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Farmer Items.

The election last Saturday passed off very quietly.

The meeting at the Baptist church is progressing nicely. Elds. J. F. Killman and McDowell and wife came in Monday to assist in the meeting.

Mr. Paschal, Em Payne and A. C. Neely all Olney were here Monday.

Mrs. A. E. Oatman is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. C. F. Cates and Mrs. John Garvey were here shopping Monday.

W. M. Kennedy, John Groves, Mr. James and Mr. Bailey passed through Farmer on their way home Tuesday.

Edly Pritchett and Willie Gegg, two of our promising young men, returned home the first part of the week. Willie said he had a jolly time, but was very anxious to get home.

Mr. and Mrs. Seafeld have been attending the meeting here.

Rev. and Mrs. Ford have gone to Mineral Wells this week.

Joe Peters came home on a visit last week accompanied by a lovely bride. He says crops are fine in Parker county.

L. N. Hawkins will start soon to Fisher county with a bunch of horses.

J. B. Golston of Archer county was here Wednesday at church.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Walker were visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Wilson Wednesday. DEW DROP.

If W. J. Bryan was prompted to offer his services for the protection of the peace and welfare of this government by any selfish motive, as some Republican organs claim, he is to be complimented all the more on his timely forethought and patriotism in the hour of need.

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Westward Bound.

Westward the star of empire takes its way!

The United States have just pushed their Western outposts about 2400 miles beyond San Francisco towards Asia, and the fact is doubtless to exert a wonderful influence on the future policies of this country.

The vote in both the senate and house on the resolutions annexing Hawaiian Islands showed an overwhelming sentiment in congress in favor of the extension of our territory. Whether this same majority will be found indorsing still further expansion, can not now be said, but it is more than probable that it would respond to a call for unfurling our flag in permanent dominion over any other islands the administration might take a fancy to absorb.

The first step, at any rate, has been taken in our territorial possessions beyond the boundaries of the United States proper. Where the march will stop only the future can tell.

In view of the fact that Hawaii is now virtually a part of the great American Republic it is interesting to speculate as to some of the immediate results and inquire into the extent and character of our new possessions. There are fifteen islands in the Hawaiian group, with a combined area slightly larger than that of Connecticut and Rhode Island, or about 6600 square miles. Eight of the islands are inhabited, the total population being 109,000. Some 40,000 of the inhabitants are natives, 40,000 more are Chinese and Japanese, about 15,000 or 20,000 are Portuguese, while the whites number possibly 10,000. Of the latter the Americans or descendants of Americans number some 4000, the others being English, German and Norwegians. This element overthrew the native monarchy and controls the islands, the American influence being paramount.

One of the first effects of annexation will be the laying of a cable to Honolulu. We could not afford to maintain an outpost 2400 miles from our coasts with-

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out wire communication. They must follow fortifications on a large scale, a naval dock, harbor improvements and a guard fleet. These things will cost some millions and in addition we assume \$4,000,000 of the Hawaiian debt.

Whether this territory, with its supposed strategic value, is worth this immense cost remains to be seen. Commercially we can hope for but few additional advantages or profits, as we now enjoy 98 per cent of the foreign trade of the islands.

The effects in Hawaii will be marked, however. The sugar stocks of the island companies have already gone up, real estate will boom and properties and business of all kinds be improved. On one side there is no question that a great bargain has been driven.

But, after all, the greatest and most interesting question arising from the consummation of this scheme is whether it is the signal gun announcing the approach of the imperial policy of territorial expansion? It looks decidedly that way.—Houston Post.

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HOBSON'S STORY.

Tells of Their Daring Deeds in Sinking the Merrimac.

Hobson and his crew, who were exchanged last Friday, are now with Admiral Sampson on the flagship New York. A Santiago dispatch to the New York Herald says:

The correspondent saw Hobson after he made his report to Admiral Sampson. He spoke in glowing terms of the courage and bravery of his crew.

"We have been 33 days in the Spanish prison," said Hobson, "and the more I think about it the more marvelous it seems that we are alive. It was 3 o'clock in the morning when the Merrimac entered the narrow channel and steamed under the guns of Morro. The stillness of death prevailed. It was so dark we could scarcely see the headland. We had planned to drop the starboard anchor at a certain point in the right of the channel, reverse the engines, and then swing the Merrimac around, sinking her directly across the channel. This plan was adhered to, but the circumstances rendered its execution impossible. When the Merrimac poked her nose in the channel our troubles commenced. The deadly silence was broken by the wash of a small boat approaching us from the shore. I made her out a picket boat. She ran close up under the stern of the Merrimac and fired several shots from what seemed to be a three pounder gun. The Merrimac's rudder was shot away by this fire. That is why the collier was not sunk across the channel. The run up the channel was very exciting. The picket boat had given the alarm and in a moment the guns of the Vizcaya, Almirante Oquendo and the shore batteries turned on us. The submarine torpedoes all around were exploded about us and caused great excitement. The mines did no damage, although we could hear the rumble and feel the ship tremble. We were running without lights and only the darkness saved us from utter destruction. When the ship was in the desired position and we found the rudder gone I called the men on deck. While they were launching the catamaran I touched off the explosives. At the same moment two torpedoes, fitted by the Reina Mercedes struck the Merrimac amidship. I can not say whether our own explosives or the Spanish torpedoes did the work, but the Merrimac was lifted out of the water and almost rent asunder. As she settled down we scrambled overboard and cut the catamaran.

"We attempted to get out of the harbor on the catamaran, but the strong tide running at daylight found us still struggling in the water. Then, for the first time, the Spaniards saw us, and a boat from the Reina Mercedes picked us up. In Morro we were confined in cells in the inner side of the fortress and were there the first day the fleet bombarded Morro. After this bombardment, Ramsden, the British consul, protested and we were received at the hospital.

"As for myself, there is little to say. The Spanish were not disposed to do much for the comfort of any of the prisoners at first, but after our army had taken some of their men prisoners their treatment was better. Food is scarce in the city, and I was told that we fared better than the Spanish officers."

The Exchange.

With the Army of Invasion, July 8.—Lieut. Hobson and his seven comrades have been exchanged for Spanish prisoners and are now the idols of the whole army. They were brought into the American line with bands playing and amid the exultant cheers of thousands of soldiers. At 2 o'clock the prisoners to be exchanged left our lines in charge of Lieut. Neeley and moved 400 yards down the line towards Santiago, where the Spaniards having Hobson in charge were met.

