THE CAPITAL CITY

of the Tax Commission Is Now Being Mailed to Legislators.

LEGISLATURE TO CONVENE JANUARY 23

Numerous Urging Friends for the Vacant Dallas Judgeship Called on the Governor.

Austin, Texas, December 16.—The printing of the tax commission's report and was completed today and the work mailing copies of same to members of legislature and the country press was

Governor Sayers stated this evening that extra session would be called for January 23 next.

Mr. H. Cullom of Garland and Joseph Cardwell and R. E. L. Saner of Dallas were here today in the interest of the candidacy of Judge Nash, who is being urged for the judgship of the Fourteenth district recently resigned by Judge Smith. Mr. Bob Allen, W. L. Thompson, Will Crawford and Henry Crawford of Dallas were here today backing W. H. H. Clark for judge of the Fourteenth district to succeed W. J. J. Smith, resigned.

The residence of Chief Clerk Curl of the comptroller's office was burglarized last night. The thief effected an entrance through the parlor window and rifled Mr. Curl's pants in the bed adjoining Mr. Curl's little boy. He secured the same of $2, overlooking a gentleman's watch, which was in his pocket in a nearby chair. Outside of the loss of a pocketknife and a nickel secured from the pants of Mr. Curl's little boy, the midnight visitor secured nothing for his troubles.

Mr. John Collum of Garland spent the day in the city.

Governor Charles Gillespie of San Antonio is in the city on business with the state departments.

The secretary of state today filed the charter of the Texas Mortgage Banking company of Waxahachie. Capital stock, $50,000.

LOVING SYNDICATE.

Plan Is Said to Be Working Satisfactorily.

Fort Worth, Texas, December 16.—Mr. B. Loving is elated over the flattering prospects of getting his big cattle syndicate through at an early date. He told The Post representative that every thing was working out just as he had predicted it would. Some additions have been made to the list of appraisers for the cattle syndicate. As it now stands the board is composed of Charles Goodnight of Goodnight, Texas, John W. Light of Oklahoma, I. T., Captain John B. Lytle of San Antonio, M. B. Pulliam of San Angelo and A. P. Robertson of Colorado. There will probably be one or two more added to the committee in a few days. Messrs. Goodnight and Light will take charge of the Panhandle country and will begin inspecting cattle and ranches there at once, as they left for home yesterday. Mr. Robertson will take charge of the work in the country contiguous to Colorado City, and Mr. Pulliam will inspect the properties south of the Texas and Pacific railway and west of San Angelo, while Captain Lytle will attend to matters in South Texas.

Mr. Loving hopes that the work of inspection of the cattle herds and ranch property can be done in ten or fifteen days, yet it may require longer time, as the territory to cover is exceedingly large, as it is in New Mexico, Arizona and Texas. However, there are only two ranch properties in Arizona.

TURPENTINE INDUSTRY.

May Be Established in East Texas Pine Forest.

Jasperville, Texas, December 15.—An immense industry is about to be started that will add thousands of dollars to this place. Parties have been through this section examining into the advisability of securing leases on the timbered lands for the purpose of starting turpentine works. The States of Georgia, Florida, Alabama, North and South Carolina having become exhausted they are now seeking fields. The Post correspondent learns that three gentlemen of means and experience have about closed a contract with the Kirby interests to operate these works, with headquarters here. This will mean the employment of a great many hands and adds a new enterprise to Texas. Texas in her resources and wealth is East Texas, and the pushing managers of the Gulf, Beaumont and Kansas City railway, who are always on the alert for new developments, Jasperville is fast getting to be a thriving city.

To date 748 bales of cotton have been ginned from this point.

Every train brings many strangers are arriving here and the liverymen's teams are going busily with prospectors.

The first of the year a hardwood saw mill will be started. The parties interested were here last week and selected a site, and with the 125,000 capacity mill to be erected things indeed look bright for Roganville.

Wharton Locals.

Wharton, Texas, December 15.—Messrs. Carlson, R. E. Higby and L. Pistzoth leave today as delegates to the good roads convention, which meets in Houston October 15 and 16.

Right Rev. Bishop Kinsolving passed through Wharton this week en route for Austin.

