

BUSINESS TROUBLES.

Dry Goods Merchant of Gainesville Makes an Assignment—The Creditors Northern Houses.

Attachments to the Amount of \$17,000 Made on the Dry Goods House of Thomas P. Jordan at Waco.

Assignment at Gainesville.

GAINEVILLE, TEX., Dec. 29.—W. O. Jordan, a dry goods merchant of this city, made an assignment to-day. His liabilities are about \$15,000, assets \$10,000. The principal creditors are as follows: St. Louis—Crow, Hargadine & Co., \$184 91; Day Rubber company, \$131 94; Daniel C. Davis & Co., \$412 58; Tennant, Walker & Co., \$66 90; Gaus, Healcke & Co., \$519 30; K. J. J. Goodfellow & Co., \$67 40; Goodbar, White & Co., \$296 35; Schwab Clothing company, \$1248 50; Rainwater, Bougher & Co., \$593 33. In Philadelphia—Morris, Newberger & Sons, \$1848 20, and Young, Smithfield & Co., \$2122 95. The assignee is W. J. Stone.

A Waco Failure.

WACO, TEX., Dec. 29.—Attachments aggregating \$17,000 were run this evening on the stock of Thomas P. Jordan, dealer in dry goods. The following comprise the firms who have attached up to this date and their claims: Philip Garter, \$5000; Seetzer, Pembroke & Co., \$5179; George Clark of Waco, \$4634; Schuler, Gerstein & Co., \$370; D. W. Whyner, \$271; C. C. Birdwhistell, clerk, \$274; Kaufman & Runge, Galveston, \$705. It is expected that other attachments will be run to-night. Jordan's stock will invoice about \$50,000. There are no means of getting at the full amount of liabilities until other attachments are run.

JORDAN'S CREDITORS.

GAINEVILLE, TEX., Dec. 29.—T. R. Jordan, who has been in the dry goods, clothing and general furnishing business in this city for many years, was closed by attachments this afternoon. The stock is supposed to be worth \$55,000. The write served represent an aggregate of \$16,317. They are as follows: George Clark, Waco, \$453 06; Phil Geartner, Louisville, Ky., \$5000; Wextzer, Pembroke & Co., New York, \$178; Schoolherr, Bernstein & Co., \$370.17; D. W. Whyner, Waco, \$701 28; Birdwhistle, Waco, \$274 50. The Shnyder-Kirksey Woolen mills, Waco, \$264 44. Attachments are expected which will make an aggregate of \$30,000.

MCKINNEY.

The Mrs. Savells Case—A Card of Thanks. Mrs. Savells, who has been in the city yesterday evening to look after her daughter, Mrs. Minnie Savells. They left, taking her with them, this morning. The following card was handed THE GAZETTE reporter:

A CARD OF THANKS. Words cannot express the appreciation and thanks of the parents and husband of the unfortunate Mrs. Minnie Savells to the good people of McKinney for kindnesses to them in their affliction. Especially do we desire to thank B. H. Oats and wife, J. P. McHenry and wife, J. R. Cumming and wife, Mrs. Wade, proprietress of the City Hotel; John W. Hamilton, Dr. McCarty, and Dr. Wiley, who took special interest in assisting her aged and afflicted father in all things needful to the departure of her parents with her to where she can be properly cared for in the home of her speedy restoration. In the above list we desire to remember Dixon Williams, the able and devoted evangelist now holding a series of meetings in the city; Rev. F. S. Lowery, pastor Presbyterian church. A special remembrance to Cal. E. K. Stiff and wife and to all others extending favors. In all our relations with the world we can say that we have never met a more humane, hospitable and Christian people.

J. B. BELL and wife of Abilene, E. H. SAVELLS of McKinney.

F. P. Demaree demonstrated to Hamp Rallege at a Christmas tree Saturday night, several miles east of this place, that it is not safe to insult another man's wife. Demaree is in jail until it can be determined by the doctors what hurt Rallege, and whether his lease of life is none.

FROM MORPHINE.

A Judge Dies from the Effects of the Drug.

