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FIGHTING NEAR MANILA.

Two Fierce Engagements in Which
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Insurgents Lose Heavily—Five Hundred Buried, Five Hundred Prisoners—Four Thousand Killed, Wounded and Prisoners.

Manila, Feb. 7.—Adjutant general, Washington: The insurgent army concentrated around Manila from Luzon provinces, numbering over 20,000, possessing several quick-firing and Krupp field guns. A good portion of the enemy was armed with Mausers, latest pattern. Two Krupp guns and a great many rifles were captured. The insurgents fired a great quantity of ammunition. Quite a number of Spanish soldiers were in the insurgent service, who served the artillery. The insurgents constructed strong intrenchments near our lines, mostly in bamboo thickets. These our men charged, killing and capturing many of the enemy. Our casualties will probably aggregate 250. Casualties of insurgents are very heavy. Have buried some 500 of their dead and hold 500 prisoners. Their loss in killed, wounded and prisoners is probably 4000. Took the waterworks pumping station yesterday, six miles out. Considerable skirmishing with the enemy, which made no stand. Pumps are damaged, but will be working in a week. The troops are in excellent spirits. Quiet prevails. OTIS.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Secretary Alger this morning sent the following cablegram to Gen. Otis at Manila: "Accept my best congratulations upon your magnificent victory on Sunday, all the more creditable because you were not the aggressor.

ALGER."

Manila, Feb. 7, 10:10 p. m.—The United States troops met the Filipinos in a second engagement and did splendid work. Gen. Hale's brigade advanced and took the waterworks at Singalon. Four companies of the Nebraska regiment and part of the Utah battery, with two field guns and two Hotchkiss guns, met the enemy on the hill a half mile out. The Nebraskans lost one killed and three wounded.

Dr. Young, formerly quartermaster sergeant in the third artillery, was wounded, captured and brutally murdered and his body when recovered was found to have been horribly mutilated. The Filipinos were driven back, retiring in bad order and carrying with them the valves and heads of the steam chest and cylinder of the pumping machinery.

Gen. Overshines' brigade took Paraneque, capturing two field guns without opposition.

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South Bend Budget.

South Bend is still a community on the south side of the Brazos river, in the county of Young, state of Texas. But it seems that its former representative is no more. As a personage, we believe "Gee A. Gee" is yet a member of the living world, especially is his physical understanding—we mean, apologetically, his feet. But as a LEADER correspondent he has proven himself naught(y) for some time past, and for these reasons we seat ourself, pencil in hand, to drop you a few lines to let you know we are all well, and times are hard and dry and money is scarce, and hope you are enjoying the same God's blessings.

Some severe colds with us but no pneumonia yet reported.

At this writing the wind still blows through our whiskers, also through the northern sections of our pants when we are directed southward.

M. D. Harrell left Monday for court, as a jurymen for the forks of the creek.

Street Commissioner J. W. Burgess did some official duties on the thoroughfares last week in the way of grading and repairing.

The continued cold weather has cut short the attendance at school but interest is still at good heat.

Pat Maupin returned from the west last week.

Some of the wheat looks well and some does not, but the general prospect is very good.

Prof. Gray will conduct a spelling school, or spelling match, at the school house every Friday night until further notice.

Miss Nobody was married here last Sunday evening at 4 o'clock. There was no other contracting party nor no officiating party interested in this hymeneal affair.

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Eagan Suspended for Six Years.

Washington, February 7.—The president to-day caused to be promulgated the sentence in the case of Gen. Charles P. Eagan. The court-martial sentence was dismissal from the army, and the president has commuted this to six years' suspension from duty, which covers the remainder of the time prior to his retirement in January, 1905. It was stated by the adjutant general that Gen. Eagan's suspension carried him to within a few days of his retirement under the age limit. He will be reinstated in time to retire with the regular rank and pay provided in such cases. The sentence of suspension does not deprive Gen. Eagan of any part of his pay, but as the sentence reads "Without rank and duty," he loses his allowances, which include the commutation of quarters, rations and fuel and his horse allowance. This is quite a large financial item.

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Rather Frigid in Minnesota.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 7.—For two weeks this section has not known the mercury above zero. Last night it got down to 24 below, only one colder day being reported this winter, and no winter since 1888 being so cold. Thermometers range from 42 below at Minnedosa and 46 below at Winnepeg up to 16 below at Duluth. Advices from Western and Northwestern points report intense cold and much suffering.

The Life Preserver which has carried many ladies safely over the dangerous sea "Change of Life" is Simmons Squaw Vine Wine or Tablets.

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GRAHAM, TEXAS.

The Place for Him.

"What!" exclaimed the senator who still has a little patronage at his disposal, "you have another appointment you want me to make? You must remember that there are a score of applicants for every place and that I've favored your requests in several instances already. Give some of the other fellows a chance."

"That's all right," answered the political flock gatherer, "but here's a man that we must take care of. He has been promised and has nothing else to look to."

"Was he with us in the big fight?"

"Night and day. He's not a very practical fellow, and I thought we couldn't use him at first, but he can talk like chained lightning without really saying anything. So I stationed him at the other fellow's headquarters, and he talked away all comers as fast as they appeared. He was as effective as a smallpox flag."

"Why not pay him for what he has done and let him start a little business of his own? I'm simply swamped."

"He doesn't know anything more about business than a child. There's nothing practical in him, I tell you. He couldn't even make change at a toll-gate or keep track of what little money he spends. There's nothing to do but to take care of him, and I told him that I would do so."

"Well, there doesn't seem to be any way out of it. I'll see that he gets a place in the treasury."—Detroit Free Press.

Home Diplomacy.

The following advice given to a young married woman who was visited by another older and more experienced one, may be helpful to some of our readers:

When the visitor arose to go the hostess came to the door, and out upon the pleasant piazza, which, however, looked a little dusty in the corners.

"Oh, dear!" said the young wife, "how provoking the servants are. I told Mary to sweep the piazza thoroughly, and now look how dusty it is!"

"Grace," said the older woman, looking into the disturbed young face with kindly humorous eyes, "I am an old housekeeper. Let me give you a bit of advice: Never direct people's attention to defects. Unless you do so, they will rarely see them."

"Now, if I had been in your place and noticed the dirt, I should have said: 'How blue the sky is,' or 'How beautiful the clouds are,' or 'How bracing the air is.' Then I should have looked up at that as I spoke and should have gotten you safely down the steps and out of sight without you seeing the dust."

No More Bride Cakes.

The bride cake, with its ring and the little halo of mystery that enveloped it, is now out of fashion. But its absence left a blank that must be filled by something else, and so an original woman introduced bride candies at a recent wedding. These dainties, called by the Dutch bruidzuikers, are wrapped in pretty colored papers and handed among the guests in baskets, lined with silk and trimmed with flowers.

When a woman likes a man her idea of having him happy is not having him belong to some other woman.

Weather strips should now be classed as long felt wants.

NICARAGUA CANAL.

Committee Will Report the Hepburn Measure

TO LOWER HOUSE OF CONGRESS.

Merging of the Gould Railroad Properties is Said to be Progressing in a Steady but Sure Manner.

Nicaragua Canal Bill.

The national house committee on interstate and foreign commerce has decided to report favorably the Hepburn Nicaragua canal bill with amendments as a substitute to the Morgan bill, that passed the senate. Hinrichsen secured adoption of an amendment reducing the total appropriations from \$140,000,000 to \$115,000,000. The bill is in six sections. It provides among other things that the president of the United States is authorized to purchase in behalf of the United States from Costa Rica and Nicaragua such portions of territory now belonging to said countries as may be desirable and necessary to excavate, construct and defend a canal of such depth and capacity as will be sufficient for the movement of ships of the greatest tonnage and draft now in use from a point near Greytown, on the Caribbean sea, via Lake Nicaragua, to Brito, on the Pacific ocean. Safe and commodious harbors shall be constructed by the secretary of war at the terminals of said canal and such fortifications for defense as may be necessary. The survey shall be made by engineer officers of the army. Terms shall be made with Costa Rica and Nicaragua whereby they can use said canal.

Merging Gould Roads.

The plan of merging the Gould southwestern railways into the Missouri Pacific system will be, it is said, on the basis of two shares of Texas and Pacific for one of Missouri Pacific stock, and the Texas and Pacific seconds or incomes will be given a fixed charge collateral trust 3 per cent bonds on an even exchange. The combined roads will be the Missouri Pacific, Iron Mountain, International and Great Northern, Texas and Pacific and their connections. The Cotton-Belt will not be merged.

Jefferson county, Alabama, of which Birmingham is the county seat, was visited by a tornado on the 3d. At Morris 300 yards in width was cut and much damage done.

Senator Spooner of Wisconsin delivered a speech in the senate in favor of ratifying the treaty made at Paris. His speech received close attention.

The judiciary committee of the house has decided that those congressmen who took part in the recent war are not entitled to seats and will so report.

John Renfro put five bullets into the body of M. M. Williams at Cleburne, killing him instantly. An alleged slander case was the supposed cause.

Several extensive manufacturing establishments were destroyed by fire at Philadelphia, the losses being about \$800,000.

Kentucky distillers are receiving large whisky orders.

Filipinos Attack Americans.

At 8:40 on the evening of the 4th some daring Filipinos darted past the Nebraska regiment's pickets at San Mesa, in the outskirts of Manila, but retired on being challenged. They repeated the experiment and drew the sentry's fire. Still another attempt caused Corporal Greely to fire, killing one of the enemy and wounding another.

Almost immediately afterward the Filipinos' line from Calvocoan to Santa Mesa commenced a fusillade, which was ineffectual. In the meantime the Filipinos concentrated at three points, Calvocoan, Gagalangin and Santa Mesa. At 1 o'clock the Filipinos opened a hot fire from all these places at the same time. This was supplemented by the fire of two siege guns at Balik and by advancing their skirmishers at Paco and Pandacan.

The Utah light artillery finally silenced the active battery. The third artillery also did good service, although the darkness prevented the Americans from determining the effect of their execution.