An hour's talk was necessary before the negotiations were completed, and then the Americans came back. When Hobson's uniform was recognized the cheering began which never ended until Hobson had reached the New York. The march to Shafter's headquarters was a triumphant procession.

Cervera's Reproach to Blanco.

Before leaving Santiago, Cuba, for the United States, Admiral Cervera, by the courtesy of the United States authorities cabled the following dispatch to Captain General Blanco:

"To the commanding general of Havana: Acting on your instructions, I left Santiago de Cuba and encountered a force three times the strength of mine. The Infanta Maria Teresa, the Almirante Oquendo and the Vizcaya were beached and burned. According to an American report the for Cuban and the Colon was beached further west of Santiago. The Pluton and Furor foundered. The men behaved so bravely that they won praise from the Americans. About 600 were killed, and a large number were wounded. The rest were taken prisoners. All is lost and we need money. Villamil was killed, and probably Lazaya, Concas and Eulate were wounded."

MAIN IS REMEMBERED.

The following is a list of the Spanish vessels destroyed by the Americans: Cristobal Colon, Almirante Oquendo, Vizcaya, Infanta Maria Teresa, Pluton, Furor, Reina Cristina, Alphonso XIII, Don Juan de Austria, El Correo, Cuba, Espana, Isla de Luzon, Castilla, Isla de Cuba, Velasco, Isla de Mindanao, Antonio de Ulloa, Marquis de Duro, Gen. Lezo, Villabolas, Guardiano, Reina Mercedes.

Spain's Naval Losses.

New York, July 10.—A special cable dispatch from Madrid says: I obtained from a competent naval source the following statement of the naval situation so far as Spain is concerned:

"We lost at Manila vessels worth \$5,000,000.

"At Santiago we lost vessels worth \$18,000,000.

"Our fleet under Admiral Camara must come home because it really consists of only two war vessels, the Pelayo and the Carlos V and these fore could not cope with Admiral Dewey after the arrival of American reinforcements.

"Our torpedo boat destroyers have proved worthless against battleships and cruisers properly handled.

"We have at home no available naval force ready."

SPANISH OFFICERS ARRESTED

They were Enlisting Mexican Raiders to Invade Texas.

Washington, July 10.—Capt. Luis Manene and Lieut. Frederico Muniategia, both of the Spanish army, and former passengers on the Norwegian steamer Bergen, have been arrested by officers of the Mexican secret service by order of the minister of affairs, and are imprisoned in the City of Mexico. They were sent to Mexico direct from Havana by Blanco to organize Spanish sympathizers there for an invasion of Texas. The object of the invasion was principally to draw as much of the United States army there as possible. The two officers were over zealous in their work, and their incendiary speeches soon attracted the attention of the Mexican officials. When arrested they had succeeded in enlisting about 500 Mexicans and Spaniards in the enterprise, and were proceeding with the formation of the army of invasion.

MAY BOMBARD HAVANA.

Blanco Notified to Haul Down the Spanish Flag or the Ball Begins.

Washington, July 11.—The report that Commodore Howell has notified Blanco that if within four days he does not haul down the Spanish flag and prepare to evacuate Havana, the harbor defenses will be bombarded was neither affirmed nor denied at the navy department.

It may be assumed, however, that Commodore Howell delivered that or a similar message to Blanco.

It is a part of the general system of terrorizing which is to be inaugurated along the Cuban coast.

Blanco is hard pressed for food, his supplies from Jamaica via Cienfuegos have been cut off and half of the population in Cuba are thoroughly sick of the war and desire a resumption of business and normal conditions.

Blanco and his soldiers for months have been awaiting the attack in a distressing state of alarm and expectancy.

Commodore Howell has in his blockading fleet the three monitors, Terror, Amphitrite and Puritan, and expects in a few days the addition the monitor Miantonomach and the ram Katahdin. He can push these monitors to within a mile of the shore and even into Havana harbor itself, without injuring them, presenting as they do only curved surfaces slightly above the water line.

If Santiago is disposed of within the next 48 hours Sampson could send a large part of his fleet as a reinforcement to Howell. The sea attack on Havana could then go on most effectively.

Admiral Villamil, who commanded the Vizcaya in the dash from the harbor of Santiago, died of his wounds.

The New York Journal has published a Cuban edition at Siboney—the first American newspaper published on Cuban soil.

MERRITT'S STRANGE COMMAND.

Anomalies of the Department Which Has Been Created for Him.

"An anomalous department has been constituted for Gen. Merritt," said an army officer on Governor's island, "and he is on his way to it now. The common impression, even among army officers, is that his assignment to command the department of the Pacific meant that he would have the Pacific states as well as any territory acquired in the Philippines in his command. But it is not so. The department of California, including the states bordering upon the Pacific ocean, remains under the charge of Gen. Merriam. Gen. Merritt is in command of a department yet to be. It is beyond the three-mile limit of territorial jurisdiction along the shores of our country, and is, in fact, an island empire. Until he takes possession of Manila, or some other part of the island of Luzon, Gen. Merritt's command is restricted to the decks of the vessels carrying him and his troops to the other side of the world, 10,000 miles away from New York. His department may not only take in the 2000 islands in the Philippine group, but the Caroline Islands, and any other Spanish possessions which we may seize, and would also include Hawaii, if we could annex that part of the world.

"As governor general, Merritt will possess absolute, supreme and unquestioned authority in his department, and can proclaim and maintain martial law, and his orders will have to be obeyed. His quartermaster will be a quartermaster general, and will not have to consult Washington about any matters, as there will be no time to transmit and receive orders until we have a Pacific cable to Manila. It is of the utmost importance that the best men who can be secured shall be detailed to the work involved in this taking possession of a new land by the right of conquest, and attempting to civilize and enlighten a semi-barbarous people, accustomed only to the refined cruelties of an administration responsible to an effete monarchy. The task of Gen. Merritt and his associates will be no easy one, but on the other hand, see the splendid opportunities offered in this new dominion for able men to carry out their own ideas and impress themselves upon the development of a new republic in the far eastern seas, where the bulk of the world's population remains to be brought up to the level of modern civilization! The subject is one worthy of deep consideration and there is an opportunity in it which comes to few men in these closing days of the nineteenth century. In the next century the progress of the world westward may cross the Pacific, just as in the last two centuries it has crossed the Atlantic.—New York Sun.

