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The Beckham National Bank.

CAPITAL, \$100,000.

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Call a Halt.

There is too strong a tendency in this country toward hero worship, in fact the tendency toward placing military affairs and military leaders above civil leaders has grown very rapidly for the past year or two and that tendency has almost reached the danger line that should ever separate the civil and the military authorities, but the fact stares us in the face that there are grave possibilities of the military crossing this line, and invading our civil rights, and unless the people cease their foolish hero worship and encouragement of militarism it will be but a short time before civil affairs of this country will be subservient to the military, and then we will enter upon an era of destructive revolution, such as is now rapidly developing in France, a state of affairs that is to be abhorred by every liberty-loving citizen of any country. It is time to call a halt on this erroneous policy of big military display and hero worship in the United States.—Gainesville Register.

The Bravery of Woman

Was grandly shown by Mrs. John Dowling of Butler, Pa., in a three years' struggle with a malignant stomach trouble that caused distressing attacks of nausea and indigestion. All remedies failed to relieve her until she tried Electric Bitters. After taking it two months, she wrote: "I am now wholly cured and can eat anything. It is truly a grand tonic for the whole system as I gained in weight and feel much stronger since using it." It aids digestion, cures dyspepsia, improves appetite, gives new life. Only 50c. Guaranteed, at Akin & Matthews Drug Store.

A Powder Mill Explosion

Removes everything in sight; so do drastic mineral pills, but both are mighty dangerous. No need to dynamite your body, when Dr. King's New Life Pills do the work so easily and perfectly. Cures Headache, Constipation. Only 25 cents at Akin & Matthews Drug Store.

The Globe-Democrat a few days since said that no fear of extra expenses of government need be felt on account of the Philippine war, as congress "had already appropriated \$80,000,000 for the army for this year." The war office is now spending money at the rate of \$200,000,000 a year and the deficit in its account will reach certainly \$100,000,000 by June 30, next.—Houston Post.

Keep Quiet

and use Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for all pains in the stomach and all unnatural looseness of the bowels. It always cures. Graham Drug Co.

The up-to-date business man can not fail to see the value of advertising, as times are close and everybody is looking out for bargains. The man who has bargains to offer and will not spend a few dollars with the papers to inform the people of the fact, is very likely to keep them, as no one will know of his bargains except himself. The people read advertisements because it pays them.—Ex.

Wealth is supposed to give ease, but what if the possessor happens to have chills? Why, he should simply exchange 50 cents of his wealth for a bottle of Cheatham's Tasteless Chill Tonic and his ease would be restored. It always cures chills. Guaranteed. Tasteless in 50c size. Akin & Matthews.

In Farm and Ranch of September 16th Dr. Ragland thus discusses drouth resisting plants for the garden:

"There are but few plants that are able to hold their own against the combined effects of heat and drouth. Such garden plants as are able to do so should be more highly prized than they are. We desire to call special attention of gardeners to the Dwarf, or Bush Lima Bean. There are quite a number of these. So far as we have tested them, and we have tried nearly all, only one is a success and it is in an eminent degree. We have observed its drouth-resisting power before, but not for so long a period as the present. This is known and catalogued as 'Henderson's Dwarf Lima.' We have this bean planted in April which bore and ripened an immense crop. The plants are now green and flourishing and blooming as though it was raining every week and they have not had a drop of water in eight weeks. They are good for a fall crop of beans if it rains before frost gets them. Now we venture that not one farmer's garden in a hundred has ever had this bean growing. Why people will continue to plant the old pole Lima Bean which must be supplied with poles and which are killed by severe drouth when they can have a dwarf or Bush Lima that is prolific to a fault and will continue to produce till killed by frost, is a mystery we don't undertake to solve. The quality of this bean is the very best, more delicious than any of the larger pole beans. Gathered and stored they are excellent for winter use in place of Navy Beans; and cooked in the same way they are superior to Baston baked beans."

It Saves the Children.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has saved the lives of thousands of croupy children. It is also without an equal for colds and whooping cough. Graham Drug Co.

State Elections this Year.

This is an off year in politics. Elections are to be held in eleven states, the date of the election being November 7. Governors to be elected in Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island. A legislature is to be chosen in Virginia.

Many of these states are so strongly partisan that the holding of election is a mere formality to ratify the action of the nominating conventions. We know that Iowa, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island will elect Republican tickets as well as we know that Mississippi and Virginia will elect Democratic tickets. There are others, however, in which peculiar conditions invest the contest with doubt.

Kentucky is normally a democratic state. The bitter faction fight that is rending the party there offers a promise of Republican success. Maryland, too is ordinarily a democratic state, though the democrats have lost it because of their advocacy of free coinage, which was opposed by the strong business interests of Baltimore. The democrats are making the fight on state issues, and expert to win. Nebraska is a hopeful field for each party, and the fight is not won there until the votes are all in the ballot-box. Bryan carried the state in 1896 by a good majority, and the fusion candidate won last year, but by a reduced lead. The contest now is between a coalition of Democrats, Populists and Silver Republicans against the straight Republicans. New Jersey, though for a long series of years the democrats won there with unflinching regularity, is now leaning towards the Republicans. Nobody has a sure thing in Ohio. The Republicans appear to have an advantage there, but the handicap of Hanna's bad order may give

the Democrats a narrow victory.

No congressmen are to be elected in any of these states, and national issues do not cut the figure they would if a national election were to be held.—Fort Worth Register.

Your HEALTH, a PROFESSION and \$20 a day as long as you live. Ladies or gentlemen. All diseases treated by best methods COMBINED. Get cured YOURSELF then learn in 20 days to treat others. Describe your DISEASE. Particulars and advice given if you send 2 stamps. T. R. BALDWIN, M. D., Waco, Texas. Permanently located for eight years. Over 600 references.

Stand up for your town, but always respect the rights and claims of others towns. Don't try to tear down the business of an honest competitor to build up your own. Such efforts are boomerangs that will return with two fold force to smite you on the nether jaw and leave you to contemplate of result of your own unjust methods. In short simply "tell the truth and saw wood."—Terrell Times Star.

Editor's Awful Plight.

F. M. Higgins, Editor Seneca (Ills.) News, was afflicted for years with Piles that no doctor or remedy helped until he tried Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the best in the world. He writes, two boxes wholly cured him. Infallible for piles. Cure guaranteed. Only 25c. Sold by Akin & Matthews Drug Store.

It is stated that 36 per cent of the officers and 25 per cent of the enlisted men in the Philippines are sick.

To Whom It May Concern:

Notice is hereby given that F. M. Burkett Jr., has withdrawn from and is no longer a member of the firm of The R. G. Graham Drug Co., of Graham, Texas; said firm now consisting of R. G. Graham and B. S. Doty. This 7th day of Sept., A. D. 1899. THE R. G. GRAHAM DRUG CO.

Chronic Diarrhoea Cured.

This is to certify that I have had chronic diarrhoea ever since the war. I got so weak I could hardly walk or do any thing. One bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy cured me sound and well. J. R. GIBBS, Fincastle, Va. I had chronic diarrhoea for twelve years. Three bottles of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy cured me.

S. L. SHAVER, Fincastle, Va. Both Mr. Gibbs and Mr. Shaver are prominent farmers and reside near Fincastle, Va. They procure the remedy from Mr. W. E. Casper, a druggist of that place, who is well acquainted with them and will vouch for the truth of their statements. Sold by Graham Drug Co.

Texas State Fair and Dallas Exposition.

For the above occasion rates and arrangements as below are authorized from Jacksboro:

RATES: Class A \$4.25; Class B \$3.10; Class C \$2.95.

Class A rates for tickets to be sold Sept 26th to Oct. 22nd inclusive, final limit Oct. 23rd, 1899.

Class B. rates for tickets to be sold Sept. 27th to Oct. 22nd inclusive, limited for return four days from date of sale.

Class C. rates for tickets to be sold Sept. 27th, 28th and 29th, limited for return to Sept. 30th, 1899.

Also for tickets sold Saturday Sept 30th, Oct. 7th, 14th and 21st, limited for return to day following. T. F. SHORT, Agt. C., R. I. & T.

One Price!

One Price!

FALL ANNOUNCEMENT.

We are daily receiving our new Fall Goods, and will soon be prepared to show you an up-to-date stock of

Reliable Merchandise.

Our prices you will always find the very lowest consistent with quality. Watch this space for our bargain announcements. We are sure we can make a visit to our store very profitable to you. Yours to please,

THE BEE HIVE.

THE NEW STORE. GRAHAM, TEXAS.

N. R. We will deliver goods to any part of town free of charge.

The Graham Reader.

J. W. GRAVES, Publisher.

GRAHAM, - - - TEXAS.

Wheeler a Source of Worry to Them.

