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## CLOTHING FOR THE BOYS!!

The boys want a new suit for Christmas and we want to sell them. Boys vestee suits—all sizes and prices. Suits with short pants without vests. Boys School Suits—size age ten to 13 years. Vests and long pants. Boys odd pants long and short.

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For boys from seven years old up. These goods were bought low and marked in plain figures. Now we propose to make a

**Discount of Ten Per Cent on all Boys' Clothing UNTIL JANUARY FIRST.**

This means an opportunity to buy Clothing of us ten per cent cheaper than you have been buying elsewhere. We have more clothing than our boys can wear and want you to wear them. Yours for Trade.

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**D. C. BROWN MER. CO.,**  
Jacksboro, Texas.

### Death of Gen. Garcia.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Gen. Calixto Garcia, the distinguished Cuban warrior and leader, and the head of the commission elected by the Cuban assembly to visit this country, died here this morning shortly after 10 o'clock at the Hotel Raleigh, where the commission has its headquarters. The sudden change from the warm climate of Cuba with the hardships he had there endured to the wintry weather of New York and Washington is responsible for the pneumonia which resulted in his demise.

Christmas was first celebrated in the year 98, but it was forty years later before it was officially adopted as a Christian festival; nor was it until about the fifth century that the day of celebration became permanently fixed on the twenty-fifth of December. Up to that time it had been irregularly observed at various times of the year in December, in April and in May, but most frequently in January.—December Ladie's Home Journal.

Pains in the chest when a person has a cold indicate a tendency toward pneumonia. A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on the chest over the seat of pain will promptly relieve the pain and prevent the threatened attack of pneumonia. This same treatment will cure a lame back in a few hours. Sold by Graham Drug Co.

Those friends (?) who are so certain of Bailey's defeat for the senate two years hence are not in touch with the sentiment of the people of Texas. The legislature of this state will hardly be controlled by those down Easters who would glory so much in Bailey's defeat. In their case, we love him more for the enemies he has made.—Bonham News.

So do the people of Texas. What those down Easters don't know about Texas politics would fill many volumes.—Sherman Register.

Now, there's a couple of them for the wise young Mr. Hearst. They will do for a scare-head-black-type blast in the New York Journal.—Houston Post.

And will not injure Mr. Bailey in the least.

The Madrid correspondent of the London Spectator says: "Everybody in Spain is pleased that the negotiations are ended, because all had been apprehensive that fresh pretensions on the part of the United States would be sprung upon the Spanish commissioners at every sitting." There is such a thing as construing this to mean that the Spaniard is having no more trouble than he expected.

The Bastrop (Tex.) Advertiser reports that a Victoria county farmer "sold the product of a twenty-acre flaxseed field to a Victoria oil company for \$296 net cash, and the same company offers to buy every bushel of flaxseed raised in the county next year." A crop that yields \$15 net per acre is worth investigating. It is diversity that pays our farmers are advised to give attention to.

## ROYAL BAKING POWDER

ABSOLUTELY PURE  
Makes the food more delicious and wholesome

### The Virtues of Hot Water.

"One is never," says a physician, whose advice is reported in the New York Evening Post, "far from a pretty good medicine-chest with hot water at hand. It is a most useful assistant to the mother of a family of small children, who is frightened often to find herself, in the summer wandering, confronted by a sudden illness of one of her flock, without her usual dependence—the family doctor. If the baby has croup, fold a strip of flannel or a soft napkin lengthwise, dip into very hot water and apply to the child's throat. Repeat and continue the application till relief is had, which will be almost at once. For toothache, or colic, or a threatened lung congestion.

### Gen. Wheeler Refuses His Salary.

Washington, Dec. 3.—The sergeant-at-arms of the house has reported that of all the congressmen who accepted appointments in the army during the war with Spain, congressmen 'Joe' Wheeler of Alabama, a major-general, and one of the heroes of Santiago, is the only one who has not drawn his salary as a congressman while in the military service.

Perfection is no where to be found on this earth. An exchange truthfully remarks: "To run a newspaper without occasionally publishing an item that is untrue, or giving offense, is like running a railroad without having accidents or smashups; it can not be done. No man on earth is more imposed upon than an editor of a newspaper. Pushed with work continually, he must rely on second or third parties for information in regard to events that transpire. Frequently statements are received from reliable persons, which are subsequently discovered to be without foundation. If, therefore, kind reader, you find yourself aggrieved by some statement in your home paper, keep this fact in your mind. Don't fly off the handle but go to the editor and ask for a correction, and take our word for it nine times out of ten, if your cause is a just one, you will be received politely and the correction made with pleasure."

The farmers in the lower part of Caldwell county have resolved to plant no cotton next year nor permit tenants to plant any on their lands. They have been induced to come to this determination not so much by the low price of cotton as for the purpose of getting rid of the boll weevil; they believe that the only way to rid their sections of this pest is to starve it out by giving it no cotton to feed on, and in this they seem to be unquestionably right.—Cameron Herald.

Life insurance is a good thing but health insurance, by keeping the blood pure with Hood's Sarsaparilla, is still better.

### SUGAR TRUST.

Chicago, Nov. 29.—The Daily News to-day says:

An attempt is being made to consolidate the American Sugar Refining company, the Doscher Sugar plant, the Arbuckle concern and all of the other independent refineries and the Glucose Sugar Refining company of Chicago.

A syndicate has been formed to undertake the enterprise and the chief members the Rockefellers and J. Pierpont Morgan.

Whether this scheme will succeed depends upon Mr. Havemeyer and certain interests in the Glucose companies.

It is stated authoritatively that all the independent refineries and minority stock holders in the glucose companies are favorable to the project. It is proposed to capitalize the organization at \$150,000,000, half preferred and half common stock.

The Kansas City Star says: "It is a safe proposition that the woman who offered a resolution at the Georgia Federation of Women's clubs to abolish silk petticoats during the proceedings was neither young nor good looking."

The savings banks of Boston have reduced the rate of interest on deposits from four to three and a half per cent. They declare that money is so plentiful that there is no opportunity for profitable investment of their funds when they pay so high a rate of interest. It would seem that in times of such universal McKinley prosperity many opportunities ought to be found for the profitable investment of money, where it can be had for four per cent interest.

### While the Doctors are Doubting

Scientists have discovered the germs of many diseases, but, unfortunately, not as yet the means of destruction of these germs.

At present the "culture" and not the destruction of the deadly bacteria seems to absorb their attention.

However, they all agree that a well burished body and plenty of ozone are decidedly unfavorable to their development.

While the doctors are in this state of uncertainty, and even longer, would it not be well for the patient to have recourse to well tried Compound Oxygen, which is both germicide and vitalizer?

During the last 25 years it has cured cases pronounced incurable, and this statement is substantiated by those who have tried it.

Investigate the matter for yourself. Send for our book. It will tell you about the remedy, and furnish you with many testimonials and records of surprising cures in chronic cases. Book sent free

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Cupid can see the silver lining of the darkest cloud.

It isn't always the most promising man who pays his debts.

Some people have no time to think, because they talk so much.

The moral of a dog's tail is that it invariably points to the past.

Lots of married men who have no knowledge of music play second fiddle.

The forger evidently believes that imitation is the sincerest flattery.

There is probably nothing more unlike a battle than the picture of one.

When soldiers meet in a spirited attack in a cafe re-treat is the usual order.

It's better for a man to do a little kicking than to deteriorate into a human football.

Be honest if you can - otherwise, your patrons will purchase their canned goods elsewhere.

Some men put the smallest apples at the top of the barrel - also the notice, "Open the other end."

Under the head of current literature a household magazine prints instructions for making a cheap medical battery.

In China a wife is never seen by her husband before marriage. In this country some wives seldom see their husbands after marriage.

The air is filled with rumors of wars. They come thick and fast, but they are only rumors, after all, and are not to be given full credit. War is such an expensive luxury that the contemplation of the necessary expenditure gives those in authority a most commendable spirit of hesitation. For that reason pay but little attention to the rumors. Wait for the cannon's opening roar.

During the war many men went to Cuba to kill their fellow-men. Those who succeeded are acclaimed as heroes. After the war Colonel Waring went to Cuba to save his fellow-men from death, by combating and destroying the plague that has long ravaged that island, and in the performance of that duty he fell victim to the plague and died. Surely he, too, is to be deemed, in the highest sense, a hero and a martyr.

A Boston circular says: "About 2,000,000,000 bu of corn are of late years consumed in this country, 1,000,000,000 bu of which is fed to meat-producing animals, 600,000,000 bu to working animals, 200,000,000 bu for human food, and 200,000,000 bu for seed, for distilling and other purposes. Expert authorities claim that the quantity fed to animals the past crop year was largely increased by reason of the protracted drouth last fall and resultant loss of pasturage, and that the quantity used for human food was also much greater by reason of the abnormally high price of wheat and flour."