United States cruiser Charleston and the gunboat Concord opened fire at the secondary batteries at Calvocoan and kept it up vigorously, while the monitor Monadnock opened fire off Malate.

With daylight the Americans advanced. The California and Washington regiments made a splendid charge and drove the enemy from Paco and Santa Mesa.

The Nebraskans captured several prisoners and a howitzer.

The American losses are estimated at twenty-five killed and 125 wounded. The enemy's loss is thought much greater. Armed with bows and arrows the Ygorates made a determined stand and many were killed.

Gen. Otis and Admiral Dewey both cabled. The former's last message reported everything being quiet.

An effort was made to interview Agoncillo at Washington in regard to the fight at Manila, but he was out of the city. Lopez, his private secretary, was of the opinion that Agoncillo had had no intimation that there was to be a fight; on the contrary they had received information that everything was quiet.

A plan is being discussed whereby the entire soap output of the United States is to be combined into one company.

Three well defined cases of smallpox were discovered in the Vendome hotel, Omaha, Neb., and the hotel and its guests are quarantined and a cordon of police in charge.

The Texas house of representatives has passed the senate bill to locate and build an epileptic hospital at Abilene.

Word has been received from the Japanese minister at Washington to send the Japanese sailors who were left by a vessel at Galveston for Japan by way of Antwerp.

Joe Walcott defeated Jimmy Ryan in the fourteenth round at Cincinnati.

The barn of Jonas Mullins in Grayson county was destroyed by fire. It it were three mules, two calves, three horses, 1300 bushels of corn, seventeen tons of hay, etc., which also went.

Fatal Snowslide.

A snowslide occurred in the vicinity of Glenwood Springs in Colorado on the Denver and Rio Grande railroad. The snow fell on top of a work train, demolishing it. Five men were killed and six wounded. Snowslides have occurred at several points lately in Colorado and much damage done. At one place Wm. Manning, a miner, was buried under his cabin. In the work train accident the gigantic avalanche shot down the mountain side in the canyon of the Grand river, on the western slope of Colorado, and carried the entire crew of thirty-three men into the abyss below. That there were not more fatalities is truly a wonder.

Legislative.

In the state senate Schluter's concurrent resolution relative to petitioning congress to make Cyprus bayou navigable was unanimously adopted. Lloyd's bill appropriating \$75,000 to build and maintain a cotton or woolen factory at Rusk penitentiary was engrossed. Miller's bill providing for increase of sheriffs' fees in certain criminal cases after being amended was passed.

Smith's bill providing an appropriation to pay special counsel in railroad commission injunction suits came up in the house. The minority report called for \$5000. A motion by Schluter to strike out \$5000 and insert "so much as may be necessary" was adopted.

Representative Kittrell has introduced a bill in the lower house of the state legislature providing for the ratification of the contract between Hogg & Robertson and ex-Gov. Culbertson and appropriating \$5611.32 for payment of the fee.

The river and harbor bill, carrying slightly more than \$30,000,000, passed the lower house of congress by a vote of 160 to 7—the largest majority any river and harbor bill has ever obtained in the house.

Surgeon General Sternberg expresses confidence in the ability of the medical officers at Manila to stamp out the smallpox among the American troops there.

Attorney Lovett of the Southern Pacific railway stated to some business men at Aussin that a basis of adjustment had been agreed on between the commission and the railroads.

R. Franklin's dry goods and clothing store at Denison was entered a few nights ago and lot of clothing, shoes, hats and other articles taken.

In compliance with the commission's order the Pullman and Wagner palace car companies have filed their contracts and schedule of rates with the commission.

At Massey Methodist church near Hillsboro a hive of bees were found in the cornice and 200 pounds of honey secured.

Dumas has been visited by thirteen snow storms this season and cattle are reported as having suffered considerably.

A family of five persons died of pneumonia at Bowman, Ark.

Bonham will soon have ample water supply for all purposes.

Waco is having numerous burglaries.

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A Young Wit.

Senator Hoar, who is a cousin of Mr. Evarts, tells how the latter's mother, a daughter of one of Connecticut's first governors, opened the door for Washington as he left her father's house. She was then a girl of 6. "Thank you, my little maid," said the general. "I wish you a better office." "Yes," she replied, "to let you in, not to pass out."

A CANADA FARM.

What a Former Resident of Idaho Says Regarding Western Canada.

Mr. T. A. Tolman, of Lacombe, Alberta, N. W. T., a former resident of Casola County, Idaho, who moved to Western Canada in July, 1894, writes as follows:

"I brought here thirty-four head of cattle, fifteen horses, two wagons, two sets of harness and one hundred and fifty dollars in cash. I homesteaded the southeast quarter of Section 28, Township 40, Range 26, west of the 4th Meridian, also purchased a quarter-section of Canadian Pacific Railway land. I have been farming more or less all my life, and I am convinced that you can raise crops 40 per cent cheaper here than where I came from. My capital at present, counting everything, is about five thousand dollars. The yield of my grain all round in 1897 was 60 bushels per acre. This year (1898) yield of wheat per acre, 37½ bushels, oats, 50 bushels, barley, 35, and potatoes, 400 per acre. I consider that this is a much better country for a man than where I came from, provided he is industrious. You get a free homestead here, and Canadian Pacific Railway lands are cheap and the terms easy. I have now made my seventh payment on the land purchased by me, and am much pleased with my purchase, as the land has already much more than paid for itself. School law here is decidedly ahead of where I came from, and there are schools wherever there are settlers."

What a blessing good health is to humanity.

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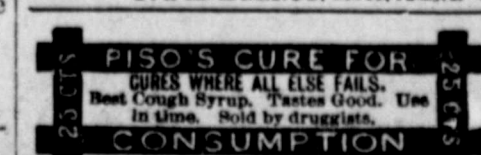
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CUSTEAD'S FLYER.

The War Department Thinks Favorably of His Invention.

WILL CONSTRUCT ONE AT ONCE.

Matters of Interest that Have Recently Come to Pass and Are Worth the Time Spent in Perusal.

Custead's Air Ship.

W. D. Custead, who went to Washington several weeks ago to submit his invention solving the problem of aerial navigation for the consideration of the board of ordinance and fortifications of the war department, returned to his home at Elm Mott, McLennan county, bringing with him the highest commendation of those who had investigated his invention.

In speaking on the subject Mr. Custead said:

"Every hope and every expectation I had when I left Texas three weeks ago has been realized and confirmed both by the war department and by the patent office. I was assured that my idea, as shown in my invention, was distinctly original and, in addition, it was pronounced to be the key to success in the achievement of practical aerial navigation.

"The board of ordinance and fortifications, of which Lieut. Lewis is chairman, gave me a full and exhaustive hearing, when I was before the board more than three hours. My plans, model and other details of my invention were submitted to the board and it gave me a hearing. All members took a lively interest in my invention, plied me with questions and discussed its features among themselves. They went through the plans from start to finish, and at the conclusion of the conference assured me that I had beyond any question found the solution of the problem and there was no doubt of the success of the principle if properly applied. They made no suggestions or recommendations as to any changes or modifications in the mechanical arrangement or otherwise, but they did object to the use of a carbonic acid gas motor as being too liable to explosion. This objection members of the board suggested could be easily overcome by the use of a petroleum motor capable of furnishing the requisite propelling power.

"The principle involved in my machine is a combination of balloon, bird-wing and aeroplane so applied, however, as to conflict in no particular with any other device on record. The hull is semi-cigar or canoe-shaped, pointed at both ends, and can be made of any desired size. My idea is that if my invention is adopted the airships will be made of many varying sizes, some being as large as ocean-liners and fitted with every comfort for travel as are ocean-going vessels. It is practical to do this with my invention. The hull is entirely enclosed and covered and, with the exception of cabin space in the center for the occupancy of the operator and passengers, forms a reservoir which is filled with hydrogen gas, the lightest gas known, in order to reduce weight and maintain an equilibrium, as a matter of safety in case of accident.

"The propelling power consists of any number of series of blade, or wings, operated from each upper side of the machine and connected in such manner with the

mechanism of the motor that they offer absolutely no resistance to the air currents in their upward and forward movement. The machine is under direct control of the operator as to elevation and steering, is positive and safe in its action and operation and is admitted and pronounced by the most advanced students in aeronavigation to be the first and only practical solution of this problem that has ever been made.

"I propose to take steps at once to construct a machine large enough to carry at least one person in order to demonstrate to the world what I have discovered. I left my model and specifications with the board before which I appeared at Washington and I have until the next meeting of the board to secure aid of private parties in the development of my invention. After that the government will claim the right to develop it, paying me the prize offered if my design should be accepted as practicable.

"I was advised by the war department that in case I should construct and operate a practical machine. I could fix my own price upon it and would have no trouble in securing it. So they gave me time, as I have said, to withdraw my plans from the war department and develop my machine with private capital, which I prefer doing if possible.

"A full size machine capable of carrying one or more persons can be constructed in about thirty days. The frame work and parts of the operating mechanism, so far as practicable will be made of aluminum. The outer covering of the car will be of oil-silk or aluminum, as desired. The motive power will be supplied by a kerosene motor weighing seven pounds per horse power. This motor will be adopted in accordance with the advice of the board as being much safer than the carbonic acid gas motor at first contemplated.

"I am convinced of the practicability of my machine and saw nothing among the designs and models on file in the patent office that conflicts with it. The principle is simple; it is neither more nor less than the true action of a bird's wing, which many have sought and I have found. Plans for flying machines are pouring in at the rate of four a day since the passage by the senate on January 21 of the bill appropriating \$125,000 for the pursuit of inquiries into the practicability of flying machines. Of this appropriation \$100,000 is to be paid as a prize to the first fortunate inventor whose design is accepted and approved as the most feasible and practicable, and \$25,000 is to be utilized in experiments testing the merits of the inventions submitted."

About McMillan.