"General Joe Wheeler is giving the Alabama politicians more bother right now than all other causes combined," said a man from that state the other day. "The fact is that every county in his district has from one to a half dozen eager congressional aspirants, and these patriots and statesmen are wondering what the little old warrior means to do. Does he mean to stay in the Philippines until Aguinaldo gives up, or will he hie himself back to Washington at the opening of the next congress? This is the puzzle that is worrying the souls of two or three score democrats in the Eighth congressional district. Some of them say it is a shame that Governor Johnson does not proclaim a vacancy in the delegation, and call a special election to choose Wheeler's successor. As a matter of fact the general's constituents who do not aspire to congress are perfectly willing to let him fight the Filipinos and to retain his seat while doing so. They take the greatest pride in the old hero, and would bitterly resent any effort to deprive him of his seat in the house."

Cheap Living.

The Mughouse Club, in New York, has on record a member, of whom Victor Smith tells, whose salary is only \$25 a week and who saves \$20. "He wears excellent clothes and is in society. He drinks and smokes. He never pays for dinner or supper. His breakfast costs 20 cents. That he pays for. His work ends at 5 o'clock, when he jumps into evening clothes and dines with a friend. After dinner he is invited to the theater, and after the theater to supper. His visiting list contains twenty-one fashionable families, and he makes the grand rounds in three weeks. Well, you don't mind having an agreeable chap drop in on you for a bite once in that time, provided he doesn't sit you out. He can tell a good story well, and even cause a bad one to look pleasant. I inquired how he returned the courtesies and compliments paid him, and he replied: 'New York people of means never expect a return from a bachelor in indifferent circumstances. My friends would laugh at me if I attempted to pay off scores by a dinner or anything of that sort.'

Chesterfield's Wit.

Lord Chesterfield was never at a loss for a polite retort. Once he proposed a person as proper to fill a place of great trust, but which the king himself was determined should be filled by another. The council, however, resolved not to indulge the king, for fear of a dangerous precedent, and it was Lord Chesterfield's business to present the grant of office for the king's signature. Not to incense his majesty by asking him abruptly, he, with accents of great humility, begged to know with whose name his majesty would be pleased to have the blanks filled up.

"With the devil's!" replied the king, in a paroxysm of rage.

"And shall the instrument," said the earl coolly, "run as usual, 'Our trusty and well-beloved cousin and counselor'?"—a repartee at which the king laughed, and with great good humor signed the grant.

And You Bet She Did.

"He treated her shamefully."
"Did she get a divorce?"
"No."
"Why not?"
"She wanted to get even with him."

STORAGE SCHEME.

A Millionaire Ready to Erect Warehouses for the Farmers,

IN WHICH TO STORE COTTON.

He States that 80 Per Cent of the Value of the Cotton Will be Advanced on all of the Product Stored.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 16.—A special from New York says:

John E. Searles, the millionaire who is interested in the mineral and agricultural products of the state, is interested in the movement of the cotton planters of that section to establish the local warehouse system and hold their product until they can control the market. He will be represented at the convention of the cotton interests to be held in Atlanta Oct. 25. He is president of the American Cotton company.

When asked what there was in the movement of southern farmers to hold their cotton until the price went up, Mr. Searles said:

"There is a great deal in it this time. Heretofore such schemes on the part of the cotton growers have failed for several good reasons, and the planter has never yet found himself in a position to command the price of his product. He has been forced to sell his cotton as soon as he could get it out of the field in order to raise money for his creditors. This necessarily meant a sacrifice.

"Changes have come about. Insurance on cotton has been reduced by the round bale system and the capacity of the warehouse has been greatly increased. Capital is now ready to build these warehouses at places where the cotton production is considerable, and when they are built the planter may bring his cotton there, or may bring his cotton there, take a certificate on its delivery and negotiate the certificate wherever he pleases, for it will be as good as money anywhere. The farmer may borrow 80 per cent of the value of his cotton at the market price if he sees fit or sell it outright at the warehouse on his spot.

"We are ready to enter into the local warehouse scheme with the farmers," resumed Mr. Searles, "and I am fairly convinced that it will in time completely revolutionize the method of marketing cotton."

Spider Bite.

Corsicana, Tex., Sept. 16.—Mrs. Joe Clayton of this city was bitten by a large spider Thursday afternoon and several hours later was almost thrown into convulsions by the pain resulting. At first no particular attention was given the matter, but in a little while sharp pains began to shoot through her body, and a physician was sent for. Relief was finally obtained by the free use of opiates and Mrs. Clayton is now resting easy, but quite weak from her suffering.

Destructive Fire.

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 16.—Fire broke out at 1:30 yesterday morning in the Jacob North printing house, a three-story and basement brick, containing an immense amount of printing machinery and the home of many publications. The North building will be a total loss. A high wind is blowing from the south, and if the flames cross the alley to the Masonic Temple an entire block of solid business houses is threatened.

Dreyfus Pardon Certain.

New York, Sept. 16.—A dispatch to the World from Paris says:

Commandant Carriere, the government commissioner of the Dreyfus court-martial at Rennes, has said in an interview:

"Dreyfus is certain to be pardoned very shortly. Everybody wants to get rid of the Dreyfus case, the soldiers more than anybody else. In any case, Capt. Dreyfus will not have to go through a second degradation. Of that I am certain."

\$1,000,000 Fire.

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 16.—The fire which broke out at an early hour this morning caused a loss of a half million dollars. It started in the block occupied entirely by printing firms and spread rapidly through the building. From there it spread to the Masonic temple, the Methodist church and the Webster blocks, which were also totally destroyed. Several small buildings were also burned. At this hour it is impossible to make any estimate of the insurance.

Charged With Murder.

La Grange, Tex., Sept. 16.—A complaint was filed in the justice court here yesterday charging Dr. John Thornton of Plum, this county, with the murder of Wright Farquhar at that place late Thursday evening. Thornton waived examination and was released on \$500 bond. Farquhar was struck on the head with a base ball bat, receiving injuries from which he died early Thursday morning.

A. & M. College.

Austin, Sept. 16.—Gov. Sayers this morning appointed the following gentlemen as a board of managers for the A. and M. college at Bryan: Messrs. J. W. Kokernot of Bexar county, F. P. Holland of Dallas county, F. A. Reichardt of Harris county, P. H. Tobin of Grayson county, Alva Smith of Limestone county, and D. A. Paulus of Lavaca county.

Carpenters and Joiners Strike.

New York, Sept. 16.—At noon today 8500 carpenters and joiners in this city laid down their tools with the understanding that they will not return to work until their employers have consented to grant them an increase from \$3.50 to \$4 a day and a half holiday on Saturday all the year around. Notices of the demands were served on builders.

Burned to Death.

Nebraska City, Neb., Sept. 16.—A freight train on the Missouri Pacific road yesterday ran on a bridge which was on fire, eight miles south of this city. The bridge gave way and the engine followed by twenty cars plunged into the ditch. Engineer Gillian, brakeman Foster and fireman Miller Rouse were burned to death in the wreck.

Red Men.

Washington, Sept. 16.—The National Council of the Improved Order of Red Men decided yesterday to meet in Milwaukee next year, the second Tuesday in September. The council also decided to establish a newspaper organ of the order, placing the management in the hands of the great chiefs as a board of managers.

Fire at McKinney.

McKinney, Tex., Sept. 16.—Burger's gin was burned here at 2 o'clock this morning. The loss on the plant will amount to \$7000 and on cotton \$7000. Insurance \$4700. The fire caught in a gin stand.

Canned Catfish.

Nearly all kinds of fish are canned to more or less extent except catfish, and these are to be similarly treated in a short time, as an Atlantic City expert and a party of fifty men from Philadelphia, have left for the Kissimes river, Florida, to catch and can all they can get. There is no reason why catfish should not be sold as readily as salmon or any sea product. Salt water catfish are not to be used, because the skin cannot be separated from the body, and only those found in the fresh rivers and lakes in the South will be canned.

SUFFERED 25 YEARS.

In a recent letter to Dr. Hartman, Congressman Botkin says:

"My Dear Doctor—It gives me pleasure to certify to the excellent curative qualities of your medicine—Pe-ru-na



Congressman Botkin, of Winfield, Kan. and Man-a-lin. I have been afflicted more or less for a quarter of a century with catarrh of the stomach and constipation. A residence in Washington has increased these troubles. A few bottles of your medicine have given me almost complete relief, and I am sure that a continuation of them will effect a permanent cure. Pe-ru-na is surely a wonderful remedy for catarrhal affections."

J. D. Botkin.

The most common form of summer catarrh is catarrh of the stomach. This is generally known as dyspepsia. Congressman Botkin was a victim of this disease twenty-five years. Pe-ru-na cures these cases like magic. Address Dr. Hartman, Columbus, O., for a free book.

The microbes that cause chills and fever and malaria enter the system through mucous membranes made porous by catarrh. Pe-ru-na heals the mucous membranes and prevents the entrance of malarial germs, thus preventing and curing these affections.

Pension Rolls Decreasing.

