FROM THE STATE CAPITAL.

Land Sales Reported to Commissioner Baker for Forfeiture.

LISTS MADE OUT ALPHABETICALLY

Several Amendments to the Charter Proposed—Number of Wards to Be Reduced—Reward Offered.

Austin, Texas, January 9.—Land Commissioner Baker issued the following notice this evening:

The list of land sales made under the acts of 1874, 1879 and 1881, which are delinquent in interest payments, has been reported to this office for forfeiture and will be put on the market as soon as it can be gotten ready. The list for each county, taken alphabetically, will be prepared and furnished the county clerks as rapidly as it can be done. No applications for leases or sales will be considered from any county until the clerk of such county receives the list. All applications must be sworn to and dated after that date. It will be impossible for me to advise any one when the list will reach their respective counties, as the work is tedious and great care is required. All the various sales of all the asylum lands which were made under the acts of 1874, 1883 and 1887 and are delinquent will be sent out right away, as the lists for these were received some days in advance.

CHARTER AMENDMENTS.

At today's meeting of the committee to amend the city charter the proposed amendments were adopted, which chiefly comprise the election of a water and light commission, the reduction of the city wards to six and the reduction of aldermen from twenty-two to 12, with one from each of the city wards and six to be elected at large; also changes in the boundary lines of the city limits, cutting out considerable land on both the extreme east and west sides of the city. As to South Austin, the boundary lines have also been drawn in so as to make Blum creek the line on the east side and the Boeklin addition a west line the boundary on that side. A proposition was made by one of the committee to provide in the amendment that the city dam could be sold at any time, but the committee declined to do it. An amendment was also adopted to the effect that the police officers should be elected by the city council upon nomination by the city marshal. There were some other minor amendments adopted looking to better collections of city taxes, but the above quoted amendments are the most important.

CHARTERED.

Chartered today: Yorktown Athletic club of Dewitt county. Capital stock, $250. Incorporators, F. M. Bruning, F. Kraege, F. Dahme and others. Also the George Dullnig Grocery company of San Antonio. Capital stock, $25,000. Incorporators, A. W. Harlong, William F. Print, George J. Dullnig and others. Also the Tyler Coffin company of Smith county. Capital stock, $6,000. Incorporators, Charles T. Bonner, H. M. Whitaker, W. C. Human.

THE TEXAS MEMORIAL.

John L. Peeler of Austin has been appointed by the governor a member of the committee to present the battleship with a suitable testimonial on behalf of the State. Said memorial has been purchased in the shape of a silver service and will soon be brought to this city and placed on exhibition.

TEXAS ELECTORAL VOTE.

The presidential electors chosen at the last election will meet here next Monday for the purpose of casting the vote of Texas for president and vice president and of electing a messenger to carry said vote to Washington.

REWARD OFFERED.

A reward of $200 has been offered by the governor for the arrest and conviction of the unknown murderers of T. P. Harrison, assassinated in Grimes county in November, 1896.

Pythian Ball.

Wharton, Texas, January 9.—The Forest City Pythian lodge, No. 189, are making preparation for a grand ball and banquet to be given Tuesday, January 19, at the new Ford brick hotel. The social upper-tendom of the city and visitors from abroad will be guaranteed a treat in this line rarely equalled. By the appointment of Messrs. W. S. Brooks, Val Merweather, Will A. Kinchelos and Robert A. Rich as general management committee, the guests will be insured a royal time. Extensive invitations to sister cities in this section will be at once mailed. Brother Knights of Pythias lodges will also be cordially invited to participate. The other committees will be published later on. The local representative of The Post is requested to invite on to The Post editorial staff a special invitation to be present on the occasion with the special injunction that the seat of honor will be given the representatives of the great daily.

As an evidence that Wharton real estate is active, The Post representative notes that a real estate deal took place today in which Wharton rich dirt changed ownership, lawyers being sellers and purchasers.

Victoria News Notes.

Victoria, Texas, January 9.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Pool was gladdened by the arrival of a baby girl Wednesday. It is no betrayal of confidence to state that this is the "important private business" which occasioned his withdrawal from the race for secretary of the senate, as his new and unaccustomed duties as governor of the nursery will engross his entire time and attention.

W. N. Fayant shipped a car of cattle from Victoria to Houston today.

A very enjoyable dance was given at the Casino Thursday night by the young men of Victoria complimentary to Miss Nettie Levy, who accompanied her father yesterday to New Orleans, and will spend the rest of the winter with friends.

The funeral of Mr. Patricio de Leon yesterday was very largely attended.