Several days ago a young man named Archie McMillan went into a Waco saloon, purchased and drank some liquor, retired to an adjoining room and killed himself with a revolver. The following tells something of him while mortal:

All of the mystery except the cause of the suicide has been cleared up concerning Archie McMillan, who deliberately slew himself.

Archie McMillan, the dead man, was a gifted young man of Charlotton, Prince Edward Island, Canada. His father, August McMillan, deceased, was a wealthy ship builder. The sons and daughters are esteemed people and the deed of Archie greatly shocked them as is known by the messages received at Waco to

Peyton Puckette, A. O. Dewey and others, who interested themselves in locating the deceased, who was an Odd Fellow in good standing. The lodge at Charlotton wired the McLennan lodge and Noble Grand J. M. Jackson immediately took charge of the body and placed it in the hands of the Wells, Fargo & Co's express for shipment to the home of the relatives of the deceased. The embalmed remains were placed in a costly metallic coffin and sent away over the Southern Pacific.

It is plain that Archie McMillan went to Waco for the purpose of committing suicide, intending that his identity should remain undisclosed. He carefully destroyed all the traces which would afford an index by which his name and history would be ascertained, after his death. When he purchased the revolver he made his selection in very few words and then hurried away after getting the weapon loaded. He did not register and burned every vestige of paper about his person. His initials on his under-clothing and the Canadian trade mark on his clothing was all he left uneffaced, but those clues proved sufficient to those who interested themselves in the work to locate the relatives of the dead man.

John Monroe, a citizen of Waco, who is a native of Prince Edward Island, knew the father of the suicide. Mr. Monroe says the McMillans are influential people.

Some of those who talked with the deceased at Marlin think an affair of the heart led to the final desperate act of the young man.

He dropped a few expressions pointing in that direction. His sister, Miss Isabelle McMillan, was his guardian angel in all his wanderings, and it is likely that he wrote a letter to her an hour before he slew himself, and mailed it at the Waco post-office. It is known that he bought stamps and stationary and wrote a letter on a hotel desk. Afterward he went to the post-office. There is a reason to believe that he put a letter in the office addressed to his sister in Canada, who stuck to him to the last.

Ancient Relic.

Judge J. F. Brinkerhoff of Waco has a rare relic. It is a powder horn over one hundred years old and possibly served in the revolutionary war.

The horn has a number of drawings carved upon it, among them the square and compass of the Masonic order, the all-seeing eye, and the anchor. On one side of the horn is an ax, sword, quarter moon, the United States coat of arms, and a fine engraving of a ship, below which is the following inscription:

"Liberty, Death or Victory."

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Austin, Tex.—The Texas, Sabine Valley and Northwestern Railway company paid the comptroller \$16.55 tax on the \$1654.55 of gross passenger earnings for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1898.

Alabama Cotton Mills.

Christopher Columbus Edwards of Wetumpka, Ala., was at Waxahachie and was seen in reference to the progress of cotton mills in his section of Alabama. He said: "There are two cotton factories in our county and there is also a cotton factory at the state prison. Over at Tallassee there is a cotton factory that employs 1000 hands and they are building or enlarging its capacity so that 3000 hands will be employed. This mill is run by the water of Tallapoosa falls. This factory was established years ago and has always been a paying institution. I think it has been running forty-five years. I cannot see why the

people here in Texas do not build cotton mills. In Alabama the mill I spoke of uses more cotton than the community can supply and the mill actually gins cotton for farmers for nothing and places the seed back in the wagon in order to get the cotton to run the mill on. The mill consumes thirty bales a day, and will soon consume 100 bales per day. Of course there are other mills to be supplied. Here is central, and especially here at Waxahachie, I think a factory could get all the cotton it wanted and could flourish. A cotton mill draws cotton as is demonstrated by our mills, and what is more, a cotton mill pays nicely on the investment."

Some Cattle Thieving.

John Stevens of San Antonio reported that cattle thieves were beginning to be very bold in their operations in the section south of there.

A few nights ago, Mr. Stevens said, they broke into one of the pastures on the Thorton ranch on the edge of Wilson and Atascosa counties and gathered quite a herd, amounting to between 200 and 300 head, evidently with the intention of making off with them.

The tracks indicated that there were three men in the party, the fence was pulled down and nine head were driven; out; the thieves going from there to some feed pens on the San Antonio river near by where there were a number of cattle on feed, which they evidently intended to raid also, but apparently were interrupted in their operations by the passing of a number of stockmen during the night, who had been attending some meetings at a near by settlement and whose approach evidently frightened the thieves away.

Mr. Stevens' missing cattle were recovered the following morning, but he was arranging to prosecute a diligent search for the culprits.

Russia and Germany.

About the only thing that can prevent this great spread of the two great powers mentioned is an early war between Russia and Germany, before Russia is established in her new greatness. If Germany should conquer in such war it would get an outlet for its population in lands at present owned by Russia. For driving back Russia and taking those parts of its territory bordering on her own, Germany could extend its language and people, and possibly save both to greatness. At the same time it would cripple its chief rival and provide against future uprisals. It is to the interest of Germany now to match its strength against the Russian power. Its great fight for life will be a fight for Russian territory. Germany cannot grow unless it grows eastward; but if it gets started there it can spread indefinitely and this it can do only before Russia consolidates its mongrel population.

It is a question whether it is not now too late for this; but if it is not done soon, it will in the near future become forever impossible.—Austin Bierbower, in February Lippincott's.

The jury in the Jay Owens case at Georgetown returned a verdict of not guilty after being out about thirty minutes. Owens was convicted two years ago and given the death penalty. The higher court reversed the case and on second trial he was given ninety-nine years. It was again reversed and he was cleared at the third trial.

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The Place for Him.

"What!" exclaimed the senator who still has a little patronage at his disposal, "you have another appointment you want me to make? You must remember that there are a score of applicants for every place and that I've favored your requests in several instances already. Give some of the other fellows a chance."

"That's all right," answered the political flock gatherer, "but here's a man that we must take care of. He has been promised and has nothing else to look to."

"Was he with us in the big fight?"

"Night and day. He's not a very practical fellow, and I thought we couldn't use him at first, but he can talk like chained lightning without really saying anything. So I stationed him at the other fellow's headquarters, and he talked away all corners as fast as they appeared. He was as effective as a smallpox flag."

"Why not pay him for what he has done and let him start a little business of his own? I'm simply swamped."

"He doesn't know anything more about business than a child. There's nothing practical in him, I tell you. He couldn't even make change at a toll-gate or keep track of what little money he spends. There's nothing to do but to take care of him, and I told him that I would do so."

"Well, there doesn't seem to be any way out of it. I'll see that he gets a place in the treasury."—Detroit Free Press.

Home Diplomacy.

The following advice given to a young married woman who was visited by another older and more experienced one, may be helpful to some of our readers:

When the visitor arose to go the hostess came to the door, and out upon the pleasant piazza, which, however, looked a little dusty in the corners.

"Oh, dear!" said the young wife, "how provoking the servants are. I told Mary to sweep the piazza thoroughly, and now look how dusty it is!"

"Grace," said the older woman, looking into the disturbed young face with kindly humorous eyes, "I am an old housekeeper. Let me give you a bit of advice: Never direct people's attention to defects. Unless you do so, they will rarely see them."

"Now, if I had been in your place and noticed the dirt, I should have said: 'How blue the sky is,' or 'How beautiful the clouds are,' or 'How bracing the air is.' Then I should have looked up at that as I spoke and should have gotten you safely down the steps and out of sight without you seeing the dust."

No More Bride Cakes.

The bride cake, with its ring and the little halo of mystery that enveloped it, is now out of fashion. But its absence left a blank that must be filled by something else, and so an original woman introduced bride candies at a recent wedding. These dainties, called by the Dutch bruid-zuikers, are wrapped in pretty colored papers and handed among the guests in baskets, lined with silk and trimmed with flowers.

When a woman likes a man her idea of having him happy is not having him belong to some other woman.

Weather strips should now be classed as long felt wants.

NICARAGUA CANAL.

Committee Will Report the Hepburn Measure

TO LOWER HOUSE OF CONGRESS.

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Nicaragua Canal Bill.

The national house committee on interstate and foreign commerce has decided to report favorably the Hepburn Nicaragua canal bill with amendments as a substitute to the Morgan bill, that passed the senate. Hinrichsen secured adoption of an amendment reducing the total appropriations from \$140,000,000 to \$115,000,000. The bill is in six sections. It provides among other things that the president of the United States is authorized to purchase in behalf of the United States from Costa Rica and Nicaragua such portions of territory now belonging to said countries as may be desirable and necessary to excavate, construct and defend a canal of such depth and capacity as will be sufficient for the movement of ships of the greatest tonnage and draft now in use from a point near Greytown, on the Caribbean sea, via Lake Nicaragua, to Brito, on the Pacific ocean. Safe and commodious harbors shall be constructed by the secretary of war at the terminals of said canal and such fortifications for defense as may be necessary. The survey shall be made by engineer officers of the army. Terms shall be made with Costa Rica and Nicaragua whereby they can use said canal.

Merging Gould Roads.

The plan of merging the Gould southwestern railways into the Missouri Pacific system will be, it is said, on the basis of two shares of Texas and Pacific for one of Missouri Pacific stock, and the Texas and Pacific seconds or incomes will be given a fixed charge collateral trust 3 per cent bonds on an even exchange. The combined roads will be the Missouri Pacific, Iron Mountain, International and Great Northern, Texas and Pacific and their connections. The Cotton Belt will not be merged.

Jefferson county, Alabama, of which Birmingham is the county seat, was visited by a tornado on the 3d. At Morris 300 yards in width was cut and much damage done.

Senator Spooner of Wisconsin delivered a speech in the senate in favor of ratifying the treaty made at Paris. His speech received close attention.

The judiciary committee of the house has decided that those congressmen who took part in the recent war are not entitled to seats and will so report.

John Renfro put five bullets into the body of M. M. Williams at Cleburne, killing him instantly. An alleged slander case was the supposed cause.

