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ADVANCE IN COTTON

PRICE SHOOTS UP DURING EXCITING TRADING TODAY.

GAIN OF HALF A CENT

Above Yesterday's Values on March Delivery Was Registered Before Noon.

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 12.—The cotton market today was very strong and active, the prices advancing during excited trading from 28 to 32 points over the closing figures of last night. Before noon March cotton sold at 11.24, which is 58 points, or more than 1/2-cent a pound above the price level yesterday morning. That the government report has greatly overestimated the crop is given as one of the reasons for the sensational advance.

LOCAL MARKET HIGHER.

Shles as High as 11% Reported on Our Streets Today.

A private wire states that January cotton closed 28 points higher today than yesterday. The local buyers were quick to respond to the advance and there was much activity in the local market today. The bids ranged from 10 1/4 cents to 11%, some high grade cotton having been sold at the latter figure.

Buy one dollar's worth of Capital Stock and Poultry Food from the Wichita Grain and Coal Co., and get a prize. 174-tf 52-tf

Iowa Park Happenings.

Iowa Park, Tex., Dec. 12.—The entertainment by Miss Jackson was postponed until tonight.

There will be no school next week, as the teachers are to be in attendance at the county institute.

Mrs. John T. Overbey has been sick for several days this week.

It is expected that work will begin this week on repairing the bridge south of town across the Wichita.

Mr. R. E. Moore of Wichita Falls was in town on business Tuesday.

There will be three Christmas trees here on Christmas Eve, under the auspices of the different Sunday schools.

The band boys, assisted by others, are planning to give an entertainment soon.

The music department of the public school will give a recital on Friday morning and Friday night, Dec. 13th. These opportunities for playing in public are worth much to the pupils, and should be appreciated, and attended by patrons and friends.

Mrs. W. L. Younger and son, Remy, were shopping in Wichita Falls Wednesday.

Little Dixie Tuttle has been sick for several days.

The young people of the high school have organized a lyceum association and are bringing some good attractions here. Miss Nettie Jackson will appear here tonight under their auspices. She is a reader and story teller of rare merit, and a most enjoyable evening is anticipated.

Be sure to read the display ad of the W. F. Jordan Furniture Co. in this issue. It will solve the Christmas present problem for you. 174-d&w-tf

GOVERNMENT ESTIMATES

CROP AT 11,678,000 BALES.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—The crop reporting board of the bureau of statistics of the department of agriculture, from reports of its correspondents and agents today issued a report estimating the total production of cotton in the United States for the year 1907-08 at 11,678,000 bales of 500 pounds each.

Real Estate Transfers.

Two important real estate deals were consummated yesterday through the agency of Young & Ward, by which two business houses changed ownership.

The first was that of T. J. Taylor, who sold to Bennett & Hardy the 25x80 one-story brick structure on the north side of Seventh street, between Ohio and Indiana avenue, which is now occupied by the Coney Island restaurant, for a consideration of \$6,000.

The second deal was that of J. A. Kemp to J. A. Fooshee of the 25x80 foot store building on the east side of Ohio avenue between Seventh and Eighth streets, now occupied by W. H. H. Thatcher's hardware store. Consideration, \$5,000.

Ladies, Attention.

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Stockholders Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Stockholders of the First National Bank at its banking house in the city of Wichita Falls, Texas, on the second Tuesday in January, 1908, the same being the 14th day of said month, for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly be acted upon by said Stockholders. 1-w-4t W. M. McGREGOR, Cashier.

Fireman Killed.

Today about 2:30 W. D. Campbell, a fireman on a switch engine, was run over and killed in the Denver railroad yards.

It seems that in some unknown manner Campbell lost his footing and fell between the engine and tender. At the time of going to press, it is not known whether it was the engine or tender that passed over his body and crushed his life out.

The body of the dead man was taken to the Y. M. C. A. and Hough was called to prepare it for burial.

The deceased leaves a wife and family, who live here in the city.—Childress Post.

Stockholders Meeting.

A meeting of the Stockholders of the City National Bank is hereby called to meet at their banking house in the city of Wichita Falls, Texas, on Tuesday, January 7th, 1908, for the purpose of electing a board of directors and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before them. 1-w-4t P. P. LANGFORD, Cashier.

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CONTRACT AWARDED

COUNCIL VOTES TO BUY A FIRE WAGON FROM AMERICAN-LA-FRANCE COMPANY.

ELECTION CANVASSED

City Attorney Will Take Steps to Have Bond Issue Approved—New Councilman Sworn Into Office.

From Thursday's Daily. At a called meeting of the city council this morning a contract with the American-LaFrance Company for a combination hose and chemical wagon was authorized at \$1,500 cash. As will be remembered, contract for a fire wagon was awarded to the Seagraves Company some weeks ago at \$1,650, but the company refused to fulfill the contract on the terms stipulated. Subsequently the matter was taken up with the American-LaFrance Company and this morning their bid of \$1,500 was accepted.

