...URES OF INTEREST.

...erty and the Value Thereof as Shown by Assessment Rolls.

...ATED RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

...d Net Receipts for Next Two ...ars Will Likely Be $5,190,000. Expenses $4,719,241.

...mptroller Finley's annual report has ...its appearance; it contains the following interesting figures:

...perty and the value thereof in the State ...xas as shown by the assessment rolls ...for 1898, compared with the assessment for ...

...ass of property—	1898. Number.	1898. Value.
...d, acres	124,367,489	$398,127,890
...es and city lots	.....	18,937,615
...ses and mules	1,590,083	26,835,645
...ttle	5,415,757	53,459,202
...ats and jennets	15,002	434,343
...ogs	1,960,908	1,629,009
...ep	329,27	305,972
...ogs	1,051,99	1,493,809
...ogs	36,86	85,308
...arriages, wagons and other vehicles	349,27	7,583,541
...ock and merchandise	.....	31,666,930
...ecial and manufactured articles	.....	1,171,402
...anufacturer's tools and implements	.....	8,318,911
...ills and boilers	.....	3,613,068
...mount of money of banks, etc.	.....	8,260,698
...ills of other than bankers, brokers, etc.	.....	5,865,036
...ills other than banks, brokers, etc.	.....	13,318,920
...alue of bonds and stocks other than U. S.	.....	4,058,517
...alue of shares of capital stock companies	.....	1,497,426
...alue of property of corporations other than above	.....	660,008
...ll miscellaneous property	.....	2,741,732
...ilroads, miles	8,994	6,761,967
...alue of stock of railroads	.....	747,792
...ilroads, miles	246	39,318
...elegraph lines, miles	12,454	151,028
...ogs and other vermin	465	3,465
...ots in unorganized counties owned by nonresidents	6,003,078	6,4,078
...ilroads in unorganized counties, miles	64	4,536
...elegraph lines in unorganized counties, miles	76	644
	.....	$854,6365
...ax rate decrease from 1897	.....	27.10

...Total number of polls assessed 506,147.

...ass of property—	1897. Number.	1897. Valu
...and, acres	124,091,528	$397,1027
...res and city lots	.....	188,1223
...ses and mules	1,602,547	30,898,
...ttle	5,057,656	42,588,
...ats and jennets	12,882	522,
...ogs	2,103,683	2,365,
...ogs	291,644	255,7
...ogs	1,373,723	1,724,5
...arriages, wagons and other vehicles	345,905	7,769,3
...ock and merchandise	.....	31,472,24
...ecial and manufactured articles	.....	1,208,25
...anufacturer's tools and implements	.....	8,809,564
...ills and boilers	.....	3,602,78
...mount of money of banks, brokers, etc.	.....	14,125,850
...ills other than banks, brokers, etc.	.....	14,139,405
...ll miscellaneous property	.....	29,409,821
...ilroads, miles	8,932	70,588,302
...ilroad railroads, miles	244	789,645
...elegraph lines, miles	11,960	1,123,242
...ogs and other vermin	470	451,367
...ots in unorganized counties owned by nonresidents	7,250,166	7,250,166
...ilroads in unorganized counties, miles	118	658,683
...elegraph lines in unorganized counties, miles	109	5,446
	.....	$854,891,775

...Registered and estimated deficiencies. Registered deficiencies under article 2323, Revised Statutes of 1895:

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...Fees of county judges, justices of the peace, sheriffs and constables in examining trials for the year ending February 28, 1898—

Registered and estimated	$13,000 00
...For expenses of attached witnesses—	
Registered and estimated for year ending February 28, 1898	90,000 00
Registered and estimated for year ending February 28, 1899	75,000 00
COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS.	
Clerks' fees in criminal cases—	
Registered for year ending February 28, 1898	$220 00
Estimated for year ending February 28, 1899	500 00
Contingent expenses—	
Registered for year ending February 28, 1898	59 75

...Requisitions for deficiencies under chapter ...8 laws of regular session Twenty-fifth Legislature:

