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GRAND OPENING!!!

On Tuesday, September 20th, at 10 o'clock A. M., the D. C. Brown Mercantile Company will open the doors of their immense building to the public, showing the greatest stock of general Dry Goods ever brought to Northwest Texas. We solicit the inspection of all buyers in the various lines here represented. The stock in part will consist of the latest novelties in

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From the Philippines.

MANILA, P. I., Aug. 23, '98.
DR. E. F. LEWIS, Graham, Tex.
Dear Grandpa: This leaves me well and getting along all O. K. We have made another move since I wrote you, and are now stationed inside of the walled city in the Spanish marine barracks. We have nice quarters now and nice bunks to sleep on; but we can't leave the walls without a pass. I was on a pass last Sunday and went over across the river to New Manila. This is quite a city, but I do not think there can be near 300,000 people here as is claimed. There are some few modern buildings.

There is some chance for a "scrap" with the natives if they do not lay down their arms; but it won't last long, for they can't fight the Americans who will soon fix them. I believe the war is about over and do not think it will be long before the recruits can go home and I will be glad when the time comes for me to start for American shores. I don't want to stay in this country; it does not suit a white man, although I think if the United States keeps the islands it will be a good place to make some money; but I prefer the United States in mine. I am glad that I came and that I was in the battle, if the bullets did whistle, and you bet they did.

The Spaniards can't face the music like the "Yankees" can; but I can't see why they gave up so easily. This is one of the best fortified cities in the world and there are all kinds of guns here, from the smallest to the largest, from the most ancient to the modern. If they had stayed with their guns we never could have got into the city; but when Dewey began to bombard the fort the Spaniards quit their guns and the officers could not do anything with them, for they knew it was death and destruction to try and stay with them. There have been only about twenty-five Americans killed, not many wounded and some few have sickened and died. We had three deaths on the boat I came over on.

The fourth expedition came in yesterday. I don't know whether Undie Girard and Jack Woods of Graham were in that expedition or not. I have not seen them, but suppose they are over at Cavite. I can't write you much about this country, so I will tell you when I come home, and I do not think it will be many months before I will see you all, so goodbye. Your grandson,

F. G. LEWIS,
Co. H, 23d U. S. Infantry.

Farmer Locals.

We are needing rain in this locality.

The health of the community is good.

W. P. Steen and Miss May Prideaux were united in the holy bonds of matrimony on the 27th inst., Eld. H. A. Goodwin of Archer City officiating. We extend to the happy couple our best wishes.

Prof. Guss Hardgraves went out on Hog Creek, Throckmorton county Saturday on business. The telephone line from Wichita Falls via Holiday and Archer City reached here Saturday, making Farmer a telephonic center.

Miss Carrie Cook was shopping in town Saturday.

A. L. Donnell, J. H. Staton and John Martin and families, were in town Saturday having their pictures taken.

Joe Daily and Will Alcorn of Brushy Flat community, were on our streets Saturday.

Prof. Collier of Collinsworth county, who used to teach near here, was shaking hands with his many friends here last week. The Prof. is on his way to his old home in Alabama. He will enter the Medical College of Memphis, Tenn., the first of November.

Miller & Kelley moved their photograph gallery away Monday.

There was a big show in our town one night last week.

We learn there are several farms near town for sale cheap.

John Hunt came to town Monday to get change for 25 cents. He found one nickel at Wilson Bros., two nickels at Benson & Sons, three nickels at Herbert Bell's and two dimes and a nickel at J. W. Casey's; so he got his two bits changed.

John Sells skipped the country Sunday night. He left while all were in peaceful slumber.

Geo. Woods of Belknap, was around this week shaking hands with the voters and soliciting their help at the November election.

Wadsworth & Bains traveling man was here Wednesday making his usual rounds.

Mrs. Huber of Bethel community, was visiting her daughter, Mrs. N. Gegg, and doing some shopping in town Monday.

Mrs. W. H. Farmer and daughter, Mrs. Johnson, visited Graham last week and returned home Monday. Mrs. Johnson will soon leave for St. Louis, where she will remain several months. She will put her daughter in school there.

Mrs. W. R. Drum was unexpectedly called to Jacksboro Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Cook were in Farmer Tuesday on business.

Dr. R. O. Prideaux of the Oak Grove vicinity, is hauling cotton seed from the Farmer gin this week.

Eld. W. P. Harmonson was in the city Wednesday.

The gin had a break-down Tuesday, but will be in repair the last of this week.

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Red Top Ripples.

Fine weather for cotton picking but very warm.

Ed. Harman took cotton to Graham this week.

J. A. Baker and J. E. Cochran and wives went to Farmer last Saturday.

R. M. Summers was in our community last week.

W. T. McBee and family were visiting Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Harman last Sunday.

O. G. Steen went to Archer last Saturday.

J. W. McBee and wife visited Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Stewart last Sunday.

B. F. Harman has built a new crib. He can now finish gathering corn.

Mr. Dock Slater, of Harrison county, has bought land near Red Top. His son will come up soon to build and sow a crop of wheat.

Several of the Red Top boys and girls attended the candy breaking at Joe Fisher's Thursday night of last week. They report a good time.

We are glad to see Hays Rutherford up again. He says gentle horses are good enough for him.

B. F. Harman has sown several acres of wheat.

Health of the community good.

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At Graham, in the State of Texas, at the close of business, September 30th, 1898.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts.....	\$156,290.52
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....	26,419.45
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation.....	25,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds.....	2,250.00
Stocks, securities, etc.....	3,270.10
Banking house, furniture & fixtures.....	12,681.98
Other real estate and mortgages owned.....	19,337.65
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents).....	6,180.52
Due from State Banks and Bankers.....	4,071.77
Due from approved reserve agents.....	6,439.58
Checks and other cash items.....	1,980.62
Notes of other National Banks.....	185.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents.....	21.65
Special Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie.....	6,250.00
Legal-tender notes.....	10,530.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation).....	1,125.00
Total.....	\$274,862.45

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund.....	25,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....	3,171.95
National Bank notes outstanding.....	25,500.00
Due to other National Banks.....	1,116.66
Individual deposits subject to check.....	117,560.02
Demand certificates of deposit.....	514.43
Notes and bills rediscounted.....	5,000.00
Total.....	\$274,862.06

State of Texas, County of Young
I, Wm. D. Craig, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Wm. D. CRAIG, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of Sept., 1898.
J. W. AKE,
Notary Public Young Co., Texas.
CORRECT—Attest:
J. B. NORRIS,
R. F. ARNOLD, Dir. Com.
E. B. NORMAN.

TEXAS NEWS NOTES.

J. H. Phillips, a prominent Spiritualist of Dallas and aged 72 years, is dead.

At Beeville 2000 cows and calves were just the other day sold at \$25 around.

The Postal Telegraph-Cable Co. will move their state headquarters from San Antonio to Dallas.

Gov. Hogg and his daughter arrived at San Francisco on the Alameda, returning from their visit to Honolulu.

Denton is to have a new Methodist church to cost \$10,000. Rev. Mr. Mulkey held a meeting there for that purpose and got \$5600 on first call.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Jordan, living near Pilot Point, Denton county, celebrated their golden wedding on the 20th. They were married in Dallas county, Mo., in 1848, and came to Texas in 1849.

A weevil congress is to be held at Victoria, October 11, to discuss the boll weevil subject. Lavaca county farmers held an enthusiastic meeting and selected eight delegates to the weevil convention.

George Morgan had been absent from home a year and returned to his brother's at Blossom, Lamar county, at night. When he entered the house his brother, not knowing his identity or purpose, fired on him with a shotgun, killing him instantly.

A peculiar damage suit has been filed in the district court at Weatherford. Mattie L. Walker is plaintiff and Lee Walker, her brother, is defendant. Plaintiff alleges that defendant made an assault on her, and to her damage \$2500 actual and \$5000 exemplary.

Part of a human skull and fragments of clothing rode into Smithville on the pilot of a Katy passenger engine the other night. It developed that the victim was a Mexican, who is supposed to have been murdered and placed on the track to cover up the crime, as the body was found with a dirk blade broken off in it.

Lawrence M. Knepfly, a prominent jeweler of Dallas, died of consumption last Sunday, at the mountain health resort of Santa Anna, Coleman county. Mr. Knepfly was last year president of the Texas State Fair and Dallas Exposition association. He was known throughout the Union in Masonic circles, being a leader in the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, a past grand master of the Knights Templars of Texas.

STATE CAPITAL NOTES.

ASSESSMENT ROLLS.

Hunt—Total values, \$9,157,100; increase, \$1465.
 Tyler—Total values, \$1,683,434; decrease, \$57,826.
 Coleman—Total values, \$4,647,674; increase, \$126,485.
 Floyd—Total values, \$964,680; increase, \$11,880.
 Houston—total values \$3,070,250; increase \$119,795.
 Newton—total values \$1,256,292; increase \$102,417.
 Sabine—total values \$689,875; increase \$79,100.
 Dallam—total values \$628,017; increase \$12,224.
 Marion—total values \$1,191,719; decrease \$66,712.
 Irion—total values \$1,143,085; increase \$326,977.
 Comanche—Total values \$4,182,256; decrease \$94,684.
 Bastrop—Total values \$5,609,609; decrease \$44,157.

CHARTERS GRANTED.

Marshall-Bean college of Howe, Grayson county; capital stock \$8000.

The San Angelo Colored Benevolent association of San Angelo; no capital stock.

Van Alstyne city waterworks bonds, \$9,500, approved and registered.

The governor has offered a reward of \$150 for the capture of the unknown murderer of Eugene Thompson, recently killed at Jacksonville.

The state department has begun

sending out the necessary election blanks for the coming general state election. The total number of these blanks is 28,000. There are 12,000 blanks for precinct returns, 4000 for writs of election, 4000 for notices of election, 4000 for general proclamation and 4000 for county judges' returns.