Mr. J. J. Everett of Alleyton and Miss Annabel Neal of Wharton were married at noon yesterday, Rev. R. F. Stokes officiating. The young couple left for Houston to enjoy the Festival.

Wharton, Texas, December 16.—The young people of Wharton enjoyed a pleasant dance at the opera house, the first in three months, Friday night. About twenty couples were present and the cool weather and exquisite music added much to the enjoyments of the evening. Among the guests present from abroad was Mrs. Dr. S. Foote, who is at present the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gratian Huston.

Mrs. C. H. Battle, a former resident of Wharton, will spend the holidays with her niece, Mrs. R. B. Russell.

Rev. J. R. Murray, the well loved pastor of the Methodist church, has been transferred to Angleton. Rev. Murray will be succeeded by Rev. B. Guess. Mr. Murray during his pastorate here has done much good. He leaves as a lasting memento of his sojourn in Wharton one of the handsomest churches in Southwest Texas, which owes its existence to his untiring energy and zeal.

"77"
Knocks out
GRIP
A Year Ago.

Year ago the papers were so full of jokes and cartoons of Epidemic Grip, that local advertisers protested that trade was being frightened away from them, threatening the holiday trade. We took the hint and the next year "Grip under control, Grip under control, etc." This year Grip is quite prevalent but the papers are mum. We advise you to carry a vial of "77" in your pocket, it knocks out the Grip and "Hang on" Colds that "hang on."

"77" at all diseases sent free.

Sold by all druggists, or sent on receipt of price, 25c. or five for $1. Humphreys' Homeopathic Medicine Co., Cor. William and John Sts., N. Y.

HUMPHRIES LYNCHING CASE

WEEKS AND GREENHAW WERE PUT ON THE STAND.

Were Subjected to a Severe Cross-examination by Counsel for the Defense—Evidence Introduced.

Palestine, Texas, December 15.—The taking of evidence in the district court in the case of Ed Cain, alleged accomplice of James Humphries, was resumed this morning. Interest on the part of the public is increasing daily and today's proceedings were listened to by a large number of ladies in the audience.

Polk Weeks was placed on the stand when court opened and put through a most severe ordeal by counsel for defendant, they holding him until the noon hour. Witness is suffering from very sore eyes and it was with some difficulty that he identified Ed Cain and failed to recognize his signature to a statement made by him before Justice of the Peace Garret, who held the inquest over the bodies of the three Humphries last May. This statement conflicts with his testimony given at the examining trial before Justice Averitt, had at Athens, Henderson county, last June. His testimony today, however, is in substance the same as that given at Athens.

In reply to counsel for defendant he stated that at the inquest he was afraid of becoming implicated and only when informed that one of the other defendants had made a statement did he conclude to make a clean breast of the whole matter, throwing himself on the mercy of the court. He now declares that his evidence is true in every particular.

Arthur Greenhaw, who also has turned State's evidence, was the next witness. In his testimony he implicates all the men under charge. He holds, however, that up to the very time of the lynching he believed that the homes of the Humphries were to be searched for James Patterson and that the three Humphries were only taken from their homes to prevent them from giving Patterson warning, if the latter proved to be about, and that they were to go with the crowd to search the home of another man.

Counsel for the State, Judge Morris, with great feeling, exclaimed: "Why in the name of God, when you realized that the men were to be hung, did you not endeavor to prevent it?" Witness made no reply.

Jim Sullivan of Athens, J. A. Bell and Justice of the Peace Garret followed in respective order. The nature of testimony was to show that a conspiracy existed and that certain of the men arrested were principals to the crime.

Court adjourned until Monday afternoon, giving attorneys and foreign witnesses an opportunity to visit their homes.

GRIMES COUNTY OIL.

A Good Quality of Lubricant Has Been Found.

Navasota, Texas, December 16.—Bit by bit the apparently vast mineral and oil resources of Grimes county crop out, with not the slightest indicated interest of the people of the community. Were these valuable deposits located in many another place the excitement attending every new evidence of the wealth would be enough to inflame the country and development would have years ago been progressing. For years it has been known that Grimes county, a few miles north of this town has a really good grade of coal and oil has been located for no little time. For the past year or two Messrs. Andy Ross and Cameron have devoted a good deal of their time to research, with the result that a number of good samples of good liguite and oil have been shown here. Not the "oil sand" or the "cap rocks" known to all oil wellers, but the real, genuine oil has been placed before the public—and yet there appears no display of merited and expected activity.