Work was commenced yesterday on the construction of the Gulf Coast Telephone line between here and Goliad.

HEAD END COLLISION.

Two Men Killed and Two Injured in a Wreck Near Haslet.

Cleburne, Texas, January 9.—As the result of a head end collision near Haslet, the second station north of Fort Worth, on the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railway, Engineer Haggerty of Gainesville and Brakeman Pattishall of Cleburne are dead and Engineer Combs and Brakeman Volney Robison of Cleburne injured. The wreck occurred at 2 o'clock this morning and immediately upon receipt of information wreckers left for the place, accompanied by Drs. J. H. Hoppel and E. B. Osborn of Cleburne to care for the wounded.

The south bound train was in charge of Conductor Bill Jones and was pulled by engine 54, with Engineer Haggerty of Gainesville in charge. Engineer Haggerty was killed outright and at 12 o'clock his remains were still under the wreck. T. H. Woods and W. E. Chambers were the brakemen on the south bound train and both escaped uninjured. Both brakemen and conductor of this crew are residents of this city.

The north bound train was in charge of Conductor John Luther and Engineer Combs and was pulled by engine 61. Conductor Luther was not injured. Engineer Combs' left wrist was broken and his face and head badly bruised and cut. The fireman on this train was painfully injured, but the extent of injury is not known. The two brakemen on 61 were Volney Robinson and Pattishall. The latter was killed instantly and his remains found near the engine. Robinson was cut across the face and his shoulder badly sprained. The entire crew were citizens of Cleburne. The accident is supposed to have been caused by Engineer Haggerty misreading his orders, as the south bound had the right of track. The south bound passenger train No. 1, due to arrive here at 9:15, was delayed four hours by the accident.

ROCKPORT LOCALS.

Fish Need Protecting Before They Are Exterminated.

Rockport, Texas, January 8.—The people of the coast country are interested in the amending and perfecting of the laws passed by the last legislature regulating tide water fishing, and will be in evidence before the Twenty-fifth legislature, asking that the present law be overhauled and perfected. Some of its provisions are imperative, though the general plan of the Mitchell bill, as it is called, is admirable, and if the idea is tenable as carried out in the law and then enforced, the threatened extermination of salt water fish will be averted. The legislators ought to remember that the whole country is interested in this matter and it is their duty to see to it that our formerly great supply of food fish is not wasted and wrongly destroyed. Any well informed man, who has observed the methods of the men who catch fish in tide water can tell our lawmakers that it is only a question of a short time when the supply will be practically exhausted unless prompt and effective measures are taken to protect breeding grounds and breeding fish, and to prevent the criminal habit of destroying unmarketable fish. Twenty-five years ago the buffalo supply seemed inexhaustible, today there is not one of them left on the plains. Ten years ago when the Morgan steamers came to Rockport and carried away all the fish that was sent out from here, the fishermen would wait until they could see the steamer coming up from the pass, fifteen miles distant, then they would get out their seines, right here in front of the town, and by the time the steamer landed they would have all the fish on the wharf that were required to fill her orders. Today, as a rule, a boat with seine and crew of three, will cruise from one to three days, and sometimes a week to get a few hundred pounds of fish. And for almost two years past it was not an uncommon thing for a week's cruise to produce nothing but the debt incurred by the boat for grub. However, things have greatly improved since the enactment of the Mitchell bill, imperfect as it is, and law as is the execution of the law in its present shape it is difficult of proper enforcement, thought the State commission is active, intelligent and strictly upright. Make a law to protect the fish from the extermination that threatens them.

C. E. E. Holland, the island rustler for The Post, is in town today telling folks of the beauties of his paper. Micheaux, the other twin, is not with him, and Holland really seems to be a pretty well behaved fellow.

Lagrippe is having quite a run in Rockport at present, though it seems to be of a mild character. Professor Plummer, principal of the public school, is down with the disease, and an extra teacher, Miss Essie Norvell, was put in the school, while Miss Evans, the first assistant, takes Professor Plummer's place while he is sick.

The weather has been quite cool for about a week, but dry and not specially disagreeable.

The January term of the county court adjourned this evening after disposing of the lightest docket known for several years.

Waxahachie Items.

Waxahachie, Texas, January 8.—Judge Dillard moved into the district court room last night. The judge said he was not at all superstitious about moving on Friday, but he thought Thursday night a very good time to vacate the old quarters.

The case of State vs. R. D. Hensley, charged with murder, was taken up in the district court today. The case is for the killing of D. C. Forrest at Ennis. Forrest is said to have been one of the wealthiest men in Ellis county. There are fifteen witnesses in the case.

