand that this whiskey was purchased in a distant town.

Our County Jail has been empty during the greater part of the last two years, and a large expenditure has been saved to our county by the absence of criminal offenses.

It is true that some whiskey has been sold in our county in violation of the law, but our county officers have vigorously prosecuted all of such violators that could be found, and we believe that in the event of the success of this measure at the next election that this steady and unflinching prosecution will be continued until no one will violate its provisions. It has been urged by those opposed to this measure that local option does not prohibit. To this we reply that no criminal law prohibits in toto, but it causes LESS violation than would otherwise occur. At our last District Court there was not a criminal case upon its Docket. Our people are prosperous, happy and sober; our county expense is smaller than it has been since during its infancy.

Prohibition has been a success in our bounty, and if we are permitted by the voters of this county to try it for another period of two years it will be made a greater success than in the past; and we respectfully request your valuable assistance in helping us to make such success. This may be hard on the criminal lawyer, but it is good for the tax-payer.

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R. F. ARNOLD, Chairman.
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For County Treasurer.

J. A. DIXON.

Three For \$100.

For \$1.00 in cash you can get THE GRAHAM LEADER, Farm and Trade of Chattanooga, Tenn., and the Youth's Advocate. This offer holds good only a short time.

Our subscribers at Spring Creek complain that they frequently fail to receive THE LEADER. We assure them the paper is mailed regularly and the fault is in some postmaster.

A new blacksmith arrived at the residence of R. L. Henegar Sunday night.

Elder Boen, who has been holding a meeting at the Christian Church for the past four weeks, left Tuesday morning for Jacksboro, where he goes in the interest of prohibition this week. The election comes off there today.

Seed Irish Potatoes.

Early Triumph \$1.50 per bush. MATTHEWS, TIDWELL & NORMAN.

Messrs. Price, McAbee, Akers and Kramer, prominent farmers of Fish Creek, were in Graham Tuesday.

Remember that the prohibition election comes off next Saturday, the 26th inst. Go to the polls and vote.

W. V. Bigham and wife of Finis, were visiting in Graham Tuesday.

Mrs. C. C. Bigham is visiting relatives at Finis this week.

The vote on prohibition among the ladies of Graham was taken this week and 240 voted for prohibition and 15 against. If the ladies could vote there would be no doubt about the result.

John Lamar fell off his wagon in Loving Valley and broke his arm. He is now at home and doing well.

Drs. Gallaher and George LeGrand performed an operation on Grandma Steadham last Monday, for locked bowels. At last report she was improving with fair chance of recovery.

The ladies of Graham have organized a Prohibition Club and are at work in earnest. The liquor traffic is doomed in Young county.

J. B. Norris returned Thursday from St. Louis, where he bought a big stock of hardware and agricultural implements.

J. C. Kay returned yesterday from Henrietta and reports having a pleasant time.

Prohibition Rally.

On Monday night there was a prohibition rally at the Christian Church and a permanent organization of the prohibition forces was effected. After the object of the meeting was stated by Bro. Boen, Rev. G. W. Black was elected temporary chairman and Evans Jackson Secretary. Permanent organization was then perfected with the following officers: R. F. Arnold Chairman, B. S. Doty Secretary. E. Jackson, A. T. Gay, W. D. Craig and John E. Morrison Executive Committee with chairman Arnold. After perfecting the permanent organization short addresses were made by Rev. C. W. Daniel, Rev. W. H. Wycough, Rev. G. W. White, Rev. O. B. Caldwell, Rev. J. B. Boen and A. T. Gay.

A collection for campaign purposes was taken up and then the meeting adjourned subject to call of the permanent chairman. The church was filled to its utmost capacity and it was a very enthusiastic meeting. The fight is on and both sides are at work. The people of Young county have tried prohibition for two years and find it is an improvement on the open saloon and want to continue it.

The most beautiful line Spring and Summer Dress Goods ever brought to the city. Call and see our stock.

S. B. STREET & Co.,
Cheapest House in Town.

Mr. Joe Ford announces this week as a candidate for District and County Clerk of Young county.

Mr. Ford is well known to most of our readers as the junior member of the firm of Ford Brothers in this place. He has been in Texas nearly all his life and for many years lived in this county. For the past five years he has been actively engaged in the mercantile business in Graham with the firm above mentioned and the Graham Mercantile Co. Most of this time he has been book-keeper for these firms.

Joe is an honest, sober and industrious young man, of fine business qualifications and affable and agreeable manners. He is popular with all who know him and his qualifications for the office to which he aspires are of the best.

So far as we know he has not an enemy in the county and we predict that he will run a good race.

Buy your slippers from us and save 50 per cent. We have over 1000 pairs Drummers Samples.

S. B. STREET & Co.,
Cheapest House in Town.

Royal makes the food pure,
wholesome and delicious.



