

LOCAL NEWS.

A good deal of property is changing hands now.

Winter is upon us, and dreary winter at that.

The farmers are digging potatoes and housing them.

The small grain in the fields adjacent to the city look green and flourishing.

Mr. W. M. Newman, from near Independence, left for Coleman county in a day or two.

Mr. Jas. Newman, from near Wm. Penn, has moved to Clifton, leaving with his family for that place Monday.

Mr. Hugh Jackson, of Independence, left for Bellville Monday night. He is on a prospecting trip with a view of leaving this county.

The fest out at Chadwick's pasture Sunday was not as largely attended as some of those before the election, but was none the less enjoyed by those present.

Messrs. Briscoe and Pennington returned Sunday night from a hunting trip down on the river and report that they had lots of sport killing squirrels and ducks. Mr. Briscoe killed one deer.

Considerable interest has been manifested here in the race for district attorney in Houston, and Gillespie's many friends here were glad to learn of his success. There were many pulling for him.

If you have a good thing, write about it, talk it up, advertise it. Intrinsic merit is all right; but in this hustling and bustling age, he that blowlth not his own horn, the same it shall not be blown.

Col. Wm. Bode, a prominent farmer of the Zionsville neighborhood, has the thanks of the BANNER man for a mess of new Irish potatoes and a supply of the largest turnips ever brought to this market.

Willis Bigsby, the colored city cartman and politician, and who secured a divorce from wife No. 1 at the last term of the district court was married Monday to Mary Allen in Judge Kirk's office.

The BANNER acknowledges the receipt of an invitation to attend the first annual ball to be given by the "Young Men's Mystic Club," of Bellville, at Turner Hall in that city, Monday Nov. 17th, 1890.

Owing to the wreck on the International between San Antonio and Austin recently Mr. Robertson, General Manager of the Mexican & Gulf road, passed through here on a special over the Central Saturday.

It is reported that if they don't get a regular night policeman for the 4th Ward, that arrangements will be made with Constable Boyd to look out for the maintenance of good order in that section as soon as he moves in town.

Persons wanting their papers discontinued should write us requesting the same, but remitting with the amount due us to the printer. No one who continues to receive the paper, should send this without remitting money for all arrearages.

For the past year, the Merchants and Planters Oil Company of Houston have had a building leased in the city for the purpose of storing cotton seed in it, but have had no seed here. Recently they have appointed Mr. Lourenz Zeiss as their agent in this place.

One of Messrs. Jacob & Eldridge delivery teams ran away in the northeastern part of the city early Monday morning, throwing out the driver, Dunlap, hurting him pretty badly, and demolishing the horse, leaving it turned over and all to pieces in the street.

The next attraction at the Grand House will be on the 18th. It will be MacLean & Preson's company in "Sparticus," Megh's great play which has been in Texas. The "Glad" played by Ward and others being like it.

A man who has recently returned from the Whitman neighborhood the east end of the county was surprised to see the white with cotton and much of the ready picked lying in the field. All the cotton around here, a little of the late crop that will not perhaps open, is gathered.

A number of cases were argued in Justice Curry's court Monday. He informs us that for the last six weeks almost nothing has been done in his office. He seemed to be waiting until the election excitement had subsided, or otherwise they were in a few days to settle in the justice's court.

Listen Boys!

For several days past there has been a young man in the city, whose name is not mentioned out of consideration for his parents, dead beating the town. He has begged everybody and feels no shame in "striking" whoever out of compassion for his misfortune, will open their purse to him. He will tell any kind of a tale, some of which are ingenious, the expiring spark of a once brilliant mind, to raise the price of a drink. He has lost all self-respect, all respect for his family, has thrown himself to the dogs, as it were, and is going to an early grave as fast as he can travel. Monday he struck a citizen of this city for money, for the sake of the old times they had had together at Bryan college. The gentleman didn't know him. But he recalled scene after scene until he was convinced that this wreck, mental, physical and moral, was the same college mate he had known in his school days at Bryan. When the wreck was away the gentleman said: "That wreck should be a warning to boys. He was one of the brightest boys in college, is of a good family who are grieved at his downfall and would gladly do anything to save him, but he has gone from bad to worse until he is now a hopeless sot." Continuing he said, "It is even mortifying to me to think that one of the brightest minds, one of the most prominent members of all our college societies should fall so low, when there was such a brilliant future before him." Boys take warning: don't follow in his footsteps.

A gentleman who has the good of the county at heart said to a reporter Wednesday: "Don't you think that the almost daily publication of the fact that some farmer is leaving the county is an injury to the county?" to which the reporter replied that he did not, inasmuch as he had already published the explanation of why some farmers were leaving the county. In the first place, this is the moving season of the year, and there are more or less changing in all sections of the State, and while it is the time that many are moving out there are perhaps as many moving in.

