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Capital City Letter

Austin, Texas, Dec. 1.—For the past several months there there appears to have been a growing belief that a separation of the Agricultural and Mechanical College from the State University will operate for the best interests of both institutions. During the past week a joint meeting of the University regents and the board of directors of the A. & M. College to discuss the matter and determine if it be advisable to ask for a constitutional amendment to effect this end. The meeting was held behind closed doors and the decision, if any was reached, has been withheld from the public.

It is the sincere belief of many of the alumni of both institutions and leading educators of the state that a separation of the University and College would be best, and others are equally sincere in holding that a division of its interests would result in a division of strength and prove disastrous to educational interests. Many go further and insist that the two should be brought closer together, that the college should be moved from College Station and be located at Austin and become in fact a college annex of the University. It is probable that this question will become an issue in the next few years.

There appears to be a feeling in some quarters that the state ranger service has outlived its time and should be abolished. It is difficult to say just what it does perform that is not required of all the peace officers of the state, and except as river guards along the Mexican border to prevent smuggling, especially of live stock, they are thought by many to serve no good end.

When first organized they kept down Indian raids and were useful because their authority was equal in all counties of the state, but there appears to be no need now for such a wide range. The ranger has become unpopular at many points in the state, first at Brownsville, when negro soldiers attempted to shoot up the town and the rangers clashed with the sheriff and his officers; at various points in East Texas; at San Antonio, where they went on special service thought to have been instigated by the governor; at Amarillo, where they clashed with the other peace officers; and recently at Galveston. They may have been in the right in every instance, but have not found favor.

The penitentiary investigating committee has completed its labors and made its report to the governor. In it they make no recommendation as a committee for a called session of the legislature, but in another communication to the governor they, as citizens, express the belief that the matter of penitentiary reforms should be considered at a special session. Senator Claude Hudspeth signs a minority report in which he urges the governor to call a special session. So far as the governor has permitted his intentions to become known, it is certain that he will not convene the legislature in extraordinary session, not being persuaded that any reforms are needed that require immediate legislative action. It is probable that the governor will at once investigate charges of cruelty and abuse brought against certain penitentiary officials and guards and deal out punishment as heavy as possible upon the offenders. He will probably fol-

low the suggestions in such other ways as appear to him practicable and necessary.

The state printing board has taken the stand that it will not buy any more supplies for the state manufactured by concerns which have no permit to do business in the state.

Christmas Goods Arriving

The Big Springs stores that offer toys and holiday goods for sale are fast filling up with new goods. The toy stores are already attracting the children who are trying their best to solve the problem how Santa Claus can bring to them some of the many things they see on the counter and shelves.

There are many new kinds of toys this year that show the ingenuity of the toy makers in a way which demonstrates that they are right up to snuff. There are new styles of dolls, electrical machines and all those things that go to make the hearts of the American boys and girls happy on Christmas morn.

Probably Originated in a Jug.

What appeared to be a mammoth star, the size of a washtub, as it was graphically described by one of the observers, was seen at the Door Key ranch, south of this city, about 8:30 o'clock Tuesday evening. The news was phoned into San Angelo immediately, but before observations could be made the heavenly marauder had descended to the horizon and disappeared.—San(d) Angelo Standard.

A Knotty Problem

That Big Springs judge who has to decide whom the watermelon belongs to when it grows on Smith's vine which pokes through the fence and bears its fruit on Jones' farm, is in for a task that would call for the judgment of a Solomon. The judiciary waits with baited breath for a decision, and if the Big Springs man doesn't render it soon we shall be forced to call upon the Hon. E. H. Watson, J. P., of El Paso, who is not afraid to tackle anything.—El Paso Herald.

Big Springs has a justice of the peace in whose sober judgment the people have utmost confidence, and whose decision they calmly await with (un)baited breath.

See The Gem City Furniture Co. for new line of matings; some good patterns and very best quality.

Railroad Notes

Surveyors of the Frisco road are in the field running a line northwest from Brady to some point, presumably San Angelo. It is evident the Frisco is going to get into the Santa Fe's territory somewhere, and it may be headed for the South Plains by way of Big Springs.

The Santa Fe has chartered a branch line under the name of the Concho, San Saba & Llano Valley, to run north and south from San Angelo. The northern line is described as originating at San Angelo and building northwest through Tom Green, Coke, Sterling, Glasscock and Martin counties to a point about fifteen miles westerly from the northwest corner of Martin county and thence northerly through Dawson, touching Lamesa, the county seat, through Lynn county to a connection with the Pecos & Northern Railroad about five miles from the northeast corner of Lubbock county, a total distance of 218 miles. Tahoka, county seat of Lynn county, is sure to be touched.

The charter of the Concho & Colorado Ry. Co. has been approved and filed. The company proposes to build a line of railroad from Colorado to Tennyson, and is capitalized at \$500,000. The road will touch Robert Lee, the county seat of Coke county, and be sixty miles in length.

United Charities

The United Charities met at the Y. M. C. A. Hall Wednesday, Dec. 1st, with a good attendance. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Mrs. S. H. Morrison.

A report of committees was called for by the president and the committee to draft by-laws for the organization responded, and that their work was satisfactory was attested by the fact that the constitution and by-laws were adopted as written by a unanimous vote of the society.

Mrs. Notestine, chairman of the investigating committee, reported one worthy cause that her committee had investigated and called on the society to aid, which they readily did. It was decided that this committee should use the funds allowed in each case to purchase such articles as were needed and it would be the rule of this society to not promise cash in any case, but merchandise such as the case might require.

Mrs. Westerman, chairman of the soliciting committee, stated that her committee was at work, but had nothing definite to report so far.

Brethren Morris, Bledsoe and Heron were present and each gave encouraging and appropriate talks endorsing the work of the organization and very cheerfully offered to render any assistance they could to help further the aims of the society, which was very much appreciated by the entire membership.

The offering of \$32.00 taken at the union Thanksgiving service was turned over to the treasury of U. C., to be appropriated where they find it is most needed, and was thankfully received by the association.

It was decided the United charities would have its regular meetings the first Wednesday in each alternate month.

After a song the meeting adjourned to meet at the Y. M. C. A. Hall the first Wednesday in February, 1910.

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The Rain.

The heaviest rain that has fallen here in eighteen months began falling Saturday and continued at intervals until late Monday afternoon. At times it rained very hard, but most of the time the fall was slow and steady, just the kind of rain to put a good season in the ground. The total precipitation was 3.54 inches.

Reports show that the rain covered a large area of West Texas; in the panhandle and the extreme western part snow fell to a depth of several inches. This rain will be of great benefit to this part of Texas. Besides replenishing the water supply it will enable the farmers to do their fall plowing and get ready for planting another crop.

J. C. Baumgarten leaves tonight for Toyah to engage in business. Mr. Baumgarten expresses his regret at having to leave our city, but his business interests will be in our midst as heretofore in charge of Mrs. Baumgarten, who for the past three years has been an assistant in the undertaking business and is thoroughly acquainted with all details of the business.

The foot ball team was most pleasantly entertained by the members of the Senior Class of the High School at the residence of R. C. Coffee Friday night. Games and merry conversation were indulged in until a late hour and all went away declar-

ing that they had enjoyed themselves immensely.

Hot or cold drinks at Reagan's fountain.

C. D. Ambrose and wife, late of Deming, N. M., arrived Tuesday evening and will make their home here. Mr. Ambrose owns some valuable property here and will engage in business later.



Where are You Going, My Pretty Maid

"I'm going to feed my cows," she said. "'Tis fresh and nutritious, from Morris' store, and they give more milk than ever before. They're sleek, too, and fatter, the best of their breed. There's nothing the matter with Morris' alfalfa feed."

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Good Goods—Quick Service—Satisfaction

Just Nineteen Shopping Days

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BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS

Mr. Thomas Lipton goes on hoping in the blindest way.

Wheat and cotton are doing considerable availing this fall.

Keep the windows open and let the pneumonia germ die of fresh air.

Halley's comet is nothing if not punctual. It is in fact four months ahead of time.

A king can wear gold lace and put on lots of lug, but that don't make him dynamite-proof.

Mars being 15,000,000 miles away its poles are discovered with ease by rocking chair explorers.

With a very decided increase in his monthly income Uncle Sam is feeling in fine spirits these days.

Treatment for the hookworm: Take it north of the eighty-sixth parallel and leave it outdoors all winter.

An inventor who should solve the clothes problem for the changeable fall weather would be a wonder.

Scientists who insist that there is no life on Mars have no respect for the feelings of some popular novelists.

They will open the rebchstag with kings or better. The king of Prussia and emperor of Germany will be there.

It has been demonstrated that it is possible to hold automobile races without killing people, but generally less care is exercised.

A Nevada man placed a stick of giant powder in his mouth with suicidal intent. A coroner's jury agreed that he made a success of it.

American packers report that meat prices probably will not be lowered. Ye who partake of a vegetarian diet lift up your hearts and rejoice!

A New York-state farmer of 84 has just married his fourth wife, which is another proof that Sly Dan Cupid is no respecter of persons or ages.

King Tonso suffers from sleeplessness. Trying to snooze over a powder magazine, which may blow up any minute, is a mighty hard job.

A Los Angeles mad has killed \$500,000 to a woman who flitted him. Being chivalrous he did not explain that as left it as an evidence of his gratitude.

The house of lords shows signs of yielding to popular opinion, which shows that the old theorist was right who persisted that "the world do move."

The Halley comet now is as brilliant as stars of the thirteenth magnitude. But that, we are informed by a casual observer, is not so blamed brilliant.