For some weeks the above named gentlemen have been sinking a shaft 5x8 feet and are at present down between fifty and sixty feet. Their intentions have been to more clearly demonstrate the existence of coal in paying quantities. They have not burrowed as far as they expect to go, but have already crossed oil in such quantity that they gathered up a five-gallon kerosene can and brought it to town.

The produce looks to the untrained eye identically like ordinary valve oil; is thick and sandy green, just as taken from the hole. When this is refined it is expected to produce excellent lubricating oil.

It is reported that two Navasota men are taking machinery to the oil fields to prospect in a thorough manner. A road has been cut and graded up the banks of Big Sulphur, above Lamb Springs.

WAXAHACHIE LOCALS.

Four Deaths from Typhoid Fever in One Family.

Waxahachie, Texas, December 16.—Yesterday was general divorce day in the district court and Judge Dillard granted twenty decrees of divorce.

Berry Bynum died at Oak and was buried yesterday. This is the fourth death within ten days in this immediate family from typhoid fever.

There will be a great deal of moving and changing around in business circles on January 1.

Murphy, Durham & Co., a large dry goods firm of Sherman, will locate here.

H. Ward & Co. will move to Houston.

George H. Moore is selling out to quit business.

C. Roddey will move his business to Grandview.

A Negro Fatally Wounded.

Greenville, Texas, December 16.—At the old compress about the quitting hour yesterday afternoon, Charles Manley, the engineer, shot and fatally wounded Henry Jackson, one of the negro laborers employed at the press. The ball entered below one ear and ranged upward, lodging on the other side and against the skull, after penetrating the base of the brain. Blood and brains oozed from the hole back of the jaw.

Manley went to his boarding house after the shooting, leaving word at the compress where he could be found, and was taken in custody by an officer shortly afterward.

ISLAND CITY NEWS ITEMS

The Shriners Had a Large Time at Woollam's Lake.

ALSO INITIATED NINETEEN CANDIDATES

Conference on the Improvement of the Channel—La Porte Purchase Money May Be Distributed.

Galveston, Texas, December 16.—The plans of the local Shriners were sent topsy-turvy this morning when it was announced that the Santa Fe train on which the grand potentate and his party were coming, was over five hours late. It was at first thought the plans for an oyster roast and parade would have to be abandoned, but late this afternoon it was decided to meet the visitors with street cars and take them at once to Woollam's lake.

At 4:30 the train having on board the following visitors arrived and they at once boarded the cars in waiting: A. V. Lane, E. G. Eberts, George A. Webster, Herbert Morris, I. H. Harrington, J. E. Farnsworth, C. L. Holland, R. F. Campbell, E. M. Tulman, John G. Hunter of Dallas, M. E. Westbrook of Lavernia and I. M. Langford of Winnsboro. The local Shriners having the party in charge and who superintended the oyster roast were F. M. Gilbough, Captain Scrimgner, Captain M. F. Mott, J. Seinscheimer, T. G. Cropp, John Clark, E. C. Fitkins, Charles F. Neil, L. Luth, Frank Hudson, Dr. J. R. Carter, R. B. Tailor, C. W. Gile, Ed Haines.

At 6:15 o'clock, after a short, but a decidedly pleasant time at Woollam's lake, the party returned to the city and repaired to the Tremont hotel, where they donned the regulation dress of the order, and at 7:30 o'clock left for the Masonic temple, marching down Tremont street to Market, down Market to Center and thence to the temple.

The exercises began at 8 o'clock, there being nineteen novices to be initiated, as follows: George Law, Jr., W. A. Easton, T. W. League, C. Hightower, J. A. Kirkwood, R. P. Allen, Frank M. Walker, John R. Cox, L. V. Elder, W. C. Ogelvie, L. J. Selby, E. M. Hartrick, P. S. Smith, A. Wainwright, Dr. C. C. Banell, W. T. Griffin, C. P. Boone, Thomas Webster.

