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Linden—I have interviewed some of our most prominent men and they almost unanimously favor Senator Coke as his own successor.

FIFTH DISTRICT. Sulphur Springs—State Senator-elect John W. Crawford and Representative-elect J. M. Nelson are in favor of Senator Coke being his own successor. Our people are true to a Coke people.

Greenville—in regard to preference for United States senator of Representative F. P. Alexander, your correspondent states that Mr. Alexander repeatedly declared himself in his speeches in the late canvass as favoring the re-election of Governor Coke, and has had no occasion to change his views on this matter.

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Longview—Coke is the universal favorite here. Nobody else is spoken of or recognized in the race.

Quitman—Representative J. W. Humphrey of Emory, Texas, is decidedly in favor of Senator Coke's re-election to congress.

Gilmer—Our representative, Hon. A. D. Martin resides at Pittsburg, and from him I learn that he is in favor of the re-election of Senator Coke.

SEVENTH DISTRICT. Athens—Mr. Bishop, our representative, says of the prospective candidates Coke is his preference.

Rusk—Judge R. H. Morris, senator-elect from this district, says he favors the re-election of Richard Coke to the United States senate.

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Mexia—Representative James Moody unqualifiedly pronounces himself as being desirous of having Senator Coke succeed himself. He also states that the florid representative, W. A. Kinnead, had to commit himself to the Coke faction at Waco some time since in order to secure their aid in procuring the nomination.

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT. Dallas—Hon. R. S. Kimbrough of Mesquite, senator-elect from the Sixteenth senatorial district, composed of the counties of Dallas, Kaufman and Rockwall, said: "I am unqualifiedly for Richard Coke for senator. He is my personal choice above all others."

Said Major J. F. Rowland: "Without proving faithless to the obligations to my constituency, I could not vote for any other than Richard Coke for United States senator, even if I so desired. It gives me pleasure to state, however, that Senator Coke is my personal choice above all others."

Reveland—I have failed to see Mr. Crayton, our floater, but from what I can gather from his friends I have no doubt he can be relied on to support Coke.

Kaufman—I am authorized to say that our senator-elect, R. S. Kimbrough, and representative, J. E. Dillard, as well as all the Democrats in this county are in favor of Richard Coke being his own successor.

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT. Denton—Mr. J. W. Jague, our local representative, says he is for Coke from first to last and all the time. Mr. A. C. Owsley, florid representative from Denton and Collin counties, informs me that he will vote for Senator Coke for re-election; will support him with all of his influence and has no other person for that position in view. Our senator, Mr. William Allen, of this (the Seventeenth) senatorial district, whose time does not expire for two years yet, declines to give information as to how he will vote for United States senator, as his letter herewith enclosed will fully explain. You will remember that Mr. Allen was elected two years ago on an independent ticket.

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SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT. Gatesville—Our representative-elect, Hon. C. M. King, is a strong Coke man, first, last and all the time. The Democratic county convention resolved to support no man who did not pledge himself for Coke. During the canvass I saw our senator-elect, Hon. George Tyler, of Denton, who is said to have been the first white child born in this county. He said he was for Coke. Coke is the popular favorite in this county.

Lampasas—Our representative, Hon. Norton Moses of Burnet county, is a great admirer of Terrell, Coke and Mills, but I feel confident he will cast his first vote for Coke.

Hamilton—G. W. Tyler, senator-elect, and C. M. King, representative-elect from this district, are for Coke for the senate and were both instructed by each county convention in their district.

Austin—General Hamby, one of our representative-elect declines to express himself, but he is supposed to be in favor of Coke.

BEVILLY—General W. H. Woodward, our senator, who holds over, writes: "I unhesitatingly say to you that I favor Senator Coke succeeding himself, and that I expect to vote for him and use whatever influence I may have to secure his election. I have no particular desire to make public my views in reference to

this matter, nor on the other hand, do I care to suppress them."

Representative-elect of Eighty-fifth district, John J. Rhodes writes: "Had I a choice other than Senator Coke, I would not be at liberty to exercise it, inasmuch as I was instructed for Coke by the convention that nominated me."