The meeting of the council was called primarily for the purpose of canvassing the results of the bond election several days ago. The election was declared to have carried in favor of the bonds and the city attorney was instructed to take the necessary steps to have the bonds approved by the attorney-general.

W. E. Skeen was declared elected to the office of alderman and was sworn into office.

The Cream Bakery wants to sell you your Christmas candies, nuts and fruits. Their line is complete. 176-tf

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Saturday, Dec. 14th, 1907, at 9 O'Clock A. M.

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ASSASSIN CAPTURED

MAN WHO SHOT MOTHER, BROTHER AND SISTER-IN-LAW CAPTURED NEAR GRANBURY.

HE "DON'T REMEMBER"

So He Says, When Questioned By the Officers in regard to His Bloody Deed.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 10.—Curtis Mason, charged with the shooting of his mother, brother and sister-in-law at Cleburne Saturday night, has been captured and is in Fort Worth.

He was arrested in bed at his father's home near Granbury at daylight Monday by Sheriff J. G. Swafford, who brought him to Fort Worth upon hearing that a mob was gathering at Cleburne prepared to take the law into their own hands upon his arrival there with the prisoner.

Mason says that the triple shooting was the result of an old family quarrel. He declares that his victims were all around him when he began shooting and that he did not know whom he hit. He showed considerable relief upon being told that all three were living.

From the story of the tragedy as secured from him at the city hall, where he is temporarily lodged, Curtis Mason appears to have no recollection of the events preceding or following the incident. He admits that an operation was performed upon him following a severe attack of typhoid fever many years ago by Dr. Turner of Arlington Heights and Dr. Langdon. He appears perfectly rational, but sticks to the statement that he does not know how he got to Cleburne or away from there.

For a few days preceding the events of Saturday night he said that he had been staying in Fort Worth at the West Side hotel and he directed the officers where they could find his suit case and laundry left there.

He is a bookbinder and said that he had been working in Dallas recently. The manner in which he got to Cleburne and escaped after the tragedy as well as what became of the weapon used, he declares, is a blank to him.

While talking at police headquarters he remained in the corner of his cell, partially sheltered by bed clothing, hanging there and puffed nervously at a cigarette. His answers to inquiries came hesitatingly, and at times in so low a voice as to be indistinguishable.

Refuses Details.

Details of the family trouble, which he alleges, brought about the deed, he declines to discuss.

Mason is a young man, apparently under 25 years of age, with smooth face and gray-blue eyes. He is of medium height and erect, slender though not thin, weighing about 135 pounds.

Sheriff's Story of Capture.

Sheriff J. G. Swafford of Hood county, who, in company with a deputy, made the arrest, was a very tired man when his prisoner, safely locked behind the bars of the Fort Worth jail, he

sought for refreshment and rest. From 1 o'clock until daylight Monday morning the sheriff lay in hiding beneath a window of a room in which the fugitive was secreted.

When first apprised over the telephone from Cleburne of the tragedy, Sheriff Swafford anticipated that the fugitive would head in the direction of his bailwick. Mason's father lives alone in a cabin three miles north of Granbury, and much of the young man's life was spent in this locality. The officer reasoned that, like a hunted animal, the fugitive would seek his lair, and maintained a close watch of the elder Mason's premises.

A small creek winds its way close to the home of the elder Mason and it was under cover of the banks and foliage of this waterway that the hunted man approached the home.

With the cunning of the close pressed animal, Mason entered the house despite the vigilance of the officers, but a close scrutiny shortly after midnight of the grounds and foliage showed that some one had stealthily approached the house.

A window offered traces of affording entrance to the building, and secure of their prey, the sheriff and his deputy lay down on the damp ground in positions where no avenue of escape offered and through the long hours that intervened before the advent of dawn careful watch was maintained.

As soon as the light had grown strong enough to make it possible to distinguish objects, the officers approached the building, and without waste of time in preliminaries, Sheriff Swafford kicked in the door.

At the sound of the crash young Mason sprang from a bed and attempted to dash through the doorway, only to find himself in the iron clasp of the muscular sheriff. Convinced that resistance was useless, the prisoner abandoned all efforts to escape and proved a most tractable captive.

"For what am I wanted?" was the first question asked by the prisoner.

"On a very serious charge," answered the sheriff.

"That Cleburne affair?" queried the prisoner; and on being answered in the affirmative he quickly asked, "how serious is it?"

Swafford told him that one of his victims was dead and that two others would probably die. The prisoner lapsed into utter silence. His attitude indicated extreme dejection and possibly the first pangs of remorse for his deed made themselves felt.

Mason was taken to Granbury and, pending the arrival of the train for Fort Worth, was locked up in the Hood county jail. When the train was boarded, Sheriff Swafford offered his prisoner a copy of the morning paper, containing an account of the shooting and Mason read the article through, without audible comment, but with an expression of countenance that clearly indicated a dawning realization of the enormity of his crime.

