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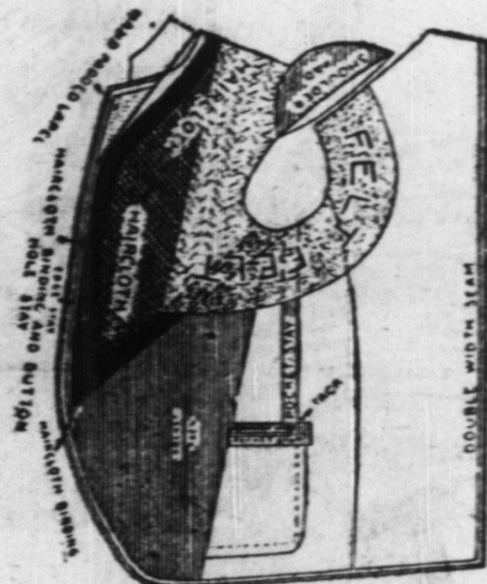
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Something Absolutely New Physicians' Experience.

We just learned incidentally of an operation that was done at Valentine about two weeks ago which considering its magnitude and final results, is of unusual interest.

The case was that of a Mexican laborer who, while working on the railroad about three years ago, sustained a slight injury to his right hip. Two or three months later a small tumor was noticed at the site of his recent injury. The tumor developed rapidly and about three months ago, after the man had become practically helpless, he went to Dr. Allison of Valentine for advice.

Dr. Allison called the attention of Dr. Yates of Marfa to the case, and an operation was decided upon.

At this time the tumor had assumed enormous proportions. The right leg had become

atrophied from pressure, and the man scarcely resembled a human being.

Dr. Yates, who did the operation, states that the outside of the tumor to the depth of an inch was composed of cartilage and bone. Inside of this bony shell was a substance of the consistency of an ordinary paraffine or tallow candle, but perhaps not quite so hard. In the center of this substance were several cavities which contained about two quarts of oil of the consistency and color of olive oil. This paraffine-like material had passed through a notch in the pelvic bone and found its way up the spinal column four or five inches inside the pelvis.

The whole mass of matter was successfully removed, and weighed about forty pounds, Dr. Allison at this time reports the case doing well.

We doubt not that a case of this kind would be of special interest to the medical fraternity, and it should be properly re-

ported to a medical journal or society.—Marfa New Era.

Boyhood Days Recalled

Oh, would I were a boy again when the robins begin to sing and the beetles hum and the bumbles bum and the bullfrogs kerjuggeding. I would make a raid with the rusty spade on the bome of the angleworm and down by the brook with my little hook I would make the angle squirm. I would sit me down by the pasture fence, and slip off my heavy shoes, my tender feet would get the treat of a bath in the soft mud ooze. My mouth would droop for the close of school and the seductive game of I spy on the grass I would dance nor note the hours fly; o'er the ice I would dance, with a rip in my pants, out of which stuk my little shirts tail like a flag at half maste or a signal raft from a sloop at the face of a gale. I would be at the bat without coat or hat. I would help the stray dogs to home. I would shout with glee his movements to see and the manner in which he run. With dirty nose and mud on my clothes my days would be filled with glee. At night I'd come in with a 'sheeish grin and mother'd attend to me. Oh, let me sing of the gladsome spring when I was a rip snorting boy when the days were sweet and the time was full of joy. When on the picnic grounds in merry round we passed the time in glee; till the busy ants crawled up our pants and the way nipped. Oh, gee.—Mail and Breeze.

Have Keys to fix you up a oyster stew.
Gunther's delicious candies at Holmes' Drug Store.

NOTICE.

Of Application to The Legislature For Local Or Special Law.

Notice is hereby given, as required by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Texas, that The Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio Railway Company intends to apply to the Twenty-ninth Legislature of Texas, as its first regular session, for local or special law authorizing it to purchase, own and operate the railways of The New York, Texas & Mexican Railway Company, extending from Rosenberg, in Fort Bend County, to Victoria, to Victoria County, and the branches thereof, extending from Wharton, in Wharton County, into and through Matagorda County, with the franchises and property thereunto appertaining; the railways to The Gulf, Western Texas & Pacific Railway Company, extending from Victoria, in Victoria County, to Beeville, in Bee County, and from Cuero, in DeWitt County, to or near Port Lavaca, in Calhoun County, with the franchises and all property thereunto appertaining; the railroad of The Gonzales Branch Railroad Company, extending from Harwood to Gonzales, in Gonzales County, with the franchises and all property thereunto appertaining; the railroad of The San Antonio & Gulf Rail road, extending from San Antonio, in Bexar County, to or near Stockdale, in Wilson County, with the franchises and all property thereunto appertaining; the railroad of The Galveston, Houston & Northern Railway Company, extending from Houston, in Harris County, Texas, to Galveston, in Galveston County, Texas, with the

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Still traveling downward from the sky,
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So when a great man dies,
For years beyond our ken
The light he leaves behind him lies
Upon the paths of men.
—Longfellow.

Salt Useful in Many Ways

Salt is a most wonderful article in the household. In washing colored goods a little salt in the rinsing water will prevent the color from "running." It is important, however, that too large a quantity be not used, as it may rot the goods. A cupful of salt to about two even pailfuls of water is the correct proportion. A little salt rubbed over earthen pudding dishes will effectually clean off rusty spots that seem to be burned into the ware. A little salt and vinegar will clean thoroughly all metal saucepans and copper kettles. A copper or brass dish must be finished (after using salt) with a little sand, soap and cloths, so as to leave no signs of the salt behind.

An iron-rust stain on any white summer clothes may be completely eradicated with a little salt and lemon juice, if exposed to the hot sunshine. Spread brown paper over the grass and lay the material over it, so that the lemon and salt do not strike through to the grass beneath it. Rinse out in water and try a second application if the first is not sufficient.

There is no surer way to destroy grass and weeds that spring up uninvited in walks and gravel paths than to sow them with salt and sprinkle thoroughly with water.

A cup of rock salt is a delightful addition to the bath.

It is said that the eyebrows will become much thicker if a little common salt is rubbed into them.

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THE LOVE AFAR.

How far across the River's foam
Are you, dear heart?
In what strange valleys do you roam—
From earth apart?
This world, with all its hopes and fears,
Its weary, unrewarding years,
Where you have left me but Love's tears,
Sweetheart! Sweetheart!

How far from where this home-fire
gleams—
From Sorrow's dart?
From the gray ashes of Love's dreams
How far apart?
From violet-vested dust like this,
Where all that once was Beauty is—
Keeping your gold hair from my kiss,
Sweetheart! Sweetheart!

Alas, for Love—the bitter-sweet!
God bade us part,
With the wild hope again to meet—
Again, dear heart!
Yet O, what unknown worlds divide!
And this last prayer to me denied—
To dream the last dream by your side,
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—F. L. Stanton, in Atlanta Constitution.

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SHE REBUKED A CONDUCTOR.
He Ordered an Aged, Infirm Woman to "Step Lively."

It was on a League Island car going south, says the Philadelphia Press, the time was high noon, and as usual there was a variegated assortment of persons inside, while out on the front and rear platforms passengers stood huddled together like sheep.

The conductor, a tall youth, who had evidently not been ringing up fares for many months, was in bad humor because people did not step lively enough when leaving or entering the car at the various stops.

At one of the street crossings the car stopped an aged woman, careworn and feeble looking, got up and slowly, with the aid of backs of the chairs, started toward the rear to get off.

"Come, come, there, lady, step lively; we can't wait here all day," impetuously shouted the conductor.

The old lady glanced up at the tall youth in a kindly manner as she passed him and in a low but pathetic voice replied: "I am moving as fast as I can, my boy, and would step lively, but I have been sick all summer, and this is the first time I have been out since last May. Didn't you ever have a mother, lad?"

It is needless to say the conductor was humility itself for the rest of the trip.

Fond of Turkey.
Representative Candler of Mississippi, says that whenever Thanksgiving day comes round he always remembers what Gov. McNutt, now long dead, said about eating turkey. McNutt was a great gourmandizer, performing gastronomic feats which were almost past belief. On one occasion the old gentleman was finishing up a turkey, or rather, the best portion of it, when one of his friends said: "Governor, you appear fond of roast turkey?"

"I am, sir," came the response, "but do you know, sir, that a cussed turkey is a devilish inconvenient bird?"
"How inconvenient?"
"Well, sir, a middling size turkey is a little too much for one man and not enough for two."
Gov. McNutt was the same individual, while governor of Mississippi, approved a law passed by the legislature restricting the sale of whisky to one gallon. He said that it gave him pleasure to put his name to the document, for he had always believed that nothing less than one gallon was calculated to do any good.—Baltimore Herald.

Given Time for Honeymoon.
Recently there came before a justice a young lawyer who asked an extension of time for the service of legal papers, the time having expired while he was sick in bed. He said he had only been out of doors for a couple of days.

"I'll give you five days," said the judge.
"But I'll be out of town longer than that," said the young fellow, hesitatingly.
"Well, take ten days," returned the justice.

The young man leaned toward the judge and, blushing a little, said in a low tone:
"To tell the truth, judge, I'm to be married to-morrow night."

"Take thirty days! take thirty days! Take the full time of your honeymoon," said the judge, cordially, as a laugh went up in the court room. The young man bowed his thanks and went out with a most beatific expression of happiness on his face.

THE DAWNING YEAR.



GLOBE TROTTERS' NEW YEAR'S

Love of Adventure Has Landed Many Men in Positions of Discomfort and Danger.

A grizzled, sun-tanned, hard-featured man, whose face bore the stamp of hardship and adventure, was sitting in the smoking room of a New York hotel. He happened to glance at a calendar and saw that the day was Dec. 31.

"By Jove!" he exclaimed. "So to-morrow is New Year's day. Unless something happens before then, it will be the quietest New Year I've spent in twenty-three years."

"In all that time I have never been so near my old home in Scotland as I am now. Often I've tried to get home, but somehow or other New Year has always found me in a tight corner in some out-of-the-way part of the world."

This man's experience is typical of that of many of the globe-trotters in this age, when people are so fond of "going to and fro in the earth and walking up and down in it," like a certain personage in the Book of Job.

New Year's day, 1897, found one Englishman facing death from hunger and thirst on board a life raft 300 miles southeast of Madagascar.

His ship foundered seven days before in a hurricane. The boats were smashed by the fury of the waves and some of the crew washed overboard. The rest made a raft out of planks and spars, but during the night high seas swept over the frail structure and carried away most of the water and food.