A simple remedy for too much flesh has been suggested by Doctor Cathell of Baltimore, and if it is as effective as it is simple no one will have any excuse for being too fat. It consists in nothing more than drinking a glass of artificial Kissingen water after each meal one day, and a glass of artificial Vichy water after each meal the next day, and so alternately until a desired degree of thinness has been secured. The diet should be simple, starchy foods and sweets being eschewed in great measure. This treatment can evidently do no harm, beyond causing disappointment if it should fail.

A new market for American wheat is opening in Japan. During 1895 that country imported from the United States 484,510 pounds of wheat. In 1896 the imports of wheat from the United States amounted to 2,451,639 pounds. The amount increased in 1897 to 12,467,466 pounds. Some wheat was received from other countries, but the amount received from the United States was greater than from all other countries combined. Korea is our greatest rival in this trade, her exports to Japan last year being about two-thirds those of the United States. We also send flour to Japan, the amount for each of the two latter years being over \$1,000,000 pounds. In 1895 the amount was only about 13,000,000 pounds. Japan imported flour also from Great Britain, British America, Australia, China, Hongkong and other countries, but the total imports from all of them combined was less than 1,000,000 pounds. We have a clear advantage over them all in this respect.

# TREATY HAS BEEN DULY SIGNED

## The Work at Paris of the Two Commissions is Now Completed--Treaty Goes to United States Senate.

### Treaty Signed.

Paris, Dec. 12.--Saturday Senor Montero Rios, president of the Spanish commission, ascended the steps, leaning on a cane and bundled up in a fur coat. The Americans shook hands with the Spaniards when they entered the conference hall. The faces of the representatives of Spain were exceedingly solemn. Apparently they regarded the occasion as a funeral one.

The treaty, which was not completed, was brought in sections in the hands of the engrossers while the commission was sitting.

After being photographed the commissioners listened to the reading of the treaty until 5:15, at which hour they took a recess until 7 o'clock, while awaiting the arrival of the last sections of the treaty.

The treaty as signed consists of seventeen articles, it having been advisable to subdivide two or three of the articles in the draft agreed upon at the last meeting.

The commissioners of the two nations wrote their signatures on two copies of the treaty, one copy being for the archives. The document was prepared by Secretary Moore in behalf of the United States commission and by Senor Villarutia for Spain on account of the continued illness of Secretary Ojeda of the Spanish commission.

Each copy contained the English and Spanish texts of the treaty in parallel columns.

The wording had been approved previously by the commissions without a joint meeting, so there was no controversy on this subject.

Although the commissions met at 3:30 o'clock, expecting to finish their work in half an hour, the engrossing of the treaty, a parchment, was found to be so troublesome that it delayed the signing of the document until 8:20. Clerk Martin of the American commission worked all day without even stopping to eat. When he came into the chamber at 7:30 with the document he found the commissioners waiting. The Spanish commissioners had arrived a half hour earlier. Mr. Arthur Ferguson then proceeded to read first the English and after that the Spanish version of the treaty.

This finished, two copies were passed around the table, the commissioners signing them in the order present, as follows: William R. Day, Senator Cushman K. Davis, Senator William P. Frye, Whitelaw Reid and Senator George Gray; Senor Montero Rios, Senor Abarzusa, Senor Garnica, Senor Villarutia and Gen. Cerero y Saons, each commissioner signing his opponent's treaty.

Both were tied with the Spanish and American colors. When the seals were expected to be affixed attendants were sent scurrying for ribbons of French, the tri-color, with which the were expected to be fixed attendants documents were sealed as a compliment to the French hosts of the commission.

The signing was finished at 8:45. At that time the door of the chamber opened and Senor Villarutia appeared and exclaimed to a group of correspondents who were waiting in the corridor: "Ee' est fini."

The other members of the Spanish commission followed Senor Villarutia and passed silently through the vestibule to their waiting carriages. The American commission strolled out, chatting complacently and as they descended the steps the lights in the chamber were darkened.

The contents of the treaty will not be published until it is submitted to the senate.

### Bryan Resigns.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 12.--Gen. Keifer, who is in command of the remaining troops of the seventh army corps since Gen. Lee's departure for Cuba last night confirmed the rumor of Col. W. J. Bryan's resignation of his command. Both Gen. Lee and Gen. Keifer endeavored to induce Col Bryan to go to Cuba, but were unsuccessful.

It is reported the temporary release of Col. Picquart has been ordered.

### SOUTHERN NEWS.

Bob Brown, who killed several relatives of his wife, is to hang at Glasgow, Ky.

W. L. Trowbridge has been elected mayor of Vicksburg, Miss., for the fourth consecutive time.

Mrs. Walthall, wife of the late Senator Walthall of Mississippi, died at Memphis, Tenn., aged 58 years.

While absent in Europe Archbishop Chapelle succeeded in settling the debt of the Louisiana diocese, through a firm of Paris bankers.

J. H. Gardner was shot and killed near Jonesboro, Ark., by John Mangrum, formerly county clerk. They quarreled over a business transaction.

Dr. T. H. Huzza, a noted physician of Atlanta, Ga., died in a New York hospital of appendicitis, caused by a fall from a railroad train.

John Youngblood, of Tampa, Fla., was lured into a disreputable house in that city, robbed and cut to pieces. Four women have been arrested.

Rev. J. H. St. Clair, who took fifteen grains of morphine at Decatur, Ala., was pronounced dead and recovered, has left the city, and, it is reported, has gone to Mexico.

Christopher Columbus Cripps, who settled in Hot Springs county, Arkansas, in 1839, is dead, aged 90 years. He was a man of wide learning.

The Portuguese ship captain charged with having a Hottentot girl as a slave, showed documents at New Orleans that he had merely employed her, and the case was dismissed.

The Dahlona Consolidated Gold Mining company has been organized at Chattanooga, Tenn. The purpose of the company is to mine gold in the Dahlona, Ga., district.

At Savannah, Ga., Private J. E. Moore, of the first Maine regiment, was fined \$500 or six months on the chain gang for embracing the wife of a prominent official on the street. Moore was intoxicated.

Sunday, Jan. 1, 1899, the one hundredth anniversary of Transylvania university, at Lexington, Ky., will be observed. The principal speaker will be Rt. Rev. T. U. Dudley, Episcopal bishop of that state.

John J. Carter, the racing judge whose body was cremated in the Baldwin hotel fire at San Francisco, is to have a monument at Nashville, Tenn., to be erected by turfmen of the United States.

Two grandsons of the late ex-President Polk are members of the next house of congress. Both are to represent Kentucky districts.

A street car deal in Baltimore, Md., involving several millions of dollars, has been consummated.

The steamboat John N. Harbin, plying between Memphis, Tenn., and Pine Bluff, Ark., struck a snag and sank near the latter city. She was loaded with 100 bales of cotton and 3000 sacks of cotton seed.

A syndicate, backed by \$10,000,000, has been organized to build the Black Diamond railway 200 miles south from Columbia, O., and 257 miles from Cynthianoat Dover, Ky. The road is to extend through the rich coal mines of Kentucky, Tennessee and West Virginia.

Mrs. Polly Mays, 111 years old, the oldest woman in Virginia, died at the Cove, the homestead of the Mays for over a century, in Franklin county. She was in excellent health up to a few weeks ago, when she was injured in a fall. Her youngest child is 66 years of age.

A company composed of St. Louis and Chattanooga, Tenn., parties is being formed to operate a line of steamboats on the Tennessee river from Chattanooga to Riverton, and connect at the latter place with the St. Louis Packet company.

Not far from Warren, Ark., a young man named Berryman rushed out of his house with a cocked gun on his shoulder to kill a hawk. He stumbled and fell, the gun was discharged and the bullet went through his brother, killing him, and struck the mother, inflicting a slight wound.

### Commissioner Speaks.

Paris, Dec. 10.--Senor Garnica was questioned as to the future of the Philippine islands and he said:

"The United States has inaugurated a policy which will bring it much trouble and many responsibilities. The Americans are not prepared for the work they are about to undertake. Your democratic system must inaugurate an imperialist and bureaucratic system and you must increase your army and navy, with the result that there will be constant friction between yourselves and the European powers."

The American preserve secrecy regarding the terms of the treaty. This is partly through the influence of three senators on the body who represent that it would be discourteous to the senate to publish the terms before the treaty is presented to this body by the president.

The protocol of the treaty will almost reach the dimensions of a volume, as it will contain every written statement presented on both sides during the conferences. The Spaniards made a late contribution yesterday on the assembling of the committee. Senor Montero Rios then presented a vigorously worded protest in which the Spaniards declared they had yielded to force, but that they invoked the conscience of the nations against the abuse of the rights on a nation of which they are the victims. The protest was for the purpose of record and consisted of an argument in support of every concession made by the Spaniards and which the Americans refused some of them peremptorily and without an opportunity for discussion.

The protest concluded: "But these concessions which we were obliged to make touch us less than the insult which has been inflicted on our nation by President McKinley in his message. We again protest solemnly against the accusation hurled against us in connection with the Maine and we intend to again submit the question to an international tribunal, comprised of England, France and Germany, to determine who shall bear the responsibility of the catastrophe."