	Year ending Feb. 28, 1898.	Year ending Feb. 28, 1899.
COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS—FIRST DISTRICT.		
Postage	$75 00	$75 00
Contingent	75 00	100 00
COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS—SECOND DISTRICT.		
Postage	$125 00	$125 00
Clerk's and stationery	75 00	.....
Contingent	50 00	100 00
COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS—THIRD DISTRICT.		
Postage	$125 00	$125 00
COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS—FIFTH DISTRICT.		
Postage	$50 00	$50 00
RAILROAD COMMISSION.		
Pay of experts, etc.	.....	3,180 00
Postage, etc.	.....	500 00
ORPHAN ASYLUM.		
Maintenance	.....	6,620 50
QUARANTINE DEPARTMENT.		
Maintenance	3,500 00	7,500 00
CONFEDERATE HOME.		
Maintenance	.....	6,500 00

...The following table shows the net amount ...of State and school taxes collected in each county from all sources during the past year ...by comparison with the total school fund apportioned to the respective counties for the scholastic year ending August 31, 1898:

County—	State tax.	School tax.	School fund apportioned.
Anderson	$11,978 37	$13,307 50	$27,888
Angelina	5,898 28	4,970 44	11,980
Aransas	3,389 79	2,703 48	2,032
Archer	4,652 23	4,113 44	2,410
Armstrong	2,017 12	1,889 46	850
Atascosa	5,026 93	4,648 83	7,692
Austin	16,416 37	11,530 13	19,420
Bastrop	2,707 27	2,492 04	4,034
Bexar	17,618 69	13,538 13	28,206
Blanco	4,737 65	3,836 94	2,720
Borden	9,455 01	7,732 40	8,196
Bosque	32,392 39	26,105 86	[illegible]
Bowie	98,849 12	67,441 47	65,668
Brazoria	3,404 80	3,037 71	4,920
Brazos	1,971 31	1,763 31	483
Brown	11,881 26	10,805 58	18,004
Burleson	11,183 27	10,564 10	20,076
Burnet	16,123 64	13,120 36	22,532
Caldwell	12,895 26	9,349 54	21,216
Calhoun	5,889 31	4,807 52	1,024
Callahan	1,500 57	1,427 76	916
Cameron	11,616 81	9,817 90	14,276
Camp	9,994 45	8,164 88	20,352
Carson	8,785 31	8,034 54	10,640
Cass	12,287 36	10,225 56	21,631
Chambers	4,352 20	3,326 97	2,038
Cherokee	6,104 63	5,544 75	7,396
Clay	6,019 18	4,913 30	27,376
Cochran	3,601 60	3,086 53	9,016
Coke	1,720 02	1,251 01	350
Coleman	5,731 79	5,610 14	25,952
Collin	1,224 63	1,220 68	138
Collingsworth	2,022 73	1,799 50	3,032
Colorado	9,111 34	8,506 57	24,172
Comal	3,951 44	3,083 67	1,704
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Estimated receipts of general revenue for the year ending August 31, 1899, made under existing tax rate and revenue laws.

Ad valorem tax, 20 cents on $100.00, $855,000,000 values	$1,710,000	
Poll taxes, 50 cents per capita	254,000	
Three-fourths of occupation taxes collected by collectors	680,000	
Three-fourths of occupation taxes collected by comptroller	42,000	
Redemptions of land and insolvent collections	88,000	
Receipts and transfers from asylum funds	93,000	
Office fees, several departments	30,000	
	140,000	
		$3,037,000
Less amounts uncollected, costs of collecting, etc.:		
Insolvent list, revenue ad valorem	$21,000	
Insolvent list, revenue poll	85,000	
1898 taxes delinquent for former years	84,000	
1898 taxes delinquent	65,000	
Errors in assessments	12,000	
Commissions for collecting	105,000	
Commissions for assessing	72,000	
Echange on remittances	3,000	
		$447,000
Total net receipts estimated		$2,590,000

Estimated receipts of general revenue for the year ending August 31, 1900, made under existing tax rate and revenue laws.