Rockport—The probable preference of our senator-elect for a successor to Coke is Mr. John Ireland. He being a pronounced Aransas Pass man is no doubt the choice of this district.

TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICT. Baird—Senator Coke is solid in this section. H. T. Sims of Coleman, who was nominated for state senator by a Democratic convention held here, was by the same convention instructed for Coke. Sims was elected.

Dr. Alf H. H. Tolar of Abilene, representative-elect of the Forty-second district, is also instructed for Coke. Comanche—Both our representative and senator-elect will support Senator Coke for the senate.

THIRTIETH DISTRICT. Stephenville—I have not had an opportunity lately to communicate with our representatives, who are Colonel W. L. McLaughley of Granbury, Hood county, and Major Jesse Jenkins of Meridian, Bosque county, as to who their preference is for United States senator to succeed Senator Coke, but understand they are both for Mr. Coke. I, as senator of the Thirtieth senatorial district, am for Mr. Coke to succeed Coke. Yours truly, L. N. FRANK.

Palo Pinto—Representative Frank, Hon. Charles U. Comeliee being elected by the Democrats of this district after being nominated in a convention that instructed him for Richard Coke, will of course vote for Coke to succeed himself. I have heard Mr. Comeliee say he was for Coke. Hamilton—Our representative-elect, Major J. Jenkins and Hon. W. L. McLaughley, are decidedly in favor of Hon. Richard Coke returning to the United States senate.

Major Jenkins said, "I prefer Coke to any man on Texas soil," and Hon. McLaughley said, "I am for Coke first, last and all the time."

THIRTY-FIRST DISTRICT. Paris—H. D. McDuffie, senator, Thirty-first district; T. H. Hayes, representative Lamar and Fannin counties, and M. J. Hathaway, for Lamar county, are all for Coke for the United States senate.

Clarksville—Captain A. S. Bailey, representative-elect from this county, is strictly for Richard Coke. I think Bailey's second choice is for Terrell. Hamilton—The Family county convention last summer endorsed and instructed for Coke, first, last and all the time. It is a safe inference, that our representative-elect, Hon. W. J. Hoot, will favor what the vast majority of his constituents favor.

MARIENFELD. Condition of Cattle and Sheep—The Last Buffalo—Other Matters. Special to the Gazette.

MARIENFELD, TEX., Dec. 24.—Sheep interests have become more firm lately, and buyers are offering much better prices, with very little response even at the advance.

Stock of all kinds are in good condition, the mild weather having aided to pull through the winter several herds that were brought in from Mason county that wintered. Stock on the range was never better, and the grass seems in line shape.

Sunday night witnessed a scene that comes before the observer. It was the departure of the last buffalo in Martin county. The grand old fellow was driven in from Mr. Rush's ranch in Martin county where he had contented himself for some time. He has gradually become a tame animal, making himself friendly with the other stock. He became a pet to all. No one who had been familiar with them could take a last look without going back to the time when they in their wild condition by the hundreds played and fed undisturbed on the staked plains. The buffalo has passed away, and the last remnant was placed on the cars to be taken to Illinois and there used for breeding purposes.

He took in the situation with a wild look only taking his step by the heavy persuasion that was behind him. He with the Indians have left the plains only to meet in the future in the happy hunting grounds.

The wheat crop, although small, looks good, and the prospects are that a fine wheat crop will be made. Farming has had its drawbacks, and it will take several good years to pull us up to the old land mark.

The public school under Professor Seymour is taking its Christmas holiday. The children under his care made an excellent record.

Public school No. 2 will give the children a Christmas tree. It is taught by the Sisters of Charity, who are under the supervision of the convent near San Antonio. They are building up a Catholic school for the benefit of their church.

The wedding bells have failed to ring, there being no bell, but the young people have not failed to get married. Henderson Horton is furnishing a neat little home for himself and Miss Jose O. Horton of Dallas. They both came home welcomed by their many friends who wish them a pleasant journey through life. They will make their home at this place, where Henderson is engaged in business with his father.