Expert to go the Philippines.

Washington, July 11.—A significant indication of the interest taken by the government in the Philippines was afforded by the departure for San Francisco of Prof. George F. Becker, of the geological survey. He goes under orders to proceed from San Francisco to the Philippines and to make a general survey of the islands, their geographical conditions and mineral resources. Prof. Becker is one of the ablest scientists in the employ of the government, is a graduate of Harvard university, and is well known in Washington. He was employed a few years ago by some of the big London mining companies to visit Transvaal and report upon the gold mines of that section. It is expected that he will give some attention while in the Philippines to the reports of the gold mines in the interior, but will give his time chiefly to survey of the size and soil characteristics of the islands.

This is a big contract for a single individual, and cannot be carried out with scientific precision within a short time, but it is thought by the administration that the services of a man trained to observation in such matters will be of high value, and will result in some important information for the use of the executive and of congress. Prof. Becker probably will confine his observations at first mainly to the island of Luzon, but may find time to visit some of the other important islands if the sovereignty of the United States is complete over them.

That Admiral Sampson's report to the navy department of the destruction of Cervera's fleet makes 12,000 words.

SPAIN SEEKING PEACE.

French Ambassador Has a Conference with the President.

Washington, July 11.—Confirmation was given today to the mystery of Saturday—that Spain had asked for terms of peace. M. Jules Cambon, the French ambassador, called on President McKinley and was closeted with him for nearly an hour.

The strictest secrecy is maintained at the executive mansion concerning the subject under discussion between the president and Spain's next best friend, Ambassador Cambon.

The visit of the French ambassador to the White House was of such an unusual character that it is believed the president was asked on what terms peace could be secured.

In diplomatic circles it is admitted that the subject of the greatest importance to Spain was discussed, but diplomatic honor requires a discreet silence for the time being at least.

It was broadly intimated, though, that Saturday's story was correct in its essential features.

It is said that M. Cambon asked the president what he would do if a representative of Spain, properly accredited, should offer to yield Cuba directly to the United States, give up Porto Rico, pay an indemnity, providing the United States would withdraw all claims to the Philippines and the Ladrone islands.

The president, it is said, answered as diplomatically as possible: "When such a representative makes such a proposition to me, through proper diplomatic channels, I will answer him."

The president is reported to have further told M. Cambon that Spain must make a definite proposition looking to peace. It must come from Spain first and directly. Thereupon M. Cambon asked what reception the following terms would have:

The return of the Philippine and Ladrone islands.

The granting of independence to Cuba.

The temporary occupation of Porto Rico by the United States.

The Cubans to assume a portion of the Cuban bonded debt.

The payment of an indemnity, the amount to be fixed by an international council of arbitration.

The president told the French ambassador that the only terms to which the United States would agree as a basis of peace were:

Cuban independence, free and absolute.

The permanent occupation of Porto Rico by the United States.

The occupation by the United States of the Philippines and Ladrone islands for an indefinite period.

Spain to pay a war indemnity and the amount to be decided by the United States.

It is further said that M. Cambon in reply intimated that Spain might regard these terms as quite harsh and decline to accede to them.

The diplomatic ice being broken, however, the subject was discussed somewhat in detail and the French ambassador told the President that the Spanish cabinet would be informed of the feeling of the United States in the matter.

A close friend of President McKinley said that the visit of the French ambassador was brought about by the proposed descent on the Spanish coast of Commodore Watson's fleet. Spain feels assured that the sailing of this fleet is not a myth and that it is better to sue for peace now than after some of her cities have been laid in ashes. He further said that there was no intention on the part of the administration to give up anything the country had secured by this war and that the feeling was very strong that a few shells should be hurled into the cities of Spain themselves. Before calling at the White House Mr. Cambon paid a visit to the state department and made formal application for permission for the Spanish officers now prisoners to receive money and letters from their friends in Spain. The permission was granted.

The Demands.

Madrid, July 11, 10 p. m.—It is ascertained that the United States makes the following demands as conditions of peace:

1. The possession of Cuba and Porto Rico, with a port in the Canaries.

2. An indemnity of £48,000,000 or about \$240,000,000.

3. The retention of the Philippines as a guarantee of the payment of the indemnity.

These terms are regarded as impossible.

The Oregon is the only one of the American fleet that had the honor of firing upon every Spanish ship that passed out the Santiago harbor. She was the effective ship in the conflict.

FED THE FAMISHED CROWD.

Twelve Hundred Watermelons from Texas at the Omaha Exposition.

The celebration of Texas melon day by the distribution of a carload of the succulent fruit afforded a vast amount of amusement to a big crowd on the Bluff tract, aside from the more material purpose that it served of filling several hundred apparently limitless capacities with the luscious fruit. The distribution occurred at the north entrance of the horticultural building, just after 4 o'clock and was preceded by short speeches by members of the Texas commission. It was one of the events that was enjoyable, not only in its realization, but in the anticipations of a large proportion of the visitors. All day long people wandered in and out of the horticultural building, casting longing eyes at the pile of big melons. The majority contented themselves with simply standing around and feasting their eyes on the fresh and cool looking fruit, but some rustled up courage and tried to work all kinds of bluffs on the three guards who were stationed beside the melons. The favorite was one about having to take a train early in the afternoon and "we can't be here when the melons are distributed, so we would like to take one with us to eat on the train." The attaches of the various buildings about the grounds sent messengers to bring them one or more melons, and some of the people connected with some of the concessions told "raw" stories about being sent for a melon. One of the latter was a cowboy from one of the amusement concessions. He told a long story about having been sent after "a melon" by the manager of the concession. After sizing up the hungry appearance of the alleged messenger and calculating how far one melon would go among sixty men and women, the guards gave the applicant the cold shoulder.

By 4 o'clock there was a crowd of several hundred people in front of the building, which included every darkey and small boy on the grounds. President Coleman, of the Superintendent's association, briefly told the crowd how the feast came to be provided. He briefly cited the history of the Trans-Mississippi Fruit Festival association and stated that this was the beginning of the celebrations that would be given through the summer. When peaches were ripe there would be a peach day which would be followed by a plum day and an apple day and a sufficient supply of fruit had been pledged to supply the multitude on each occasion.