The Chicago man who has settled \$15,000 a year on his wife and daughter as pin money has set an example that most married men will promptly decline to follow.

The late-storm deposited 16 inches of snow in Winnipeg and the railroads had to bring out snowplows to clear their tracks. And yet Canada objects to being called "Our Lady of the Snows."

French duels are not lacking in danger. Either principal is likely to catch his death of cold by going to the field of honor early in the morning and generally without a bit of breakfast.

A joint army and navy board is about to take up the subject of constructing fortifications for the defense of the Panama canal. This forebodes the completion of the waterway and gives assurance that, while Uncle Sam will maintain the waterway as a highway of commerce for all nations, he will also guard it against attack.

King Alfonso of Spain is in high glee. The Hídalgo has vanquished the Moors. If the Moors had vanquished the Hídalgo Alfonso's crown would not have been worth 30 cents to the royal family. Barcelona and other republican provinces are ripe for revolt and the anarchists have been busy manufacturing bombs for years and years.

Mr. Wilbur Wright declares that within two or three years the aeroplane will be practically available for business journeys. The ordinary life of the world will then be almost as completely revolutionized as it was by the introduction of the telephone or by the epoch of steam travel, which has just been celebrated. There is apparently no limit to what the end of this remarkable century will see in the way in which men will accept as matters of course things which now seem impossible miracles.

Probably the most grewsome business complaint on record is that of the coffinmakers in convention in Cincinnati, who lament that the increased cost of living makes it hard on them that people should be allowed to die so cheaply.

Physicians are endeavoring to abolish the London cuff at the bottom of trousers. It gathers dampness and is a prolific source of colds. But the physicians cannot abolish it unless they first introduce some other form of London nonsense.

TAFT'S FINANCIAL VIEW

PORTION OF PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE HAS BEEN COMPLETED RECEIPTS WILL IMPROVE.

INTERNAL REVENUE BOOMING

\$299,569,000 of Panama Canal Bonds Authorized But Not Yet Issued.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The financial portion of the President's message has been completed. It was taken up at some length at yesterday's session of the Cabinet. The Panama Canal bond situation and other features engaged close attention.

Yesterday's figures show a working balance in the treasury of \$26,533,680, though the total balance in the general fund, which includes this working balance in the treasury offices, the balance in banks and in the treasury of the Philippine Islands and other details is placed at \$82,079,472.

Yesterday's excess of all disbursements over all receipts is \$252,747, but the excess of all disbursements over all receipts so far this fiscal year is only \$44,295,956 as against \$94,772,395 for the same period in the previous fiscal year.

The internal revenue receipts are booming. Upward of \$25,000,000 for the current fiscal year is expected from the corporation tax and the estimates for the various departments of the Government have been heavily cut.

As to the Panama bond mentioned in the discussion there are \$299,569,000 of these bonds authorized, but not yet issued.

The sum of \$97,069,649 represents the balance expended out of the general fund of the treasury reimbursable from proceeds of bonds not yet sold. While existing laws authorize \$375,200,980 in Panama bonds, only \$84,631,980 have ever been issued.

Old War Claim Allowed.

Washington: The case of Louis Hubert against the city of New Orleans, involving a claim by Hubert of \$123,475 as receiver of the old Metropolitan Police Board, in reconstruction days following the Civil War, was decided by the Supreme Court of the United States favorably to Hubert, the decision of the Supreme Court of Louisiana being reversed. Hubert asked for a writ of mandamus compelling the city to levy a special tax for collection of the money with which to pay the judgment for the amount involved.

Switchmen Strike in Northwest.

St. Paul, Minn.: After fifteen days of negotiations between the Switchmen's Union of North America and the joint committee of railroad managers, representing thirteen railroads of the Northwest, a strike involving 2,300 switchmen became effective at 6 o'clock Tuesday night. The men engaged in the strike are employed by the various railroads running west and north of St. Paul from Lake Superior to the Pacific Coast, and unless speedily settled will mean a serious interruption to traffic.

Report of Epileptic Colony.

Austin: The annual report of Dr. T. B. Bass, superintendent of the State Epileptic Colony at Abilene, was received by the Governor Tuesday and shows that institution to be in a satisfactory condition. On Sept. 1, 1908, there were 310 patients in the institution and a total of 157 were admitted during the ensuing twelve months, 24 were discharged improved, 18 died and 251 in the institution on Aug. 31, 1909.

Postal Increase 22 Per Cent.

Dallas: Receipts at the Dallas post office for November, according to the records of Chief Clerk W. Bruce Luna, reached \$54,585.57. For the same month of 1908 the total was \$44,832.95. The increase is \$9,752.62, or 22 per cent.

November Vital Statistics.

Dallas: Vital statistics for Dallas County, as compiled for the month of November by Porter Cochran, show that the number of births was more than double the number of deaths.

\$10,000 Land Deal at Denton.

Denton: Another \$10,000 land deal was closed here Tuesday when Abe Reynolds purchased the 285-acre farm of G. P. Davis, ten miles north of this city, in the Green Valley community for \$10,000.

Col. Thos. J. Martin Dead.

Austin: Col. Tom J. Martin, brother-in-law of Judge Ed R. Kone and brother of Judge W. W. Martin of Odessa, Tex., died in Los Angeles, Cal., Tuesday. The remains will be brought to Austin.

International Live Stock Show.

Chicago: Nine thousand fat cattle, fat horses, fat sheep and well-rounded pigs made their bow to the public at Dexter Pavilion in the Union Stock Yards, where the tenth International Live Stock Show opened Saturday.

Large Cargo of Coffee.

New Orleans: The Ocean Prince, from Santos, Brazil, carrying 120,000 bags of coffee, the largest single cargo of the "bean" ever received at this port, arrived Tuesday.

NEWS FROM OVER TEXAS

As the result of burns received Tuesday, Miss Lila Robertson died in Mexia Friday.

Col. F. H. Wood, one of the early settlers and best known citizens of Hill county, died Friday near Vaughan, aged 81 years.

H. J. Jones was killed by the accidental discharge of his shotgun while passing through a wire fence near his home at Red Oak, Thursday afternoon.

Much excitement has been occasioned at Mineral Wells by the big gas strike on the Henry Belding ranch, twenty-two miles west of here, Friday.

After eating the heads of twenty-five matches the baby daughter of William A. Parker, living south of Texhoma, Okla., died Sunday from the poison.

Lee Dunham and Robert Dunham, brothers, well known in Harris and Chambers Counties, were shot to death about 9 o'clock Saturday morning in Houston.

L. R. Shugart, a diversifying farmer of the Hutto community, Tuesday brought into Taylor a wagon load of turkeys for which he received \$90 in cash.

The estate of "Lucky" Baldwin, of San Francisco, popularly supposed to have been worth \$20,000,000, has been found by appraisal to amount to \$10,500,000.

A total eclipse of the moon began at 2:11 o'clock Saturday morning, lasting until 5:28 o'clock. The eclipse was visible in all parts of North America, Central America and South America.

While playing with a gun at his home near Faulkner, Okla., Wednesday, the 8-year-old son of J. E. Jenkins accidentally shot and killed his sister, 6 years old.

Sam Davidson, Census Supervisor of the Ft. Worth district, has decided not to restrict his appointments of enumerators to men, but to consider the applications of women.

A car load of machinery has arrived to be used for the manufacture of concrete building blocks in the factory to be established in Marlin by Messrs. Cherry and Holler.

The weather in Jones County for the past week has been ideal. The farmers in this section are now getting out cotton rapidly and are gathering and housing feed.

The British steamer Manaton, Capt. H. A. Motyer, from Liverpool via Rio Janeiro, reached Galveston Thursday, giving the first news of the death of two firemen who were scalded to death Oct. 1.

Rev. Dr. P. Kiefer, aged 76 years, a pioneer of Texas and for forty years a Baptist minister, formerly engaged in missionary work in Germany, England and Russia, died in Abilene Thursday.

The brickwork on the east wing of the main building of the North Texas Insane Asylum at Terrell, which was damaged by collapsing, has been completed and the woodwork is now being done.

At a citizens' mass meeting held in Mineral Wells Friday, \$21,500 was raised to apply against the \$60,000 bonus for the building in here of the Fort Worth, Springtown and Mineral Wells Interurban.

The corpse of Miss Annie Garrett, aged 19 years, was brought to Laredo on the Texas Mexican road from her home Thursday. Her death was the result of a gunshot wound in the breast accidentally fired by her young brother.

The customs authorities in El Paso seized 400 cans of opium alleged to have been smuggled, valued at \$7,000, Tuesday. No arrests were made. Within the last month more than \$20,000 worth of smuggled opium has been seized at El Paso.

Cotton is selling on the streets in Cisco at 14.10c. Total number of bales received at the compress to date this season 12,568, being about half the amount received last year at this time. Frost has killed the bolls and so top crop is expected.

A dispatch received from Bluefields, Nicaragua, Friday, reassures the United States as to whether American interests or American citizens are being interfered with by the revolutionary army. In effect, the dispatch states great care is being exercised to protect American interests.

Congressman David A. De Armond, with his grandson, David A. De Armond III, was burned to death in a fire which destroyed the historic De Armond mansion in Butler, Mo., Tuesday morning.

The J. J. Addington Cotton Company at Childress Saturday purchased 183 bales of Farmers' Union cotton from Motley County Farmers' Union and paraded Main street with forty wagons. The cotton was sold to the highest bidder, and brought 23.50c middling basis. Nearly all graded about middling. About \$60,000 was paid.