Several extensive manufacturing establishments were destroyed by fire at Philadelphia, the losses being about \$800,000.

Kentucky distillers are receiving large whisky orders.

Filipinos Attack Americans.

At 8:40 on the evening of the 4th some daring Filipinos darted past the Nebraska regiment's pickets at San Mesa, in the outskirts of Manila, but retired on being challenged. They repeated the experiment and drew the sentry's fire. Still another attempt caused Corporal Greely to fire, killing one of the enemy and wounding another.

Almost immediately afterward the Filipinos' line from Calvoacan to Santa Mesa commenced a fusillade, which was ineffectual. In the meantime the Filipinos concentrated at three points, Calvoacan, Gagalangin and Santa Mesa. At 1 o'clock the Filipinos opened a hot fire from all these places at the same time. This was supplemented by the fire of two siege guns at Balik and by advancing their skirmishers at Paco and Pandacan.

The Utah light artillery finally silenced the active battery. The third artillery also did good service, although the darkness prevented the Americans from determining the effect of their execution.

United States cruiser Charleston and the gunboat Concord opened fire at the secondary batteries at Calvoacan and kept it up vigorously, while the monitor Monadnock opened fire off Malate.

With daylight the Americans advanced. The California and Washington regiments made a splendid charge and drove the enemy from Paco and Santa Mesa.

The Nebraskans captured several prisoners and a howitzer.

The American losses are estimated at twenty-five killed and 125 wounded. The enemy's loss is thought much greater. Armed with bows and arrows the Ygorates made a determined stand and many were killed.

Gen. Otis and Admiral Dewey both cabled. The former's last message reported everything being quiet.

An effort was made to interview Agoncillo at Washington in regard to the fight at Manila, but he was out of the city. Lopez, his private secretary, was of the opinion that Agoncillo had had no intimation that there was to be a fight; on the contrary they had received information that everything was quiet.

A plan is being discussed whereby the entire soap output of the United States is to be combined into one company.

Three well defined cases of smallpox were discovered in the Vendome hotel, Omaha, Neb., and the hotel and its guests are quarantined and a cordon of police in charge.

The Texas house of representatives has passed the senate bill to locate and build an epileptic hospital at Abilene.

Word has been received from the Japanese minister at Washington to send the Japanese sailors who were left by a vessel at Galveston for Japan by way of Antwerp.

Joe Walcott defeated Jimmy Ryan in the fourteenth round at Cincinnati.

The barn of Jonas Mullins in Grayson county was destroyed by fire. It it were three mules, two calves, three horses, 1300 bushels of corn, seventeen tons of hay, etc., which also went.

Fatal Snowslide.

A snowslide occurred in the vicinity of Glenwood Springs in Colorado on the Denver and Rio Grande railroad. The snow fell on top of a work train, demolishing it. Five men were killed and six wounded. Snowslides have occurred at several points lately in Colorado and much damage done. At one place Wm. Manning, a miner, was buried under his cabin. In the work train accident the gigantic avalanche shot down the mountain side in the canyon of the Grand river, on the western slope of Colorado, and carried the entire crew of thirty-three men into the abyss below. That there were not more fatalities is truly a wonder.

Legislative.

In the state senate Schluter's concurrent resolution relative to petitioning congress to make Cypress bayou navigable was unanimously adopted. Lloyd's bill appropriating \$75,000 to build and maintain a cotton or woolen factory at Rusk penitentiary was engrossed. Miller's bill providing for increase of sheriffs' fees in certain criminal cases after being amended was passed.

Smith's bill providing an appropriation to pay special counsel in railroad commission injunction suits came up in the house. The minority report called for \$5000. A motion by Schluter to strike out \$5000 and insert "so much as may be necessary" was adopted.

Representative Kittrell has introduced a bill in the lower house of the state legislature providing for the ratification of the contract between Hogg & Robertson and ex-Gov. Culbertson and appropriating \$5611.32 for payment of the fee.

The river and harbor bill, carrying slightly more than \$30,000,000, passed the lower house of congress by a vote of 160 to 7—the largest majority any river and harbor bill has ever obtained in the house.

Surgeon General Sternberg expresses confidence in the ability of the medical officers at Manila to stamp out the smallpox among the American troops there.

Attorney Lovett of the Southern Pacific railway stated to some business men at Austin that a basis of adjustment had been agreed on between the commission and the railroads.

R. Franklin's dry goods and clothing store at Denison was entered a few nights ago and lot of clothing, shoes, hats and other articles taken.

In compliance with the commission's order the Pullman and Wagner palace car companies have filed their contracts and schedule of rates with the commission.

At Massey Methodist church near Hillsboro a hive of bees were found in the cornice and 200 pounds of honey secured.

Dugas has been visited by thirteen snow storms this season and cattle are reported as having suffered considerably.

A family of five persons died of pneumonia at Bowman, Ark.

Bonham will soon have ample water supply for all purposes.

Waco is having numerous burglaries.

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A Young Wit.
Senator Hoar, who is a cousin of Mr. Evarts, tells how the latter's mother, a daughter of one of Connecticut's first governors, opened the door for Washington as he left her father's house. She was then a girl of 6. "Thank you, my little maid," said the general. "I wish you a better office." "Yes," she replied, "to let you in, not to pass out."

A CANADA FARM.

What a Former Resident of Idaho Says Regarding Western Canada.
Mr. T. A. Tolman, of Lacombe, Alberta, N. W. T., a former resident of Casola County, Idaho, who moved to Western Canada in July, 1894, writes as follows:
"I brought here thirty-four head of cattle, fifteen horses, two wagons, two sets of harness and one hundred and fifty dollars in cash. I homesteaded the southeast quarter of Section 25, Township 40, Range 26, west of the 4th Meridian, also purchased a quarter-section of Canadian Pacific Railway land. I have been farming more or less all my life, and I am convinced that you can raise crops 40 per cent cheaper here than where I came from. My capital at present, counting everything, is about five thousand dollars. The yield of my grain all round in 1897 was 60 bushels per acre. This year (1898) yield of wheat per acre, 27½ bushels, oats, 60 bushels, barley, 35, and potatoes, 400 per acre. I consider that this is a much better country for a man than where I came from, provided he is industrious. You get a free homestead here, and Canadian Pacific Railway lands are cheap and the terms easy. I have now made my seventh payment on the land purchased by me, and am much pleased with my purchase, as the land has already much more than paid for itself. School law here is decidedly ahead of where I came from, and there are schools wherever there are settlers."

What a blessing good health is to humanity.



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Matters of Interest that Have Recently Come to Pass and Are Worth the Time Spent in Perusal.

Custead's Air Ship.

W. D. Custead, who went to Washington several weeks ago to submit his invention solving the problem of aerial navigation for the consideration of the board of ordinance and fortifications of the war department, returned to his home at Elm Mott, McLennan county, bringing with him the highest commendation of those who had investigated his invention.

In speaking on the subject Mr. Custead said:

"Every hope and every expectation I had when I left Texas three weeks ago has been realized and confirmed both by the war department and by the patent office. I was assured that my idea, as shown in my invention, was distinctly original and, in addition, it was pronounced to be the key to success in the achievement of practical aerial navigation.

"The board of ordinance and fortifications, of which Lieut. Lewis is chairman, gave me a full and exhaustive hearing, when I was before the board more than three hours. My plans, model and other details of my invention were submitted to the board and it gave me a hearing. All members took a lively interest in my invention, plied me with questions and discussed its features among themselves. They went through the plans from start to finish, and at the conclusion of the conference assured me that I had beyond any question found the solution of the problem and there was no doubt of the success of the principle if properly applied. They made no suggestions or recommendations as to any changes or modifications in the mechanical arrangement or otherwise, but they did object to the use of a carbonic acid gas motor as being too liable to explosion. This objection members of the board suggested could be easily overcome by the use of a petroleum motor capable of furnishing the requisite propelling power.

"The principle involved in my machine is a combination of balloon, bird-wing and aeroplane so applied, however, as to conflict in no particular with any other device on record. The hull is semi-cigar or canoe-shaped, pointed at both ends, and can be made of any desired size. My idea is that if my invention is adopted the airships will be made of many varying sizes, some being as large as ocean-liners and fitted with every comfort for travel as are ocean-going vessels. It is practical to do this with my invention. The hull is entirely enclosed and covered and, with the exception of cabin space in the center for the occupancy of the operator and passengers, forms a reservoir which is filled with hydrogen gas, the lightest gas known, in order to reduce weight and maintain an equilibrium, as a matter of safety in case of accident.

"The propelling power consists of any number of series of blade, or wings, operated from each upper side of the machine and connected in such manner with the

mechanism of the motor that they offer absolutely no resistance to the air currents in their upward and forward movement. The machine is under direct control of the operator as to elevation and steering, is positive and safe in its action and operation and is admitted and pronounced by the most advanced students in aeronavigation to be the first and only practical solution of this problem that has ever been made.

"I propose to take steps at once to construct a machine large enough to carry at least one person in order to demonstrate to the world what I have discovered. I left my model and specifications with the board before which I appeared at Washington and I have until the next meeting of the board to secure aid of private parties in the development of my invention. After that the government will claim the right to develop it, paying me the prize offered if my design should be accepted as practicable.

"I was advised by the war department that in case I should construct and operate a practical machine, I could fix my own price upon it and would have no trouble in securing it. So they gave me time, as I have said, to withdraw my plans from the war department and develop my machine with private capital, which I prefer doing if possible.

"A full size machine capable of carrying one or more persons can be constructed in about thirty days. The frame work and parts of the operating mechanism, so far as practicable will be made of aluminum. The outer covering of the car will be of oil-silk or aluminum, as desired. The motive power will be supplied by a kerosene motor weighing seven pounds per horse power. This motor will be adopted in accordance with the advice of the board as being much safer than the carbonic acid gas motor at first contemplated.