Commissioner Leopold Cahn, of Beaville, and M. G. Kenney, of Yorkum, spoke briefly in behalf of the Texas commission. They declared that the material for the feast was indicative of the resources of Texas and that later in the season they expected to be able to provide other material for the delectation of the exposition public. Then a dozen hired men went to work on the melon heap with their huge knives and the feast began. There were some symptoms of a panic during the first rush, but the guards kept the crowd in a passable degree of order, and eventually anyone who wanted a slice of the fruit succeeded in getting it. But when this was accomplished 1200 big melons had disappeared.

When the people of the Old Plantation were eating breakfast it occurred to Manager McConnell that a melon feast was the order of the day and jokingly remarked to one of the boys, "Henry, I understand they are going to distribute a lot of watermelons today and I am going to bet that you can get outside of eight melons. Do you think you can do it?"

Henry's eyes rolled up until nothing but the glistening whites were visible and he uttered a gasp which came from the bottom of his heart. The other darkeys snatched their lips with delight as their mouths watered at the thought of the juicy fruit.

"Foh de Lawd, Mistah McConnell," exclaimed Henry as his face fairly shone with delight, "I don't know as I kin eat eight ob dem melons, but I tink I kin git away wid about six. I'se bin kinder poorly for de las' week and I can't eat much, nohow."—Omaha Bee.

The expert stamper at the Dallas postoffice kicked the colored janitor of the building. Instead of going before an ordinary justice for an ordinary assault, he was taken before commissioner Lednau and held under bond to await action of federal grand jury. He was on Uncle Sam's main.

Texas can beat the world, this year in melons of all kinds.

APPALLING OCEAN DISASTER

French Liner Bourgogne Sunk in a Collision With the Cromartyshire.

OVER FIVE HUNDRED LIVES LOST.

A Chapter of Horrors Related in the Struggle for Self-Preservation.

Halifax, N. S., July 7.—In one of the thick fogs, which at this time of the year hang like a pall over the Grand banks and Sable island, in the North ocean, in the early morning of July 4 one of the most appalling ocean disasters in the annals of trans Atlantic commerce, and in fact in the history of steam sailing of the world, occurred. Without a moment's warning almost, the great French liner La Bourgogne, with 725 souls on board, was run down by the iron sailing ship Cromartyshire and sank within half an hour, carrying with her to the ocean's bottom over 500 of her passengers and crew, while the balance who were not drowned by the fearful suction, struggled and fought for life, until 163 were at length rescued by the crew of the Cromartyshire, which ship survived the collision.

The story of the fearful disaster from the few officers and members of the crew who were saved, is yet to be told, but if the words of the passengers who were dragged aboard the Cromartyshire and later brought into this port by the steamer Grecian, are to be believed, the last few minutes on board the Bourgogne witnessed some of the most terrible scenes of horror and cruelty that have blotted the history of a civilized race.

Instead of the heroic discipline which so often has been the one bright feature of such awful moments, the crew of the steamer fought like demons for the few life boats and rafts, battering the helpless passengers away from their only means of salvation, with the result that the strong overcame the weak, and the list of 163 saved contains the name of but one woman.

The disaster occurred at 5 o'clock in the morning, July 4 about sixty miles

south Sable Islands, which lies nearly 100 miles of this port.

La Bourgogne was bound for Havre, France, and the Cromartyshire was on her way over from Glasgow with a crew of fifty men. Although the trans-Atlantic steamers all have a definite course, La Bourgogne was by all accounts forty miles or more to the north of this line. The fog was very dense and the Cromartyshire was sailing along with spread canvas and blowing the fog horn.

Suddenly out of the fog rushed a fleet steamer and in a moment there was a fearful crash, the iron prow of the ship plunging into the port side of the steamer just under the bridge.

The shock was terrific and tore a tremendous hole in the steamer while the entire bow of the ship was demolished. The steamer plunged on into the fog, her whistle crying for help and her rockets signaling her distress.

The Cromartyshire was rounded to and her master, Capt. Henderson, was considerably relieved in finding that she was in no danger of sinking.

Off to the eastward could be heard the hoarse call of the steamer and as the fog began to lift the boats on the ships were launched. The misty curtain went up in an hour, giving a clear view for miles and then it was that those on the Cromartyshire realized the fearful struggle.

On board La Bourgogne the collision had come so suddenly and at such a time that few besides her crew were on deck, but the shock aroused nearly every one and within a few minutes the decks were crowded. At first it seemed as if there was some attempt at discipline. A few of the boats were swung off and some of the passengers allowed to get into them. But as the steamer began to settle and list to port the officers lost control of the crew and a panic ensued.

The passengers and crew fought for the boats and life rafts. The strong battered down the weak, the women and children being pushed far away from any hope of rescue. Fists, oars even knives were used by some of the demons to keep their places.

The officers seemed to have been powerless before their own men and only four were saved. The fight for life on the decks of the steamer did not last long, for in half an hour she gave a long lurch to port and went down.

As the ship sank beneath the surface the vortex of the waters sucked down everybody on the surface within radius. When the suction ceased those still alive saw about 200 bodies come out of the water with a rush, as if the sea were giving up the dead after having swallowed the ship. But the struggle for life still continued after the ship went down.

Hundreds still floated about, grasping for rafts, boats and wreckage in a frantic endeavor to keep above water. Even then many of those in the boats, if the stories told are true, showed their brutality by beating off those who attempted to climb aboard.

By this time the small boats of the Cromartyshire had come up and the work of rescue began.

The crew of the ship worked heroically and saved every one who was above water, but even then scores fell away from boats, rafts and wreckage, exhausted and were drowned.

It was all over in an hour, although for some time after great pieces of wreckage came shooting up from the bottom, marking the spot where the great liner had gone down.

But little attempt was made to recover the bodies of any of the ill-fated passengers and crew, and the battered bulk at the bottom of the ocean will probably remain there.

In the afternoon the Grecian was sighted coming in from the westward and a few hours afterward the Cromartyshire was taken in tow and arrived here this morning.

Strangely enough Mr. La Caze, the only man of the saloon and cabin passengers who survived, while his wife is the only woman of 200 of the first class, but of all classes, who escaped.

Matteo Zugich, a Norwegian, said it did not appear to be anybody's duty to look after the launching of the boats.

The steamer slowly settled down by the stern and starboard side and the water advancing gradually drove the people forward.