Captain A. J. Holt, pension agent for New England, has just completed his annual report to the department, and it shows a falling off of \$292,173 as compared with the sum paid to New England pensioners last year. There are 55,867 names on the rolls for that section, which is an increase of twelve over 1898, and these draw from the national treasury slightly more than \$7,000,000 a year. The decrease in amount will probably continue from this time on, and it is due to the fact that an invalid pensioner who drops from the rolls with a pension of from \$8 to \$72 per month may be succeeded by a widow whose pension cannot exceed \$8 per month.

PROGRESS.

With time, comes progress and advancement in all lines of successfully conducted enterprises. Success comes to those only who have goods with superior merit and a reputation. In the manufacture of laundry starch for the last quarter of a century J. C. Hubinger has been the peer of all others and today is placing on the market the finest laundry starch ever offered the public under our new and original method.

Ask your grocer for a coupon book which will enable you to get the first two large 10 cent packages of his new starch, RED CROSS, TRADE MARK brand, also two of the children's Shakespeare pictures painted in twelve beautiful colors as natural as life, or the Twentieth Century Girl Calendar, all absolutely free.

All grocers are authorized to give ten large packages of RED CROSS STARCH, with twenty of the Shakespeare pictures or ten of the Twentieth Century Girl Calendars, to the first five purchasers of the Endless Starch Chain Book. This is one of the grandest offers ever made to introduce the RED CROSS laundry starch, J. C. Hubinger's latest invention.

FITS Permanently Cured. No Pills or Nerve Restorers. Send for FREE \$5.00 trial bottle and treatise. Dr. R. H. King, Ltd., 931 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Fortunately, after a man is dead, nothing can make him turn over in his grave.



DR. MOFFETT'S TEETHINA

(Teething Powders.)

Costs only 25 Cents. Ask your Druggist for it. If not kept by druggists mail 25 Cents to C. J. MOFFETT, M. D., St. Louis, Mo.

"Necessity is the Mother of Invention."

It was the necessity for a reliable blood purifier and tonic that brought into existence Hood's Sarsaparilla. It is a highly concentrated extract prepared by a combination, proportion and process peculiar to itself and giving to Hood's Sarsaparilla unequalled curative power.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Never Disappoints

The Dewey arch in New York is proving one of the most destructive engagements of the war. A fourth sculptor has been stricken down—Henry Balzer, who was modeling the medallion of Captain Lawrence of the Chesapeake. He had climbed the stairs to a station of the Elevated railway, Thursday morning, when he fell with a stroke of paralysis. He will not die, however.

A girl's idea of taking care of her brothers is to tell on them whenever they do anything a girl wouldn't do.

I believe my prompt use of Pisco's Cure prevented quick consumption.—Mrs. Lucy Wallace, Marquette, Kan., Dec. 12, '96.

Musicians are as jealous of each other as undertakers.

Santa Fe Excursion Rates.

Boston, Mass.—One and one-third fare for the round trip on the certificate plan. Account of the Farmers' National Congress to be held at Boston, Oct. 3 to 6.

Cincinnati, O.—One first-class standard fare for the round trip Oct. 10 and 11, limited for return to Oct. 23. Account of national convention of the Christian church.

Austin, Texas.—One fare for the round trip, limited for return Oct. 21. Account of state convention United Daughters of the Confederacy.

If the kissing bug has a proper sense of discrimination we know what girl he will go after next.

Myself Cured, After Repeated Failures. I will inform addicted to Morphine, Laudanum, Opium, Cocaine, or never-failing, harmless, home-cure. Mrs. M. H. Baldwin, Box 1112, Chicago, Ill.

A great many people are like trotting horses; they can't do anything without pace makers.

All Intestinal Troubles Prevented.

Ten cents worth of Prevention saves fortunes in doctor bills and funeral expenses. 10c buys a box of Cascara Candy Cathartic. Druggists, 10c, 15c, 50c.

The old story about the umpire beating our base ball club won't go any more.

The fiddler's prices are not uniform; some men have to play a life-time for a half hour's dancing.

Hall's Catarrh Cure

Is a constitutional cure. Price, 75c.

All women are considered as good as the best; all men are considered as bad as the worst.

The Best Prescription for Chills and Fever is a bottle of GROVE'S FASTEST-SELLING CHILL TONIC. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No cure—no pay. Price, 50c.

Never ask questions of a man who is very busy, or of a woman who has pins in her mouth.

Doctors Can't Cure It!

Contagious blood poison is absolutely beyond the skill of the doctors. They may dose a patient for years on their mercurial and potash remedies, but he will never be rid of the disease; on the other hand, his condition will grow steadily worse. S. S. S. is the only cure for this terrible affliction, because it is the only remedy which goes direct to the cause of the disease and forces it from the system.

I was afflicted with Blood Poison, and the best doctors did me no good, though I took their treatment faithfully. In fact, I seemed to get worse all the while. I took almost every so-called blood remedy, but they did not seem to reach the disease, and had no effect whatever. I was disheartened, for it seemed that I would never be cured. At the advice of a friend I then took S. S. S., and began to improve. I continued the medicine, and it cured me completely, building up my health and increasing my appetite. Although this was ten years ago, I have never yet had a sign of the disease to return.

W. E. NEWMAN, SARDON, Va.

It is like self-destruction to continue to take potash and mercury; besides totally destroying the digestion, they dry up the marrow in the bones, producing a stiffness and swelling of the joints, causing the hair to fall out, and completely wrecking the system.

S.S.S. For the Blood

is guaranteed Purely Vegetable, and is the only blood remedy free from these dangerous minerals.

Book on self-treatment sent free by Swift Specific Company, Atlanta, Ga.

Rev. (now Bishop) Joseph S. Key.

Wrote: "We gave your TEETHINA (Teething Powders) to our little grandchild with the happiest results. The effects were almost magical and certainly more satisfactory than from anything we ever used."

CHALLENGE ISSUED

Paul E. Ayer of South Carolina Invites Esterhazy to Mortal Combat.

ACTUATED BY LOVE OF FREEDOM

Believing the Count Responsible for the Misery and Humiliation of Capt. Dreyfus, He Thirsts for His Blood.

Columbus, S. C., Sept. 15.—The following challenge to mortal combat was cabled yesterday morning to Count Ferdinand Walsin Esterhazy at his address in London:

"Sir: Believing you to be answerable for the misery and humiliation of Capt. Dreyfus of the French army, and he, Capt. Dreyfus, not being able to call on you personally for satisfaction, I as an American, free born, loving liberty, do volunteer in my own right to meet you on the field of honor in behalf of Capt. Dreyfus at any time and place agreeable to you.

PAUL E. AYER,
"Anderson, S. C."

Ayer is a son of the late Gen. Ayer of the Confederate army, and was a sergeant in the first South Carolina volunteers in the Spanish war. If the laws of the state are enforced in this case Mr. Ayer will be brought before a jury on a charge which, if proven, will send him to prison. At any rate, he can never hold public office within this state. In South Carolina it is as unlawful to send a challenge or carry a challenge for a friend as it is to fight a duel. The regular prescribed oath for all persons to take on going into office contains a clause that they have not fought a duel, sent or carried a challenge since 1881, the year in which the anti-dueling law was passed as the result of the Cash-Shannon fight. Even if a man should not be convicted by a jury of violating this law, he is disfranchised by sending a challenge.

Havana Paper Suppressed.
Washington, Sept. 15.—Secretary Root has approved the action of Gen. Ludlow in suppressing the Reconcentrado, a paper formerly published in Havana. After the paper had been suppressed the publisher appeared in Washington and protested to the secretary of war that the action of Gen. Ludlow was an infringement on the rights of citizenship. The secretary referred the whole matter to Gen. Brooke for report, who in turn referred it to Gen. Ludlow. The report of Gen. Ludlow, indorsed by Gen. Brooke, has been received at the war department, and Secretary Root disposes of it in the following indorsement:

War Department, Washington, Sept. 14.—The Reconcentrado appears to have been a vile publication. Its suppression raises no question of the liberty of the press. Every government is bound to protect the community against public indecency in this as well as in other forms. It is to be regretted that the persons responsible for the publication can not be criminally punished. The order of Gen. Ludlow is approved and the petition is denied.

ELIHU ROOT,
Secretary of War.

Surprising Showing of Vessels.
Washington, Sept. 15.—The navigation bureau of the navy yesterday issued a list of vessels of the United States navy of all kinds, making the surprising showing of 312 craft. This includes many small vessels and craft captured in Cuba and the Philippines, but the showing is nevertheless remarkable in comparison with the naval list of two years ago.

Chicago Trust Meeting.

Chicago, Sept. 15.—Workingmen, socialists, advocates of the single tax theory and students of political economy were heard this morning at the civic federation conference on trusts and combinations being held here. The majority of the speakers spoke in vigorous opposition to industrial, financial and transportation combinations.