Senator J. A. Beall and Representative T. B. Williams left for Austin today to take up their duties at the State capitol.

The commissioners court met last evening. Supervising Architect Sanguinett of Fort Worth was present, also Mr. Benbrook of the Globe Furniture company of Northville, Mich. The last named gentleman was here for the purpose of collecting $17,716, but the amount will not be paid him until everything has been completed.

Luling Locals.

Luling, Texas, January 9.—A boy living on Nash's creek, while angling for perch a few days ago picked up a fresh water mussel shell, and upon opening it found a round white pebble that he thought so pretty that he carried it in his pocket to school and finally gave it to a gentleman, who was visiting the family. The gentleman carried it to San Antonio and found that it was one of the finest fresh water pearls ever found in the Southwest. The little fellow who found it received $50. Mussel pearls are common in West Texas streams.

The farmers of this section are well up with their work, a great deal of ground having been broken. Thousands of acres of new land will be taken in this year, most of the new ground being planted in cotton. Emigrants arrive on almost every train, principally from the Southeastern States. Rent houses and open land are at a premium.

The oil mill here will shut down in three weeks for lack of seed.

Billy Holdeman, living near Altair, Colorado county, while splitting a log in the bottom yesterday, got his hand caught and lost three fingers.

OOFTY-GOOFTY.

He Has Almost Gotten Through Eating His Thirty Quail.

Post Bureau, St. George Hotel, Dallas, Texas, January 9.—Leon Borchardt, better known as "Oofty Goofty," who has well-nigh finished his task of eating thirty quail in thirty days for a purse of $100, at the Oriental hotel in this city, is an interesting study. "Oofty" is a German Jew, born in Berlin, April 26, 1862. He has been in the United States twelve or fifteen years and during that time has been a soldier in the regular army, an actor on the vaudeville stage, a museum freak and other attractions of this kind. For several weeks he played the part of the "wild man from Borneo" in a San Francisco show. He was smeared all over with glue and animal hair; when spoken to it was part of the programme for him to mutter in a guttural growl "Oofty Goofty." One day two jolly Irishmen came in to inspect his peculiarities. After a rigid scrutiny one of them exclaimed: "We can see a Jew for less than a quarter. I'what the divil are they givin' us?" They commenced to poke him with their canes, till "Oofty," in sheer desperation, forgot his role, and commenced to remonstrate with them in the best English at his command. This broke up the show business so far as the "wild man" was concerned. "Oofty" says it took him six months to remove the glue and hair from his body.

Since coming to Texas "Oofty" has been selling paste diamonds of prodigious size to all who cared to appear swell at small cost. He enjoys the advertising he is getting on account of his quail-eating contest, and is thinking of touring the country. He ate his twenty-sixth bird last night and shows no signs of failure. Large crowds watch him devour his evening meal every night. It is claimed that nobody has ever yet succeeded in digesting a quail each day for a month.

Both Gave Bond.

Temple, Texas, January 9.—In the mayor's office yesterday, Justice John B. Willis presiding, William Pohl and Elmer Overbeck were given a preliminary trial on the charge of murder of H. Richter. A number of witnesses were examined, and the evidence did not present anything of a positive character connecting the accused with the crime. By agreement of the attorneys the remaining witnesses were not examined and the bond was fixed at $1000 for the two. The bond was arranged in the court room, and the case now goes back to the grand jury. Attorney A. L. Curtis represented the State and Attorney Boyd of Belton, assisted by Attorney Owen of Temple, conducted the defense.

At the Santa Fe depot yesterday there was a party of immigrants bound for Ballinger and hailing from near Dalton, Ga. There were twenty in the crowd, two men and eighteen females ranging in size from a nickel up to a dollar. They looked like prosperous people and they are certainly an acquisition to the great West that wants only for population.

Peculiar Death.

Richmond, Texas, January 9.—An unknown man was found this morning lying near the right of way of the Southern Pacific railroad, about two miles below town, in an uncomfortable condition. From what could be learned he had made a bed of moss under a tree, and went to sleep. A limb fell on him during the night, which mashed his head terribly, causing blood to ooze from the mouth and nose. He is in a dying condition. Nothing could be found on his person to identify him. He is about 35 years of age, with beard all over his face, and is supposed to be a tramp.

Four prisoners broke jail last night and made their escape, all colored, names as follows: John Williams, Jake Dyer and John Mason, charged with stealing cotton, Wiley Clark, for assault to murder.