It is no credit to the county, as the BANNER has explained before, that they are leaving.

Washington county is one of the best in the entire State. The banner county. It's land is productive, very near all in cultivation, cut up in farms, well improved and consequently valuable, land rarely selling for less than \$35 per acre, hence a poor man can not purchase a farm here. They come here, rent a few years, make money, and then their desire to own a home of their own becomes so great that they are unwilling to continue renting when in a day or two's journey they can reach a section where land can be purchased for \$5 per acre, and if not as good as that they could get here, it is a home, and it is a national characteristic of every true American citizen to want to own a home, a laudible ambition, that should animate every man to renewed exertion and habits of frugality until accomplished.

Yes, there are a good many farmers leaving Washington county, farmers who, have made the county prosperous, grown so prosperous themselves that they are able to leave and purchase homes for themselves where land is cheap, but this is no indication that they are leaving because Washington is not a good county, even better than the places they are going to. Others continue to come in.

True, some land owners are selling out and leaving, but, it is because they can purchase land cheaper elsewhere and are imbued with a spirit of speculation. Here the land seems to have reached a limit as to its value, and while the purchase of it is a good safe investment it does not offer the margin for increase that \$5 an acre land does.

Death of Mrs. Anna N. Rippetoe. Sunday evening last at 5:30 o'clock p. m. at her residence in this city, in the 63rd year of her age, Mrs. Anna N. Rippetoe, after an illness of short duration, calmly passed away. She was a widow of the late Dr. Rippetoe, one of the oldest settlers of Washington county, and leaves six children to mourn her death, three sons and three daughters. One of her sons, John Rippetoe, is in the drug business at Dallas, one resides near this place. Besides a single daughter residing here, she is the mother of Mrs. Luhn, wife of Dr. R. E. Luhn, a prominent citizen and well known druggist of the city. The deceased followed by a large concourse of grief-stricken friends and relatives to her last resting place in the city cemetery where she was interred Monday evening.

To the bereaved relatives and sorrow stricken friends the BANNER extends its condolence.

Mr. W. H. MURPHY has disposed of his interest in the Ladies Exchange Restaurant to his partner, Mr. A. C. Koch. See Ad.

The Guessing Contest Goes.

Wednesday morning's BANNER failed to reach its subscribers out of the city, by reason of its being refused transportation through the mails, the worthy postmasters attention having been called to the fact that it contained the bean guessing contest of Messrs. Threadgill and Franklin, which it was thought by some would come within the meaning of the lottery law. He could not do otherwise without taking the responsibility of interpreting the law himself, without a precedent to be governed by, hence the paper was refused at the office until the Department could be consulted. The "ad" had already been printed on the first side of the BANNER's mammoth weekly edition and in order to expediate the result as to whether we should cut out the "ad" to get to mail the papers, the "ad" was telegraphed in full to the Postmaster-General at Washington, D. C., whose reply was flashed over the wires from Washington yesterday evening saying "guessing contests are not in violation of the law." This made the entire office force who had pictured themselves with scissors clipping some three or four thousand "beans contest ads" out breathed freer, and this morning the BANNER's thousands of readers will receive their paper as usual.

Attention is directed to the advertisement of Mr. T. J. Pampell which appears in this morning's BANNER. He advertises that his entire stock must be sold within sixty days and that the prices will suit you.

All who own Mules and Horses take notice: For six weeks we have had an average of from four to six sick mules daily with bots and colic on my plantation, in Fort Bend county. We used the "Bots and Colic Specific" put up by C. F. Jensen & Co., Burton, Texas, and lost only one mule. Col. L. A. Ellis, Austin, Tex.

This is the best medicine for bots and colic on record. C. W. REDDICK, Manager of L. A. Ellis & Son's plantation. Remedies advertised in this paper put up by C. F. Jensen & Co., Burton, Texas, are for sale by Jos. Tristram.

Norton-Willingham. For some time the periodical visits of Mr. Miles J. Norton to this city, from where he always went to spend a day or two out in the country some nine miles north of here, have been regarded with the suspicion that he was ardently wooing, with matrimonial intentions, a young lady of this county. The consummation of this courtship will be celebrated by his marriage to Miss Annie Willingham at the residence of the brides parents this morning at 9 o'clock, and they will leave at once for the home of the groom in Temple. Mr. Norton is a news-agent on the Lampasas branch of the Santa Fe with a patronage rendering him abundantly able to care for the bride he has chosen to share his joys and sorrows.

Save your Chickens by feeding them Jensen's Chicken Powder. Warranted.

A tabulated statement of the official vote of the county, at the recent election, is presented this morning being the earliest time possible that it could be procured, owing to the fact that some of the precincts were not heard from until the Commissioners were here in session and had almost completed the official count. It is rather late, but is a good thing for politicians to preserve for reference.