The point of Mason's arrest is thirty-five miles from the scene of his crime. A creek flows through Cleburne near the Mason home in that place, and



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small doubt exists that the fugitive followed the bed of this stream west from the scene of his crime. From the condition of his shoes and trousers, the man evidently followed the course of the stream in his long walk.

Mason was weaponless when arrested. Swafford made a careful search for the revolver with which the crime was committed, but it could not be found. Mason claims to have lost the weapon in his journey.

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Sidewalk Building.
Mr. I. H. Roberts, the cement sidewalk contractor, now has three full crews at work in different parts of the city laying cement sidewalks, and has a sufficient amount of work already contracted for to keep his crews at work all through the winter months.

Mr. Roberts alone has already constructed at least ten miles of sidewalk of an average width of four feet during the past eighteen months. Besides the work in this line that he has done, other contractors have done a great deal.

The "sidewalk craze" is catching and Wichita Falls has had a good case of it during the past two years, and it is not likely to stop in two years more, at which time the city expects to have at least twenty-five miles of cement sidewalks.

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All our 85c Dress Goods at	70c	All our \$1.00 Underwear at	75c	Children's 35c Union Suits at	25c	One lot of \$6.50 Blankets at	\$5.00
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BOND ISSUE CARRIES

137 VOTES FOR THE BONDS—21 AGAINST THEIR ISSUANCE.

W. E. SKEEN ELECTED

Vote for Alderman Resulted in 120 for Skeen and 60 for Barnett.

While the vote in yesterday's election on the bond question and for a new member of the city council was not large, still it is gratifying to note that 158 citizens had enough interest to vote on the bond issue, while 180 votes were polled in the election of an alderman.

The bond issue carried by a majority of 118 votes, 137 votes having been cast in favor of the bonds and 21 against. As has been stated, this election authorizes the city council to issue \$24,000 in forty year 5 per cent bonds, the proceeds from the sale of which are to be used in putting in a sewerage system in the city of Wichita Falls.

As soon as the bonds are approved by the attorney general they will be offered for sale, and if they can be sold the contract for putting in the sewers will be let at the earliest possible date and work begun on the sewers before spring.

New Alderman Elected.

W. E. Skeen and Job Barnett were the two candidates in nomination for alderman to succeed J. G. Jones as a member of the city council. The election proved a landslide for Mr. Skeen, who received 120 votes, while Mr. Barnett received 60.

Mr. Skeen will be sworn in and take his seat in the city council at the next meeting of that body.

Train Wreckers.

From Saturday's Daily.

An attempt was made yesterday to wreck the M. K. & T. passenger train in charge of Conductor Jeff Finlay, and the engine passed over the obstruction, but luckily there was no damage done. The obstruction was encountered at the stock pens just west of this city.

It is very clear that some one had attempted to wreck the train, as fish-plates had been placed on the track to derail the engine. The plates turned when the engine struck them and no damage was done. At the point where the plates were set, the passenger train is usually running at good speed and, if the plan had been successful the entire train would probably have been ditched.—Gainesville Messenger.

B. of R. T. Elects Officers.

From Friday's Daily.

At a regular meeting of Panhandle Lodge No. 499, held at Redmen's Hall last night, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: Joe Hamilton, master; Charles Irwin, vice master; Geo. L. Mater, financier; J. E. Miller, secretary; H. L. Montgomery, journal agent.

All meetings in the future will be held on Saturday of each week in the K. of P. Hall at 8 p. m.

What the Law is.

Editor Times:—

For twenty-six years in Texas the law has required a bond of each saloon keeper in which he undertakes under a penalty of \$500 for each infraction, that he will (1) place no screen or other device inside or outside of his place of business that will obstruct the view through the open door into the house; (2) allow no music, loud or boisterous talking, yelling, indecent or vulgar language, or any other noise calculated to disturb or annoy persons residing or doing business in the vicinity or passing along the streets or public highways; (3) allow no prostitute or lewd woman to enter or remain in the saloon; (4) have no vulgar or obscene pictures; (5) will not sell or give liquor to anyone under the age of twenty-one years; (6) nor to any student of any institution of learning; (7) or to any habitual drunkard; (8) or to any person after being notified in writing through a peace officer by the wife, mother, sister, or daughter of said person not to sell to him; (9) will permit no games prohibited by law to be played in or about his saloon; (10) rent no part of his house to any person for the purpose of running any game prohibited by law; (11) adulterate no liquors sold by him by mixing with it any drug; (12) nor sell nor give away adulterated liquors of any kind. These provisions are all copied into the Baskin-McGregor law and although they have been printed as the law in the bonds saloon keepers have been signing for twenty-six years, the Tarrant County Liquor Dealers' Law and Order League issue a circular to their members citing these as new features of the law it will be necessary to obey! The features of the new law which are new are, chiefly, that saloons are required to close from midnight to 5 a. m. and from midnight Saturday night until 5 o'clock Monday morning, and that saloon men must be law-abiding citizens and have lived in the county two years before securing license. Forfeiture of the license is made a penalty for the violation of the conditions of the bond.