Surveyors at Finis.

Judge R. F. Arnold went down to Rock Creek yesterday and saw the railway surveyors. Capt. M. O. Hall and his party are now at work near Finis seeking the best route from Rock Creek west. Capt. Hall so far is well pleased with the survey and his estimates of cost of grading etc. are smaller than he expected. From Finis, Capt. Hall expects to run a line southwest in the direction of the Brooks farm on the river. It will be a week or ten days before the surveying party will reach Graham.

The Brazos river has been past fording several days during the past week.

We propose to show
the nicest and cheapest
stock of

Dress Goods

ever brought to this market. Wait and see our stock before buying. It will be complete by the 10th. J. E. MORRISON & Co. Graham and Eliasville.

We this week announce Capt. T. H. C. Peery of Seymour, as a candidate for re-election to the office of Representative of this, the 104th District. Capt. Peery made a faithful Representative. He is well known throughout the District and needs no commendation from us. Next week we will publish his address to the voters.

We call special attention to our line of Gents' Furnishing Goods. We can please the most fastidious. S. B. STREET & Co.,
Cheapest House in Town.

Farmer & Co., the new tanners, have opened up at the old court house and are now ready for business.

For Prohibition.

TO THE VOTERS OF YOUNG COUNTY GREETING:

We, the Ladies Prohibition Club of Graham, numbering two hundred and forty members, believing it to be our duty to show our interest in the subject of prohibition join each other in sending to you this, a personal appeal, to cast your vote for prohibition, for the sake of the wives and children of our town and county. We don't want the open saloon in Graham; please don't vote it on us. LADIES PROHIBITION CLUB.

A Father's Great Mistake.

The worst mistake that a father ever made is to suppose that he has anything on his hands more important than looking after his own children. Crowded with work he may be, and with necessary work. But it is not possible to even think of a task so imperative in its nature as to take precedence of parental duties. Most fathers learn this lesson sooner or later, but most of them, also, do not learn it until the time has passed when it can be of particular value. Absorbed as they are in daily toils, or promoting ambitious designs, they forget their primary obligation, and miss the chance to shape and mould the character of their offspring. The father who never has time to sit down and talk to his boys is making a mistake which is likely to bear bitter fruit in the years to come. One day he will lament his folly, and be amazed at it. - Nashville Christian Advocate.

For a fine fresh lot of Sweet Peppers, Ketchup, and a full line of first class Pickles, go to Ford Bros., west side of Public Square. They keep them at Rock Bottom Prices.

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.

The Pacific and United States Express Companies.

Operate more miles of Railway and have a greater number of offices than any other company in the world. Their money order system is the safest and most convenient for sending money. Orders are sold payable everywhere. The Pacific Express Co. operates exclusively the Texas Pacific and Ft. Worth and Denver Ry; have offices at every station on these roads and at Mineral Wells. The only direct line to Ft. Worth and Dallas. The only line delivering between these points and Mineral Wells same day of starting. Office open at Mineral Wells night and day. Goods ordered by this company are not delayed at Mineral Wells, but are forwarded immediately by stage to Graham and intermediate and surroundings. Address C. H. BOWEN,
Agent Pacific Exp. Co.,
Mineral Wells, Texas.

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.

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.

Biliousness

Is caused by torpid liver, which prevents digestion and permits food to ferment and putrify in the stomach. Then follow dizziness, headache,

Hood's Pills

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.

A Narrow Escape.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart, of Groton, S. D.: "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs; cough set in and finally terminated in Consumption. Four Doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Savior, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles. It has cured me, and thank God I am saved and now a well and healthy woman. Trial bottle free at D. R. Akin & Co's Drug Store. Regular size 50 cents and \$1.00. Guaranteed or price refunded.

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.

Two strangers, who failed to give a very satisfactory account of themselves caused quite a ripple of excitement in the city last night and were kept under surveillance for sometime by the night watch.

It is understood that the Red Store building will be torn away about the first to make room for a more imposing structure.

Rev. C. W. Daniel held Quarterly Conference at Connor Creek Tuesday, and preached at Graham Thursday night.

Dr. L. Price, G. W. Pratt and R. L. Parrott of Eliasville, were in the city Tuesday.

ESTRAYS.

REPORTED by A. C. Casey, Com'r Prec. No. 4, and left with Chas. Moss, one gray horse, 8 years old, about 14 hands high, branded NB on left shoulder. This March 18, 1898.

REPORTED by A. J. Wheat, Com'r Prec. No. 1, and left with W. B. Theford, one bay mare, 7 years old, 14 hands high, branded S, (badly blotched) on left shoulder. This March 18, 1898.