Resolutions denouncing trusts have been drafted by the anti-trust delegates for presentation to the afternoon session. The resolution set forth: Unalterable opposition to all trusts and monopolies and a demand of the several states and cities that they take such action as will lead to public utilities, and a demand that the federal and state governments enact legislation for the control of railways, and demand that congress and the legislatures of the states abolish all special privileges and take action to destroy monopolies; they assert that no candidate for public office is entitled to the suffrage of his fellow citizens who does not earnestly declare hostility to all trade combinations; declare its duty to the people by organized effort to secure the nomination by political parties of opponents to trusts and recommend that the several states take immediate action to limit the purposes for which private industrial corporations may be formed and to discourage their further formation. The resolutions are signed by the following delegates: Grogan of Texas, chairman; Lockwood of Pennsylvania, Smith of Texas, Purdy of New York, Johnson of Colorado, Clargett of Idaho, and McComas of Maryland.

Married a Duke.
St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 15.—Miss Ann Russell Allen of this city, whose marriage to the duke of Montefeltro at Hamburg, Germany, was announced, was a daughter of the late Bramford Allen, principle owner of the Southern Hotel, and a granddaughter of the late Thomas Allen, who built the Iron Mountain railway. She has a brother in this city who is an attorney. Last Saturday Miss Allen brought suit through her brother against William R. Donaldson in the St. Louis circuit court for the recovery of \$50,000, which she alleges was given in trust to M. Donaldson by her late father, to be given her on her eighteenth birthday. She is now a year or two past that age.

Burned From Head to Foot.
Dallas, Texas, September 15.—Last Tuesday a lamp exploded in the residence of Mrs. Mollie Russell, a widow who lived on Gillespie avenue, and the burning oil ignited her clothing. She was frightfully burned from head to foot before the fire could be extinguished, and was taken to Parkland hospital for treatment. She died at that place yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Russell was 29 years old.

Does Not Exist.
Austin, Tex., Sept. 15.—The state health department knows nothing of the reported epidemic of smallpox near Eagle Pass. It is known that there are some cases in Edwards and Brewster counties, but as to the number nothing is known. It is surmised that the Mexican population along the border have plenty of smallpox in their midst, but nothing is known here about the matter.

Prominent Man Dead.
San Antonio, Tex., Sept. 15.—Col. J. S. McKimion, owner of the finest ranch in West Texas, in Atascosa county, died in Eureka Springs, Ark., last night. He was one of the promoters of the railroad from San Antonio to Brownsville.

COTTON OUTLOOK.

Monthly Report of the Statistician of Agriculture.

THE CROP WILL BE CUT SHORT.

The Condition on the First of the Present Month the Lowest September Condition for 25 Years, Except 1896.

Washington, Sept. 12.—The monthly report of the statistician of the department of agriculture shows the average condition of cotton on Sept. 1 to have been 68.5, as compared with 84.0 last month, 79.8 on Sept. 1, 1898; 78.3 at the corresponding date in 1887 and 78.4 the mean of the September averages for the last ten years. The condition on the first of the present month was with the exception of the year 1896 the lowest September condition in twenty-five years.

There was a general impairment of condition during August amounting to 6 points in Alabama, 8 in Mississippi and Tennessee, 10 in North Carolina and Georgia, 12 in South Carolina and Louisiana, 16 in Florida, 20 in Oklahoma, 24 in Arkansas, 26 in Texas and 40 in the Indian territory. The serious decline in conditions is the result in the main of long continued drouth. Where local rains have fallen they have generally been so heavy as to further aggravate the situation.

The average of the states on Sept. 1 were as follows: Virginia 87, North Carolina 73, South Carolina 66, Georgia 69, Florida 77, Alabama 76, Mississippi 78, Louisiana 74, Texas 61, Arkansas 62, Tennessee 76, Missouri, 85, Oklahoma 60, Indian Territory 58.

Cotton Seed Prices.
Corsicana, Tex., Sept. 12.—Cotton oil mill men are in a scramble for cotton seed in this county, and at some points the rivalry has sent the seed up in price. At Kerens, in this county, where a new cotton oil mill will be in operation in a short time, and which is owned by merchants of that place and farmers in that section, the price of seed has gone up to \$9.50 per ton, while in Corsicana the price is only \$8. Cotton yard men claim that this is diverting cotton from Corsicana to Kerens, as farmers will haul their cotton to the gins in the towns where they can get the most money for their cotton seed.

Will Demand an Inquiry.
Washington, Sept. 12.—Word has come that Commander Tausig of the navy will arrive in the United States from Manila about the first of next month, and it is believed from what is said by his friends that he will promptly demand a court of inquiry. The officer was relieved from command of the Bennington by Admiral Watson because of free criticism on his part of the capability of the admiral.

Extra Session Assured.
Austin, Tex., Sept. 12.—Speaker J. S. Sherrill of the house was here yesterday in consultation with the governor anent the extra session. After the interview Mr. Sherrill stated that an extra session is a surety, but as yet the date has not been fixed.

Delegates to Dallas.
Waco, Tex., Sept. 12.—Judge Gallagher has filled out the full number of delegates to the industrial convention, which meets at Dallas on October 4. He has appointed farmers, merchants, manufacturers and hog and sheep raisers.

Cornelius Vanderbilt Dead.

New York, Sept. 12.—Cornelius Vanderbilt is dead. His death occurred at 5:15 a. m. at his home, on 57th street and Fifth avenue, in this city. There were with Mr. Vanderbilt at the time of his death his wife his daughter Gladys and his youngest son, Reginald. Mr. Vanderbilt arrived at his Fifth avenue home from Newport with Mrs. Vanderbilt at 9 o'clock last night. He appeared in excellent health and spirits and retired soon afterwards. About midnight he was seized with a serious attack and the household was awakened. Telegrams were sent to Dr. James, Dr. Janeway and several other physicians who arrived in a short time. Everything possible was done for the patient, but he grew rapidly worse and died at a quarter past 5 o'clock. Cornelius Vanderbilt was the eldest son of the late Wm. H. Vanderbilt [and was born on Staten island, Nov. 17, 1843.

Run Over by a Train.
Galveston, Tex., Sept. 12.—Alfred B. Balliman, aged 13 years, was run over by an extra freight train on the Missouri, Kansas & Texas road at Lamarque, twenty miles north of Galveston, at 4 o'clock yesterday. Both legs were severed from the body. The boy was brought to Galveston and hurried to Sealy hospital, where he died at 6:30 p. m. Particulars of the accident are not known here, but it is presumed that he was riding on the train and fell off.

Labor Exodus.
Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 12.—The exodus of coal miners from Southwestern Virginia is alarming the operators of that section. It is stated that during August over 400 miners left the Pocahontas coal fields and 1000 have left since Sept. 1. The men were dissatisfied with the price of labor. Many of them are entering the western states, some going northwest into Pennsylvania.

Sunday Law Enforcement.
Galveston, Tex., Sept. 12.—The police department is making another stab at enforcing its order with respect to observing the Sunday law. Five saloon-keepers were arrested last night. The law requires the saloons to be closed all day on the Sabbath. The police department says they must close from 10 to 1. It is claimed that these saloon-keepers kept open during the forbidden hours.

Shrouded in Darkness.
Austin, Tex., Sept. 12.—The fire insurance men held a meeting this morning and discussed the serious conditions now prevailing in Austin. The town is in inky darkness every night, and for that reason it is believed fire insurance rates will be increased. Water in the lake continues to decline.

Three New Cases.
Austin, Tex., Sept. 12.—The state health department this morning received a telegram from Dr. Souchon at New Orleans stating that there were three new cases of yellow fever under investigation there and that the state board of health had been ordered to convene at noon to-day to consider the situation.

Smallpox in Denton County.
Denton, Tex., Sept. 12.—There new cases of smallpox were reported yesterday from the smallpox camp southeast of Argyle, and one death, Mrs. Henry Foster, on whom the disease first broke out, dying last night. Owing to the distance from this place no uneasiness is felt here.

Wages of school teachers in Connecticut have doubled in thirty years. Engineers think that by 1898 they will have succeeded in substituting liquid fuel for coal.

JOHN C. HUBINGER.

Remarkable Career of a Well-Known Western Capitalist, Manufacturer and Philanthropist.

Among the leaders of the progressive element for which the middle west is famous, Mr. John C. Hubinger, of Keokuk, Ia., reigns without a peer. As a manufacturer, as an enterprising capitalist and as a philanthropist his fame has spread over many states, and his financial enterprises have developed many obscure towns into progressive, thrifty and wide-awake cities. Mr. Hubinger, although but 47 years of age, can look back upon scores of commercial victories, each one of which has benefited mankind, for his liberality is as bountiful as his business sagacity is marvelous. He was born in New Orleans, La., his parents being of French and German origin. When he was four years old, his family removed to Kentucky, in which state young Hubinger received a public school education. Almost before reaching man's estate he secured patents on a number of valuable mechanical inventions, thereby laying the foundation of his present fortune.