It is certainly commendable in the saloon men of Wichita Falls when they say they want the law enforced.

CITIZEN.

Grand Jury Finds True Bills.

From Saturday's Daily.

The grand jury yesterday returned five true bills, among which was one against John Evans for assault to murder, one against Ed. Waggoner for murder, and another against C. E. Teer for forgery.

Many witnesses have been examined this week and a large batch of indictments are expected to be returned before the grand jury adjourns for the Sunday recess this afternoon.

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RECOMMENDS PARCELS POST DELIVERY ON RURAL ROUTES

In his report to the postmaster general, P. V. De Graw, fourth assistant postmaster general, recommends establishment of a parcel post delivery on rural routes. His recommendation on the subject is as follows:

I respectfully recommend that the delivery by rural carriers of mail matter to communities remote from post-offices, as now authorized by law, be supplemented by a parcel-post delivery at a special rate of postage of 5 cents for the first pound or fraction thereof, and 2 cents for each additional pound or fraction thereof for packages not exceeding in weight 11 pounds, mailed at the distributing postoffice of any rural route for delivery to patrons of such route or of loop routes connected therewith, or at intermediate postoffices supplied by such rural service; or mailed on any rural route or at a postoffice supplied thereby, or for delivery at the distributing postoffice.

There are reasons why a system of parcel-post delivery should be extended to communities served only by rural delivery. The conditions precedent to the establishment of rural service require remedies from other modes of communication. From the very nature of the service it is apparent that the people who receive its benefits have not access to the convenient and cheap methods of transporting packages afforded to the residents of cities by private corporations which do not undertake to deliver packages to people living miles from a railroad. The star-route contractors, by whom, prior to the establishment of rural delivery, many rural residents had received mail service, through delivery at postoffices situated in their respective localities, were permitted to collect and deliver packages outside the mails for private compensation. Carriers on star routes are still allowed to perform this service and also to carry passengers for hire, and in mountainous and sparsely populated sections of the country, where delivery of mails by star routes is the only service that can be economically given, these facilities are of great benefit. Like privileges of carrying express packages were at first accorded to rural carriers, but in the act of Congress making appropriations for the postal service for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1904, which act increased the pay of carriers from \$600 to \$720 per annum, a proviso was inserted that thereafter rural carriers shall not solicit business or receive orders of any kind from any person, firm or corporation, and shall not during their hours of employment carry any merchandise for hire. Provided, That said carriers may carry merchandise for hire for and upon the request of patrons residing upon their respective routes whenever the same shall not interfere with the proper discharge of their official duties and under such regulations as the postmaster general may prescribe.

Believing that the merchandise carried by carriers should be restricted to unshippable matter, the regulations promulgated under this authority so provide. The result of this limitation of the express carrying privilege of the carriers has been that in some localities the people, while fully appreciating the advantage of having their mail delivered close to their homes, thus relieving them of the necessity of traveling miles to a postoffice, still clamor for the continuance of an otherwise unnecessary star-route service because of the unrestricted delivery of parcels which it affords. In general, the restriction has resulted in limiting the merchandise carried by rural carriers to packages weighing in excess of 4 pounds, or otherwise unshippable. The present rate for carrying merchandise is prohibitive, and should such rate as that recommended be adopted it would be an inducement to patrons and local merchants to utilize the mails for the transportation of small packages to and from the distributing postoffice and their boxes.

It is significant that when the maximum pay of rural carriers was only \$400, \$500 and \$600 per annum, and the privileges afterward withdrawn by the act of 1904 were accorded, this rate of compensation was in many instances accepted as sufficient. From this it would appear that if the carrying of packages outside the mails (with other privileges of extra-official service) yielded the carrier a sufficient income to make a five or six hundred dollar salary acceptable, the authorization of a parcel-delivery service inside the mails on rural routes would turn some part at least of the proceeds formerly derived by rural carriers from express service into the postal coffers of the

United States, thus yielding a revenue to the government to offset in part the additional outlay incurred by raising the annual maximum pay of rural carriers from \$720 to \$900. At the same time it would undoubtedly be a great convenience to the patrons of rural delivery, and would facilitate materially the delivery of goods by country merchants.

Conducted under proper restrictions, such a service could be established without overtaxing the carrying capacity of the rural carriers, their horses or vehicles. They would be asked to do no more for the government than they formerly did for their own benefit prior to the increase in their salary.

PREACHES HARMONY.

Bryan Commends Roosevelt for Adoption of Democratic Principles.
From Saturday's Daily.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 7.—Hailed by 10,000 Illinoisians at Freeport last night, fresh from a party reception in Chicago, in which all elements of the party joined and of which harmony was the keynote, William Jennings Bryan entered upon his presidential campaign in earnest today.