It stands the test—Chicken Powder in tin cans put up by C. F. Jensen & Co., Burton, Texas, makes hens lay, prevents and cures all diseases. Guaranteed, 25 cents a box.

A POLANDER'S team ran away with him on Chadwick's farm Tuesday evening late, dislocating his shoulder and elbow, seriously injuring him.

Annie Rooney Dead. The mortal remains of our darling Annie have been interred in the grave of oblivion, and that once beloved song is sung no more except by the doleful cricket that haunts her last resting place. All the old ways of making photographs have also been snuffed under by the progressive photographic firm of Snell & Blackburn, who are always up with the latest styles and new discoveries in scientific photography. Call and see their new backgrounds and accessories.

CAPT. BYRNES went up to Burton Wednesday with tax-assessor Sam Schlenker, to certify to the signature of a few more good names on his bond, which is a very heavy one.

OFFICIAL ELECTION RETURNS, WASHINGTON CO., 1890.

Table with columns for various precincts (Washington, Grabbell, Fossil, etc.) and candidates for Governor, Congress, District, etc. Includes names like J. S. Hogg, Webster Flanagan, R. O. Mills, etc.

Washington County Justices of the Peace, Constables and Commissioners.

- Following is a list of the Justices of the Peace and Constables, by precincts, elected at the recent election: PRECINCT NO. 1. Justice of the Peace, J. P. Buchanan. Constable, J. S. Ewing. PRECINCT NO. 2. Justice of the Peace, W. H. Campbell. Constable, W. D. Crockett. PRECINCT NO. 3. Justice of the Peace, E. P. Curry. Constable, C. C. Boyd. PRECINCT NO. 4. Justice of the Peace, J. J. McCain. Constable, Travis Garrett. PRECINCT NO. 5. Justice of the Peace, W. T. Willie. Constable, J. W. Farmer. PRECINCT NO. 6. Justice of the Peace, C. G. Campbell. Constable, Chas. von Bieberstein. PRECINCT NO. 7. Justice of the Peace, Otto Binz. Constable, Gus Schumacher. COMMISSIONER'S. Precinct No. 1.—J. Coleman. " " 2.—R. B. Johnson. " " 3.—Ed. Amsler. " " 4.—G. A. Broesche.

Company Medal. The Brenham Light Guards have ordered a fine gold medal, which will be a company medal, awarded to the best drilled man at each monthly competitive drill. When a member of the company wins it, a bar will be added with his name on the bar, and it will remain in his possession until the next monthly drill. Should he win it again a number will be added to the same bar indicating that he has won it twice, and so on. If another competitor wrests it from him a bar with his name is added. This will do away with the cake drill and make the monthly drills more interesting.

Marriage Licenses. Following is the list of marriage licenses issued for the week ending Wednesday Nov. 12, 1890: March Latson to Darkis Mangum. Willis Bigsby to Mary A. Allen. Edward Blum to Anna Jahnke. Martin Goly to Elizabeth Zeintek. Julius Schmiegler to Emile Grabachek. Miles J. Norton to Annie Willingham.

YOUR PHOTO ON THE MOON. Have a few of the new style cabinets made of yourself and pasted on the moon, that "all who run may observe." SNELL & BLACKBURN can make you a Photo that would do credit to any moon. Come now for fear you may be lost in the throng during the Holidays.

A few nights ago Mr. Wm. Hamillan left his horse hitched in front of the Santa Fe saloon, and some one cut the skirts from his saddle ruining it, and slightly cut the horse. It was a mean cowardly trick, for which the perpetrator should be punished if apprehended.

News was received here by private letter yesterday that the Dallas Electric Concert Co., which has been in Bellville since it left here, has gone to pieces being in the same predicament in Bellville that it was here, unable to pay its bills.

DIED.—Mrs. Howland, wife of Mr. Chas. Howland, formerly mail carrier between here and Independence, died after a lingering illness of several weeks duration, Tuesday last, at her home in Independence.

STATE NEWS.

—Tyler is to have more railroad shops. —A \$30,000 Cathedral is being erected at Temple.

—Some talk of establishing a bagging factory at Houston. —A street railway will soon be in operation at Tyler.

—The \$15,000 school building at Pecos City will soon be erected. —The second crop of hay is being cut in Rockwell county.

—The cotton receipts at Bonham amount to over 11,000 bales. —Efforts are being made to organize a military company at Bellville.

—A splendid crop of sorghum is being harvested in Mitchell county. —The prospects for a fine wheat crop in Clay county were never better.

—Ice an eighth of an inch thick formed at Henrietta last Sunday night. —The cotton crop of Wise county will average over half a bale to the acre.