The irrigation company are putting their lands under fence, getting ready for the spring crop. They will plant out every kind of fruit trees. Their business will be confined to the raising of fruits and vegetables. They have a bright future, and it is only a question of time when they will reap rich returns of their labor and open up a rich field for the cultivation of fruits and vegetables.

SELLERS' SITUATION. The District Attorney of Indianapolis Does Not Know How He Stands. INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Dec. 24.—Emory B. Sellers, United States district attorney, whose resignation has not yet been accepted, was in the city a few hours today. He says he occupies a rather strange position. The president has not accepted his resignation, neither has he been officially notified that he refuses to accept, and unless he assumes that Mr. Baily's nomination created a vacancy, why he is still district attorney of Indiana.

A Bee Special from Red Cloud, Neb., says: The Red Cloud National bank passed into the hands of the comptroller of currency this morning. The assets and liabilities are unknown.

The Finest Gazers in the West. Anderson's gazes in the West.

HER BRITISH MAJESTY.

She Dismisses Her Lords and Gentlemen to Eat Plum Pudding.

She Regrets that the United States Senate Did Not Ratify the Fisheries Treaty—No Signs of Trouble.

THE QUEEN'S SPEECH. Address of Her British Majesty on the Occasion of the Proroguing of Parliament.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Parliament was prorogued to-day. The queen's speech was as follows: I have great satisfaction in being able to release you from your protracted labors.

My relations with all foreign powers continue friendly. I regret that the convention concluded between myself and the president of the United States for the adjustment of questions which have arisen with reference to the fisheries in North American waters has not commended itself to the judgment of the United States senate, in whom, according to the constitution of the United States, the power of ratification is vested. The temporary arrangements, however, which have been adopted will, I trust, prevent any immediate inconvenience arising from this decision.

The restoration of Egypt to a condition of political and financial security has been for the time interrupted by the attempt of the Soudanese to possess themselves of the port of Suakin. The dispersion of the hostile forces has been effected by a brilliant military operation on the part of the Egyptian troops supported by the British contingent. In other respects the administration and economical progress of Egypt are satisfactory.

An insurrection has broken out upon the continental portion of the dominion of the sultan of Zanzibar which has brought with it considerable destruction of life and property in the German settlements on that coast. It is evident that the renewed vigor of the slave trade of which symptoms have unhappily shown themselves in several parts of Africa, has largely contributed to the production of these disturbances. I have joined the emperor of Germany in establishing a naval blockade of that part of the coast which is insurrection in order to prevent not only the transportation of slaves but the importation of munitions of war.

My Indian dominions have enjoyed general tranquility and prosperity during the past year. Disturbances, however, have occurred in the neighboring region of Black Mountain and on the extreme frontier of Birkin, but have terminated without difficulty.

The uprising in Afghanistan under Ishak Khan which at one time threatened to assume formidable proportions has been entirely subdued by the military force of the Ameer.

A rising of some Zulu chiefs in South Africa, which does not seem to have met with any sympathy on the part of the population has been suppressed by my troops and the native chiefs concerned are waiting trial before a special commission.

Gentlemen of the house of commons, I thank you for the liberal provision you have made for the service of state. I trust that the financial measures you have sanctioned will materially increase the public resources of the country without adding to its fiscal burdens.

My lords and gentlemen, the measures you have passed for extending the functions and improving the machinery of local government in England are calculated to increase the local attachment of my people to their institutions. I trust you may be able now to promote the successful working of these changes in your several localities and that in this and all other fields of duty the blessing of Almighty God may be with you.

AUSTRALIA. Mining Camp Burned—Great Hail Storm. Coal Miners Strike Ended.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Dec. 24.—Advices from Australia report a destructive fire at Broken Hill, a new mining camp in New South Wales, November 6. The town was built entirely of wood and in two hours sixty buildings were destroyed, comprising the main business houses. The loss is heavy as few carried insurance.

The great strike of the coal miners at Newcastle is ended. The strike lasted three months. Eight thousand men were idle and \$1,500,000 was lost by the masters and men.