Mr. Bryan was greeted in Chicago and Freeport as "the next president." He prescribed party unity in Chicago and at Freeport, and he outlined a party policy which was accepted as the substance of the next Democratic national platform.

Mr. Bryan gave strong commendation to President Roosevelt for those ideas which are alleged to have been urged from the Democrats and he agreed strongly with the president on the Postal savings bank suggestion as prompt and ever ready relief for such a financial situation as has lately confronted the nation.

Mr. Bryan preaches party harmony definitely and directly. His remarks were accepted in many quarters as first-hand proof that differences between himself and Roger C. Sullivan are practically at an end.

EAR CORN WORTH FABULOUS PRICE

How would you like to buy an ear of corn at the rate of 20 cents a kernel? Do you think you would eat it after it had been purchased?

L. B. Clore of Franklin, Ind., owns an ear of corn, which is worth \$250, and as it has just 1,250 kernels on it, that makes its value 20 cents a kernel. Mr. Clore grew the ear of corn himself and placed it on exhibition in the Corn Exposition in Chicago. The judges there declared it to be the finest ear of corn in the world and awarded Mr. Clore prizes worth \$8,000.

But Mr. Clore came near losing his prize-winning corn after that. It was put up at auction, and as everyone was anxious to buy it, he had to run the price up to \$250 before it was returned to his possession. Therefore he can very rightly claim that it is worth \$250, or its weight in gold.

The ear is not a large one—in fact, it weighs only 23 ounces, and as one looks upon it, it seems to be not a whit different from the hundreds of thousands of other ears that are grown each year. But examination shows that each of its kernels is perfectly formed, that they are all even and that nowhere is there a bit of the cob showing. It was this evenness that won the prize for the ear.

The receipts of the county tax collector's office yesterday were over \$100, being the largest of any one day of the season thus far. The financial flurry had kept down the tax receipts, which are now beginning to come in rapidly and the collections promise to be better this year than has ever been known.

Paid a Debt of \$2,500 With \$5 Gold Pieces.

The scarcity of gold coin in this section of the country was never greater than now, and actually, when a person happens to strike a coin he generally holds it as a keepsake. This hoarding of gold because it is scarce becomes a habit with some people, however, and before they realize it themselves, have accumulated a large amount. Only a few days ago a prominent business man of Abilene collected a debt of \$2,500 from one man, and the fellow paid every cent of it with \$5 gold pieces. The man to whom the money was paid carried it to a bank in that town and the cashier dumped it out on the counter, where it attracted a great deal of attention when told that the entire amount was paid by one man, a farmer, in discharging a debt.

Wanted—Sod to Break.

I have some good teams and want to do plowing and sod breaking. To those having work of this kind to give out I will be glad to figure with them.
GEORGE H. SELDEN.

Newsp Notes From Iowa Park.

Special to the Times.

Iowa Park, Tex., Dec. 7.—The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin was buried Sunday. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Clement, the Baptist pastor, at the Christian church. The family has been here only a short time, yet they had earned sympathizers and friends in their sad affliction.

Mr. Ogden and family have moved in from the farm and now occupy the Howard Hines building, which has been lately repaired and painted.

Miss Williams of young county entered school here this week.

Mrs. Lee Clark was in attendance at the wedding of her friend, Miss Bush, Wednesday, at Wichita Falls.

Messrs. Souther and Harbour have been quite successful in hunting, having killed seven geese recently.

Rev. Von Lauterman of Kingfisher, Oklahoma, who bought a farm about six miles northeast of town, recently unoladed a car of his household goods, etc., here.

Mr. Joe Conway and family have moved to Bellevue. They will be missed in church and other circles where they were prominent.

Wednesday morning at the Baptist church the funeral service of C. B. Bledsoe was conducted by old time friend and pastor, Rev. Morgan. His death was due to a recent stroke of paralysis. Mr. Bledsoe had been identified with the growth and development of Wichita county for many years, and will be greatly missed by his many friends, who loved him and appreciated his sterling worth.

Among the many improvements recently made in different parts of the town we notice those made by Judge Kennedy, C. H. Clark, Howard Hines, Lee Allen, Mrs. Arnold, Mr. Dunn, Wm. Thompson, Mr. Paine, Mr. Small and Mr. Bell.

This is largely a town of house owners, who seem to take a pride in the appearance of their houses and are from time to time adding to their beauty and comfort.

A careful estimate shows that we have only about half the number of birds that we had twenty-five years ago, which no doubt helps to explain the prevalence of so many injurious insects. At this time of the year the birds are busy gathering weed seed and should be encouraged and protected in every way possible. The protection of birds is an economic question. Hyde & Tamer are now placing a stock of furniture in their new building.

Mr. Lee Allen is adding much to the appearance of his house by the addition of a new coat of paint.