In spite of the secrecy observed by the Americans it is learned that the treaty in substance consists of thirteen or fourteen articles. The principal articles provide for the cession and evacuation of Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippine islands, and the political, administration and financial results thereof; the acquirement by the United States of public property and the relinquishment of archives. The articles of secondary importance determine the status of Spanish subjects remaining in the ceded territory and unfinished law suits and contracts; guaranteeing of the same terms to Spanish shipping and merchandise as imposed upon American shipping and merchandise in the Philippine islands for ten years, and leaving the status of Spanish commerce in the West Indies to be settled later.

An important provision is the guarantee of religious freedom in the ceded territories, in the same terms as the Florida treaty, the Americans having steadfastly refused to incorporate any guarantee of the United States' determination to favor the property of the Catholic church, leaving it subject to the general laws on the same footing as private property.

Senator Gray, though well known to be radically opposed to the policy of annexation or imperialism, will vote in the senate to ratify the treaty, considering that the signing of that document binds him to support it.

Private Lovejoy of the Galveston rifles, company B, first Texas, was forced to shoot and kill Private Kein of company G, sixth Missouri at Savannah, Ga., while in line of duty on provost guard. Authoritative investigation has pronounced him as having performed his duty.

The Goulds are forming a vast railway combine of the southwest lines. The proposition is to merge them into one system with a total capital of \$294,440,522.

### Agent Robbed.

South McAlester, I. T., Dec. 10.--Thursday night three masked men with drawn Winchesters and revolvers held up the Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf station agent at McLoud. The robbers secured about \$1 in money and several express packages. After securing their booty the robbers mounted their horses and rode away in a southerly direction, leaving absolutely no clew by which they can be identified. Officers have been sent in pursuit of the robbers.

### From Dewey.

Washington, Dec. 10.--The navy department has received a cablegram from Admiral Dewey, summarizing the existing conditions at Manila and such points in the Philippines as have been visited by his officers. Advice also have been received by Gen. Otis, the commandant of the United States military forces in the islands, and they both go to show a notable improvement in conditions, and the growth of a better spirit among those factions which promised to give trouble. This fact is particularly gratifying, as the United States government is already giving consideration to the best means at hand to redeem the pledge it will be placed under at Paris to secure the release of the Spanish prisoners, and the government is confident that their captors will release them upon proper representations from Gen. Otis and Admiral Dewey. It may be necessary to call the navy into service in this matter, for the reason that some of the prisoners are held in captivity on other islands than Luzon, which can be reached best and most effectively by Admiral Dewey's ships.

In addition to the clerical prisoners, Americans themselves hold nearly 15,000 Spanish soldiers as prisoners, men captured at the fall of Manila. These are actually on parole about the city, and the question is how they are to be returned to Spain. This must be settled by the peace commissioners at Paris.

### Indian Catholic Schools.

Washington, Dec. 10.--Cardinal Gibbons, in behalf of himself and the archbishops of the Catholic church in America, has submitted a petition to congress asking that the question of the contract school system be reopened, and that congress again go over the whole subject of Indian education. The petition sets forth at length the history of the Indian school question and the legislation applying to it up to the recent provisions in appropriation bills looking to the gradual discontinuance of government aid to sectarian schools. The petition asks that a congressional inquiry be made in place of the departmental inquiries, in order that the merits and defects of contract schools and government schools may be shown, and "not kept a secret of state, concealed in the files of any department or office."

The petition was referred to the house Indian committee, which is now preparing the Indian appropriation bill. Senator Gorman presented a similar petition in the senate.

Representative Sherman, chairman of the house committee on Indian affairs, is of the opinion that as the Catholic church has made large expenditures for Indian education in the erection of buildings, etc., it is fair that congress should know the exact condition of things. Mr. Sherman said that he probably would take some action to bring about such an investigation.

### Flour Combine.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 10.--In an interview here Clement B. Stern of the Atlas flour mills, Milwaukee stated that he expected the big flour combination would be in operation shortly. The combine will have a capitalization of \$30,000,000. A syndicate of English and American capitalists has been negotiating with the owners of mills looking to the formation of a trust for some time past. Mr. Stern said that the Atlas mill will be included in the new organization.

A cablegram has just been received, it is stated from an agent of the proposed combine, who has been in London for some time past arranging the deal, which says that all negotiations will be closed up within four weeks.

"If flour goes up," Mr. Stern says, "it will not be the combination that is the cause of the advance. The combination will include practically all the spring wheat mills in the country."

Fitzsimmons will meet Ryan if the latter will agree to the middleweight limit of 150 pounds.

The Prince of Wales has decided to visit America next summer.

### To Stop at Montgomery.

Washington, Dec. 10.--Gen. Joseph Wheeler was at the white house yesterday and the president informed him that he would make a brief stop at Montgomery during his southern trip next week and would stop from until 3 until 5 o'clock Friday afternoon.

Peter Maher bested Ed Dunkhorst of Syracuse in a one-sided six-round go at Philadelphia.

Pacific coast had a terrible storm.

## M. KINLEY

President McKinley's... following documents... Increase of the... Material increase... more men and a... Continuation of... The building of... The introductory... Notwithstanding... necessary... voice in a very... increasing degree... the largest volume... agricultural pursuits... returns, labor in... better regarded... by the present... treasury's receipts... by its authors: it... ment have been... and its credit and... while its currency... the world's highest... vice under a com... cause has been... spirit and service... than ever the fr... every section of... the relations of... powers, always... primary important... issues which... in one instance... by arms and navy... agencies which... tion of the co... Here the presi... beginning to... made upon Spain... and reviews full... upon the destruc... vana, the battle... down of General... Merrimack by a... battle of Santa... vera's fleet, the... appointment of... Cuba and Porto... peace commissio... left untouched... navy in an un... of the off... especial manner... Appropri... In disposing of... ed by congress... The national... fund was exp... army and navy... It was used ar... of the several... time approp... ment to streng... preparations gr... This fund being... ments of equip... the war, the... authorized loan... exceeding the... smaller bids, a... \$2000. This w... sources of the... of the people's... honor... The presi... protocol sign... for Spain and... ed States... Suspect... Immediately... protocol I had... suspending... United States... given by the... Cuba... was in a like... sh, the most... or as near the... was ordered... and men had... charged from... be mustered... Also a corre... and general... shly discharge... The Porto... the execution... The United... island at pe... instruction of... intrusted to... congress has... The Cuban... terminated... cuties in a... numbers of... the evacuat... the first of... Pursuant... tool, I ap... secretary of... Ham P. Fr... be the pe... the United... son to Par... October, he... pointed on... negotiation... that I trust... view of... view of... tur... I do not... ment or... stions, wh... of the w... will be... peace and... and until... wise, it... military... since our... ple secur... courage... As so... Cuba an... be neces... people t... It should... ment c... success... with th... be char... close a... duty to... up the... the ind... and in... aspirat... rule m... and b... people... Interes... course... promote... the in... their... weary... the p... plete... govern... tion t... year... could... year... ally... of so... no s... able



# MCKINLEY'S MESSAGE

President McKinley's message to the short session of the Fifty-fifth congress is a lengthy document. In it he makes the following recommendations:

- Increase of the army to 100,000 men.
- Material increase in the navy, adding more men and a number of war vessels.
- Continuation of the war tax.
- The building of the Nicaragua canal.

The introductory clause of the message reads as follows:

Notwithstanding the added burdens rendered necessary by the war our people rejoice in a very satisfactory and steadily increasing prosperity evidenced by the largest volume of business ever recorded. Manufacture has been productive, agricultural pursuits have yielded abundant returns, labor in the fields of industry is better regarded, revenue legislation passed by the present congress has increased the treasury's receipts to the amount estimated by its authors, the finances of the government have been successfully administered, and its credit advanced to the front rank; while its currency has been maintained at a world's highest standard. Military service under a common flag, in the righteous cause has strengthened the national spirit and served to cement more closely than ever the fraternal bonds between every section of the country.

Here the president reviews the war from beginning to end. He starts with the demand upon Spain to end the war in Cuba, and reviews all the causes. He touches upon the destruction of the Maine at Havana, the battle at Manila, the running down of Cerro's fleet, the sinking of the Merrimack by Hobson and his men, the battle of Manila, the signing of the protocol, the appointment of evacuation commissions for Cuba and Porto Rico, the appointment of the evacuation commission for Porto Rico, the evacuation of the island, the evacuation of the island, the evacuation of the island.

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## Appropriation for Defense.

In disposing of the \$50,000,000 appropriated by congress, he says:

The national defense under the \$50,000,000 fund was expended in large part by the army and navy, and the objects for which it was used are fully shown in the reports of the several secretaries. It was a most timely appropriation, given the government's preparations for its defense and making preparations greatly needed in case of war. This fund being expended in the most judicious manner, the government is now in a position to meet any emergency with confidence and courage.

## Suspension of Hostilities.

Immediately upon the conclusion of the protocol I issued a proclamation on August 12, suspending hostilities. The necessary orders were given by telegraph. The blockade of the ports of Cuba and San Juan de Porto Rico was in a like manner raised, and the necessary orders were given by telegraph. The necessary orders were given by telegraph. The necessary orders were given by telegraph.