COTILLA, TEX., Dec. 29.—Judge M. A. Harmon, who has resided here for years and was one of the best of citizens, died very suddenly at 4 o'clock this afternoon from an overdose of morphine. He had just heard the evidence on the White rape-case from Twobig and was about to examine some of the witnesses in the McKinney murder case. Information as to whether the judge intended to commit suicide or not is not at hand. No inquest will be held over the body.

SADIE AND LIZZIE.

Two Boston Girls Take Rough on Rate and Die.

BOSTON, MASS., Dec. 29.—The details of a sensational tragedy, resulting in the death of two young girls who will be buried in Mount Hope cemetery to-morrow, were printed this morning. The matter, although known to the authorities for some time, has been secretly guarded, and not a breath of the affair has before been made public. Sadie Higelow and Lizzie Hart, aged respectively eighteen and nineteen years, came to Boston two or three years ago and secured employment in a large dry goods house here. Sadie left in love with a respectable business man of this city and they were married. Soon after, however, they separated, owing, it is said, to the husband's abuse. The two girls went to New York and were employed there for time in a large retail house, but returned to Boston, where they formed the acquaintance of two young men. One Christmas night the four were together at a house on Bowden street, and drank wine there. Before separating they had a serious dispute. The men, however, put the girls aboard a car en route to their south end

lodgings. The girls were in an excited state when they boarded the car and at once discussed with each other plans for taking their own lives. Leaving the car they obtained two boxes of "Rough on Rats" at a apothecary shop, and hurrying to their rooms mixed the poison in tooth-brush mugs and swallowed it. Sadie took an overdose and did not feel its effects as soon as did Lizzie, who sank into a deep stupor. Sadie, realizing what had been done, rushed into the street and hurried back to the Bowden Street house, where the young mermaid were. Finding them she implored them to hurry to the South End house and save Lizzie. By this time the poison was taking effect upon Sadie and, throwing herself upon the bed, she writhed in fearful agony. Medical aid was summoned but after six hours of suffering she died. The young men finally decided to go to Lizzie's house and break the news to her mother. They called there, and upon reaching Lizzie's room she was found lying dead upon the bed.

ON WALL STREET.

Yesterday's Stock Market Showed an Upward Tendency from the Opening to the Close.

The Last Transactions were at Figures Close to the Best of the Day—The General List Higher.

COMMERCIAL RESUME.

Special to the Gazette. New York, Dec. 29.—Railway bonds to-day sold as follows: Fort Worth & Denver City at 88; Texas & Pacific Rios at 77; Houston & Texas Central at 73; Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe 2's at 101; Missouri, Kansas & Texas 3's at 86. Money at 5 to 6 percent. Governments higher. Sterling advanced slightly. Oil closed at 64. Wheat irregular. Cotton advanced 3 points. Coffee steady.

GOVERNMENTS, STOCKS AND BONDS.

New York, Dec. 29.—Government bonds quiet and steady. Stocks were active and strong, almost without reaction from the first few minutes until the last hour. Foreign houses did very little. The opening was irregular, the change from last evening's deal figures ranging from 1/2 below to 1/2 above. There were a few light declines in the early trading in which Reading was prominent, but the general list was strong and the early losses were quickly recovered. Before the end of the first hour advances ranging up to 1/4 had been established. This was followed up by a period of comparative quiet, accompanied by a slight recession in prices, but before noon the activity and advance was again renewed, and lasting until after 2 p. m., when considerable realization of profits caused a slight decline and the market closed barely steady, but close to the best figures of the day.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 29.—Flour quiet but steady, choice, \$3.75 to \$3.85; fancy, \$4.00 to \$4.10; extra fancy, \$4.25 to \$4.30; Minnesota winter wheat patents, \$4.75 to \$5.00. Corn meal firmer, \$2.20. Hay quiet and firm, \$19 to \$16c. Corn steady, fair demand, mixed and white, 46 to 47c; yellow, 46c. Oats, quiet, 29 to 30c; Pork, strong, \$11.50. Lard, refined, steady, \$6.00. Bulk meats, shoulders, \$4 50; long clear, \$6.80. Bacon, shoulders, \$6.00; long clear and clear rib, \$6.87 1/2. Sugar quiet but steady. Choice sugar and canned hams, \$10 25 to \$10 75. Molasses, strong; open kettle, fancy, 47c; strictly prime, 44c; Louisiana syrup \$6 to \$6c; good prime, 40 to 42c; prime 37 to 38c. Sugar, quiet but steady; kettle choice, 11c; strictly prime, 1-1-1/2c; prime, 1-1/2c; Whiskey quiet; Western rectified, \$1 11 to \$1 13. Coffee, strong and higher. Rio, common to prime, 18 to 19c. Rice quiet but steady at 24 to 25c. Cotton-seed products nominally unchanged. Exchange, New York sight, 75c discount.