Text Book Board Ruling

In response to numerous complaints from different places that the text-book dealers were refusing to exchange for books in a dilapidated condition, the text-book board adopted the following:

Resolved, by the state text-book board, that all contractors with the state for furnishing books for the public free schools of this state shall exchange the contract books for all books of a series in actual use. They shall exchange for any books that are serviceable for school use, that is to say, a book so mutilated or otherwise damaged as to be rejected must be such as can not be used in the schools; as, for instance, a book with one or both covers off or parts thereof shall not be rejected; nor a book with the preface and table of contents or either of them torn out; nor a book with one or more of the other leaves out or parts of same, unless they be leaves which materially affect the subject matter of the book. But books exchanged shall be books of the same grade and subject as the new books, that is, a first reader for a first reader, a second reader for a second reader, etc., unless otherwise agreed by the contractors, in which case this resolution shall not apply; and further, this resolution as to grade of books is not intended to apply in cases where the state text-book board has adopted a two-book series for a series of three books heretofore in use.

SAN JACINTO BATTLE GROUND.

The Commission Selects and Surveys the Site.

The San Jacinto battle ground commission, composed of J. M. Hill of Austin, S. J. Hendricks of Henderson and Walter Burns of this city, after selecting the ground that the state will require for a public park at the San Jacinto battle ground, returned to this city, and held a meeting yesterday in conference with T. A. Fuller of the attorney general's office.

The ground selected and surveyed includes 520 acres, embracing the ten acres already owned by the state and used as a burying ground.

Colonel Hill was a participant in the battle of San Jacinto and was of great service to the commission in pointing out the exact ground upon which the battle was fought hallowed by the blood of Texas heroes. The ground selected and surveyed embraced the battlefield proper and is owned chiefly by Mr. John Campbell, Mr. Habermill and what is known as the syndicate.

The terms upon which these parties propose to sell such of their land as may be included in the 250 acres is not known, but the commission is limited to \$25 per acre, and any demand beyond this figure will likely lead to the institution of condemnation proceedings and the settlement of values by arbitration, and it was in contemplation of this alternative that Mr. Fuller accompanies the commission. He is now engaged in looking into the title of the land selected, and upon failure to arrive at an agreement as to compensation he will, upon the part of the state, institute suits to condemn the property.—Houston Post.

Some Crop Reports.

Goldthwaite, Mills Co.: Farmers are getting rid of their cotton rapidly, but many will not pay out of debt owing to the low price. Sentiment among them is for more grain and more stock next year.

Cuero, DeWitt Co.: About 100 farmers the other day met in convention here to discuss diversification of crops. The subject was aired at length and individual experiences exchanged. They finally decided to organize by precincts, and have gone at the work with an earnestness that portends success.

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LAST INDIAN FIGHTING

By Texas Rangers Was at Sierra Diablo Mountain.

Capt. Frank Beaumont, an ex-state ranger, said to a reporter of the Dallas Times Herald:

"I wish to correct a statement I see printed to the effect that the last fight between the state rangers and Indians was the battle of Lost Valley in 1874. That was not the last fight by several. The last one was the battle of the Sierra Diablo mountains, in West Texas, Jan. 29, 1881. I was in that battle. Our force consisted of thirty-four rangers, being detachments of companies A and B. Capt. George W. Baylor of company A, and Capt. Neville of company B, were both along.

"A band of Mesquero Apaches made a raid on which they attacked a train of Mexicans carrying goods and merchandise, killing the Mexicans and capturing their goods. They also attacked a stage in Bass canyon, killing the driver, John Morgan, and a passenger who was a San Antonio gambler.

"We took the trail of the Indians, and after following it 28 days located their camp on the night of Jan. 28, 1881. Before daybreak the following morning we crawled up to within good gunshot range, and there rested until the Indians had cooked a breakfast of horse meat and were proceeding to eat it. Then we opened up on them. The Indians sprang to arms in one leap and put up a very warm running fight. But we had so completely surprised them that their shooting was ineffectual against our cool, systematic attack, although they had good guns and were the worst fighters of all Indians.

"The Indians left eight dead in camp, and two others were afterward found who had run away, but died of wounds. We never knew exactly how many Indians there were in the band, but I believe we outnumbered them a few.

"We captured the Indians, forty-two horses and mules, two loads of merchandise, dry goods, groceries, etc., which they had secured from the Mexican pack train they had robbed; six new McClellan saddles, a big sack of brass buttons which they had cut from the uniforms of United States soldiers they had killed in recent years, and a miscellaneous lot of other articles.

"That was the last fight between state rangers and Indians. I was there and I have kept posted on the ranger service since I left it."

Capt. Beaumont and other rangers and Indian fighters agree that one white man with a little experience under fire was equal to three Comanches or Apaches when they had the same kind of guns and pistols. Comanches and Apaches are mentioned because they were the worst fighters of all Southern Indians. Ten rangers always considered it an even break to offer battle to forty or fifty Indians, even when the latter had the latest improved army guns.

GENERAL NOTES.

The Mrs. Botkin habeas corpus extradition proceedings at San Francisco were postponed for two weeks.

It is said that the war has cost Spain about \$375,000,000 besides the loss of her colonies and her ships destroyed in battle.

Two hundred prospectors who failed to find gold in the Klondike fields reached Seattle the other day on their return home.

The horses of Col. Roosevelt's Rough Riders are being sold in New York, and the average price of the first half a hundred was only \$19.

A mine explosion at Brownsville, Pa., entombed seventy men. Of this number all were rescued save eight, who were killed outright.

Jackson, Miss., has been depopulated by the yellow fever scare. The health officer advised the movement, and even the governor's office has been moved out to the insane asylum, two miles from the city.

The United States commissioner has decided that sheep dips are not



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Texas Mill Industries.

The September number of the Dixie Miller, under the head of "A month's Record of the Milling Industry," gives the following Texas Milling news:

A new roller flour mill will probably be erected at Fredericksburg in the near future.

Burns and Bates of Grice contemplate adding some new machinery to their new plant in the near future.

The B. & K. mill of Warren has started up, after having been shut down thirty days to undergo repairs.

The extensive wheat growers of Tarrant county are organizing to build a grain elevator, with a capacity of 1,000,000 bushels at Fort Worth.

J. L. Plaff has started up his flouring mill at Kaufman, and farmers are bringing in their wheat from a distance of thirty miles to have it ground into flour.

Judge L. W. Goodrich has taken the initiative toward getting a flouring mill at Marlin, and he reports much encouragement from the citizens of the county who are interested.

The Alliance Milling company of Denton is building a new elevator, there being so much wheat to handle that their two present elevators are not enough. The new one is west of elevator B, and has a capacity 27,000 bushels.

The first heavy shipment of flour from Fort Worth for export to Cuba was made August 16, by the Cameron Mill and Elevator company. It consisted of 1000 barrels. This firm was a successful bidder over a number of others who tried to secure the contract.

Ground has been broken for the new flouring mill at Denison, which is expected to be equipped and ready for operation inside of ninety days. The mill will have a capacity of 200 barrels a day. An elevator will be attached to the mill. The mill proper is to cost about \$25,000.

included in patent medicines, and, therefore, are not taxable under the revenue law.

It is said that horse flesh and asses' flesh is now eaten in such large quantities in France as to alarm the regular butchers who deal in beef and mutton.

It is reported that Lon Arnett has sold all his cattle in the Indian Territory, 5500 mixed cattle, to Oliver & Tuttle of Minco, I. T., at \$21 per head.

Four negroes were lynched three months ago at Wetumpka, Ala., on suspicion of murder. A fifth escaped. He, too, has now been captured, but he never reached the jail.

Full reports of the damage done by the recent hurricane in the Barbadoes place the fatalities at 160, the homeless at 50,000, and the money damage at more than a million dollars.

At Plainwell, a little village of Michigan, canned pressed beef was served at a church sociable. Fifty-five persons were poisoned by eating this meat; twenty seriously ill and four expected to die.

Senator J. C. Faulkner of West Virginia has been appointed to fill the vacancy on the Canadian commission occasioned by the retirement of Senator Gray when he was transferred to the Paris peace commission.

A strange disease among horses prevails in Oklahoma, and 300 horses in the territory have died. It is said the veterinary surgeons have been unable to classify or control the disease—which is even yet unnamed.

Judge Thomas J. Mackey, said to be an ex-judge of a South Carolina circuit court, has been arrested in Philadelphia on the charge of bigamy. Judge Mackey has attained his four-score mark and the woman now with him is only 25 years of age.

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CHANGE IN CIVIL SERVICE.

The President May Conclude to Help Some Political Friends.

New York, Sept. 25.—A dispatch to the Herald from Washington says:

President McKinley has again taken up the question of relaxing the civil service rules so as to open more places for political appointments. Some months ago, when the subject was under discussion in congress, the president had the head of each executive department prepare recommendations showing which places under his department best could be exempted from the civil service rules.

An executive order was drawn up based on these recommendations and it has been on the desk of the president untouched ever since.

Now that the war is not occupying so much of his attention, and as the congressional campaign is making the pressure for places stronger, the president is considering the matter, and it is expected that he will issue an order in a short time taking a large number of places from the classified civil service and throwing them open to appointment by the various heads of departments and their subordinates.

The places which will be removed from the protection of the civil service law are those of private secretaries and chief of clerks and confidential clerks of heads of departments and assistants heads of departments and all persons classed as firemen, watchmen and laborers. The most important exemption will be in the internal revenue service throughout the country, where all deputy collectors of internal revenue and all storekeepers and gaugers who receive less than \$3 per day are to be taken from the classified service.

In the customs service the only places now in the classified service that will be exempted are two at New York—the counsel to the board of general appraisers and the paymaster to the collector of the port of New York. In the department of justice all attorneys and assistant attorneys and all deputy marshals are to be taken from the service.

In the postal service all superintendents of branch postoffices and carriers' stations and all clerks in charge of carrier stations, assistant cashiers, private secretaries and stenographers to postmasters in the larger cities, messengers, porters, janitors, watchmen and laborers are to be taken from the classified service.

BIG TOBACCO DEAL.

American Tobacco Company Absorbing St. Louis Plants.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 24.—J. R. Duke, president of the American Tobacco company, who has been in the city for several days, has consummated a deal whereby his company has come into the possession of the Brown Tobacco company's plant here. He paid \$1,250,000 for the property and took possession at once. Mr. Paul Brown, president of the company bearing his name, has been retained to act as general manager of the business in this city for the American Tobacco company.

Absorbed the Drummond, Too.

The St. Louis Republic says: Practically all details of the negotiations of the purchase of the Drummond big tobacco plant in this city by the American Tobacco company have been closed and all that remains to be done to consummate the deal is the payment of the cash to President Drummond. This it is said, will be done within the next few days and the Drummond factory will pass into the hands of the American company.