In the Dallas County jail are 104 prisoners, a number somewhat under the average. Deportation of Chinese confined there and dismissed and judgment in several cases in the Criminal District Court have reduced the jail inmates to the present number.

The gold mines of the United States produced \$4,660,000 worth of the precious metal during 1908, according to the United States Geological Survey and the Bureau of Mines, which have co-operated in preparing an analysis of the reports from private refiners and Federal mints and assay offices.

EVENTS BOILED DOWN

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN HAPPENINGS SERVED UP IN ATTRACTIVE STYLE.

NOTHING GOOD GOT AWAY

Everything Important That Could Be Confined to a Small Space is Here Found.

The Richmond and Bond Cotton Seed Oil Mill was destroyed by fire at Hickman, Ky., Thursday. Loss estimated at \$100,000.

A total of \$30,000 has been used out of the appropriation of \$100,000 made by the Thirty-first Legislature to meet emergency deficiencies.

The number of Uncle Sam's employees is increasing, the grand total at present being approximately 370,065, as against 306,141 in 1907.

After an illness which had lasted for more than three months, W. C. Padgett, for years one of the foremost business men in North Texas died Thursday at his home in Dallas.

The Young Men's Christian Association of Ennis has inaugurated a system of night school for the benefit of working young men.

Harry Corti of Marshall is growing some big lemons from a baby tree at his home in that city. The lemon is one of large variety and called "Wonderous."

The upper Panhandle was Sunday night in the grip of the most severe snow blizzard of the year. A norther struck there Saturday night about 9 o'clock.

While hunting quails in the brush on Salado Creek, near San Antonio, Thursday, Fred Basesberg, aged 25 years, was accidentally shot and probably fatally wounded by his brother-in-law.

In a street duel with knives at Albia, Arkansas, a town located near Little Rock, Saturday, Miss Nora Owens was fatally injured by Miss Stella Belk, and died within a few minutes after the cutting.

Ed Pingenot, a commission merchant and agent for the Waters-Pierce Oil Company at Eagle Pass, was crushed to death Monday while passing between a string of freight cars. He leaves a widow and six children.

Engineer W. J. Scott and Conductor J. H. Foreman of the Katy were seriously but not fatally injured Monday when an extra train in their charge, crashed into the rear of a freight train standing on the main line at Whitesboro.

Andrew Wilson and Thomas Smith, who were entombed in the Harrisburg Southern mines at Eldorado, Ill., Friday night, were killed by the gas explosion which caused the accident. Owing to the heat it was not possible to recover their bodies before Saturday.

Too much publicity spoiled for the present plans for the third marriage of Mrs. Beattie Speck Williams Larum, aged 19, an intended Thanksgiving event. The girl was divorced Monday in Probate Court from her second husband, Edward Larum, and through a newspaper reporter confided to the public that she intended to be married at once to Benjamin Hill, who had been a boarder at her parents' home and had advanced money to pay for the divorce proceedings.

The Railroad Commission at Austin, Monday, issued an order directing the railroads entering Dallas to provide a union depot. This is the first order made under the new law which authorizes the commission to require the establishment of union depots. The order does not indicate the probable cost of the structure, nor where it shall be located in Dallas. It requires that plans shall be submitted by April 1, 1910, and that the structure be completed by March 1, 1911.

Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh and Commissioner of Internal Revenue Cabell reported to President Taft Friday that the corporation tax regulations are complete and ready for the printer. The latest estimates indicate the tax will produce a net revenue approximating \$25,000,000 annually, and that 122,000 corporations are likely to have to pay corporation taxes.

The heavy rains continue in Panama. No trains running between Colon and Panama, as most of the tracks are flooded. In some places they are three and four feet under water.

A dispatch from Lind, Wash., says: Three trainmen dead, two others believed to be fatally injured, five out of six cars on a Great Northern passenger train completely destroyed, but every passenger safe, is the summing up of the wreck which occurred on the Southern.

Greece and Canoe, the two Americans executed by order of President Sclayva, of Nicaragua, held commissions in the insurgent army, according to advices received here Thursday from Bluefields. These dispatches state that the State Department has been notified of this fact.

Higher salaries for the thousands of clerks grown gray in the Government service in Washington, is urged upon Congress in the annual report of the retiring State Treasurer, Charles H. Frost.

Chief Justice W. J. Mills of the New Mexico Supreme Court has been appointed Governor of the Territory to succeed George Curry, resigned.

Kansas farm products for 1909 aggregate in value \$92,428,363, a gain of \$67,440,414 over last year, according to the report of F. B. Colburn of the State Board of Agriculture.

FORNEY IS CELEBRATING THE COMING IN OF A FINE ARTESIAN WELL, WHICH WILL SET THE WATER FOUNTAIN FOR THAT CITY.

Burlington, Iowa, Monday adopted the commission plan of city government by a vote of 2,823 to 1,265.

All indications point to a majority of between 18,000 and 20,000 in Alabama against the prohibition constitutional amendment voted on in that state Monday.

Jesse Beatty, aged 19 years, son of M. P. Beatty of Irene, was killed near his home about noon Saturday by the accidental discharge of a shotgun in his own hands.

Prime steamed lard sold in Chicago Monday at the highest price in thirty-four years, or since April and May of 1875. November lard closed at \$14.12 1/2 per 100 pounds.

The North Texas conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, concluded the labors of its forty-third annual session Monday in Paris, and adjourned at noon.

The Philadelphia National League Baseball Club was sold Friday to a syndicate of which Horace S. Fogel of this city is the head. The price paid by the new owners is said to have been \$350,000.

Richard C. Kerens of Missouri is reported probably will be appointed Ambassador to Vienna. Mr. Kerens' friends, who have taken an active interest in his candidacy, believe that he will receive the appointment.

About 7 o'clock Tuesday morning fire was discovered in the rear of Wallace Lancy's blacksmith shop in Mart, which quickly spread to the Reeves boarding house, Copeland's feed store and other buildings, doing damage of \$5,000.

Ferdinand Van Bruyssel, a banker of Montreal and Quebec, arrived in San Antonio Wednesday in his automobile. He is en route to the Brownsville country. He is making the trip in easy stages studying conditions as he goes along.

One of the greatest railroad deals ever consummated in the East is now said to be on between the Chesapeake and Ohio and the Virginian Railroad, whereby the Chesapeake and Ohio is to take over all the holdings of the Virginia road.

The Missouri, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad has let the contract for its bridge, 1,100 feet long, across Red River, to be constructed near Carpenter's Bluff, seven miles east of Denison. The bridge is to be completed June 1, 1910.

The incessant downpour of rain since Nov. 10, in Porto Rico, has caused heavy damage to property throughout the island. The rivers are raging torrents, overflowing the country. The rain, however, was accompanied by only a light wind.

Dr. Bruckmann and Hugo Francke, two of the most daring members of the Aero Club of Berlin, were killed through the collapse of their balloon, the Kolmar. Their bodies were found Saturday near Flume, Austria-Hungary.

Nine thousand fat cattle, fat horses, fat sheep and well-rounded pigs made their bow to the public Saturday at Dexter Pavilion in the Union Stock Yard, Chicago, where the tenth International Live Stock Show opened Saturday.

In an address before an audience made up of people of fashion in New York Saturday, S. S. McClure, magazine editor, declared that there are no less than 10,000 owners of so-called "white slaves" living in New York.

It is said on high authority that not only will there be no bond issue for waterway improvements, but that there will be no rivers and harbors bill in the sense of a \$30,000,000 or \$50,000,000 appropriation by the coming Congress.

The membership of the First Baptist Church in Ennis are working up an interest so that Ennis will be an applicant for the location of the Baptist Orphanage proposed to be established by the Baptist Missionary Association of Texas.

Fire of unknown origin Thursday morning destroyed the three-story College, a negro institution in Marshall. The Court of Civil Appeals, First District of Texas, has handed down a decision affirming the judgment of the lower courts in the case of the Daughters of the Republic against Miss Adina De Zavala and her faction of the organization to oust them from control primarily of the Alamo and incidentally from official representation in the association. By the order of the higher court the De Zavala faction loses again.

According to the best authorities this year's cotton crop in Egypt will amount to something under 5,000,000 cantars, as compared with nearly 7,250,000 cantars in 1908.

Bannan Thomas, a negro, about 25 years old, was lynched at Shiversport Saturday evening by a mob of nearly 500 white men and boys for attempting assault upon little Jennie McKellean, 7-year-old girl.

A tornado which passed over Hamilton, Ohio, Monday afternoon, wrecked property to the amount of \$90,000, while barns and outbuildings in rural parts of the country were blown down.

A heavy loss of life is feared as the result of an explosion Thursday in a coal mine at Onocora, Fukushia Province, Japan. Fifteen men are known to have perished, while 225 miners are entombed in the works.

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The Exceptional Equipment

of the California Fig Syrup Co. and the scientific attainments of its chemists have rendered possible the production of Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna, in all of the excellence, by obtaining the pure medicinal principles of plants known to act most beneficially and combining them most skillfully, in the right proportions, with its wholesome and refreshing Syrup of California Figs.

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Smythe—Do you pay much for your coal?

Jones—Not a cent. I live near the railway line, and get my coal to make grimeaces at the engineers of all the trains as they pass.

Catarth Cannot Be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarth is a blood or venereal disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal medicine. Dr. J. C. Carter's Cure is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces. Dr. J. C. Carter's Cure is not a quick medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best French ingredients, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarth. Send for testimonials free. F. J. CHERRY, & Co., Props., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, price 75c. Take Dr. J. C. Carter's Cure for catarth.

Special Note from Atchison.