Finally men, women and children were walking about on the port bow. The stern was deep in the water and the bow in the air. The ship gave a great plunge and hundreds of people were in the water grabbing at broken oars, bits of canvas, etc., and struggling madly. Zugich caught a raft on which he climbed. He says that had the boats been launched as soon as the steamer struck several hundred who perished would have been saved.

Fred Niffler, a Swede, lost his sweet

heart through the boats not being cut away. The girl had on a life belt, but the suction of the sinking ship was too powerful. He and the young woman got into a boat with many others, waiting for the sailors to launch it. The boat was finally capsized and the girl was lost.

Niffler climbed into a crowded life raft, which upset and five were drowned. The others climbed upon the raft safely then.

Among the survivors are a small party of Assyrians and Armenians. There were fifty Assyrians in the party when it left New York. All but eight perished.

Only one of thirteen Armenians survived. He tells a sorrowful tale of the drowning of an Armenian priest and his family with him, who were in a boat with thirty others. When the end was certain and the boat was abandoned to its fate by the crew who made no effort to launch it, the priest stood up and with uplifted hands prayed aloud.

Several French priests stood on the deck during the sinking of the steamer without making any effort to save themselves and gave absolution to a large crowd of passengers.

Some of the scenes enacted just after the collision were terrible to witness. Men fought for positions in the boats like raving maniacs, women were forced back from the boats and trampled by men, who made self-preservation their first object.

On board were a large number of the lower class of Italians and other foreigners, who in their frenzy stopped at nothing that promised safety to themselves.

So desperate was the situation that an Italian passenger drew his knife and made direct at one, who, like himself, was endeavoring to reach the boats.

Immediately his action was imitated in every direction. Knives were flourished and used with effect.

Women and children were driven back to inevitable death at the point of weapons, the owners of which were experts in their use. According to stories of survivors women were stabbed like so many sheep.

The scene on the water was even worse. Many of the unfortunates who were struggling in the water attempted to drag themselves into the boats or on rafts. These were pushed back into a watery grave. Here, too, knives were used freely.

Christopher Brunini saw a sailor belonging to La Bourgogne strike a passenger over the head with a bar and kill him. The body dropped into the water. The passenger had grabbed the boat in which was the sailor and tried to get in.

There were 714 persons on board and but 163 were saved.

In a boat was a party of forty women, but so great was the panic that not a hand was raised to assist in its launching, and the occupants, so near saved, were drowned like rats when the ship with an awful hissing sound went down.

New York, July 7.—At the office of the French line it was ascertained that passage for M. Dubosc had been bought at Montreal. The officials are quite positive in saying the former charge de affairs of Spain at Washington was one of the passengers on board the La Bourgogne.

Sagasta Resigns.

London, July 12.—The Madrid correspondent of the Times says:

Senor Sagasta went to the palace and tendered his resignation and that of the cabinet. It is said that he advised the queen regent to appoint a new cabinet, largely consisting of the military element, which would not necessarily mean the adoption of a war-like policy, but probably the reverse.

It is expected that the resignation will be accepted, but the result may possibly be merely a partial reconstruction of the cabinet. The ministers are in council, and Senor Sagasta has doubtless communicated to them an account of his audience with the queen regent.

German-Americans are moving to present the United States with an up-to-date war ship.

Secretary Alger has issued an order attaching Hawaii to the military department of California.

Admiral Camara's fleet has repossessed the Suez canal, on its return to Spain. Watson sails just the same for the Canaries and Spanish coast.

It is said that of the West Point class which was graduated two months ago, advance, that they might go to the front, seven or eight have been killed.

Major-General Otis has been ordered to Manila to take active charge of the forces there, leaving Gov. Merritt in the care of the civil administration there.

SITUATION AT SANTIAGO.

The Armies Still Showing their Teeth and Parleying.

SLIGHT BOMBARDMENT SUNDAY.

Total Declined Unconditional Surrender, and the Firing Opened.

Washington, July 11.—The war department has posted these bulletins of dispatches received last evening:

Siboney, Cuba, via Haiti, 5:50 p. m., July 10.—Adjutant general, Washington. Headquarters Fifth Army Corps, July 10.—I have just received letter from Gen. Toral declining unconditional surrender.

Bombardment by army and navy will begin at 4 p. m. to-day as possible. SHAFER, major general.

Siboney, Cuba, July 10.—Adjutant general, Washington: The St. Paul has just arrived with Gen. Henry and his command and quartermaster's stores. HUMPHRIES.

Washington, July 11.—Shortly after midnight the war department gave out the following dispatch from Shafter:

Playa del Este, July 10.—Adjutant general, Washington. Headquarters Fifth Army Corps, July 10.—Enemy opened fire a few minutes before 4 o'clock with light guns, which were soon silenced.

Very little musketry firing, and the enemy kept entirely in their entrenchments. Three men slightly wounded.

Will have considerable forces tomorrow, enough to completely block all the roads on the northwest. SHAFER.

Casualties.

Washington, July 11.—The following is the report of casualties of the first division yesterday afternoon: Killed, Captain Charles W. Rawell, Second infantry; Private Peter Nelson, company A, Second infantry. There were four wounded.

Reinforcements.

Juragua, July 10.—The shores of this little cove were the busiest place in Cuba this afternoon. Five thousand men were disembarking from steamers and preparing to take up the march to Shafter's headquarters near Santiago.

Shots Fell Short.

Washington, July 11.—After 35 shots had been fired from the 8-inch guns, Commodore Schley was convinced the Brooklyn's fire was falling short and ordered a cessation, permitting the battleships to continue with guns having a longer range. The shots were fired with deliberation at intervals of two minutes. Signals from shore announced that the shells fell a thousand feet short.

Another Lull.

Washington, July 11.—At midnight the cable operators at Playa del Este reported to the war department that no shots had been fired at Santiago during the day. Everything was quiet.

Earlier in the night the president received a dispatch from Gen. Miles stating that he had arrived at Siboney at noon and had held a conference with Admiral Sampson and Gen. Shafter.

Toral's Terms.

Washington, July 11.—It is reported that the terms of surrender which Gen. Toral was willing to accept were that his army should march out with their side arms, evacuating the city with its forts, munition, vessels in harbor, etc., with a twenty mile start on a retreat. Many of the generals, it is said, including Gen. Wheeler, favored these terms, as it would save much loss of life; and that the Spaniards could destroy all their forts and vessels and retire anyway. Unconditional surrender, however, was demanded.