By inclination and force of circumstances his attention was early directed to the manufacture of starch by improved processes, and in the course of time he became the head of a concern having an annual business of millions of dollars. But genuine ambition never quite satisfied with existing conditions, works ever toward perfection, and after years of painstaking study and research Mr. Hubinger has made a



JOHN C. HUBINGER.

discovery, which he considers the crowning event of his wonderful career, and which is embodied in a new article of commerce, known as Red Cross Starch (Red Cross trade mark). He is planning to distribute millions of packages of this starch to the housewives of America, at a merely nominal price to the consumer, in order to make its merits known without delay. Thus, for but 5 cents two large 10c packages of Red Cross Starch may be had, together with two magnificent Shakespearean views printed in 12 beautiful colors, or a Twentieth Century Girl Calendar; or for only 20 cents 10 packages of the starch and the entire series of eight Shakespearean views and one Twentieth Century Girl Calendar—views alone easily worth \$1.00. Watch this paper for future premium announcements, of which every lady will certainly want to take advantage.

While Mr. Hubinger will devote his best energies to the manufacture of this new and wonderful starch, he will not retire from the various financial enterprises in which he is interested—street railways, electric lighting plants and the Mississippi Valley Telephone Co., with 10,000 telephone subscribers in Minneapolis and St. Paul—nor will his augmented activity interfere with his social obligations and exercise of the splendid hospitality which he dispenses at his palatial Keokuk home. Mr. Hubinger's family, consisting of himself, wife and four children, is the pivot around which his activity revolves, and while fond of promoting great enterprises, he is still fonder of his home circle, where he spends every moment of time not taken up by business or public cares.

WORTH A FORTUNE.

A mortgage of \$700,000 on a tiny lot is rarely recorded in real estate annals. The city of San Jose, Cal., has within its limits a little patch of ground which has actually borne an incumbrance of these stupendous proportions.

The note and mortgage, after the manner of such things, made its way through the courts in proceedings and foreclosures, and in the next dozen years the \$1,300 grew like Jack's beanstalk. A return of sale finally showed the total amount due the man to whom the note and mortgage had been assigned, Morris M. Wise, in round numbers that included interest, cost and the sheriff's fees, \$21,000,000.

The story of this lot is the story of an unpaid note. Away back in 1851 David C. Vance, its owner, borrowed from Jackson Lewis the sum of \$1,300 at the then current rate of interest of 8 per cent per month, to be computed monthly, security being the real estate and its improvements. The note is yet unpaid. One day Mr. Vance disappeared. He couldn't take the lot with him, so that small section of the earth has gone on eating its head off, as it were, ever since.

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4503 applications for pensions have been filed at Austin up to this time.

Goebel seems to have the democratic opposition on the run in Kentucky.

At Hartford, Conn., recently, Star Pointer paced an exhibition race, making a mile in 2:00 flat.

It is said that Ex. Gov. Hogg will take the stump in behalf of the re-election of Senator Bruce Chilton.

For driving out dull, bilious feeling, strengthening the appetite and increasing the capacity of the body for work, Prickly Ash Bitters is a golden remedy. Sold by C. G. King.

Kansas City offers to contribute \$50,000 to the Democratic campaign fund if the National Convention is held there.

Tennessee supports 749 Confederate pensions on an expenditure of \$77,000 per year. The limit to the annual allowance in Tennessee is \$100,000.

Put your stomach, liver and blood in healthy condition and you can defy disease. Prickly Ash Bitters is a successful system regulator. Sold by C. G. King.

The navy is to co-operate with the army in the Philippines and will in a short time begin the taking of ports now held by the Filipinos.

Last Friday the city marshal of Caddo, I. T., destroyed forty-two pints and five quarts of whiskey on the public square. 130 people witnessed the proceeding. The whiskey was captured just before the Choptaw election and its owner could not be found.

Indigestion is the direct cause of diseases that kill thousands of persons annually. Stop the trouble at the outset with a little Prickly Ash Bitters. It strengthens the stomach and aids digestion. Sold by C. G. King.

"Hold Your Cotton."

Corsicana, Tex., Sept. 11.—Fleming & Templeton, bankers of this city, have issued a circular farmers advising them to hold their cotton for a rise, and propose to make them advances to within a narrow margin of present prices and store the cotton for owners so long as may desired.

A hypnotist buried a woman at Sheridan Park, West Quincy, Ill., digging her up again in three hours. She was apparently none the worse for the ordeal. She had clerked for years in a store that never advertised.—Denison Gazetter.

In speaking of building up your town, Dr. Talmage says: "A newspaper whose columns overflow with advertisements of business men has more influence in attracting attention to build up a town than any other agency that can be employed. People go where there is business. Capital and labor go where there is an enterprising community. No power on earth is so strong to build up a town as a newspaper well patronized, and its power should be appreciated."

It is rumored that Judge Reagan will resign as railroad commissioner and suggests the name of Hon. M. M. Crane as his successor.

For Farmers to Think About.

F. T. Jenne, who is not only one of the large farmers of the county, but is also one of its largest thresher men, advances this idea as the result of his observation during the past several years, and it so commends itself to the judgment of this paper that we reproduce it for the benefit of our farmers and for them to pass judgment on. He says that no wheat raised in this county this or any previous year should be used for seed. He says the constant use of native wheat for seed has run the grade down and will continue to run it down the more it is used. Mr. Jenne says that in the earlier years of wheat raising in this country the grain almost invariably graded No. 2. This, he feels certain, was due to the fact that the pioneer farmers brought to this country with them or had sent to them, seed wheat from the states from whence they came. Since then he says wheat raised in this county, often upon the same land upon which it was grown, has been used for seed, and the grain has been running a little lower each year. He believes the introducing new seed will restore not only the grade, but to a great extent the yield. Asked as to whether the seed should come from a northern or southern locality, he said there was great difference of opinion on that point, some farmers contending for one latitude, and some another. As for himself, he thought a change of seed was the thing most necessary, let it come from where it might. If farmers could do no better, it would be well to exchange seed with their neighbors in different parts of the county or in adjoining counties. He thought that even this would help some. It does not seem at all unreasonable, this idea of Mr. Jenne's and the Herald submits it to its farmer readers for their thoughtful consideration.—Wichita Herald.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF The Beckham National Bank,

At Graham, in the State of Texas, at the close of business, Sept. 7th, 1899.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$178,721.07
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	32,739.07
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	25,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	2,250.00
Stocks, securities, etc.	2,932.45
Banking house, furniture & fixtures	12,681.95
Other real estate and mortgages owned	19,487.66
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)	866.07
Due from State Banks and Bankers	3,841.22
Due from approved reserve agents	15,626.18
Checks and other cash items	853.23
Notes of other National Banks	65.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	47.63
Special Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	6,250.00
Legal-tender notes	5,630.99
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	1,125.00
Total	\$308,060.56

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	1,469.69
National Bank notes outstanding	22,500.00
Due to other National Banks	14,872.57
Dividends unpaid	480.00
Individual deposits subject to check	142,838.87
Demand certificates of deposit	242.43
Time certificates of deposit	607.00
Total	\$308,060.56

State of Texas, County of Young, ss: I, Wm. D. Craig, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

WM. D. CRAIG, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of Sept., 1899.

H. G. ARNOLD,
Notary Public Young Co., Texas.

CORRECT—Attest:
J. B. NORRIS, }
R. F. ARNOLD, } Directors.
E. B. NORMAN, }

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While the Doctors are

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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.

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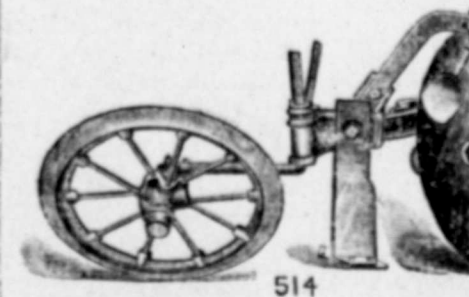
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LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

T. C. Jarnagin of the Finis community, was in Graham Friday night attending the Royal Arch Chapter.

To Trade.—A good, gentle work horse to trade for corn. Apply at this office.

Miss Lizzie LeGrand left last Saturday for Huntsville, where she will re-enter the Sam Houston Normal Institute.

Our entire line Ladies' Shirt Waists—Choice 25 cents; worth 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50.

J. E. MORRISON & Co.

A fine rain last Saturday night, accompanied by a brisk norther, and the weather has been cooler since.

Babbitt Metal.

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

Rex Benson, little son of C. P. Benson, fell from a tree last Friday and was badly bruised up, but is now recovering.

C. P. Benson, the Banner scribe, left last week for the West for the benefit of his health.

WANTED.

Jeffery & Buckley want to buy 1500 bushels of corn delivered at their California Creek ranch.

Apply to J. L. BUCKLEY, At the Ranch.

R. Latimer will leave in a few days for Tennessee, where he will in future reside. He bought a trio of fine chickens from R. L. Henegar to take with him.

Silk Waists.

The finest line shown in the city; also some novelties in Flannel Waists.

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The following named teachers were granted second grade certificates by the examining board last Saturday:

Misses Mary Fields and Missouri Ellis, G. A. Gray and J. B. Turner.