It was some time during the early hours of morning when an adjournment was had, and from the appearance of some of those who had gone through the ordeal of becoming a Shriner, pretty rough usage was given them, especially Chief Clerk Easton of the Tremont hotel and L. J. Selby.

MORTUARY REPORT.

The following is the list of interments in the city cemeteries during the week ending Friday, December 15, as reported by Dr. C. H. Wilkinson:

December 8.—Joe Nordi, 47 years; general peritonitis. Willie Young, 18 years; tuberculosis. Emma McGee, colored, 34 years; peritonitis.

December 9.—Mrs. Elizabeth B. Williamson, 54 years; natural cause (inquest). Joseph E. Armstrong, colored, 2 years; natural cause (inquest).

December 10.—Willie Perry, colored, 11 years; typhoid fever. Ann J. Pilfold, 48 years; gastro entero colitis. Infant of William Ray; premature birth. Mrs. Jane Hogan, 66 years; chronic bronchitis. William C. Callaghan, 22 years; cerebral embolus. Mrs. Annie Rupe, 35 years; chronic parenchymatous nephritis.

December 11.—Mrs. Kate A. Owens, 42 years; diabetis mellitus. Arthur Law, 3 years; died in Beeville, Texas.

December 12.—Soba Shepperd, colored, 102 years; heart disease; senility.

December 14.—J. R. Telkes, 80 years; heart disease; senility. W. B. Ransome, 45 years; accident; inquest.

Annual death rate per 1000 for week 12 8-60.

Died in Sealy hospital 1, in St. Mary's 2.

TO IMPROVE THE CHANNEL.

A meeting of directors of the chamber of commerce was held last night to which Mayor Jones, Colonel Riche and City Attorney Stubbs were invited.

The meeting was for the purpose of discussing matters connected with the proposed widening of the ship channel. The most serious problem in this connection is the disposition of the millions of yards of material which will have to be removed from the bay. It was suggested that this will furnish a magnificent opportunity to fill the low places in the city. The city will be asked to erect a large bin to collect the sand as it is pumped from the bay, and every one owning low property will be invited to help themselves to the filling free of cost. The city could also find cheap filling for its streets.

This is a question of great magnitude and will be thoroughly discussed by the council.

The council will also undertake to have the boundaries of Pelican spit defined. It was granted to the government by the State many years ago. It has shifted since then, and there is considerable doubt now as to what the government owns in that neighborhood.

HOO HOO CONCATENATION.

Manager J. H. Hill and General Freight and Passenger Agent W. F. McClure of the Galveston, Houston and Henderson and Messrs. J. D. Newcomer and Pat Barry were among the large crowd that left this afternoon to attend the Hoo Hoo concatenation tonight. Mr. Newcomer is a candidate for membership.

INTERVENTION FILED.

An intervention was filed today by Mattie Whiteley in the case of the Guaranty Trust company of New York vs. the Galveston City Street railway for $10,000 for damages on account of personal injuries alleged to have been received by negligence of said railway company.

TO SHOW CAUSE.

Alonzo J. Tullock et al filed a petition this morning to require parties granted appeals in the suit of A. J. Tullock et al vs. Galveston, La Porte and Houston to show cause why distribution of funds should not be made in accordance with final decree.

HOTL ARRIVALS.

At the Tremont—John Elsee, city; Joe H. Eagle, Houston; William Davis, St. Louis; E. Feldmann, M. J. Joseph, W. Otteson, New York; J. L. Johnson, St. Louis; Thomas G. Duncan and wife, Victoria, Texas; M. E. Woody, J. G. Flanagan, Chicago; John A. Robinson, Mrs. M. E. Getchell, Kansas City; J. S. Corley, Cleburne, Texas; P. F. Benelict, Boston; James Daugherty, Detroit; Sam L. Houston, Indianapolis; D. B. Welpton, Omaha; Harry G. Kyle, Kansas City; Charles Coates, Philadelphia; James P. Klotz, Herbert Taylor, St. Louis; E. H. Lyons, New York; Gus Muller, Chicago; Miss M. J. Adams, Charles C. Adams, city; Edgar K. Smoot, Mexico; W. C. Dew and wife, Mullen, Texas; J. A. Muslin, J. D. Taylor, Paola, Kan.; C. W. Munn, Kansas City.