"All we had left," said the man who went through this terrible experience, "were a few tins of potted meat, a small barrel of biscuit and the smallest of the water casks. That was all we had to keep life in twenty-five hungry men."

"We made it last as long as we could, but in four days everything was gone. Some of the men fell into despair and talked about throwing themselves overboard. Perhaps they would have done so, but during the night of the fourth day half a dozen big sharks swam around the raft in circles. The sea was phosphorescent and we could see them plainly in the waves of livid fire which they stirred up as they swam around. Even the half-crazed men who had talked about drowning themselves shrank from death in a shark's maw and stayed upon the raft."

"Next morning I saw by a pocket diary which I carried that the day was Dec. 30. To keep up the men's spirits I told them I had dreamed on New Year's day. That appealed to the superstition inherent more or less in all sailors, so I kept on telling them a ship would come along and pick us up on that day sure, until I began to believe it myself. We even discussed gravely whether the sail would leave in sight in the morning or the afternoon, and one man who said he guessed it would be toward evening became quite unpopular."

New Year's morning broke with a dead calm on the oily, blistering sea and a blazing sky that aggravated our thirst tenfold. There was not a ship in sight all morning—nothing except that glassy sheet of water and that cruel, cloudless sky above us. It was the same in the afternoon, and our hopes fell as the sun sank slowly toward the western horizon.

"Just as we were beginning to despair, one of the men screamed hysterically and pointed to a thin trail of

smoke on the sky line. It was a New Zealand liner headed straight for our raft. In a couple of hours her doctor was giving us a hearty dinner and slops and weak brandy and water."

This same man spent another New Year's day off Cape Horn. He sailed from Valparaiso in a British "wind-jammer," expecting to reach his Scottish home in time to spend his first Christmas there for many years. But calms delayed her for weeks in the South Pacific ocean, and when she got off Cape Horn she ran into a tearing gale, which brought her mizzen topmast down on deck and ripped out all her sails. For days she drifted helplessly, exposed to the full fury of the western gale.

The crew labored industriously at rigging up spare and bending new sails. It was a task of tremendous difficulty, for giant combers rolled over the forecastle head continually, filling the vessel amidships with green seas.

Suddenly in the midst of this toil an apprentice piped out:
"I say, fellers, this is New Year's day. Have you all forgotten it?"
"Belay your tongue," retorted the gruff old mate. "There won't be any New Year dinner to-day, except your usual whack of lobscouse."

The skipper was superintending the work from the poop rail and heard the conversation.
"Cook!" he bawled out. "Lay aft here!"

The cook came out of his galley and the captain asked what he could give them for a fancy dinner.

"Nethin' but split peas, sir, an' salt horse and marmalade. There ain't no turkeys in my store-room, sir," he said.
"Let's catch one o' them birds," suggested an old tar, pointing to several abattores which were circling about the wake of the ship. "We'll stretch a point this day and be forgiven for it, I guess."

After several attempts an albatross was captured with a big fishhook baited with salt pork and dragged aboard triumphantly. Served up nice and brown and swimming in gravy, it looked so much like a real turkey that it warmed up the men's hearts and made them think of the holidays they had spent at home. But when they tasted it the resemblance ceased. It was fishy and tough. The meat was like knotted rope yarn and the gravy suggested tar. However, it was a New Year dinner all the same, and it was enjoyed as keenly as the finest feast ashore that day.

An American traveler, who is well known commercially in the West Indies, was mixed up in one of the perennial revolutions of Hayti in his hot and foolish youth. Unhappily, he allied himself with the weaker side, and one New Year's eve found himself one of a small band of desperadoes defending the stockaded town of Miragoane against a government army, which outnumbered them by more than 100 to 1.

During the night the government soldiers forced their way into the town. Only about thirty of the defenders were left alive.

"Stand them up in a line and shoot them," commanded Gen. Manigat,

But they were too weak to stand. All of them were wounded, half-starved and fever-stricken. So the government troops propped them up in chairs and shot them as they lolled there. Only the white man was spared, in order that his case might be inquired into.

When he protested to Gen. Manigat against the cruelty of shooting helpless captives that triumphant warrior merely blew a cloud of cigarette smoke and remarked calmly: "C'est la guerre."

"Late on New Year's eve," said the American, "they tried me by court-martial. When I woke up on New Year's morning I was in the calaboose, sentenced to be shot at sundown. It wasn't very pleasant waiting. I was quite glad when a gold-laced officer entered the cell toward evening, with a paper informing me that 'his excellency, the citizen president,' had been pleased to pardon me, in consideration of the request of the American minister and of the fact that it was New Year's day."

"I believe they had never intended to shoot me, but only to frighten me, for they hardly dared to touch a white man whose country owned a navy that might bombard their ports. Anyhow, I got out of jail in time to eat my dinner with some American and English friends on a coffee plantation near Miragoane."

An American globe trotter tells how he once spent a New Year's day hunting a crocodile in Jamaica, West Indies.

After a long hunt the crocodile was found buried beneath the mud in a shallow bend of a river on the plantation. The hunters only carried small shotguns, which were useless against the beast's tough hide, covered as it was several inches deep in mud.

But the planter was a man of resource. He sent hurriedly for negroes and set them to work to construct two strong walls of bamboo poles across the bed of the stream, thus inclosing the crocodile in a prison from which he could find no escape.

After the walls were built everybody hid quietly in the tall grass on the banks and waited. Hour after hour they laid there. Their luncheon consisted of sandwiches and a flask of rum punch.

It was not until the end of the afternoon that the crocodile, finding it could not break through the bamboo barriers, crept out of the water. Before it could drag the whole of its huge carcass out of the mud it was lassoed and hauled toward the bank by twenty willing hands.

Too surprised to offer resistance, the beast at first suffered itself to be almost dragged on the bank; but it caught on the edge with its forepaw and made a desperate struggle. Twenty yelling negroes hung on to the other end of the rope, but could not drag the crocodile up; they could only prevent it from flopping back into the water again. Honors were even in that terrific tug-of-war.

At last a yoke of eight oxen had to be brought. They soon dragged the beast to the bank, where it was tied around a tree and dispatched with axes.

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LOCAL.

Have Keys to fix you up a oyster stew.

C. C. Clamp came in last Friday to spend the holidays in Kinney county.

Try our home made Chocolate candies 10 flavors. 50c per lb. Keys Kool Korner.

Miss Cora Windus, who has been attending the State University is home for the holidays.

Joseph Veltmann went to San Antonio last Friday to visit his children who are with relatives there.

Miss Kitty Wickham, who has been teaching the public school at Langtry, is home for the holidays.

Miss Martha Petersen who has been taking a special course in the State University is at home for the holidays.

Miss Maude Racer who has been teaching the school at Wm. Sheeley's came in to spend Christmas with relatives.

Deer hunters are having poor luck this season compared to previous years. Game is reported very scarce in nearly all parts.

Editor McKnight, of the Wharton Eagle, came up last Friday to see his children who are staying with his sister Mrs. C. F. Hodges.

G. Dietzel is putting in several acres in onions as an experiment this season. He is also having twenty-five acres more land cleared up for cultivation by irrigation. He reports that his small cotton patch turned out well and was not harmed by the boll weevil.

Old Santa Claus and his wife went around to a good many residences the night of Dec. 23 to ascertain the wishes of the children. Just being from the North Pole they were covered with snow, but were well wrapped up to keep warm. The old man had a bag in which he carried a few dainties for the good children but the old lady carried a whip supposed to be used on bad boys.

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Carl Slater was on the sick list a few days this week.

The editor spent Christmas with his brothers in Del Rio.

The Public School will resume work next Monday morning.

Commissioner R. E. Cannon, of Mud Creek, was in town Monday.

Jack Gay, of Spofford, was in Brackett Monday on business.

Petersen & Co. and R. Stratton & Co. are busy taking stock this week.

Jno Whistler came in Saturday from Rock Springs to spend Christmas.

Miss Maude McDonald spent Christmas with relatives in Eagle Pass.

J. C. Charles, a merchant of Del Rio, was in town Monday on business.

Will Patrick, of C. P. Diaz, is visiting relatives in town during the holidays.

Jim Clamp sold 10 three year old heifers at \$15. to W. B. Hudson this week.

County Physician F. J. Gilson has announced two cases of small pox on Mud Creek.

Rev. H. N. Dikeman and his friend Mr. Dawson, of Uvalde, were in Brackett Sunday.

Miss Mildred Clairbone went to Eagle Pass Saturday to spend Christmas with relatives.

There was a dance at Mud Creek Tuesday night. Several parties from town attended.

Rev. Father Whelan, of Del Rio, was in town and conducted services at the Catholic church Sunday.

The ball given by the married men of the town Monday night was largely attended and was a great success.

Mrs. Geo. W. Hobbs and children, of Spofford, spent Christmas with relatives and friends in Del Rio.

Invitations are out for a Grand Mask ball at Ross Hall Monday night January 2nd, given by the young men of the town.

Word has been received from Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kornum, of Algiers, La. that a little son came to their home Dec. 21st. His name is Horace Louis.

Sheriff H. H. Levering took Ignacio Hernandez to Eagle Pass Wednesday where the latter will be tried for the killing of Lennie Griner next week.

THE FACTS IN THE CASE

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GRAND MINSTREL.

The Ft. Clark Minstrel was a Great Success.

Not for a long time has such a treat been put before the Kinney county public as that set before them on Tuesday and Wednesday evening, the 27th and 28th of December. The boys at the post had been in preparation for a couple of weeks past and the talent was selected as were also the various numbers on the program. The First Cavalry orchestra opened the show with two overtures one from Sousa the other from Verdi. These numbers were truly fine, the lovers of music in the audience applauded appreciatively.

The curtain arose promptly at 8:15 p. m. upon the circle attired in full dress blouses, spotless trousers and patent leather footwear. The stage arrangements and setting were faultless the yellow facings of the cavalry arm contrasting prettily with the bright greens and reds of the scenery. Mr. Seiler of troop E 1st cavalry rendered a serio-comic song entitled "Way down in my heart I got a feeling for you" in a very attractive manner. He was followed by Mr. John Logue, also of troop E who was supported by the quartette, in "Down where Susquehanna Flows" in his own sweet style. He was encored and responded with "Down where the Southern Roses Bloom." In the next number the Only Rags, in the person of Mr. J. Montgomery Sonin brought down the house with his black faced rendition of his original parody on "Hiawatha." Nick Carter, Junior (Mr. Carter of D troop) gave a lively exhibition of fancy dancing as well as some swell double shuffling. He is a mighty limber young man as he demonstrated later. One of the hits of the evening was the bass solo "Beware" sung by Mr. Willis Shaw, of troop E. This gentleman has a rich bass voice of splendid timbre and volume. He was encored and responded generously.