The Poultry Show.

Waco, Texas, January 9.—The poultry show held by the Central Texas Poultry association closed tonight after four days of successful exhibition. The State Poultry association was reorganized here at a meeting of the stockholders. The following were elected: President, John Tom Bonner of Tyler; first vice president, R. I. Kirkpatrick of McGregor; second vice president, H. M. Miner of Waco; third vice president, Louis Makemson of San Antonio; secretary and treasurer, R. A. Caruthers of Waco. An invitation tendered by the local association to hold the next State poultry show in Waco was accepted at a meeting of the new directory and the poultry exhibit next fall will be held in this city.

Pensions to Texans.

Pensions have been issued to citizens of Texas as follows:

Issue of December 21—Original, Juan Hernandez, Laredo, Webb county.

Issue of December 22—Original, widows, etc., minors of Harmon R. Tankersley, Byron, Ellis and Dublin, Erath and Bristol, Ellis county.

Issue of December 23—Original, Eduhigen Delgado, dead, Laredo, Webb county; original widows, etc., Mary A. McMillan, Gatesville, Corvell county; Anacleta Delgado, Laredo, Webb county.

On to Austin.

Madisonville, Texas, January 8.—Messrs. J. F. Randolph and W. L. Dean left today for Austin, where they will represent the people of Madison, Leon and Brazos counties in the legislature during the present session.

Mr. Randolph was accompanied by Mr. O. A. Bookman, who will probably remain there for some time. Mr. Dean was accompanied by his wife and little daughter as far as Crockett, where they will make an extended visit to friends and relatives.

Affairs at Anderson.

Anderson, Texas, January 8.—County Attorney A. M. Campbell has moved to Navasota with his family.

Eight German farmers have bought Jas. R. Jeter's farm in this county, and will plant twenty-four acres in grapes.

The telephone posts are now all up and we will soon be in communication with the world.

Brown McDonald of this place is taking down the evidence in the case of the State vs. Tom Smith.

Bastrop Criminal Cases.

Bastrop, Texas, January 9.—County Clerk Jenkins sent to the attorney general the following report of criminal business of the county court of Bastrop county for the year 1896, beginning December 1, 1895, and ending November 30, 1896: Indictments filed, 77; informations filed (including appeals from justice court), 103; trials, 92; convictions, 88; acquittals, 5; dismissals, 124; quashed, 5; appealed to court of appeals, 0; pending, 7; aggregate of fines imposed, 1068; aggregate of fines collected, $656, balance on uncollected fines worked out on county roads.

La grippe is considerably prevalent, but so far it is not attended with any fatality or seriousness.

Socially all is quiet. Miss Daisy Murdock, violinist, gave a most enjoyable musical entertainment at the opera house on Tuesday night, assisted by local talent.

Miss Annie May Jenkins of Tennessee is visiting her cousin, Major W. C. Powell of Bostrop.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

Some of the Probable Committee Chairmen—Assignment Law.

Austin, Texas, January 9.—There has been quite an influx of legislative talent today, and tonight there are about seventy-five members of the house and senate on the ground. Beyond hunting boarding houses and wrestling with candidates for the different positions within their gift they have done little to foreshadow the work of the coming session, however, but it is evident from their general appearance that as a body they are above the general average in point of intelligence and solidity. From conversations with many of them I gather that there is a universal determination to fulfill the pledges of the Fort Worth platform, deal conservatively with all questions and clean up the business of the session in ninety days, if possible. So far as heard from, there is no radical legislation in view, and even Drew of Kaufman talks of going slow in tinkering with the statutes. The most pronounced sentiment in the crowd is that against going beyond the figures of last session in the appropriations, which augurs well for a continuance of the economical policy which has characterized the present administration.

With regard to the "new member caucus" which was agitated some weeks ago, it did not come off. After conversing with Mr. Dashiell, the prospective speaker, the few who are responsible for said caucus proposition came to the conclusion that they had gone off unadvisedly and decided to drop it. As a matter of fact they became satisfied that, as every one else already knew, Mr. Dashiell was determined to treat all sections of the State alike when it came to appointments and committee assignments and that no preferences would be displayed with regard to members, and it occurred to them that it was best to lay down their hands. Harmony reigns supreme at this writing in consequence and the prospect is bright for a peaceful and model session.