AUSTIN.

Mr. McCall's Official Bond—A Gold-Headed Umbrella for the Governor.

AUSTIN, TEX., Dec. 29.—The bond of the Hon. John D. McCall was approved by Gov. Ireland this morning. The names on the bond show the high estimation in which the gentleman is held in Austin. They are: E. C. Christian, N. G. Shelly, J. L. Driskill, W. S. Carothers, John T. Allen, Monroe Miller, R. M. Swearingen, W. McLaughlin, George W. Littlefield. As is known by every one who is acquainted with Austin capitalists the majority of the names given would be good on any bond for the full amount required, \$75,000. As the law only requires six names, the extra ones may be considered as a substantial compliment to the incoming comptroller. The bonds of Albert Bodemann, collector of Kendall county, and of Sam S. Ashe, collector of Harris county, have been approved by the comptroller. The governor was presented this morning with a beautiful gold-headed silk umbrella by Dr. R. Swearingen. It is stated on good authority that there will be very few changes in the personnel of the comptroller's department, and the policy pursued in making them will be one of strict conservatism. Members of Terry's rangers resident in Austin met to-day and determined on a reunion of the survivors of the old regiment in this city January 20. The annual report of the regents of the university is out. It is quite lengthy, and makes the total number of students 220.

Notes from Weatherford.

WEATHERFORD, TEX., Dec. 29.—Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Milliken of this city last night gave their second marriage anniversary supper to the young society people. There were about twenty couples of the elite of the city present, who spent a delightful evening, the time being spent in dancing, games and conversation. About 11:30 refreshments of an excellent quality were served, which added greatly to the evening's entertainment. Mr. and Mrs. Milliken left nothing undone that would have added to the enjoyment of the party, and THE GAZETTE correspondent is justified in saying that they have the thanks and best wishes of the entire assembly and that they may celebrate many more happy anniversaries. It is reported that the young society gentlemen will give a social hop at the Carson & Lewis house on Friday night next. Rev. Father Crowley, who for the past three years has had charge of the Catholic

church at this place, has been transferred to Terrell. His people here are very sorry to part with him as are his many friends outside of his own denomination, who regret to hear of his departure. He has a host of warm friends in this city. He left on the morning train for his new field, and his congregation as well as the city of Terrell may feel that they are to be congratulated in receiving Father Crowley as a teacher and citizen.

ASKING PROTECTION.

Communication from the Cattle Growers to the Two Houses of Congress.

CHICAGO, ILL., Dec. 29.—The executive committee of the Cattle Growers' association of the United States framed a communication to-day, to be forwarded to the senate and house of representatives. The communication calls attention to the letter by J. A. Cooper of Colorado, in which he pronounces against the commission feature of the bill introduced for the suppression of exotic diseases among the cattle of the United States. The communication says that in the great emergency now upon the cattle industry it is imperatively necessary that some person or persons be vested with extraordinary power. It goes on to say that the present bureau and departments are already overwhelmed with work to such an extent that it would be impossible for any of them to do as rapid or effective work as could be done by a commission of energetic and practical business men, whose sole efforts would be devoted to the one task. The committee believe that a commission vested with the necessary powers could clear this country of pleuro-pneumonia in twelve or eighteen months. The communication further says that the losses inflicted upon the cattle industry during the last two years by reason of embarrassing interstate and foreign quarantines amounts to a national calamity and though quarantine constitutes the greatest existing obstacle to interstate and foreign commerce, the communication says that the only successful way to deal with pleuro-pneumonia is by prompt resort to heroic treatment, and the quicker way is the cheapest. The suppression of pleuro-pneumonia is not only demanded as a sanitary measure for the protection of our people, but it is a measure of political economy. The communication closes with a statement that the cattle industry represents an investment of two thousand millions of taxable property, and asks that protection be extended to it.