REPORTED by A. J. Wheat, Com'r Prec. No. 1, and left with J. W. Shannon, one black mare mule, 5 years old, 15 hands high, no brand. This March 18, 1898.

REPORTED by A. J. Wheat, Com'r Prec. No. 1, and left with Tom Birdwell, one sorrel horse, 5 years old, 15 hands high, branded 4 on left thigh. This March 18, 1898.

REPORTED by H. L. Leberman, Com'r Prec. No. 3, one brown mare 7 years old, branded F on left shoulder and O on left thigh. This 18, 1898.

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.

JFR (JF 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. CHAS. GAY,
C. C. Y. C. T.

THEY HAVE COME!

Not the "Hooligans," but the

Largest and Best Stock of Spring Goods

Ever Brought to Graham.

You are cordially invited to call and examine our Stock.

S. B. STREET & CO.,

Cheapest house in Town.

The Farmer's Best Friend

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

HENEGAR, THE BLACKSMITH.

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

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

Yours to please,

R. L. HENEGAR.

One door East of Brick Stable.

MILLS WITHDRAWS.

Says the "Last" Was Adopted to Dictate the Nomination of Certain Men.

United States Senate, Washington, D. C., March 6.—To the democratic voters of Texas: Some days ago I asked the democratic executive committee of Texas to call the primaries not earlier than the middle of July. I did so with the intention of going before the people and discussing the subject of tariff taxation, which has been made an issue in our party by some of its leaders.

I supposed at that time that the primaries would be open to all democrats to express their preferences for all officers to be nominated by our party.

The action of the executive committee in disfranchising a large element of the party was done to dictate the nomination of certain men, and to prevent the nomination of certain others. The effect of this action will be that not only those proscribed will be excluded but such discontent among other democrats will be produced that but few will attend them, and those few will be the adherents of the favorites intended to be benefited by the exclusion. The result will be as it was with the Dudley primaries two years ago, and it would be useless for me to appeal to the people when the judgment to be rendered has already been determined.

I, therefore, announce to you that I am no longer a candidate for re-election to the senate.

I have been a citizen of Texas for forty-nine years. I came to the state when a boy. I have held many positions of public trust.

I have been overseer of the road, member of the state legislature, member of the house of representatives of the United States, member of the senate of the United States. I had the distinguished honor of commanding the Tenth Texas regiment of infantry during the civil war, and I have touched elbows with her fighting battalions on many bloody fields, and in all the positions I have held I have tried to do my duty faithfully to the people of Texas.

I have been your servant four years in war and twenty five years in peace, and my record on the battlefield and in the councils of state is open to you, and as I am now retiring from your service I invite you to turn on the searchlight and see if you can find any time or place where I have betrayed the trust confided in me.

R. Q. MILLS.

Mr. Mills' address was a review of the money question and of the tariff issue—rehearsing his participation in the same.

POPULISTS CONFER.

Place and Date for State Convention, Primary and Referendum.

At the meeting of the executive committee of the populist party at Waco on the 11th reports were made as to the condition of the party throughout the state.

Austin was selected as the place for holding the state convention and July 27 fixed as the date.

April 16 was stated as the date for the referendum election, at which time the dates of July 4, 1898, May 26, 1899, and February 22, 1900, will be voted on and the date receiving the greatest number of votes will be the selection of the middle-of-the-road populists of Texas as the time for holding the national populist convention.

May 21 was the date selected for holding the primaries for the purpose of electing delegates to the county conventions and for voting on the proposition suggested in the committee's address to the people, as to whether or not they shall be embodied in the next state platform.

NEGRO COLLECTOR.

White Deputies in Savannah Will Hold Their Jobs.

Savannah, Ga., March 12.—Colonel John Deveaux, the new negro collector of the port, assumes control of the office. There is considerable apprehension as to how the whites will treat him, inasmuch as he is the first negro collector Savannah has ever had.

Deputy Collector Johnson has consented to remain under Deveaux, hence the public will transact most of their business through the white deputy. Members of some of the oldest families in the South are employed in the custom house. They are protected by civil service rules, and decided to swallow their pride and remain.

The Nicaraguan congress has adjourned until August, 1899.

KLONDIKE NEWS.

A General Thaw Has Set In and Crowds Have Started North.

Seattle, Wash., March 9.—Five steamers have arrived from Alaska, the Utopia, Hueneme, Del Norte, Protection and Queen. Two days before the Queen left Skaguay the wind, which had blown from the north continuously for seven weeks, shifted and began to blow from the southwest, causing a general thaw to set in. The change in the weather caused hundreds of people who had been detained by the severe cold to start over the trails from both Skaguay and Dyea, and when the steamer left there was a general exodus from both places. Both trails are reported in good condition.

On the trip down the Queen passed the Cottage City a short distance south of Wrangel Narrows. The latter ship evidently had had trouble, as her bow was smashed in and covered with canvass to keep out the water.