"I am convinced of the practicability of my machine and saw nothing among the designs and models on file in the patent office that conflicts with it. The principle is simple; it is neither more nor less than the true action of a bird's wing, which many have sought and I have found. Plans for flying machines are pouring in at the rate of four a day since the passage by the senate on January 21 of the bill appropriating \$125,000 for the pursuit of inquiries into the practicability of flying machines." Of this appropriation \$100,000 is to be paid as a prize to the first fortunate inventor whose design is accepted and approved as the most feasible and practicable, and \$25,000 is to be utilized in experiments testing the merits of the inventions submitted."

About McMillan.

Several days ago a young man named Archie McMillan went into a Waco saloon, purchased and drank some liquor, retired to an adjoining room and killed himself with a revolver. The following tells something of him while mortal:

All of the mystery except the cause of the suicide has been cleared up concerning Archie McMillan, who deliberately slew himself.

Archie McMillan, the dead man, was a gifted young man of Charlotown, Prince Edward Island, Canada. His father, August McMillan, deceased, was a wealthy ship builder. The sons and daughters are esteemed people and the deed of Archie greatly shocked them as is known by the messages received at Waco to

Peyton Puckette, A. O. Dewey and others, who interested themselves in locating the deceased, who was an Odd Fellow in good standing. The lodge at Charlotown wired the McLennan lodge and Noble Grand J. M. Jackson immediately took charge of the body and placed it in the hands of the Wells, Fargo & Co's express for shipment to the home of the relatives of the deceased. The embalmed remains were placed in a costly metallic coffin and sent away over the Southern Pacific.

It is plain that Archie McMillan went to Waco for the purpose of committing suicide, intending that his identity should remain undisclosed. He carefully destroyed all the traces which would afford an index by which his name and history would be ascertained, after his death. When he purchased the revolver he made his selection in very few words and then hurried away after getting the weapon loaded. He did not register and burned every vestige of paper about his person. His initials on his under-clothing and the Canadian trade mark on his clothing was all he left uneffaced, but those clues proved sufficient to those who interested themselves in the work to locate the relatives of the dead man.

John Monroe, a citizen of Waco, who is a native of Prince Edward Island, knew the father of the suicide. Mr. Monroe says the McMillans are influential people.

Some of those who talked with the deceased at Marlin think an affair of the heart led to the final desperate act of the young man.

He dropped a few expressions pointing in that direction. His sister, Miss Isabelle McMillan, was his guardian angel in all his wanderings, and it is likely that he wrote a letter to her an hour before he slew himself, and mailed it at the Waco post-office. It is known that he bought stamps and stationary and wrote a letter on a hotel desk. Afterward he went to the post-office. There is a reason to believe that he put a letter in the office addressed to his sister in Canada, who stuck to him to the last.

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Art. 586c: It shall be the duty of the several district judges of the state to give the provisions of this chapter specially in charge to the grand juries at each term of the court and it shall be the duty of said grand juries to vigilantly and diligently inquire into all offenses against the provisions of this chapter, whether specially called to their attention or not, and it is made the duty of the various district and county attorneys to entertain and investigate all complaints under this chapter and to bring the same before the grand juries at each term of court, with the names of the parties and witnesses, and facts attending such complaint.

Austin, Tex.—The Texas, Sabine Valley and Northwestern Railway company paid the comptroller \$16.55 tax on the \$1654.55 of gross passenger earnings for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1898.

Alabama Cotton Mills.

Christopher Columbus Edwards of Wetumpka, Ala., was at Waxahachie and was seen in reference to the progress of cotton mills in his section of Alabama. He said: "There are two cotton factories in our county and there is also a cotton factory at the state prison. Over at Tallassee there is a cotton factory that employs 1000 hands and they are building or enlarging its capacity so that 3000 hands will be employed. This mill is run by the water of Tallapoosa falls. This factory was established years ago and has always been a paying institution. I think it has been running forty-five years. I cannot see why the

people here in Texas do not build cotton mills. In Alabama the mill I spoke of uses more cotton than the community can supply and the mill actually gins cotton for farmers for nothing and places the seed back in the wagon in order to get the cotton to run the mill on. The mill consumes thirty bales a day, and will soon consume 100 bales per day. Of course there are other mills to be supplied. Here is central, and especially here at Waxahachie, I think a factory could get all the cotton it wanted and could flourish. A cotton mill draws cotton as is demonstrated by our mills, and what is more, a cotton mill pays nicely on the investment."

Some Cattle Thieving.

John Stevens of San Antonio reported that cattle thieves were beginning to be very bold in their operations in the section south of there.

A few nights ago, Mr. Stevens said, they broke into one of the pastures on the Thorton ranch on the edge of Wilson and Atascosa counties and gathered quite a herd, amounting to between 200 and 300 head, evidently with the intention of making off with them.

The tracks indicated that there were three men in the party, the fence was pulled down and nine head were driven; out; the thieves going from there to some feed pens on the San Antonio river near by where there were a number of cattle on feed, which they evidently intended to raid also, but apparently were interrupted in their operations by the passing of a number of stockmen during the night, who had been attending some meetings at a near by settlement and whose approach evidently frightened the thieves away.

Mr. Stevens' missing cattle were recovered the following morning, but he was arranging to prosecute a diligent search for the culprits.

Russia and Germany.

About the only thing that can prevent this great spread of the two great powers mentioned is an early war between Russia and Germany, before Russia is established in her new greatness. If Germany should conquer in such war it would get an outlet for its population in lands at present owned by Russia. For driving back Russia and taking those parts of its territory bordering on her own, Germany could extend its language and people, and possibly save both to greatness. At the same time it would cripple its chief rival and provide against future uprisals. It is to the interest of Germany now to match its strength against the Russian power. Its great fight for life will be a fight for Russian territory. Germany cannot grow unless it grows eastward; but if it gets started there it can spread indefinitely and this it can do only before Russia consolidates its mongrel population.

It is a question whether it is not now too late for this; but if it is not done soon, it will in the near future become forever impossible.—Austin Bierbower, in February Lippincott's.

The jury in the Jay Owens case at Georgetown returned a verdict of not guilty after being out about thirty minutes. Owens was convicted two years ago and given the death penalty. The higher court reversed the case and on second trial he was given ninety-nine years. It was again reversed and he was cleared at the third trial.

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The Leader.

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Dallas had a big fire Tuesday night. The six-story Scollard building, situated on Main street, was almost entirely destroyed.

The recent transactions by the Wall street gamblers was the largest ever known. All sorts of securities went up like a rocket. Even cotton shot toward the sky.

Dr. W. E. Davis, a prominent negro republican politician of Ft. Worth, was convicted of criminal practice on a young lady, and sentenced to the penitentiary for a term of two years.

Don't wreck a Life! From Girlhood to Womanhood the monthly courses should be regulated with Simons Squaw Vine Wine or Tablets.

The Senate passed the pension bill, which carries \$145,000,000, after Senator Gorman had indulged in a heated speech in condemnation of the present system and the size of the roll.

Under St. Louis laws engineers must be licensed. The Missouri legislative investigating committee is unearthing much fraud in connection with that department of the city government. Members of the engineer examining board have gotten rich off of fees illegally squeezed out of applicants.

Mother's Trusted Friend, Simons Squaw Vine Wine or Tablets, Prepare the system for Confinement Shorten Labor and make Child-birth easy.

Senator Butler, populist, of North Carolina, withdrew his resolution in the United States senate to pension ex-Confederate soldiers and made a speech declaring that the south was forced to take up arms in self defense, that the north violated the constitution and that the south had a constitutional right to secede.

An honest Medicine for LaGrippe.
Geo. W. Wait of South Gardner, Me., says: "I have had the worst cough, cold, chills and grip and have taken lots of trash of no account but profit to the vendor. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the only thing that has done any good whatever. I have used one 50-cent bottle and the chills, cold and grip have left me. I congratulate the manufacturers of an honest medicine." For sale by Graham Drug Co.

Dangers of the Grip.
The greatest danger from La Grippe is of its resulting in pneumonia. If reasonable care is used, however, and Chamberlain's Cough Remedy taken, all danger will be avoided. Among the tens of thousands who have used this remedy for la grippe we have yet to learn of a single case having resulted in pneumonia, which shows conclusively that this remedy is a certain preventive of that dangerous disease. It will cure la grippe in less time than any other treatment. It is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by Graham Drug Co.

PREPARE FOR SPRING.
Don't let this season overtake you before you have attended to the important duty of purifying your blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla. By taking this medicine now you may save sickness that will mean time and money as well as suffering later on. Hood's Sarsaparilla will give you rich, red blood, good appetite, good digestion and a sound, healthy body. It is the One True Blood Purifier. Its unequalled record of marvelous cures has won for it the confidence of the whole people.

Not a War for Humanity.
Champ Clark, the witty and brilliant congressman from Missouri, says the late war was a war of revenge and not for humanity. He says:


Napoleon said at St. Helena "Don't read my history; it is mostly lies." And I am sick and tired of hearing the lie that goes over this country that we undertook the late war in the cause of humanity. We did not do any such thing. It was a war for revenge pure and simple. For two years the American people, God bless them, wanted a war for humanity, but your great immaculate joss up in the White House would not let them have it. But when the Maine was blown up and 266 of our sailors were sleeping at the bottom of the sea, such a fell cry for vengeance went up from the American people, such a roar of execration, that it not only startled the man in the moon, but "the man at the other end of the avenue." Then, and not till then, you got the war. But at Manila and at Santiago our soldiers and sailors by land and sea did not go into battle shouting "Remember the reconcentrados," but they went in with a shout that will echo down the ages, "Remember the Maine."

For La Grippe.
Thomas Whitfield & Co., 240 Wabash-av., corner Jackson-st., one of Chicago's oldest and most prominent druggists, recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for la grippe as it not only gives a prompt and complete relief, but also counteracts any tendency of la grippe to result in pneumonia. Sold by Graham Drug Co.