The circle closed with a chorus by the company. "If you love your baby make goo goo ye." The olio was opened by comedian Fox, of troop D who tickled the audience with his nonsensical collocation of "English as she is spoke."

Rags and Miss DeGraft brought down the house in a comedy sketch. The inimitable Rags as a hobo and Mrs. Grafton as a young maiden of forty odd summers who thinks she is a ballet dancer. Mr. Grafton's shapely limbs and general make up were the cynosure of all eyes and the laughable situation created by both reflected credit on their originality.

The club swinging of Messieurs McCormick and Ullon was well received by the audience as new features in this line had been introduced. Mr. Sonin again entertained for a few minutes in Hebrew Monologue. He is right at home here and his impersonation was perfect.

The Darktown Quartette composed of Messrs Logue, Shaw, Geyer and Newberry was encored doubtly by the listners. This combination has never fails to please the public wherever they appeared.

The entertainment closed with a clean boxing exhibition between Messrs Carter and Keppe of troop D. These nimble little fellows showed that they could take care of themselves they went and for scientific sparring it is doubtful if

ether can be over-classed in this vicinity at least.

As a whole the show was a decided success and the large audience were profuse in their expressions of satisfaction as to its quality. All united in saying it was the best of its kind in this vicinity for years.

In Behalf of Birds.

Since the invasion of boll weevil and other crop destroying insects whose technical names are known only to students of bugology, there has been a constant appeal on the part of knowing ones to save the birds.

That the birds should be protected, thus protecting the crops of the farmers, is substantiated by the following story told by J. T. Carr of Dallas. He said:

A Red River country farmer and steward in one of the churches told me recently that in his first plowing last spring he noticed a covey of quail following in the furrow behind him, but he plowed on without molesting them. When he would turn at the end and come back to meet them they would fly off for saftly but would soon be back in his newly plowed furrow. They gradually approached nearer him, and finally grew so tame they would simply run out to one side drop in close behind him again. At last he diverged from the footsteps of the gentle Nazarene and returned for a moment to the realms of barbarism and in that moment struck out with his whip killed one of the birds, and in doing so cut its claw open. Then turning in a penitent spirit to look upon the quivering form, he noticed something crawling out of the craw, which proved to be live thimblebugs, and of which he counted 137 in the stomach of this one bird, besides those that escaped. This will give some idea of what a flock of birds would if they were not afraid to come near to being made in the image of their Creator, who commands 'Thou shalt not kill' and notes the sparrow's fall."—Ex.

Bring in your job work.

Oysters at Keys Kool Korner.

C. F. Hodges has returned from a visit to Houston.

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R. SALAMON.

Rev. G. B. Huckill and wife are the Baptist couple in town. They received two boxes last Saturday full of good things. These boxes were sent by the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, and one from Alabama and one from Georgia. They consisted of a suit of clothes, hat shirt, socks, collars, necktie, underwear, shoes and most everything a man needs, and readymade dresses, hat, shoes, underwear, quilts, and pillows, and most everything that a woman needs, besides some groceries and \$15 in cash. Several friends gathered at the home of Arthur Tyler Saturday to see the opening of the boxes. This is a desrving gift on two missionaries in this western country, who have been in the work the greater part of the last twentyfive years. —Sabinal Sentinel.

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You are hereby commanded that you cause to be published in some Newspaper for thirty days the following notice, in words and figures as follows; to wit:

No. 123, Estate of J. H. Pratt, Deceased } Pending in the County Court of Kinney County Texas, sitting in Probate.

To all persons interested in the above entitled cause:

Notice is hereby given that J. F. Ray has filed interrogatories in cause No. 123, Estate of J. H. Pratt, deceased, now pending in the County Court of Kinney county, Texas, sitting in probate, wherein said J. F. Ray has applied for the probate of the Nuncupative Will of said J. H. Pratt, deceased, to A. I. Lockwood, N. Underwood, and Sister Mary, a sister of charity, employed in the Santa Rosa Infirmary in the city of San Antonio, Bexar county, Texas and whose other name or names are to applicant unknown, witnesses, all of whom reside in said city of San Antonio, Bexar county, Texas, the answers to which will be read in evidence on the trial of said cause, and has also filed on affidavit in said cause that the next of kin and persons interested in the estate of said J. H. Pratt, deceased, if any there be, are unknown to applicant, and can not be found, and that all persons entitled to claim by or through said J. H. Pratt, deceased, or interested in said estate, have not made themselves parties therein and are each and all unknown to said applicant and have no attorney of record; and that a commission will issue on or after the Thirtieth Day after publication of this notice, to take the depositions of said witnesses.

Hereof make due return as the law requires showing how you have executed this writ.

Witness O. F. Seargeant, Clerk of the County Court of Kinney county.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in the town of Brackett, this 24th day of December, A. D. 1904.

[SEAL] O. F. SEARGEANT, Clerk County Court, Kinney County:

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SCHOOL NOTES.

Prof. A. H. Stephens is spending the holidays with his relatives at Wadler.

School will open again Monday morning, Jan. 2. Books of hand promptly on that day.

Grades 6 and 7 stood their final examination in Physiology on Dec. 19 all passing and making good grades.

Susie Fritter happened to a painful accident last Tuesday by a ball striking her on the mouth breaking off two teeth.

There has been an epidemic of sickness among the small children, colds accompanied by some fever, much sneezing and considerable throat trouble.

Roy Vincent was back in school again last week, after several days absence on account of a nail sticking through his foot, making a painful and dangerous wound.

Our sister town Hondo is stepping out to the front in educational matters with a pretty and substantial school

building. When will Brackett follow her example?

The children are all enjoying their Christmas Holidays and we hope that each and every one may get the fullest possible joy out of it. What grown person does not look back with pleasure on the innocent pleasures of childhood, especially in vacation periods?

There is and can be but one standard capable of permanently holding its own in estimating the merits of teachers, and that is judgment by results. Aside from satisfactory results, we have a right to expect of the teacher a certain amount of culture and refinement, together with such worthy habits as conscientiousness, punctuality, truthfulness, neatness, diligence etc. etc. Nevertheless the ability to teach is fundamental, and all other considerations must be subordinate to this.

It would be a good thing for all school boys over, say 15 years of age to read the President's message if only for the splendid example that it is of expression in forceful, unmistakable English. The seniors

may take pride in saying they never read it, but they could hardly do the juniors better service, of a sort, than to induce them to read it. Besides, if read attentively a boy would rise from it with some notion of what is going on, in this huge congeries of States. In short would be much more intelligent and better able to tell what he knows.—Eagle Pass Guide.

Christmas Trees.

An elegant Christmas Tree was had at the Baptist Church on Christmas Eve. It started originally for the benefit of the Sunday School scholars but afterwards it was decided to extend the limits and allow other presents to be put on. The tree, a large cedar was beautifully decorated and loaded with presents. The opening service was conducted by the Pastor Rev. D. W. Mathews, who made a very appropriate talk for the occasion, explaining the origin of Christmas and giving some useful advice to the little boys and girls.

At the Episcopal Church an impressive opening service was held by Rev. H. N. Dikeman. The tree was very prettily decorated and presents, which were for the Sunday School scholars and teachers only, were laid at the foot of the tree and distributed at the the proper time to the happy youngsters. Several trees were had in family circles over town. At Fort Clark there was no large general tree but many of the officers had trees for their families.

Wool Commission Business.
At the solicitation of many interested sheep men, James McLymont of Del Rio, has concluded to open up a wool commission business in Del Rio. Ample facilities for handling the wool will be provided. Mr. McLymont will be prepared to make liberal advances on wool and Mutton.

Gunther's delicious candies at Holmes' Drug Store.

FROM THE POST

A large number from the different troops attended divine service at the various churches in town and uniforms were much in evidence all over.

Christmas was celebrated in a befitting manner at the post. The large garrison flag floated gaily from the flag staff and all duty except the necessary guard and police suspended.

High Mass at the Catholic church in Brackett was celebrated on Christmas day by Rev. Father Whelan many of the boys attended. Conconr's Mass in D was sung by a choir composed of mixed voices. The large crowd filled the church to its capacity.

Major Leonard A. Lovering Inspector General Department of Texas, arrived at the post on Tuesday for his regular inspection and condemnation of unserviceable public property. There was a regimental review on Thursdays the boys parading in dress uniform. The blue always looks natty, much more so than the olive drab. The breeze was a little strong but it was only enough to put a little spirit in the horses, making them prance some more than usual. The General remained several days.

The express office did a land office business in packages from the folks at home. The soldier boys are like children still, they like to be remembered from a distance and they reciprocate as a rule. The troop messes showed much hustling on the part of the cooks. Turkeys by the hounded, sucking pig grouse and quail for entrees vegetables, fruits, cakes, pies, puddings and sauces topped by German punch and cigars made the inner man feel that Christmas was surely here. The weather was ideal too and some of the men took advantage of this part to work off their surplus turkey in a base ball game.

In The Swim.

The Enterprise reports that Bandera's first trades day was a complete success and is looking forward to a bigger one than ever on the next fourth Saturday in the month. What Bandera can do Hondo should be able to do. Why not try a trades day here?—Hondo Anvil Herald.

Would be a good move. The Anvil Herald believes in courting fortune with something more than smile—in the strenuous compelling fashion of William the Norman.—Express.

SOUTH TEXAS' ORANGES.

The editor of the Times has been skeptical about the matter of orange culture in South Texas until Sunday, when all of the skepticism was knocked out of him. Mr. D. J. Shall had on his desk in Supt. Wm. Berry's office a branch from an orange tree which contained nearly a dozen large oranges of as fine form and color as the writer ever saw, while in a basket on the floor was about fifty of the same kind of oranges. The fruit was grown by Mr. N. B. Newberry who resides near Mathis, which is about seventy miles due South-

west of Yoakum, Mr. J. H. Newberry received the oranges from his father and stated that the tree that bore them contained this season 1200 finally formed oranges all of which matured. The editor was given two of the oranges and can truthfully state that they were the best he ever ate.—Yoakum Times.

Ranch For Sale.