NAVIGATION OF BRAZOS.

An Enthusiastic Meeting Was Held at Marlin.

Marlin, Texas, December 16.—There was a large and enthusiastic crowd at the court house last night to listen to the Brazos navigation speeches of Hon. Lewis R. Bryan of Brazoria county and Judge John N. Lyle of Waco.

The meeting was called by Hon. B. H. Rice, chairman of the democratic executive committee of Falls county. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss why and how the Brazos river should be made navigable.

Meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock and Judge D. H. Boyles unanimously elected temporary chairman and S. H. Johnson secretary.

Judge Rice introduced Hon. Lewis R. Bryan of Velasco in a few well chosen words. Mr. Bryan spoke for nearly an hour in an interesting and thoroughly convincing manner of the practicability of the scheme. He referred to the statement of Civil Engineer Wisner, who had charge of the construction of the jetties at the mouth of the Brazos, and is now in the employment of the government at Detroit, Mich., that the river could be made navigable from the mouth to Waco for $2,000,000, also to the statement of Major Miller, who affirms that it may be done for $3,000,000.

His able address lasted for nearly an hour and was frequently interrupted by storms of applause. At the conclusion of this address Judge Rice introduced Judge John N. Lyle, who spoke only half an hour, but whose speech was sharp, clear and to the point. He had lived in Waco for twelve years and had always thought that Marlin was a little one-horse town, but found it to be a warm number, with the hottest well in all the country, and a population of 4000 or 5000. His speech was in line with the one preceding and was as well received. Many who came, looking upon the matter as impracticable and thoroughly a Utopian plan, left completely convinced of the fact it was a most possible thing to be done, and firmly believing that it will be done.

The following resolutions were adopted, at the conclusion of which the meeting adjourned, after voting to make the temporary organization permanent.

Whereas, The general government has taken charge of the harbor at the mouth of the Brazos river; and,

Whereas, It is the opinion of eminent engineers that a reasonable expenditure of money, in addition to the million or more dollars already expended by the private corporation from which the government received it, will make a first-class harbor at that point.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that such a harbor would be of benefit, not only to the people of Brazos valley, but to the whole State of Texas; that we favor its early completion and request our congressmen to work to that end.

Whereas, The United States engineers have, after preliminary examinations of the Brazos river, declared the same to be susceptible of improvement, for low water navigation from Waco to tide water by a system of locks and dams, at a cost that is more than justified by the commerce to be accommodate; and,

Whereas, The improvement of the river would tend to obviate the destructive overflows from which the people of the Brazos valley have suffered heavy loss in life and property; therefore be it

Resolved by the citizens of Marlin, in mass meeting assembled, on the 15th of December, A. D. 1899, That the general government should undertake the improvement of the Brazos river for navigation from Waco to Velasco after the plan proposed by its engineers.

Resolved 2. That the representatives from Texas to the United States congress are requested to urge upon that body the importance of making this improvement and to work diligently to secure an appropriation therefor.

Resolved 3. That the thanks of this meeting are extended to our congressmen for their past diligence in securing appropriations for the improvement of the Brazos from Velasco to Richmond; and that our secretary is instructed to mail copies of these resolutions to each of them.

Georgetown News Notes.

Georgetown, Texas, December 16.—John A. Fain of Weatherford is in the city.

John T. Bryson has been appointed city marshal, to fill out the unexpired term of C. J. Brady, resigned.

Grand Chancellor Strickland of the Texas Knights of Pythias is attending the Grand Lodge of emergency at Houston this week.

Mrs. Kate E. Lorbett of this place was burning trash in her yard Thursday evening, when her clothing caught fire and she was seriously burned about the back. She is now on the road to recovery.

Stephenville Notes.

Stephenville, Texas, December 15.—County court is now in session, Judge L. N. Frank presiding. A special term of district court has been called for January 8, 1900, for the purpose of disposing of accumulated civil matter.

Receipts of cotton here from the farmers is very light, the crop being about all in.