Ad valorem tax, 20 cents on $100.00, $890,000,000 values	$1,720,000	
Poll taxes, 50 cents per capita	260,000	
Three-fourths of occupation taxes collected by collectors	690,000	
Three-fourths of occupation taxes collected by comptroller	42,000	
Three-fourths of occupation taxes collected by State treasurer	90,000	
Redemptions of land and insolvent collections	80,000	
Receipts and transfers from asylum funds	30,000	
Office fees, several departments	140,000	
		$3,052,000
Less amounts uncollected, costs of collecting, etc.:		
Insolvent list, revenue ad valorem	$21,000	
Insolvent list, revenue poll	88,000	
1899 taxes delinquent for former years	85,000	
1899 taxes delinquent	66,000	
Errors in assessments	12,000	
Commissions for collecting	105,000	
Commissions for assessing	72,000	
Exchange on remittances	3,000	
		$452,000
Total net receipts estimated		$2,600,000

Summary of estimates of appropriations for the support of the State government from March 1, 1899, to February 28, 1901, as furnished by the heads of the various departments:

	Year ending Feb. 28, 1900.	Year ending Feb. 28, 1901.
Executive office, mansion and grounds	$24,806 00	$22,206 00
Department of State	11,210 00	10,710 00
Comptroller's office	62,430 00	62,430 00
Treasury department	25,610 00	25,610 00
General land office	54,090 00	54,090 00
Attorney general's office	15,490 00	15,490 00
Court of criminal appeals	22,200 00	22,200 00
Supreme court	21,140 00	21,140 00
Department of education	23,420 00	23,420 00
Railroad commission	33,000 00	33,000 00
Department of agriculture, insurance, statistics and history	14,160 00	14,160 00
University of Texas and medical branch	95,000 00	95,000 00
Court of civil appeals—First district	14,000 00	14,000 00
Court of civil appeals—Second district	13,350 00	13,350 00
Court of civil appeals—Third district	13,310 00	12,910 00
Court of civil appeals—Fourth district	13,150 00	13,150 00
Court of civil appeals—Fifth district	13,960 00	13,760 00
Judiciary department	593,000 00	593,000 00
Pensions	50,150 00	50,150 00
Public debt	224,420 20	224,420 20
Relief of liquor dealers	3,000 00	3,000 00
State orphan asylum	60,300 00	35,700 00
State lunatic asylum	128,730 00	121,970 00
Southwestern insane asylum	124,610 00	103,110 00
North Texas insane asylum	189,650 00	174,250 00
Blind asylum	48,212 00	42,202 00
Deaf and dumb asylum	89,560 00	67,560 00
House of correction and reformatory	30,960 00	30,960 00
Confederate home	67,725 00	56,300 00
Quarantine department	45,000 00	45,000 00
Deaf, dumb and blind asylum (colored)	29,950 00	17,950 00
Sam Houston normal institute	39,500 00	39,500 00
State penitentiaries	71,000 00	71,000 00
Agricultural and Mechanical college	27,500 00	27,500 00
Prairie View normal school	13,350 00	13,350 00
Adjutant general's department	65,300 00	55,200 00
Public printing	46,550 00	37,500 00
Public buildings and grounds	27,075 00	27,075 00
Totals	$2,415,838 20	$2,297,403 20