News is brought by the Queen that the ship Corona, which went ashore on a reef off Lewis Island on the morning of the 23d of January, will be raised. New pumps were to be put to work, when it was expected the Corona would be floated.

The ship Lucille, bearing the government party, is slowly wending her way northward in tow of the tug Monarch. She was spoken to by the Queen near Kennedy Island, and reported all well on board.

The most important news brought down was a confirmation of the previous reports that a Canadian official had placed the British flag on what is regarded as American soil and trouble at Skaguay with the longshoremen who objected to Canadians unloading freight from steamers. The presence of the United States troops alone prevented serious trouble.

It is feared serious trouble will grow out of the Canadian's attempt to collect duty on the summits of the White and Chilkoot passes and the Americans will resist the payment on what they consider American ground. Another complication will result from the various tramways which are being constructed to carry freight over the passes. The officials of these tramways are reported to have declared that any interruption of their construction work or any attempt to exercise any right of ownership will be resisted.

It is thought at Dyea and Skaguay that the movement of the American authorities will be to claim sovereignty over those two places. Last summer the boundary line was at Lake Bennett, then at Linderman, and now at the summit of the mountains, which is only about twenty miles from salt water.

Two days before the Queen left Skaguay a general snow set in.

CLAIMED BY CANADA.

Vancouver, B. C., March 9.—Commissioner A. B. Perry of the Northwest mounted police, who returned from Lake Bennett, said:

"I was present when the British flag was hoisted at Summit Lake. The police are collecting duties there. Summit Lake is Canadian territory and is not even disputed by the United States government."

IS AMERICAN TERRITORY.

Seattle, Wash., March 9.—Mr. E. R. Knapp, of Boston, Mass., who arrived here from Skaguay, authorizes the statement that the Canadian authorities raised the British flag on the summit of White Pass on Friday, February 16. This has been considered American territory heretofore.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

The senate passed the Alaskan homestead and railroad right-of-way bill.

The house passed the pension and the diplomatic and consular appropriation bills, and they are now with the president.

A decree from Rome has been received, stating that the United States flag must not be displayed in Catholic churches on any occasion.

The treasury statement shows an available cash balance of 223,412,093 dollars and a gold reserve of 168,412,512 dollars.

The senate amendment to the Indian appropriation bill reviving the "free homestead" policy in relation to lands at present under the control of congress was defeated in the house after a long and vigorous debate by a vote of 99 to 136.

Admiral Sicard wired Secretary Long that the court of inquiry has no idea how long it will be in session. So far the court is said to have discovered no direct evidence as to the cause of the explosion.

THE COUNTRY EDITOR.

A Speech Against the Loud Bill by Champ Clark.

The following is taken from the St. Louis Republic's Washington correspondent:

While the Loud bill, cutting the postal privileges of the country paper was under debate in the house, Congressman Champ Clark made a characteristic speech upon the country editor, his potency in the nation and the need for strengthening his hands wherever possible. Mr. Clark admitted that he is not himself dependent entirely on "the country editor" for reaching his constituents because of the extensive circulation of the St. Louis Republic in every portion of his district. Said Mr. Clark:

"The Republic's daily edition circulates largely, and its semi-weekly edition probably has 15,000 circulation in my district, so that if I were hard pressed and it was a matter of life and death with me, probably through personal friendship the editors of the St. Louis Republic would republish a speech of mine or something favorable in my cause in both the daily and semi-weekly editions of that paper, which would reach ten or fifteen thousand voters in my district. But how many of you gentlemen over on this side are in even as good a situation as that? Not very many because there is no great daily like the St. Louis Republic, circulating so largely in very many districts which we hope to carry, as in mine, because under the late gerrymander in Missouri—a Democratic gerrymander, at that—my district runs from within 50 miles of Iowa, to within 50 miles of Arkansas, extending clear around the city of St. Louis (Laughter).

"Gentleman, you ought to study this thing a little. The gentleman from California (Mr. Loud) is asking you to cut off your nose to spite your face."

Mr. Clark stated his objection to the bill and continued:

"One of the most eminent American preachers said: 'We must educate, we must educate, we must educate or we must perish.'"

"Thomas Jefferson declared that he would rather live in a country with newspapers and without a government than in a country with a government but without newspapers."

"Henry IV, as the high water mark of prosperity for his people, expressed the hope that each family in France might be so well to do that it could have meat for his Christmas dinner."

"If I could have one wish and only one granted for the happiness of the American people and the perpetuity of the Republic it would be to see every voter well enough educated to read his ballot on election day."