A good ranch for sale two miles west of town consisting of 960 acres of pasture, also 12 acres in field. A 8 room house, well, windmill and water works. For particulars inquire of, JOHN HERZING, JR. Brackettville, Texas

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EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

A sharp earthquake shock was felt at San Francisco early Friday. No damage was done.

The city council of Lawton, Okla., has let the contract to build at \$18,250 city hall, on which work will commence in about 30 days.

Nominated by the President to be Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals, District of Columbia: Seth Shepard of Texas, now associate justice of that body.

The Attorney General of Montana has filed a suit against the beef trust with the object of preventing it from doing business in Montana.

A private telegram from Washington states that President Roosevelt has accepted an invitation to visit Waco during his visit to Texas.

After suffering intense agony for several hours with hydrophobia, Leo Bales, the nine-year-old son of T. J. Bales, of Waxahachie, died Tuesday morning.

Robert Burns' family Bible, containing interesting family entries, was sold at auction at London one day last week for \$8,250. The purchaser was a London dealer.

Foreign Minister of France Del Casse announced at the cabinet meeting that he had signed the Franco-Swiss arbitration treaty similar to the Franco-British agreement.

It is currently stated that Dora M. Brock, the child-wife of the unfortunate Col Cassius M. Clay, has taken as her third husband Samuel Thomas, of Valley View, Kentucky.

Federal Judge Burns has entered an order in the case of Charles Dodge, wanted in New York on a charge of perjury, ordering the United States marshal to take Dodge back to New York.

It is reported that the Imperial manifesto which will be issued from St. Petersburg on Dec. 19 among other things will increase the rights of the Zemstvos, and suspend the state of siege in cities.

The new postoffice building, now being erected in Galveston, took place Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Addresses were made by Mayor J. T. Leonard and Hon. C. L. Potter. A male quartet sang "America."

The board named by Gov. Ferguson to investigate conditions at the Oklahoma Insane Asylum reported 428 inmates, of whom 230 are males; negro inmates 37, number of deaths during the last year 48.

The hunters around Waco say that the duck season has been one of the poorest ever known, and there are no ducks in this region except a few stragglers and these are very wild, having been shot at so much.

Thousands of acres are being set out in fruit orchards around Denison, which are more profitable than corn or cotton. The Denison Wholesale Fruit Company, conducted by Italians, has ordered 100,000 peach trees, 75 per cent Elbertas.

King Edward has, according to a Herald dispatch from Milan, just presented the monks of the Great St. Bernard monastery a magnificent new piano, to replace one given them by Queen Victoria half a century ago.

Prof. H. A. Morgan, State Entomologist and secretary of the Louisiana crop pest commission, has been offered and accepted the directorship of the Tennessee experiment stations, tendered by the University of Tennessee.

Sam Little, who arrived at Denison Thursday from Doakville, Choctaw Nation, reports that a hunter named Oliver was accidentally shot and killed. Oliver lived in Red River County. A girl is good-looking every time she takes a peep at herself in the mirror.

President Woodrow Wilson of Princeton University is at the Presbyterian Hospital, New York, where he is to undergo an operation, the nature of which is not stated. The attending physician states, however, that

Dr. V. O. King of Auburn, N. Y., has given the Texas State Historical Library 400 volumes relating to Texas history, many of which are exceedingly rare and valuable. Dr. King formerly resided in Texas, making Austin his home.

A fast mail train eastbound, on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad, was wrecked Thursday two miles west of Bristol, Ill. Oscar Johnson, fireman, was killed and Engineer John Cowdren probably fatally injured.

A disease of the spine attributed to an injury received in a football game has caused the death at Lakewood, N. J., of Augustus Holly, former captain of the Princeton team. He graduated in 1900 and was distantly related to the Vanderbilt family.

ANOTHER PHILIPPINE OUTRAGE.

Lieutenant and Thirty-Seven Native Scouts Ambushed and Killed on the Island of Samar.

Manila, Dec. 24.—The Pulajanes have ambushed and killed at Dolores, on the island of Samar, a lieutenant and thirty-seven enlisted men of the Thirty-eighth company of native scouts. Two thousand Pulajanes, it is reported, threaten the town of Dolores and the situation is said to be critical. Lieutenant Abbott, in command of the scouts, has requested that aid be sent him.

Washington: First Lieutenant George F. Abbott, who commands the

Thirty-eighth Company of Philippine scouts, which was ambushed by natives at Dolores, was a corporal in the Ninth United States Infantry in the fight at Tien Tsin, China, during the Boxer troubles. Officers in Washington familiar with his record say that he distinguished himself in that engagement by seizing the colors when the color bearer fell, and holding them in the line.

No advices regarding the ambuscade have yet reached the war department

MILLION DOLLAR FIRE.

Sioux City, Iowa, Visited by Conflagration That Burns Up Two Blocks.

Sioux City, Iowa: A fire which resulted in the death of one fireman, a monetary loss roughly estimated at a million dollars and the destruction of nearly two entire blocks started in the basement of the Pelletier department store, located at Fourth and Jackson streets, at 8 o'clock last night. The district burned in is the center of the business portion of the city, and among the buildings were several of the most substantial structures in the city. In these buildings were located a large number of large stores and several wholesale establishments and three national banks.

A large number of Christmas shoppers crowded the Pelletier store and other stores and it was with difficulty that all managed to escape from the burning building.

For three and a half hours, until they got beyond range of the large buildings, the flames carried everything in their path. Both telegraph companies were put out of business by reason of their wires being burned out and the office of the Western Union was destroyed. Although a great number of telephone circuits were within the district, long district circuits were later established with outside points.

The fire was gotten under control at 11:30, with the assistance of several outside departments.

Nan Patterson Jury Disagreed.

New York: Following a day of intense nervous strain, Nan Patterson is in the Tombs ill and perhaps on the verge of a breakdown. The former show girl, expecting acquittal at the hands of the jury which has listened to the evidence in her trial for the murder of Cesar Young last June, went into court yesterday noon to learn that they had been unable to agree as to her innocence or guilt.

Court house talk had it that six jurors were for acquittal, one held out for murder in the second degree, two for manslaughter in the first degree, and three for manslaughter in the second degree.

It is not known what District Attorney Jerome's intentions are, but it is intimated that the way the jury stood may influence him to a new trial.

Foreigners Leave Fez.

Paris: The correspondent of the Matin at Tangier says that after calling at the French mission the ministers of the several powers ordered all people of their nationalities to quit Fez.

What It Cost Galveston County.

Galveston: Former County Attorney Wheeler stated yesterday that the entire cost to the county of Galveston for the seawall right of way which has been decided to and accepted by the United States government for seawall purposes from Thirty-ninth to Forty-fifth streets, and all land in that territory south of Avenue U, embracing in all about twenty-two acres, had cost the county the total sum of \$17,600.

Trains Delayed by Wreck.

Taylor, Texas: The wreck of a Missouri, Kansas and Texas freight train near Bastrop, in which two box cars were dinged, delayed all northbound "Katy" passenger trains five and one-half hours yesterday, much to the annoyance and discomfiture of many of the passengers, bent on spending the holidays with the home folks "back in the states."

Eggnog a Disturber.

Austin, Texas: Nearly all of the 330 old soldiers at the Confederate home have asked the management to provide eggnog Christmas day, but judging from the present prospects the old men will go without it, as the superintendent is not able to furnish same. It has been found that things intoxicating in wholesale quantities are detrimental to the peace and discipline of the home, and it is deemed best that the eggnog should not be served.

Morocco Situation Very Grave.

Paris: The foreign office considers the situation in Morocco extremely grave. The sultan's dismissal of his French and other military advisers has been followed by a number of other acts showing his intention to interrupt the execution of the French policy. Accordingly the French minister at Tangier has been instructed to secure the immediate withdrawal from the Moroccan capital of the French consul, the commander and all the members of the military commission and all French citizens, unless the sultan vacates his previous offensive action and offers a suitable explanation. The French minister has been instructed to communicate this to the sultan. At the same time he notifies the consul and military men and citizens to depart. The officials here say that no definite military or naval steps have yet been taken as these await the sultan's response to the minister's demand, but a demonstration in force will follow if a suitable explanation and reparation are not promptly given.

Married a Convicted Man.

Columbus, Texas: Gregoria Cortez, who is confined in jail here and whose life sentence to the penitentiary for the murder of Sheriff Glover of Gonzales county has been affirmed by the court of criminal appeals and motion for repleading overruled and against whom there are yet a score of indictments pending in Southwest Texas, was yesterday united in marriage to Signorita Estefano Garza, a Spanish beauty of Manor, Texas, who came here for this purpose a few days ago with the mother of Cortez. The ceremony was performed behind the bars and the honeymoon of the happy couple will be spent in Columbus.

To Cut Up Pasture.

Taylor, Texas: Governor John Sparks of Nevada, who owns a 12,800-acre ranch of fertile black land near Taylor, portions of which vast estate lie in Williamson and Milam counties, is here for the purpose of converting the pasture into small farms and selling the same to actual settlers. This will vastly increase the commercial importance of Taylor and neighboring towns, besides opening up wagon roads through this domain, which is now under fence and used only for pasturage.

Negro Woman Run Over by Wagon.

Marlin: A negro woman, while coming to Marlin Saturday on a wagon, heavily loaded with wood, fell from her seat to the ground, the wagon crossing over her body. Internal injuries were thus inflicted, from the effects of which the woman died Thursday.

Boy Stabbed to Death.

Houston, Texas: Yesterday evening at the corner of Butler and San Felipe streets, William Battiste, colored, about 14 years old, was stabbed to death, and Arthur Dustin, colored, was soon after placed under arrest and jailed. Justice of the Peace McDonald started the inquest into the cause of death. Dustin, the prisoner, stated that he did the cutting, but claims to have acted in self-defense. Battiste was stabbed over the heart, which was perhaps penetrated by the knife, and died instantly. The preliminary hearing will take place this morning.

Sanderson Postoffice Robbed.

New Orleans, La.: Postoffice inspectors were sent from New Orleans yesterday to investigate the postoffice robbery at Sanderson, Texas, where a whole pad of money orders were stolen Wednesday.

Negro Shot and Killed.

Hempstead, Texas: About 3:30 yesterday afternoon Arley Wood, a young negro of this town, was shot and instantly killed. Albert Collins, another negro, surrendered to a peace officer and was taken to jail.

Eastern Texas Stock Registered.

Austin, Texas: The railroad commission yesterday ordered registered \$450,000 of stock of the Eastern Texas Railway Company, on completed line from Lufkin to Kennard.