Coke	2,626 19	2,531 71	2,984	Rockwall	4,731 71	4,529 67	9,032
Coleman	9,140 45	8,587 64	8,676	Runnels	6,282 32	5,368 16	4,940
Collin	32,263 22	28,118 77	49,952	Rusk	9,657 87	9,003 22	26,198
Collingsworth	1,626 39	1,412 46	980	Sabine	1,596 97	1,545 80	6,252
Colorado	17,739 85	13,166 48	22,432	S'n A'gustine	2,158 93	2,222 12	9,224
Comal	7,867 54	5,490 40	6,652	San Jacinto	4,002 04	3,272 37	9,831
Comanche	10,878 50	9,723 34	22,248	San Patricio	3,481 97	3,056 62	3,098
Concho	2,630 66	2,396 49	704	San Saba	5,521 40	5,318 44	7,368
Cooke	21,905 42	17,820 80	25,944	Scurry	2,085 92	1,983 43	2,400
Coryell	12,382 64	11,849 94	23,072	Shackelford	3,862 30	3,648 31	2,785
Cottle	2,272 80	2,084 65	652	Shelby	5,492 20	5,075 24	21,836
Crockett	2,796 47	2,282 73	1,092	Sherman	167 79	364 72	20
Crosby	1,856 68	1,729 72	556	Smith	17,347 52	13,871 68	41,116
Dallam	1,059 53	972 25	48	Somervell	1,858 23	1,698 45	3,712
Dallas	101,453 73	70,820 27	75,264	Starr	2,784 77	2,436 10	15,076
Dawson	1,435 85	1,336 13	264	Stephens	5,184 57	4,928 53	6,276
Deaf Smith	4,361 22	4,539 50	12,804	Sterling	1,852 73	1,715 68	1,030
Delta	20,822 02	18,001 10	29,000	Stonewall	1,888 40	1,778 00	1,136
DeWitt	22,202 35	16,040 45	22,720	Sutton	3,416 92	2,675 95	1,784
Dallas	2,295 20	2,041 82	652	Swisher	1,790 95	1,676 91	948
Denton	2,330 89	2,105 14	1,000	Tarrant	63,645 45	45,909 30	61,372
Dimmit	3,663 47	2,899 83	1,604	Taylor	11,173 66	9,073 90	8,976
Donley	4,034 99	3,520 80	10,068	Throckmorton	3,173 23	2,926 08	1,556
Duval	10,462 30	8,522 66	15,784	Titus	5,019 82	4,293 90	11,666
Eastland	1,534 14	1,235 37	360	Tom Green	9,448 26	7,412 62	5,528
Edwards	3,256 96	2,561 57	2,714	Travis	48,503 06	38,252 60	42,256
Ellis	39,957 70	34,525 00	51,180	Trinity	4,790 53	4,049 72	8,952
Elso	24,931 01	17,636 91	10,093	Tyler	4,569 50	4,230 30	11,316
Erath	14,662 21	12,962 86	30,012	Upshur	4,651 41	4,506 47	15,072
Falls	22,658 84	18,686 78	35,408	Uvalde	6,761 65	5,784 38	3,372
Fannin	30,121 90	25,866 77	52,080	Val Verde	6,877 22	5,290 08	4,104
Fayette	32,892 38	23,712 14	40,192	Van Zandt	10,248 20	9,434 00	20,[illegible]
Fisher	2,655 88	2,549 65	2,312	Victoria	16,099 35	12,323 24	11,900
Floyd	1,775 78	1,705 10	1,392	Walker	6,202 33	5,164 78	16,[illegible]
Foard	1,814 61	1,707 04	1,244	Waller	9,881 21	7,335 10	16,950
Fort Bend	16,496 50	12,519 40	18,938	Ward	1,238 08	1,223 28	1,024
Franklin	2,640 89	2,860 78	8,116	Washington	21,561 51	16,328 66	42,864
Freestone	6,223 23	6,[illegible] 84	21,[illegible]	Webb ***	9,152 75	6,259 01	28,588
Frio	4,005 06	3,706 88	4,244	Wharton	13,461 58	10,314 31	23,130
Gaines	37,532 57	57,473 15	42,296	Wheeler	1,882 25	1,768 75	416
Gillespie	6,980 06	5,668 03	8,436	Wichita	8,047 85	6,377 38	4,112
Glasscock	1,047 86	922 73	200	Wilbarger	6,885 39	5,626 31	5,[illegible]
Goliad	7,420 09	6,423 34	7,656	Williamson	29,596 83	26,720 73	27,[illegible]
Gonzales	15,557 75	13,793 12	26,368	Wilson	10,153 00	8,469 80	14,288
Grayson	51,254 37	40,398 54	67,672	Wise	17,496 79	15,[illegible]	[illegible]
Gregg	5,174 72	4,050 95	12,344	Wood	9,252 65	7,739 82	23,[illegible]
Grimes	12,814 28	10,112 91	33,044	Young	6,029 90	5,656 91	6,488
Guadalupe	13,715 89	11,042 62	21,400	Zapata	1,372 00	1,322 41	9,[illegible]
Hale	1,746 39	1,653 48	1,432	Zavalla	2,415 34	2,189 81	636
Hall	2,422 63	2,236 04	1,392				
Hamilton	7,996 99	7,464 37	13,224	Totals	$2,319,349 09	$1,869,509 22	$3,106,448
Hansford	931 95	848 04	198				
Hardeman	4,828 16	3,853 73	2,644				
Hardin	2,943 67	2,348 53	4,164				