The engagement of Mr. Hiram Hardesty and Miss Suzette Stanley is announced. It occurred the other evening at 9:45 on the red sofa in Miss Stanley's parlor. The young lady was dressed in black, and wore no ornaments. She did not look unusually pretty, and what caused the young man's mental aberration is not known. Neither one could remember exactly what was said, and both admitted it was not the first time he kissed her. We print the details for the romantic young things who are always curious to know how an engagement is brought about.—Atchison Globe.

Purchasing Power.

A young gentleman of our acquaintance, who had just reached the age of six, was recently waiting with his mother for a train at a railway station, when he noticed a penny-in-the-slot weighing-machine. He asked his mother a great many questions about it, and at last received permission to drop in his penny and be weighed. Having obtained that important information, he said: "How much would I have weighed, mamma, if I had dropped in a dollar?"

The Darky's Idea of It.

A correspondent of the Walker County Messenger tells this one: "A darky was on trial in the criminal court last week on a charge of bigamy. After the jury has returned a verdict of guilty Judge McReynolds remarked: "The best I can do, Crum, is to give you the minimum." "Lordy, mercy me, judge, don't do dat! I'd rather go to the pen," said Crum.—Atlanta Constitution.

SECRET WORKERS

The Plan Upon Which Coffee Operates.

Coffee is such a secret worker that it is not suspected as the cause of sickness or disease, but there is a very sure way to find out the truth.

A lady in Memphis gives an interesting experience her husband had with coffee. It seems that he had been using it for some time and was an invalid.

The physician in charge shrewdly suspected that coffee was the "worm at the root of the tree," and ordered it discontinued with instructions to use Postum regularly in its place. The wife says: "We found that was the true remedy for his stomach and heart trouble and we would have gladly paid a hundred times the amount of the doctor's charge when we found how wise his judgment was."

"The use of Postum instead of coffee was begun about a year ago, and it has made my husband a strong, well man. He has gained thirty-five pounds in that time and his stomach and heart troubles have all disappeared."

"The first time I prepared it I did not boil it long enough and he said there was something wrong with it. Sure enough it did taste very flat, but the next morning I followed directions carefully, boiling it for fifteen minutes, and he remarked: 'This is better than any of the old coffee.'"

"We use Postum regularly and never tire of telling our friends of the benefits we have received from leaving off coffee."

Look for the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in page "There's a Reason." Buy from the stores listed. A new one appears from time to time. They are available, free, and full of human interest.

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Joe McGowen

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Staple and Fancy Groceries and Feed

Give us your next order. We can please you both in quality and price. Phone 330.

Produce Bought and Sold

Next Door South of McCamant Drug Co.

Local and Personal

J. M. Treadwell was in San Angelo Saturday.

Ramer's Chocolates at Biles & Gentry.

G. W. Cornell made a business trip to Lamesa last week.

We have just received a nice line of bibles. Biles & Gentry.

"Mound City Paints may cost a trifle more, but—! B. Reagan."

Dr. I. E. Smith, of Weatherford, spent Monday and Tuesday here.

E. M. Riley has sold his residence in the Hair Addition to Rev. O. G. Jones.

Your prescriptions will be filled correctly and priced right if taken to Reagan's.

A. D. Alderman returned yesterday from Ohio where he has been several months.

An elegant line of men's vests just received at A. P. McDonald & Co.

H. H. Hardin, of Stephenville, spent several days here this week.

Try a sack of wheat shorts for your cow. Get them at C. S. Wagon Yard.

The little daughter of J. Q. Kirby and wife fell out of the back gallery, Friday and broke one of her arms.

We have just received a nice line of Bishop's crystalized fruits. Biles & Gentry.

Go to The Gem City Furniture Co. for the Macey Sectional Book Case. Can get any style or finish.

Notice

For Sale—My horse and phaeton buggy. Dr. Baird.

Let us write your cotton insurance. The cost is small and the protection is great.

Hartzog & Coffee.

C. F. Morris has leased the Kennon building on the Corner of Main and Second streets and is putting in a stock of feed.

Fresh wheat shorts are fine cow feed. Sold at C. S. Wagon Yard.

Misses Viara, who have been the guests of their sister, Mrs. Puffenbach, for several weeks, have gone to Alpine, where they will spend the winter.

Freak Fruit Cake.

Many housewives would say fruit cake made without butter was a freak. The recipe below will, however, give you as rich, flavory a fruit cake as you ever tasted; yet there is no butter in it:

Mix four cups sifted pastry flour, one level teaspoon soda, two level teaspoons mixed spices (except cloves), one-fourth level teaspoon salt and two cups seeded and quartered raisins. Add also one-half cup nuts chopped fine, if you like. Blend one-half cup Cottolene with one cup brown sugar and one cup white sugar, add one cup molasses, one cup milk and then the flour mixture. Beat well and bake in two pans.

Cottolene is used exclusively by many housewives for all frying and shortening purposes.

The Pictorial theater added Vaudeville features this week and are giving a better show. Remember the Matinee tomorrow afternoon.

GO THE RESCUE

Don't Wait Till It's Too Late—Follow the Example of a Big Springs Citizen.

Rescue the aching back. It it keeps on aching, trouble comes. Backache is kidney ache.

If you neglect the kidneys' warning. Look out for urinary trouble—diabetes.

This Big Springs citizen will show you how to go to the rescue.

Theodore Scholz, Big Springs, Texas, says: "Doan's Kidney Pills cured me of a severe attack of kidney trouble after everything else had failed to give me relief. I could do very little work, as the result of a lame and aching back, and the kidney secretions were too frequent in passage, causing me much annoyance, especially at night. Doan's Kidney Pills, procured at J. L. Ward's Drug Store, rid me of my trouble, and I believe they will do the same for other sufferers."

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Hardware, Glass and Queensware, Wagons, Buggies, Plows, Windmills and water supply materials of all kinds is at our store. We can fit you up with any kind of galvanized sheet iron work from our own shop. :-: :-: :-:

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Let us frame your pictures for Christmas. New line of mouldings and matboards just in. Gem City Furniture Co.

All kinds of musical instruments at bargain prices at Reagan's Drug Store.

For Sale—Second-hand two-horse power Morse - Fairbanks gasoline engine, in use every day. Will be sold cheap. Call at this office and see it at work. 45tf

FOR SALE—Almost new Smith Premier typewriter, been used but little, will be sold at a bargain. Inquire at this office.

For Sale—One spring wagon will be sold cheap. Also one 22-caliber rifle good as new. Apply at this office.

Ladies Do Not Smoke

But surely their gentlemen friends, brothers or husbands do.

The holidays are drawing near, and if you are in doubt as to a proper present do not forget that we have in stock

A Very Fine Line of PIPES

at prices to satisfy all pocketbooks. In fact, we have everything in the smokers' line.

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Report of the Condition OF THE West Texas National Bank Charter No. 6668

The West Texas National Bank, at Big Springs, in the State of Texas, at the close of business, Nov. 16, 1909.

RESOURCES:	
Loans and Discounts	179,244 44
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	12,151 21
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	50,000 00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	1,000 00
Furniture and fixtures	2,658 15
Other real estate owned	14,838 52
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	3,159 26
Due from approved reserve agents	47,275 80
Checks and other cash items	2,559 35
Notes of other Nat'l Banks	4,271 00
Fractional paper, currency, nickels and cents	91 96
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	\$11,294 75
Legal tender notes	500 00
Due from U. S. Treasurer	2,500 00
Total	\$331,649 43

LIABILITIES:	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000 00
Surplus fund	50,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	7,982 78
Nat'l Bank notes outstanding	50,000 00
Due to other Nat'l Banks	4,462 58
Due to State and Private Banks and Bankers	5,398 66
Due to Trust Companies & Savings Banks	620 65
Individual deposits subject to check	162,443 10
Certified checks	15 00
Cashier's Cks Outstanding	181 56
Reserved for taxes	545 10
Total	\$331,649 43

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Howard, I, J. W. Shnell, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. J. W. SHNELL, Cashier. CORRECT—Attest: R. D. MATTHEWS, G. L. BROWN, J. D. BIRDWELL, Directors.

Coming

Dr. Aronson, expert optician, requests us to announce that he will positively arrive here on December 13th and remain a few days. All wanting glasses fitted or work in his line be sure to see him, at Biles & Gentry's Drug Store. 10-2t

Croup is most prevalent during the dry cold weather of the early winter months. Parents of young children should be prepared for it. All that is needed is a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Many mothers are never without it in their homes and it has never disappointed them. Sold by all druggists.

A BEAUTIFUL CHURCH BUILT FROM JUNK

An architectural anomaly, a beautiful building built from scrap material, is the product of the genius, energy and inspiration of an Omaha clergyman. When completed the First German Presbyterian church will present an edifice of stately and dignified beauty, yet all the material that goes into its construction is discarded junk gathered from every available source. It represents what can be accomplished by a few earnest, hard-working men under the leadership of a preacher full of enthusiasm and inspiring optimism.

When he first went to Omaha, three years ago, Rev. Julius F. Schwarz determined that his congregation should have a new church. The fact that the members numbered only 60 and the whole property of the corporation was about \$5,000 troubled him not at all, and he began to build with as much faith as if he had the riches of Solomon. His plan was to gather everywhere, whenever he could, all the old but strong timbers, all the iron junk available for structural use, all the loose and irregular stone and all the generally discarded building materials that could be found in Omaha and from them to build a church. It was not to be a mean and ugly house of worship, but a well-equipped, well arranged, ample meeting place for his people.