"I have once been a country editor myself, I can state a most kindly feeling for my old conferees. I am willing to make affidavit that the eleven months I spent editing a rural journal were the most beneficial of my life to myself, and perhaps to others. I am proud to have belonged to the editorial guild. I am unalterably opposed to anything that will injure the country editor, curtail his profits, circumscribe his usefulness or place an additional thorn in his pathway."

"The rural editor—God bless him!—is the most persistent of teachers. Like charity, as described by St. Paul in the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians, he 'suffereth long and is kind,' which cannot be said of the men who got up this bill. He 'envieth not,' in which he does not resemble some people on this side of the house. He 'vaunteth not himself,' in which he is unlike the leaders on the other side of the house. He 'is not puffed up,' in which he does not resemble a good many of us."

"He does not behave himself unseemly; seeketh not his own; is not easily provoked. In this latter respect he does not at all resemble my friend from California (Mr. Loud) (Laughter)."

"He thinketh no evil,' in which he is vastly superior to a great many of us; 'rejoiceth not in iniquity,' in which he is totally unlike the republicans (laughter); 'out rejoiceth in the truth,' which proves that he is cousin german to the democrats. (Applause.)"

"He beareth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things,' and in that respect he is very much in the predicament of the minority of this house under the Reed rules. (Laughter)."

"He is the packhorse of every community, the promoter of every laudable enterprise, the worst under-paid laborer in the vineyard. Counting his space as his capital, he gives more to charity, his means considered, than any other member of society. He is a power in politics, a pillar in the church, a leader in the crusade for better mor-

als. He is pre-eminently the friend of humanity.

"He joyfully chronicles our advent into this world, briefly notes our uprising and our down sittings and sorrowfully records our exit."

"He is the greatest and most ingenious of manufacturers; for, while others manufacture perishable stuffs, he is engaged in manufacturing immortal statesmen out of raw—sometimes very raw—materials; an industry which even the Dingley tariff cannot protect. He is to our virtues very kind and to our faults a little blind."

The other speakers were Messrs. Bromwell, Rep., of Ohio and Ogden, Dem., of Louisiana, in favor of the measure, and Messrs. Ball, Pop., of Colorado, Simpson, Pop., of Kansas; Brown, Rep., of Ohio, and Lentz, Dem., of Ohio, in opposition to it.

The bill was defeated.

LEAD PRODUCTION.

A Statement Issued by the Geological Survey.

The geological survey has issued a statement showing the total production of lead in the United States in 1897. It shows a total product of pig lead of 289,698 short tons, as compared with 261,395 tons in 1896. This contains soft lead, hard lead and the metal obtained by smelting foreign base bullion and ores in bond.

The production of soft lead obtained from the non-argentiferous ores of Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin by reduction works controlled by the mining companies or by custom smelting works was 42,615 short tons. This does not include the lead obtained from the ores of these districts by desilverizers. The purchasers of the latter have increased largely in recent years. Fullerton shows that the lead contents of ores from these districts aggregate 12,989 tons, so that Missouri, Kansas, Wisconsin and Iowa produced last year 55,684 tons of lead as compared with 51,887 tons in 1896. The total product of desilverized lead during 1897 was 246,983 tons. This includes 8,867 tons of hard lead.

During 1897 there were desilverized in bond 58,154 tons of base bullion. There were also smelted foreign ores containing, according to nearly complete direct returns, 92,553 tons of lead. Of the total imports there were exported, after smelting and refining in bond, 60,654 tons. Returns from the smelters are not complete, so that the geographical distribution of the lead produced from ores mined in the United States cannot yet be reported. A partial report of stocks held in the hands of producers or their agents shows an increase from 9,299 tons to 17,668 tons.—Republic.

Wade Hampton After Miles.

Gen. Wade Hampton of South Carolina, was asked by a press reporter if he would volunteer should war be declared. The general said he would not serve under General Miles, for whom he has a poor regard as a military chieftain.

"Miles," he said, "is a vainglorious fellow. His principal achievements have been in writing books about his campaigns. Then I hold him responsible for having Jefferson Davis put in chains when there was no demand for such action."

"If there is war I advise the people of the South to stay out of it. We are just recovering from the devastation of the civil war, and I think the best place for our men is at home. If the Spanish attempt to invade the South let her sons take up arms and repel them; but we can not afford to be depleted again, and there is no necessity for it."

"I do not pretend to pass upon the cause of the sinking of the Maine. If it is proved an accident we have had our war fever for nothing; but if the ship was blown up by the Spanish, with or without the cognizance of the government, Spain should be made to pay, and the demand should be enforced by the American fleet. Of course, if the Spanish resist the payment war will follow."

"I am strongly opposed to the idea of annexing Cuba. Make her free and stop the Spanish atrocities, but let her maintain her own independent government. We might properly maintain a protectorate, but nothing more."

The Illinois Appellate Court decided that an employe is both a servant and a "vice principal."