The price to be paid for the Drummond plant is said to be on a basis of \$10,000,000. All this money will not be paid in cash, a certain number of the stockholders of the Drummond company having consented to take stock in the new company.

Seven robbers held up the Colorado and Coffeyville express train almost within the limits of Kansas City Friday night. The express car was blown to shreds by dynamite, but it is stated the safe contained little treasure.

BRYAN TO RESIGN.

He Will Not Talk, But is Not Enamored With Camp Life.

Kansas City, Sept. 25.—A special to the Star from Jacksonville, Fla., says:

Col. Wm. Jennings Bryan, of the 3rd Nebraska volunteers, will shortly resign his commission in the United States army and resume the discussion of public questions.

This statement is not made upon the authority of Col. Bryan, however, who, when asked to express himself on a question of public interest, he said: "You can say that I refuse to discuss any matters connected with politics, the army or myself, except that I see no reason to change my views regarding expanding the territory of the United States, which I expressed in my Omaha speech made before entering upon this army life." This was all Col. Bryan would say, except to add: "You might also say that I am not so enamored with camp life that I would at the close of the war apply for a commission in the regular army."

A Woman's Bite.

Portsmouth, Ohio, Sept. 25.—Mr. Vandivort, a prominent merchant of McCullough, is here receiving treatment for blood poisoning, contracted in a singular manner. Recently he attended the encampment in Cincinnati, and got mixed up in the crush at Fountain square. In trying to extricate himself he was crowded up against a woman standing behind him. The crush became intense, and the woman cried with pain and begged to be released. Vandivort was powerless to get away, and the woman, who was unable to use her hands, deliberately leaned forward and, catching his left arm in her teeth, bit him severely. His power asserted itself, and he immediately struck out in front and succeeded in escaping another bite. At first the wound was regarded as trifling, but later grew serious—resulting in blood poison.

TROUBLESOME HOUSE-FLIES.

They Carry Typhoid Germs on Their Hairy Legs.

Washington, Sept. 25.—The common house flies, according to the report of the medical commission appointed to investigate the cause of so much typhoid fever at various army camps, introduced deadly germs.

The commission visited the camps at Jacksonville, Huntsville, Ferdinand and Chickamauga and everywhere it found typhoid fever and found it spreading; also found flies in every camp by the millions.

They declare that they found that flies fed off the fecal matter from the hospitals and then at meal time shared the food of the soldiers.

In the first instance the fly picked up on his six hairy legs infinitesimal particles containing the germs of typhoid fever, and he walked over the hard tack and other food and deposited them there.

Large numbers of flies carried enough germs in this way to inoculate large numbers of the soldiers. The commission presents its case exhaustively in proof of this remarkable explanation, and declares that the most positive proof is overwhelmingly in support of their diagnosis.

Recommendation for the disinfecting of sinks and the killing of germs so that flies cannot carry them are made, and it is declared that with this danger removed, the well selected camps cannot be anything but healthful.

Social Labor State Convention.

San Antonio, Sept. 25.—The first convention of the Socialist Labor party of America was held in this city. State Organizer Frank Leitner presided and Hugo Liek of Austin was secretary. A lengthy platform declaring the principles of the socialist party was adopted and G. R. Royal of Lampasas was nominated for governor and Edmund Bellinger of San Antonio for lieutenant governor. A convention to nominate a candidate for congress in this district was ordered held.

TEACHERS Wanted.—1000 needed now to contract for next term. Cuban war caused many vacancies. TEACHERS' AGENCIES OF AMERICA, Pittsburgh, Pa.

SLUMBERING CHINA AWAKES.

Emperor's Edicts Will Bring Radical Changes in the Empire.

Pekin, Sept. 24.—A remarkable series of imperial edicts has been published during the past few days. The edicts have startled the officials, while making a favorable impression upon the old foreign residents, who are usually skeptical as to the practical value of such orders.

The Emperor has addressed to the people a long explanation of his new policy, declaring that in many respects Western civilization is superior to the existing order in his dominion and announcing his intention to adopt its good features and discard the bad ones.

The most radical edict establishes a postal service throughout the empire. In it the Emperor asks the people to co-operate with him in making the newly established system a success, assuring them that they will thus aid in strengthening the resources of the empire.

A fresh edict followed, extending practically to everybody the right to memorialize the throne, a privilege heretofore restricted to certain classes.

The latest edict commands that monthly accounts be rendered to the government, receipts and expenditures everywhere, and that these accounts be published.

The Emperor directs that the edicts be posted throughout the country, in order that the people may see the endeavors to promote their welfare which he is making.

REFORM ONLY A DREAM.

Emperor Yields to Dowager Empress, Who Assumes the Reins.

Pekin, Sept. 25.—An imperial edict just issued definitely announces that the emperor of China has resigned his power to the empress dowager, who has ordered the ministers to deliver to her in future their official reports. It is difficult to obtain official information at the palace regarding the operation, but the recent reformatory edicts probably caused the changes. While the emperor was subservient and a mere figurehead, the dowager empress permitted him to remain in peace, but so soon as he attempted to act on his own initiative his practical deposition was the result. His principal adviser, Kang Yumoi, the Cantonese reformer, fled in spite of the vigorous attempts made to arrest him, and it is said he is now on his way to Shanghai.

The effect of the change must be great. In all probability Li Hung Chang will be reinstated in power and Russian influence will increase. The hope of reforms so ardently cherished by the intelligent factions of the Chinese are now impossible of fulfillment.

The suddenness of the coup is said to be due to the desire of the dowager empress to prevent the mission of the Marquis Ito from being successful.

The Japanese statesman recently came to Peking with the object of trying to bring about an alliance, offensive and defensive, between China and Japan.

Dipped Cattle.

Fort Worth: Dr. B. B. Page of the Illinois Veterinary Service has bought in Jack county and the west two train loads of cattle infected with ticks. They will be dipped here, then shipped to various points in Illinois. Dr. Page says:

"Dipping is a success; the cure for southern fever is found. July 23 last, Illinois had 311 head of cattle dipped here. They were infected with ticks. I took some ticks off and placed them in glass jars. The dipped cattle were shipped to Rockford and there divided in six lots. From four to 16 native cattle were then run with them. I have seen the cattle twice a week since then, and on the day I started South, September 9, they were all perfectly healthy. The ticks I had taken from them caused fever when placed on the natives. The second experiment will be on a larger scale and conducted in cold instead of warm weather. The dipped cattle will be distributed over Illinois, but carefully watched. This shows our confidence in the efficacy of the dipping process as a cure for southern fever."

10,000,000 OUNCES SILVER.

A Train Bearing This Amount to be Shipped from Philadelphia to Frisco.

Chicago, Sept. 27.—The Tribune says:

A train bearing 10,000,000 ounces of silver bullion from Philadelphia to San Francisco is soon to mark a new era in the federal government's method of transporting the precious metals between its mints. It has been known for some time that such a shipment was in contemplation and the appearance of Assistant Secretary Vanderlip, of the treasury department in Chicago, was for the purpose of making the definite arrangements. Mr. Vanderlip was in consultation with Western railway officials and the shipment is to be made on a special fast freight train guarded by federal soldiers and detectives. It is supposed that freight and not express will be the method of shipment.

The Philadelphia mint is being run to its full capacity coining gold—both foreign and domestic—which has been pouring in at a surprising rate and the intention is to transfer 10,000,000 ounces of silver to the Pacific coast. This amount means over 300 tons or 15 ordinary average carloads. The express charges on any such quantity at anything like schedule rates would be an item which even the United States treasury could afford to figure on saving.

The movement of the silver by freight instead of by express is considered altogether feasible. The danger of robbery, it is believed, could be practically eliminated by having the silver put in 1000 ounce bars and by the employment of a detail of soldiers to accompany the train. An ordinary wreck could cause no loss with 1000 ounce bars, even if fire resulted. About the only awkward contingency which officials think could arise would be for the train to go through a bridge.

Simplify Spelling.

The September number of the School Journal, which is just out prints the report of the committee composed of Wm. T. Harris, national commissioner of education; F. Louis Soldan, superintendent of the schools of St. Louis, and T. M. Bailliet, a noted educator, appointed by the National educational association to simplify spelling. Their adoptions are to be used in the publication of the National Educational association program (programme), tho (though,) altho (although), thoro (thorough), thorefare (thoroughfare), thru (through), thruout (throughout), catalog (catalogue), prolog (prologue), demagog (demagogue), pedagog (pedagogue).

A Deaf Mute's Unfortunate Death.

Mount Vernon: Little Don, the 13-year-old son of Sheriff H. O. Dutton, who was deaf and dumb and who fell from a persimmon tree last Sunday and got his arm broke, gradually grew worse, gangrene having set in, and died. Don was a pet in the family, and it seemed as if it would break the heart-strings when they saw he was doomed to die. He was liked by all who knew him, and most all the children in town attended the funeral.

Don was very unfortunate, so far as accidents are concerned. A few years ago he was struck by a freight train and had his head badly hurt, and last year while attending the Deaf and Dumb school at Austin, got his leg broke while playing, which laid him up for several months. Don had attended the Deaf and Dumb school two or three sessions and had become a very bright boy.

The comptroller of the treasury at Washington has made a ruling that Federal Judge Meek, of Fort Worth, can not draw his salary until his appointment is confirmed by the senate. The senate having once refused to confirm his appointment, will likely do the same thing again, in which event Judge Meek must resign or have the distinction of serving without pay.—Ex.

The local option election held in Parker county last Saturday resulted in the county going wet by several hundred.

IT COSTS MONEY TO SHOOT.

Expense of Defeating the Fleets of Montejó and Cervera.

Washington, Sept. 25.—Instead of the American squadrons off Cavite and Santiago expending a fortune in accomplishing the destruction of the fleets of Montejó and Cervera, less than \$150,000 fully covers the cost of the ammunition which they expended.

The Bureau of Ordnance has received from Rear Admiral Dewey a full statement of the amount of ammunition fired by the vessels under his command in the battle of Manila Bay. The Bureau has also received the reports of all the vessels which participated in the battle off Santiago, with the exception of that of the commanding officer of the battleship Indiana, regarding the number of shells fired in that engagement.