## Peace Commission.

Pursuant to the fifth article of the protocol, I appointed William E. Day, lately secretary of state; Cushman K. Davis, William P. Frye and George Gray, senators of the United States, and Whitelaw Reid, to be the peace commission on the part of the United States. Proceeding in due season to Paris, they there met on the first of October five commissioners similarly appointed on the part of the Spanish government.

## Future of New Territory.

I do not discuss at this time the government of the future of the new territories which will come to us as the result of the war with Spain. Such discussion will be appropriate after the treaty of peace shall be ratified. In the meantime until the congress has legislated otherwise, it will be my duty to continue the military governments which have existed since our occupation, and give to the people security in their property and their lives, under a just and beneficent rule.

## Government of Cuba.

As soon as we are in the possession of Cuba and have pacified the island, it will be necessary to give aid and decision to its people to form a government of themselves. It should be undertaken at the earliest moment, consistent with safety and assured success. It is important that our relation with this people shall be of the most friendly character and our commercial relations close and reciprocal. It should be our duty to assist in every proper way to build up the waste places of the island, encourage the industry of the people, and assist them to form a government which shall be free and independent, thus realizing the best aspirations of the Cuban people. Spanish rule must be replaced by a just, benevolent and humane government, created by the people of Cuba, capable of performing all interest, obligations and which shall encourage thrift, industry and prosperity, and promote peace and good will among all men and nations.

## Chilian Claims.

A convention providing for the revival of the late United States and Chilian claims commissions and the consideration of claims which were duly presented to the late commission and not considered because of the expiration of the time limited for the duration of the commission, was signed May 24, 1897, and has remained unacted upon by the senate. The term therein fixed for effecting the exchange of ratification having elapsed, the convention falls unless the time be extended by amendment, which is an endeavor to bring about, with the friendly concurrence of the Chilian government.

## Chinese Empire.

The United States has not been an indifferent spectator of the extraordinary events transpiring in the Chinese empire, whereby portions of its maritime provinces are being wrested from the control of European powers, but the prospect that the vast commerce which the energy of our citizens and the necessity of our staple productions for the Chinese use, which in those regions may not be precluded through any exclusive treatment by the new occupants, has obligated the need of this country becoming an actor on the scene.

## The Lattimer Riot.

On the tenth of September, 1897, a contest took place at Lattimer, Pa., between

a body of striking miners and the Sheriff of Luzerne county and his deputies, in which 22 miners were killed and 44 wounded, of which 10 of the killed and 12 of the wounded were foreigners. This deplorable event naturally aroused the solicitude of the Austro-Hungarian government, which on the presumption that the killing and wounding involved the unjustifiable misuse of authority, claimed reparation of the sufferers. Apart from the searching investigation and peremptory action of the authorities of Pennsylvania, the Federal executive took appropriate steps to learn the merits of the case in order to be in a position to meet the urgent complaints of a friendly power. The sheriff and his deputies, having been indicted for murder were tried and acquitted after a protracted proceeding, and the hearing of hundreds of witnesses, on the ground that the killing was in the line of their official duty to uphold law and preserve public order. A report of the department of justice attended, and reports its course fully.

## Brussels Exposition.

Despite the brief time allotted for preparation the exhibits of this country at the universal exposition at Brussels in 1897 enjoyed a singular distinction of a larger proportion of awards, having regard to the number and classes of articles entered, than those of other countries. The worth of such a result in making known our national capacity to supply the world's markets is obvious.

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## Foreign Relations.

The commercial arrangement made with France on May 28, 1898, under the provisions of section 3 of the tariff act of 1897, went into effect June 1, following. It has relieved a portion of our tariff from serious embarrassment. Further negotiations are now pending under section 4 of the same act, with a view to the increasing area of the tariff-free zone to their mutual advantage. Negotiations with other governments, in part interrupted by the war with Spain, are in progress. I hope to be able to announce during the next session of congress.

## Germany.

Negotiations to the same end with Germany have been set on foot. Meanwhile the imperial government of the thoroughness of our inspection of pork products for exportation, and it is trusted that the efficient administration of the measures by the department of agriculture will be recognized as a guarantee of the healthfulness of the food stuffs we send abroad to countries where there is a large and necessary trade.

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## Mexico.

The interpretation of certain provisions of the extradition convention of December 11, 1891, has been at various times the occasion of controversy with the government of Mexico. In a late communication from the Mexican demand for a delivery of Jesus Guerra, who having led a marauding expedition near the border with the United States, had been captured in a surrection against President Diaz, escaped into Texas. Extradition was refused on the ground that the alleged offense was political in its character, and therefore came within the treaty provision of non-surrender. The affair caused much controversy. It is held in this country by an almost uniform course of decisions that where a treaty negotiates the obligation to surrender the president is not invested with legal authority to act. The conferment of such authority would be in the line of this sound morality which shrinks from affording secure asylum to the author of a heinous crime. Again, statutory provision might be well made for what is styled extradition by way of transit, whereby a fugitive surrendered by one foreign government to another may be conveyed across the territory of the United States to the jurisdiction of the demand-

the Dominion of Canada. It is the earnest wish of this government to remove all sources of discord and irritation in our relations with the neighboring countries. The trade between the United States and constantly increasing and it is important both countries that all reasonable facilities should be granted for its development. The question of reciprocal commercial relations with other countries, including the restoration of currencies to the free list is under consideration. The long standing claim of Berard Campbell for damages for injuries sustained from a violent assault committed against him by military authorities in the island of Hayti has been settled by the agreement of that country to pay twenty months of American gold. Of this sum \$3000 has already been paid. It is hoped that other pending claims of American citizens against that republic may be speedily adjusted.

## Hawaiian Islands.

Pending the consideration by the senate of the treaty signed July 16, 1897, by the plenipotentiaries of the United States and the republic of Hawaii, providing for the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands, the resolution to accomplish the same purpose by accepting the offered cessation and incorporating the ceded territory into the Union, was adopted by the congress and approved July 7, 1898. Thereupon directed the United States ship Philadelphia to convey Rear Admiral Miller to Honolulu and entrusted to his hands this important legislative act to be delivered to the president of the republic of Hawaii with whom the admiral and the United States minister were authorized to make appropriate arrangements for transferring the sovereignty of the islands to the United States.

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## R-e-c-i-p-s and Expenditures.

The secretary of the treasury reports that the receipts of the government from all sources during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1898, including \$84,751,223 received from sale of Pacific railroad, amount to \$405,321,062 and its expenditures to \$441,568,582. There are collected from customs \$149,575,062 and from internal revenue \$170,800,641. Our dutiable imports amounted to \$324,735,574, a decrease of \$58,156,690 over the preceding year. The total receipts of duty amounted to \$231,414,141, a decrease from the preceding year of \$30,524,068.

It is estimated upon the basis of present revenues that the receipts of the government for the year ending June 30, 1899, will be \$377,874,607 and its expenditures \$412,074,647, resulting in a deficiency of \$112,000,000. On the first of December, 1898, there was held in the treasury gold coin amounting to \$138,441,547, gold bullion amounting to \$138,502,545, silver bullion amounting to \$33,352,250 and other forms of money amounting to \$451,963,037.

On the same date the amount of money of all kinds in circulation, or not included in the treasury holdings, was \$1,839,879,504, an increase for the year of \$100,000,000, indicating our population at 75,140,000 at the time, the per capita circulated was \$25.00.

On the same date there was in the treasury gold bullion amounting to \$38,502,545. The provisions made for strengthening the resources of the treasury in connection with the war has given increased confidence in the purpose and the power of the government to maintain in the present standard and has established more firmly than ever the national credit at home and abroad. A marked evidence of this is found in the holdings of gold in the treasury. Its net gold holdings on Nov. 1, 1898, were \$210,880,160, as compared with \$102,573,147 on Nov. 1, 1897, and an increase in net cash of \$207,700,000 on Nov. 1, 1897, to \$300,328,275 Nov. 1, 1898.

I renew so much of my recommendation of Dec. 6, 1897, as follows: "That when the United States notes are presented for redemption, and are redeemed in gold, such notes shall be kept and set apart and only paid out in exchange for gold in the case of an obvious duty. If the holder of United States notes preferred the gold and gets it from the government, he should not receive back from the government the same amount of gold as he paid out paying gold in exchange for it. The reason for that is made all the more apparent when the government issues an interest-bearing debt, purely it should pay them out again except on demand for gold. If gold is not available in other way they may return again to be followed by another bond issue to redeem them—another interest-bearing debt to redeem a non-interest-bearing debt."

This recommendation was made in the belief that such provisions of law could insure to a greater degree the safety of the present standard of gold and better protect the currency from the dangers to which it is subject from a disturbance in the general business conditions of the country. In my judgment the present condition of the treasury amply justifies the immediate enactment of the legislation recommended in my report. The gold certificates and gold holdings should be placed in a trust fund, from which greenbacks should be redeemed on presentation, but when once redeemed should not thereafter be paid out except for gold.