He has now extended it to include an 11-room house for his own family and the whole property would have cost \$30,000 if it had been built by contract. As built by Rev. Mr. Schwarz and his fellow laborers it will cost less than \$25,000. The other \$15,000 has been saved to his people by the perseverance, energy and ingenuity of the pastor.

The first charge that Mr. Schwarz took when he left the theological seminary was at Connersville, Ind. For six years he remained there and was called to Omaha three years ago on a recommendation from one of his instructors in the theological school. At that time the First German Presbyterian was a small frame church. As soon as the new pastor came he announced that the church was too small. To build a church with a membership of 60 seemed out of the question to all but the pastor. He thought he knew a way and he set about it with almost no support, at first, from the others.

For a year he sought for a suitable location and finally purchased the lot the new church is on for \$1,800. When he bought this tract the fund which he drew from amounted to \$57. His first move was to sell the old church for \$1,850. As soon as the lot was paid for he shouldered a spade, and replacing his ministerial dignity with a grim and effective energy he began to dig. The first thing that a church needed was a foundation. He had no money, but he could make the foundation himself, and that would be one step toward it.

He asked for contributions from friends outside of Omaha and waited for his own people to contribute voluntarily. The dollars came slowly, but they came with sufficient steadiness to assure him that he could make a few purchases for a start. While walking on the street one day he saw that in repairing the street the old curbs were being taken up. "These are good blocks," said the pastor-builder, and he bargained with the contractor to take them off his hands. That stone went into the foundation.

His next lot of material came when the wall that supported the yard of the old Rosewater residence was to be torn down. Men hired by Mr. Schwarz did the work and the brick and stone was taken out and put into the walls that were gradually rising on the church site. Some of his congregation began to contribute two or three days' work with teams in gathering material.

The south steps from the old high school building followed and these made the "water-table" on both sides of the church part of the building. The parsonage end was being added to from the stone that could be picked up around stone yards for small expense and converted into suitable blocks.

An opportunity came to the builders when the driveway was constructed leading down to the Union station on the north side. Here was bought 15,000 feet of lumber that had been used in scaffolding and a carload of fine red sandstone was purchased for \$20. When, a few weeks later, a contractor offered Mr. Schwarz \$70 for that same carload of red stone because he needed it to fill a contract in a hurry, the minister gave up his material and added \$50 clear to the fund. This was the only enterprise for profit that was entered into for the benefit of the cause, except a little deal in lead pipe which the minister had with a prominent fraternal order. He bought some old lead from the lodge for \$1.50 and sold it for \$15 to a junk dealer.

All winter long he has been haunting the repair gangs about the streets, visiting stone yards and junk heaps and adding to the pile of materials that is being made into a building by his men. One of his biggest and most profitable finds was a pair of iron pillars in excellent condition which he bought from the street railway company for their price as old iron. The street railway company also furnished him with the most novel use of old material in the whole building, which is the making of rafters out of old steel rails. The rails are more than strong enough and were bought for the price of junk.

The church, which consists of a basement with a beautiful fireplace and an auditorium which will seat 400, measures 41x73 feet. The roof extends back over the parsonage, making it a full three stories high, with one room in the attic. The house part is 24x50 feet in ground



Beautiful Edifice Being Erected by Rev. Schwartz



Rev. Julius F. Schwarz

dimensions and has 11 fine rooms. On the front of the church will be a tower which will be just as high and substantial as it can be made from what is left of the stone after the rest of the structure is finished.

The plans for all of it were sketched by the Rev. Mr. Schwarz and made exact by an architect. There are no specifications in use. The plans are followed not by getting material to fit them, but by conforming them as nearly as possible to material that can be cheaply bought.

The work went slowly, because Mr. Schwarz could not afford to put on a large force of men. His foreman, Fred Blather, is a German stone mason. The wages of the men are the one debt which Mr. Schwarz does not intend to neglect and his men are paid every Saturday as if they were working for a wealthy contractor who had thousands to back his operations. To do this the builder has had to rely upon the kindness of his other creditors, who have helped the cause by not pressing their claims.

That \$6,000 that has already been put into the work was gathered mostly from the contributions of friends all over the country. Other pastors have taken up benefit collections, a friend in Indiana sent \$200, and the congregation has contributed far beyond what might be expected from their means. Mr. Schwarz made a house-to-house campaign of four days down in Riley, Kan., and raised \$200 in that way. One of the church trustees, who declared when the project was begun that he would not do anything to aid it, has already given \$100, and others have given \$100 and \$200 contributions. Churches have promised contributions that will probably average \$25 each and several hundred dollars more is expected from that source.

"If I just had \$6,000 more I could finish it," says the minister, and he seems not to lack faith that the \$6,000 will come as it is needed.

Mr. Schwarz's unique undertaking has attracted considerable attention and promises of financial assistance have come in from various parts of the country. These donations to a most worthy cause are for the most part in small amounts, but are none the less appreciated by the energetic pastor and the encouragement thus received has had no little part in helping along the good work. Rev. Schwarz has announced that all outside contributions will be gratefully received and promptly acknowledged.

The biggest addition to the fund that has come so far was the \$2,500 got from selling the old parsonage, which the pastor advised as soon as he saw the possibility of making a home for himself as a part of the new building. It is believed that enough more can easily be raised to put on a roof so that services can be held in the

basement, and after that the money will come in faster. In the meantime the minister is watching everywhere for anything that will make his church more commodious or his home more attractive.

"The reason for my doing all this," said Rev. Mr. Schwarz, as he laid aside the tools with which he was helping the workmen, "is that I believe that right here is the best field for work among the Germans that there is in all the northwest. My life occupation is missionary work among my German people and the only reason why I want to stay here and put up this big church for my small congregation is because from here I can reach so many Germans. I was born an American, but came from German parents and am thoroughly German in thought and feeling. When I decided to become a minister I saw that the greatest need was among my own people, so I studied at a German seminary. My

BALLINGER'S REPORT

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR TELLS OF WORK OF HIS DEPARTMENT.

STILL AFTER LAND THIEVES

Urges Continuation of Vigorous Prosecution and a Reclassification of the Public Domain—Issuance of Reclamation Fund Bonds Advised—The Indian Bureau.

Washington, Nov. 29.—The annual report to the president of Richard A. Ballinger, secretary of the interior, was made public to-day and makes interesting reading. The report covers a portion of the time under the administration of James R. Garfield, and Mr. Ballinger gives him credit for his earnest and efficient services.

Secretary Ballinger comments on the old public land statutes, and continues:

"The liberal and rapid disposition of the public lands under these statutes and the lax methods of administration which for a long time prevailed naturally provoked the feeling that the public domain was legitimate prey for the unscrupulous and that it was no crime to violate or circumvent the land laws. It is to be regretted that we, as a nation, were so tardy to realize the importance of preventing so large a measure of our natural resources passing into the hands of land pirates and speculators, with no view to development looking to the national welfare.

Must Continue Prosecutions.

"It may be safely said that millions of acres of timber and other lands have been unlawfully obtained, and it is also true that actions to recover such lands have in most instances long since been barred by the statute of limitations. The principal awakening to our wasteful course came under my predecessor's administration. The bold and vigorous prosecutions of land frauds through Secretaries Hitchcock and Garfield, have restored a salutary respect for the law, and the public mind has rapidly grasped the importance of safeguarding the further disposition of our national resources in the public land in the interest of the public good as against private greed. Notwithstanding this, it is necessary to continue with utmost vigor, through all available sources, the securing of information of violations of the public land laws and to follow such violations with rigid prosecutions.

Use Private Enterprises.

"In this present policy of conserving the natural resources of the public domain, while development is the keynote, the best thought of the day is set that development shall be by national agencies, but that wise utilization shall be secured through private enterprise under national supervision and control. Therefore, if material progress is to be made in securing the best use of our remaining public lands, congress must be called upon to enact remedial legislation."

Mr. Ballinger then gives in detail his recommendations for the classification of public lands, and the features of a measure which he advises for the direction of the disposal of water power sites.

The Reclamation Service.

Concerning the reclamation service, the report says in part:

"In view of the importance of a speedy completion of existing projects and their proper extension, and of the necessity in 1913 of an adjustment between the states by which the major portion of the funds arising from the sale of public lands within each state and territory shall have been expended so far as practicable within such state or territory, and in view of the importance of making a beneficial use of waters already appropriated or capable of appropriation to which rights may be lost for nonuse, I believe an urgent appeal should be made to congress to authorize the issuance of certificates of indebtedness, or of bonds against the reclamation fund, to an aggregate of not exceeding \$30,000,000, or so much thereof as may be needed."

Energetic reorganization of the Indian bureau is in progress, says Mr. Ballinger, and he recommends that the Indian warehouses at New York, Chicago, Omaha, St. Louis and San Francisco be closed as soon as possible. A more advanced policy respecting the maintenance, improvement and operation of the Yellowstone and Yosemite national parks is urged on the government.

Couldn't Un couple.

A well-known Scottish clergyman got into conversation in a railroad carriage with a working man, who informed him that he had been a couple for over 30 years. "Oh," said the minister, "I can beat that! I have been a couple for over 30 years." "Ay," replied the workman, "but I can un couple, and you cannot!"

Hinging the Sells.

Jeweler—"I understand that you want 'From Guy to Gwanik' engraved on the inside of this ring, sir?" Youthful Customer—"Yes, that's right. But—don't cut the 'Gwanik' very deep. I might want it altered to 'Gladys' or 'Irene!'"

The Philosopher of Folly.

"What's the use," asks the Philosopher of Folly, "in judging a man by what his enemies tell you about him? His friends are all perfectly willing to give you a complete list of his faults."

