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Men's and Boys' Clothing A Little Of Everything



#### Abstract

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Most of the male teachera between the years of 25 and 35 . The majority of the women teachers are between 15 and 25 . There are 2300 male teachers over 65. There are less than 1500 female teachers over 65. Threu times as many teachers are pu,t down as "age unThere are. 21,000 oolored teach. ers in the United States, thus divided between the two sexes: 7.7000 men and 13,300 women. There are 500 Indian teschers in the Indian schools of the United States-240 men and 260 women. The average age of teachers in in England and lower than in Germany. The proportion of very youthful teachers is much greater in the cosntry than in the icity districts.
The largest proportion of male tophers is to be found in West Virginia where they number 50 per cent of the total. The largest proportion of women is to be
found in Vermont, where they form 90 per cent of the whole number. The standard of edu. cation is much higher in Vermont than it is in West Virginia.

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& \text { The number of teachers in the } \\
& \text { United States } \mathrm{h} \text { as increased }
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$$ reatly in recent years. In 1871 000 ; in $1890,340.000$, 1880,225 present 450.000 Post.

A newspaper man ,hould be honorable in handling news. He should never betray a confidence if he does. he will sooner or to be hoisted by his own petard, hatever that means, and he will be "quare", -Western Pub
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 y is quoted as having onoe re- hat, he made a lame apolog marked: "I've traveled from but Pat stopped him with this re pineclad hills,of Mains to whare mark: Make yourself easy dar Sunny South.bathes her tinySter. You took me for a that eet in the Gulf of Mexico and and I took you for a gentleman from turbulent watary of the We wera both of us mistaken, Atlantic to were the waters of thats all, me honey.
of California. I have tabereled Whether you handle a pick all over the United States and a pen, wheelbarrow or a set of parts of New Jersey,visiting the books. dig ditches or edit a pape principal cities and seeing all ring an auction bell or write fun
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Falls, the natural bridge of you will look around you will see Virginia and the Mammoth Cave that the men are most able to "'Sentucky. I have seen the live all githe rest of their days 'Star in the East" that guided without work are those who work he wise mon to Bethleham to. the the hardest. Do n't be afraid of | place where Christ was born. and | killing your self with work |
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## PATRICK'S DRUG STORE.

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The Brackett News. TWENTY-ONE MINERS LOST LIVES

Because of the serious situation th
Russia, Secretary Root has requeste Russa, Secretary Root has requeste
the navy department to take measure
for the protection of American alt for the protection of
zens in $\mathbf{A}$. Petersburg.
George Reggler, allas Red Reggle
a tough character from Alabama, wa a tough character from Alabama, way
found dead on the streets of Noe
Orieans Tuesday morning with a bul let in the back.
Seventeen pounds of bables, divided, as Caesar sald all Gaul used to be, int
three parts, formed the unique gif Wrth which Mrs. Yetta, Vosbrand
chit Chicago prepared
band Christmas.
Charters taken out in Eastern states
during 1905 represent a total capital zation of well over two billions, accord
ing to mg to figures made public Friday. Th
The visit of courtesy to Presiden
Castro of Mr. Bax-Ironside, Britisb minister to Venezuela, is resuititng in
a settlement of the dispute with Grea Britain. Exequaturs will be given the British consuls.
the Reno, Nevada, club, has offered $\mathbf{\$ 2 5 , 0 0 0}$ purse for a finish fight between
Marvin Hart and Jack O'Brien to take Marvin Hart and Jack O'Brien to
place April 15 and incidentally to
with it the championship title.
Peter Ryan, an ensineer, was killed
and Peter E. Burk, a fireman, and C. M. Mitchell, a switchman, were injur
ed in the yards of the Louisville Nashrille Terminal company at Nash ville Thursday night.
The total amount of business done
on the New York Exchange during the
business year business year at noon Saturday
last, breaks all previous records, not last, breaks all previous records, not
excepting either in regard to stocks excepting either in regard to stocks
or bonds the banner year of 1901 . The delegates to the Trades Assem-
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dustrial Workers of the World, have
been expelled from the body by the adTo force Arizona into a union with
New Mexico is to do a great wrong to
the people of the former erritory the people of the former territory who
in racial antecedents, religious prefer ence and industrial interests are whol
ly unlike the inhabitants of New Mex. ico, says anti-joint statehooders. For the first time in thirty-five years
the old scouts of the Lawton, Ok., country, held a meeting at Fort Sill,
at which twelve were present. Ben Clark, of El Reno, was chiet among
the guests. Clark was with Gen. Cus. ter at the Big Bend fight and was in
several skirmishes with the Indians. Wednesday night five milles north of Ladonia a diffeculty occurred at a
dance, during which Ben Willams was shot twice and killed. Jim Holeomb was arrested by Deputy Sherir Bose
Jones and brought to Bonham and
and lodged in jell, charged with the homleifde.
Mrs. Bob Fitzsimmons sald to a re
porter: "Bob need not talk reconcil
llation soon and I am willing to talk compromise in the matter of the property, but him."
Mayor McClellan has announced the appointment of Brig. Gien. Theo A
Bingham, U. S. A., retired, as Police Commissioner, succeeding William
McAdoo, who has held the office through Mr. McClellan's first term. Edward Scharrer of Stuttgart, Ger
many, and Miss wilhemina daughter of Adolphus Busch, the brewYear's. Day at the Busch mansion in