THE FIRE RECORD.

A Steamer Destroyed in the Harbor at St. Johns, N. B.—Firemen Fatally Burned.

The Town of Greensburg, Pa., Visited by a Hundred Thousand Dollar Conflagration—Other Alarms.

A Steamer Burned.

ST. JOHNS, N. B., Dec. 29.—The two-masted steamer John, which sailed last night at 10:30 was two hours later burned just outside the harbor. The first news was brought in by a passing schooner which saw her on fire. Searching parties started and this morning found the crew of twenty men huddled together in the snow on the rocks at Black Point. Their clothes were frozen to their bodies and they were suffering terribly. They were brought to this city on a sleigh. It was found that fire were so badly burned, including Capt. Purdy, commander, that they cannot live. John Sinclair, the steward, was drowned while swimming ashore. The rest got on land by a line carried ashore by the captain.

A Pennsylvania Conflagration.

PITTSBURG, PA., Dec. 29.—A conflagration at Greensburg, West Moreland county, this morning destroyed one of the finest blocks in the city, and for several hours threatened destruction to the entire business portion of that thriving place. The fire was discovered at 3 o'clock, and is supposed to have originated in the Temple hardware store. The fire apparatus was wholly inadequate, and the flames quickly spread to adjoining buildings. The citizens worked heroically to stay the progress of the fiery elements, but it was not until 6 o'clock this morning that the flames were under control. Ten buildings were consumed, including the Laird house, Temple's hardware store, the old Press office, Caleb Starks' dwelling and four stores. The Laird house was the largest and finest hotel in Greensburg. It was of brick, four stories in height and finely furnished. The guests were sound asleep when the fire started and many of them barely escaped from the building in their night clothes. The loss is \$100,000; insurance, \$50,000.

A Residence Burned.

GAINEVILLE, TEX., Dec. 29.—The residence of George Tatum, situated in the cross timbers east of here, was destroyed by fire yesterday, together with all his household goods, kitchen utensils, provisions, etc. The loss is about \$2000.

DENISON.

A Circulating Library—That Arson Case Sent for Five Years.

DENISON, TEX., Dec. 29.—The Woman's Christian Temperance union of this city have decided to open and maintain a public reading-room and circulating library after the holidays. The case of the State vs. John Lee, indicted for arson, is set for to-morrow and about twenty witnesses will again go to Sherman in answer to as many summons. W. W. Barberick, who forged the name of Joseph Rose to an order on A. R. Collins on which he drew money, has been sentenced to five years in the pen.

Silver Lead Baking Powder.

Never falls when the directions are followed, hence there is never a word of complaint heard against it. The next best thing is to make as good bread with it as the professional baker, simply because its ingredients are so compounded as to make failure impossible when the directions are followed. A trial is all that is necessary to make it indispensable to all well-regulated households.

Indications.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—1 A. M.—For Texas: Fair weather, followed by rain, southerly winds, slightly warmer.

THE CITY.

AT REST.

Done With the Harshness of his Life. "Cap" Lee Crosses to the Other Shore. At 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon, J. L. Lee, better known as "Cap" Lee, breathed his last. He was stricken with paralysis at 1 p. m., Tuesday evening, and was taken to the Liddell hotel, where kind-hearted friends did all that was possible to make his last hours peaceful. The stricken man was unable to speak intelligibly after the blow had fallen, and so passed tranquilly away to the great beyond.

But "Cap" Lee dreaded not death. He had faced it out, with all the gallantry and chivalry of a knight of old to whom fear was an unknown word. He was a North Carolinian by birth. Going to Shreveport he joined the Confederate service, when the civil war broke out, as a member of the Caddo Fusiliers, Sixteenth Louisiana regiment, and made a noble record. Men who served with him bear testimony to-day that in all the Southern army there was no braver man than J. L. Lee, none nobler loved, none freer from blame. So heroically did he conduct himself that he was promoted on the field of battle to the lieutenantcy of his company.