Harris	89,626 35	61,684 83	71,432				
Harrison	12,562 08	10,283 57	40,176				
Hartley	1,767 91	1,601 34	296				
Haskell	4,047 55	3,623 04	1,780				
Hays	6,933 11	6,456 31	13,536				
Hemphill	2,851 62	2,134 74	588				
Henderson	6,056 49	6,132 06	16,900				
Hidalgo	3,466 71	3,479 71	12,552				
Hill	27,741 94	25,059 44	41,064				
Hood	4,881 02	4,743 10	8,880				
Hopkins	12,706 69	11,912 53	20,110				
Houston	8,195 52	8,499 38	37,768				
Howard	3,943 92	3,539 19	1,412				
Hunt	27,035 26	23,889 54	48,136				
Irion	2,090 32	1,572 53	676				
Jack	6,323 37	6,193 04	11,220				
Jackson	7,419 95	5,919 55	6,420				
Jasper	2,749 06	2,742 88	7,276				
Jeff Davis	2,646 65	2,387 96	880				
Jefferson	15,478 30	10,181 33	8,236				
Johnson	36,099 45	17,674 15	31,356				
Jones	4,913 [illegible]	3,369 32	4,912				
Karnes	6,569 04	7,096 74	8,112				
Kaufman	18,432 [illegible]	17,739 32	23,[illegible]				
Kendall	3,591 47	3,237 62	4,024				
Kent	1,055 [illegible]	1,059 73	716				
Kerr	4,903 24	4,080 81	4,032				
Kimble	3,551 42	2,140 77	2,488				
King	1,594 87	1,544 20	244				
Kinney	3,098 18	2,968 22	3,764				
Knox	1,889 [illegible]	1,881 10	1,520				
Lamar	25,189 15	25,189 11	52,[illegible]				
Lampasas	6,719 73	6,719 73	7,824				
La Salle	2,832 19	2,832 19	2,388				
Lavaca	15,875 71	15,875 71	28,172				
Lee	7,516 46	7,516 46	15,208				
Leon	5,594 81	5,594 81	19,788				
Liberty	4,862 74	4,862 74	7,498				
Limestone	16,843 23	16,843 23	23,976				
Lipscomb	1,558 05	1,558 05	960				
Live Oak	2,769 27	2,769 27	2,600				
Llano	5,784 62	5,784 62	7,240				
Lubbock	1,860 35	1,860 35	312				
Madison	3,498 60	3,498 60	10,268				
Marion	2,621 70	2,621 70	15,918				
Martin	1,773 71	1,773 71	244				
Mason	4,414 94	4,414 94	[illegible]				
Matagorda	5,469 04	5,469 04	5,112				
Maverick	3,588 75	3,588 75	4,548				
McCulloch	3,380 98	3,380 98	3,848				
McLennan	47,704 52	47,704 52	62,232				
McMullen	2,[illegible] 97	2,[illegible] 97	[illegible]				
Medina	7,[illegible]	6,044 49	7,260				
Menard*	2,[illegible] 87	2,672 80	2,028				
Midland	2,[illegible]	2,464 96	1,[illegible]				
Milam	21,121 18	18,277 44	36,636				
Mills	5,514 [illegible]	4,721 08	7,616				
Mitchell	4,453 [illegible]	1,452 57	2,056				
Montague	18,176 [illegible]	11,213 90	27,040				
Montgomery	8,035 [illegible]	4,419 40	18,048				
Moore	874 [illegible]	799 62	96				
Morris	3,591 [illegible]	2,782 50	8,720				
Motley	1,863 [illegible]	1,733 30	649				
Nacogdoches	7,333 [illegible]	5,591 91	21,812				
Navarro	28,592 [illegible]	23,133 27	46,392				
Newton	2,556 [illegible]	2,617 92	5,804				
Nolan	9,489 [illegible]	8,649 25	2,100				
Nueces	13,155 [illegible]	9,694 11	13,680				
Ochiltree	679 27	517 28	60				
Oldham	1,453 02	1,022 49	132				
Orange	5,200 64	3,928 47	5,108				
Palo Pinto	8,822 47	7,748 84	10,456				
Panola	8,531 34	7,877 60	23,108				
Parker	16,192 18	14,[illegible] 61	24,524				
Parmer	4,888 49	4,[illegible] 80	1,120				
Pecos	7,013 40	[illegible] 74	11,968				
Polk	4,895 95	[illegible] 95	1,192				
Potter	3,069 [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]				
Presidio	2,114 53	[illegible] 72	6,600				
Rabb	1,448 [illegible]	[illegible]	580				
Hancock	12,296 [illegible]	[illegible]	33,441				
Red River	4,910 91	[illegible]	1,940				
Reeves	3,901 89	[illegible]	1,596				
Refugio	1,756 49	[illegible]	413				
Roberts*	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]				
Robertson	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]				