Five hundred and forty-two bales of cotton have already been ginned here, and cotton continues to come in.

Miss Jackson is expected to entertain the people here on the night of December 10. She is under the management of the Rice Lyceum Bureau, who guarantee her to please. A rare treat is expected.

Over three hundred dollars worth of trees, vines and shrubbery was ordered at this place from one nursery. This is an encouraging sign that means much for the development of our country. "Beautify and diversify" should be our motto.

Four Eclipses Next Year.

From Saturday's Daily.

According to the almanacs for 1908 there will be three eclipses of the sun during the coming year. There will also be one eclipse of the moon. None of these eclipses will be visible in Wichita Falls, except, perhaps, the first one of the sun. This will occur January 3rd and is a total eclipse, visible in the southwestern part of the United States as a partial eclipse just about sundown. There is not much chance that Wichita Falls people will get a look at this phenomena, but it is the only one where there is even a chance.

June 23rd an annular eclipse of the sun is scheduled, to be partially visible in the United States. Also there will be a central eclipse of the sun Dec. 23, next year, but it will not be visible here.

The only lunar apulse of the year occurs Dec. 7th. This will not be visible here.

Other things revealed by the new almanac are that New Year's Day falls on Wednesday; Lincoln's birthday also falls on Wednesday; Washington's birthday falls on Saturday, February 22nd.

Memorial Day falls on Saturday, May 30th; July 4th falls on a Saturday; Labor Day falls on Monday, Sept. 7th; Thanksgiving Day falls on Thursday, Nov. 26th.

Be sure to read the display ad of the W. F. Jourdan Furniture Co. in this issue. It will solve the Christmas present problem for you.

County Institute.

For Week Beginning Dec. 16th, 1907
AT WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS

1.—Subjects; 2.—Developers, (a)—Capitalized name indicates Principal (b)—all others named thereunder, Assistants.

It is made the duty of each principal to subdivide his subjects and assign and notify each assistant of his part therein.

All subjects to be developed as applied to teaching.

I. DAY SESSION SUBJECTS:

- 1.—**Art of Questioning**—E. O. McNEW, Lee Clark, H. A. Fairchild, M. F. Yeager.
- 2.—**Kindergarten**—MRS. E. O. McNEW, Miss Kate Haynes, Miss Emma Haynes.
- 3.—**Mind and Body**—LEE CLARK, Miss Minnie Ellis, Miss Mabel Ogden, Miss Galliman, Miss Jo Souther.
- 4.—**Primary Agriculture**—E. O. COLTHARP, R. R. Hill, Chas. Agee, H. M. Zimmerman, Louis Gilbert.
- 5.—**English**—H. H. GUICE, Miss Lela Park, Miss Mabel Ogden, Miss Johnnie Gardner, Miss Leslie Wyatt, Miss Frances Lee.
- 6.—**Mathematics**—H. A. FAIRCHILD, R. R. Hill, E. O. Coltharp, H. M. Zimmerman, Chas. Agee, Louis Gilbert.
- 7.—**The Teacher**—MISS ETHEL CARR, Miss Amy Man, Miss Bessie Clagett, Miss Ella Powell, Miss Lula Smith, Miss Lena Phillips.
- 8.—**Basics on Which Instruction Should Rest**—E. O. McNEW, Lee Clark, H. A. Fairchild, H. H. Guice, Mrs. Dalton.
- 9.—**The School**—R. R. HILL, Miss Eva Stratton, Miss Lillie Bagley, Miss Irene Raney, Miss Minnie Young, Miss Emma Norwood.
- 10.—**Measure of a Teacher's Efficiency**—MRS. DALTON, E. O. McNew, Lee Clark, H. A. Fairchild, M. F. Yeager.
- 11.—**History and Civics**—MISS EMMA CHILDERS, E. O. Coltharp, H. M. Zimmerman, Chas. Agee, R. R. Hill.
- 12.—**Apperception and Retention**—H. A. FAIRCHILD, Miss Clara Parker, H. H. Guice, Miss Mary Miller, Miss Minnie Ellis.
- 13.—**Relation of Thinking, Willing and Feeling**—H. H. GUICE, Lee Clark, E. O. McNew, H. A. Fairchild.
- 14.—**Emotional Growth**—MISS CLARA PARKER, Mrs. Dalton, Miss Johnnie Arnold, Miss Minnie Ellis, Miss Bessie Clagett.
- 15.—**Difficulties in School-room. How to overcome them**—E. O. CALTHORP, Miss Annie Schneider, Miss Nellie Gantt, Miss Rena Vaughan, Miss Eula Havener.
- 16.—**Manual training**—LEE CLARK, E. O. McNew, H. A. Fairchild, M. F. Yeager.

II. NIGHT SESSION SUBJECTS:

Beginning on Dec. 19th.