The annexation of Hawaii and the changed relations of the United States to the world, Porto Rico and the Philippines, the war with Spain demonstrates that this service, furnishing both pickets and the second line of defense is a national necessity and should be encouraged in every constitutional way.

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Veterans and veteran's widows outside the state are applying for pensions under the amendment recently adopted.

A Brooklyn man in order to spite his neighbors and depreciate their property moved out of his house and advertised it for rent to a colored family only.

Ex-Queen Liliokalani will ask Uncle Sam for \$6,000,000 for the rights she claims in the Sandwich Islands.

Jones county will hold another election on the 13th of this month to determine who shall be county judge. The two candidates tied at the general election.

The Republican party is divided on the question of expansion. Hoar, Hale and Reed are against any Pacific possessions and may force the issue. The Democrats are hoping for division.

George Gould has donated ten thousand dollars to the Y. M. C. A. for the purpose of building a refuge in Texarkana, Ark. The Texas and Pacific and the Iron Mountain railway companies have contributed the site to build upon and work on the structure will be commenced at once.

Many tons of provisions are on the way to Cuba to be distributed among the starving poor. When the United States went to war with Spain it had no responsibility in Cuba, but now it has. It is responsible for the lives of the poor until order is restored and a stable government in the island is established. Until the United States takes control of the island and commerce and agriculture are revived the poor must be fed.

A New Jersey paper makes the startling announcement, (reproduced by the Dallas News,) that the vehicle in which citizen Grover Cleveland was riding got stuck in the mud and that worthy gentleman actually had to get out and stand in the mud until the carriage was "prized out." And yet the sun rises as usual in the east and sets in the west and the waters flow still toward the sea; the seasons come and go and the bulls and bears of the stock market have felt no unusual flutter; McKinley still reigns and the world goes wagging on.

According to the annual report of State Treasurer Wortham, just issued, for the fiscal year ending December 1, Texas is today the richest State in the Union. There is at present in the State Treasury a cash balance of \$2,172,308. There is something over \$8,000,000 worth of bonds in the Treasury also. The permanent school fund long has had a balance of over \$1,000,000 to its credit. The available penitentiary fund shows a credit of \$105,000.

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## The War Ended.

Last Saturday the Spanish and American Commissioners, who have been in session so long at Paris, brought their labors to a close by signing a treaty of peace. The treaty was written and signed in duplicate in both languages. The occasion was one of joy on one side and great sorrow on the other. A Spanish statesman remarked last week "we had to yield to the spoliation of a conscienceless giant," and this expresses the feeling of the Spanish people on the question. They have been utterly routed at every point and forced to take just such terms as the victors proposed.

We have fought for humanity and got big pay for being so humane.

What to do with our new possessions and peoples is now the great question. Aguinaldo has several thousand Spanish prisoners whom he refuses to give up and we are going to have to "Dewey" him a little before we can bring about white-winged peace in Luzon. The Cubans are clamoring for pay for their soldiers out of our treasury on the one hand and for a republic of their own on the other. Alger wants more men and Long wants more ships and it all costs more money. Congress has a real old elephant on its hands now sure enough. Well, "we will see what we shall see."

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The Cleburne Herald, Prof. Mallett's paper, and the Daily Labor News office at Cleburne were burned out last Tuesday night. There was \$100 insurance on the Labor News and \$400 on the Herald.

The supreme court of Missouri has held that suicide is an accident in the meaning of the law. This will be a blow to many an insurance company that has been trying to avoid paying policies of men who took their own lives.

### Two Pointed Questions Answered.

What is the use of making a better article than your competitor if you cannot get a better price for it? Ans.—As there is no difference in the price the public will buy only the better; so that while our profits may be smaller on a single sale they will be much greater in the aggregate.

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The Youth's Companion for December 29th, the last issue of 1898, will contain a sketch of travel by Israel Zangwill, the distinguished author of "Children of the Ghetto" and other tales of the Jewish quarters in European towns. In the article written for The Companion he relates some experiences of "Troublesome Travel in Italy."

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The South Prairie mail route has been discontinued, and a new route let from Graham to South Bend. It goes tri-weekly, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. M. L. McBrayer is the contractor.

## Ladies' Cloaks and Capes.

A few handsome ones left to be closed out at less than manufacturers cost:

\$8.00 Jackets cut to \$4.00  
4.50 & 4.00 " " 2.00  
4.00 Plush Capes 2.65.

If you are interested come at once.

J. E. MORRISON & Co.

The Christmas tree committees are making it lively for the fellow who has a few quarters to donate to Santa Claus.

## Reduction.

Until further notice I will make you one dozen Cabinet Photos full size for \$1.98. M. H. CHISEM.

The recent cold snap put the ice on the "slough" in good condition for skating, and the lovers of that kind of sport have had a royal good time of it.

## Strayed or Stolen.

From the undersigned, Monday night, Nov. 28, 1898, one bay horse, about 10 years old, branded OLA on left side.

I will pay a reasonable reward for his delivery to me, or any information leading to his recovery. S. R. JEFFERY, Graham, Texas.

## Millinery.

I have added dress making to my millinery department, and also have notions of various kinds such as Ladies Bustles, Dress Distenders, Art Linen for sofa pillows, Stamped Linen Doilies, Wash Silks, Metal Doll Heads, etc. The ladies are invited to call and inspect my goods. My prices are strictly in keeping with the close times. MRS. J. H. STEWART.

M. L. McBrayer of South Bend, visited the town last Monday on business.

We handle Wind Mills and Pumps, Manufacture Tanks, Cisterns, Flues, Guttering, Bath Tubs, etc. When in need of anything in the Tin and Sheet Iron work call on Riggins & Hollingsworth.

R. M. Williams of Duff prairie, was in the city trading on Monday.

Married, last Monday morning, Mr. Ed. Dewey of Duncan, I. T., to Miss Sallie Johnston, of this place, Judge Finlay officiating.

The happy couple left immediately for their home at Duncan. THE LEADER extends congratulations.

## Cut Prices.

We are making a general cut in prices on everything in stock. We will make you prices that will save you money. We have a nice line of NEW CLOTHING, and are cutting down very close. Get our prices. SHUMAKER & TIMMONS.

J. H. Cochran, who has been at Jacksboro for several months, was visiting his family here this week.

Denman & Sons, Implement dealers at Jacksboro, have erected a large and commodious warehouse and have filled it with the latest improved agricultural implements. They carry the largest stock of any house in the West. When in Jacksboro it will pay you to call and see them. They will treat you right.

About six inches of snow fell here last Thursday night and Friday. It was the biggest snow for many years and has put a good season in the ground. It will be of great benefit to the wheat crop, but pretty rough on stock.

## Babbitt Metal.

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

Andrew J. Bryan has moved back to Graham and will resume his old place in the blacksmith shop.

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

T. E. Dowdle is still confined to his room, but is improving slowly. We hope to see him out soon.

Riggins & Hollingsworth for your Tin Work. They guarantee it to be first class and will do it promptly.

O. H. Parker and his brother returned from Tennessee Tuesday.

## Lime for Sale.

Apply to WILL MAYES, 4 miles North of Graham.

Marriage license has been issued to E. J. Johnson and Miss Bettie F. Daily.

## Rock Island Excursion.

The C., R. I. & T. Ry has authorized rate of one and one-third fare for round trip to all points on C., R. I. & T. Ry. within 200 miles of Jacksboro. Tickets on sale Dec. 24, 25, 26, 31, 1898, and Jan. 1 & 2, 1899; final limit for return Jan 6, 1899.

T. F. SHORT, Ag't.

A wise old saw is one that has out its wisdom teeth.

## Rail Road Meeting.

Last Saturday evening, at the Commercial Club rooms, a meeting of citizens was called to consider a proposition from the projectors of what is to be known as the Texas Western and Circle Belt Railway. A. B. Donaldson of New York, and Hon. C. L. Potter of Gainesville, represented the company. Mr. Donaldson said his company would build a road within the next twenty months from Gainesville through Jack and Young counties southwest to some point on the Texas and Pacific near Abeline. He explained that they had the capital and would undoubtedly build through this county, and made the citizens of Graham the proposition to build to this town if Graham will pay \$25,000 cash, \$15,000 in real estate and furnish five acres of land at Graham for depot grounds, and give right of way through the county. The bonus is to be payable when the trains run into Graham. Judge R. F. Arnold then stated that he had examined Mr. Donaldson's credentials and believed him to be able to carry out his proposition in good faith.

A committee was then appointed to solicit contributions, consisting of C. W. Johnson, R. F. Arnold, J. B. Norris, M. K. Graham, B. S. Doty and V. F. Garrison. The committee are busy at work on the subscription and the prospects are that it will be raised.

If all the people will give in proportion to their property valuation it can be readily raised, without exacting too heavy tribute from any.

Certain it is that if we ever get a railway at Graham we will have to pay something for it.

## NOTICE.

I hold the notes and open accounts of I. H. Carmichael, Carmichael & Bryan, Carmichael, McCarver & Bryan; also; N. F. McCain & Co. Those knowing themselves indebted to any of above firms for blacksmithing will please call and settle. J. H. AYNESWORTH.