A terrible hurricane swept over Queensland, November 22. Hail stones as big as hens' eggs were driven by the force of the wind clear through the sides of houses. Yards, vineyards and orchards were ruined, and forest trees were stripped of their leaves.

Bush fires in New South Wales are doing great damage. One is reported fifteen miles long. Large bands of sheep have been burned before they could be removed to places of safety.

ITALY. The Pope Delivers a Bitter Address to the Sacred College.

ROME, Dec. 24.—The pope addressing the sacred college to-day gave thanks to God for the blessings which his jubilee had brought him. He affirmed with much feeling his former utterances on the question of temporal power and indignantly rejected the accusation that he was an enemy of Italy. He urged the Catholics everywhere to agitate in a legal manner for the restoration of papal supremacy, and spoke in depreciation of the recent liberal enactments in Italy. His address throughout was unusually violent and bitter.

Cable Notes. LONDON, Dec. 24.—John Bright passed a good night. He continues to improve.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The Argentine Republic joined the telegraph convention.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 24.—Marines in the arsenal here have revolted because their wages have not been paid. The leaders were arrested. No blood was shed.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Henry A. Blake, whose appointment as governor of Queensland was opposed by the people of that country, has been appointed governor of Jamaica.

DUBLIN, Dec. 24.—James O'Reilly, member of parliament, was released from prison at Sixty to-day. His friends tendered him a reception and presented him with an address and a purse of gold.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 24.—M. Martin, the French Siberian explorer, will soon start an expedition to Central China and the unexplored regions of Eastern Tibet. He will have a small escort and will carry with him a complete outfit of astronomical and topographical appliances. He will be gone three years.

TERRITORY TRAGEDY.

One of the Most Prominent Citizens of the Chickasaw Nation Killed.

Jim Christian, a Prominent Cattleman, Fatally Wounded—A Woman's Close Call—An Old Feud the Cause.

Special to the Gazette. DENISON, TEX., Dec. 24.—Yesterday morning about 9 o'clock James Mayer and Dud Lattrell met near Harneyville, in the Chickasaw Nation, Trouble arose and Sealy Mayer jerked a Winchester from his scabbard and threw it up to his shoulder. Ere he touched the trigger a bullet from Lattrell's six shooter whistled unpleasantly close to his head. This fact disconcerted Sealy and he fired five shots at Lattrell, while Lattrell emptied his pistol at Mayer. No damage was done either party and a scarcity of ammunition on both sides caused a cessation of hostilities.

Lattrell went up to Jim Thompson's house and Sealy Mayer went down to Woodville. He told his brother Jim Mayer about the trouble, and he and Jim went over to Thompson's to amicably adjust the difference without further trouble. Upon arrival at the Thompson place Lattrell came out to the front fence, climbed over and commenced talking to James Mayer. Mayer said to him, "Dud, put up that pistol."

Lattrell answered, "All right, but you lay aside your Winchester." Mayer set his Winchester up against a tree and walked up to Lattrell and said: "Now, Dud, don't make a fool of yourself, but put that pistol away and let's settle this matter right."