A strike was declared Friday and
martial law has been proclaimed in martial law has been proclaimed in
Dvinisk, Russia. By the accidental explosion of a bomb at a meeting of workmen there eight persons w.
killed and twenty-ight wounded.
James H. Hyde, formerly first vice president of the Equitable Life As"I am going to France," he said, "for a few months' rest. I wish to deny America to make my home in France." After being entombed in a mine for seph Davis, a Pole, was rescued Fri
day. When brought to the surfect day. When brought to the surface the
man was unconsclous, but soon revi-
ved.

In Shaft of the Cooper Mine Co., Coaldale, W. Va.
In Shaft of the Cooper Mine Co., Coaldale, W. Va
Only One Body Rescued So Far.

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West Point, Texas: The board
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 office of the Coroner, A. Maxcey H
ler, brotheri-in-law of Charles A. E
wards of New York, who met deat
in a mysterious manner at tise Hille homestead Saturday, was yesterda
held without bail. His brother, Chas A. Hiller, was a witness id
oner's inquest yesterday.

Brazos Vital statistics Bryan, Texas: The report of vital
statistics of Brazos county for the month of December shows a total of ten births and seven deaths, accor
ing to the records in the office of th ing to the rec
County Clerk.

Theodore Gentilz Dead.
San Antonio, Texas: Theodo
Gentilz, who lived in San Antonio years and was an artist of local no
died yesterday morning at his hon 318 North Flores. He was 86 yea
old.
Mr. Gentily came to San Antonis
only elght years after the Alamo fell,
and he was one of the few persons in ana he was one of the few persons
San Antonio who saw the historic
oid building as it was after the ma oid bu
sacre.


Farmers' Co=Operative Union of America.
GROWTH OF THE UNION $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { wait until the annual meeting of the } \\ & \text { unions in Dallas in August. Then }\end{aligned}\right.$ During the Membera. During the month of December up
to date 125 sharters have been sent out from Farmers, Union heen sent
ounar
ters to new locals over the cotton cers to
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enent tocals have been s.ormed the fose now
FIfteen are in Missourt Those new in Missouri and Kansas. to have a charter from Dallas. number of unions that the whol thus distributed: Oklahoma and ln clan Territories 1,600 , Arkansas 1,600 600. States without State antions
have these have these locals: Missouri 86 , Ten-
nessee 93 , South Carolina 10, Mississippi 131, Ken-
tucky 3, Virginis Mexico 3, Florida 3
In the eastern organization has been lately begun and is spreading rapidly. Each of the membership, to more than 150 mem Jan. 2, 1906, is the time for the
meeting of the five members of the executive committee of the Farmers'
Educational and Co-operative of America, and two days later there will be a joint meeting in Dallas with
the six members of the executive meeting.

## At this

 mount tmportane question of para status of the new organization, or theoffcers of the Texarkana meeting's selection and whether the older or
ganization, sometimes called and ganization, sometimes called and
properiy, it is claimed, the Texas union, will carter granting rights and the pow-
ers now exercised and will become a State union on equal footing
other State organizations
"This can not be done at this time
without the consent of the stockholders, the members of the Union,"
declared Jeff D. Montgomery organ izer. "To have the new offcers take held by the National union to the or ganizatlon effected at Texarkana
would require a change in the charter would require a change in the charter
and that can be called for only by consent of the members of the union,
a referendum proceeding. The new constitution adopted at Texarkan
was not properly comptled, as it makes no provision for such submis
sion to the poople and it is not prop sion to the people and it
erly a constitution at all.
"Nor was the cair for
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other than the meaning that
ing was to consider plans for a new
status of union. It was not intended that at that time a constitution
should be framed and adopted and proceedings begun under it with the
election of officers. Actually under the charter we, the present officers,
have no right nor power to transfer have no right nor power to transter
the rights and powors we hold except
to our regularly elected and iestalled to our regulariy elected and installed
muccessors at a regular annuial theet-
ing, and that we hold in August. tig, and that we hold in August.
"The executive committee meeting
we think will be a tame altair, but A recent report showed that there
were 8567 chartered Unions Dusiness in this country, and that ci
this number 3512 were in Texas. Tex as is becoming pretty well covered. one for every post office in the State They are, of course, not distributed many post offices that have no Union,
and in some cases there are several In this section the principal thing
now for us to educate into the mem. bership is the fact that the South has
in hand the control of the cotton in hand the control of the cotton
world so long as she raises no surplus that there are a few thousand bales too much, all control is lost To hold tion of acreage. To make good tor this restriction, other crops must be Don't let the trifing division of opinion about what should have been
done or what should not have been done or what sexalkana meeting keep
done at the Ttending to your own busi-
you from attending yous, and from attending to the duty
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you ow to the Union. The misunderstanding will all "come out in the wash," and All there is in it is a question of expediorice, and not a matter of any /angle