RUSSIANS RETAKE 203-METER HILL

Information From Chinese Sources--Further Reconnaissances Without Results.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 23.—General Kuropatkin has telegraphed to the general staff that he has received a report from Chinese sources to the effect that the Russians have recaptured 203-Meter hill at Port Arthur, with the guns mounted by the Japanese. Kuropatkin's dispatch, which is dated December 21, also reports further reconnaissances of both the Russians and Japanese, but says they were not productive of important results.

The weather at the front is sunny and the thermometer registered 14 degrees Fahrenheit.

The war office has no additional information regarding General Kuropatkin's report that the Russians have recaptured 203-Meter hill, but the officials consider it certain that the commander in chief would not have sent the report unless it came through exceptionally reliable channels.

Russians Dislodged.

Tokio: A dispatch received by telegraph yesterday from the Japanese army before Port Arthur says: "The right column of the army at 5 o'clock this morning, taking advantage of the enemy's excitement, drove the enemy off an eminence north of Housanyentao on Pigeon bay and occupied the position at 7 o'clock, dislodging the enemy from a height on the peninsula west of Housanyentao, which we occupied, capturing one

WEDDING OF ROYALTY.

Tobacco Queen Married to Tobacco King—Her Texas Interests.

Nacogdoches, Texas: The news of the marriage of Miss Webb, the erstwhile tobacco queen and promoter of the Texas-Cuba tobacco industry here, to Mr. B. L. Duke, the tobacco king of Durham, N. C., is received with keen interest in Nacogdoches. Information has been given out from a reliable private source that the tobacco queen will return to Nacogdoches at an early date, liquidate all claims against the Taylor-Webb company and renew operations here upon the elaborate scale originally planned by her.

Child Fatally Burned.

Burkeville, Texas: About 11 o'clock yesterday morning, five miles east of here, the 9-month-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Burges Kerr fell in the fire and was so horribly burned on its head, face and body that it died at 7 o'clock yesterday evening. It appears that the mother of the child left it alone in the house and went out to look at some goods a peddler was offering for sale, and while absent the little one tumbled into the fire.

Miss Leiter's Age.

Washington: Henry Molyneux Paget Howard, Earl of Suffolk and Berkshire, yesterday took out a license to marry Miss Marguerite Hyde Leiter, a daughter of Mrs. Levi Z. Leiter and a sister of Lady Curzon. The earl made oath that he was 27 years of age and that the age of Miss Leiter was about 25. The marriage will be solemnized in this city on the 27th.

Found With Arm Mangled.

Yoakum, Texas: Harry Camp, a young man aged about 25 years, giving his address as Houston, Texas, was found near the railroad track in the outskirts of Yoakum at 10 o'clock last night with his right arm badly mangled and numerous bruises about the head. It is supposed that he fell from a freight train.

New Pipe at Jennings.

Jennings, La.: The J. M. Abbott Oil Company is laying a pipe line from the Crowley Oil and Mineral Company's holding to the Morse tanks. The company has purchased 50,000 barrels of oil from the Morse company.

May Be Wreaking Vengeance.

Austin, Texas: The adjutant general has dispatched two rangers to Walker county to investigate several mysterious fires which have occurred in that county of late. It will be remembered that prosecutions were had in that county against a number of parties for different causes and some of the prosecuting witnesses may be suffering.

No Grounds for Seizure.

Brownsville, Texas: Some time ago M. Sahualla, an extensive dealer in Mexican drawn work, sent a shipment of about \$1900 worth to New York. On its arrival there it was seized by the customs authorities, acting under instructions from the authorities here, as being smuggled goods. After considerable time and expense, Mr. Sahualla has recovered his goods, and also received a letter from the authorities stating that there were no grounds for seizure.

small gun. After the Japanese occupation of the positions the enemy made a counter attack, but was immediately repulsed. At present our occupation of the position is practically secure."

Japanese Influence in China.

St. Petersburg: The Russian authorities have received information confirmatory of the Novoe Vremya's statement regarding the Chinese situation, indicating that the Japanese influence is predominating, not only in the anti-foreign societies, but in the army and at Peking, forcing the conviction here that the situation is becoming dangerous. The belief prevails that in the spring Japan, under cover of an actual or threatened rising in China, will seek to secure the intervention of the powers to end the war. Direct evidence exists that the anti-foreign proclamations circulating in China were printed in Japan.

Skrzydloff's Successor.

St. Petersburg: Inquiries made at the admiralty all tend to confirm the report that Admiral Rojestvensky will succeed Admiral Skrzydloff in supreme command of the Pacific fleet, the latter returning here as a member of the admiralty council.

Situation Unchanged.

Mukden: The situation remains unchanged. The opposing armies continue their artillery fights. Both sides have extended their positions far to the eastward.

Stabbing Near Hemphill.

Hemphill, Texas: On Sunday, December 18 a row took place between Curtis Carlton and Fred McGown, about six miles west of Hemphill, in which Carlton was stabbed with a knife in the back just below the shoulder blade. The wound was not at first thought to be serious, but it was reported here yesterday that internal hemorrhage had set in, and the doctors say it is not likely that Carlton will recover.

Thousands of Turkeys.

Belton, Texas: Wagonload after wagonload of turkeys were brought here yesterday, coming from all parts of the county and even outside of this county. The buyers here are paying 8 and 8 1/2 cents and are buying everything in sight. Thousands of poultry have been shipped from this point during the past month and the farmers are netting Christmas money.

Great Southern Refinery Working.

Beaumont, Texas: The Great Southern Refining Company has been entirely reorganized and is now operating its independent plant near this city with success, turning out about 1000 barrels of high grade refined oil each week. Chicago capital is largely interested in the venture.

Hiki and Hay Confer.

Washington: Mr. Kiki, charge d'affaires at the Japanese legation, called on Secretary Hay yesterday. At the conclusion of the conference he stated that Japan is willing to conclude an arbitration treaty with this country. No steps were taken yesterday, he said, regarding the matter.

Burglary on Convict Farm.

Caldwell, Texas: A negro was brought here yesterday charged with breaking into a house on the convict farm and stealing therefrom a sum of money less than \$50. The bold feature is that a theft should be committed right on the farm to which he may be sent.

Killed by Train.

Trinity, Texas: J. G. Eymann, a brakeman on the International and Great Northern local train No. 50, was run over and killed by said train at Riverside. No particulars obtainable except that he was at work on the rear of the train.

Ninety-nine Years for Murder.

Victoria, Texas: Steve Ricks, on trial here for the past five days on the charge of murdering his sister, Mrs. Otto Vanroeder, in Karnes county, two years ago, for refusing to call out her husband, whom Ricks demanded, was found guilty of murder in the second degree, and punishment assessed at ninety-nine years. Motion for a new trial was overruled and notice of appeal given.

Gassed in a Well.

Santa Ana, Texas: W. W. Crenshaw was fatally hurt yesterday. He and another man were blasting a well. Crenshaw was overcome by the fumes of the blast and fell into the well, with fatal results.

Orphans for Waco Home.

Flotonia, Texas: Rev. Russel, of Waelder, was in the city yesterday and delivered to Rev. G. C. Vaughn of Waco two orphan children to be taken to the home there.



The thwarted good we try to do,
And would do, if we could:
The noble deeds we set upon
And have accomplished none—
Write them—and with them credit all
The bad we have not done.
—W. D. Nesbitt.

**The Old Year
and the New**

The past year has meant many things to many people. Tragedy and comedy have played hide and seek in the most unexpected places. Joy and sorrow have gone hand in hand in many lives. Wishes have not ended in fulfillment even when most confidently expected; and Fortune, with her usual fickleness, has smiled where her presence was hitherto unknown.

The passing year has brought many gifts there was no refusing. On some it showered blessings until all the world was golden to its favorites, and life a happiness so great it crowded out all remembrances of griefs that were old, or yet to be born. To others it has been the graveyard of dead hopes, the burying ground of happiness, the final resting place of energy, ambition and ideals. To all it has brought some experience that forever will stand monument-like in our lives to mark the birth of new capacities within ourselves for good or evil; the awakening of some powerful influence for weal or woe.

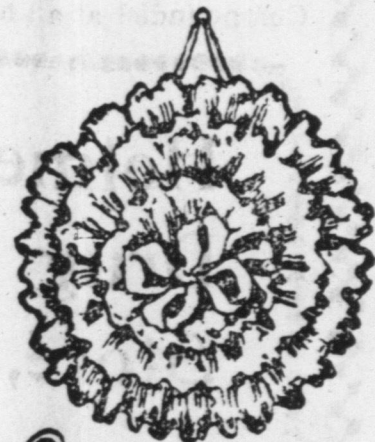
Twelve short months, and how much they mean! A few hundred and some odd days, and hundreds of lives are marred forever, or made happy for a time. Lived well and profitably, they have brought contentment and a clear conscience to help us face the coming year and buoy us up in the sturdy faith that the future cannot but be as bright as was the past. Ill-spent, those few short months have banished hope from many a life, and dimmed many an illustrious name. It is the mistake of the moment that makes the misery of a lifetime, nor can repentance brighten it again. Few of us are capable of planning evil, but many of us succumb to the unexpected opportunity. The strong withstand, the weak falter and fail, and yet the world insists that both should be measured by the same stern standard of right and wrong, with no allowance made for weakness. It is so easy to be good when one has all one wants, so simple to resist temptation that has no allurements, so comforting to sit in the conscious rectitude that knows no disposition to evil, and condemn those whose lives are a constant struggle to do the things they ought not to do, and in whom one triumph is a greater moral victory than a lifetime of untemptedness on the part of the untempted.

We all have a well defined wish at this season of the year to turn a clean page in the book of life, to improve, if possible, to perform miracles of kindness and goodness.

The universal desire is to be at peace with mankind. To succeed one must temper justice with mercy, until the accepted position is reversed and it is mercy which is tempered with justice. To ourselves we cannot be too severe; to the faults of others, too lenient. By our own mistakes let us measure the misdemeanors of those about us. Let us profit by the temptations we have met, returning thanks for the courage which has helped us to withstand some, from our failures gathering fresh courage for a new attempt. Each heart knows its own bitterness. A deep stratum of sorrow often lies close to the fairest surface. Of the knowledge born of our experience we must be generous, and deal gently with the failings hardest to understand in others. Charity covereth much, but alas, in too many cases it is a garment worn threadbare at the seams, and in holes in many places. To keep it whole and capable of sheltering the needy is a task that would profitably fill the next year for those of us who will undertake it; and there should be many such, if we were only honest enough to sometimes make the allowances for others we never fail to make for ourselves.