Most of the talk heard with reference to legislation today has been about proposed changes in the laws affecting business failures. Everybody is agreed that something is needed to prevent fraudulent commercial close outs, but there lacks a great deal of being a unanimity of opinion with regard to what the remedy should be. Most of the members realize that under existing commercial conditions it would be dangerous if not disastrous to enact a drastic and revolutionary law, and it is safe to say that whatever is done will be more in the nature of providing for the punishment of fraudulent bankrupts than in reconstructing the existing statutes.

In addition to the suggestions for house committee chairmanship previously noted in these dispatches the following were gathered today:

Lands and land office—Robins of Willbarger.

Revenue and taxation—Fields of Hill.

Rules—Rogan or Caldwell.

Public buildings and grounds—Rudd of Harrison.

Judicial districts—Holland of Harris.

Constitutional amendments—Blair of Bexar.

Penitentiaries—Dies of Hardin.

Education—Fields of Grayson.

By common consent Wolters of Fayette and Barrett of Wichita are credited with good chairmanships, although no one seems to know exactly what.

Mr. Ward of Travis will place Mr. Dashiell in nomination for speaker.

Patented by Texans.

Patents granted to citizens of Texas for the week ending January 5, 1896, reported through the office of J. F. Beale, solicitor of patents, 505 G street N. W., Washington, D. C.:

A. E. Anderson, Clarksville, baling press; J. S. Berry, Tyler, gate latch, two patents; M. F. Collis, Morfa, puzzle; J. G. Crabtree, Texarkana, chopping ax; T. B. Gossett, Taylor, windmill; H. H. Halley and R. J. Metzler, Stiles, valve; M. Mauzewitz, Abilene, seed planter; Wm. B. Nevill, Rockwell, anti-refilling bottle, and a cattle guard; H. T. Reuttermann, San Antonio, eyelet-hole attachment for sewing machine.

Preachers Give Testimony.

Corsicana, Texas, January 9.—The ministers of the city were before the county attorney this morning and gave information regarding gambling, slot machines and houses of prostitution. The object is to break up these vices in this city. The assembling of the ministres to give information to the county attorney was unique, but it has put on foot an effort to drive the vices named above out of the city, and has created much speculation on results.

Charged With Rifling Letters.

Dallas, Texas, January 9.—James D. Johnson, colored, a Fort Worth mail carrier, who has had twelve years of service with Uncle Sam was before United States Commissioner Ledbum today on the charge of robbing registered letters that were addressed to parties on his route. His bail was fixed at $1000 and January 14 set for his trial. Johnson is charged with securing over $100 that did not belong to him.

An Insane Negro.

Dallas, Texas, January 9.—An insane young negro, hatless and coatless, walked into Sheriff Cabell's office this morning and asked to be made a deputy. He gave his name as Grope Abrams. He was taken in charge by the officers and will be sent to the asylum.

Dividend Declared.

Cuero, Texas, January 9.—The Farmers' Ginning and Milling company declared a dividend of 12½ per cent. The company has done a fine business this season and is now one of the leading interests of the town.

Postoffice Robbed.

Moscow, Texas, January 8.—The postoffice was burglarized again last night and about $25 secured. A little over a year ago burglars got over $1200 from the same office, which was an inducement for them to try again.

Weather Forecast.

Washington, January 9.—For Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Western Texas and Indian Territory: Fair; variable winds.

Eastern Texas: Partly cloudy, with light rain on the gulf; variable winds.

The Curfew Ordinance.

Terrell, Texas, January 8.—The city marshal has given notice that he will strictly enforce the curfew ordinance, commencing Monday night.

ISLAND CITY NEWS ITEMS.

Proposed Purchase of Pelican Island by a Terminal Company.

OPPOSITION TO THE SCHEME SHOWN

Report that Mike O'Keefe Was Dead Proves Untrue—Suing the Street Railway Company—Notes.

Galveston, Texas, January 9.—The proposed purchase and development of Pelican island by a terminal company is the matter which most engages public attention in Galveston just at present, and there is the usual diversity of interest and consequently of opinion in regard to the matter. The city is asked to sell the property to the terminal company for the consideration of one-third interest in the property without any share in the cost of development and the promise is that at least $500,000 will be expended in the work of development with three years or all the rights acquired are to be forfeited. Judge George E. Mann, who is the chief promoter of the enterprise, and spokesman for the terminal company, charges the opposition, which contends that the wharf front on this side of the channel should be fully developed before crossing over to another island, to the owners of the city wharf front. All the available property for wharfage purposes, he says, is owned by the Galveston Wharf company, the City company and the Santa Fe Railroad company. He suggests the presence of a "Big Four" combination, composed of the interests named above and the Mallory Steamship company, which is opposed to the Pelican project for selfish reasons, and he is conducting a vigorous fight, with an appearance of having the people of the city generally, outside of the interests named, on his side. The labor organizations have already given the Pelican project their indorsement and now the chamber of commerce has taken hold of it and has appointed a committee to investigate the proposed sale of the island and report whether, in its judgment, such sale is for the best interest of the city.