## TO HAVE CASH BASIS FOR STATE.

Is Thought That Increased Rate and Valuations Will So Result--Deficit Now $\$ \mathrm{r}, \mathbf{2 7 7 , 5 4 5}$.
 HIDDEN PUZZLE PICTURE.

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| but though the number of volunteers has been large, it has seemed as if |  |
| there was not one among them who escape either formal charges of a se-rious kind or against whom some ob- |  |
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| that could not be ection was urged that could not be well overlooked. There is a prospect |  |
| well overlooked. There is a prospect, though, that Mr. Abert Rennie, the |  |
| latest asplrant, will get the place, un. |  |
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| of charges. In fact, if no charges |  |
|  | should be made against Mr. Rennie, he will in all probability get the ap- |  |
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| pointment as the result of a process of elimination. The department has |  |
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| had some investigation in the district, |  |
| indicated that Mr. Rennle would be |  |
| the least objectunabie of those whose aampes had been suggested. Mr. bons sons nomination may be made early next week. |  |
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| Free Delivery for Corpus. Corpus Christi, Texas: On March |  |
| 1 the Corpus Christi postoffice will |  |
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| by giving the city free delivery. This shows a great increase in postal re |  |
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| celpts during the past year. Postoffice Inspector W. R. Clark was here yesterday. | Talk on Shade Trees. |
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| Scepticima Death. |  |
| Guthrie, Ok.: The young son ofMartin Benjamin, living near Doug. |  |
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| las, died yesterday from blood pois oning, caused by shooting himself through his hand accidentally on |  |
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| Enida, |  |
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| the Rock Island Rallway, at the Mon- |  |
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| roe street crossing in this city. Mr. Booner was recentiy put in charge of |  |
| the Enid and Anadarko line and main |  |
| line of Valley. |  |
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Sadde Hurtz, aged 5 years, daughter early hour Friday trom the erfects of a severe burn inficted the day before
by her clothe oatching free Mre
an is prostrated from griet and excite men. g. Goble, an old settler of Eults
S. County, died a tew days stince at his
lome at Ferris. He was eighty-seven cars old and was the father of eleven

bildren. He had thirty-one grandchll | dren and eighteen great Eraandchildren. |
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| Sherin R. $\begin{array}{l}\text { D. Senter of Stonewall }\end{array}$ | County hat arrested $J$.C. . Hills, of oft.

Worth, in San Louls Potost, Mexico and Hills, after his arrest, committod uiclde by takling polson which he had Robert Chapple, a negro at Hous ton, stabbed In a Aght Dec. 17 last,
died at the home of his brother, Gus.
 ing. Nobles Holt, a young farmer of near
Chico, claims he was robbed by tw Chico, claims he was robed by two
men. He came to town Friday, sold several bales of cotton and was on his
way home, when, he says, these men
robbed him of $\$ 230$. It is reported that the government Will abandon Fort Ringgold in the
near future, temporarily at least, d1viding the troops between Forts
Brown and McIntosh. A small de-
tachment will be left to garrison Fort tachment w
Ringgold.
A considerable number of counter-
feit $\$ 10$ bills have been passed at Denison recently. Two farmers were ar
rested Wednesday night and placed on the persons of both.
Charles Dawson, a negro, had his
left leg badly mangled at Dallas Thursday, as the result of being run down
by a Houston and Texas Central ya Houston and Texas Central knee cap of the man's leg was broken
and the limb bruised and lacerated.
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time on the money you are to get tor

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He was Good.
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Mr. DAuber - Well, on Fridays


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Each Succeeding Month of the Past Y


A Trite Saying.







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Bury the genuine always if yous wish to get its beneficial effects. It cleanses the system gently yet effectually, dispels colds and headaches when bilious or constipated, prevents fevers and acts best on the by men, women or children. Many millions know of its beneficial effects from actual use and of their own personal knowledge. It is the luxative remedy of the well-informed.

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