Mrs. J. H. Stewart is building a store house between McJimsey's and Price Bros., and will occupy it as a Millinery and Dress making establishment. Mrs. S. is an energetic little woman and deserves success.

Col. Bob Collins in a letter to the Texas Stock and Farm Journal, displays his usual sound "horse sense" in the following: "Oh, the thousands and thousands of times I have heard good, honest farmers say, 'I cannot spare the time to read the papers.' When conditions of this kind prevail there is something wrong, and they though a slow and plodding people, are catching on to the idea that the man who persists in his efforts to dig it out of the ground will yet be out on the high seas of hard times, while the farmer who diversifies his crops, grows a little bunch of high grade cattle, hogs, sheep, goats, etc., will be safe in port and ready to say, 'Good morning Eli, come in have a seat.'"

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

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

## Spring Creek Items.

WRITTEN FOR LAST WEEK.

Health good; weather continues dry and cold; hog killing is the order of the day.

The people of this place met and decided to have a Christmas Tree. Brother Durham was appointed chairman of the committee on arrangements, and we may expect a good time.

Gilbert Durham has been dipping cattle, preparatory to moving them west. There is quite a drift that way this winter. Wagons pass nearly every day.

There has been two weddings here this week: Mr. Wiley Tate and Miss Mary Byrd; Mr. Marvin Gilmore and Miss Pearl Gray.

Rev. A. P. Lipscomb, the new Methodist preacher, will preach here next Sunday at 3 o'clock. Bro. Harris, the Baptist Missionary, will occupy the 3rd Sunday in each month.

Mr. Foster will move from Spring Creek soon. D.

## Red Top Ripples.

A big snow fell here last week and it seems as though it is going to stay with us.

Killing rabbits and quails is the order of the day. J. A. Baker killed thirteen quails in one hour last Tuesday.

A. J. Graves' little girl, who has been sick so long, we are glad to report, is much better.

Our school commenced last week, Miss Mary Fields teacher. All seem to be well pleased.

A. R. Rutherford and family, after spending a few weeks in our community, left last week for their home in Oklahoma. They were accompanied by J. E. Cochran and wife and Hayes Rutherford. Hayes said it was hard to leave his best girl, but he hoped to be back soon.

Mr. Lindsey of Chico, Wise county, has been the guest of B. F. Harmon for several days. He was prospecting and we learn he has bought land in our community—160 acres—part of the farm owned by E. S. Graham, which J. W. McBee lives on.

W. T. and W. K. McBee and wives went to Graham Tuesday. Ed Slater has gone to trapping since the snow fell.

Some wheat to sow yet in our community.

J. A. Baker moved on the A. R. Rutherford farm last week. TEXAS GREEN HORN.

The following persons have paid their subscriptions since last issue:

J. W. Horner, S. H. James, W. B. Johnson, Bud Lowery, W. G. Goldston, Jacob Cross.

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## Tutt's Liver Pills

### Farmer Locals.

The following were doing business in our burg last Saturday: Dr. Prideaux and Louis Herron of the Oak Grove community, Will Richardson of Lacy, and Ben Huber and Prof. Geo. McLaren of the Bethel community. The Prof. informed ye scribe that his school was moving on nicely and that he would dismiss one week for the holidays.

Our townsman, N. Gegg killed five nice hogs Tuesday.

Hiram Drum went to Jacksboro last and got snow bound. He came in home Monday.

Mr. Thompson was here the first of the week in the interest of H. W. Williams & Co., wholesale druggist of Fort Worth.

Mr. Bouldin and family of Parker county, passed through here Tuesday enroute to New Mexico.

Owing to the snow and the inclemency of the weather, Rev. Hill of Olney, did not occupy the stand at the Baptist Church last Sunday. He will be here the 2nd Sunday and Sunday night, and the Saturday night before, of next month.

The Farmer High School is progressing nicely and the students seem to be steadily gaining knowledge. While the attendance is good there is still room for more.

Our broom man, A. E. Oatman, has erected a new broom factory south of town. He is now prepared to furnish his many customers a constant supply of brooms.

J. D. Spencer will soon have his house in good repair. He wants to move into it this week.

Grandma Casey is still in very feeble health. We hope she will soon recover.

Mrs. Gus Hardgraves visited Mrs. A. L. Donnell, Saturday and Sunday.

There is a new boy at the residence of Willie Oneal; mother and child doing well.

We were suddenly visited last week by a snow storm, accompanied by a norther which is very severe.

Mrs. Jasper Spencer is on the sick list this week.

E. G. Hoffman will go to Jacksboro this week after holiday goods for Wilson Bros.

Owing to such cool weather our pen continues to be frozen and the news don't circulate.

## DEW DROP.

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

## The Great Rock Island Route.

TIME-TABLE—JACKSBORO LINE. Commencing Monday, Nov. 28th, the Rock Island will run trains on Jacksboro line as follows:

Leave Fort Worth, 8:10 a. m.  
Arrive Jacksboro, 12:20 noon.  
Leave Jacksboro, 3:30 p. m.  
Arrive Fort Worth, 7:30 p. m.

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He will make you a talk about

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in this space next week. Read it

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Poultry Yard opposite Belmont Hotel.



### E'nal B'rith.

Waco, Tex., Dec. 12.—The hall of the Young Men's Hebrew association was thronged yesterday afternoon with a brilliant assembly of cultivated people gathered to enjoy the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the institution of the seventh district, Independent Order of E'nal B'rith.

The best talent of the Jewish people of central Texas took part in the programme. There was oratory, music, both vocal and instrumental and recitations.

The seventh district embraces most of the territory south of the Potomac river and east of New Mexico. The Order E'nal B'rith was organized in the seventh district in 1873.

It has grown to a membership of over 5000 and maintains large benevolent establishments. Eureka lodge in Waco, in common with many other lodges in the district, celebrated the silver anniversary yesterday according to a resolution adopted at the last grand lodge meeting.

The orators were Dr. Weiss, Dr. Suhler, Charles L. Sanger, Abe Gross and others.

A delightful portion of the programme was the representation of the Feast of the Maccabees, a celebration instituted 150 years prior to the Christian era.

The old high priest, the cruse of oil, the perpetually burning lamp, the consecrated light and the chanters of the hymn of triumphant Israel exulting in deliverance from tyranny of the Syrian monarch were faithfully rendered. The entertainment closed at 8 o'clock with the song of the Maccabees, sang as they gathered in the temple and beheld the high priest rendering homage to Jehovah amid the ruins of the overthrown and broken idols of heathenism.

### Saved by a Pencil Clasp.

Beeville, Tex., Dec. 12.—Foliz Hardeman, a clerk of this city, while going home Saturday night, was attacked by a robber, who approached him in the outskirts of town and demanded money. On being refused he plunged into Hardeman with a knife. The first stab was made directly at Hardeman's heart, and but for a pencil clasp on his left vest pocket the result of the assassin's aim would have been fatal. The knife blade made a considerable indentation in the metal. A scuffle ensued, in which Hardeman wrenched the knife, but not until after his overcoat was cut in three places. No money was secured. The robber escaped. A suspicious character found in a box car was arrested and placed in jail. He had a razor and knife on his person.

### Brownwood Blaze.

A fire at the oil mill at Brownwood did damage estimated at between \$5000 and \$6000. The storerooms containing nine large storage tanks of cotton seed oil was destroyed, though the contents of but one tank was entirely lost. The wind and weather was favorable for fighting the fire, and the department did excellent service in extinguishing the flames. Nearly three-fourths of the oil was saved, though perhaps badly damaged by the fire. The success in extinguishing the flaming oil was a surprise, as but about one-tenth of that in each tank was burned. Cause of the fire not known.

### Wheel on His Breast.

Bonham, Tex., Dec. 12.—News has reached here of a sad accident that happened near Commerce. C. B. Wheeler, a prominent farmer of Gober, a few miles south of here, had been to Commerce on a visit, and had started home in a wagon by himself. Next morning his body was found in a ditch about a mile from that place, covered with snow. The supposition is that in the darkness he had driven in the ditch and was killed. The wagon was turned over, his body being underneath, with the hub of one of the wheels resting on his breast.

### Banks Consolidate.

Temple, Tex., Dec. 12.—Saturday the Temple National bank stock amounting to \$80,000 was purchased by W. E. Hall and associates, and the bank recapitulated. The private banking firm of Miller, Hall & Co. is merged in the Temple National Bank. The new officers are J. Z. Miller, Sr., of Belton, president; W. E. Hall of Temple, cashier; C. P. Dodge of Temple, assistant cashier.

Gov. Culberson has commuted to life imprisonment David Daney, under sentence of death in Colorado county.

A dog rushing along Dallas, Tex., streets bit four persons and chased another before being killed.