Japan has demanded an explicit statement from Russia concerning the occupation of Port Arthur.

STATE CAPITAL NEWS.

The railroad commission delivered to Messrs. Kemp and Lasker \$10,000 of Wichita Falls railway bonds upon the proper showing having been made that the work required as a prerequisite for the delivery of said bonds has been completed.

Several suits have been filed in the district court of Travis county which will test the validity of the office forfeitures of school land that have been declared by the commissioners of the general land office. The decisions in these cases will affect the titles of hundreds of thousands of acres of land in Texas.

Bonds.

Brazos county has redeemed five thousand two hundred dollars of bridge bonds held by the school fund.

The following counties have redeemed bonds held by the school fund as follows: Hardeman \$2009 court house; Croseley, \$1000 court house and jail; Raines, \$1000 court house; Hood, \$2000 court house and \$500 bridge.

Charters.

The charter of the Port Arthur Rice and Irrigation company was filed. Capital stock \$100,000. Purpose, constructing, maintaining and operating dams, reservoirs, lakes, wells, canals, flumes, laterals and other necessary appurtenances for the purpose of irrigation.

Insurance Companies.

The following insurance companies filed their annual statements, paid taxes and were granted permission to do business in Texas during the current year:

The Leon Fire of London, Eng.: Occupation tax \$118.91, office fees \$22, agents' certificates \$32; total \$192.91.

Norwood Fire of New York: Occupation tax \$6.22, office fees \$22, agents' certificates \$11; total \$39.22.

The Fort Wayne Insurance company of Indiana, having a capital stock of \$200,000, filed necessary papers, paid a tax of \$48 and formally entered to do business in Texas.

The populist state convention will be held in Austin July 17.

Trades aggregating \$2,000,000 were consummated during the cattle convention at Fort Worth last week.

Edward R. Meek of Fort Worth has been appointed United States district judge for the Northern District of Texas.

The Weatherford oil mill has closed down after a very prosperous season of nearly six months. During that period the output has been 300,000 gallons of oil, 3000 tons of cotton seed and 3000 tons of hulls.

One of Corsicana's new oil wells became ignited from some unknown cause and shot forth a volume of smoke and flame 100 feet in the air. The well houses and derricks which had not been removed were destroyed. Damage about \$1000.

Galveston's Guns.

Four large mortars, twelve-inch breech-loading, about fifteen feet in length and modern design in every detail, have arrived at Galveston. There were two box cars with powder and other war material accompanying these guns. Patriotic inscriptions adorned the sides of the mortars, such as "On to Havana," "Cuter, Lee coming," "If McKinley won't fight we will" and "We want war."

Japan has warned Russia that if the latter retains Port Arthur Japan will retain Wei Hai Wei and the islands adjacent.

Andrew Carnegie has written to the Iron Trade Review that the United States should lead the world in ship building.

Major General William S. Rosecrans of the United States army, died at Lee's Angle on the 11th inst. During the late war General Rosecrans held several important commands. He was with McClellan in West Virginia, and on the 11th assumed command of the Army of the Potomac, he was placed in command of the army of West Virginia, and fought several hard battles, among which was the battle of Gauley's Bridge. He was then transferred to the Army of the Cumberland and fought the battle of Stone River. He was in command of the Union forces at Chickamauga, and was removed from the command for the loss of that battle. He was 79 years of age at the time of his death. He was a devout Catholic.

MARTIN ACQUITTED.

Jury in the Martin Case Returned a Verdict of Not Guilty.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., March 10.—The jury in the case of Sheriff Martin and his deputies, charged with killing strikers at Lattimer, on September 10 last, returned a verdict of not guilty.

The jury was polled and each juror answered, "Not guilty," as his name was called.

There was an attempt to applause, but it was quickly suppressed by the judge.

When the jury retired they took only one ballot and it was unanimous for acquittal. It is said the jury was prepared for the verdict before leaving the box. After the jury had been thanked and discharged by Judge Woodward District Attorney Martin asked that the defendants be required to continue their bail bond, as there were still seventeen indictments for murder hanging over them and thirty-eight for feloniously wounding men. The bond was continued.

District Attorney Martin says he has not decided what to do with these other cases. The prosecution committee, it is said, will insist upon further prosecution.

Conscience Money Paid In.

Louisville, Ky., March 8.—"Received of unknown parties the sum of \$2,400 alleged by them to be due the United States government as taxes on whisky in bond in 1863 in the state of Kentucky, said taxes being withheld by said unknown parties at the time.

CHAS. E. SAPP, Collector of internal revenue, fifth Kentucky district, March 4, 1898." This receipt was given an unknown man by Collector Sapp after the stranger had counted out \$2,400 in gold. It was conscience money. The stranger explained himself to Collector Sapp as follows.