The government is to send a geological expert to the Philippines to make a survey.

The second detachment of the Manila expedition reached Honolulu June 23 and 24, and after a day's ovation started at noon on the 25th for Manila.

600 pounds of this type for sale at six cents per pound, cash. Record Pub. Co., Dallas. Record Co. has new long primer dress for their ready prints, and will ship this type in ten days if not sold at above low figure.

ADMIRAL CERVERA CAST DOWN.

Feels His Misfortune and Appears as if Broken-Hearted.

Portsmouth, N. H., July 10.—The auxiliary cruiser St. Louis with 746 Spanish prisoners, including 54 officers, dropped anchor in Portsmouth harbor this morning. Including the prisoners there were 1036 people on the boat and out of this number there were 91 one sick and wounded Spaniards under the care of surgeons.

Admiral Cervera is confined to his cabin, having been quite ill for the past three days, although he was able to be dressed this morning.

Capt. Eulate, who was commander of the Vizcaya, is among the prisoners and is also quite ill, having been wounded in the head during the Santiago battle.

The health officer made an examination of the vessel, visited the sick and found that most of the sickness was due to wounds or from exposure. He says there is no evidence of yellow fever or other contagious diseases.

All of the Spanish commissioned officers have been on parole and had the freedom of the ship with one exception, and he was the governor of Santiago de Cuba, who was trying to escape from the city on Admiral Cervera's flagship when she was destroyed on that memorable day of July 3. He refused to sign the parole papers and was consequently confined in one of the cabins under guard.

The remainder of the prisoners were confined between decks and closely guarded.

Admiral Cervera remained in his cabin during the trip. He shook hands with the health officer and in good English said he was situated very pleasantly on the boat and had received nothing but the kindest and most cordial treatment from both officers and men ever since he had been taken prisoner. He had not been feeling well for the past three or four days, but expected to be all right in a short time. He presents the appearance of a broken-hearted man and keenly feels the loss of his fleet containing the pick of the Spanish navy.

No one is allowed on board the prison ship and none of the officers or crew are allowed on shore.

Ensign Palmer came ashore with important official dispatches and left at once for Washington. Admiral Carpenter has perfected arrangements to land the prisoners at their quarters on Seavy's island. On the way from Santiago a number of Spanish seamen said they had enough of fighting, at least with the yankees.

Admiral Cervera came on deck and consented to talk with representatives of the press.

"You ask me," he said, "how I like America, and I answer you that I have always liked, and I may say, loved your people, but this war has been a duty with me and the men under me. I knew that the American fleet clearly outclassed us, but it was a question of fighting either inside or outside the harbor. I have many friends in America and have only the kindest feelings for them, but every man has a duty to perform to his country, and all Spaniards tried to perform that duty. There has been much feeling in Spain, and I want all Spain to know the truth, that every ship of my squadron fought until the last and when we could do no more we surrendered." He said he received three cablegrams from the minister of marine at Madrid ordering him to leave Santiago. Knowing the force he would have to encounter, he felt convinced that obedience to these orders would spell "suicide" to the imprisoned fleet that faced it. Then came another dispatch, a peremptory one, that left no choice but to obey. It said: "No matter what the consequences are, go to sea at once and fight the enemy."

"So I went out," the admiral said, "and my plan was to attack your Brooklyn, sink or disable it if possible, then run to Havana, raise the blockade there and seek refuge in the harbor; but I failed in my purpose, as you know, and lost all I had, my fleet and everything. My country's misfortunes and my own are very great."

I asked the admiral if he thought the destruction of his fleet would end the war.

"I cannot speak. I am unable to speak of that. If the Americans attack Havana I am sure they will meet with terrible resistance, and will lose ships and men."

"Has the cable connection of Santiago with Jamaica been cut?"

"No, when I came out we were in communication with every city of the world."

The conversation was in Spanish. Overpowering the admiral for an heroic defense, Spain's hope is to seek peace.

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The primary election last Saturday was a very quiet affair and passed off very pleasantly, especially for those who secured nomination. The vote was not so large as was expected at any of the voting boxes, the people being more indifferent it seemed than usual.

Several prominent populists came back into the fold of democracy and were warmly welcomed by the managers and judges. The defeated candidates have accepted their defeat as gracefully as any set of men we have ever seen and will give the nominees their cordial support.

It is not thought that any opposition ticket will be put in the field, so the primary is the equivalent of a general election.

In the primary election last Saturday Young county endorsed the following named candidates for state and district offices: Culberson, Sayers, Browning, Smith, Goss, Finley, Mills, Kendall, Brown, Bliss, Conner, Stephens and Peery.

The colored troops will be given a showing as an army of occupation after we have captured the Spanish colonies. It is thought that in a protracted struggle against the climate the colored troops will fight nobly.

Dr. Harris, a colored man, recently visited Liberia, and now he is organizing a colony of negroes to take over there about August. The expedition expects to start from north Texas with about 500 families.

Congress adjourned last Friday without having confirmed the appointment of Mr. Meek as judge of this district. The president will appoint some one for the place to be confirmed next session. It is not believed that he will further insist upon the appointment of Meek, as the senate committee refused to recommend his confirmation.

And now they say Mrs. Hettie Green's son wants to be republican nominee for governor of Texas. As the young man is possessed of a large barrel he will doubtless get the nomination.

Milton Park, the boss middle of the road populist, has issued a call for a national convention to be held at Cincinnati, September 5, to nominate candidates for president and vice-president.

Rich, Red and Pure Blood can be had by using Dr. Simmons' Sarsaparilla. Only 50 cents per bottle and 50 full doses for an adult.

Ball, of Texas, and Cannon, of Illinois, came near having a fight in the House on the day of adjournment—a Cannon-Ball affair.

Babbitt Metal.
In any quantity, for sale at this office at 10 cents per pound.

"Few events in the war," says the Chicago Record, "are more touching and at the same time more characteristic than that on board the Texas, when, after the sinking of the Colon, Capt. Philip called his men about him on the ship's deck, where, with bowed heads, officers and men returned thanks to the god of battles for the victory they had gained."

The War News.

There is nothing new from the war. Gen. Miles, with reinforcements, has arrived at Santiago. There has been no more fighting. Thursday the following news came over the phone:

Thursday, July 13.—Bombardment of Santiago is supposed to be going on. Gen. Miles has assumed command of the entire land forces around Santiago. An offer was made to the Spanish commander that if he would surrender his army it would be transported to Spain, but would not be allowed to remain in Cuba. This was refused. He was then notified that the land and sea forces would attack to-day.