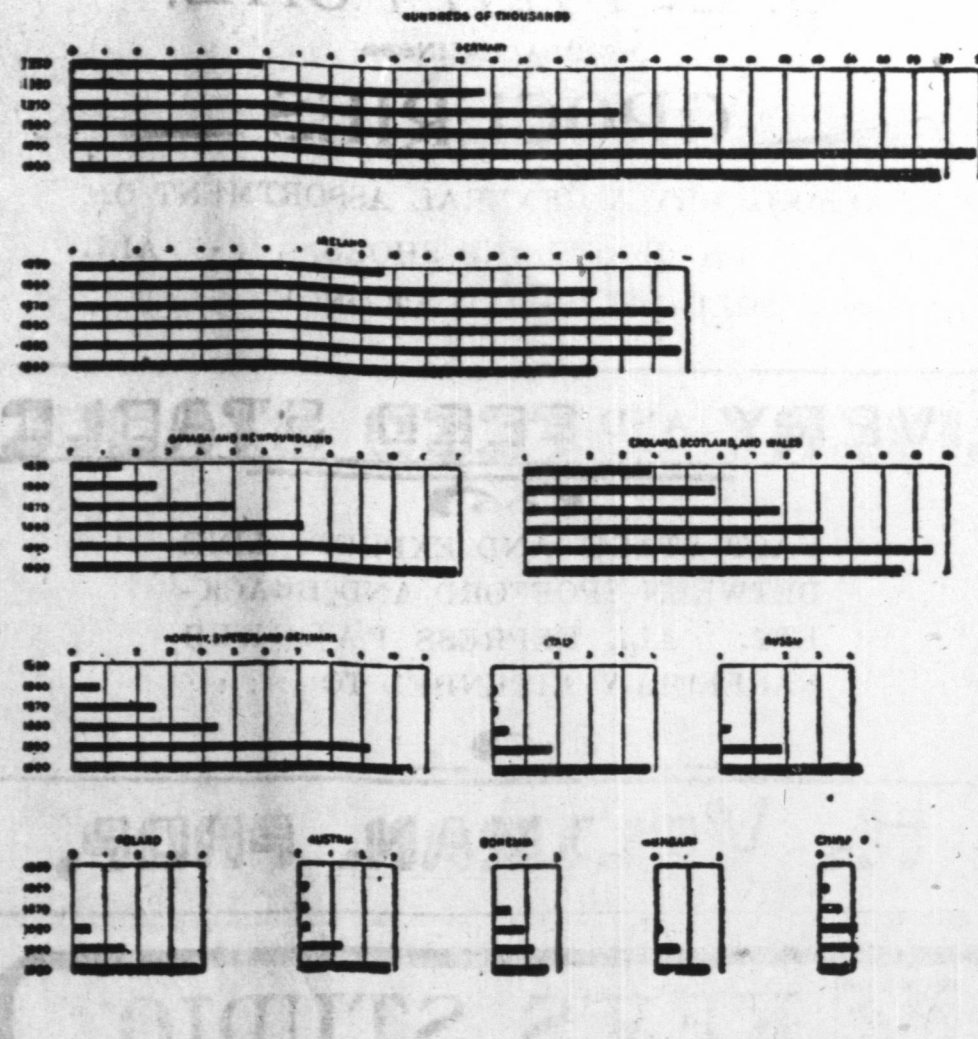
"If there be some weaker one, give me strength to help her on," is a wish that is charitable, practical and kindly, and would make a splendid device for 1905.

Shaving Paper Holder.
Cut round a piece of heavy cartridge paper and cover it with white paper back and front. Then gather three double ruffles of crepe paper, setting



one just beyond the edge, the others further in, and at the center put a bow of four loops without ends, and a ribbon loop to hang it by. At the back sew another short loop, to which attach a package of shaving paper. This can be renewed as often as used.

Foreign Born Population



ARNEGIE BUYS FINE ESTATE

Whitaker Wright Mansion to Be National Convalescent Home. Andrew Carnegie's latest purchase, Lea Park, in the south of England, is the place on which the late Whitaker Wright squandered millions when he was in his speculative glory. It was his hobby during his years of opulence and is regarded as one of the most magnificent modern houses in the world. This may be credited when it is remembered that the purchase price to Mr. Carnegie is \$3,750,000. The house has many suites of reception-rooms, a splendid palm garden and a ballroom capable of accommodating several hundred persons. At the top of the house is an observatory containing one of the largest telescopes in England. The gardens cost even more money than the house and are adorned with statues, pagodas, summer-houses and every device of the landscape gardener's art. It is Mr. Carnegie's intention to turn the place into a national convalescent home, for which purpose it is admirably fitted.

BATHES DAILY IN OCEAN.

Cold Weather No Bar to Plunge of New York Woman. Long Island has a young sea nymph named Molly Canning who has been taking a plunge in the surf daily for the last two months. Even the blizzard did not deter her, and when she emerged the cold wind almost converted her into a pillar of salt, like Lot's wife. "I never was so healthy in my life," said Miss Canning after her dip and run on the beach, "as I have been since I have been taking baths in the open air. I have become so accustomed to the coldness of the water that I enjoy it and never feel the slightest ill effects. Water that is exposed to the air and is not stagnant is filled with a magnetism which is impossible to duplicate anywhere else, and a bath in such water, if rightly taken, imparts vigor and strength to tired nerves and muscles."

Learning From Western Farmers.

Just at present authorities in the east are urging the people to learn the lesson of successful farming from the west. Think of it, the states which have been tilling the soil for over two centuries learning from the states in which two decades comprehend both ancient and modern history. Farming has been revolutionized in the trans-Mississippi west within the last decade. Farming machinery and the training of the brains of the farmers have been responsible for this. The days of the one-horse plow are well-nigh over. In the far west steam plows, threshers and harvesters are in daily operation during the season; in the Dakota wheat fields twenty-horse teams are to be seen on almost every farm.—Des Moines Register and Leader.

Campaign on Business Principles.

During his three campaigns for the governorship of Massachusetts Senator Crane did not make a political speech nor write a political document. His first inaugural address was the shortest ever penned in the bay state—at any rate in recent years—and, like succeeding ones, was absolutely devoid of rhetoric or any attempt at literary quality, except utmost simplicity and directness of statement. It was a business man's straightforward presentation of the financial condition of the state, which the new governor conceived to be such as to call loudly for retrenchment, and a call for certain long-needed reforms.

Hard on the Drummers.

Once upon a time a litter of kittens came to the home of little six-year-old Susie. As is usual at such times, the old mother cat was very much in evidence. One day, after the kittens were old enough to run around the house, little Susie was playing with one of them and was overheard saying as she fondled it: "Kitty, I know who your mother is, an' I know who your brothers and sisters is, but, Kitty, I don't know who your father is—I spect your father must be a traveling man."—Lippincott's.

New York Citizens Resent Oil King's Attempt to "Preserve."

William Rockefeller's game keepers on his vast forest preserves in the neighborhood of Saranac, N. Y., are earning their pay these days. The natives throughout resent the appearance of these guards, several of whom have been fired upon recently. One of them resigned after having a bullet pass through his coat sleeve as he was patrolling his lonely beat in the forest. The "snipers" use smokeless powder and all efforts to locate them have failed. Mr. Rockefeller owns 53,000 acres of fine forest land in the vicinity named, but the natives can not be made to see that with the real estate he bought the deer. Nor can they understand how he owns the fish which were put into the streams at public expense. They have shot and fished on the land as far back as the oldest inhabitant can remember and see no reason why the arrival of Mr. Rockefeller among them should change their custom. Hence the placing of the guards, of whom there is a small army.

CHANGE IN FINANCIAL CENTER.

United States to Take Lead in World's Events. It takes ages to change the commercial and financial center of the world. When one is once established it shifts tardily and only long after it has ceased to be the most convenient place for the greatest number of people. There have been but a comparatively few such centers in the history of commerce. For centuries their location was on the Mediterranean sea or its tributaries. Carthage, Rome, Constantinople, Vienna followed one another at long intervals. With the growth of the Anglo-Saxon and German races and the development of ocean traffic the location shifted to northern Europe. Then came Bruges, Antwerp, Amsterdam, and finally London, where it still remains. But the signs of the times now point to another change. The United States holds one-fourth of the world's stock of gold and controls over one-third of the world's banking power.—Kansas City Journal.

Studied Law in Secret.

Alderman Francis J. Stiglbauer, a prominent member of the Milwaukee city council, has been admitted to the bar. This case is noteworthy in that he never attended a law school. Although now engaged in the real estate and insurance business, he formerly was a mail carrier. He then began the study of law without intention of practicing. Three years ago last spring he was elected to the council. He at once began a serious study of law with the object of taking the state bar examination. For over three years he studied eight hours each day, unknown to his associates in the council or to any except his closest friends.

Duties of Private Secretary.

Several young men think they would like to be secretary to Senator Fairbanks after he is sworn in as vice president. There was a question as to what are the duties of a secretary to a vice president. "I'll tell you," said a man who has been in the capitol for many years. "The secretary of the vice president is required to sit in the vice president's gorgeous room and when a party of 'Rube' sightseers stick their heads in the door say to them: 'Come right in and I'll show you the mirror John Quincy Adams bought for \$30.'"

Oklahoma Soil Produces Wealth.

S. M. McHarg, a Grant county farmer, found his wheat so short that he cut it with a header. Wishing to conserve the soil moisture for wheat sowing in the fall, he planted the land to corn. To his surprise the corn matured and yielded about thirty-five bushels an acre. His wheat averaged about \$18.25 an acre and his corn \$10.50, a total of \$28.75 an acre, or \$915 for his thirty-acre field. This is a convincing example of the resources of Oklahoma's soil and climate.—Kansas City Times.

TEACH VALUE OF FORESTS.

Practical Lesson Coming Congress Is Meant to Inculcate.

It is the greatest single effort yet planned in this country to instill in our people the lesson that certain European nations took to heart several centuries ago in connection with their forests, which they turned from threatened destruction into a national asset, while still older countries failed to heed a like warning of disappearing forests and became arid and fruitless, writes H. M. Suter in the Review of Reviews concerning an American forestry congress.