Senator Goss and Representative Peery have introduced bills in the legislature for the extermination of the prairie dogs of the state. That some action is needed there is no question and with this bill enforced the united systematic crusade against this pest would result in a great gain to the cattle industry of this country. The pill is not sugar coated but if the doctor says take it the pups had better migrate.—Benjamin Reporter.

A sluggish Liver causes Drowsiness, Lethargy and a feeling of Apathy. Dr. M. A. Simmons Liver Medicine arouses the Liver, and cheerful energy succeeds sluggishness.

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A GOOD ONE.

Only one resolution for the New Year, but a good one: That is **BETTER WORK** for the same money than has ever been given the patrons of a Blacksmith Shop in Young county.

Experience, coupled with a willingness to do so, makes this an assured fact.

I am now building another forge in my shop that will be used by an experienced workman, thus insuring my customers quick service as well as good work. Wishing you a prosperous year,

I am, very respectfully,
HENEGAR the Blacksmith.
Shop East Side Square.

PARSNIP COMPLEXION.
A majority of the ills afflicting people to-day can be traced to kidney trouble. It pervades all classes of society, in all climates, regardless of age, sex or condition.

The sallow, colorless-looking people you often meet are afflicted with "kidney complexin." Their kidneys are turning to a parsnip color, so is their complexion. They may suffer from indigestion, bloating, sleeplessness, uric acid, gravel, dropsy, rheumatism, catarrh of the bladder, or irregular heart. You may depend upon it, the cause is weak, unhealthy kidneys.

Women as well as men are made miserable with kidney and bladder trouble and both need the same remedy. Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy, will build up and strengthen weak and unhealthy kidneys, purify the diseased, kidney-poisoned blood, clear the complexion and soon help the sufferer to better health.

The mild and extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases, such as weak kidneys, catarrh of the bladder, gravel, rheumatism and Bright's Disease, which is the worst form of kidney trouble. At druggists, fifty cents and one dollar sizes. You may have a sample bottle by mail free, also pamphlet, telling all about it. Address Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. When writing please mention this paper.

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It tells how credit is given for full amount of purchase to buy other goods.

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A perfect little gem of a price list. It is simply the Guide condensed, finely illustrated, FREE and in handy shape for reference.

Vicks Monthly Magazine, enlarged, improved, and up to date on all subjects relating to Gardening, Horticulture, etc. Regular subscription price 50 cents a year. Special 1899 offer—the Magazine one year and Vick's Garden and Floral Guide, for 25 cents.

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Assignee's Notice.
Notice is hereby given that the firm of Harris & Young, composed of S. H. Harris and J. W. Young, and doing a general merchandise business at Ellaville, Young county, Texas, did, on the 7th day of January, 1899, make and execute to me their certain deed of assignment for the benefit of such of their creditors as shall consent to accept their proportional share of their estate and discharge the said Harris & Young from liability. That in such deed I was appointed assignee and have qualified and have taken charge of their estates.
All persons having claims against Harris & Young are notified to present their claims in the manner and time required by law.
This January 24 1899.
S. D. DAVIS, Assignee.

**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.

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ESTRAYS.
REPORTED by W. H. Ardis, Com'r Prec. No. 2 and left with H. M. Jones, one brown horse 9 or 10 years old, branded DW on left shoulder and hip, 14 hands high. This Jan. 23, 1899.
CHAS. GAY, C. C. Y. C. T.

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1 Car (25) of the NEW CANTON WAGONS.
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LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

City Marshal John Taylor is confined to his home with a severe attack of la grippe.

Professor and Mrs. J. N. Johnston's baby is reported on the sick list this week.

J. L. Steen lost a shawl; but it did not stay lost after he advertised it in THE LEADER.

Frank Herron of Ming Bend and Frank Herring of Clear Fork were in town Wednesday.

Dr. W. A. Morris returned Saturday from a professional trip to Breckinridge and Throckmorton.

Stoves, Wire Netting, Corrugated Iron, Hardware and Tinware at Hollingsworth & Dowdle's

The family of Col. G. A. Graham have been on the sick list, but are now reported convalescent.

V. E. Eddleman has been employed as night watchman by the business men and has entered upon his duties.

W. J. Farley has moved his barber business into the building occupied by R. L. Reed, on the west side of the square.

Saturday was a disagreeable day and there were but few people in town, which was something unusual for Saturday.

New people are constantly coming in and many of them are anxious to get in on the "ground floor" before the great rush.

A communication was received from "B. T. W." this week, but it came so late and being quite lengthy, we could not publish it.

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

Mr. L. Mittenthal has leased the J. T. Rickman place in the east part of town and will occupy it with his family, who will arrive this week from Alvarado.

Judge O. E. Finlay has been seriously ill with pneumonia and much apprehension was felt as to his recovery; but he is now improving slowly and is expected to be up again soon.

Dandy, all Steel Wind Mills, Deering, all Steel Binders, Tanks, Pumps, Stock Troughs and Gutting.

HOLLINGSWORTH & DOWDLE.

We have had weather, winter weather, each day seeming colder than the one preceding it. It has been too cold to snow and the longest spell of freezing temperature experienced in this section for many years.

S. B. Street left Wednesday morning for the eastern markets to purchase a stock of spring and summer goods for his firm. He was accompanied as far as Quincy, Ill., by his son, Bruce, who will attend a commercial college there.

There have been several days of nice skating weather and the young folks availed themselves of the opportunity to enjoy some fine sport; but the ice broke with a few of the boys and they did not relish their immersion in ice water.

Mrs. J. H. Stewart has just received a part of her new goods, consisting of Tucking Combs, Elastic, Rubber Gloves, Rubber Hair Pins, Silk Embroidered Waists, Infants' Vests, etc.

Evans Jackson is afflicted with a severe case of la grippe.

Mrs. G. H. LeGrand has been quite sick, but is now reported better.

Mrs. J. H. Aynesworth is recovering rapidly from a spell of pneumonia.

Water is getting low in many cisterns in town and a big, general rain is devoutly wished for.

Col. E. S. Graham is reported seriously ill at his home in Spokane, Wash. His son, M. K. Graham, is with him.

Clem Mayes has quit the night watch business and will move to Eliasville to enter into an engagement with Jno. E. Morrison & Co.

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

Col. J. C. Loving of Ft. Worth is spending a few days at his old home in Lost Valley, and in company with his son, Oliver, spent a few hours with his Graham friends Wednesday.

Every one seems encouraged over the flattering prospect for a large yield of all crops in the good year 1899. The severe winter we are experiencing is said to be an unerring omen of a good crop year.

The American Bible Society of Graham will meet at the M. E. church 3rd Sunday at 6:30 p. m. The program will be music, addresses, etc. The secretary and treasurer are requested to be present and submit their reports. Everybody invited to attend.

R. E. MABRY, Chairman.

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

The grand jury has been a very hospitable, but rather exclusive set of men this week. They have sent a great many urgent invitations for people to call and see them. As a rule these invitations are accepted promptly, but in some instances a person whose presence is particularly desired is away from home "on business" and is "not expected to return for some time."

For Sale—25 yards of new, rag carpet, 42 inches wide, at 40 cents per yard. Apply at this office for particulars.

THE LEADER acknowledges the receipt of an invitation to attend the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wilkinson at their home on Elm to-morrow. We regret our inability to attend but hope Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson may celebrate their golden wedding, twenty-five years hence, with as much pleasure as is apparent upon the present occasion.

Messrs. J. H. and L. Mittenthal, late of Alvarado, have located permanently in Graham and are opening a large stock of dry goods, clothing, etc., in the building formerly occupied by the Graham Mercantile Co. They are live, progressive business men, as is evidenced by their advertisement in this paper, and will prove a valuable acquisition to the business interests of the city. THE LEADER is pleased to welcome them and wishes them a full measure of success.

T. E. Dowdle is still very low and not expected to live.

Dr. M. A. Simmons Liver Medicine by expelling from the body the excess of Bile and Acids, Improves the Assimilative Processes, Purifies the Blood, Tones up and Strengthens.

District Court.

Court convened Monday morning, Judge A. H. Carrigan presiding. District Attorney R. E. Taylor and the other court officers were in their respective places.

The grand jury, composed of the following named gentlemen, was empaneled and after receiving an able charge from the Court retired and entered upon their duties: George W. Hunt, foreman, W. J. Hughes, J. H. Robertson, M. D. Harrell, W. L. Tankersley, D. P. Still, J. M. Keen, D. C. Brooks, I. H. Jones, L. McJilton, J. W. Cornelius and R. E. Mabry.

The following named gentlemen qualified as petit jurors and were discharged until Tuesday morning, when they were discharged for the term: G. Ragle, J. C. Barnett, Sam McChristian, Jas. Atkins, W. J. Henry, R. S. DeLong, W. I. Tidwell, Russell Tyra, Jno. Gilfoil, J. C. Hammack, W. B. Snodgrass, C. M. Proffitt, A. J. Graves, W. A. J. Akers, Smith Groves, W. L. Wooten, J. C. Ardis, J. W. Burnett, Geo. Craig, W. B. Henson, Geo. Shearer, R. H. Choat, G. W. Huffman.

This is Judge Carrigan's first court since his election last November. He and District Attorney Taylor take hold of their duties like old timers and discharge them in a highly satisfactory manner. If they find as little work in Archer, Wichita and Clay counties as they have found in Young their work will not be laborious, as there was not a criminal case and but few civil suits of minor importance upon the docket. The grand jury have several bailiffs at work summoning witnesses and may be able to unearth something.

The grand jury adjourned on Wednesday evening after returning ten bills of indictment—one felony and nine misdemeanors.

Court adjourned Thursday morning and Judge Carrigan left for home.

Rock Island Excursion.

For meeting of Head Camp, Woodmen of the World, at Dallas, Texas, Feb. 14-19th, 1899, rate of one fare for the round trip has been authorized. Tickets on sale Feb. 13th and 14th, 1899, limited for return to Feb. 19th, 1899. Rate from Jacksboro, \$3.10. T. F. SHORT, Agent.