LATER.—The Stars and Stripes float over Santiago. Gen. Lorrain surrendered to the U. S. forces at 1 p. m. to-day, (Thursday). The Spanish army to go back to Spain, is the terms of the surrender.

Washington, July 11.—It is now said that Watson's fleet will, after peace is declared, sail for Manila to reinforce Dewey and make a show of strength in case of European interference in the disposition of the Philippines.

Speaking of the destruction of the Spanish fleet off Santiago, the London Spectator says it realized before "of what stuff the lion's whelps are made."

While the Spaniards in Santiago are primed up to the point of dying in their tracks before falling into the hands of Americans to be murdered, as they have been taught to believe will be the case, Gen. Shafter sends some wounded Spanish prisoners of war back to their commands under a flag of truce. That settled it. Since that time desertions to our lines are frequent. Shafter is a diplomat.

There is one little maxim,
That now I will name,
Which may bring what is better
Than riches or fame.
All those who will heed it
Good appetite find,
Strong nerves, rosy cheeks,
And vigor of mind.
It will banish dyspepsia,
Rheumatics and gout,
That Tired Feeling conquer,
Drive scrofula out.
And here is the maxim—
His wisdom is sure—
Take Hood's Sarsaparilla
And keep your blood pure.

If the Philippines ultimately become a possession of the United States, and Americans flock thither to establish new homes, they will have to include snakes and lizards among their family pets. In an article on "Life in Manila" in THE YOUTH'S COMPANION for the week of June 30th, Charles B. Howard says: "Our household included three or four 'chow' dogs, with thick, orange-colored fur and coalblack tongues, and Pedro, the house-snake, a small python, which traveled about inside the canvas walls and kept us free from rats and mice. Pedro never came out, and we were not disturbed at all by his proximity. We slept on strips of matting, spread over cane-seated couches, the legs of which rested in bowls of water to prevent visits from centipedes, tarantulas, white ants and other tropical gentry, that cannot be kept out of the houses. Wash stands, sideboards and refrigerators are protected in the same way. The big white ant and little red ant seem particularly fond of tooth-powder, and not a vestige would be left in the morning if a wash-stand rested directly upon the floor. Tiny little green and yellow lizards used to dart about among the books on the table, after the lamps were lighted, devouring the insects which swarmed around the lights. Occasionally one of these lizards would drop from the ceiling, alighting with a resounding 'smack.'"

It's Nice.

It's nice to be a candidate in our free and happy land; to go out amongst the people and grasp them by the hand. It's nice to visit voters and pat them on the back and tell them your opponent is a vagrant and a quack, and talk about free silver and the present war with Spain till you've got an invitation to be sure and call again. Oh, yes, it's nice to gather where there's lots of picnic pie and talk to all the pretty girls and hear the babies cry, and eat the ham and chicken spread out upon the ground, for then you wish the campaign would last the whole year 'round. And it's nice to be elected by the people's mighty voice and feel your heart a swelling with "I am my party's choice." But when the thing is over and in office you're installed, your path won't be all roses no matter what it's called. The people who elected you will look on with distrust, while by the other fellows you'll be cussed and cussed and cussed, and many a poor fellow who has managed to get in will wish that his opponent had played his cards to win.

John E. Morrison & Co. have just received a large lot of shoes. If you want the latest styles and a good shoe, call on them.

P. M. M. Shrock, of Randall's Store, Palo Pinto county, made THE LEADER a substantial call Thursday.

Attention is called to the advertisement of Lillard & Co., dealers in Hardware, Implements, Wagons, Buggies, Harness, Stoves, etc. They have a large stock of everything in their line.

As THE LEADER goes to press the indications are favorable for rain. A general down-pour just now would be of incalculable benefit to the whole country.

Smith Groves, of Olney, called on THE LEADER Wednesday and left a silver wheel.

R. K. Mayes, of Fish Creek, was in Graham Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Obetz have a daughter.

A TEXAS WONDER.
Hall's Great Discovery.
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- For County Attorney. J. E. SIMPSON.
- For County Judge. O. E. FINLAY.
- For Sheriff. H. C. WILLIAMS.
- For District and County Clerk. CHAS. GAY.
- For County Treasurer. J. A. DIXON.
- For Commissioner Precinct No. 1. A. J. WHEAT.

Everything has been very quiet since the primary election. Weather hot and sultry; rain needed badly. Marion and Tom Wallace spent a few days in town last week.

THE LEADER received a very fine water melon from Mr. S. R. Ragland last Monday.

Mr. Wohlford, candidate for the legislature, spent Saturday in Graham.

Mr. Allen Mathis died Sunday night at the residence of Mr. Seldon, a few miles west of town.

The county court attracted a good many jurors, witnesses, etc., here this week.

Bert Killian, of Seymour, is here on a visit to relatives and friends.

Watermelons are plentiful now; but a continuance of the dry weather will out the crop short.

Miss Dora Holden who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Charley Wadley, has returned to her home in Hood County.

The defeated candidate all left Tuesday morning by boat for the head of Salt creek, except Joe Aynesworth, who says he can wade the stream from mouth to source.

Sheriff H. C. Williams is in Galveston attending the annual meeting of the Sheriff's Association.

About fifty Graham people, including the band, are in Mineral Wells this week attending the old settlers' reunion.

Mrs. V. E. Eddleman returned Tuesday from the big campmeeting near Throckmorton. She reports the meeting a great success and that the Graham and Young county contingent in attendance were having an enjoyable time.

The Graham Concert Band left early Tuesday morning for Mineral Wells to make music for the Old Settlers' Reunion at that place.

Remember the Pioneers' Association picnic will be held here on Saturday, July 23rd. Executive meeting at 10 o'clock, a. m., sharp. Public invited to bring their baskets.

Guss Eggers, of Gertrude, was here Tuesday making arrangements to exterminate the prairie dogs in the pastures of the leading cattlemen in the northern part of the county.

George Kisinger has been paying the city one of his periodical visits this week.

The Primary Election.