THE HEALTH HABIT

Just as Easy to Form as Any Other.

We do not deliberately form our pet habits, but they are unconsciously acquired and grow as we grow, and by the time we learn they are hurting us, we find them too strong to be easily broken.

Then, why not form a good habit, a habit which will counteract the many bad ones, in other words contract the unfashionable habit of being always well.

The best health habit to get into is to have and keep a vigorous stomach; if you have a healthy digestion you can drink your beloved coffee, smoke your favorite brand of tobacco, with little or no harm; the mischief begins when these things are forced upon the faithful stomach, without any assistance.

Form the habit of taking after meals some harmless but efficient digestive which will relieve the stomach of so much extra work.

Nature furnishes us with such digestives and when they are combined in such a pleasant preparation as Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, they give the overworked stomach just the necessary assistance to secure perfect digestion without any of the harmful effects of cathartics and similar drugs.

The habit of taking Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets after meals is as necessary to the weak stomach as food itself, and indeed to get the benefit from food eaten, nothing better and certainly nothing safer can be used.

Many families consider Stuart's Tablets as essential in the house as knives and forks.

They consist entirely of natural digestive principles without the effect or characteristics of drugs; they have no cathartic action, but simply go to work on the food eaten and digest it.

Take into account your bad habits and the expense they entail and then invest 50 cents in a box of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets and see if your digestion for the next month is not vastly improved.

Ask the clerk in any drug store the name of the most successful and popular stomach remedy and he will say "Stuart's."

Sisters of St. Francis Rely on Peruna To Fight Catarrh, Coughs, Colds and Grip.

SISTER OF ST. FRANCIS.

In every city and large town in the United States the Sister of Charity has become a familiar object. The Catholic Sisters—sweet messengers of charity, ceaseless and indefatigable in their labors—move quietly and swiftly in and out among the people, receiving, dispensing, assisting and comforting.

By no means the least service they render helpless humanity is their dispensation of medicine. Their experience among the sick and their anxiety to be of assistance to them, soon lead them to know the most efficient and safe remedies. It would be impossible that so popular and valuable remedy as Peruna could have escaped their attention. Many letters have been received from institutions of this kind praising the benefit that Peruna has been to them. Following is a letter recently received by Dr. Hartman:

St. Vincent's Orphan Asylum,
East Main St., cor. Rose Avenue, Columbus, O.

Dr. S. B. Hartman:

"Some years ago a friend of our institution recommended to us Dr. Hartman's 'Peruna' as an excellent remedy for the grippe, of which we then had several cases which threatened to be of a serious character. We began to use it and experienced such wonderful results that since then Peruna has become our favorite medicine for la grippe, catarrh, coughs, colds and bronchitis." Sisters of St. Francis.

Mrs. Theophile Schmitt, wife of the ex-secretary of the German consulate,

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writes the following letter to Dr. Hartman, from 3417 Wabash avenue, Chicago, Ill. Mrs. Schmitt says: "I suffered this winter with a severe attack of la grippe, and having repeatedly heard of the value of Peruna in such cases I thought I would try it. I used it faithfully and began to feel a change for the better the second day, and in the course of a week I was very much improved. After using three bottles I not only found that the grippe had disappeared, but my general health was much better. I am satisfied that Peruna is a wonderful family remedy and gladly indorse it. Yours, Mrs. Theophile Schmitt."

La grippe leaves the system saturated by catarrh. This condition is known as systemic catarrh. Peruna is the only remedy. Allow no one to persuade you that there is any other remedy just as good.

Mr. Frank Bauer, Minneiska, Minn., in a recent letter says:

"I can not say anything else but good of your medicines. For seven winters I had suffered with la grippe and by each attack was confined to the bed. In the winter of '98 I was attacked with la grippe. I had a terrible cough. I asked my wife to get me a bottle of Peruna, but as the druggist did not have it she got me something else that was highly recommended for la grippe, costing the same as Peruna. I took that, but was not able to leave the bed.

"I told my wife that if I did not get Peruna soon that I would surely be a grippe victim, as my lungs felt as if knives were sticking in them.

"My wife went to town and got me a bottle of Peruna, and I took it four days according to the directions on the bottle. The fifth day I took an ax on my shoulder and went out into the woods to chop wood.