As the Indiana was compelled to stop firing in the engagement on account of her inability to keep within range of the fleeing Spanish men-of-war, the amount of ammunition she expended was much less than that fired by the battleship Oregon. However, the authorities have been able to compute about the cost of the powder and shell discharged in that battle, and they fix the cost at between \$90,000 and \$100,000.

Rear Admiral Drwery's victory was less costly. Only \$45,000 worth of powder and shell were used during the battle of Manila Bay, distributed in this way:

One hundred and fifty-seven 8-inch projectiles, 635 6-inch, 622 5-inch, 1, and 6-pounders, 648 3-pounders 987 47 MM and 1,532 1-pounders and 37 MM; total, 5,681.

So far as the reports received by the bureau show the ships which participated in the battle with Cervera's fleet fired these number of rounds from the guns named:

Brooklyn—100 8-inch, 473 5-inch, 1,200 6-pounders and 200 1-pounders.

Oregon—36 13-inch, 145 8-inch, 41 6-inch, 1,564 6-pounders and 141 1-pounders.

Iowa—31 12-inch, 35 8-inch, 251 4-inch, 1,056 6-pounders and 100 1-pounders.

Texas—8 12-inch, 97 6-inch, 400 6-pounders and 381 1-pounders.

Gloucester—589 6-pounders and 783 3-pounders.

New York—2 4-inch.

The reports show that most of the shells fired were common shell, the Brooklyn using the largest number of armor-piercing shells. It was due to this fact that the cost of the ammunition was so comparatively small.

SENSATIONAL STORY.

Report That Germany Will Arm the Philippines.

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 25.—The Post has published a sensational story to the effect that Germany is planning to send numerous trading vessels to the Philippine islands and will arm 150,000 Philippines besides furnishing Krupp guns and artillery for field use. The islanders, the Post alleges, will be thoroughly drilled German officers and by February Aguinaldo will be prepared to make an onslaught on the American forces. According to the Post German agents have made a report to their government that it will be impossible for the United States to land more than 50,000 men in the Philippines before Aguinaldo is ready to make the coup. According to the German correspondent, from whom the Post's story comes, America's only hope of avoiding trouble with Aguinaldo is to disarm the insurgents.

Fatal Dust Explosion.

Toledo, Ohio, Sept. 24.—Eight people cremated, eight more fatally burned and eight seriously injured is the result of the most disastrous fire that ever occurred in Toledo.

The spontaneous combustion of dust in the grain elevator owned by Paddock, Hodge & Co., caused the terrible destruction of life and none of those who were taken out after the fire started were far enough from death's door to tell anything of the details.

The Leader.

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GRAHAM, TEXAS.

Entered at the postoffice at Graham, Texas, as second class mail matter.

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One copy one year, \$1.00.
Six months, .50.

William J. Bryan is not running for president of this great commonwealth, but the people are running him for that office and will not rest satisfied until their wishes in the matter are carried out.

There is a chance in every town for one man in every line of business to make a distinct, palpable hit in his advertising. Let him get out of the old ruts. Let him make up his mind that he advertises for business, and not "just to help the paper along." Let him give some good, hard, common sense thought to the subject.—Bates.

Sidney Webb, of Bellevue, Clay county, has secured land in East Cuba and will ship 2500 head of Texas cattle there and establish a ranch.

The household remedy is Hunt's Lightning Oil. All aches and pains quickly relieved. Satisfaction or money refunded.

The powder and shells Dewey used to annihilate Montejó's fleet are reported to have cost but \$45,000. The fleet before Santiago spent a little less than \$100,000 in sweetening Cervera's fleet from the high seas. That is, the two fights cost in shells and powder less than \$150,000. And yet we destroyed ships and values to the amount of about \$20,000,000. If that was not shooting, will some foreign nation set us an example. No wonder we made the world hold up its hands in surprise and compelled it to do honor to us as never before.

The publishers of THE YOUTH'S COMPANION promise a number of attractive features for the four weeks in October. That of October 6th will contain an article on the Boston Subway. In those of October 13th and 20th Col. Henry Watterson will relate stories of the great orators of the stump. The issue of October 20th will also contain two stories, one by Mrs. Margaret Sangster, the other by Mrs. Annie Hamilton Donnell. Lord Dufferin will contribute to the issue of October 27th, "My first Cruise," the account of a pleasure trip in wartime.

Good Goods, Well Advertised.
Going the rounds of the press is an item stating that the Royal Baking Powder Co. is the largest advertiser in America. Of course the business itself must be an enormous one to justify so great an expenditure in publicity. There is no fallacy more dangerous than that success can be obtained by advertising an article of indifferent merit. But, given an article of highest quality like Royal Baking Powder, which when the housekeeper has once used she finds if she desires the best food she cannot do without, then the greatest measure of success is attained by keeping it continuously before the public.—Great merit and good advertising are both essential to make a product a great success. The Royal Baking Powder possessing the first its proprietors have wisely used the second, and the result is apparent throughout the land. The Royal company believe that there is no medium for advertising like the newspapers, since in these enlightened days everybody reads them.

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

Fashion to Fill a Meeting House.

Prices in a Nut Shell.

Having visited St. Louis and Chicago, I have purchased for the ladies of Graham and Young county a most complete line of Millinery. A great many novelties never before seen in Graham; in fact I have everything new and desirable in headwear. My prices will be very low for the quality of the goods. Call and see my fall opening.

MRS. J. H. STEWART.

We clip the following from an exchange, a practical, every day view of the famous poem by Ella Wheeler Wilcox: "Drink, and the gang drinks with you; swear off and you go it alone, for the bar room bum who drinks your rum has a quenchless thirst of his own. Feast, and your friends are many; fast, and they cut you dead; they'll not get mad if you treat them bad so long as their stomach is fed. Steal, if you can get a million, for your friends will furnish bail; it's a great big thief who gets out on leave, while the little one goes to jail."

Rev. G. E. Morrison, a Northern Methodist preacher, was convicted of wife murder at Vernon this week and given the death penalty.

Col. Theodore Roosevelt has been nominated by the republicans as a candidate for Governor of New York.

Kentucky has outlawed prize fights and rests contented that its feuds will cease for lack of material.

The French cabinet has decided to re-open the Dreyfus case, and the documents will be sent to the court of cassation.

Investigation shows that the shops and dives in the vicinity of the army camp at Jacksonville are filled with commissary and quartermaster's stores, which appear to have been obtained through somebody's pilfering. This looks very bad. The president's board of inquiry is charged up with the account.

STRAYED—A black male pig, three or four months old, has some white in face. Leave information at this office.

Weak, Nervous

Suffered Agony with Rheumatism, Could Not Sleep

A Physician Recommended Hood's Sarsaparilla and Relief Came.

"I became nervous, weak and trembly and suffered agony from rheumatism. This was followed by palpitation of the heart, and sinking spells. Then that terrible affliction, insomnia, took possession of me. Many nights I thought I would become insane before the light of morning broke. My husband had taken Hood's Sarsaparilla with benefit and he urged me to try it. He thought it would make me sleep. I hesitated about taking it until a physician recommended it. Then I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and Hood's Pills. The result is I am now feeling better and stronger than I have felt for years. I am able to sleep soundly, and to everyone who suffers as I did I recommend Hood's Sarsaparilla." MRS. H. A. BENFIELD, Jefferson, Texas.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier. Sold by all druggists. \$1; six for \$5.

Hood's Pills

act harmoniously with Hood's Sarsaparilla. 25c.

Each member of the peace commission is allowed \$150 per day for services in patching up Uncle Sam's relations with Spain. It is estimated that a quarter of a million dollars will be necessary to foot the bills of the negotiators.

A Texas Wonder! Hall's Great Discovery

For Kidney and Bladder Troubles

One small bottle of Hall's Great Discovery cures all Kidney and Bladder Troubles, removes Gravel, cures Diabetes, Seminal Emissions, weak and Lame Backs, Rheumatism and all irregularities of the Kidneys and Bladder in both men and women. Regulates Bladder Troubles in children. If not sold by your Druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.00. One small bottle is two months treatment, and will cure any case above mentioned. E. W. HALL.

Sole M^r. P. O. Box 215, Waco, Tex. Waco, Texas, July 27, 1897.—We, the undersigned, of Waco, have used Hall's Great Discovery for Kidney and Bladder trouble, and can cheerfully recommend it. Jno. H. Harrison, A. S. Foster, Sam. J. Luckland, P. J. Bahl, Payne Dixon, J. W. Baugh, W. J. Cottrill, Bill Harris, Ex-Sheriff.

Aid for Her Sex.

A lady writing Mrs. Brown from Charleston, S. C., says:

"I received the box of JUNO TABLETS and used them as directed. They have completely overcome my trouble. I cannot praise them too highly. What a blessing it would be if all women knew that that which was illness, despondency, timidity and grief would be supplanted with health, hope, courage and good cheer if they would but use JUNO TABLETS."

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COME AND SEE US.
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MINERAL WELLS, TEXAS.
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The Purest and Best Liquors always in stock. Carefully packed for shipment. Give me a trial.

When in Jacksboro,
CALL ON
H. A. WILLS,
The Leading Druggist of North West Texas.
Carries everything usually kept in a FIRST-CLASS Drug Store.
Prescriptions Carefully Compounded Day and Night.
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Jacksboro, Texas.

A Good Druggist to fill your Prescriptions is as necessary as a good Doctor to write them.
POISONOUS
Drugs you must take because your Physician prescribes them.
Your
PRESCRIPTIONS
Calling for poisons like Strychnine, Arsenic, &c., and all other prescriptions as well, will receive the utmost care in our hands, and will be
ACCURATELY FILLED
With the purest DRUGS obtainable. We take a pride in our PRESCRIPTIONS and ask that you give us a trial, and be convinced of the superiority of our work.
AKIN & MATTHEWS.
No trouble to fill night prescriptions as Edgar Matthews rooms in rear of store.

D. M. HOWARD,
Of Mineral Wells, Texas, Carries the Largest
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Dry Goods, Groceries, Millinery, Etc.
In This Section of the Country.
I will sell you goods as cheap as any house in North west Texas. Will buy Cotton and Wheat. Give me a call, I will treat you right.
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IF YOU WANT
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At Rock Bottom Prices for Cash,
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They will sell you Groceries lower than ever sold in Graham. Try them and you will be convinced.

