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SWEETWATER. Castle Blockade Partially Broken—Farmers in Need of Rain. Special to the Gazette. SWEETWATER, Tex., Dec. 19.—The cattle blockade has at last been partially broken at this point by the shipment by Messrs. J. F. Newman, A. J. & E. M. Long and others of about forty-five or fifty cars of beefs in the last day or two. Many herds have gone, some to other points, some to Ballinger and a good many back to the ranches. All classes of stock are now in a condition for the season of the year in this county. The weather all fall and up to this time has been mild and dry. To-day is like May weather in this climate. Stock cattle are worth from \$8 to \$10 per head. Six hundred and forty-two head of sheep sold yesterday for \$975. Farmers are complaining that the dry weather has already greatly injured the wheat prospects and that it will all die unless we have rain or snow by January 1 next.

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REVENUE OF TRAINS:

Table with 2 columns: Direction (South-bound, North-bound) and Time (9:00 a.m., 9:00 p.m., 6:35 p.m., 11:25 a.m.).

LIST OF LETTERS

- Ladies' List: Hoefeld, Millie; H. H. H. H.; J. H. H. H.; K. H. H. H.; L. H. H. H.; M. H. H. H.; N. H. H. H.; O. H. H. H.; P. H. H. H.; Q. H. H. H.; R. H. H. H.; S. H. H. H.; T. H. H. H.; U. H. H. H.; V. H. H. H.; W. H. H. H.; X. H. H. H.; Y. H. H. H.; Z. H. H. H.

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FIREMEN'S DEPARTMENT. On Monday the department was called out to pay their last respects to their late foreman, John T. Small, who died on Sunday at 6:40 p. m. The department formed on Spring street near the engine house, marched to the house of the deceased, where the casket containing the remains of their beloved foreman were placed on the truck, and the procession formed, drum corps of five men, Hose No. 1 and Hooks in full dress uniform, truck heavily draped in mourning, carriage containing relatives and city officers, marched to the Methodist church where services were held, conducted by the Rev. J. S. Mathis. The procession re-formed and proceeded to the cemetery, where the burial rites were performed. He will be greatly missed, and his place cannot be filled in the running team.

Weatherford.

Our department has not sent many communications for the firemen's department, and it seems the proper thing to have an account of the last entertainment, a grand masquerade ball, at the opera-house. The ball was given by the fire department of Weatherford, composed of engine company No. 1 and the hook and ladder company. At a seasonable hour the guests began to arrive, and it was not long before the spacious hall was crowded by the masked participants and a number of persons who were less hilarious and unmasked. At the commencement of the evening's pleasure, a very pretty tableau was presented by the company. The first was the "Goddess of Liberty," represented by Miss Della Cullum. The next was the "Fire Queen," represented by Miss Mad Baker. The third was "Texas and the Republic," represented by Miss Emma Cullum. The young ladies were masked, and no one could possibly tell who they were at the time. After the tableaux, the dancing commenced, and was kept up until the "wee sma'" hours, and was marked for good behavior and gentlemanly deportment. The costumes of those who were masked on the part of the ladies were very pretty and in some instances very appropriate for the occasion, it being a firemen's ball. On the other hand, the costumes worn by some of the gentlemen were weird and fantastical, and in more than one instance were fun-provoking. Some of the costumes worn by the young men, who were dressed in personating "Big Injun Me," and the "Sable Colonel," were all very perfectly hidden. As usual on all such occasions a great amount of mistaken identity took place—the wife would not know the husband, and the young man would not know "his best girl." Mr. J. S. Joplin deserves special attention, inasmuch as he was personating the "culd-in-pusson" of the female kind, and by his fantastical capers continued to be the center of attraction during most of the evening and by his familiarity with one of the old gentlemen present who was unmasked, caused some very hearty laughter on the part of the entire assembly at the old gentleman's expense, inasmuch as his "letter hall" was present.

Denton.

Denton has had so little to report that we have given the firemen of the state a short "rest." In the meantime we were not unappreciative of the courtesy of our official organ, THE GAZETTE. Since our last communication the department has been kept rather busy. We have had three still alarms and two hot fires. The still alarms amounted to but little more than good exercise for horses and men. The dwelling house of M. J. B. Scruggs, which was recently destroyed, was productive, however, of a good deal of merriment and some annoyance to the parties immediately concerned. The engine company drilled on the afternoon of the fire, about a couple of hours before the alarm. In starting out of the house, owing to a defective rein, the horses "took a shear" on the driver, coiled with the doors and casing and knocked over front wheel to "the other side of Jordan." The boys did not drill. The engine was engineered back to its place. The company was discharged and returned. Ten minutes after the alarm called in. What was to be done? The ingenuity of a fireman is inexhaustible. A hastily-borrowed wagon-wheel was substituted and the engine answered the alarm, pulled by hand, with two men holding the wheel on and proceeding at

AN OLD FEUD.

A Butcher Shoots a Texas & Pacific Switchman at Marshall. Special to the Gazette. MARSHALL, Tex., Dec. 19.—Mr. Charley Doyle, a butcher in the employ of W. H. Carter, shot Mr. W. H. Ramsey, a switchman in the Texas & Pacific yards. The difficulty occurred at the saloon of Mr. Longstreet. Mr. Ramsey was drinking and used abusive language, and Doyle drew his revolver and commenced firing. He fired three shots, the last striking Mr. Ramsey in the hip, from which he fell. Mr. Doyle made his escape, and has not been arrested, but it is reported that he will surrender in the morning. The affray was the outcome of an old feud.

HOUSTON GENIUSES.

They Claim to Have Invented a New Motor. Special to the Gazette. HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 19.—Messrs. Barrett and Neims of this city, the inventors of the new telephone recently tested between Galveston and New Orleans with marked success, left to-night for Washington, accompanied by H. F. King, of the firm of Brady & King, who represent the Houston capitalists who have purchased an interest in the invention. After presenting their claims for all necessary patents, the party will proceed to New York city and organize a stock company. In addition to the telephone invention, Messrs. Barrett & Neims claim they have invented a new motor that will successfully operate and move street cars without the use of horse power, water, fuel or electricity, in fact a new power. A patent on this motor will be applied for. The young geniuses yesterday sold an eighth interest in it for \$1000, and seem sanguine of the successful operation of their discovery, which has not yet been made public.

No Willful Intent.

Correspondence of the Gazette. GRAHAM, Tex., Dec. 17.—David McClure of Palo Pinto county, who was arrested on a complaint of the Graham and Weatherford stage driver for placing a fence across the road, had a hearing before the United States commissioner today and was discharged. McClure produced a certified copy of an order of the county court of Palo Pinto county authorizing him to change the road, and the commissioner ruled that there was no willful intent to delay or interfere with the United States mail.

Counterfeit Silver Note.

New York, Dec. 19.—Chief Drummond, of the United States secret service, to-day notified Police Superintendent McCrory that it was believed that a \$20 counterfeit silver note is adrift. The note is of the series of 1880, letter "C" and is thick and greasy, and one-eighth of an inch shorter than the genuine. In the left face, in the word certificate, the letters E, I and F are engraved upside down.

Cutting Steamship Rates.

New York, Dec. 19.—The United States Steamship company to-day announced its intention of reducing its outgoing steamer rates so as to conform with the action of other lines. The American sails next Saturday, and steamer tickets are now being sold for \$15. It is said that a lively cut will now follow.

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