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BUT SHE HAD ENOUGH.



Johnny—Mother, let's go in here and buy a baby; they're cheap to-day.

BREAKS COLD IN A DAY.

This prescription is one of the very best known to science. The ingredients can be gotten from any good druggist, or he will get them from his wholesale house.

Mix half pint of good whiskey with two ounces of glycerine and add one-half ounce Concentrated pine compound. The bottle is to be shaken each time and used in doses of a teaspoonful to a tablespoonful every four hours. The Concentrated pine is a special pine product and comes only in half ounce bottles, each enclosed in an airtight case, but be sure it is labeled "Concentrated."

What the Name Means.

"Pa, what is a pony coat?" "Something I've got to work like a horse for to keep your mother peace-able."—Detroit Free Press.

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SCIENCE AND FAITH

Is it true that the greater the knowledge the less the religious interest? Are these two persons, the man whose zeal for religion is equalled by his bigotry and ignorance and the other in whom scientific study has dwarfed spiritual sensibility, fair types by which to judge the relations of religion and knowledge?

Is intelligence incompatible with real piety? Will the growth of knowledge bring about the dissolution of religion? Is the life of religious aspirations and feelings out of date in a scientific age such as we are constantly reminded this one is to-day? Science has overcome superstition; is faith so bound up with superstition that it, too, must go?

We can be sure of one thing, at least; that, no matter what our feelings, theories or ideals may be, we cannot turn our backs on the great world of fact as it is laid before us. The faith that fights facts is committing suicide. Appeals to our fears cannot to-day make the facts less real to us and we know that by them we will have to stand or fall.

If you stop to think about it, there is a striking significance in the fact that this question has arisen. Is there a religion for the intelligent, educated, scientific mind? It suggests another question: Can any other mind fully comprehend the riches and meaning of religion? The unthinking clinging to customs, traditions and forms that are the vestiges of truth. The trained mind distinguishes between the garments of truth and truth itself.



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We need factories.

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Boost Big Springs and you
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Try it.

Keep your premises clean. It
adds to the health.

Weather like we have had this
week calls loudly for sidewalks.

Plant trees. They add to the
beauty and value of your home.

The man who could run a
newspaper to suit everybody
went to heaven long ago.

When you see a banana peel
resting on the sidewalk and a
fat man unconsciously approach-
ing it, the indications point to an
early fall.

Don't croak. Leave that to
frogs in stagnant pools. A few
croakers, though, are necessary
in every community to measure
the rate of progress at which
live men are advancing.

In spite of money panics and
drouths, Big Springs continues
to grow. New dwelling houses
are being built continually, and
other improvements of a sub-
stantial nature are being made
all the time.

A relic of pre-historic ages
was unearthed by Will Thraash at
the gravel pit last Saturday, and
is now on exhibition at the Ma-
jestic Hardware Co. The find
represents a back bone joint of
some huge animal, much larger
than anything the oldest inhabit-
ant can remember ever having
seen roaming over this country,
even when Buffalo were plenti-
ful and Indians sang their war
songs and danced their weird
dances on the fertile plains of
the west. The bone is pro-
nounced by some to be that of a
mastodon, an animal now ex-
tinct, and whose bones are often
found buried deep in mother
earth, showing that ages have
passed since the mastodon
roamed here.—Snyder Coming
West.

West Texas Development Con-
gress.

The West Texas Development
Congress which at San Angelo
on the 6th has a very interesting
program. Among the subjects
to be considered are the follow-
ing: How to more securely
unite the west.

The promotion of a still more
friendly feeling on the part of
north and east and south Texas
for the west.

Emigration: How to secure
farmers and homeseekers in gen-
eral.

How to secure the investment
of foreign capital.

The encouragement of railroad
building.

The improvement of educa-
tional conditions.

How to secure uniform and
better roads.

The promotion of irrigation,
where needed.

The promotion of the live stock
industry.

The development of mineral
resources.

How to develop the coal re-
sources in West Texas.

The consideration of needed
legislation and how to secure the
same.

Ask J. O. Gibson to show you
the latest things in fall and win-
ter suitings.

Carload of Michigan Salt just
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What Do You Know About Lard?**

Cottolene is made from cotton seed oil. Being the largest producers and distributors of cotton seed oil in the world, we can select oils from the sections producing the best seed. This seed is crushed, and the oil refined by our exclusive process, and made neutral in taste and odor. *From Cotton-field to Kitchen*—human hands never touch the oil from which Cottolene is made. The result is that when you buy Cottolene you get a cooking fat upon whose purity and cleanliness you can absolutely rely. No one could say the same of lard, made from hog fat; there are too many chances for it to contain germs of disease and uncleanness. Cottolene will make food delicious, nutritious, and healthful. Give it a fair trial and you will never go back to lard.

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Little Harry startled his nurse the other night as he finished his evening prayers by saying: "God bless papa and mamma and Margaret and us boys, and—and God, please make me strong like the big bear in the park, 'cause I got to lick Charlie White in the morning."—Ex.

\$1,000.00 accident policy for 31c. Ask McGowan Bros.

Christian Church Sunday

There will be preaching ser-
vices Sunday morning at 11
and evening at 7:20. You are
invited.

E. S. Bledsoe, Pastor.

Many school children suffer
from constipation, which is often
the cause of seeming stupidity at
lessons. Chamberlain's Stom-
ach and Liver Tablets are an
ideal medicine to give a child,
for they are mild and gentle in
their effect, and will cure even
chronic constipation. Sold by
all druggists.

The meeting of the Commer-
cial Club called for Friday after-
noon did not materialize, as only
a small number were on hand
and the meeting was not called
to order. We wonder if the citi-
zens of our town are like those
of a certain West Texas town we
heard of lately. The report
comes from that town that "nine
out of every ten of the people of
our town don't give a darn
whether it prospers or goes to
the dog." That is certainly a
sad plight for the people of any
town to fall into.

There will be an open meeting
in the Y. M. C. A. Sunday af-
ternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. C. W.
Hearon pastor of the M. E.
church will address the meeting.
Every-body is invited.

Shoes being our specialty we
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Call on us. A. P. McDonald &
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To Have Your House Burned Down Tonight**

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Big Springs, Texas

A. J. Adams, the piano man,
came in Wednesday from a two
months' trip in the western part
of his territory.

Prof. C. E. Thomas, of Has-
kell, spent Sunday here with re-
latives and friends.

E. M. Riley returned last
week from a trip through the
southern part of New Mexico.

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Now this is a great saving to you and you should not let this opportunity of filling your
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PRISON COMMITTEE REPORTS AT AUSTIN

SPECIAL SESSION OF LEGISLATURE ASKED TO CORRECT GROSS ABUSES.

AGAINST LEASING CONVICTS

Committee Recommends that Size of Whipping Strap Be Fixed by Law.

Austin, Nov. 29.—The report of the legislative committee which has investigated the penitentiary system of Texas, made public here Saturday was in the main foreshadowed, for in general terms its findings are but a synopsis of the testimony as it has been reported, while its chief recommendations are such as were looked for.

The one feature of the report which comes in the nature of a surprise is that which, with the sanction of five out of eight present members, no question or the recommendation of the retention of the strap as a means of punishment of convicts for the violation of prison rules, although in this connection these five members recommend a modification of the punishment and the employment of safeguards to prevent abuses, such as they find to exist.

They recommend that the size of the strap be fixed by law; that no convict should be whipped except in the presence of a citizen and the prison physician, and that the latter must make a physical examination of the convict both before and after the infliction of such punishment, and shall be required to make a written report upon same.

Senator Weinert and Representative Moller join in a minority report strongly recommending the complete abolition of whipping, and Senator Hudson in a separate minority report makes a recommendation to the same effect, and also recommends the sale of State Railroads.

Five of the members of the committee urge the necessity of immediate action to remedy conditions in the penal institutions, and urge the Governor to call a special session of the Legislature for that purpose.

The committee has not closed its labors. It has postponed reporting upon the iron industry at the Rusk penitentiary, the Texas State Railroad and the fiscal affairs of the penitentiary system until it shall have received the report of the auditors now engaged in examining the books of the system. This report it is believed, will be ready about Jan. 1.

A notable feature of the committee's report is the reiteration of its recommendation that the contract under which convicts are worked at the Calvert lignite mine should be canceled and the convicts withdrawn. It says that it did not represent that this mine was any worse than others, but it condemned the work and the conditions under which the convicts lived as unsuitable. With some show of spirit it notes the fact that its recommendations have apparently been ignored, says that the superintendent of the penitentiary system has declared that he does not favor this employment for convicts, and remarks that no member of the penitentiary board has ever made an inspection of the mine; and, finally, it says that responsibility for a continuation of the contract must rest upon those directly in charge of penitentiary affairs.

The committee in its findings comments upon the various abuses disclosed, including cruel punishments, the illegal infliction of punishment and the ignoring of rules. It condemns the scattering of convicts and the transference of the men from place to place as prolific of much of the evil in the system.

It recommends the abolition of the contract and share farm systems, and the working of all convicts upon State account within the walls or upon farms owned by the State. To this end it recommends the enlargement and modernization of the Huntsville penitentiary, the repair and modernization of the Rusk penitentiary, the purchase of a farm in Northern Texas for white convicts, and the erection of modern penitentiary buildings upon all State farms. Other recommendations are that convicts should be classified and graded, that stripes should be abolished, except as a means of punishment for infraction of prison rules, that gambling should be prohibited, that convicts should be permitted to enjoy a share of their earnings, that guards should be better paid, and that an indefinite sentence law should be enacted and the parole law improved.