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Have you noticed the new line of jewelry at King's Drug store? all upto date goods. Call and examine.

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M. L. McBrayer, the Graham and South Bend mail carrier, is laid up with a rising on his arm. Chas. Connor has his place temporarily.

Those wanting Tomb Stones would do well to call on MRS. MATTIE GRAVES.

Will Davis, L. Pratt and Wm. Reeves, of Eliasville, were in town Monday.

J. J. Scott of South Bend, was in town Friday.

Try Duckine for Cotton Sacks if you want something to last.

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To eat with Appetite, Digest with Comfort and Sleep with Tranquility, take a dose of Dr. M. A. Simmons Liver Medicine occasionally. Sold by Akin & Matthews.

Knights of Honor.

The members of this Order will please pay their assessments for this month to Chas. Gay, Reporter, as I will be absent until after the 1st of October.

P. A. MARTIN, Fin. Rep.

W. S. McJimsey has returned from St. Louis.

F. M. Baldwin of Eliasville, was in town Tuesday looking for board for his two sons who will attend school here this term.

M. S. Handy of Bosque county, is visiting his sister, Mrs. J. T. Cunningham, of this place.

Executor's Sale.

I will sell at public sale, for cash, on SATURDAY, OCT. 7th, 1899, in Graham, about twenty head of horses belonging to the estate of T. E. Dowdle, deceased.

J. E. DOWDLE, Executor Estate T. E. Dowdle.

R. L. Henegar left Tuesday for Arlington and other points to look for a location.

Cheatham's Tasteless Chill Tonic cures the Chills, builds up the system, and drives away all ills. It makes strong the weak and fattens the lean. Its the tonic of tonics, the best ever seen. 50 cents. Sold by Akin & Matthews.

The Executive Board of Macedonia Baptist Association is called to meet in the Baptist Church here next Saturday at 2 o'clock p. m. The object is to consider the resignation of Elder M. L. McDowell, missionary. Elder McDowell is called to the care of the Baptist Church at Bridgeport, and feels impressed to accept the call. He has made a faithful and efficient missionary for the past year and a half, and the Board is very loath to give him up. We regret to lose Mr. McDowell and his estimable family from Graham.

The pain of a burn or scald is almost instantly relieved by applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It also heals the injured parts more quickly than any other treatment, and without the burn is very severe does not leave a scar. For sale by Graham Drug Co.

Elder Marion L. McDowell, missionary for Macedonia Association, will preach at the Baptist Church on Saturday night and Sunday at 11 o'clock.

The unhappy mortal whose Liver is inactive is miserable without apparent cause. Dr. M. A. Simmons Liver Medicine makes life worth living. Sold by Akin & Matthews.

P. A. Martin left Tuesday on a trip to Bowie and other points, and requests us to announce to his friends and clients that he will return on or about the 10th of October.

R. E. McClamery of Eliasville, was in Graham Tuesday and called on the LEADER and made the editor glad.

Miss May Payne of South Bend spent a day or two in town with relatives this week.

Miss Sillar Brown, Warsaw, Ga., writes: Dr. M. A. Simmons Liver Medicine is a wonderful medicine for Torpid Liver, Constipated Bowels, Sick Headache, Indigestion and Chronic Diarrhoea. I think its strength and action far superior to Zella's and Black Draught. Sold by Akin & Matthews.

Miss Lyens of Chicago, has returned and taken charge of the millinery department of S. B. Sireet & Co's store.

Mrs. Lora Cunningham of Chicago, is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. M. Pritchard of this place.

Sick Headache is the bane of many lives. Dr. M. A. Simmons Liver Medicine cures and prevents this annoying complaint. Sold by Akin & Matthews.

Mrs. C. G. Wyatt of Cleburne, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. S. A. Barnes of this place, returned home Tuesday.

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

T. J. Hicks has opened a restaurant at the Wagon Yard and is prepared to feed both man and beast. He also keeps barbecued beef.

There were five applicants for teachers' certificates before the Board of Examiners last Friday and Saturday. G. A. Gray made the best average. There was one failure.

Prof. Hardgrave of Farmer, was in town Friday and Saturday.

Hunt's Cure for Itching Piles. Hunt's Cure for Ringworm. Hunt's Cure for Tetter. Hunt's Cure for Eczema. Hunt's Cure cures all skin trouble.

Rev. W. S. Baker of Mineral Wells, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church of this place, and will arrive next week and enter upon his ministerial duties.

The Graham Gin has started up and cotton is coming in pretty lively. The cotton season will not last long.

M. K. Graham has gone East on business.

Those in arrears for Subscription are respectfully requested to settle the same.

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We wish to thank the trade for the business given us, and the kindly expressions voiced for our success. We mean to deserve your increased and continued patronage if honorable business methods, saleable goods and close prices are factors.

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It is a wise man who saws wood and says nothing.

San Antonio has a man by the name of South West.

The general delivery window of the post office is the best place to ascertain the standing of a gentleman.

Last Sunday night, during service at the Christian Church, some person threw a rock through a window. Fortunately it hit no one. A rock was also thrown through a window at the Belmont Hotel. Every effort is being made to find out the parties, and if found should receive the severest penalty.

Mrs. Wallace and family and her son Ed and family, returned Wednesday from a trip to Oklahoma. Mrs. Wallace, who has been in bad health for sometime, is much improved. They all enjoyed the trip. Uncle Dick Adams came back with them.

Yes, It's Unjust.

The newspapers of Texas are doing too much gratuitous advertising for their own good. Every county fair or private enterprise gotten up in a community expects the newspaper to puff it up—push it along—free of charge, unmindful of the fact that type setting, printing, paper, etc., cost money and must be paid for. It is time this wholesale charity on the part of the newspapers was being abandoned. It is oppressive and unjust.—Brenham Banner.

LACY LOCALS.

A nice rain fell here Saturday night.

Uncle Jimmie Hawkins and daughter, Miss Clara, made a trip to Farmer Monday.

Farmers of this community say the cotton does not turn out at all—they have to pick it out.

Ed. Stiffler and Tom Watson of Markley, were in our midst Sunday.

Charles Stiffler beat the record raising corn this year. He says he made twenty-six loads off of sixteen acres. Mr. Scroggins made thirty loads on eight acres. Who can beat these gentlemen raising corn?

Bro. Buck Hawkins failed to fill his appointment at the Chapel Sunday on account of quarterly meeting at Farmer.

Bro. Turner made a trip to Graham Saturday.

LONE STAR.

Good Enough to Take.

The finest quality of loaf sugar is used in the manufacture of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and the roots used in its preparation give it a flavor similar to that of maple syrup, making it very pleasant to take. As a medicine for the cure of coughs, colds, la grippe, croup and whooping cough it is unequalled by any other. It always cures and cures quickly. For sale by Graham Drug Co.

MARKLEY ITEMS.

A much needed rain fell Saturday. Everybody seems livelier since the rain.

Work has begun on the new school house. The new house when completed will speak well for this community. We are glad to see the patrons take so much interest in school matters.

J. L. McDaniel received word from the physician at Marlow, I. T., that his son Jim was dangerously sick. Mr. and Mrs. McDaniel started Sunday to see him.

Dr. Collier, the old professor at Brushy Flat, is in our midst. He is just from Alabama.

I. J. Tinney and M. A. Stewart made a flying trip to Jacksboro last Friday.

Mr. Powell, a carpenter, has been employed to work on the school house this week.

Mr. Watson is building a nice residence; also Uncle Jim Norfleet, has put a nice addition to his residence.

Jim Wallace Jr., has returned from the Territory.

Pick Stewart of Graham, was in our town last week. He was hunting a plow to tank with.

Walley Wallace made a flying trip to Farmer Saturday.

School will begin as soon as the house is completed. Let every pupil enter the first day and thus get an even start. We expect to have the best school this winter that Markley has ever had. The patrons seem to be interested and the teacher, C. W. Rasure, will do everything possible to make it a good and progressive school.

WILLARD.

Frequently Protracted Constipation causes Inflammation of the Bowels. Remedy—use Dr. Simmons Liver Medicine. Sold by Akin & Matthews.

Mrs. E. S. Graham left Monday for Kentucky. Her daughter, Miss Bertha, accompanied her and will remain there at school.

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FEVER SITUATION.

There Has Been Only Seven Cases at New Orleans All Told.

MISSISSIPPI AND TEXAS CAREFUL

The Crescent City Feels that the Rigid Quarantine is Useless and Damaging to Commercial Interests.

New Orleans, La., Sept. 13.—There were four new cases of fever announced by the state board of health yesterday, three of which have been under supervision for several days. No deaths were reported. At a meeting of the board yesterday morning it was determined not to quarantine against infected points. There would be no reason for such a course now, inasmuch as Mississippi has pretty generally closed her doors against this city and Texas and Alabama are bent on maintaining their quarantines. Vicksburg, Natchez and more prominent towns of western Mississippi are forcing the larger Louisiana towns to quarantine against New Orleans, although the Louisiana state board has taken no action. Monroe was warned yesterday that unless she quarantined New Orleans, Vicksburg would quarantine her. This policy will be detrimental to business interests here for there are a few towns in Louisiana which would not quarantine New Orleans unless forced to do so. Distressing features of the situation here is the commercial paralysis which is threatened. There have been only seven cases of fever here altogether and the city was never in better health.