*Including Schleicher county attached.
**Including Gray county attached.
***Including Encinal county attached.

ROCKDALE'S QUARANTINE.

It Was Put on as a Precautonary Measure Solely.

Rockdale, Texas, December 23.—As previously stated by this correspondent, quarantine was established against the neighboring town of Cameron a short time ago, on account of smallpox, a considerable time after it was known that the disease was there. With perfect frankness the officials of Cameron informed those of Rockdale of the presence of the disease, but it was stated that it was confined to a few negroes, who had been isolated, and were closely guarded and that there was no danger of its spreading. In this view of the case, which was supported by State Health Officer Blunt, Rockdale took no further action than to quietly watch the negroes. In time the disease at Cameron did spread, as was faithfully reported to Rockdale, and City Health Officer Kennard went to Cameron to personally investigate the situation. As a result of that visit quarantine was declared and has been maintained to date. It so happens that Cameron and Rockdale are in the same county. Cameron having the advantage of being the county seat of government; that they are to some extent commercial rivals, and that the outbreak of smallpox occurred just as the holiday trade began. It has been charged that the action of Rockdale emanated from mercenary motives, admittedly a very natural accusation under the circumstances, but entirely unjust. The sole animus at Rockdale has been to prevent the introduction of smallpox and in this it has succeeded to date, just as any man would protect his home. That is all there is to it.

INOCULATING HEREFORDS.

Fine Bulls Have Been Imported into Coleman County.

Coleman, Texas, December 22.—The Post correspondent was present today by invitation at Colonel R. H. Overall's ranch, seven miles south of this place, to witness the inoculation of eighty-six head of Hereford bulls. These cattle have just been shipped in from Missouri by Colonel Overall, and Dr. M. Francis, veterinary surgeon of the Agricultural and Mechanical college, inoculated them with the blood of a native steer. The process is simple: A native steer was caught and found to be infested with ticks. About one quart of his blood was obtained and, being kept warm, was injected by needle and syringe in small quantities in the neck of the animal to be inoculated. Colonel Overall is the first stockman in this country to venture on this experiment for preventing splenetic fever, and the result will be closely watched by the gentlemen.

BUDGET FROM BEAUMONT

Negro Sandbagged a Man in the Heart of the City.