Following is the result of the Democratic primary held in this county last Saturday. The vote for state and district officers can not be obtained until the returns are canvassed by the Democratic Executive Committee, which convenes for that purpose to-day. The vote polled was a light one and the polls at Indian Mound were not opened at all. The following total vote for county officers is believed to be correct and the result is not likely to be changed by the official count:

For County Judge.	O. E. Finlay,.....	727
For County Attorney.	J. E. Simpson,.....	397
For District and County Clerk.	J. H. Aynesworth,.....	330
For District and County Clerk.	Chas. Gay,.....	444
For Sheriff and Tax Collector.	J. E. J. Ford,.....	293
For County Treasurer.	H. C. Williams,.....	737
For Tax Assessor.	J. A. Dixon,.....	740
For Tax Assessor.	G. H. Crozier,.....	46
For Tax Assessor.	J. C. Casburn,.....	73
For Tax Assessor.	Preston Prooks,.....	165
For Tax Assessor.	S. H. James,.....	176
For Tax Assessor.	W. P. Beckham,.....	276

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THE LEADER man spent a day or two in Jacksboro this week and found everything on a big boom. They expect the cars to be running to that place by the middle of August. There has been five large stone business houses erected there this summer and six others under contract to be completed by the first of Oct. Jacksboro is reaching out for the trade of Young county.

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The Fifth Sunday Meeting of Macedonia Baptist Association will convene with the Boggy Valley church at 10 o'clock a. m., Wednesday, before the first Sunday in August, 1898.

PROGRAMME:

1. Introductory sermon by Eld. R. Lindsey; Eld. A. E. Foster, alternate.
2. Organization.
3. What is the difference between the Kingdom and the Church, and if any, may a person belong to one and not the other? Elder J. H. Longon, J. W. Still.
4. In what sense is the church the body of Christ? D. P. Still, Eld. G. W. Black.
5. What is the relation of the old covenant to the new? Eld. J. C. Welch, Eld. J. Q. Bridges.
6. Should a minister of the gospel go forward in the discharge of his ministerial duties when there is no visible means of support? Eld. M. C. McJillett, J. Y. Johnson.
7. Does God call men to preach, if so, will they preach heresy? H. D. Butler, Eld. J. P. Kilman, D. P. Still, JAMES W. WOOD, A. E. GRAY, Committee.

KEEP OUT.

Know all whom it may concern, That I have leased from Beckham National Bank, the pasture known as the Burns pasture, Northeast of Graham. Trespassing therein will be prosecuted to the extent of the law for the same. OLIVER LOVIN, June 22, 1898.

J. A. Wade, of the Finis try, was in town Tuesday said his corn was being by the chinch bug.

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County Court.

The regular term of county court began Monday and the first day of the term was taken for probate business.

On Tuesday a jury was empaneled and the criminal docket called with the following results: State vs. J. W. Jackson, killing a mule: jury verdict guilty and fine of \$5 and costs.

State vs. J. W. Jackson, aggravated assault and battery; jury verdict of guilty of simple assault and fine of \$15 and costs.

State vs. Elbert Edwards, aggravated assault and battery; dismissed on motion of the county attorney.

Wednesday J. C. Stewart was tried on two cases for violating local option law and was convicted in both cases, with twenty days and \$25 in the first, and sixty days and \$75 in the second case.

The case of the State vs. E. W. Johnson was continued on application of the State, and that of R. W. Ratliff on application of the defendant.

On Tuesday evening Tom Birdwell and B. G. Woods had a "physical culture" contest and several rounds were fought, resulting in defeat for both parties. Wednesday evening they were arraigned before Judge Finlay and fined \$1 and costs each.

The court will not adjourn finally until to-day (Friday).

Mr. J. H. Aynesworth made his first appearance as an attorney at this term of court and has been highly complimented upon his speeches. He assisted in the defense of the Stewart cases and conducted the defense of B. G. Woods.

Obituary.

Sister Eliza A. McJillett was born in Giles Co., Tenn., Nov. 30, 1838, and died at her home in Young Co., Texas, March 11, 1898. She was married to L. McJillett Oct. 11, 1860. She professed faith in Christ and united with the Baptist church at Macedonia in July, 1885.

Sister McJillett was a loving wife, devoted mother, consistent christian, and was loved by all who knew her. She leaves a husband, seven children and a host of friends to mourn her loss; but "we would not mourn for her as for those who have no hope," for we believe she is asleep in Jesus.

Whilst we weep in deep sympathy with the bereaved family and relatives we can say to them, if your "Faith is anchored in Christ sure and steadfast" there will be a happy reunion in that heavenly home to which she has gone, where sorrow and parting are unknown. We will meet her in the walks of life no more; "blessed are the dead which rest in the Lord." So we say, as God will, fit in His great wisdom with love from us our dearly loved sister, therefore be it as moving.

Resolved that in her death this she be a sad loss, but we will not grieve for her as for those who have no hope, for we believe she is asleep in Jesus. Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Graham Baptist and a copy of the same be placed in the hands of the same. Resolved that the same be read at the funeral services and Spanish coast.

OLIVER LOVIN, is said that of the West F. RICHARDS, which was graduated two months ago, that they might go to Manila to take active charge of the care of the civil administration here.

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Stray Notices.

Reported by A. C. Casey, Com'r Precinct No. 4, one bay mare, 3 years old about 18 1/2 hands high, branded U on left shoulder; left with S. H. Stinnett.

Reported by A. C. Casey, Com'r Precinct No. 4, one sorrel horse, blaze in face, about 13 hands high, branded UO on left shoulder. This July 4, 1898. CHAS. GAY, C. C. C. Y. C. T.

Maj. Sayers Saved Dewey's Life.

Rudolph Tachope, a grizzly old Confederate living in this county, gives the Anchor the following interesting historical item: Joe Sayers was commander the latter part of the war of the famous Val Verde battery. That battery, in connection with other guns and soldiers, sunk the steamer Mississippi on the river of the same name, commanded at that time by the now famous Admiral Dewey. As the boat was sinking and Capt. Dewey and some of the men entered a boat to escape, Capt. Sayers ordered the guns to cease firing, being unwilling to shoot at a boat full of men who could not make any further resistance, and thus possibly saved the life of the now famous sea captain in modern times.—Seguin Anchor.

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David Boaz of Fort Worth is here to close the organization of the oil mill enterprise, all the stock has been subscribed and only a few preliminaries are to be settled when the organization will be completed. The first work to be completed will be the erection of a seed house so that seed can be purchased and kept until the machinery can be placed which may require until November.—Jacksboro Gazette.

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