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For District Attorney, 30th Dist.
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For County Judge.
O. E. FINLAY.
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CHAS. GAY.
For County Treasurer.
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For Tax Assessor.
W. P. BECKHAM.
For Commissioner Precinct No. 1.
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Independent Ticket.
FOR ASSESSOR,
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R. M. Summers has sold his farm on Salt Creek to Mr. James of Indian Mound.

Call and examine our stock. We have the most complete line of Groceries in the West.
MATTHEWS, TIDWELL & NORMAN.

Judge Woods wants to sell the Woods House. See his ad.

Money to Loan

On well improved farm and ranch lands.
R. D. BELL,
Attorney at Law.
Jacksboro, Texas.

Midyett & McMillian of Lacy, have sold out, farm and store, to R. M. Summers, and will move in a short time to the Territory.

C. Q. Hess carries a complete line of good Furniture, bought direct from the factory. Quality of goods and prices speak for themselves. When in Jacksboro call at the new stone building, S. E. corner square.

Postmaster Cunningham has bought G. H. Crozier's residence and will move into it.

All parties indebted to us will please come forward and make immediate settlement.

Respectfully,
DRS. LEGRAND.

J. D. Short has taken his children to Weatherford to their aunt, Mr. G. W. Godfrey.

We are showing the prettiest line of Dress Shoes ever brought to Graham.
JNO. E. MORRISON & Co.

Clem Mayes has bought the old red store house on the corner and will soon remove it.

Lyons & Matthews, of Jacksboro, will sell you Lumber as cheap as you can get it. They keep the best quality.

E. H. Wade returned from Jacksboro last Friday.

'Squire Starrett's court has been grinding this week.

County Court convenes one week from next Monday, with quite a number of cases on the docket.

W. A. J. Akers of Fish Creek, was in town Monday.

Sweet Potatoes, Irish Potatoes, Green Apples, Mackerel, Fresh Grits, Comb Honey, Breakfast Bacon, Hams, at
JNO. E. MORRISON & Co.

R. L. Parrot of Eliasville, called THE LEADER Tuesday and deposited a silver wheel.

Ladies are invited by Jno. E. Morrison & Co to call and see their stock of Dress Goods. They have the fashionable fabric of the season.

THE GRAHAM LEADER FREE.

As a special inducement to those not now taking the LEADER, we offer to send the paper absolutely free from now until January 1, 1899, provided the \$1.00 is paid IN ADVANCE for the year from Jan 1st.; that is, we will send the LEADER from now until Jan. 1, 1900, for \$1.00 in advance. All old subscribers are extended the same offer if they will pay the amount now due, and one year in advance. In no case will this offer be good except where the CASH IS PAID IN ADVANCE.

Prof. Johnston and Fowler can receive five more pupils each; Mrs. Dowdle and Miss Caldwell a few more. Pupils entering these classes next Monday will remain in their classes during the whole year, unless they fail to pass their weekly examinations.

When the free school opens the new teachers will teach the new pupils. No room will be too full. The high school pupils are nearly all in.

The announcement of Mr. F. W. Knight, as a candidate for the office of tax assessor, will be found in the announcement column of THE LEADER. Mr. Knight is not unknown to the people of Young county, as he filled the office to which he again aspires for one term and is one of our oldest and best citizens. He runs as an independent candidate and has many friends to assist him in the race.

Low prices, Best Goods, more Groceries for the Dollar than any House off the railroad, at
JNO. E. MORRISON & Co.

Geo. T. Wood of Belknap was mingling with the dear people in Graham last Monday.

Call and see us before buying your bill. We will save you money.
MATTHEWS, TIDWELL & NORMAN.

Warm days and pleasant nights; but the weather clerk will give us a change of programme ere long.

Great Reduction in Prices.

In keeping with the fall in cotton. Post yourself on the changes—see how much we can save you on your Dry Goods and Grocery bill.
JNO. E. MORRISON & Co.

Miss Maud Bell left Wednesday, accompanied by Miss Mattie Fore, of Memphis, for Dallas, where they will spend a few days at the fair, after which Miss Bell will accompany Miss Fore to her home in Memphis and spend a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. J. R. Fore.

Any one can pay for a little space in a newspaper and fill it up with great flaming head lines, saying what they have done and what they will do; but watch the crowd, ask your neighbor about us and our stock and don't be persuaded into buying until you have seen our stock and get our prices. We know our prices are right.
S. B. STREET & Co.,
Cheapest House in Town.

If you want good Bread try Electric Loaf Patent, manufactured by Jacksboro Mill and Elevator Co. Sold by Matthews, Tidwell & Norman, Graham.

A few Graham people are leaving or preparing to leave for the Dallas fair.

Eld. J. H. Sheppard will preach in Ming Bend next Sunday.

THE LEADER is under obligations to the management of the Jacksboro Fair for a complimentary ticket. We regret our inability to attend.

If you want Lumber, Shingles, &c., call on Lyons & Matthews, at Jacksboro, and you can get just what you want at the lowest figures.

Remember the concert to night.

E. H. Wade has accepted a position with W. S. McJimsey, and can now be found selling furniture, coffins, &c.

To Subscribers.

The time is now at hand when settlements for the year past should be made, and we respectfully ask all who are in arrears for their subscriptions to come forward and settle as soon as possible. Your account may be small, but don't neglect it on that account, for the several hundred small subscription accounts we have on our books would materially aid us in liquidating our own obligations. Give this your immediate attention, and be assured it will be appreciated by the publisher.

Hotel Property For Sale.

I offer for sale my hotel property, known as the Woods House. Price \$1000. A. G. WOODS.

John Martin of Collin county, left a silver wheel at THE LEADER office Tuesday.

Keep Out.

All persons are hereby warned not to hunt, either with dogs or still hunt, in my Flat Rock pasture. The law will be enforced against all intruders.
G. H. LEGRAND.

Judge P. M. Stine of Henrietta is interviewing the voters of this county the present week.

Just Arrived.

Cranberries,
Oranges,
Bananas,
Fresh Grapes,
Green Apples,
Cheese,
Mackerel,
Saur Kraut,
All kinds of Fresh California Goods. In fact, a full line of everything ordinarily kept in a first class Grocery House.
MATTHEWS, TIDWELL & NORMAN.

R. L. Henegar has sent a lot of fine chickens to the Dallas Fair. They are a fine lot, and if they do not take the premium we think they ought to.

TO TRADE.

I have some good hogs to trade for corn.
S. R. JEFFERY.

Pete Randolph of Wichita Falls is here this week visiting his father and other relatives. Pete is accompanied by his family and is welcomed by a host of old time friends.

G. H. Crozier left last Saturday with his family for Brown county, where he will reside.

The most stylish and complete line of Millinery goods ever shown in the city. Walking Hats, Sailors and Trimmed Hats, any shape, size or color. We have always shown the best and most stylish line of Millinery in the West, and are doing so now.
S. B. STREET & Co.,
Cheapest House in Town.

Miss Janie Stafford returned last week from an extended visit to relatives in Arkansas. She is welcomed home by a host of friends.

Street Commissioner Taylor has been doing some good work in street repairing this week.

The Graham Concert band treated the people of the city and its suburbs to some delightful music on Twin Mountain Monday evening. The night was clear and still, and the music, which was perfect, was heard distinctly at a considerable distance.

Cotton is still low and money is scarce in consequence.

The quail season opens tomorrow, October 1, and local sportsmen are getting their guns tuned up to bag some of the birds. The game law, which prohibits the killing of quail from April to October has been productive of the best results in this vicinity and it is said that the game is much more plentiful at the present time than for many years.

Fifth Sunday Meeting.

The Fifth Sunday Meeting, Macedonia Baptist Association, will meet with the church at Graham, at 10 o'clock a. m., Friday, October 28th, 1898.

PROGRAMME.

1. Introductory sermon by Eld. J. F. Kilman, 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? Eld. J. H. Longan, 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? Elder P. B. Keeter, 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. L. McDowell, J. Y. Johnson.
7. Does God call men to preach, if so will they preach heresy? H. D. Butler, Eld. J. F. Kilman.
8. Saturday night—Mass Meeting in the interest of Buckner Orphans' Home, conducted by Mrs. R. A. Doty.
9. Sunday, 9 o'clock a. m.—Sunday School Mass Meeting, conducted by D. A. Ford.
10. 11 o'clock a. m.—Missionary sermon by Eld. M. L. McDowell; Eld. J. F. Kilman alternate. D. P. STILL, JAS. M. WOOD, } Com. A. E. OATMAN, }

CALL FOR A SPECIAL SESSION.

To the Churches of Macedonia Baptist Association: Believing it to be desired, I hereby request that the churches send messengers to convene in special session with the first Baptist Church at Graham, at 2 o'clock p. m. on Friday before the 5th Lord's Day in October next, to act upon a proposition from Stephens county Association, that the two bodies meet at the same place, near Eliasville, next year, and that a committee from each Association meet together and make all necessary arrangements.
C. K. STREBLING,
Moderator.
JAMES M. WOOD, Clerk.

The committee and class of Prof. Lincoln's Musical Normal have decided to give a benefit concert at the Methodist Church Wednesday evening, Oct. 5th. Admission only 15 cents. Satisfaction guaranteed.

J. E. Simpson left Wednesday on a business trip to Palo Pinto county.

When in Jacksboro call on Lillard & Co., Wholesale and Retail dealers in Wagons, Buggies, Hardware, Farm Implements, Saddlery, Harness, and everything in the Hardware and Saddlery line, and they will give you astonishingly low prices. Bank Building.

Doctors Say;

Bilious and Intermittent Fevers which prevail in miasmatic districts are invariably accompanied by derangements of the Stomach Liver and Bowels.

The Secret of Health.

The liver is the great "driving wheel" in the mechanism of man, and when it is out of order, the whole system becomes deranged and disease is the result.

Tutt's Liver Pills Cure all Liver Troubles.

The following subscribers have paid their subscriptions during September:

E. Jackson, J. E. Mayes, J. H. Norman, W. H. Nichols, J. F. Barnett, Sam Fitzgerald, A. M. Keen, R. A. Dunlap, W. H. Oneal, J. A. Baker, Arthur Stone, J. G. Hill, W. H. Dry, J. W. Horner, J. S. Fore, W. T. P. Silver, J. H. Clifton, A. E. Oatman, H. J. Herring, M. F. Brown, G. H. Crozier, M. L. Sikes, Martin Brogdon, C. V. Connor, John Martin, R. L. Parrott.