### The Congress Over.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 10.—The last day's session of the Farmers' congress has come and gone. In addition to the attention the members have received from the citizens of Fort Worth, they have been especially blessed by the clerk of the weather bureau. For three days he provided them with abundant sunshine and refreshing breezes from the gulf, which carried in their embrace the warmth of spring. Yesterday, as if to prove to them that the Lone Star state can produce any old thing indigenous to the north, he gave an old-fashioned blizzard, so that when the delegates from the north awoke in the morning their half-opened eyes beheld a snow-white mantle covering everything in sight.

The last session of the congress yesterday morning was a brief one, and was devoted entirely to business and in listening to an address on American mail service in American ships by Representative Candage of Massachusetts. In spite of the inclement weather there was a good attendance of delegates when the chairman called the meeting to order.

John G. Avery of Massachusetts was elected treasurer pro tem, in the absence of Mr. Spaulding, and will act until the next election of officers, which takes place in 1899.

Treasurer Pro Tem Avery made a short address, in which he said that the fact that the next meeting of the congress was to be held in Boston would rebuild its finances, as the legislature of Massachusetts at its last session had appropriated \$1000 for the holding of the congress in Boston in the event of its happening. The money was taken by the legislative act from the appropriation for the agricultural college.

J. P. Todd of Guthrie was on motion elected vice president for Oklahoma, and J. P. Stewart vice president for Illinois, the latter in place of Dennis Kenyon, deceased.

Mrs. Ada M. Ewing of Des Moines, Ia., was down on the programme for a paper on "The Development of the West." Owing to the rush to get off on the excursion the paper was not reached, but will be printed along with the proceedings of the meeting.

The Farmers' National congress excursion left the Houston and Texas Central passenger depot for Houston over that line. There were ten coaches, and about 400 visitors from different states aboard. Among the number are Mr. Whitney, the representative from the agricultural department at Washington, and also Sencr Romero, who came as the representative from the Venezuelan government. Almost all of the visitors from Iowa, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Colorado, Ohio and Illinois are present, and a good representation is on hand from other distant states. President Hoard and Col. Clayton of Iowa, chairman of the executive committee of the association, were unavoidably detained here. The representatives from Mexico also did not go, but left for San Antonio, from which city they will return to the City of Mexico.

### Met at Houston.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 10.—The Order of Railway Conductors held their annual meeting here, and it was a late hour before they adjourned. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Chief conductor, W. J. Hoover; assistant chief conductor, N. Darrow; secretary and treasurer, R. M. Hoover; senior conductor, J. C. Williams; junior conductor Tom Ferguson; inside sentinel, C. L. Dwyer; outside sentinel, E. W. O'Neill; division committee, Tom Ferguson, John Casey, J. J. Donovan; delegate to grand division, W. J. Hoover; alternate to grand division, J. J. Donovan; cipher correspondent, W. J. Hoover.

### The Blizzard.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 10.—The weather in north and central Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi, reports indicate, is the worst known in December in years. Snow storms of almost unparalleled severity have occurred, and traffic of all kinds has been demoralized. There are not wanting persons who declare that such severe weather has never before been known in this section during the month of December.

In Texas, the blizzard of Thursday night practically stopped all traffic on many of the roads, particularly those in the north end of the state.

Another body has been found in the Baldwin hotel ruins at San Francisco.

Sharkey and McCoy are to fight before the Lenox Athletic club, New York, Jan. 10, for a purse of \$20,000.

### Farmers' Congress.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 9.—The committee of the Farmers' congress to whom was referred the selection of the city for the next meeting decided on Boston, Mass.

The beet root sugar industry was indorsed.

Considerable business was transacted and several speeches made. The agricultural possibilities of Mexico received consideration.

The congress of the United States was urged to take effective steps to prevent the spread of splenic fevers. State legislatures were requested to establish textile schools, also to provide penalties for adulteration of food.

The congress of the United States was requested to extend to settlers free homes in Oklahoma and the Cherokee Strip under the homestead law.

Congress was petitioned to grant to the interstate commerce commission the right to make rates, to use powers originally conferred on them, which recent decisions of the courts have deprived them of.

Prof. Whitney of the bureau of soil and analysis, the representative of the secretary of agriculture, concluded the night session with an interesting talk on tobacco culture.

Denver and Des Moines made hard but unsuccessful fights for the next meeting.

### A Pleasant Occasion.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 9.—The feature of the fourth day of the fruit, flower and vegetable festival was furnished by the traveling members of the Travelers' Protective association and of the United Commercial Travelers, together with their host of lady friends and relatives. One hundred and fifty strong they had a street parade, headed by both President Howard Peak and Post C. President H. J. Harby, followed by other officers of high rank. Upon their return to their headquarters there was an informal reception by the ladies in the parlors of the hotel. The reception was followed by a luncheon, where at least 200 ladies and gentlemen were seated.

### Redeeming Bonds.

Gainesville, Tex., Dec. 9.—At the city council meeting Tuesday night the mayor was instructed to take up the school bonds of 1896, amounting to \$14,000, and the crematory bonds amounting \$2500. The light committee was instructed to confer with the county commissioners with the view of adding more electric lights to the public square. Eight new lights have just been added to the city. A resolution was introduced and passed which creates the fifth ward by dividing in half the fourth. The resolution goes into effect on the first Tuesday in April, 1899.

### Real Estate Men.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 9.—The real estate men's convention in session here formed a permanent organization. Officers as follows were chosen: C. S. Renfield, Houston, president; T. J. Skaggs, Rock Island, secretary; Thomas F. McEnnis, Dallas, vice president, and the following associate vice presidents: E. Largar, J. T. State, J. C. Woodruff, Cyrus Thompson, L. Seabrook, J. N. Groesback and George Spiller. An executive committee was also elected. Several resolutions were considered and passed.

### Delegates Appointed.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 9.—Adj. Gen. A. P. Wozencraft, Lieut. Col. Henry Hutchings of Austin, Col. I. M. Standifer of Denison and Major A. Harrison of the Texas volunteer guard battalion of artillery, now on leave of absence while serving as major in the fourth Texas infantry, stationed at San Antonio, will comprise a delegation that will represent the Texas volunteer guard at the annual meeting of the Interstate National Guard association, which will convene at Chicago on Dec. 15.

### Soon Begins.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 9.—General Manager Flisk and Assistant General Manager Grubbe of the Eureka Banana company arrived here yesterday. The first steamer of the line will be here about Jan. 1, and others will follow at intervals of eight days. Mr. Flisk thinks he will have two steamers a week within a year. They will bring about 12,000 bunches each. The fruit will be unloaded in about three and a half hours, and will be hustled northward. The company will probably be chartered under the laws of New Jersey.

### Discussed Woman Suffrage.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 8.—But one paper was read at yesterday's session of the congress. It was a contribution from Mrs. S. Isadore Miner of Dallas, who was invited to prepare a paper on the subject of "Clubs for Country Women." The Dallas writer was tendered a vote of thanks, as the delegate making the motion said, "for teaching the congress some sense." At the conclusion of Mrs. Miner's address, loud applause followed.

G. W. Teel of Illinois, in a speech of a few minutes' duration, indorsed the address of Mrs. Miner. He said that agriculture was coeval with creation. He was in favor of woman's suffrage.

Mr. Hector of Colorado denounced woman suffrage in no uncertain terms. He took issue with Mrs. Miner and Mr. Teel, and said that conferring the elective franchise on woman was a curse instead of a blessing.

President Hoard now announced that the congress was a little unfortunate in not being able to follow out the programme, and as there was no address ready to be delivered, he asked if there was any business before the house.

Mr. Flanders of New York thereupon handed up two resolutions—one on interstate commerce and the other on the same subject and branding. These were referred to the committee on resolutions, and will be disposed of later.

Several interesting anecdotes were told by the chairman, after which Judge J. C. Wellingham of west Texas was called to the platform to tell something of the Lone Star state's stock raising. The judge made a happy speech, which caught the audience. He said the people of the north had taught the south, and Texas in particular, a valuable lesson in the raising of stock. Time there was when the very idea of having to feed stock for six or nine months in the year, as was done in the north, appeared ridiculous to the Texas farmer. Then Texans raised a few longhorn cattle, razor-back hogs and Spanish ponies. But times have changed, and Texas stock methods have changed with them. The way to raise stock was to give them plenty of feed and elbow grease to eat it.

President Hoard, at the conclusion of Judge Wellingham's address, again filled up the breach by telling some humorous stories of a Dutch farmer in Wisconsin. Major Kellogg of Des Moines also indulged in anecdotal reminiscences.

### The Dairymen.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 8.—The Texas Dairymen's association met yesterday at 11:30 in the parlors of the Worth hotel. One of the features of the meeting was an address by Prof. Henry of the Wisconsin dairy school of Madison, Wis., on "The Feeding of Dairy Cattle." The speech was attentively listened to. He impressed upon the members of the association the necessity of co-operation and of continued activity in the association, no matter how small the attendance at the sessions might be. He said that the dairy school that he represented opened with only two pupils and that at the second year seventy had been enrolled and a small room was used for teaching. He stated that the legislature came over and saw the work that was being done and appropriated \$35,000 with which to erect a building and equip a hall, and that now there was being educated over 100 butter-makers at an annual cost of about \$18,000. He said that Gov. Hoard had a son, who fifteen years ago, was considered poor, financially, and that to-day he is worth \$100,000 and is supplying 7000 families with butter.