It is to teach the people to take home to themselves the part that the forest plays in their daily lives that this and previous forest meetings of a national character have been arranged—to point out to them that reckless lumbering and the denuding of steep hillsides have much to do with bringing disastrous floods of recent years, such as the one in the southern Appalachian mountains, where \$16,000,000 worth of property was destroyed in two weeks.

FEDERAL JUDGE IN TROUBLE.

Charles Swayne Impeached by the House of Representatives.

Judge Charles Swayne, whom the House of Representatives voted to impeach, is on the federal bench in Florida. He is accused of inattention to duty and to charging the limit of



expenses allowed for services in districts other than his own, when he did not serve for the time alleged. He will be tried by the Senate.

JUDGE LOST HIS OVERCOAT.

Fellow Jurists Have Fun With Unfortunate Brother.

Judge John F. Phillips of Kansas City came in for a good deal of chaffing in St. Louis while attending the court of appeals there recently. Someone stole his handsome new overcoat from an outer room. Other legal dignitaries joked unmercifully at his expense and even suggested that the hat be passed to make up \$75 which the purloined garment had cost. It was suggested that from the judicial standpoint it might appear that a man who has no overcoat and feels pressed to take another man's would better be provided for in a place where he will be kept comfortably warm for six months without one. The judge remarked good-naturedly that judicial ermine was a poor substitute for the missing article, and thought that perhaps the thief would feel just as comfortable in the stolen coat as the rightful owner.

Trend Toward Arbitration.

The old monarchies are not disbanding the armies of Europe, though they groan under the burden of them. Nations are not dismantling battle ships but building more of them. Nevertheless, enlightened opinion and the aim from which civilization refuses to be diverted is kept forever in sight. The dream of the poet is ever in view. The powder is kept dry, but the effort to use it as seldom as possible is unabated. Members of the family of nations have fallen over one another in their eager haste to help the cause of arbitration by making treaties for the peaceable settlement of controversies. Not only this, but they have hailed with delight the opportunity to share another peace congress in the making of regulations governing belligerents and neutrals in warfare.—Omaha Bee.

New Head of British Fleet.

Sir Edward H. Seymour who has been appointed admiral of the fleet to succeed Admiral Salmon on the latter's retirement in February, is of Irish descent and comes of a family which has contributed several noted fighters to the British navy. It was Sir Edward who led the allied forces in their unsuccessful endeavor to reach Peking in time to relieve the legation there a few years ago. He is 64 years old and has been in the navy for over half a century. He served with distinction in the Crimean war, in the China war, 1857-60, was present at the opening of Canton in 1857, was wounded on the coast of Africa in 1870, commanded the Isis in the Egyptian war, receiving a medal, and was superintendent of the naval reserves in 1894-97.

Historical Society Passes Century.

The New York Historical society was 100 years old on Nov. 20, and an anonymous gift of \$200,000, just received, places it in a position where it can progress in its work in a more satisfactory manner than before. Few people know that this society possesses one of the finest art galleries in America, and a collection of Egyptian antiquities which Miss Amelia B. Edwards pronounced as the finest outside of Egypt and surpassing them in some lines.

GENERALS IN THE WEEVIL CAMPAIGN

Council of War Held at Fort Worth--Officers Are Chosen--Plan of Operations.

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 22.—At the recent Shreveport cotton convention the National Cotton Association was organized, under the resolutions adopted. The executive committee of the association met here yesterday and elected Oswald S. Wilson of this city secretary of the committee. J. W. Spencer of this city was chosen national treasurer.

The work of the association was placed in the hands of five different committees, as follows: First, finance and national legislation, E. S. Peters, Calvert, chairman; second, press and railroads, Stanley H. Watson of Houston, chairman; third, co-operation, O. P. Pyle, Mincola, chairman; fourth, organization, Oswald Wilson, Fort Worth, chairman; fifth, state legislation, J. H. Connell for Texas, Dallas; P. M. Potts for Louisiana, Natchitoches, La.

Each chairman is to name his full committee as soon as possible. The secretary was instructed to send to the state chairman the above plan of organization of the executive committee so that each state may be organized along the same lines.

The objects of this association were stated to be:

1. To urge upon every farmer in the Southern states the absolute necessity of diversification, rotation and the cultural system of growing cotton.
2. To secure legislation in all of the cotton states: First, for the protection of insectivorous birds; second, to destroy systematically the cotton stalks as soon as the cotton is picked. It is the intention to immediately systematically organize the entire cotton country to secure the results here mentioned.

Vice presidents have heretofore been named for each cotton state, who will act as chairmen of the state executive committee for the respective states, and will name their own executive committees. Each state chairman is to call a meeting immediately of his executive committee to organize for the purpose of carrying out the objects of the national association as defined by the national executive committee. The plan of organization by states is for the state executive committee to name a chairman for each cotton county, who will in turn select his own executive committee from the various precincts in his county.

The session was an executive one, and the report here given was furnished by the committee.

WAR FOR THE ASKING.

Germany Tells Great Britain She Has But to Say the Word.

Chicago: The Record-Herald publishes the following from its Berlin correspondent: Sensational correspondence has passed between the German and British governments during the last four weeks with reference to the warlike and provocative attitude adopted toward Germany by the semi-official British press, especially the Army and Navy Gazette. The kaiser took a hand in the negotiations and made his vigorous personality felt in a positive way. He instructed that the British cabinet should be informed in effect that if England wanted war it could have it immediately; if it was not desirous of such an event the talk which Germany considered an affront must stop.

Both Count Wolf-Metternich, German ambassador in London, and Sir F. C. Lascelles, British ambassador at Berlin, were called home by their respective governments to discuss the situation, which had reached a most delicate point. The publications which induced the German government to assume this strong attitude were a series of articles in the Army and Navy Gazette culminating in the declaration that the kaiser's navy was so rapidly becoming a menace to Great Britain that war should be declared now in order that the German fleet might be destroyed now before it could become a still greater danger.

Red Cross Report.

Mukden: A report of the work of the Red Cross in the northeastern district has been submitted by Prince Vassilitchkoff. During the month of October 10,631 sick were treated. Of these, 99.98 per cent were only slightly ill and 10.02 per cent seriously sick. A little over 53 per cent of the sick recovered under treatment. The others were invalided or transferred to other hospitals. Less than 1 per cent died. The figures relating to the wounded are conflicting and uncertain, but it appears the ratio of shot and shell wounds to cold steel were about 235 to 1.

A Pipe Dream.

New York: Work has been begun on the last stage of a pipe line that will convey oil from the fields of the Indian Territory to the refineries in Long Island City and Green Point. Men are now preparing to lay pipes under the East river. The line will be 2000 miles long, and 2000 men will watch it to detect breaks.

Tram Engineer Killed.

Bryan, Texas: Mrs. W. P. Shine, who was yesterday advised of injuries to her husband at Warren, Texas, where he was employed as a tram railroad engineer, received another telegram last night announcing his death. Request has been made that the body be shipped to Bryan for burial.

Coins for Panama.

Colon: The second shipment of new Panama silver coins amounting to \$325,000, arrived here on the steamer Advance Tuesday. They will be placed in circulation next month.

Famous Club House Burns.

Washington: The Metropolitan club house, famous as the home of men in prominent social and official life, was gutted by fire yesterday. Several adjoining buildings were also destroyed. The loss is heavy.

Congress Adjourned for Holidays.

Washington: An objection by Mr. Mann of Illinois of unanimous consent to take up the inaugural resolution in the house of representatives yesterday sent the whole matter over until after the holidays. Mr. Morrell of Pennsylvania, on behalf of the committee of the District of Columbia, was directed to move the passage of the senate resolution, which, among other things, provides for holding the inaugural ball in the Pension building as heretofore, but Messrs. Underwood of Alabama and Mann insisted that a quorum of the house should be present to consider the matter. Immediately after Mr. Mann's objection the house, at 12:39 p. m., adjourned until January 3, 1905.

Oppressive Silence Reigns.

Trdagon, Manchuria: The oppressive silence continues. Not a shot has been fired during the last two days. Both armies seem dormant. Only at night is there a little firing. Russian scouts crept out east of Erdagou and found the Japanese pickets withdrawn. The Russians approached the Japanese trenches where a few shots were exchanged.

The same thing occurred in front of Poutloff hill. The cessation of hostilities has encouraged the natives to return to the villages, but some of the latter have been destroyed and are uninhabitable. A commission is engaged in paying indemnities to the destitute Chinese.

Frontier Vigilantes.

Duluth, Minn.: Incensed over a large number of murders and robberies that have been committed recently by Canadian Indians in the northern part of Itasca county, near the international boundary, the settlers and homesteaders, according to Enoch Layton, a settler, who was here yesterday, have formed themselves into a vigilance committee for the purpose of avenging the deaths of some of their comrades.

Battleship Texas Disabled.

New York: Breaking five great cables as if they had been threads, the 100-ton floating derrick Hercules, moored to the side of the new battleship Connecticut, broke adrift in the navy yard basin in Wa. about bay yesterday and crashed into the stern of the battleship Texas, smashing several plates and so injuring the war vessel that she will have to go into the dry dock.

Millmen Stand Pat.

Fall River, Mass.: The Fall River cotton manufacturers have rejected the proposition for arbitration by the National Civic Federation, submitted by the Textile Council and ratified. Tuesday by mass meetings of five unions. Secretary Taylor of the Textile Council received the reply yesterday. The communication is brief and in addition to the refusal adds that the manufacturers can offer no plan that will involve any change in the 12 1-2 per cent reduction in wages.

To Make It Pay.

Washington: Representative Henry Wood of Connecticut introduced a bill yesterday to secure the full use of the United States rural mail equipment and to place the rural service on a paying basis.

Elks Give to Charity.

Bryan, Texas: The Bryan Elks lodge has appropriated from its treasury the sum of \$25, to be distributed by a committee of ladies for charitable purposes during the holidays.

Legend of Chinese New Year's Lilies

Wong Su was no common Chinaman, although he did operate a laundry on a side street.

The laundry, he confided to his little friend, John Lawson, whom he was wont to call Little John, in recollection of a character in the book which the boy had lent to him to read, was merely a stepping stone toward the larger sphere of a Chinese merchant. Little John had crept into the heart of Wong Su ever since he had prevented some other boys from throwing stones at the laundry windows, and in token of his regard, Wong Su had given the little boy a bowl of lily bulbs which were just sending out tiny spikes of green above their crinkled brown coverings.

Now Little John was returning the bulbs to his friend to be cared for until another season of bloom should arrive.