1. From the known to the unknown—Lee Clark.
2. Mental Stimuli.—E. O. McNew.
3. Best natural substitute for Philosophy.—H. A. Fairchild.
4. The Linguistic factor in method of teaching.—H. H. Guice.
5. Learn to know by doing, and to do by knowing.—Miss Clara Parker.
6. Gladly learn, gladly teach.—Miss Minnie Ellis.
7. Our Vocation.—Miss Mabel Ogden.

III. ADDRESS OF TEACHERS:

1. WICHITA FALLS—all except the following.
2. IOWA PARK—Lee Clark, Miss Minnie Ellis, Miss Johnnie Arnold, Miss Ada Galliman, Miss Emma Haynes, Miss Lela Park, Miss Lillie Bagley, Miss Mabel Ogden, Miss Jo. Souther, Miss Nellie Gantt, and Mr. H. M. Zimmerman.
3. ELECTRA—E. O. Calstrop, Louis Gilbert, Miss Frances Lee.
4. BURKURNETT—R. R. Hill, Miss Ella Powell.

M. F. YEAGER, Co. Judge.

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The Saloons are to Obey the Laws.

Editor of the Times:—

I was much pleased to see in the Times last evening that those who voted to retain the saloons in our midst are going to "see that the officers enforce the laws" and that "the saloon men want the laws enforced." This is surely right and obligatory upon those who retained the saloons by their votes as they, by so doing, assumed the responsibility for the evils of the saloon business in our midst. But, if the saloon men want the laws obeyed, why do they keep their front doors blinded in open violation of the law? The law plainly says "He shall place no screen or other device, inside or outside of his place of business that will obstruct the view through the open door into the house." This law is being violated, we know, by most of the saloons in our city every day and hour. And this being true, those of us who do not go inside to see what is being done there conclude that violations are going on there also. It is evident that they are selling to habitual drunkards. Men get drunk today and go back and get drunk tomorrow. It looks hard to me, however, to license the saloon man to sell liquor and then restrict him from selling to those who are his best customers. Does this look fair? If the business is a necessity in keeping the town alive and prosperous, then it seems reasonable that those who thus think should be willing to furnish their boys for customers. One of the officers of the Ohio State Liquor League, in an address before his association, said:

"It will appear from these facts, gentlemen, that the success of our business is dependent largely upon the creation of an appetite for drink. Men who drink liquor, like others, will die, and if there is no new appetite created our counters will be empty, as will our money drawers. Our children will go hungry, or we must change our business to something more remunerative. The open field for the creation of this appetite is among the boys. After men have grown and their habits are formed they rarely change in this regard. It will be needful, therefore, that missionary work be done among the boys, and I make the suggestion, gentlemen, that nickels expended in treats to the boys now will return in dollars to your tills after the appetites have been formed. Above all things, create appetites."

This statement is true. It is the boys and young men who have not formed the habit of drink that prohibition is designed especially to protect. But if our citizens who are now responsible for the liquor traffic in our midst will stand by and urge the officers to enforce all the laws governing the business and all others will obey the laws governing the sale of merchandise or doing business of a secular character on Sunday, we will soon see a great improvement in the morals of our city.

Now, if our saloon men mean what they say, we will expect to see their front doors wide open rather than have "peep holes" in front and that the man who got drunk on yesterday will be sent home without the scent of whiskey on his breath today; and that our boys will be secure from temptation to drink and drunkenness. All good citizens will rejoice in this and our officers and citizens generally. Even the saloon men will have better consciences. Yours for the enforcement of the law,
A PROHIBITIONIST.

FILLS THE COFFIN BOUGHT YEARS AGO

Gainesville, Tex., Dec. 8.—The dead body of William Bolling was found this morning in the yard of his home in Delaware Bend, where the deceased resided. The cause of his death has not been ascertained, the general opinion being that he came to his death from natural causes and was not dealt with foully.

Mr. Bolling was a bachelor 80 years of age, lived alone on his farm in Delaware Bend, and was well known in that part of the county. Fifteen years ago he bought a coffin for himself which he will occupy tomorrow.

The deceased, it is understood, left half of his property to Cooke county and the remainder to James A. and Horace Scott.

In the Courts.

From Monday's Daily.

J. A. Woods, a white man, was arrested Saturday night by Sheriff Davis and a six-shooter was found in his possession. Woods plead guilty to a charge of pistol toting before County Judge Yeager this morning and was fined \$100 and costs, which together amounted to \$119.35.

L. R. Little, a negro, was arrested by Deputy Stearns Saturday and a charge of stealing coal was preferred against him. Little will be given a hearing before Justice Brothers today.

The county commissioners will meet next Saturday to canvass the vote of the recent local option election.

The grand jury convened again this morning after a recess over Saturday and a number of witnesses were examined this morning. The jury will probably wind up its business about the middle of the week.

Church Officers Elected.

From Monday's Daily.