The committee recommends that, until such time as a more adequate parole law shall have been amended, the present parole law should be enforced. Finally, and this is one of the chief recommendations, the committee urges that a permanent penitentiary board of three members, one to be appointed from the chief minority party in the State, shall be created to have full charge of penitentiary affairs, each of said members to receive an annual salary of \$2,500.

Col. F. M. Wood Dead.
Hillboro, Oct. 28. E. Wood, one of the early settlers and best known citizens of the county, died here Thursday, aged 81 years.

UNDER WATER 18 HOURS; SAVED BY COMPRESSED AIR

SAILOR CAUGHT IN WRECK 18 HOURS RESCUED BY COMPANIONS WHO FOILED DEATH.

Crisfield, Md.—When the George M. Collier was wrecked in Chesapeake bay and turned turtle, James O'Donnell, one of the schooner's crew, was caught in the forepeak. He was rescued 18 hours later, weak from hunger and exposure, his life having been saved by the compressed air which formed in a chamber under the hull.

O'Donnell's escape is regarded as one of the most remarkable in the history of bay shipping. He was given up for lost by the crew, who clung for hours to the sides of the boat, only a few feet from their imprisoned companion.

The wreck of the Collier took place near the Shark Fin light. The boat



Under Water 18 Hours.

was in charge of Capt. Modie Webster, who was returning from Baltimore, bound for Deal's Island, where all hands have their headquarters. Six men were aboard. When near the Shark Fin light in a gale the heavy cross seas made the handling of the craft difficult and finally it capsized, catching O'Donnell beneath the hull.

O'Donnell was a prisoner in the wreck when his companions were taken from it by a passing steamer. When the boat turned turtle there was a rush of water which swept him far up in the forepeak. Here it stopped and the seaman found that while his body was submerged in chilly water, his head and shoulders were in a sort of air chamber. The air was heavy and breathing was difficult.

For two hours O'Donnell was in agony. Then when the water kept at the same height he knew if the ship's planking held true he stood a chance of getting off. He made up his mind to stick out as long as possible.

When O'Donnell had been a prisoner fully 18 hours, the craft was towed into the shipyard and turned over; O'Donnell, now barely conscious, rolled out. He was bundled into blankets and a few hot drinks were pumped into him and before night he was able to tell his experience.

POSED AS MAN EIGHT YEARS

Maude Allen, Young Mulatto Posing as Boy, Graduates and is Made Teacher—Better Chance.

Baltimore, Md.—After masquerading as a young man for eight years because she believed it would give her better chances for advancement in the world, Maude Allen, alias "James Allen," a bright young mulatto woman, has been arrested for wearing male attire. As a girl in her teens she passed at the head of her class in a boys' school, and as a young woman in trousers she became a teacher in the public schools at Baltimore.

"I got through school in three years, graduating at the head of my class. I was appointed a teacher at the Brooklyn school and several months ago transferred to school No. 106 in this city. I see no reason as to why I should not be allowed to dress as I please. I am surely not different from the majority of other members of my race. I should not be hampered."

Never once was the sex of the young "man" who daily sat at the desk in a public school, suspected.

Attempted Suicide Cures Insanity.

Memphis, Tenn.—As a result of a suicide epidemic in the Shelby county insane asylum, one patient was killed and another seriously injured. A third was saved by attendants. Frank Vandergraf, an insane patient, hanged himself with a bed sheet in his cell after he had assisted a keeper in cutting down John Scott, who tried to hang himself with a sheet. Fletcher Chambers, another inmate, escaped the keepers and dived from a secondary banister to a concrete pavement. Scott's attempted suicide apparently restored his full senses and he has been discharged from the asylum.

A Green Old Age.
"Who is your oldest inhabitant?"
"Old man Tomkins."
"Reached a green old age, has he?"
"He sure has; he bought a gold watch only yesterday."

THE BOY AND HIS AUNT.



Little Nephew—Auntie, did you marry an Indian?
Aunt—Why do you ask such a silly question, Freddy?
Little Nephew—Well, I saw some scaps on your dressing table.

TORE HIS SKIN OFF

In Shreds—Itching Was Intense—Sleep Was Often Impossible.
Cured by Cuticura in Three Weeks.

"At first an eruption of small pustules commenced on my hands. These spread later to other parts of my body, and the itching at times was intense, so much so that I literally tore the skin off in shreds in seeking relief. The awful itching interfered with my work considerably, and also kept me awake nights. I tried several doctors and used a number of different ointments and lotions but received practically no benefit. Finally I settled down to the use of Cuticura Soap, Cuticura Ointment and Cuticura Pills, with the result that in a few days all itching had ceased and in about three weeks' time all traces of my eruption had disappeared. I have had no trouble of this kind since. H. A. Kruttschov, 5714 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill., November 18 and 28, 1907."
Fetter Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Props., Boston.

Refrigerated Staterooms.

Refrigerated staterooms are found in three new ships, engaged in the fruit service between New Orleans and Colon. Each room is fitted with a cooling "radiator" operated in connection with the refrigerating system that has been installed for preserving fruit in transit.

Important to Mothers.

Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Watson*. In Use For Over 30 Years. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

A man may be as brilliant, as clever, as strong and as broad as you please, but, with all this, if he is not good he may be a paltry fellow.—J. S. Blackie.

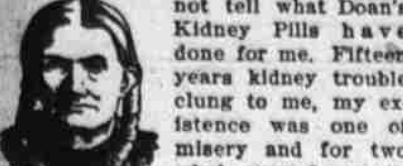
The next time you have a cold on the lungs try rubbing Wizard Oil on your chest, and see how quickly it will draw out the inflammation and break up the cold.

A woman would rather suspect her husband than distrust her preacher.

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From the Awful Tortures of Kidney Disease.

Mrs. Rachel Ivie, Henietta, Texas, says: "I would be ungrateful if I did not tell what Doan's Kidney Pills have done for me. Fifteen years kidney trouble clung to me, my existence was one of misery and for two whole years I was unable to go out of the house. My back ached all the time and I was utterly weak, unable at times to walk without assistance. The kidney secretions were very irregular. Doan's Kidney Pills restored me to good health, and I am able to do as much work as the average woman, though nearly eighty years old."



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Hypnotism has been recognized by the medical profession since the fifteenth century and in the last 100 years has been experimented and tested out in thousands of cases by such savants as Charcot in Paris and Bernheim in Nancy, yet with all these years of trial its results have not justified its practical and general use in sickness.—New York Press.

Dr. S. F. Spohn, President of the Spohn Medical Co., proprietors of Spohn's Distemper Cure, was recently elected mayor of Goshen, Ind., by a good majority. Mr. Spohn was for a number of years County Supt. of Schools, making such a record that his neighbors and friends, regardless of political lines, insisted on his accepting the nomination for mayor.

Never.

Mrs. Benham—You still insist that woman has more curiosity than man?
Benham—Sure; did you ever know a man to want to find out if he could get off a street car backwards without committing suicide?

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I have used Resinol Ointment now for two years and shall never give it up. I wouldn't be without it, being the best healing ointment I have found yet. John B. Dain, London, Eng.

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For Headache Try Hicks' Capudine.

Whether from Colds, Heat, Stomach or Nervous troubles, the aches are speedily relieved by Capudine. It's Liquid—pleasant to take—Effects immediately. 10, 25 and 50c at Drug Stores.

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Now that December has come with its days of snow flurries mingling with the soft and subdued splendor of the passing year, one's thoughts turn to the home and the fireside and the dear friends that makes one's life so well worth living, and along with that thought one is reminded that the Holiday Season is upon us and that this is the time to choose presents for the same dear friends.

Gifts for Men

Something for a man seems often to be a puzzling question for the ladies. Don't puzzle any more, here are many items that will please him:

- Cigars; this always suits the smoker.
- Smoking sets; few things he appreciates more.
- Shaving sets; a very practical gift.
- Collar and cuff boxes; very useful always.
- A medallion; for his room.
- Fountain pen; he will like this if he writes.
- Books; can't go amiss on this if he is a reader.
- Oxford bibles; if he will use it.
- Sterling novelties; many expressly for men.
- Pocket books; he has the kind that men like.
- Pocket knives; he doubtless needs a new one.
- Ink stands; new ones that will please.
- Hair brushes; fine ones for gift purposes.
- Clith brushes; have them with fancy backs.
- Military brushes; made for men.
- Hat brushes; many styles to select from.
- Traveling sets; useful whether he travels or not.
- Clocks; get one for his room, sure to please.
- Shaving mirrors; a very useful article.
- Jewelry; no end of things in this line.
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Gifts for boys

There are too many of these to tell of for some lines are so large as to permit of choosing for every boy of your acquaintance.

- Books; this is the standard gift for boys.
- Pocket knives; hard to find a better thing.
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- Watches; you can't find anything finer than these.
- Brushes; he needs toilet articles for his room.
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 Bisque dolls 25c to \$8.00

Books

There is hardly a person who has Christmas gifts to buy who should not consider the selection of books. Books are equally desirable for young and old. They are treasured for a lifetime and never lose their value. Large as our stock was last year it is almost double this season. The variety is greater and the stock throughout is larger. It includes all the latest and most popular novels together with standard fiction, poetry, etc. Also books for girls, books for boys and books for the little people. You can find anything you want and can be suited no matter what price you wish to pay.

We regularly sell most books at less than publisher's prices, often much less, and these low prices prevail throughout the holiday season.