Holds Title in Fee Simple.

Denison, Tex., Sept. 13.—B.C. Wigand, a citizen of Colbert, across the river from Denison, in the Chickasaw nation, is the first person to hold a piece of property in the Indian Territory with the title in fee simple. Mr. Wigand, at the United States town-site commissioner's sale at Colbert three weeks ago was a purchaser of one of the lots at public outcry. The terms of sale by the United States commissioners are one-fourth down and the balance in three years. The first payment is to be made in ten days after purchase. Mr. Wigand made his payment and holds his deed. His name was the first to be recorded in the Indian agent's books at Muscogee, as a purchaser of town lots in the Indian Territory.

Big Dividends Declared.

New York, Sept. 13.—The executive committee of the Western Union Telegraph company have recommended the declaring of the regular quarterly dividend of 2 1-2 per cent.

The directors of the Mergenthaler Linotype company have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 2 1-2 per cent and an extra dividend of 2 1-2 per cent payable on Sept. 30.

The International Paper company has declared a regular quarterly dividend of 1 1-2 per cent on its preferred stock and has decided to pass the quarterly dividend on its common stock.

The Federal Steel company has declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1-2 per cent on its preferred stock, payable immediately.

No Sign of Oil.

Mexia, Tex., Sept. 13.—The wildest well west of here is about 1200 feet deep, but work has been suspended on account of breaking the drill last Saturday which is still in the hole, and a dry hole at that, no sign of oil having been found yet.

Loving Will Succeed.

New York, Sept. 13.—"The live stock combination is practically assured."

So said George B. Loving of Fort Worth, Tex., after a conference at the Waldorf-Astoria last night with prominent New York and Boston capitalists.

"At last I see that success is to attend my efforts," said Mr. Loving, just before his departure to Chicago. "I shall return to New York after the Dewey day bustle has subsided and complete the organization of the combination. It will have a capital of not less than thirty millions and will take in about all the ranches and live stock in Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. I have heard nothing from the retail butchers' association of late, but if they want to do business with us their propositions will be received."

Sentence Commuted.

Washington, Sept. 13.—Private Thomas McVeigh of company G of the 1st Wyoming volunteer infantry, was tried by general court martial, convened at Imus, Philippine islands, on June last, charged with striking superior officers, was found guilty and sentenced "to be shot to death with musketry at such a time and place as the proper authorities may direct," two-thirds of the court concurring. President McKinley commuted sentence to confinement at hard labor for a period of three years.

Freight Rate War Continues.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 13.—The fight between the Burlington and the Memphis railroads over freight rates on packinghouse products to the southeast continues. The Burlington cut the rate yesterday to 8 cents per 100 pounds from Omaha to the Ohio river. The Memphis road will probably announce a 6 cent rate from Kansas City. Ten days ago the rate from Omaha was 23 cents.

Double Murder.

Southbridge, Mass., Sept. 13.—A double murder occurred late last night near the manufacturing village of Fiskdale. John King and wife, an aged couple, were killed by their son Peter, who was crazed from the excessive use of liquor. The skulls of both were crushed by some heavy instrument. The murderer also attempted to kill his brother, Thomas.

Child Accidentally Killed.

Smithville, Tex., Sept. 13.—Mrs. C. P. Gritsburg while removing a pistol under a pillow yesterday morning accidentally shot and killed her ten-month-old baby. The pistol fell to the floor and was discharged, the contents striking the child in the back, ranging upward and going through the heart, killing it instantly.

Wolves Giving Trouble.

Denison, Tex., Sept. 12.—Farmers report lobo wolves in the vicinity of Rock Bluff ferry, eight miles west of town. They say that there has been considerable complaint of the wolves in the past month and hunters would be welcome to run the varmints down.

Fell in a Well and Drowned.

Austin, Tex., Sept. 13.—Benjie Gooden, a 6-year old boy, fell in a well and was drowned. The boy was playing on top of the well when he slipped and fell in. The accident was not discovered until several hours after it occurred.

Death Sentence Passed.

Vernon, Tex., Sept. 13.—The death sentence was passed upon Rev. George E. Morrison, tried for wife murder in the district court, and Friday, Oct. 27, was fixed as the day of execution. He made a speech declaring his innocence.

TRUST CONVENTION

Organization Perfected and Speech Making Commenced.

WM. W. HOWE MAED PRESIDENT.

Dudley G. Wooten of Texas Sends Hot Shot Into the Camp of Trusts, and Arouses Much Enthusiasm.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 14.—About 300 delegates, chosen by the governors of nearly thirty states and by numerous boards of trade and labor organizations to the trust convention, began its four days' session at Central Music hall, this city, yesterday.

The Civic federation, which called the conference, has come under grave suspicion of subservency to the very corporate and monopoly interests it was created to oppose, consequently the majority of the conference has appeared very sensitive of any attempted shaping of its proceedings by those who called it together. Instead of allowing the temporary chairman, Mr. Franklin H. Head, president of the Civic federation, to select the committee on permanent organization and programme it was decided that a member should be selected by the representatives of each state and of each national labor or other national organization present.

This committee has selected as permanent president Judge William Wirt Howe of New Orleans, La., ex-president of the American Bar association, who has not apparently taken any decided stand on the trust question, and as vice-presidents who are to preside at some of the meetings, Stephen B. Corliss of the Commercial Travelers' association, New York; Mayor Henry V. Johnson of Denver, who holds views favorable to the city ownership of local monopolies, and as third vice president Dudley G. Wooten of Dallas, Tex.

The speech of Mr. Wooten, delivered during the afternoon, which hammered trusts in a merciless manner, aroused the wildest enthusiasm in the ranks of the labor representatives and the delegations from many western and southwestern states, while the easterners generally smiled critically and kept their arms folded.

The Oldest Indian.

South McAlester, I. T., Sept. 14.—The Dawes commission finished enrolling citizens here Tuesday night and went to South Canadian yesterday morning. The total number enrolled at this place was 1322. South Canadian is the last appointment in the Choctaw nation, with the exception of Tuskahoma, at which place the commission will go Oct. 8 for the purpose of enrolling a number of persons who were unable to be present at the other places. An Indian at this place in response to his age said that he did not know for sure, but that it was between 130 and 135, which would make him the oldest person in the United States.

Accidentally Shot.

Denison, Tex., Sept. 14.—A message from Caney, I. T., says: While Mr. Wall, a mover was traveling near Caney, his team stalled and his nephew, James Brown, took the balked horse loose from the wagon and put in his saddle horse. He then raised the saddle to put it on the other horse, when a loaded pistol that was in the saddlepocket fell out and was discharged, the ball going through his foot.

Holding Cotton.

Griffin, Ga., Sept. 14.—The farmers of Spalding county at a mass meeting resolved that they would not market the present crop of cotton for less than 8 cents per pound and "until that price is reached the bankers and merchants had agreed to advance such an amount on all cotton received by them as will meet their immediate demands, the farmer storing said cotton in warehouses and as security to hold the receipts for such cotton until the sale is deemed advisable." All Georgia farmers were called upon to take similar action.

Disastrous Floods.

Berlin, Sept. 14.—The floods are causing widespread damage in Southern Germany and Austria. The north part of Zwickau is inundated. Owing to the undermining of a railway bridge over the Isenb, between Muehldorf and Rorhrbac, a train fell into the river and five persons were drowned. All the tributaries of the Danube in Austria are flooded. A bridge over the Sewara at Payerbach collapsed and ten persons were carried away. Advices from Kalisch in Russian Poland say that thirty-two persons were crushed to death in a panic in a synagogue caused by the upsetting of a lamp.

Won't Do It.

New York, Sept. 14.—A special to the herald from Washington says:

The president is receiving petitions asking him to request the French government to pardon Dreyfus. No such action will be taken, the administration holding that to do so would be undoubtedly offence to France, which would say this government had no right to interfere in a matter which relates to internal administration and which he alone must decide.

Pardon is Conditional.

Boston, Mass., Sept. 14.—The Post announces that it has received the following private dispatch from Paris:

"Gens. Roget and Mercier have offered on the part of the army to demand from President Loubet the pardon of Capt. Dreyfus if the Jewish committee will drop the matter and on the condition that Dreyfus shall live away from the large cities of France for three years."

A Small Cyclone.

Temple, Tex., Sept. 14.—A whirlwind that appeared to be of ordinary severity formed at the intersection of Central avenue and Sixth streets Tuesday. It struck the residence of S. D. Stitt, a long, narrow house that had recently been turned around and placed on rather high blocks. The wind caught the structure and carried it some distance, landing it clear of the blocks.