HE GOT NO MONEY FROM HIS VICTIM

New Hotel Is to Be Opened on January 1—Grand Ball to Be Given at Liberty.

Beaumont, Texas, December 24.—Bold robberies have been frequent in Beaumont for some time, but there was an attempt last night which actually paralyzed the hundreds of people in the immediate vicinity, and the robber made his escape.

The attempt occurred between 9 and 10 o'clock on Pearl street, between Dunlap's drug store and the French restaurant, in fact within 200 feet of the most frequented business corner in the city. A white man named Hill was the victim. He was strolling along the sidewalk and was struck from behind with sufficient force to fell him. The assailant, who was a negro, immediately jumped on the prostrate man and shoved his hand in one of his breeches pockets. Hill called, and Harold Brown, a Western Union telegraph messenger boy, heard the cry and started towards the scene. The negro saw him coming, and so hurried was his escape that, instead of removing his hand from Hill's pocket, he tore one leg of the pants entirely off and disappeared.

Hill says he had $10, and fortunately it was not in the pocket into which the would-be robber stuck his hand. He says he recognized the robber and furnished his name, together with a description, to the officer, but no arrest is yet reported.

THE LUMBER MARKET.

For the past three years the demand from dealers at the holiday season has been exceptionally good, but it is not so this year. Dealers are ordering very sparingly, but shipments are going forward in good volume on orders heretofore booked. There is no complaint of this condition, however, for no manufacturer in this section is overstocked and no one is inclined to force sales. They feel confident that a brisk demand will spring up after the holidays, and their present aim is to "sort up" and get in shape to supply the stock that will then be called for. All mills will go into the new year with a good supply of saw logs. Besides the hundreds of thousands of ties that have been recently placed, they have orders for bridge and mining timbers. There are few export orders in hand and the mills will therefore be able to give good despatch to railroad orders.

The demand for shingle continues good at fair prices.

CHARITY ENTERTAINMENT.

The Louisa Brehany Concert company, which will give a concert at the opera house on the night of January 5, is recognized as an aggregation of the finest musicians and vocalists on the road. The company is composed of Louisa Brehany, who is the possessor of a mezzo-soprano voice of great power and sweetness; Miss Agnes Prinkle, violinist; M. Guillaume Sauvelt, pianist; Miss Jessie Waters, mezzo, Lester Bartlett Jones, tenor; Mr. George Dethlepa, basso, and others. The programme for their entertainments usually consists of vocal and instrumental duets and solos, and the one to be given in Beaumont will doubtless close with part 2 of "Martha," an opera of magnificent music.

Ladies of the Charity club have already disposed of sufficient tickets to guarantee a success for the entertainment, but the opera house should and doubtless will be crowded.

DRAMATIC CLUB.

An amateur dramatic club has been organized, the membership of which is as follows: Misses Cornelia Ligon, Margaret Cooper, Katie Ligon, Fannie Lamb, Lizzie Caswell, Mrs. E. B. Bonner, Messrs. Tom Lamb, Mike Welker, E. B. Bonner, Kyle Ward, Tom King, Wyche Greer, J. C. Ligon, B. C. Eustis, R. D. Simonton and E. D. Chapin.

The purpose of the organization is to give theatrical entertainments for the benefit of charity or public institutions and to improve the minds of the members. The club will make its first debut at the opera house on the night of January 10 with "Above the Clouds," a pretty and interesting drama, and "Hollover," a rollicking one-act farce comedy, as a curtain raiser.

BALL AT LIBERTY.

The young men of Liberty will give a grand ball at the city hall on the night of December 29, to which many Beaumont young people have received invitations and quite a number will attend. The committees are as follows:

Arrangements—E. T. Branch, chairman, H. L. Marshall, A. J. Rivers, Judge W. A. Neyland, B. M. O'Brien, E. B. Pickett, J. L. Mills and P. B. Noland.

Reception—Dr. W. R. Collier, chairman, S. D. O'Brien, J. S. Finley, Judge M. D. Rayburn, F. W. Cameron, W. B. Green, L. L. Singleton, Archie Cameron.