Wanted.

Reliable man for Manager of Branch Office I wish to open in this vicinity. If your record is O. K. here is a good opening. Kindly mention this paper when writing. A. T. MORRIS, Cincinnati, O.

When Johnnie comes marching home with a Rock Island Plow or a Good Luck Cultivator, there will be contentment in the barn yard; no more broken down horses by pulling an inferior grade and hard pulling machine hereafter. See Hollingsworth & Dowdle.

We have no agents to travel through the country. We sell you goods with these agents salaries off, and no war time prices. HOLLINGSWORTH & DOWDLE.

The following persons have paid their subscriptions since last issue:

Dr. R. H. Burns, T. K. Creswell, W. W. Williamson, J. L. Anderson, W. A. Ribble, J. C. Loving, L. E. White, J. R. Harman, C. H. Ledbetter.

Denman & Sons, Jacksboro, have just received two car loads of wagons, buggies and all kinds of agricultural implements, which will be found enumerated in their advertisement in another column. They are clever people and will sell you anything in their line at the lowest prices, and on terms to suit yourself.

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Joint Session and Camp Meeting.

To the Macedonia Association, in special convention with Fish Creek Baptist church, January 28th, 1899:

Whereas, the Stephens County Association at its last annual meeting appointed a committee to meet with a like committee from this Association to consider the propriety of holding a joint meeting of the two bodies during the year 1900, or earlier if practicable, at some point near the adjacent borders of the two associations; and

Whereas, the moderator of this association having appointed said committee to confer as aforesaid, and the joint committee having met and duly considered the matter, do respectfully submit the following for your consideration:

1. That we most heartily recommend that the two bodies hold a joint meeting at or near Eliasville, in Young county, Texas, beginning on Friday, Aug. 4, 1899.

2. That for business purposes the sessions of the two bodies be held separately, each maintaining its own individuality, and only one body being in session at a time.

3. That to facilitate business the sessions of the two bodies shall be held alternately until the business of each shall have been transacted.

4. That during the business sessions of the two bodies a co-operative camp meeting be held on the same grounds, at a convenient distance from the business meetings of the two bodies; the object of this meeting being the building up of Christ's kingdom and the salvation of sinners.

5. In order to carry out the purposes of this joint meeting, we recommend that Eliasville church appoint a committee to meet with this committee on Monday after the third Lord's day in June, 1899, for the purpose of selecting the grounds and arranging the details of the joint meeting.

6. That your committee invite one of the four general missionaries now employed by the Baptist state convention to conduct the services of the camp meeting herein provided for.

7. That in order that this joint camp meeting be not burdensome we recommend that the brethren attending the meeting come prepared to camp and entertain themselves and such visitors as may desire to attend. Respectfully,

C. J. McDonald, J. J. Robertson, S. D. Davis, Committee from Stephens County Association.

R. Lindsey, G. W. Black, D. P. Still, Warren Cunningham, James M. Wood, Committee from Macedonia Association.

Our representative, Hon. T. H. C. Peery, has introduced a bill in the Legislature to license "cold storages," making the license the same as on saloons—\$450 a year.

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Olney Oracles.

Some of the snow that fell here two weeks ago has not melted yet and the thermometer has registered almost zero.

Quite a number of wild geese are wintering on the wheat fields in our community.

Prof. J. W. Pruitt is putting in all his spare time carrying a bone felon around in a swing, but hopes to be able soon to re-join the Box Whittler's society at Kimbrough's store.

Miss Laura Hill was on the sick list last week.

We understand Jim Briscoe has sold his farm, four miles west of Olney, to Mr. Ragle.

John Bloodworth was brightening nail heads on our side walks Saturday.

It was so cold Sunday that but few people attended church.

Olney is expecting a new gin next fall.

News is scarce; but if weather clears up perhaps I will know more to write about next week.

PINDER.

Spring Creek Cullings.

It is useless to say the weather is bad. Everything is at a stand still. Farming seems to be a thing of the past, while rabbit and prairie dog killing is the most popular occupation just now.

Health in this section is good. J. C. Jones has traded his farm to J. C. Forbis for his sheep and will move to Haskell county.

Mr. Ed Johnston of Boggy valley has moved to Spring creek and will put in a stock of goods.

J. W. Caudill and J. A. Bryan started to Graham this morning on a business trip.

News scarce. D.

ARE YOU BANKRUPT in health, constitution undermined by extravagance in eating, by disregarding the laws of nature, or physical capital all gone, if so, NEVER DESPAIR. Tutt's Liver Pills will cure you. For sick headache, dyspepsia, sour stomach, malaria, torpid liver, constipation, biliousness and all kindred diseases. Tutt's Liver Pills an absolute cure.



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An Economical Rail.
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Also an Artist.
 Like Admiral Schley, Admiral Sampson is also something of an artist and many of his letters home during the Spanish war were illustrated with marginal sketches of considerable merit.

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Flowers are admired by all the year around.

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 For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, slays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

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Bills Passed.
 The following bills passed the senate:

Morris' resolution for committee of three to visit lunatic asylums and orphans' home. Miller's level premium mutual life insurance bill. Greer's bill promoting stock raising and also prohibiting hunting on inclosed marsh lands. By Kerr, allowing justices of the peace to try lunacy cases. Potter's bill increasing sheriffs' fees in criminal cases. Kennedy's house bill requiring secretary of state to give \$25,000 bond. Potter's joint resolution for governor and land commissioner to employ four or more extra clerks to tabulate the account in general land office between Texas and the permanent school fund; providing for ascertainment of amount of public domain of state prior to adoption of state constitution in 1876 and what has been done with same, and showing present condition of account between the permanent school fund and Texas growing out of their joint landed interests and asking an appropriation therefor. Lewis' bill authorizing county commissioners to submit bond propositions to vote of qualified taxpayers.

The house passed bill for epileptic asylum. Abilene and Dublin were the candidates and the former won.

The mission board of the Texas Baptist convention held its quarterly session at Dallas. The report of work done during the quarter was read by Rev. Dr. J. B. Gambrell, the superintendent of missions. There was a general consideration of the whole field as to its plans and needs.

The lower house of congress while in committee of the whole on the river and harbor bill eliminated an item appropriating \$250,000 for a channel between Galveston and Texas City because the war department has not yet passed off its feasibility.

The senate committee on naval affairs has decided to favorably report the joint resolution reviving the rank of admiral in the interest of Rear Admiral Dewey. The resolution was amended so as to extend the time of his retirement ten years.

While Dan Bagwell, residing ten miles from Madisonville, was going to the breakfast table, he struck a shotgun. The weapon fell to the floor, its contents, a load of buckshot, discharged and Mr. Bagwell's body perforated. Instant death resulted.

The old trustees of the reformatory met at Gatesville, settled their affairs and turned over everything to the new trustees and superintendent.

John R. Woodall's little girl was fatally burned at Hillsboro by her clothes catching fire while she was warming.

Robert Everidge of Grant, I. T., was taken with inflammation of the brain while on a train en route to Paris and died shortly after his arrival.

Ed Durham, a convict, while trying to escape near Hallettsville, was shot by a guard with a pistol 100 yards away and died of the wound.

The Panama Canal company want the United States to buy the controlling interest in their company.

Special Message.
 The 31st ult. the governor sent a message to the legislature. The railroad commission constituted the first part, particularly the rebate question. Gov. Sayers said rebating is a palpable and willful violation of law, the evils resulting are great and it should be repressed. Accompanying this part of the message was a letter the governor received from the railroad commission in which the latter recommended stringent legislation and a penal clause.

The reformatory was next referred to and the governor stated that after a careful consideration of the reports for the past eight years and also from other sources totally disinterested he had come to the conclusion that the institution is and has been a failure. Says that the administration of the institution does not show that the inmates have enjoyed sufficient advantages for the betterment of their moral and intellectual natures, nor does it appear that they have been trained to any kind of labor other than that which pertains strictly to agriculture. He recommends the local board of trustees be abolished and the reformatory be placed under control of the penitentiary board, with power to make such rules and regulations as may be necessary; that superintendent's office be abolished and that of assistant superintendent be created with same salary, powers and duties as are now given the superintendent, subordinate, however, to and under the general control of the penitentiary board and superintendent of penitentiaries. The jurisdiction of the financial agent of the penitentiaries should be extended to it. The governor says no reflections are intended against the reformatory officials.

N. L. White and brother of Ennis have instituted habeas corpus proceedings at Waxahachie to recover possession of two children of their deceased brother, Webb White. The mother, who remarried, died recently, and the stepfather refused to give up the children.

It comes from Austin that the railroad men have proposed to the commission to withdraw the injunction proceedings if the latter will adjust the rates so the roads can increase their revenue 5 per cent. Also to re-establish the cotton rate existing at the time the injunction was granted.

Gen. Miles has made a statement about the meat matter in the course of which he says that he has a great pile of convincing testimony; that he has overwhelming evidence that the embalmed beef was treated with chemicals in order to preserve it.

By a vote of 168 to 125 the house passed the army bill. Six Republicans voted nay and four Democrats and one Populist yea.

Mrs. L. Brown was choked severely by an unknown man a few nights ago at Bonham. Her cries attracted help, but the miscreant escaped.

Ex-Gov. Hogg appeared before the house committee on claims at Austin and stated his connection with the \$101,000 fee collected for the state of Texas from the government.

The test of the big battleship Kearsarge was satisfactory in every way.

Very cold weather prevailed in Oklahoma on the 31st ult.

For Liverpool.
 The first of the three ships that have been at Galveston for some time taking cotton cleared for Liverpool. She is the British ship Mersey, and has a cargo of 6000 bales of cotton, all of which is owned by Thomas Taylor & Co. It was announced some time ago that there was quite a demand for sail tonnage, on the belief that there would be a higher price for cotton. Cotton men with money to spare in such an enterprise had taken the freight room in several sailing vessels. They had bought the cotton when it was cheap; they wanted to get it to the consuming market when the price was high, and in the meantime they wanted to save more risks and charges. So they hit upon the scheme of storing the cotton in these ships, which will take thirty days or more to cross the ocean, and in the meantime they expect the cotton to have advanced to such a figure that they will have a handsome profit to their credit. The rate of insurance is higher on sail tonnage than on steam, but the rate of freight is said to more than offset this. There are two ships yet in port that are taking cotton for foreign ports, one of which goes to Liverpool, the other to Bremen.