"I had another slight attack, but as I had Peruna in the house it caused me but one trying night. My wife wanted to send for the doctor, but I took small doses of Peruna every half hour and improved right along."

Mrs. M. C. Cooper of the Royal Academy of Arts, London, England, is undoubtedly one of the greatest living sculptors. She is now in Washington making busts of distinguished Americans. She writes: "I take pleasure in recommending Peruna for catarrh and la grippe. I have suffered for months and after the use of one bottle of Peruna I am entirely well."

Mrs. M. C. Cooper.

Mrs. Eliza Guest, Kearney, Buffalo county, Nebraska, says: "I took your Peruna for some time for catarrh, and I am happy to state that I am now entirely cured of it. I took both Peruna and Manalin. I am still taking Peruna for la grippe and find that it helps me greatly. I have influenced several others afflicted with chronic catarrh to take Peruna in this locality, and they are all improving."

Hon. F. Simmons, United States marshal, Mobile, Ala., speaks in high praise of the merits of Peruna. He says: "After having used Peruna for a short time I find that it is the most excellent remedy for the grippe and catarrh ever prepared. I can heartily recommend it to any one."

Hon. M. W. Howard.

Congressman M. W. Howard of Fort Payne, Ala., writes: "I have taken Peruna now for two weeks, and I find I am very much relieved. I feel that my cure will be permanent. I have also taken it for la grippe, and I take pleasure in recommending Peruna as an excellent remedy to all fellow sufferers."

Mrs. Jane Gift of Hubbardsville, Ohio, writes the following: "Six years ago I had la grippe very bad. The doctor came to see me every day, but I gradually grew worse. I told my husband I thought I would surely die if I did not get relief soon.

"One day I picked up the newspaper and accidentally found a testimonial of a woman who had been cured of grippe by Peruna. I told my husband I wanted to try it. He went directly to the drug store and got a bottle of Peruna. I could see the improvement in a very short time and was soon able to do my work. I continued using it until I was entirely cured.

"I have induced a great many to try the medicine and all have had the same result. I have used it in my family for my husband and children for colds and la grippe. I would not be without it in the house. I really think it has added years to my life, and I feel I have no one to thank but God and Dr. Hartman. If other sufferers are induced to try this wonderful medicine they will join me in singing its praises."

Address The Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, Ohio, for free catarrh book.

ASK YOUR DRUGGIST FOR A FREE PERUNA ALMANAC FOR THE YEAR 1900.

HIGHER COURTS.

Second Court of Appeals.

Fort Worth, Texas, December 16.—Proceedings in the court of civil appeals for the Second supreme judicial district:

Motions submitted—For rehearing: Abilene Compress Company vs. Bell & Co., from Taylor; Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company vs. Harney, from Tarrant. To strike out bills of exception: Coon vs. Haney, from Parker. For conclusions: Abilene Compress Company vs. Bell, from Taylor. To require clerk to issue mandate without payment of costs: Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company vs. Miller, from Tarrant. To amend and correct brief: Maud & Carrow vs. Coppinger, from Tarrant.

Passed for one week: Massie vs. McKee, from Palo Pinto; to get aside submission of motion to strike out statement of facts.

Motions for rehearing overruled: Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway Company vs. Quarles, from Denton; Lion Insurance Company of London vs. Wicker, from Clay; Insurance Company of North America vs. Wicker, from Clay; Strange vs. Hughes, from Wilbarger.

To strike out bills of exception, sustained as to bills of exception, but overruled as to statement of facts: Coon vs. Haney, from Parker.

For permission to file motion for rehearing overruled: Voorhees, Miller & Co. vs. Fry, from Bosque.

Cases reversed and remanded: Byers Bros. vs. Maxawell, guardian, from Grayson; Ablowich vs. Greenville National Bank, from Hunt.

Reversed and rendered for appellee for amount sued for: Mills, administrator, vs. Terry, from Hunt.

Affirmed: Lewis vs. Whitworth, from Hopkins.