"Take care of my sacred lilies, please, Wong Su?" he begged.

Wong Su smiled. "These are not sacred lilies, Little John," he said, "the proper name for them is 'angel lilies.' We call them angel lilies in my country. Would you like to know how they came by that name?"

Little John clasped Wong Su's hand in both his own and jumped up and down in delighted assent.

"Ever and ever so long ago," began Wong Su, "in a part of China where much of the land is very low and some of it quite swampy, there lived a rich mandarin who had two sons, Li Foo and Wing Tung.

"Li Foo was a hypocritical young man who was very jealous of the pleasant disposition and popularity of his younger brother, and he managed to influence the mind of his father so that when, full of years, he came to die he left to Li Foo the right to divide his property as he thought best, depending upon Li Foo's wisdom and affection to make a fair division with Wing Tung.

"No sooner had the days of mourning for the old man ended than Li Foo hastened to divide the large estate which the mandarin had left in his care.

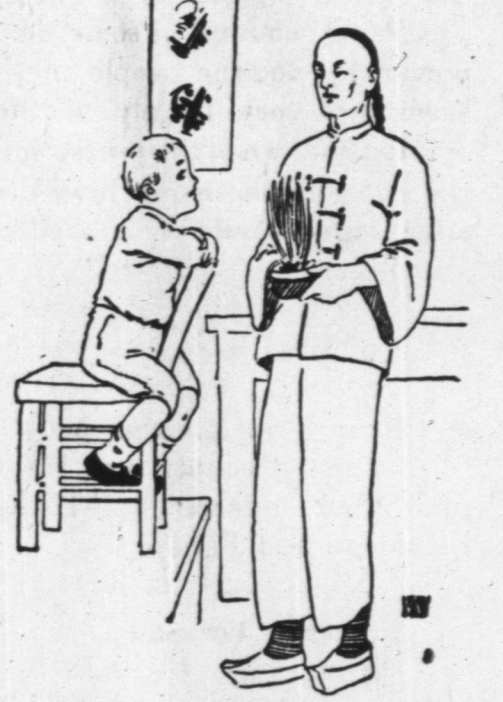
"All the land, and all the other property of his father, he seized for himself, except some swampy meadows, and a few unimportant articles, which he gave to Wing Tung.

"The younger brother's heart was very heavy, and his spirit sank within him when he thought of the future.

"Wing Tung realized that his store of money would soon vanish, and he had neither a profession nor an occupation to depend upon for an income. He determined to come to this country of the West, where he might, perhaps learn how to earn a livelihood.

"He became particularly interested in seeing how marsh lands in America were reclaimed and made to produce fine crops of rice.

"I will go back to my own country," he said, "and if my brother has not



"Ever and ever so long ago," said Wong Su.

taken possession of my poor marshes I will drain them and cultivate rice upon them."

"It was nearing the time of our New Year when Wing Tung reached his native province and went to look at his wide stretches of marsh land. "As he lay, turning the problem over in his mind that night, considering despondently that he could scarcely hope to carry on his work and live until harvest time upon the small sum left to him, an angel appeared to him bearing a packet of seed.

"Take these seeds," said the angel, "and sprinkle them over every part of your marsh. There lies a fortune in that marsh for you. Be not discouraged; you shall reap gold from it."

"Very early in the morning Wing Tung set out to sow the seed before anyone could be up to see what he was about, and laugh to scorn his folly at planting seed in a worthless marsh.

"On the night before the Chinese New Year the angel appeared again to Wing Tung, saying:

"Go, gather your harvest of gold; it is ripe."

"At break of day Wing Tung hastened to his meadows and there, scattered all over the dreary brown of the marsh, were small green points, with here and there slender lance-like leaves bearing among them stalks of beautiful lilies. The swamp seemed white and gold with their beauty.

"Every day of the New Year celebration, and for many days thereafter, Wing Tung sold his angel lilies to all who wished to buy, and thus he reaped from the bed of his marsh that harvest of gold which the angel had promised him."

Jas Cornell, has been quite sick this week, we are pleased to note that he is much better at this writing.—Sonora Sun.

A Kansas editor who has been married two weeks gives vent to his experience on the matrimonial sea in the following language: "We'd rather live on Cat Island with a parrot for a mate and have a sand blister on each of our toes than to dwell in paradise and wear silk slippers with a woman who pouts."

Onions are growing and the farmers are hustling endeavoring to get the immense crop transplanted. We are not sitting idly by and letting the grass grow under our feet, but are accomplishing much towards developing this fertile region of ours and making it one of the leading agricultural sections of the great Southwest. These are cold facts and anyone caring to investigate can come and see for themselves.—Carrizo Springs Javelin.

Some weeks ago a letter addressed by James McLymont, of Del Rio, to Congressman Slayden, was printed in the Stockman and Farmer. Mr. McLymont suggested that it would be wise to remove the customs barrier for a few years in order that breeding sheep might be imported for the purpose of restoring the almost sheepless range of west Texas. He pointed out the fact that cattlemen had generally come to the conclusion that sheep on a cow ranch was a valuable supplement to the main business of cattle raising. Mr. Slayden sent the letter for publication in order to develop the opinion of his constituents. The publication led to a spirited controversy, and many letters for and against the proposition have been printed in the Stockman and Farmer. In this issue we publish a numerous signed letter addressed to Mr. Slayden by his constituents in Lampasas county Lampasas is a sheep producing county of some importance, and the people there seem to be very largely of the opinion that while the protection theory obtains in our laws its advantages should be conceded to the interests of west Texas. Without expressing an opinion for or against Mr. McLymont's suggestion we venture to say that as a principle the people of Lampasas county are right in their demands.—Texas Stockman and Farmer.

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No. 126.
Notice of Application for Probate of Nuncupative Will.
STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or and constable of Kinney county, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon all persons interested in the estate of J. H. Pratt, deceased, by making publication of this citation, in a newspaper published in Kinney county, Texas, if there be one, and if there be none, then in the Newspaper which is published nearest to the Court House of said Kinney county, for four successive weeks previous to the first day of the term of court to which this citation is returnable, to be and appear before the Honorable County Court of Kinney County, Texas, sitting in probate, at a term of said court to be begun and holden at the Court House in the town of Brackett on the 13th day of March A. D. 1905, then and there to answer the petition of J. F. Ray filed in said Court November 21st. 1904 and numbered on the docket of said court as No. 126 and styled, Estate of J. H. Pratt deceased, and being for the probate of the Nuncupative Will of the said J. H. Pratt, deceased, said petition containing substantially the statement as follows, to wit: The State of Texas } In the county of Kinney } In the Estate of J. H. Pratt, Deceased. To the Hon. county court, Kinney county, Texas.

Your petitioner, J. F. Ray, shows to the court that he resides in the county of Kinney and State of Texas.

J. H. Pratt, is now dead; that at and prior of his death he resided and had his domicile in said Kinney county, Texas, and his principal estate is now in said county. That about the 24th day of September 1904, the said J. H. Pratt, being affected with a malady in one of his feet, went, for medical treatment to, and thereafter, until his death was confined in, the Santa Rosa Infirmary, in the city of San Antonio, in Bexar county, Texas, as that about the 8th. day of October 1904, and while in said Infirmary, and said Pratt's attending physician found it necessary, and did then and there amputate one of said Pratt's legs, and thereafter, at about the hour of 2 o'clock a. m. on the morning of October 10th. 1904, and while suffering from said illness and amputation, the said Pratt died in said Infirmary in said Bexar county Texas; that the said J. H. Pratt had resided in said Infirmary in said Bexar county for ten days next preceding his said death.

That at the time of his death the said J. H. Pratt was seized and possessed of real and personal property of the probably value of \$2000.00.

That on the 9th. day of October 1904, the said J. H. Pratt at said Santa Rosa Infirmary in said Bexar county, Texas, he then being 21 years age and over, and of sound mind and disposing memory, but languishing under a dangerous illness as aforesaid, made his last Will and Testament, in the manner and form of a Nuncupative Will, and, by uttering certain testamentary words in the presence of witnesses then in attendance, did bequeath his estate as follows, to wit:

"I want to leave all of my property to J. F. Ray, of Brackettville, Texas, real and personal and my ranch. I J. H. Pratt, being in sound mind and in possession of my senses etc. give all of my property to J. F. Ray.

That at and before the time of uttering the testamentary words, the said testator called upon A. I. Lockwood, then present to notice and bear testimony that what he was about to say was his will, and said testator did then and there, in the presence and hearing of said A. I. Lockwood, N. Underwood and Sister Mary, of the Ascension, a sister of charity and then and there an attendant in and upon said Pratt in said Infirmary, and whose other name or names is to this applicant unknown, and who all reside in the city of San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, and also to others then present, utter the very testamentary words above cited.

That on the 10th. day of October 1904 following, and within six days after making said will the said I. A. Lockwood, N. Underwood and Sister

Mary reduced the said Testamentary words to writing, which said writings are filed herewith, that said Sister Mary then and there and at all times since refused to affix her signature to her said memorandum in writing of said Will, giving as her reason for her said refusal to sign her said memorandum of said will, that she could not do so without the permission and consent of the Mother Superior, who was then and there her superior authority in the order of which she was then a member, that said Mother Superior was then and has since remain absent from said Bexar county, and her permission and consent could, at no time, up to the filing hereof, be obtained, and has not yet been obtained.

That said Testator, afterwards on said 10th. day of October 1904, and during his last illness, died without revoking or altering said Nuncupative Will.

That said applicant is the sole beneficiary in said will and is not disqualified from acting as Executor thereof.

That said J. H. Pratt left surviving him no heirs, or next of kin, so far as this applicant knows or is aware of, and that if there are any such heirs, their names and residence are unknown.

Wherefore your petitioner prays that citation be issued to all persons interested in said Estate as required by law; that said Will be admitted to probate that petitioner be appointed Executor thereof and that successor and futher orders be made as to the court may seem proper.

J. F. RAY.
I, J. F. Ray, do solemnly swear that the allegations in the foregoing petition are true as I verily believe.

J. F. RAY.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st. day of November 1904.

O. F. SEARGEANT.
Clerk County Court, Kinney County.

[SEAL] By M. CLAIBORNE, Deputy.

At which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have you then and there before said Court this Wit, with your return thereon endorsed, showing how you have executed the same.

WITNESS: O. F. SEARGEANT, Clerk county court, Kinney County.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 21st day of November 1904.

O. F. SEARGEANT.
Clerk county court, Kinney county, Texas.
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