The special committee appointed by the city council to consider the matter had a meeting at the chamber of commerce rooms tonight to organize and determine the line of procedure in regard to hearings and the discussion of the project will now be general until a decision is reached one way or another. Meanwhile the discussion has been left to those newspaper contributors who are best known as "Vox Populi" and "Pro Bono Publico." There are two sides to the question, as there are to the channel, and some good things have been said on both sides, but coming right down to the marrow of the proposition, the utilization of Pelican island seems to offer the only reasonable hope of securing the Southern Pacific railway and that is said to be the main consideration of the terminal company.

The list of deaths for the week just ended, as furnished by the city health physician, is as follows:

August Meyer, 23 months, acute Bright's disease and oedema of lungs; Mrs. Fredericka Metzger, 74 years, pneumonia; J. C. Wortham, 44 years, complicated typhoid phlegmonia; Estelle McKee, colored, 18 years, consumption; infant of Robert Smith, colored, 9 days, prematurity; Albertiller Goode, colored, 63 years, cerebral hemorrhage; John Gengler, 70 years, chronic nephritis; George Price, colored, 60 years, pulmonary tuberculosis; Rella Jemison, colored, 21 years, internal hemorrhage; Mrs. Susan M. Cannon, 70 years, pulmonary oedema; Olga Gustafson, 24 years, consumption; Walter E. Stevens, 26 years, pneumonia (died in Houston); Mike Herron, 28 years; morpho mania; Rafaello Muzetti, 85 years, cirrhosis of liver; Mrs. Maggie V. Keenan, 40 years, pneumonia; Baby Carr, 13 months, meningitis.

Annual death rate per 1000 for week, 14.2.

GRAIN MOVEMENT.

Notwithstanding reports detrimental to Galveston as a grain shipping point the grain continues to come this way at the rate of about 150 car loads a day and the movement is likely to increase when the facilities for handling are improved. Grain inspector Webster officially reports that twenty-three steamships left this port with cargoes of grain, aggregating 105,030 bushels of wheat and 843,777 bushels of corn, during December, of which eleven were for Liverpool, six for Hamburg, two for Rotterdam, two for Havre and one each for Bremen and Copenhagen. Thus far during the present month six vessels, three for Liverpool and one each for Manchester, Hamburg and Bremen, have sailed with part cargoes of grain, aggregating 24,984 bushels of wheat and 258,500 bushels of corn.

Meanwhile inquiries are still being made as to the truth of reports circulated abroad that grain deteriorates here and agents and exporters continue to say there is nothing in such reports.

DAMAGE SUIT.

The civil district court was engaged all day today in the hearing of a suit brought by the Lima Register company of Ohio against the Galveston City Railroad company. The plaintiff company claims it furnished and fully equipped the railway company with registers for its cars; that the railway company used them for about one and one-half years and then refused to pay for them. The Lima company claims $1350, with interest. The defendant company contends that the registers were not accurate and were susceptible to being tampered with and that after a full trial they were rejected. The railway company also sets up as a defense that the registers at times failed to record fares that were rung and at other times recorded excessively.

ENGINE HOUSE ORDERED.

The board of public works held a meeting this afternoon at 2 o'clock and ordered that bids for building a new engine house on avenue Q½, between Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth, be advertised for five days. The house is to cost not more than $1500 and plans for it are on view at the office of the chief engineer of the fire department.

NOT DEAD.

The report that Michael J. O'Keefe had died in New York proves to have been incorrect. The rumor was current last evening and the information upon which it was based was supposed to be reliable. Mrs. O'Keefe received a telegram that her husband is at Port Huron, Mich., in good health. This was in answer to a telegram of inquiry.

NOTES AND PERSONAL.

The Galveston chamber of commerce indorsed the creation of a cabinet department of manufacture and commerce by congress.

The county commissioners will meet Monday to approve the bond of Fred McNichols as tax collector, the same having been completed.

The chamber of commerce has selected Waters S. Davis as representative to the harbor defense convention to be held at Tampa, Fla., on January 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Richardson and Miss Josephine Richardson left for Houston this afternoon, where they are to make their home. Mr. Richardson having been chosen secretary of the Business League of that city.