Several couples of young folks went out to the Goose Neck bridge Wednesday evening and enjoyed a moonlight picnic.

Mr. G. W. Fore of Goose Neck, who has been seriously ill for the past three weeks, is now recovering.

To Teachers of Young County.

You are hereby notified that you must present your certificate to the County Judge for registration before your contract can or will be approved.
O. E. FINLAY, Co. Judge.

The old red store, one of the old landmarks of the town, is being torn down and removed. Its removal creates a vacancy, which, it is hoped will soon be filled by a larger and more imposing structure.

To the Ladies.

We have just received an elegant line of Ladies' Sail-or. Walking and Dress Hats. Call and see them.
JNO. E. MORRISON & Co.

Logan & McCain are putting in platform scales in front of their store.

W. A. Ribble and son of Young county were here several days this week looking for a location. They were well pleased and think they may locate in the southwest part of the county.—Memphis Herald.

A small show took the town in on Friday and Saturday nights. The show went from here to Jacksboro to catch some more suckers.

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Wind Mills & Pumps. Disc Plows & Grain Drills.

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Honest Goods and Low Prices.

EASY TERMS.

Yours for Trade.

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Jacksboro, Texas.

PRICE OF COTTON.

A Review of the History of Cotton for the Past Four Years.

The New York Tribune publishes a review of the history of cotton for the past four years, and says:

A price of cotton nearly a cent lower than ever before, during September appears to threaten a lower range than has yet been reached, at least until prospects for the next year are so defined that a sharp reduction in yield can be expected. It was recently shown that if there was actual consumption of over 10,000 bales of American cotton for the first time during the last year it has only been by so exceeding the demand for goods that important works in this country have already stopped in considerable numbers.

The market for goods, all countries considered, has not yet warranted such a consumption in the manufacture, although it has expanded with really remarkable speed. The consuming population of the world increases slowly, if at all, and it is not twenty years since as much as 6,000,000 bales of all kinds of cotton had ever been consumed in manufacture in any year. An increase from 5,800,000 to 10,800,000 bales in twenty years, over 86 per cent, vastly outruns any possible increase in the consuming population and since ten years ago when 8,134,000 bales of all kinds of cotton were consumed, then the greatest quantity ever known, the consumption has advanced 2,749,000 bales, or 34 per cent. Even this country, the most rapidly growing in population of all large nations, has not known as great an increase in population, nor is there evidence that the condition of the consuming population of the world as a whole has so improved as to encourage materially larger purchases of clothing.

Yet it is true that the actual distribution of goods by sales to consumers has increased, if not as rapidly as production, much more rapidly than the consuming population. The surplus of goods carried by manufacturers and dealers has evidently increased, but the consumption has increased also and no one can with safety predict that it may not yet increase more. No doubt the cheapness of goods, helped both by the reduction in cost of manufacture and by the low price of cotton, in part due to cheap transportation, has made a difference in the quantity consumed, and with another year of cheap material and constant improvement in machinery and methods of work a further increase in consumption is not improbable. The main difficulty at this time is that the accumulated stocks of goods on hand and also the stock of cotton yet unmanufactured are very large with a crop coming which threatens to exceed the world's consuming capacity, not merely of American, but of all cotton.

Memphis Cotton Report.

Memphis, Tenn.—Reports from all over the Memphis district are to the effect that the condition of cotton has steadily deteriorated during the past six weeks, and the consensus of opinions expressed by factors and buyers alike is that there will be a material reduction in the number of bales marketed as compared with last year. Similar conditions are believed to prevail in other cotton districts of the South, and there is no longer heard predictions even by the optimists of two months ago that the yield of 1898-99 will be a bumper.

Heavy and continuous rains have caused shedding of bolls and in the valley the stalk is very rank and its fruitage is light as compared with last year.

A representative of one of the largest buyers in Memphis who has recently been in Arkansas, said of that state, planters were somewhat demoralized on account of the low price of cotton. There will be no special effort made to pick all of the cotton that has been raised. Farmers will not be able to realize over 4 1/2 cents per pound for their cotton at the plantation, taking as a basis the present value of cotton in this market, and the tendency is for still lower prices.

WHEAT AND CORN.

Manitoba Wheat Crop.

St. Paul, Minn.—A Winnipeg special to the Dispatch says:

Manager Thompson of the Ogilvie Milling company, has just returned from inspecting the wheat crop, and says:

"As a result of my inspection, I am forced to believe that the government estimate of the crop will be exceeded by over 7,000,000 bushels. I estimate the crop of wheat for Manitoba this year at 32,000,000, and allowing 6,000,000 for the Northwestern territories, will give us a total crop of wheat nearly double that of last year and the greatest in the history of the west. I am pleased to find that the supposed injury from wet weather has not been anything approaching what has been represented; in fact, the damage from that cause is light, and Manitoba this year will ship more hard wheat than the entire crop of last year."

Kansas Corn Crop Short.

Topeka, Kas.—According to a report issued from the Kansas Department of Agriculture by Secretary F. D. Coburn, the corn crop in Kansas will yield 24,663,000 bushels, 16 per cent less than last year. The acreage this year was 13 per cent more than last year. With the old corn now on hand, Kansas has 127,500,000 bushels. In the same report statistics are given to show that the acreage for wheat to be sowed this fall will exceed that of the year just passed by 5 per cent, making a total of 4,760,000 acres.

Indians Starving.

Topeka, Kas., Sept. 26.—Reports to the Santa Fe general offices in this city from representatives of the company in the Indian Territory state that the Indians upon the Comanche, Kiowa and Apache reservations are suffering from hunger. The issue of rations ceased in June, and during June and July they managed to maintain an existence with enough to eat. Recently they have been making inroads upon the herds of cattle belonging to white men who have leased the grass land. The cattlemen so far offered little objection, as the Indians have no other sources from which to gather something to eat. In some parts of the Territory the destitution is really alarming, and the Indians are compelled to rely upon the chase and upon the cattle which they can steal and kill.

A Big Cattle Deal.

Louis Hertwig of Midland was in Austin Monday, and stated that one of the largest cattle deals made in Texas for some time recently occurred in his section. E. O. Loehansen, who has extensive ranches in Reeves and Pecos counties, selling his entire stock of cattle, numbering 10,000 head, to a Kansas City buyer by the name of Jones. The total price paid was \$200,000.

Two Negroes To Swing.

Richmond, Fort Bend county, Sept. 24.—Emanuel Morris, colored, convicted at the spring term of the district court for the outrage and murder of a 5-year-old blind negro girl and given the death penalty, and Pete Autry, also colored, convicted at the same term of murdering a woman of his race, have been sentenced to be executed on Friday, Oct. 28. Autry took his sentence very coolly and denied his guilt. He said he hated to be sentenced for something he did not do. Morris, however, was very nervous and gave evidence of terrible mental suffering. He denied his guilt and made a long rambling talk.

Suits aggregating \$275,000 have been filed against the French line for the loss of lives on the La Bourgogne. One of the claimants says the captain was insane and courted his tragic end.

A Sunday dispatch from Pelaya del Este states that the wrecking company under Lieut. Hobson in the work of saving the wrecked Spanish war ships has succeeded floating the cruiser Infanta Maria Teresa. She was towed into Guantanamo bay, where she was saluted by the firing of the national salutes, the blowing of whistles and cheering.

THE PANHANDLE SENSATION.

Testimony in the Alleged Wife Murder Case on Trial at Vernon.

Vernon, Tex., Sept. 26.—Rev. G. E. Morrison of Panhandle, Tex., is being tried here in this district court for his life, the charge being for the alleged murder of his wife on Oct. 10, 1897.

Morrison was the pastor of the Northern Methodist church at Panhandle, Tex. According to testimony his wife sang in the choir and was in apparent good health. She was taken violently ill shortly after they returned from church, which was about 10 p. m. Her sickness was soon followed with convulsions and spasms and she died in about two hours.

This was on Oct. 10, 1897. The remains were interred at Panhandle on Oct. 12. On Nov. 19 following the body was exhumed, the stomach and other parts removed and sent to the professor of toxicology at the state university at Galveston for analysis, in which traces of strychnine were found.

According to the evidence Morrison was in the meantime arrested at Topeka, Kan., by the chief of police and held for forty-eight hours and turned loose, the laws of that state not permitting detention longer without sufficient grounds, which at that time were not forthcoming. Later on H. M. Steel, the chief of police of Topeka, was wired by Texas officers to rearrest Morrison and had several thousand copies of his photograph sent out to different parts of the country.

About this time Steel swears he received a letter from Morrison from St. Louis that by the time this letter reached him that he (Morrison) might be dead. Steel kept persistently hunting for his man, tracing him through Illinois, Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, to Fort Worth, Tex., and finally arrested him at Los Angeles, Cal., about April 1, 1898.

Morrison was brought back to Panhandle, but secured a change of venue from that place to Vernon. The state's evidence so far as taken is that Morrison was soon to marry a Miss Annie Whittlesey of Topeka, Kan., she testifying on the stand to that effect. A letter was read which was dated a few days before his wife's death and addressed to Miss Whittlesey by Morrison, stating that he would soon have his arrangements made to be with her and then they would get married. Another letter was read from Morrison to Miss Whittlesey, which stated that the wife of his cousin, Guy E. Morrison, had just died and that he would soon be with her. All the letters read were full of loving names. All the letters that Miss Whittlesey received from Morrison were either mailed on the train or from Higgins, Texas. Miss Whittlesey testified she thought this strange and asked Morrison what was the reason; that he replied that he was in the cattle business and that he was on the move all the time and a good part of his time was spent at Higgins; that the depot agent being his friend, he wrote most of his letters at the depot and had the agent mail them for him; that this satisfied her, as many letters dated at different times, addressing her as his darling; that he was branding cattle and was awful tired but never got too tired to write to his darling.

There are a great many witnesses present and considerable time will be consumed taking evidence. The courtroom is crowded to its full capacity by both ladies and gentlemen and the interest is increasing as the testimony proceeds. The defendant is confident of acquittal when the witnesses for the defense are heard.

Says He's a Centenarian.