"I represent parties now living in a distant state. In 1863 they lived in Kentucky and defrauded the government out of considerable money in whisky taxes. How it was done makes no difference to

you. The parties I represent are conscience stricken; they want to return the money with interest. Will you give me a receipt for the money if I pay it over to you?"

Collector Sapp was of course willing to give a receipt and accept the money. Later he wired the department at Washington of his unusual collection.

GOMPERS' VIEWS.

Samuel Gompers, president of the Federation of Labor, is quoted as saying: "I am in no way surprised at this decision. I had predicted it from the first. The result could not be surprising to any one who had followed the case and knew how it was presented to the court. The sheriff and deputies were the hirelings of the combined influences of the mining corporations.

"Judge Woodford himself, through his family, is so connected that any closing of the mines meant to him a loss of a considerable part of his income. Under these circumstances the results reached could not fail to be manifestly unfair. The companies, sheriff and the judge and counsel for the defense seemed moved by one motive—that this verdict should show that workers have no rights which corporations are bound to respect, and that their mercenaries have the right, if necessary to take even human life at their employers' caprice, especially when that life belongs to a foreign worker."

Cyclones Work.

At Ganado, Texas, it is reported, that about 11 o'clock Sunday night, a cyclone struck about three miles south of that place, completely tearing up the house of W. M. Dotson, killing his wife by breaking her neck and killing their son, 10 years old. The thigh of an 8-year-old son was broken. The collar bone of Arthur, another son, was broken. Mr. Dotson is seriously injured, if not fatally.

J. F. Winn's house was unroofed. The house of J. T. Backly is reported torn up. Old settlers say this the only disastrous cyclone that ever struck this part of Jackson county.

Look out for equinox storms.

IMPORTANT DECISIONS.

Court of Criminal Appeals Decides Local Option Cases.

At Dallas the Tom Fields case from Parker county was dismissed by the court of criminal appeals. The court holds that when a precinct and county election are held on the same day and the county goes dry and the precinct wet that the county governs and local option prevails in the precinct carried by the vote. On the other hand, if the county goes wet and the precinct dry then the precinct governs. This ruling was made in the Fields case, and it is the law of the land. It will be received with delight by the cold-water people.

Another local option decision was that of the state vs. Ben Decker, from Johnson county. A few years ago the local option people carried the county. Two years later another election was ordered and again the wets were outvoted and the dries were victorious. The commissioners' court refused to publish an order declaring the result of the election. The wets held that until the order was published the local option law was not in force. Ben Decker tested the law. The court holds that there was no necessity for the commissioners' court to publish the result of the second election, as the law was and is in force.

Waters-Pierce Oil Case.

In the court of civil appeals at Austin, the case of the Waters-Pierce Oil company vs. the state has been affirmed, thus deciding in favor of the state. The history of the case is about as follows: It will be remembered that the attorney general in the district court of Travis county some time ago prayed for an injunction to stop the Waters-Pierce Oil Company from doing business in Texas in violation of the anti-trust statutes, i. e., by their practice of controlling the price of oil and fixing it at prices that will drive out competition, etc. The state won the case and now it wins again.

St. James Hotel, Dallas, Texas.

LATE TEXAS NEWS.

The total enrollment in the public schools in Sherman is 1752.

Celeste, Hunt county, has decided by a vote of 113 to 39 to incorporate.

The Georgetown precinct has again voted local option—giving a majority of 400.

Four tramps were killed by coal gas in a refrigerator car at Fort Worth. They made a fire in the car.

A three week's old waif was left on a table in the police department at Dallas at an early hour the other day.

J. O. Logan, of Sweetwater, is putting 5000 sheep on feed at Weatherford and Denton.

Pink Barnes, the man who killed Abe Nichols, the superintendent of the Dallas cotton mills in 1894, has been acquitted.

Hon. E. G. Bower, ex-county judge of Dallas county, has announced for mayor of Dallas. Judge Bower is an old confederate veteran.

It is said that many families are refugeeing from Columbus owing to the smallpox scare there. A case is said to have developed in the heart of the town.

The county commissioners of Travis county took an inventory of the county's finances the other day and found \$61,782 to the credit of the various funds.

War rumors doesn't affect Cupid over at Tyler. Since the 5th of January 79 marriage licenses have been issued there—a large increase over last year.

The Sons of Veterans are making efforts to build a national military college at Waco. The move will come up at the Omaha encampment of the National G. A. R. Relief Corps and Sons of Veterans next September.

Jim Nite, charged with the murder of two prominent citizens at Longview in his participation in the bank robbery there in 1895, is now on trial at Tyler.

An anonymous letter at Laredo gives details of a plot to blow up the town in case of war with Spain.

STATE NOTES.

Strawn Coal Mining Company of Fort Worth has filed a charter. Capital stock \$100,000.