Floor—E. P. Sevier, chairman; J. M. Baillio, G. R. Smith, A. W. Bingle, L. C. Stewart, S. Vandeventer, W. L. Bagle, Dr. C. C. Nash.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. MARK'S.

Special Christmas services will be held at St. Mark's Episcopal church tomorrow. The church has been beautifully decorated and the choir has prepared special music for the occasion. Holy communion will be celebrated at 7:30 a. m. and 11 a. m. Rector Bleker will deliver sermons suitable to the occasion, morning and night. At the morning service Mr. J. Stolt will sing a bass solo, "Christ Is Born." At the night service the choir will render "Jerusalem the Golden," with flute accompaniment.

THE CORDOVA.

The Cordova, the new hotel recently built by Dr. Collier, will be opened to the public on January 1. This hostelry will not be an extensive affair, but in appointments it will not be excelled in the South. The finest and most complete kitchen equipment that could be secured has been purchased.

A. O. U. W. ELECTION.

Magnolia lodge No. 103, Ancient Order of United Workmen, met last night and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: John F. Stuckle, past master workman; F. A. Peck, master workman; James Williams, foreman; Chris Gray, overseer; T. J. Lamb, guide; B. F. Woodruff, outside watchman; Hale Wells, inside watchman; E. H. Rowald, financier; G. W. Tuggle, receiver; Charles J. Strack recorder.

THE BRINKLEY MURDER CASE.

The trial of George Tucker for the murder of J. H. Brinkley still drags slowly along in the district court and can not now get to the jury before next week. The defendant has been placed on the stand and reiterated his story that he shot Brinkley believing that he was a burglar endeavoring to come through a window. Argument in the case may begin tonight.

LOCAL NOTES.

Harry Archer, commercial agent for the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf, accompanied by his family, are in the city today and leave tonight for a tour through Mexico.

A pretty baby girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Shepherd last night, and the happy father is today giving the coarse laugh to those who intimate that "he is not as young as he used to be."

H. Hansen, contractor for the Kayses extension, came down from Kirbyville yesterday afternoon. Mr. Hansen says he has laid about five miles of new track and if he can get two or three weeks of dry weather he can complete the entire ten miles.

Wm. Smyth, the well known nimrod, went for a short hunt in the wood east of Beaumont yesterday morning and returned in a few hours, having bagged one deer and three wild turkeys. Mr. Smyth says he killed the game a short distance from the Blanchette brick yard.

With January 1, 1899, the lease of Adam Kalmbacke on the Crosby house will expire and that gentleman will be succeeded by Mr. Hagerman, the popular hotel man of Port Arthur. Mr. Kalmbacke, with his wife, will move to Brenham, where he has accepted the agency for a life insurance company.

Big Poultry Business at Lampasas.

Lampasas, Texas, December 23.—The poultry industry is assuming large proportions in this section.

Besides other large shippers from this place, Messrs. Stokes Bros. yesterday shipped over 300 head to Messrs. Lilienthal & Grant, Houston, Texas, and over 200 head, all by Fargo express, to New Orleans, and still have a car load left on hand which will go by freight tomorrow to New Orleans.

The Wells-Fargo Express company, on account of the heavy poultry shipments from this place at this season of the year have to carry an extra express car.

Messrs. Stokes Bros. have had their herd of about 1500 head herded like sheep on the hills near here for the past ten days.

Wedemyer College Entertainment.

Belton, Texas, December 23.—The Wedemyer academy closed last night for the holidays with the following programme: Prayer, Rev. Kesley; welcome address, J. E. Willerman; debate, "Resolved, that it is dangerous for the United States to enter upon a career of imperial expansion;" affirmative, W. B. Maxcy, R. A. Higgins, Robert E. Lee; negative, J. A. Millerman, H. H. Ray, A. L. Nibling. The debate was animated and interesting, showing considerable research. The academy journal was read by John Reed; closing remarks by Robert E. Sutton. A large number of the students leave today for their homes to spend Christmas.

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