—The corner stone of the Catholic church at Palestine was laid Sunday. —Galveston has appropriated \$15,000 to be expended in advertising the city.

—Yoakum is only three years old, lent it has electric lights and street cars. —About 2000 men are said to be employed in Oyster fishing in Galveston bay.

—A land transaction involving \$370,000 cash was recently made at Victoria, Texas. —The first national bank of Haskell is erecting a handsome new stone building.

—It is said that an experiment is to be made in rice culture in Brazoria county next season. —Watermelons weighing from twenty to sixty pounds were sold on the streets of Childress last week.

—W. J. Jamison, yard-master at Clarendon was killed while attempting to couple cars Saturday evening. —An unknown Mexican was ground to pieces on the Southern Pacific railroad track at Cuero Saturday.

—A large colony of Swedes are to locate in Bee county. They are already Americanized, and said to be desirable citizens. —Johnnie Mobly, 4 years old, was kicked by a horse Sunday in Waco, and his life is despaired of.

—The good people of Ft. Worth are meeting with only moderate success in cleaning out the dives and dens of iniquity in the city. —Notwithstanding the fine weather, there is much cotton yet to pick in Lavaca county. The crop will come up all right if it is a little late.

—Will A. Villa, of Corsicana, an ex-conductor from Waco, killed his young wife at the former place Saturday night and then blew out his own brains. —Memphis and Salsburg, two rival Texas towns, have consolidated. Memphis swallows the other town by giving all the Salsburg people a good lot.

—A fire in the Van Horn, Bros. establishment of Dallas Saturday evening damaged the stock \$25,000. They were dealers in paints, oil paints, etc. —Miners are sinking an experimental shaft in Cap mountain, Llano county, and several varieties of minerals are reported to have been brought out already.

—Louis Layton, an aged and notorious counterfeiter, was tried in the Federal court at San Antonio Saturday and sentenced to 18 months in the penitentiary.

—The city authorities of Dallas have effectually closed all the variety theaters in that city. A good move; such places are generally headquarters for all the roughs and toughs of a city.

—Jas. R. Bovee, has been released from imprisonment on the charge of insanity from the Tarrant county jail. It is said that he has been sane for 12 months, but no effort was made to have him released.

—E. M. Jones, an employe in the Cotton Belt railway office at Texarkana has disappeared and is said to be a defaulter to a considerable amount. Miss Clara Weigle from the same place is also missing.

—Near Dilhi, a few miles from Orange the body of a man dressed in laborer's clothes with a slouch hat, bearing the mark of a Brenham merchant, was found mashed to pieces.

—The North Texas annual conference of the M. E. church, south, convenes at Texarkana on the 19th inst. The clergymen will come together and give an account of their labors and receive appointments for another year.

—The weather has been very favorable for the past week in Rockwell county and farmers have taken advantage of it and are pushing work rapidly in gathering enormous crop of cotton. Hands are very scarce in this part of the county.

—Harry Moulton, a nice young man from New York, lived high a few days at the Menger Hotel in San Antonio, paid his bill with forged checks, got the best horse at the livery stable and skipped out Saturday.

—Phantoma lake, in Davis mountains, Reeves county, is one of the wonders of Texas. It is a deep freshwater lake without any visible outlet. This river emerges from the mouth of an unexplored cave.

—The sheriff of Tarrant county arrested at Ft. Worth Saturday night Jas. Scott, wanted at San Antonio on a charge of assault to kill. R. J. Moss was also arrested at the same place, on the same night for beating his wife.

—In a saloon row at San Antonio last Wednesday night H. F. Renberg smashed Arnold Frederick over the head with a spittoon, crushing the skull, causing his death in thirty minutes. Renberg is in jail.

—At Merkil Sunday a team ran away with a Swiss farmer, named Bass. Mrs. Bass and Mrs. Daniels were in the wagon. Mrs. Daniels grabbed both her's and Mrs. Bass baby and leaped out. One wheel passed over the head of Mrs. Bass baby killing it instantly. Mrs. Daniels and her baby were badly hurt, but will recover.

S. S. Karr, of Almond, a new settlement in Potter county, Fla., claims to be the owner of the flag which floated over the Andersonville prison.

The question of putting a third man on railroad locomotives making long runs is being agitated by patrons of some western roads.

Senator Ingalls never signs a note nor gives a mortgage, and he can put his hand on more ready money than any other man in Kansas.

John D. Spreckels, the California millionaire, had his nose broken recently in a friendly boxing bout with his club instructor.

Vice President Morton finds his Shoreham hotel in Washington a greater care to him than all his other business affairs.

Dr. Julia Holmes Smith, of Chicago, occupies a distinguished place in her profession, and earns an income of at least \$10,000 a year.

Nellie Bly, journalist and globe circler, is about to marry and settle down.