Lattrell still had his pistol in his hand by his side. Mayer grasped Lattrell's pistol and tried to wrench the weapon from him. Lattrell swung around, and Mayer was nearly thrown from his feet and this loss of Mayer's grasp from Lattrell's pistol, Mayer straightened up and advanced on Lattrell, who grasped the pistol with both hands and presented it to Mayer's breast and fired. Mayer went down in a heap with a 45-caliber bullet through his body. The report of the pistol brought John Christian and Mrs. Jim Thompson out of the house. Sealy Mayer turned his head toward Lattrell, but the bullet missed the mark and struck Mrs. Thompson's bustle tearing it away and striking John Christian in the groin, inflicting a mortal wound. Lattrell got one of Jim Thompson's horses and rode away. Mayer died about an hour after receiving the wound and Christian was still living but very low when the information left the scene of the killing. Officers went in pursuit of Lattrell, but nothing has been heard from him since he left the Thompson place. It was thought that the fight between Sealy Mayer and Lattrell arose from the old Mason-Christian feud. Bad blood had existed between them since the Rooster Creek killing about eighteen months ago, when Jim Christian and Jim Lattrell were killed by Alex. Juran and Steve Bonnell. Juran was killed shortly after by the United States marshal's posse and Bonnell surrendered and is now under sentence of death at Fort Smith, Ark., for complicity in the Rooster Creek massacre. His feeling was then engendered and the trouble of yesterday was not a surprise to those who were cognizant of the true state of affairs. The feud is not yet. Mayer was one of the most prominent citizens of the Chickasaw nation and was highly respected. Christian is also a prominent citizen, and the terrible tragedy created considerable excitement in this city where all the parties are well known.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT. Special to the Gazette. POTTSVILLE, TEX., Dec. 24.—James Mayer, a merchant and cattleman living at Woodville, L. P., about fifteen miles north of Red River and fifteen miles from this place, was killed yesterday. It seems that two parties met in the road and opened the battle with the above result. Mayer was a partner of James Christian, who was killed to years ago in the Bonnell-Juran tragedy. It is the same old feud that always ends in a killing when stirred up.

CHICAGO AND HER ANARCHISTS. Reply to the Anarchists' Bill Asking an Injunction to Prevent Police Interference.

CHICAGO, ILL., Dec. 24.—Corporation Counsel Green and Assistant Knight finished to-day the city's reply to the bill filed by the anarchists in support of the injunction restricting the city from interfering with their meetings. The reply asserts that the Arbeiter Bund Society pressing the injunction suit was organized for unlawful purposes and that it agitated principally the destruction of existing forms of society. It further relates that the Arbeiter Bund had a meeting in Mueller's hall on the evening of December 9. This meeting took place as the advertised one in Grief's hall which had been closed by the police. There were inside and outside groups for the hall door and it was thought that only avowed anarchists were admitted. There were present 150 men and sixty women. To save themselves they met under the name of Reichstag Verein. Albert Curran addressed the meeting in incendiary and unlawful language. He said the band had failed to accomplish its purpose on November 11, but that it would continue in existence and in the end be successful in its object, the killing of the judges and Inspector Bonfield. Wednesday the Arbeiter Bund will file its answer, and Thursday the application for authority to sue for an injunction will be argued before Master in Chancery Windes.

A Panama Gale. PANAMA, Dec. 24.—A strong northerly gale is blowing in Colon. All the steamers have been obliged to leave port. The Chagres river is again flooded. There are four feet of water on the railroad track at Trujillo. Traffic is stopped.

Life Imprisonment. BRENNINGTON, VT., Dec. 24.—John Keran and James Corush, convicted last Monday of murder in the second degree, have been sentenced to life imprisonment.

The curious fact has been demonstrated by Sir John Lubbock that certain kinds of ants are unable to exist without keeping other ants as slaves, though why this is so he has not found out. On removing the slaves from a nest of fifty slave-holding ants he found that the latter immediately commenced to die off, and were speedily reduced to six. When the slaves were returned the mortality ceased.

THE LINDAUER SUIT RENEWED. CHICAGO, ILL., Dec. 24.—A creditor's bill for \$15,000 was begun in the circuit court to-day against Lindauer, Bros. & Co., by the Atlas National Bank, whose judgment for the above amount has never been satisfied.

PASSENGERS COLLIDE. Two Men Killed and Thirteen Severely Injured in a Louisville and Nashville Collision. The Dead and Wounded.

LOUISVILLE, KY., Dec. 24.—A through passenger train to Nashville and the south on the Louisville and Nashville Road ran into a Melville branch passenger train at Bardstown Junction, twenty-five miles south of this city, between 9 and 10 o'clock this morning. Two passengers were killed outright and thirteen injured.