Prof. Hilliard of Kyle and Gen. Marsh of Hunt county also spoke.

### Deaf Mute Killed.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 8.—Robert Jones, aged about 7 years, and deaf and dumb, was run over and killed by an extra train coming north on the Texas trunk railroad at a point near Kleburg yesterday. The lad came out of a field from behind a woodpile and was walking on the track directly in front of the engine. Engineer Frank Myers sounded the whistle and then applied the air brakes, but the boy appeared to be unconscious of his peril, and continued to walk in the middle of the track. Fireman Oscar Claire made a heroic effort to save the lad. The brave fireman crawled out on the pilot and reached for the boy, grasping the little fellow by the arm. Claire, unfortunately lost his hold and the pilot struck the boy. Death followed shortly afterward. Then it was ascertained that the little victim was the deaf and dumb son of Mr. J. A. P. Jones, a farmer who resides two miles from Kleburg. The grief of the parents was indescribable, according to those who witnessed the sad spectacle.

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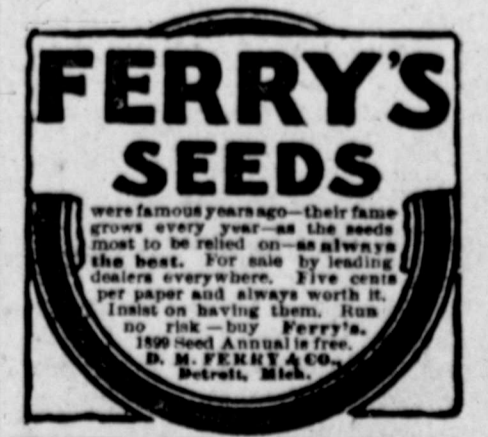
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Some people appear ludicrous by the undue admiration they seem to have for their own capacity.

STORYETTES.

Mr. Aspinwall, a clever and reckless barrister, famous in the '60's in Victoria for his fun and audacity, was addressing an election meeting in Balarat, the "golden city." The lively advocate had come to that time in his career when much whisky and soda had wrought palpable havoc with his complexion. His speech ended and questions were invited. "Aspinwall!" bellowed a stalwart digger, "tell us what makes your face so red." "Blushing at your confounded impudence, sir!" was the quick reply. It carried the meeting.

Dr. Fichett, brother of the editor of the Australian Review of Reviews, was a member of a colonial parliament wherein one day a certain eccentric and elderly member named Taylor insisted on making a speech on education. The oration consisted of a hyperbolic eulogy of the board of schools in Mr. Taylor's constituency. Mr. Fichett interjected some jocose expression of doubt. "Why, sir," said the irate Taylor, turning upon him, "at this very moment I have a school in my eye." "No, only one pupil, Mr. Taylor!" retorted the doctor, and the orator's eloquence was drowned in laughter.

In the last century every gentleman was put to bed drunk. He had either to drink as others drank or fight a duel. Sir Aubrey de Vere, when he was 18 years of age, after a day's hunt, avoided intoxication at dinner by watching until the others were tipsy, and, after that, pouring each new glass of wine down his neck-cloth, then worn so large that the chin was buried in it. When the last of the toppers lay under the table, he rushed to his bedroom, took a bath, dressed anew, and joined the ladies at their 12 o'clock tea. The next morning at breakfast all the gentlemen rose when he entered and received him as if he had been a prince. They had heard that he had been unaffected by the wine, and considered that so strong a head was entitled to the highest honors.

WORDS OF THE WISE.

Many, indeed, think of being happy with God in heaven; but the being happy with God on earth never enters their thoughts.—John Wesley.

"Glory to be on God on high, and on peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we worship Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory, O Lord God!"

It denotes no great bravery of mind to do that out of a desire of fame which we could not be prompted to by a generous passion for the glory of Him that made us.—Addison.

If you have been waked through love into life, then your life's work is to transmute everywhere the transient into the permanent and the eternal, first in your own soul and life, then by what you are, and through your love calling out the eternal in all about you.

We grow so easily to forget our noblest and most splendid times. It seems to me there is no maxim for a noble life like this: Count always your highest moments your truest moments. Believe that in the time when you were the greatest and most spiritual man, then you were your truest self.—Phillips Brooks.

The greatest battles of life are fought in the arena of a man's own heart. His most powerful and his most insidious foes are within himself. The household of his daily thought and desires and purposes and imaginings contains enemies subtle and strong. In his own bosom the battle must be joined.—Philip Moxon.

Above the dim mists of superstition and materialism towers this majestic, colossal figure, mantled in holiness, his face all aglow with conscious, intimate communion with the Father, the ideal sanctified soul. One with the Father, because filled with the holy spirit; the son, because living in the spirit, in harmony with the divine will.—"He hath left us an example, that we should follow in his steps."—"Light on the Hidden Way."

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The amount of capital invested in the manufacture of bicycle tires in the United States is estimated by an exchange at \$8,000,000, the number of persons employed at 3,000 and the number of tires produced annually at 4,000,000.

To assist in rolling barrels, a pair of levers are hinged to form tongs, and have small rollers to engage both the inside and outside of the chine, the rollers revolving as the barrel turns.

An adjustable necktie fastener for bow ties has a link chain on one strap in the back, with a hook on the opposite end to catch any one of the links and adjust the straps to the proper tension.

Belt pulleys are being manufactured which will hold the belt in the center of the pulley and prevent it from sliding off, a right and left spiral groove being cut from the center to the edges of the belt surface.

A new cuff fastener is composed of a wire link twisted into three hoops with the connecting link fastened in the end loop for inserting in the cuff, after which it is slipped into the center loop to hold the cuff.

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An Englishman has patented a new system of belt gearing in which the rims of the pulleys are made hollow and can be distended by forcing air into them, the belt being made hollow and charged with liquid under pressure.

GEMS OF THOUGHT.

It is always safe to take it for granted that, as yourself, so others are trying to do their best. Shortcoming is no sign of shortwilling. Sweetness is never whipped in.—J. F. W. Ware.

Health is the perfect balance between our organism, with all its component parts, and the outer world. It serves us especially for acquiring a knowledge of the world. Organic disturbance obliges us to set up a fresh and more spiritual equilibrium to withdraw within the soul.—Amiel's Journal.

It is a vain thought to flee from the work that God appoints us for the sake of finding a greater blessing to our own souls, as if we could choose for ourselves where we shall find the fullness of the divine presence, instead of seeking it where alone it is to be found, in loving obedience.—George Elliot.

Avarice keeps a man always in the wheel and makes him a slave for his lifetime; and his head or his hands are perpetually employed. When one project is finished his inclinations roll to another, so that his rest is only variety of labor. This evil spirit throws him into the fire and into the water and all sorts of hazards and hardships; and when he has reached the tomb, he sits naked and out of his right mind.—Jeremy Collier.

In my dealing with my child, my Latin and Greek, my accomplishments and my money stand me nothing; but as much soul as I have against. If I am wilful, he sets his will against mine, one for one, and leaves me, if I please, the degradation of beating him by my own superiority of strength. But, if I renounce my will and act for the soul, setting that up as umpire between us two, out of his young eyes looks the same soul; he reverts and loves with me.—Emerson.

LOOK AT YOUR FOOT.

The Japanese foot has been praised for its strength and beauty. Japanese can walk incredible distances without feeling weary. They do not cramp their feet the way we westerners are apt to do.

Clothing made of paper is not so very new, after all, for Pompeian excavations have revealed shoes made of paper. These shoes would be cheap, light and waterproof, and the suggestion might be a good one to follow.

It is said the hand indicates the degree of refinement, but it is not nearly so good a guide as the foot. Often a person will have a lovely face and hand and the foot will betray lack of aristocratic blood signified by the graceful fingers. A very small, arched foot tells of an arbitrary spirit, pride, elegance and reserve. It is rarely seen except in the far east or in Spain. An arched foot is capable of more work than a flat one and in some countries a flat-footed man has no chance of becoming a soldier.

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This refers of course to Hon. Joseph W. Bailey. That gentleman's campaign efforts, aside from Texas, were confined to Virginia and Indiana. In the former state the Democrats made a clean sweep of all the congressional districts for the first time in eighteen years; in the latter the Democrats made notable gains. The Courier injures itself more than it does Mr. Bailey by such talk as that above quoted.—Houston Post.

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Mr. Hardin Norris, clerk of the drug store of R. Shoemaker, Perry, Ill., says: "A man come into our store the other day and said, 'I want a bottle of that stuff that saves children's lives. I read in the News about it. The children may get sick when we cannot get a doctor quick enough. It's the medicine you sell for croup.'" He alluded to Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and bought a bottle before he left the store. For sale by the Graham Drug Co.

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Leaves Weatherford 10:20 a. m. & 5:50 p. m.  
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Leave " " 7:40 a. m. & 1:55 p. m.  
Arrives at Weatherford 8:45 a. m. & 2:35 p. m.  
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