The Texas Republican, a newspaper formerly published at Greenville, is to be issued from Dallas.

The adjutant-general's department received applications from twelve new companies Saturday to become part of the State Volunteer Guard in anticipation of war with Spain. They promise to muster 60 men each. Their applications cannot be considered, as the state has no guns with which to arm them.

It is said that one of the largest, if not the largest, flock of black-birds ever seen in Texas passed over Rockdale one afternoon last week. They were south bound and were two hours in passing over the town. The length of the flock was estimated at from fifteen to twenty-five miles. Hundreds of people watched their passage.

J. V. H. Chapman, postmaster at Farmerville, committed suicide by blowing his brains out with a sixshooter. In the forenoon he took a drive into the country. Returning at 2 p. m. he entered his room, and removing his coat asked his little son to go out. He took a seat in a chair and placed the muzzle of the pistol to his temple, and died in that posture. He left a letter, the contents of which has not been given out. He was in good health and in the prime of life. His family, a widow and several children, are bowed with grief.

Eighty cowboys of Beaver county, Oklahoma, once No Man's Land, have organized to assist their country if war come.

Henry R. Jamieson, of the Midland district, is preparing to make a shipment of 500 fat steers to New York by way of Galveston.

A dispatch from Peking to the Berlin Tageblatt says that China has agreed to lease Port Arthur and Ta Lai Wan to Russia for 99 years.

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INCOME.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
Received for Premiums.....	\$42,693,201 99	To Policy-holders for Claims by Death.....	\$13,279,630 66
From all other Sources.....	11,469,406 24	To Policy-holders for Endowments, Dividends, etc.....	12,712,424 76
	\$54,162,608 23	For all other accounts.....	10,132,005 57
			\$36,124,060 99
Assets, \$253,786,437.66.	Surplus, \$35,508,194.59.	Insurance in Force \$936,634,496.63.	

Reserve according to the Standard of the State of New York \$218,278,243.07.

GAINS IN 1897:

Gained in Assets.....	\$19,042,286 24	Gain in Premium Income.....	\$3,099,787 79
Gained in Surplus.....	5,674,779 42	Gain in Total Income.....	4,459,912 96

Paid to Policy Holders in 1897 26 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.

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Has paid to Living Members.....	\$271,671,876 29	It holds for the security of its present members.....	\$253,786,437 66
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Total of.....	\$462,997,502 71		

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Decision on the Test.
Mexico, Texas, Feb. 25.—The following was to-day given out: Hon. W. A. Bramlette, democratic county chairman of Fannin county, Bonham, Texas:

Dear Sir: Yours of February 23 received requesting an official opinion and expression in regard to the "test" resolution adopted by the state executive committee at its meeting held February 22. You ask whether said resolution is mandatory and binding upon the state and if said "test" must be adopted by the party in each county in order to be recognized as regular under democratic usage at the coming state convention. I answer that the action of the state committee upon this matter can only operate as a recommendation, not as a command. It is an expression of said committee as to the rule and policy which should be adopted and pursued by the party in holding primaries, and is advisory not mandatory. The right of local self government is one of the well established doctrines of democracy and has always been recognized and sustained by democratic state conventions where the question has been presented.

In giving this opinion I desire to say that while I did not approve, and vigorously opposed the adopted of said "test" resolution by the executive committee, as unwise, yet I, as state chairman, accept same as an official expression of party policy and it becomes my duty as a good democrat to request compliance therewith by the various county committees of the state.
J. W. BLAKE,
Chairman State Dem. Ex. Com.

W. D. Craig, Cashier.
J. T. Norman, Ass't. Cashier

An Advertising Story.
The following story of the mayor of Falaise is related by the Houston Herald:

It was dark in the streets of Falaise.
The mayor ordered that every citizen should hang a lantern on the front of his door.
But still the streets were no lighter.
Then the mayor swore an oath and issued a proclamation that the citizens should put candles in the lanterns.
And still the streets were no lighter.
Then the mayor swore a great oath and issued a proclamation that the citizens should light the candles.
Then the streets were lighter.
A man once wished to make money.
He secured a good store.
He secured good clerks.
He secured good goods.
He made no money.
Then he turned on his store the light of newspaper advertisement and the people know he was in business and why. He kept them in the dark no longer.
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A syndicate of Western editors offered a prize of \$1,000 for the best appeal poem to newspaper subscribers to pay up their subscriptions. The editor of the Rocky Mountain Call was awarded the prize for the following touching poem:

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Honest men won't stand a chance.
The more we work there grow behind us
Bigger patches on our pants.
On our pants, once new and glossy,
Now are stripes of different hue,
All because subscribers linger,
And won't pay us what is due.
Then let us all be up and doing,
Send your mite, however small,
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