Waco, Sept. 24.—At the trial of a civil case before Justice W. G. Boyd at China Springs, McLennan county, the other day, one of the witnesses, Capt. Isaac Brock, on being asked his age, startled some of the persons present by deposing in a firm voice that he was 110 years old.

On being further questioned Brock stated that he was born in 1788, and has therefore, lived under every administration, beginning with George Washington. Capt Brock's head is clear and

his health good. He resides on the Peter Lockley place, near the Bosque Falls, eighteen miles west of Waco. He can ride his pony with ease and believes he can shoot as well now as in the early days when with his flint lock rifle he slew deer and buffalo and sometimes two-legged game when the red-men grew predatory on the full of the moon. The old veteran rarely appears in court, but when questions of boundaries arise his knowledge of the original surveys is invaluable to the litigant.

There is not a more romantic spot in the great southwest than the Bosque Falls. The clear spring water which fills that never-failing stream tumbles over a ledge of hard stone and makes a beautiful cascade. The pecan trees with extended boughs overhang the falls and in the pool below the cascade trout-fishing is good. Capt. Brock delights in sitting under the trees in good weather and watching the ripples, while listening to the voice of the water and the bird songs in the trees. He is cheerful and happy and when requested to do so is ever ready with an anecdote of the past. He is an expansionist and remembers that acquisition of territory has been the rule of action with the United States from its beginning and will be, he says, until its colors fly in a circle around the entire earth.

They Were the Last Things to Go.

Camp Wikoff, Montauk Point, L. I.—One of the regulars, who was with his regiment, and was present at the battle of San Juan Hill, related a little incident of his observation Wednesday as he sat in the shadow of a tent in the company street trying to keep cool. "When the battle was over," he said, "I started out to take a walk up the hill, and I was particularly interested in noting just what things the regiments discarded first when they went into action. The first I came across were intrenching tools, cooking utensils, knives and other things of like character which the soldier usually carries with him in the field. The ground all about was strewn with them. A little further up, possibly half way, I came across the rations that had been thrown away, and away up near the top of the hill the last of all to be discarded were the Testaments and prayer books the Young Men's Christian Association had distributed while we were still in Florida. There were a great many of them along the crest of the hill, but I think the good people of the association would be glad to know that the men threw away everything else that might prove burdensome or in the way, even to their rations, which were scanty enough, before they gave up the Testaments that had been given them."—New York Tribune.

Work for the Cubans.

Washington, Sept. 25.—Gen. Lawton has made a recommendation for the utilization of such Cuban troops as may relinquish all connection with the Cuban army, by employing them on various works of the United States at Santiago. Gen. Lawton has not recommended that they be used to police the city or province of Santiago, but directly the contrary.

Last winter an attempt was made to pass a bill allowing the recruiting of Cubans in the army of the United States, either in the volunteer or regular service, limiting the number to 10,000, but the bill was changed so as to allow only fifty to each regiment, and these to be enlisted as scouts and guides. It is probable that the bill for recruiting regiments from Cubans will meet with more favor in the future, as these men will be available for garrison duty. It is also thought that a number of Cubans who have been serving in the Cuban army will become better satisfied with the changed condition of affairs if they are allowed to continue in military service. At the time the bill for enlisting Cubans was proposed it was thought that such action would be resented by the American Troops, as the pressure to go to Cuba among the volunteers was very great at that time.

At a meeting of the colored labor union at Galveston Sunday it was decided to continue the strike at the Malory wharf.

Single Names for Boys.

Having thought of a very remarkable disposition of people to name their children after some person who had gained reputation as a statesman, military man or president, and that other queer habit of giving several names to an individual, as if by that they would be able to start off in honor, or compel people to honor them by the great name or number of names given, I thought it might be interesting to offer some thoughts on the subject now, that we are just receiving a large number of the list of names that will be certainly honored for years to come.

If a person would read the names of arrests the police give daily, and then look over the list of criminals the penitentiaries publish, they might not have so favorable an opinion of naming after what are called great men. How many G. W.'s, A. J.'s, H. C.'s, J. K.'s etc., are the initial letters of those who commit crime and bring disgrace on their name and state? True, the men for whom they were named were great, but did their namesake emulate their examples? The better way is to give a simple name and teach the child to be great.

Again long names do not help, but seem to impede the way to success. There have been only twenty presidents elected by the people to office, and but two of them had double names. J. Q. Adams, the first president who ever sat who had a double name, was not elected by a majority of the people, but by congress, and there is not a doubt left that if he and one of the other candidates had run he would have been beaten. W. H. Harrison was undoubtedly fairly elected and had a double name. The next with double name was James K. Polk. The whigs protested at the time, and would have contested the election, but H. Clay dissuaded them, saying it would bring war, and that he "would rather be right than to be president."

A committee who was sent to inspect the election records in the Hayes-Tilden contest declared that neither Polk in 1844 nor Hayes in 1878 carried the state of Louisiana. But as congress would not "go behind the count," Mr. Hayes was declared elected by a commission appointed by congress. Louisiana had been the pivotal state in both cases. So if the sworn statements (and they were democrats who had voted for and believed Mr. Polk to have been elected up to that time) are to be accepted, neither J. K. Polk nor R. B. Hayes was elected by the votes of the people. The next one we have with a double name is U. S. Grant. His own father and mother declared that his name was not U. S. Grant, but simply Ulysses Grant, and the S. was given him while at school.

James A. Garfield was no doubt elected by the people.

So if it is proved that those who were elected by the vote of the people were great men, then we have them in order, viz:

George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, James Monroe, Andrew Jackson, Martin Van Buren, W. H. Harrison, Zachary Taylor, Millard Fillmore, Franklin Pierce, James Buchanan, Abraham Lincoln Ulysses Grant, James A. Garfield, Grover Cleveland, Benjamin Harrison, William McKinley, only two of whom had double first names. And we have those who were not elected by the people, but by congress or committees of fraud, or who happened to be president on account of the death of the president while they were vice president, viz: John Q. Adams, Tyler, Polk, Johnson, Hayes, Author.

Sixteen of those who were chosen had single first names; of those three were twice elected—Lincoln, Grant and Cleveland. So we have double proof that short or single names have had the preference with the American people. Europe has tried for a long time to make men honorable by naming them long or many names, but so far as the record has been looked up, none of them ever attained to greater honor than that no one could remember their names. We could wish that none of our modern statesmen or heroes may be scandalized by naming children after them to grow up for criminals or failures.—A. M. Armstrong, Crawford, Texas, in Dallas News.

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BURIAL OF WINNIE DAVIS.

The Daughter of the Confederacy Sleeps in Her Beloved Southland.

Richmond, Va., Sept. 24.—Varina Anne Jefferson Davis, "the Daughter of the Confederacy," sleeps her last sleep in the bosom of the land she loved so well. Her remains arrived here in a combination Pullman and parlor car on the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, which was attached to the regular train from Washington, and were met at the depot by Lee camp, Confederate Veterans, of which she was a member, and delegates from Pickett camp. Col. Archer Anderson, Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson, Col. E. L. Hobson and Dr. George Ross and their wives received Mrs. Davis and those of her immediate party which were on the train. The casket was borne to the hearse from the funeral car by gentlemen selected for active pall bearers and the guard of honor and the veteran escort followed in columns of fours. There were four beautiful white horses attached to the hearse, each one being led by a colored man. The casket was placed in the lecture room of St. Paul's church and Col. Laughton dismissed the escorts. Two members of the guard of honor remained constantly on duty, being relieved every half hour.

Upon being deposited in the lecture room the casket was surrounded by floral tributes from Georgia, Virginia, South Carolina and other states. To the left of the casket was the furled flag of the confederacy. St. Paul's church, in which the funeral services were conducted, was the church in which Mr. Davis was confirmed and was seated when he received, on April 3, 1865, the message from Gen. Lee which necessitated the evacuation of Richmond by the confederate troops.

The crowd about the church when the casket was taken out and placed in the hearse was of immense proportions.

The procession was headed by the marshal and his staff and Gen. Alanzo Phillips and staff, and then came six companies of state troops and the Richmond Howitzers. Then came the veterans' organiza-

tions headed by the First Regiment band playing the "Dead March in Saul." Amid the tolling of bells of many churches the procession started toward Hollywood cemetery, marching between dense lines of humanity the entire distance.

The services at the grave were simple but deeply impressive. After the casket had been placed on the supporters the face section was removed for a moment and Mrs. Davis and her daughter, Mrs. Hayes kissed the deceased.

Mrs. Davis sat in an arm-chair near the grave during the services and Mrs. Hayes knelt by her side. The Centenary Methodist choir sang "Sleep Thy Last Sleep."

A GOOD SHOWING.

Age 32 Years; Married 9 Years; Record, 10 Children.

Mr. H. T. Black and family passed through Denison the other day en route from Louisiana to the Choctaw Nation, to take up their residence. There is nothing phenomenal in the appearance of Mr. Black, it was stated; but with a reporter the following dialogue occurred:

"From Louisiana?"

"Yes; been living down there several years. I have a claim in the Choctaw nation, and since it is necessary to live there to hold a claim, I am moving back there."

"You have a pretty large family for a man who looks so young."

"Yes, I am a young man, but I have a large family. I have a remarkable family there."

"How many have you in the family?"

"I have ten children, my wife and myself. I have been married nine years and have ten children, and the funniest part of it is, none of my children are twins."

The reporter thought something must be wrong about that and put his thoughts into words: "You must have married a ready-made family?"

"No. While my family is a little unusual, there is nothing out of the way about it. I am 32 years old, my wife is 31, and all of the children are joint property of myself and wife, and the youngest child is over a year old."

"How did it happen? You say none of them are twins."

"Just this way: That oldest boy there was born eight years ago. Nothing wrong about that, was there?"

"No."

"Well, about seven years ago these two boys and a little girl were born."

"Oh, instead of twins they came in threes, eh?"

"Yes, sir; there are two sets of triplets and four single births, all of them alive and well, all of them hale, healthy and hearty, and their mother is as strong a woman now as she ever was, and she nursed them all till they were in a perfect state of health and growth."

The second set of triplets looked to be "just as they are advertised," as a circus manager would say. They all look exactly alike, were dressed alike, and if a spirit level were placed on top of their heads it would never show but what one was to a hair's breadth as tall as another.

Mr. Black is an intelligent, prosperous-looking farmer and the children all have the same air of sprightly intelligence displayed by their father. They will make their home in the Choctaw nation.