Colorado Volunteers.

Denver, Sept. 14.—The Colorado volunteers were welcomed home to the state's capitol to-day with a demonstration that atoned for the lack of enthusiasm manifested when the regiment departed from this city on May 17th, 1898, for the Philippines. The soldiers were all crowned with wreaths of mountain holly and their pathway strewn with flowers.

Filipino Police.

Manila, Sept. 14.—The Filipino police, numbering 250 men, armed with revolvers and clubs, became operative at Manila to-day. The force is controlled by provost marshal and was reviewed on the Luneta.

Trains Collide.

Pittsburg, Sept. 14.—Two men were killed and two were injured in a collision on the Pittsburg, Va., and Charleston railroad near Bairds station last night between the pay train and a freight train.

NATION'S GREETING TO DEWEY

Features of the Reception to the Manila Hero at Washington.

The central idea underlying the grand welcome to be given Admiral Dewey in Washington the first week in October is its national character. His arrival at the capital will mark his real home-coming to the American people, where the officials of the government will participate, and the magnificently jeweled sword voted by congress will be presented. To that end all the arrangements will be of a simple but most dignified character. The welcome to the hero of Manila at the national capital will probably occur on Monday, October 2, although the date will depend upon the length of the celebration in New York, which is still un-



SWORD VOTED BY CONGRESS TO DEWEY.

settled. The principal features of the reception in Washington, as planned by the citizens, with the co-operation of the president and cabinet, will be two in number—the presentation of the sword voted by congress and a night parade. A public reception at the white house will be followed by dinner to the admiral by President McKinley. The sword will be presented by Secretary Long, at the east front of the capitol, in the presence of Mr. McKinley and all the members of the cabinet, late in the afternoon, while the parade, consisting of organizations of all kinds, will be accompanied by an illumination of the city on a scale of beauty never before witnessed in Washington.

The different features of the preparations are in the hands of a central body of citizens and eleven committees, embracing in all over a thousand people. Preparations for the celebration have been in hand for over a month.

The Baltimore and Ohio railroad and other railroads entering Washington have agreed upon cheap rates for the celebration, and the committee expects that there will be an outpouring of patriotic citizens almost equal to the inauguration of a president.

Betrayed by His Parrot.

Victor Chevalier, a clever criminal in Paris, was run down in a shrewd way. He was known to be exceedingly fond of a pet parrot, and the police were instructed to look for a loquacious bird of this kind. After a week's search the talkative parrot was discovered in the Montmartre district. The police kept a close watch on the house, and in time the criminal appeared to have an affectionate chat with his bird.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR

Every woman is a good actress till she goes on the stage.

There is one thing a woman never can understand, and that is herself.

When the devil had his choice as to instruments he first picked jealousy.

If they were named anything else a woman would have just as queer a look in her face when she talked about her legs.

If there weren't any bad men to be horrible examples, probably there wouldn't be any good women to be shining examples.

Every racy story a man hears he acts like it was old to him and every woman like it was new to her, and both are making believe.

When a man can make a woman believe that he can't help thrilling at her voice she feels she has to marry him so that she can turn the current on whenever she feels like it.

The difference between a woman and a cat is that when you tease the cat you know she'll scratch you, but when it's a woman you never know whether she'll kiss you or tear your eyes out.

New York Press.

There is one pleasant feature in visiting a cemetery: You don't see any tombstones engraved "Mal," or "Kathryn."

Still More Counterfeiting.
The Secret Service has just unearthed another band of counterfeiters and secured a quantity of bogus bills, which are very cleverly executed. Things of great value are always selected for imitation, notably Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which has many imitators but no equals for disorders like indigestion, dyspepsia and constipation.

When a man dies his kin often get into a row over what he left before the barber is sent for.

Findley's Eye Salve Cures sore eyes in 3 days; chronic cases in 30 days, or money back. All druggists, or by mail, 25c. per box.

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Every woman loves to think that she is as frail as a flower.

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JUSTICE IN CHINA.

A Story of Li Hung Chang and Would-be Prisoners.

Of Li Hung Chang numberless stories are told in Chinese society. Now and then one reaches this country through our consuls in China. On one occasion when the premier was having a bitter fight with some of the more conservative members of the tsung-lyamen he received as a present a magnificent cake, which he had reason to suspect contained poison. He put the cake aside and set all his powerful machinery to work to find out who was at the bottom of the plot. The investigation was partly successful, the crime being traced to three men, of whom one, at least, was absolutely guilty. Li had the trio arrested and brought to his yamen. When they arrived they were ushered into his presence and were received in his courtliest manner. The cake was produced, with the remark that "politeness forbade his tasting it until the three generous donors had had an opportunity to enjoy its excellence." Li cut the cake and one of his servants handed it to the unwilling guests. Each took a piece and ate, or pretended to eat it. One crumbled the pieces and let them fall upon the floor, but the other two ate calmly, without manifesting any emotion. Ten minutes and the two men began to show symptoms of suffering. Li smiled benignantly and said to the man who had not eaten: "Your wisdom is so great that I am compelled to preserve your head as a souvenir to transcendental genius." The man was removed and promptly decapitated. To the other two the premier remarked: "The cake that you are eating is not the one you sent me, but one which I had my cook imitate. The poison from which you are suffering exists only in your imagination. I know of no way to cure your present pain except by letting you share the same fate as your friend who has just left the room." As they were led away the statesman said to his retinue: "It is a pity that a man who can eat a deadly corrosive poison with an unmoved countenance should so misapprehend the talent wherewith heaven has endowed him."

A CHINAMAN'S OATH.

The Celestial Was Particular and Caused the Court Lots of Trouble.

The various forms of oath-making, even in this country, are of considerable interest. It would not, however, be easy to find an instance in which anything like so queer a medium of attestation was employed as a gull-lotined black cockatoo. But no less an extraordinary medium than that was what the police of a country district in New South Wales had to provide the other day for a sinical Chinaman, who declined to swear on anything else. Headless fowls were brought, but in vain, and as the matter was important, even a black swan, a luxury surely for a Chinese witness, was suggested, only to be immediately refused. After some time had elapsed, and when the representatives of the law seemed quite at their wits' end, a dead cockatoo of the required hue was strangely discovered in a hut of one of the other celestials, who mulcted the anxious officials in \$2.50 for the bird. Then the solemn and peculiar oath was duly administered, on which the difficult witness with a bland and childlike expression, declared he knew nothing about the case and sat down smiling!

United States' Pension Roll.

On June 30, 1898, the pension rolls of the United States contained 993,714 names. Forty-three thousand were dropped during the fiscal year—34,345 because of death and 8,841 because of remarriage. On the other hand, 40,991 new claims were allowed, so that the number of pensions stood on June 30 last at 991,519. The decrease in expenditure during the year was much more marked, the total falling from \$144,651,000 in 1897-98 to \$138,253,000 in 1898-99. This last is the smallest sum disbursed since the new conditions created by the dependent act have had to be faced, and reasonable assurance of a further natural shrinkage in the annual expenditures is to be found in the fact that \$3,000,000 less were paid out last year than three years ago, when the list of pensioners was fully 21,000 shorter than it is today. How slight an addition to pension burdens the war with Spain will make may be guessed from the statement that, although 16,986 claims have been filed for disabilities incurred in that brief contest, only 296 have so far been passed on favorably. Altogether, the outlook for a diminished pension account has greatly improved.

Street Car Fares the World Over.
In Belfast, Ireland; Berne, Switzerland; Cork, Ireland; Marselles, France; Prague, Austria, and Sydney, Australia, the fare is 2 cents for any distance. In Dublin, Ireland, the fare is 1 cent a mile. In Berlin it is 2 1/2 cents for the first mile. In Florence, Italy, it is 2 cents from the outskirts to the centre of the city and 3 cents across the city. In Paris the fare inside the 'buses and cars is 6 cents, while for 3 cents a seat on the top may be had. In Calcutta, India, the fares run from 2 1/2 cents to 4 cents a mile. In Ghent, Belgium; Lyons, France, and other cities, there are different fares for first and second-class seats.

The Middle Ear.

This story is told of Professor Pritchard, who recently opened the sixth international otological congress. Reviewing the progress of the last thirty years, the professor referred to "chronic non-suppurative disease of the middle ear" as being the supreme misery at present to students of otology. "What is this middle ear?" a lady asked a sage physician. "Madam," he replied, "it is the ear with which we do not listen." In other words, the nose.

Not a Case in Point.

"You turned expansionist," remarked the man with the long scraggy beard, "ought to remember the frog tried to be as big as the ox and swelled himself up till he busted."
"That frog wasn't an expansionist," said the other man. "He was an infatuationist."

Booker T. Washington lectured recently in Essex Hall, London, on "The Negro Problem in America." Joseph H. Choate, United States ambassador, introduced the lecturer.

The death of Bishop John P. Newman calls to mind his intimacy with General Grant during his presidency, and his tour of the world as inspector of United States consulates.

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