Cases submitted: Lash vs. Morris County Bank, from Morris; Williams vs. McMillan, Reinhardt & Co., from Grayson; Ellis vs. Watt, from Ellis; Houston and Texas Central Railway Company vs. Higgins, from Collins; Hockady vs. Wortham, from Fannin; Robison vs. Garret, from Johnston.

Cases set for January 6: Sesson vs. Bowman, from Knox; Grantham vs. Craft, from Stonewall; Dubeque vs. Nichols, from Tarrant; Slaughter vs. Callop, from Castro; Claiborne vs. Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway Company, from Cooke; Cox, administrator, vs. Paschal, from Hill.

LA GRANGE LOCALS.

An Aged Lay Suicided by Jumping into a Well.

La Grange, Texas, December 16.—Mrs. H. Huettel, who recently moved to this city from her farm near Ammansville, last night at 9 o'clock suicided by jumping into a well some thirty-five feet deep. She had, since the late death of her husband, been very despondent and on several previous occasions attempted to end her life in other ways. She was about 71 years old. Her husband was one of the old settlers of Fayette county.

Of the large number of citizens who visited the F. F. and V. Festival during the week, all express themselves highly pleased with Houston's hospitality, her attractive exhibits and splendid parades. It was a forcible example of what energy and a good citizenship can accomplish and well indicates what great things are in store for South Texas in the future.

An Accidental Shooting.

Navasota, Texas, December 16.—About 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon Miss Orine Walker, who has been living with Electrician Showwalter, near the waterworks, shot herself. How serious the inflicted injuries are will not be known until future developments unfold themselves, but at this writing the nervous shock has passed and she is doing fairly well.

The Post correspondent gathered from most reliable sources the fact that she was toying with a cheap 22-caliber gun. It was one of those kind that to load you must "break" like an air-gun, and in attempting to perform his operation the weapon exploded, the bullet taking effect in her right side. She did not know it was loaded.

MONSTER CAULIFLOWER.

An Eight-Pound Head Raised at Mexia.

To the Editor of The Post.

Mexia, Texas, December 15.—As one of your readers who appreciates the best democratic paper in the State, permit me to present you my compliments in the shape of a head of snowball cauliflower, the product of my garden. It weighs eight pounds. Have grown this season hundreds of heads that weighed over five pounds per head. Have shipped some lots to your city, where eighteen heads filled a barrel heaping full. Your coast country is not in it on the side of this, is it? Yours respectfully, J. W. Stubenrauch.

MAGNIFICENT SHOWING.

The Records Attest that Bee County Is in a Prosperous Condition.

Beeville, Texas, December 16.—The records of Bee county show that during the year 1899, about to close, more mortgage and vendors' releases have been filed than during the four previous years. The records further show that fewer mortgages and other encumbrances have been filed during the present year than during any year within the past decade.

All this is evidence conclusive that, notwithstanding the county is just emerging from a drouth unequaled in severity and length of duration by any ever experienced within the memory of the oldest inhabitants, the people are in tolerably fair circumstances and have been able to get something more than a mere living out of the soil.

The theory that this is nothing but a stock country has been too often exploded in recent years to be advanced now by any one in the least familiar with the actual conditions existing here. It is true that stock raising is still a profitable industry here, but it pays biggest returns when combined with farming, and the stock farmer will be the future successful man of Bee county.

Board of Equalization.

Tyler, Texas, December 14.—The commissioners court met recently as a board of equalization and passed upon the franchise tax of the St. Louis Southwestern and Tyler Southeastern railways, also of local corporations domiciled in Tyler and Smith counties. The values fixed by the court on the St. Louis Southwestern was $2,000,000, $2,250,000 and $2,500,000 for the years 1897, 1898 and 1899 respectively, and that of the Tyler Southeastern was fixed at $25,000 each year for 1897 and 1898 and for 1899 at $30,000. These values and shares set upon local corporations make a total of about $7,500,000.

Remanded Without Bail.

Franklin, Texas, December 15.—Barnett, accused of raping a 16-year-old girl at Wheelock a few days ago, had his examining trial yesterday before Justice J. D. L. Killough and was denied bail. The prosecution was conducted by J. C. Scott and County Attorney John E. Bishop. Defendant was represented by Judge T. J. Simmons and Daniel Parker, Esq.

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