The monthly meeting of the Texas Historical society will be held at the Ball high school building Monday evening.

Tramps continue to infest the city and to constitute considerable of a nuisance in the suburbs.

THE HIGHER COURTS.

Second District.

Fort Worth, Texas, January 9.—In the court of civil appeals today:

Affirmed—Weaver vs. Simmons, from Tarrant; Texas and Pacific Railway company vs. Reeves, from Taylor; Texas and Pacific Railway company vs. Kirkwood & Lieb, from Tarrant; Slayton, trustee, vs. Waples-Platter Grocery company, from Clay; Euless vs. Huffman, from Tarrant; Earnest vs. Texas Fixture company, from Tarrant.

Cases reversed and rendered—Patton vs. Slade, from Jacks; Chowning vs. Willis & Bro., from Wilbarger.

Cases reversed and remanded—Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway company vs. Witherspoon, from Denton.

Motions for rehearing refused—Strong vs. Southwestern Iron and Bridge company, from Tarrant; Horton vs. Winborn, from Midland; Euless vs. Tomlinson, from Tarrant; Harrison vs. Bridge company, from Tarrant; Ingram vs. Abbott, from Parker; Texas and Pacific Railway company vs. Gay, from Midland; Smith vs. White, Branch & McConkilin, from Parker; Kellegg vs. McCabe, from Throckmorton.

Motion to dismiss writ of error sustained in Weems & Waldo vs. S. C. Watson, from Haskell. In the same case motion to amend writ of error refused.

Motion to file record refused—C. R. Conner vs. Baldwin, from Archer.

Motions to file additional conclusions refused—Western Union Telegraph company vs. Clark, from Cooke; Lombardi vs. Shero, from Wilbarger.

Motion to file additional conclusions granted—Ingram vs. Abbott, from Tarrant.

Motion to strike out certain papers granted—Sugarman vs. Union Pacific Railway company.

Cases submitted—Yoakum vs. McCurdy & Daniels, from Bosque; Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway company vs. Belcher, from Clay; Letcher vs. Bailey & Co., from Jones; Olcott vs. Lawless, from Wilbarger; Hurlbert vs. Bush, from Potter; Parker vs. Walker, from Donley; Smith vs. Chilton, from Comanche.

Cases set for January 30—Farmers' National bank vs. Taylor, from Tarrant; Fletcher vs. Erin City Iron works, from Cooke; Creswell Ranch and Cattle company vs. Scogin, from Roberts; Dowlin vs. Callahan county, from Callahan; Suttle vs. Hutchison, from Jack; Bruce vs. Koch, Dreyfus & Co., from Parker; Dunham, Buckley & Co. vs. McNatt, from Cooke; Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway company vs. Rogers, from Cooke; Dean vs. City of Baird, from Callahan; New York Life Insurance company vs. Nannie E. Smith, from Tarrant; Thomas C. Cook vs. Carroll Land and Cattle company, from Clay.

Fifth District.

Dallas, Texas, January 9.—Proceedings in the court of civil appeals at Dallas today:

Affirmed—Elizabeth Bond et al vs. Texas and Pacific Railway company et al, from Grayson county; Myer Bros.' Drug company vs. N. W. Ward, from Hunt; Texas and Pacific Railway company vs. J. S. Boggs & Bro., from Kaufman; J. A. McGregor vs. Sherman, Shreveport and Southern Railway company, from Morris.

Reversed and remanded—Geo. B. Boadles et al vs. T. F. Ivey and wife, from Kaufman.

Motions disposed of—Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway company vs. Andrew Collinsf, rehearing overruled; Varner Collins and Dulaney vs. Dexter Gin and Mill company, rehearing overruled; M. H. Andrews vs. D. F. Dunn et al, rehearing overruled; Tony Cephus vs. Mechanics and Planters' National bank et al, rehearing and conclusions overruled; Kosmitsky & McFadden vs. Interstate bank, rehearing overruled; R. E. Smith vs. J. C. Whitesides, rehearing overruled; John Miller vs. Cass county, rehearing overruled; Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway company vs. P. Brannon, to dismiss appeal, overruled; Oriental Hotel company vs. Maggie Barclay, to amend brief, overruled; T. Baum vs. R. Williams et al, to file transcript, granted; State of Texas etc. vs. J. B. Worford et al, advance, granted and cause set for January 23; Seth Miller vs. L. B. Hanie, advance, granted and cause reversed and remanded upon confession of error.