50 Good Cigars, \$2

Fine China

Fine as our stock was last year it is excelled in every way this season. The designs get more beautiful all the while. China is one of those things that you can always give with a certainty that it will be prized. We might take a whole page telling you about the various items of China. All we can do is to urge you to make a note of it and be sure to see it.

Scarf Pins 25c to \$10

Games

The sale of games increases yearly. Instructive and amusing games are part of the equipment of every modern home. It is such agencies that make home attractive to both old and young.

Burnt Wood Supplies, Lowest Prices

Provide Music

It is sound sense to provide those things that are most wished for if the wish is a reasonable one. In every home where there are young people some musical instrument is desired. Christmas is the ideal time to give this ideal present. We can furnish anything you need in this line. Violins, guitars, mandolins, etc.

Pyrography Sets and Supplies

Sundries

There are scores of suitable gifts in our regular line of sundries that you can well buy for family giving. These are common sense presents. Such items as these in abundance: hair brushes, clothes brushes, tooth brushes, nail and hand brushes, hat brushes, hand brushes, mirrors, combs, etc.

Fountain Pens \$1.50 to \$6

Traveling Cases

A handsome, useable, durable gift. Just the thing in many instances. This is another new item this year.

Berry Sets \$1 to \$12

Gold Pens

You want good ones and those we carry are the finest in the market. First quality gold pens and genuine pearl handles, plain or braided. Each in box.

Kodaks \$1 to \$20

Art Vases

Both domestic and imported vases. This is an item that you can give with a certainty that it will be cherished. From 25c to \$22.50.

What You Want When You Want It

Watches, Diamonds, Solid Gold Jewelry

We could more than fill this page with suggestions from our jewelry stock. Remember when in doubt that here you can always find something suitable in this department and that each gift lasts a lifetime.

Work Baskets 25c to \$3

Clocks

Clocks these days are made to be ornaments as well as useful. Many new kinds made also for bedroom, dressing tables, etc., that are attractive gifts. Made in china and fancy metals. Small and large. We have a splendid line of the latest ones at all sorts of prices. \$1.00 to \$12.00.

Plain Gold Rings \$1 to \$10

Toilet Ca

We have some beautiful toilet and dressing cases in plush, silver and celluloid. Magnificent gifts for the gentleman. Prices range from 75c to \$18.00 used to cost double.

Best Perfumes 5c to \$5 per Bottle

Celluloid Goods

There are few gifts more popular than these. Our stock includes: Manicure sets, collar and cuff boxes, shaving sets, toilet cases, work boxes, handkerchief boxes, glove boxes, necktie boxes, photo boxes, etc.

Anything You Want in Hammered Brass

Gifts for Girls

There should be no trouble in the selection of this class, especially when you come to this store. Here are a few hints.

- Books; scores of them especially for girls.
- Pen knives, few have them all need them.
- Pocket books; plenty of them here.
- Work boxes; kinds made solely for girls.
- Musical instruments; guitars and others.
- Pictures; certain to please.
- Toilet articles; all sorts of these.
- Watches; every girl hopes for one.
- Games; many kinds at many prices.
- Bibles; small editions sure to please.
- Perfumes; even little girls like perfume.

Diamond Rings \$5 to \$300

High Grade Stationery

Fine box papers are always in demand for gifts, especially among the people at home. We have the finest of paper ever shown in the city and our prices are right on them. These rare qualities for 25c to 75c.

Xmas and New Year Cards

Watches

If in your family or among your friends there is a person who needs a watch, this will be a perfect gift.

Watch combines every element that makes a gift worth having. The production of watches has reached so scientific a stage that really excellent ones can be had for small prices. Whether buy a cheap or expensive watch here you will get a good one at the price, and our guarantee as to its quality. Our assortment includes every size and kind. Prices \$1, \$1.50, \$2, \$3, \$4, \$5, \$6, \$10, \$15, \$20, \$25, \$30, \$50, \$75.

Postal Card Albums 25c to \$3

Jewelry

The presents given this year if it be jewelry, will be kept and esteemed a lifetime. Jewelry is enduring, and in a stock such as ours there are gifts for people of every age and station in life. Gifts of beauty, gifts of utility and gifts at any price you care to pay. This one line will afford you a selection wide enough to cover every gift you have to buy, while every price we make is the lowest to be had any where.

Hand Painted Pictures \$5 to \$25

Cut Glass

When you buy cut glass you want the finest. We have superb specimens from the best makers in the land. Prices are reasonable as those who are posted on cut glass will recognize.

There is no lady in the land, married or single, who would not prize a piece of cut glass. It represents the acme of elegance in worth. Expensive rather but worth its cost for those who can afford it and who make gifts of exceptional beauty and value. Our assortment includes a wide range of items. Some small, cost little; others large, costing more, but all sold at most reasonable prices.

Special Prices on Dressed Dolls

Shaving Sets

Fine variety of fancy sets fitted with high-grade razors, etc. We also have Safety Razor Sets at various prices.

Statuary

This is an item that will always be rather rare in the average home, hence all the more desirable for those who wish something artistic and different. Our line is truly artistic, and we predict that they will go rapidly, so those who wish to make sure of a good selection should come soon. 50 to \$5.00.

Your Choice in Books 5c to \$3

Manicure Sets

Something to consider if you have a young lady to please. Many kinds to pick from. 75c to \$10.

Ladies' Parasols, 3.00 to 15.00

Cameras and Supplies

In our photo department you'll find gifts for the child, young man, young lady, the middle-aged or elderly. A camera is something that is interesting from childhood to old age. We carry a superb stock of the Eastman. You can buy a kodak here at any price from \$1 up. There are scores of things for gifts in our photo line.

Pearl Brooches \$3 to \$10

Set Rings \$1 to \$20

Christmas Cards

Dainty hand painted ones, beautiful embossed cards and some simply with a spray of holly to send with gifts. No better line in town.

Christmas Booklets

Artistic line. You'll undoubtedly want some of these to send to friends as tokens of good will. We have beautiful ones at all prices.

Candies

We have just received a fresh stock of Kings Chocolates and Cos Buns in fancy holiday packages. No purer, richer or more delicious confections can be had than these. The packages are most dainty and artistic and designs are especially appropriate for Christmas and New Year giving. All prices from 10c to \$2.50.

Smokers' Articles

Cigars, pipes, tobacco, cigar jars, cigar holders, cigar cases, match cases, etc., in variety. Anything you select here will be sure to suit the smoker.

Postal Albums

A modern gift. We have a large stock, including about all sizes made. Have them bound in cloth and leather of different colors.

Perfumes

The finest goods the world produces. We have the choicest imported and domestic odors in the daintiest Christmas packages. We also have these exquisite perfumes in bulk.

Magnificent Medallions-- Hand Painted Pictures

So large is our stock of these beautiful pictures this year and so taking are the subjects that it is hard to adequately describe them. You will have to see them--sooner or later--as everybody. We sell them at less than regular prices and the following range of prices will give you some idea as to the extent of the assortment: 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$4.00, \$5.00 and \$10.00.

Shirt Waist Sets

Mirrors

We have as fine a line of hand, tripartite and shaving mirrors as the market affords. Have them in a variety of shapes and finishes. Wide range of prices.

Come Early and Often

It is pleasant to realize the fact that the hearts of all kindly disposed people are warm with love for their friends and that they choose that some token of love and friendship shall be given at the blessed Christmas time when the church bells throughout the world are announcing the old, ever new message: "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."

Gifts for Ladies

Those who are puzzled as to what to give a lady had better consult this list, make a memorandum, and then come and see other things we have no space to mention.

Books; padded leather gift editions, for instance.

Art calendars; these always please.

Albums; all the latest designs.

Photo-holders; always need them.

Toilet cases; a superb gift. We have fine ones.

Manicure sets; every woman wants one.

Glove and handkerchief boxes and sets.

Work boxes; nice line of these.

Photo frames; in metal, celluloid and burnt wood.

Fancy candlesticks; have to have 'em nowadays.

Fine china; never, any doubt about this.

Cut glass; no woman ever gets to much of this.

Vases; we have a beautiful array.

Wave crest ware; the ladies rave over it.

Medallions; can't miss it on this item.

Chafing dish; no woman is happy till she gets one.

Jewelry; a hundred gifts in this line.

Sterling novelties; no more suitable presents.

Gold pens; with pearl handles of course.

Mirrors; hand mirrors in all styles.

Jewel boxes; many beautiful kinds.

Watches; always, peerless gift.

Pocket books; in all the new leathers.

Confessionary; we have King's in boxes.

Celluloid and plush goods; dozens of fine presents.

Perfume; one thing that is always suitable.

Set silver knives and forks. Set tea or table spoons. Set olive forks. Cold meat fork. Cream or gray ladies.

Sugar shell. Butter knife. Carving sets.

Diamond Brooches \$10 to \$300

Jewelry Novelties

We have scores of new things in our jewelry department. We picked things for the people who seek new things and urge you to make your choice while the assortment is unbroken. Our jewelry stock also includes all sorts of fine goods of a standard character that you ought to see. Lowest prices.

Bill Postums, all Sizes

Silverware

It is worth your while to see these things in our holiday stock of silverware even though you do not intend to buy in this line. Silverware includes so many items and affords so wide a range of prices that it must never be left out of your calculations in making up your list of holiday gifts. Come and see the new things. Special low prices.

Chocolate Sets \$1 to \$20

Beyond a doubt the most magnificent display of Holiday Goods to be seen in our store. We may add to that in variety and value it is unsurpassed. You are urged to examine it before buying.

This is our thirteenth year in Big Springs, and during this time we have studied the wants of the people and we think our experience means a saving of dollars to you. Gifts for every member of the family and friend

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