He was afterwards employed on the Caddo Gazette, of which Mr. Robert Lowe, now manager of the Galveston News, was part owner. Drifting to Texas he has worked on numerous papers and was widely known as a skilled compositor. Everybody knew him in Fort Worth, as he has lived here off and on for many years, and everybody knew that he had been better days; and the hearts of those who knew him best went out in sympathy for the man whom they knew had never in the tenderness of a chivalric nature, harmed any being save himself.

He will be buried by the Typographical union of this city, of which he was a member, at 4 o'clock to-day, in the new cemetery. Over in the realms of the unseen and unknowable, whether his spirit has fled, may there be peace for the soul of "Cap" Lee.

THIEVING TRAMPS.

They Make a Grand Raid on the Butcher, but are Run Down.

Yesterday morning more than one butcher in Fort Worth bewailed the loss of a quarter of beef or a "whole hog" that had been feloniously made way with. The aforesaid butchers have a way of leaving carcasses hanging suspended from hooks in front of their shops, for the purpose of preservation. That they present a peculiarly tempting appearance to a hungry man, can't be doubted, and if the h. m. is not set in the firmest fashion of integrity, what likelier event than for him to abstract a fat, juicy looking piece of flesh? There were some robberies of this kind that occurred some time ago, and the remaining indignities of policemen and night-watchmen are the prohibitory factors. But the fear of neither of these operated to hold back a couple of tramps who, without mentioning the matter to Louis Stein, lifted a mutton of exceeding fatness from Temple Place to the "we sma hours."

Neither did they consent Kemper & Miller on Main street, between Twelfth and Thirteenth, as to the price of a generous section of a beef steer and an entire porker which the firm had swung to the breeze early that evening. The same informality was displayed in their conduct towards M. H. Walters, a Houston-street butcher, who later in the day charged up a couple of bovine carcasses to profit and loss.

The news of such sans souci proceedings quickly reached the ears of Erwin, Fulford and Rice, a trio of as vigilant cops as ever served a city faithfully (for \$60 a month, less a discount of \$9 for cash). A hard-looking customer named Dougherty was encountered near Joseph H. Brown's as he was staggering along under a heavy burden of pilloined beef. He was locked up with the usual lie in his mouth about having got the meat of some other fellow. At Bill Love's, a colored tough, who runs a saloon in the Half Acre, another lot was captured. He brought it, he said, from a fellow named Thompson, who was shortly found and sent to keep tramp No. 1 company. The pair will make good recruits to the road working gang, should the county commissioners see fit to adopt the system.

MISMANAGEMENT.

Another Voice in Condemnation of the Water-Works Management.

FORT WORTH, TEX., Dec. 29. The letters of Mr. George H. Chase and Mr. Philip Hale, in THE GAZETTE and Mail, respectively, called attention to a nuisance that is an outrage on the people of Fort Worth. That nuisance is the present administration of the water works. By an accident of political fortune (or shall I say misfortune?) some man has been given control of the water-works who seems to imagine that his principal business is to harass the men who are taxed to pay for the water-works, and who as such tax-payers, are the real owners of that property. His notion in regard to his relations to the tax-payers and water-users of this city appears to be that he is a high and mighty "boss" and they but his creatures, who are allowed to use the public water by his gracious sufferance. I can recall an instance where a business firm of this city was temporarily disabled by having the water cut off that they used in running their machinery. It was done because the water was allowed to run in the privy vault, which was necessary to keep it clean. Without waiting to hear an explanation the water was stealthily cut off, and to the appeals and protests of the victim answer was made that it might be turned on next day, when they got time to attend to it. In the meantime the machinery of the establishment was stopped and business brought to a standstill. The people of Fort Worth have not forgotten that it was through the inability of this administration that the city is now deprived of a revenue of \$250 a month from the Texas & Pacific railroad, lost by the manager of the railroad, water-works having made a "mistake," as he terms it, in trying to compel the railway company to pay more. He afterwards made himself contemptible, as well as ridiculous, by soliciting the Texas & Pacific company to continue using water at the same rate that they were paying when he made his "mistake," and cut them off. Any deficit caused by such mismanagement will have to be made good by the tax-payers of the city. It is such things as these that make the people of Fort Worth indignant, that a

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Two Heavy-Weight Iron-Workers Fight Twenty-One Rounds With Bare Knuckles.