LOUISVILLE, KY., Dec. 24.—Passenger train No. 5 on the main stem of the Louisville and Nashville telegraph passenger train No. 23 of the Knoxville branch at Bardstown Junction at 8:52 o'clock this morning. At the Junction there is a sharp curve and No. 23 stopped on the main track just around the curve. No. 5 was running at the rate of forty-five miles and split the rear and second coach of the stationary train in two, scattering the fragments in every direction. There were thirteen severely hurt and two killed outright. The list is as follows:

KILLED. MRS. MARY PARKINS, Old Depot, Ky. WILLIE HOUSTON, Water Creek, Laine county, Ky.

WOUNDED. Engineer McPHERSON and Fireman Charles Kral, both of this city. E. R. DICKERSON, Boston, Ky. MISS BERTHA FLOWSBACKER, Boston, Ky. E. S. MILLER, Lebanon, Ky. JUDGE PHILIP R. THOMSON, attorney, Shepherdsville, Ky.

MISS ADA ADAMS and Mrs. S. K. ADAMS, Louisville, Ky. Mrs. J. R. MOYSE and JOHN MOYSE, LaGrange, Ky. BERTHA RHOOPER, East Bardwell, Ky. Engineer McPherson and Fireman King, both of train No. 5, are thought to be fatally hurt. The former remained at his post, but the fireman jumped. Both recovered consciousness sufficiently to state that they had no sign of a flagman.

The crew of No. 23 has not made any statement. The officers of the road said No. 23, which makes all local stops, was delayed on account of the rush of express business, and for some reason either neglected to notice the time of failed to send out the proper signals. Two coaches of the front train and the engine and baggage car of No. 5 were completely demolished. All the passengers on the rear train were severely injured, but none of them were fatally hurt. Most of the injured were bruised and scalded.

WHERE THE BLAME LIES. LOUISVILLE, KY., Dec. 24.—Investigation of the railroad wreck at Bardstown Junction, conducted by the Louisville and Nashville officials shows that the conductor of the first and the engineer of the other train disregarded their well known regulations. The first train, which had been delayed and was running on the following train's time, should have sent back a flagman with torpedoes, but no flagman was sent back. The engineer of the following train, as all trains have instructions, should have approached the Junction with his train under full control. His train this morning was going at full speed, thirty-five, not forty-five miles an hour. The company's surgeons were on the ground an hour after the accident, and all the wounded were in Louisville well cared for in a few hours. Engineer Farran and Fireman King, it is now believed, will recover.

AN AWFUL EXPLOSION. Cold Water was Pumped Into a Foaming Boiler With the Usual Result—The Fatal Results.

Special to the Gazette. BOULDER, COLO., Dec. 24.—A terrible explosion occurred at Hastings' saw mill, four miles from Gold Hill, on Saturday last, resulting in the instant death of four men and the scalding of another who will probably recover, although he is badly injured. The mill hands had gone to work early, and being desirous of doing a big day's work they fired up with low water in the boiler in order to get a quick head of steam. They had secured a pressure of 115 pounds, and as the boiler was foaming cold water was pumped in, causing the explosion. Andy McDougal, twenty-three years old, had his head blown off. His body was immediately found, but his head was not discovered until this afternoon, when, in removing the debris, it was found lying in the pit under the fly wheel. He came originally from North Carolina. A. Barnard, 24 years old, a single man, was killed instantly, and his face was badly mutilated by the flying fragments. Nodgett, 33 years of age, married, leaves a wife and one child three weeks old. He was killed instantly. Niles, formerly from Kansas, leaves a wife and five children. Mike Barnard, was badly scalded, but he will recover.

The force of the explosion was tremendous, and the report was heard for miles around. The boiler was shattered in small fragments, and these were scattered over a wide area. The mill and its machinery were ruined. Three other men were in the mill at the time, and they, heeding the warning of danger, made their escape in safety. But the others were not able to take advantage of the notice of impending disaster, and they lost their lives.

The Lindauer Suit Renewed. CHICAGO, ILL., Dec. 24.—A creditor's bill for \$15,000 was begun in the circuit court to-day against Lindauer, Bros. & Co., by the Atlas National Bank, whose judgment for the above amount has never been satisfied.