Civil War Pass.

Mrs. Rella Mary Cobb of Navasota has a pass which was issued to her brother by Brig. Gen. John F. Miller. Her brother was a spy for Gen. John B. Hood. He assumed the name of Charles Harris while within the federal lines.

MILITARY PASS.
 Provost Marshal's Office, Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 27, 1864.

Pass the bearer, Charles Harris, through our lines to Gen. Thomas' headquarters and return.

By order of
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JAS. P. CORDEN,
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 Good for 30 days.

Then on the back of the pass is written:
 Extended, to permit Mr. Harris to go to Salem.
 By command of
 MAJ. GEN. THOMAS.

WM. L. WHIPPLE, Chief of Staff.

The bearer of the pass was E. E. Maxey. He belonged to Capt. John L. Rogers' company, the Lexis Blues, which went from old Washington in 1861—company E, Fifth Texas regiment, Robinson's brigade, Army of Northern Virginia.

A Quarantine.

More rigid quarantine regulations than have heretofore been enforced against Mexico will be established immediately at El Paso by the government. Recently Dr. J. O. Cobb, an officer of the United States marine hospital corps, was sent here to investigate. He recommended that, owing to the reported prevalence of smallpox in some portions of Mexico all persons not vaccinated or showing evidence of having had smallpox be held quarantined when they reach the border from the south, and that all baggage be fumigated before entering the United States. His suggestions have been adopted and orders issued by the department at Washington to enforce them.

Dr. Cobb also recommended El Paso as a favorable location for a United States marine hospital for consumptives, which the department contemplates establishing.

A Great Horsewoman.
 Miss Sallie Faulkner, daughter of Senator Faulkner, of West Virginia, recently paid a visit to her brother, a lieutenant in the army, now stationed in Wyoming. While there she rode a broncho which only one man at the fort could master.

Many ladies never tire of eating candied mint leaves.

A woman who never chews a pencil is a marvel.

Cost of Nicaragua Canal.
 The estimates for constructing the Nicaragua Canal vary from \$115,000,000 to \$150,000,000. How different are the estimates of the people as to the value of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It is agreed that this remedy is unsurpassed for indigestion, biliousness, constipation, nervousness and sleeplessness. It is such an agreeable medicine to take.

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A sweet rose in a sick room cheers a patient.

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Menstruation, the balance wheel of woman's life, is also the bane of existence to many because it means a time of great suffering.

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Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the most thorough female regulator, known to medical science. It relieves the condition that produces so much discomfort and robs menstruation of its terrors. Here is proof:

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PASTURE AND FARM.

Fruit raising is becoming quite an industry in Hamilton county.

It is said 100 acres will be put in tobacco in Harrison county this season.

Considerable corn, potatoes, peas and ribbon cane will be planted in Harrison county this year.

The stock farmers of Childress county say they will put in an increased acreage in feed crops this spring.

R. V. Colbert of Jones county sold fifty-four head of grade Durham stock cattle to J. M. Terrell, at \$30 per head.

J. C. O'Neal of South Canadian, I. T., says he raised and killed a hog of the Berkshire breed, 3 years old, that tipped the beam at 760 pounds.

John Griffith of Floresville shipped thirteen cars, and W. C. Bruff two cars of fat cattle to St. Louis. They were fattened on cotton seed hulls and meal.

The top cattle on the market in Kansas City on Jan. 15 brought the highest price that had been paid since 1895, excepting a show bunch of six head, sold in December, 1896.

Simp Crawford of Mineral Wells sold eighty head of graded calves to Knox of Jacksboro, at \$15.50 per head. This is one of the best sales that has been made in that section for some time. It is said by cattlemen.

Mr. Whittaker of St. Louis arrived in Kilgore and contracted for all the cantaloupes that the Association of Fruit and Vegetable Growers raise, agreeing to pay 40 to 60 cents per crate, or about 60 cents per bushel.

Seventy-five wagon loads of cotton were recently hauled from Terrell to Dallas, to the cotton mill at the latter city. The teamsters received \$3 per bale.

A trainload of cattle was several days ago shipped from the west to Bonham to be fed, and the same day several carloads were shipped out that had been on feed for some time for Chicago.

Carrig & Gentleman of Platte Center, Neb., say there are one-third as many cattle on full feed as last year, one-tenth as many on half feed and two-thirds as many stockers and feeders in that locality.

Col. Dean says that on his way home from the recent convention at Galveston he saw more cattle on pasture in the Creek country in the Indian Territory than he ever saw before at this season of the year. It reminded him of summer time when the pastures were full of cattle. He thinks there are more cattle on grass there now than ever before so early in the season.

The prune growers of California and the Pacific coast are endeavoring to form a combination to protect the growers as well as the merchants. The prune growers in this movement are following in the wake of the raisin growers of central California.

King & Johnson had in 288 head of Texas cattle on the Chicago market a few days ago, which they fed at Shreveport, La. The cattle averaged 939 pounds, and sold for \$4.45. This is their third trainload this season.

Preston Austin of San Antonio has sold to Green Davidson of the same place, 300 head of 2 and 3-year-old steers, located in Maverick county, said to be a well graded bunch of cattle.

Preston Austin, a prominent stockman of San Antonio, has returned from Victoria, where he has large ranch interests. He reported the finest rain throughout that country that had fallen in over a year.

R. E. Nutt, Sr., of Beville received twelve head of Hereford calves that are said to be the finest specimens of that breed ever imported to that country. They are from W. M. Powell's ranch, near Channing, in Hartley county, the extreme western county in the second tier of the panhandle, and are registered.

Settlers are pouring in from all quarters, and the demand for school lands is great, and Stonewall county is fast developing into a stock farming county, and has some of the finest stock farms and ranches in the northwestern portion of the state.

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The best improvement that Congress could make for the navigation of the Trinity would be to employ somebody to haul water and pour in the river. All it needs to make it a navigable stream is more width and depth and plenty of water.—Bonham News.

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Bill Arp's Letter.

1899. I was ruminating about this riddle of the 9's. 1 and 8 are 9, and that makes three 9's in a row, 18 is two 9's, and that makes four 9's in a row. The three 9's make 27, and the 2 and 7 make 9. The four 9's make 36, and 3 and 6 make 9. Maybe this year of the 9's is to be a mascot, and we will have peace and prosperity in the land. Maybe the lion will lay down with the lamb, and the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares and not learn war any more.

Maybe, I say. But there are some signs of peace on this side of the water—peace between the North and South. McKinley has made a break of it, and if he can control his party, congress will fix up our confederate grave yards. The next thing will be to pension our Confederate veterans and widows just like they do theirs and last of all, to apologize. I never will be satisfied until they apologize and beg our pardon. Any gentleman will do that and feel better for having done it, for they know by this time that they were in the wrong, though it has taken a long time for them to find it out and repent. Surely we are the most forgiving people in the world, or we wouldn't make so much ado over the offer to fix up our graveyards, for the truth is, our women have already fixed them up and our dead are comfortable under their care. But it is a sign of good will and fore-shadows an apology in the near future. Tom Reed wants to get ahead of McKinley in the South, and I expect will introduce a bill of apology in the next session. Pensions and apologies will be his slogan. It won't take a great deal of money for our veterans and widows, for there are not many left, but it will cause those who are left to live longer, for

"Time cuts down all,
Both great and small,
Except a pension soldier.
They do not die,
But multiply
And never grow any older."

An old time friend told me that the alienation between the North and South was owing more to diet and climate that it was to slavery or negroes. Said he, they live on cold bread and canned goods and codfish and drink iced tea, while we live on ham and eggs and hot rolls and beat biscuit and drink coffee. Their diet is as cold and shivering as their climate, while ours is rich and warm and stimulating as our sunshine. Hence, they are inclined to be cold-hearted and selfish. We feasted McKinley down here on Southern food and warmed him to the heart and made him feel generous and kind, and so he made that Confederate speech and wore that veteran's badge because he felt good inside. If he had stayed down here a few weeks longer he would have spoken for pensions and apologized.

Maybe there is something in this, for I have observed that Northern people who have domiciled with us for any length of time always take our side and defend us. But my candid opinion is that the classes at the North who are most in the way of peace are editors and preachers. The editors want some scandal to feed their readers on and their abuse of the South is like regular sock in trade and is always in demand. It is a good cement for the party and keeps it solid, for if their readers differ on home politics they can always harmonize by abusing us. The leading New York Republican paper is just as malignant since McKinley made his Southern tour as it was before. Mr. McKinley played on the harmonica but the press won't dance to the music.

Well, I suppose that some of our soldier boys of the late war will soon be on the pension rolls. I see that 72 of an Ohio regiment have already applied. Ohio beats the world on pensions, and has learned all the tricks of the business. One man up there was recently detected in having drawn three pensions in the last five years. During the war he was transferred three times, and so he made three different applications in different counties, and his sore leg went through all right, and he now tells that his lawyer put him up to it, and he gave the lawyer one pension and he kept

two. The general opinion at Washington is that at least one half of the pensions granted are frauds. But pension money circulates freely, and that is a good thing, and when it gets to circulating down here among our boys we won't complain.

Well, we had a good, old fashioned Christmas at our house, and were thankful that no affliction or calamity had befallen us during the past year. We had sixteen of the posterity at the festive board, and they did eat turkeys and et cetera amazing. Next March comes our golden wedding, and then all the distant boys and their wives and children are to gather at the family mansion, and my wife and I will be calm and serene. I read in a life insurance paper that only one married couple in 1,000 live together fifty years. And so the event ought to be celebrated.

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