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A Bloody Prize Fight.

PITTSBURG, PA., Dec. 29.—A bare-knuckle prize fight between two heavy-weight iron-workers, named Baker and White, took place on the banks of the Allegheny river in the Tenth ward at an early hour this morning. Twenty-one rounds were fought, resulting in the defeat of White. The mill lasted forty-five minutes, and was pronounced one of the bloodiest battles ever fought in this vicinity.

Contest Between Middleweights.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL., Dec. 29.—Meyer and Daly, two middle-weights from St. Louis, had a fight near Bloomington last night. Daly was knocked out. No details have been obtained.

DAILY-MEYER FIGHT.

STREATOR, ILL., Dec. 29.—A fierce prize fight occurred between Charles Daly of St. Louis and Billy Meyer of Streator, Ill., at Woodford, a small station on the Illinois Central railroad, at a late hour last night. The fight was for \$500 a side and gate receipts, to the finish. From the first to the tenth round Daly tried to wind Meyer, hardy attempting to strike him in the face, but finding this of no avail, he changed his tactics and tried to get in a knock-out blow. In the fifteenth round, Daly hit Meyer a terrific blow between the eyes, but Meyer came to the scratch on time. Both were covered with blood and their eyes were almost swelled shut, but they came to time at the call and hard fighting was the rule until the thirty-second round, when Meyer struck Daly a powerful blow on the neck, which spun him around like a top, and he fell with outstretched arms on the floor, from which he was unable to rise at the call of time. The fight was given to Meyer. Daly had the advantage both in weight and height, weighing 146 and Meyer 140 pounds. A forfeit has been pinned for a fight between Meyer and Tommy Warren.

THE MAN FROM DIXIE.

Editor Grady Lined for the Speech at the New England Dinner.

New York, Dec. 24.—Ever since Mr. Grady, editor of the Atlanta Constitution, made his speech at the New England society's dinner at Deimonico's Wednesday night he has been the lion of the hour. On the morning following the speech he received an ovation at the Fifth Avenue. Miles Standish, lineal descendant of the Standish celebrated by the poet Longfellow, was among the first to shake Mr. Grady by the hand, and expressed his admiration both for the sentiment and the spirit of his speech. To a reporter Mr. Grady said: "I was totally unprepared for the warm reception that greeted me when I arose to speak. When I saw members standing in their chairs and waving their napkins I could scarcely find my voice to speak. The enthusiasm warmed me up, and I caught the spirit of the occasion. I changed some parts of my speech, or rather interpolated freely. Mr. Talmage described the Northern troops returning home, so I concluded to draw the other picture. He said we had no typical Americans, and I described President Lincoln as such, for in my opinion he was the best and purest type. In these two instances my speech was entirely different from what I expected to deliver. The New Englanders have as much enthusiasm as the Southerners. A Southern audience could not have been as demonstrative. They say 'hear, hear' and 'Good, good' during a speech, which you never heard from a Southern audience. I shall not accuse the New Englander hereafter of being cold and paucific."

EL PASO.

School Trustees Elected—A Lady Runs Well.

EL PASO, TEX., Dec. 29.—An election for school trustees was held to-day and resulted in the success of L. B. Frouden-thal, W. B. Brock and J. S. McKinney. Mrs. J. P. Dieter, the wife of the agent of a St. Louis brewery, and a most worthy lady, was voted for and ran well, standing fourth in a list of nine candidates. Clearing Sale. From and after this date we make our usual reduction in all kinds of fall and winter dry goods, clothing, shoes and hats, men's and ladies' furnishing goods, for the purpose of clearing out to make ready for spring goods, and yet the Texas winter is all ahead of us.

THOMAS FAIRLY.

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