Those Long Names.

The physician had told him the name of his malady, but he could not spell or pronounce it ten minutes later.

"Have you any idea," his friend inquired, "how your doctor makes up his schedule of charges?"

"No," was the answer. "But I have an idea it was at the rate of about \$50 a syllable."—Washington Star.

Cuban Citizens.

Merida, Mexico, Sept. 26.—Several hundred Cubans, mostly well-to-do people, who have been here since the war on the island began, have returned, and more will go back shortly. Some 2000 Cubans have come to this state during the war and all are well-behaved and industrious. The people of Yucatan would like to have them remain as citizens.

THE PECOS VALLEY.

Land Which Has in Recent Years Been Transformed Into a Paradise.

The national irrigation congress, recently held in Denver, Col., was thrown into hysterics by the following witty speech of Mr. Robert Weens Tansel in behalf of Eddy, N. M., as the place for holding the next session of the national irrigation convention:

"Before selecting a place for the next meeting of the congress, permit me in a modest way, to present the claim of a town which is pre-eminently adapted and most aptly situated for such a meeting. The town I refer to is yet unknown to fame, but not less so than was Duluth before Proctor Knott gave it world renown, nor less so than this beautiful city before the night that Pat Mullally was killed and Jeff Carr was installed as city marshal.

"There is and should be an eternal fitness to all things. A convention of brewers or distillers would scarcely select a temperance town like this as a place of meeting. The gold wing of the democratic party would scarcely go to Denver to hold its national convention to nominate a candidate and extol Cleveland. The Anti-Lynching society would steer clear of Texas. A populist gathering would scarcely meet on Exchange Place in New York city. An irrigation convention should meet where its members can see irrigation in full measure and rounded perfection, without going into a convenient bar-room. They should be permitted to feast their eyes upon a vast desert reclaimed, a once treeless prairie now arched with groves and carpeted with the richest grass and the most nutritious cereals; the transformation having taken place in less than seven years through the magic touch of irrigation. I invite you to come to the Pecos valley, New Mexico, erstwhile the home of the festive coyote and the empire of Billy the Kid. There we will show you the great Rio Pecos, whose bottom is not on top, and in whose body the fruiting waters never slumber. There we will show you the largest and most magnificent artificial body of water on the continent—eight miles long and four miles wide, covering nearly 11,000 acres, and capable of irrigating land enough to feed the whole population of Wyoming, including Finns and Indians not taxed. We will show you a distributing dam ten miles below this reservoir, which feeds an irrigation canal forty miles in length, not including laterals, and which is capable of floating the Spanish navy. We will show you vineyards which produce grapes, the nectar of which was never sipped by fabled god or modern goldbug, and orchards which yield peaches, apples and plums in quantity unequalled and in quality unexcelled. We will take you through the pioneer sugar factory of arid America, the site of which a few years ago was the home of the frolicsome prairie dog and the trysting place of Broncho Bill.

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"Come to the Pecos valley, New Mexico, with your irrigation congress, come to Eddy, its metropolis, come where irrigation can be studied, and where its wonderful results are the marvel of the age."

CHAPLAIN M'INTYRE.

"Contemptuously" Referred to Capt. Evans as "Fighting Bob."

Washington, Sept. 25.—Chaplain McIntyre is to be tried by courtmartial at Denver this week.

The chaplain is to be tried upon three charges all growing out of a lecture delivered by him in the Trinity Methodist church, Denver, Col., on August 8 last, referring to the battle of July 3.

The first charge is "scandalous conduct tending to the destruction of good morals." There are three specifications under this charge, in brief that he referred to Admiral Sampson as representing himself within four miles of the Colon when she struck her colors in order to get his share of the prize money. Second, he charged that on the chase after the Colon, the Oregon met the Iowa going to the rear, and that "Fighting Bob" took the Iowa to the rear and kept her there during the battle. Third, that Eastern-made ships failed to come up to expectations because the builders received their orders through political pull, and "did not care how much they cheated the government."

The second charge is "conduct to the prejudice of good order and discipline." It recites the three specifications of the first charge with an additional one based on the chaplain's "public and contemptuous" reference to Captain Evans as "Fighting Bob." The third charge is "conduct unbecoming an officer of the navy" and recites the same specifications.

The Argument Was Convincing.

A correspondent sends Law Notes the following story from Mississippi:

Counsel for defense was addressing a country J. P. of the "old school." Said he: "I realize that I stand in the presence of a descendant of the grand old Huguenot family that emigrated from France to escape from religious intolerance. Many able jurists have sprung from that family and embellished the bench and bar of the union.

"Their watchwords are honor, truth and justice, and their names are spoken in every home. The law is so plain in this case that 'he who runs may read.' Shall I insult the intelligence of this court by reiterating a proposition so simple? Need I say more?"

"No," interrupted the judge, "taint necessary—I'll give you a judgment." Counsel sat down, while the judge with emphasis knocked the ashes from his cob pipe, and counsel for plaintiff began:

"May it please the court—"

"Squire, what are you fixin' to do?" asked the judge.

"I have the closing argument," was the reply. "Well, you jes' as well set down; I done got my mind sot on the other side." Judgment for defendant.

Gen. Lee Would Like to Fight Blanco.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 24.—Under a Jocksonville, Fla., date the Star prints an interview with General Fitzhugh Lee, in which that officer is quoted as saying:

"All statements that I expected to go to Santiago or to Porto Rico and that I was disgruntled because I did not go are false. I did want to go to Havana, and I have so stated a number of times. I told general Miles that I was a soldier and had no favor to ask, but I had the strongest desire to go to Havana with my troops. I presume if there was any large movement of the army General Miles would command, and all I ask is the command of the troops in the lead of that movement.

"It amused me to hear of General Blanco's expressed regret that he did not have a chance to try conclusions with the Americans before peace was declared. General Blanco is not a soldier. He is unfit physically to command. He knows absolutely nothing of modern military tactics. I know him personally, and would like nothing better than to move against Havana with my corps alone. We could run over Blanco and his army without trouble and without the assistance of any other troops than the Seventh Corps."



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GORMEZ SENSIBLE.

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The New York Press says: The following order issued by General Gomez with respect to the attitude of the Cuban army in regard to the evacuation by Spanish forces of the towns and villages and subjugation of the Cuban army to the military authority of the American commanders has reached the Cuban junta:

"The time having arrived when the Spanish forces are to evacuate the towns and villages, and the population being no longer subjected to their authority, which is now to be delegated to the Americans through the medium of the revolutionary party, as our allies may deem advisable, I believe it proper that I should establish the following:

"The time having arrived when the Spanish provisional government of Cuba with regard to the attitude of our forces upon entering conquered territory in time of war will be strictly observed in the occupation of towns and villages evacuated by the enemy. The right of property shall be respected and persons shall be unmolested in the performance of their duties and in obedience of the laws. Without distinction as to race or color, the flag of Cuba shall protect all citizens alike as well as their properties. In assisting in their control of the towns and villages evacuated and in the negotiations which may be necessary, no terms shall be imposed by our army with the idea of humiliation, but at the same time the honor of our army and the dignity of our cause shall always be preserved. The American forces will have full authority and it will be the duty of the Cuban forces to assist and aid them in the proceedings. All malefactors or enemies of the public order will be punished according to the laws of common justice.

"The flag of the republic of Cuba will always be respected, but it must be understood that the American forces will be in authority to have the enforcement of all laws, which the army of liberation will be called upon to obey. The alliance of our forces with those of the Americans has placed a new phase on the conduct of affairs which will lead to the evacuation of all Spanish forces from all towns, cities and villages in Cuba, and in all questions the Americans will have priority over Cubans. At the same time it is understood that the superiority is not for the purpose of subjecting the Cubans to any other orders than those governed by the rules of war and in accordance with our alliance.

"Our army is in no way humiliated, but is rather honored by such an alliance and will cooperate in every way with the American forces to expedite the evacuation of the forces of the enemy to the end that Cuba may be quickly rid of her erstwhile enemy. All chief of divisions will see that they place themselves in communication with the commanders of the Americans when the proper time arrives and will station their forces according to the assignment designated by the American commanders."

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Sayers for Bryan and Free Coinage.

The gold men are offering to bet that Sayers says as little as possible about Bryan and free silver.—Southern Mercury.

Indeed, then they would better keep their money in their pockets. The Mercury says further:

Farmer Shaw is hedging for Sayers as far as he can. In his last issue he gives notice that Sayers will talk very little about national affairs. If he talks Bryan and free silver the gold men will dump him, so he has concluded to play 'possum, close to the ground. The free silver democrats are on to Shaw and Sayers.

Well, now, here is what Major Sayers said in the opening speech of his campaign at Tyler last Wednesday:

"I heartily approve what was said by our distinguished senator (Senator Chilton), and if the democracy makes no mistake within the next two years I believe that William J. Bryan will be the next president of the United States. At any rate, he shall have my hearty and cordial support, not only for the nomination, but for his election, and, God willing, and with the help of a majority of the people of the United States, we will put him in the White House and we will inaugurate a policy in accord with those principles enunciated in the platform put forth by the national democratic convention at Chicago in 1896. (Applause.) And I will go one step further and say, notwithstanding our foreign relations, notwithstanding great interests that will attract the attention of our people abroad, Wm. J. Bryan, when elected, will not only give his attention to our currency, he will not only see to it so far as he may be able that bimetalism shall become the firm and established policy of the government, but tariff taxation shall be reduced, for the good old democratic policy that the necessities of life shall be taxed less and lightest and the luxuries first and highest should be observed in the legislation that may be enacted. I don't believe in tariff legislation."

This does not sound much like Sayers intended to "play 'possum, close to the ground." And this declaration, bold, deliberate and unqualified, as it is, will silence a good many foolish reports recently going the rounds as to the position of the democratic leader.—Houston Post.

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REPORTED by A. J. Wheat, Com'r Prec. No. 1, and left with J. M. Darden, one brown mare mule, 14 1/2 hands high, 13 years old, no brand, harness mark. This Sept. 14, 1898.

Reported by A. J. Wheat, Com'r Prec. No. 1, and left with Jesse Kelly, one bay horse, 6 years old, 14 hands high, branded X on left shoulder and D with bar through on left thigh; star in forehead. This Sept. 2, 1898.

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