Cases submitted—J. H. Wofford et al vs. George F. Parmer, from Henderson; Mrs. Eva Irwin vs. Travelers' Insurance company, from Kaufman; Powers Lumber company vs. M. U. Wade et al, from Kaufman; F. O. Summerlin et al vs. A. J. Babb et al, from Raines; Patty Joiner company et al vs. City Bank of Sherman et al, from Grayson; W. A. Dixon et al vs. National Loan and Investment company, from Dallas; G. T. McSpadden vs. W. S. LaForce, from Wood; Consumers' Cotton Oil company vs. Johnson & Howell, from Dallas.

Cases set for January 23—Huey & Philip et al vs. Chas. Fish, trustee, from Dallas; W. J. Born vs. Texas and Pacific Railway company, from Dallas; Connor Bros. & Co. vs. Ringgold Mill and Elevator company, from Morris; Sallie R. Groom vs. Jerome Hill Cotton company, from Fannin; A. P. Finlay & Co. vs. J. S. Lewis & Co. et al, from Grayson; Imogen L. Sutherland vs. Texas and Pacific Railway company, from Dallas.

FEDERAL JUDGESHIP.

George Clark Has His Eye on the Place Occupied by Judge Rector.

Dallas, Texas, January 9.—The gold standard democrats of Texas are becoming fearful that there will be little room for them at McKinley's pie counter. The fact that Texas gave Bryan 205,000 more votes than it gave McKinley does not seem to be a good argument in favor of making the "society" leaders preferred creditors in disposing of the political assets the McKinley receivers will be called upon to dispose of. Colonel Zimpelman of Austin, the close political friend George Clark has in Texas, spent the day in Dallas with Federal district Judge Rector. Zimpelman and Judge Rector had a long private conference and lunched together. For more than a year Judge Rector has been too ill to discharge his official duties, his place on the bench having been filled by Judge Swayne of Florida. In fact, Judge Swayne is now holding court for Judge Rector at Waco and will soon open court in Dallas. Politicians who are "on the inside" informed The Post correspondent today that Colonel Zimpelman's mission to Dallas is to induce Judge Rector to hasten the contemplated resignation so that President Cleveland can appoint his successor before March 4, assurances having been received from Washington that if Judge Rector will resign in time George Clark will be named as his successor by President Cleveland. It has been current here since the November election that Judge Rector will resign soon after McKinley's inauguration. The gold standard democrats, particularly George Clark's friends, fear McKinley will appoint James M. Cormick of Dallas or some other strong out republican to the vacancy when it shall have been made. Had Bryan been elected Rector would have resigned early in November so that Cleveland could have kicked off Bryan's free silver choice and a gold standard democrat. Things are different now and the republican motto, "No gold standard or other brand of democrat need apply." If Colonel Zimpelman made any impression on Judge Rector today the republicans are already endeavoring to nullify it. It is asserted that Judge Rector will be held in line until McKinley is inaugurated.

Three Forgery Cases.

Dallas, Texas, January 9.—Albert Schiller, a young German from California, was arrested today on three affidavits charging him with forgery in as many cases. He is charged with attempting to get over $100 from prominent Dallas Germans by means of forged letters. He will also be prosecuted by the Federal authorities on the charge of using the mails for fraudulent purposes.

Blooming Grove Robbery.

Dallas, Texas, January 9.—United States Marshal Love returned from Blooming Grove, Navarro county, where he had been summoned to inspect a postoffice robbery case, today. He says the robbers were experts and secured a neat little sum of money; just how much is not yet known. There is little clew as to the identity of the guilty parties.

Merchants in Trouble.

Dallas, Texas, January 9.—T. P. and J. Watson were brought here from Mexia under arrest tonight on the charge of defrauding Sanger Brothers of this city. They gave bond in the sum of $150 each and were released. They are merchants.

Populist Rally.

Corsicana, Texas, January 9.—The populists of the county had a big rally here today and an address was issued to the voters to organize for the fight of 1898.

Alliance Oil Mill.

Corsicana, Texas, January 9.—The Navarro County Farmers' alliance today passed a resolution to establish an oil mill in this city at a cost of $40,000.

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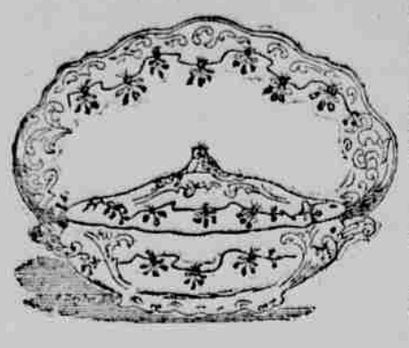

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