At the close of services at the Christian church yesterday, the annual election of officers was held and the following were elected:

Elders—Dr. L. C. Tyson, W. H. H. Thatcher, J. L. Downing.

Deacons—R. H. Suter, P. H. Pennington, Thos. Q. Aten, J. B. Nail, J. L. Moore and I. Knight.

The outlook for the future is bright.

ROBBER WAS ABROAD

BOLD THIEF PAYS VISIT TO MRS. JOLINE'S BOARDING HOUSE.

BOOTY WAS \$10 IN CASH

Robber Entered Several Rooms and Made His Escape Without Raising Any Alarm.

From Tuesday's Daily.

It was a bold, shrewd thief who entered Mrs. C. Joline's boarding house on Indiana avenue early this morning, and secured ten dollars in cash from one of the boarders.

The thief made his visit between 3 and 4 o'clock this morning, for between those hours Mrs. Joline heard some one going down the stairs, but, thinking it was some of the boarders, did not investigate.

The robber made an easy entrance into the house through the front door, which was left unlocked. On ascending the stairs to the upper hall he unsecured the electric lamp from its fastenings to avoid the sound of the click in turning off the light, which had been left burning. He entered several of the rooms without disturbing the occupants.

E. E. Ward was the only boarder to suffer any loss. From Mr. Ward's trousers, which hung on the foot of the bed, the thief extracted a pocket book which he carried out of the house with him. He also entered the room occupied by Mr. Brown, who is also a cotton buyer. Fortunately for Mr. Brown, he had taken the precaution of placing his purse under his pillow before retiring and the robber was thwarted. Mr. Brown's overcoat was found in the hall this morning with the pockets turned wrong side out.

When he took the purse from Mr. Ward's trousers the robber overlooked a gold watch in one of the pockets.

This morning the rifled pocket book and a number of mutilated cotton compress receipts belonging to Mr. Ward were found in the front yard of Joe Hamilton's residence on Ninth street, just across the alley at the rear of Mrs. Joline's residence.

There is no positive clue to the identity of the robber and no arrests have yet been made.

The result of the prohibition election that was held in the county last Saturday seems to please everyone in and around Clara. H. D. Holly, a very prominent saloon man, who has made a record of a record of always conducting a decent saloon, but who had the misfortune of being "dried" out of Iowa Park by a prohi cyclone, will locate in Burkburnett and will be ready to do business some time next week.—Burkburnett Star.

It is rumored that two new saloons and a wholesale liquor house are to be opened in Wichita Falls at the first of the year. It is also said that several saloons will be opened at Burkburnett.

Christmas Candles.

We want to remind you once more that our line of boxed candles is the best and the finest flavors made. We are exclusive agents for the Blanke-Werneker candles. The Cream Bakery. 176-17

Now is The Time

TO BUY YOUR

Holiday Goods

COME NOW SO YOU CAN GET YOUR PICK

ROBERTSON'S Drug Store

Charged With Theft.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Willie Burrell, an inmate of May Foster's resort on Mulberry Row, was arrested yesterday afternoon and placed in jail and an indictment found against her by the grand jury charging her with theft.

A young man complained to Marshal Gwinn yesterday that the woman had robbed him of his purse containing \$22 in money. When the officer called at the resort to investigate the woman voluntarily gave the young man back his money, hoping by so doing to escape arrest. This, however, did not satisfy the officer, who placed the woman under arrest. The case was at once taken up by the grand jury and an indictment returned against the woman.

Notice.

We are ready to cash all cotton certificates issued by this bank, whether due or not. We have no restrictions on withdrawal of balances in cash, and are in position to meet the needs of our customers. Farmers' Bank and Trust Co., T. C. Thatcher, cashier. 181d&w-17

Buy one dollar's worth of Capitol Stock and Poultry Food from the Wichita Grain and Coal Co., and get a prize. 174-17 52-17

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THE DETAILS DRAWN

ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN FARMERS' UNION AND GALVESTON FINANCIERS FIXED.

DAVIS MAY GO TO EUROPE

Former Chairman of Executive Committee En Route to Houston to Decide Upon the Matter.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 9.—As another step toward the ideal in the handling of the South's cotton crop, the decision has been reached on the part of the Farmers' Union to establish offices and maintain agents in a number of the big European cotton centers. The first experiment of this kind will be made at Liverpool, England, where a union office will be opened in the course of the next few weeks, it is declared. F. W. Davis, former chairman of the Farmers' Union executive committee, has been tendered this position. Mr. Davis was in the city en route to Houston, where the Farmers' Union Cotton Company executive committee is in session, and in the conference to be held in that city tomorrow Mr. Davis will decide whether he will accept the office or not.

In the event of his refusal some other members of the union will be delegated to the post. If the experiment measures up to the expectations of its promoters sub-offices may be established in other large European cotton centers.

The movement, it is stated, will be the means of bringing the bulk of the cotton raisers of the South more closely in touch with the spinners. It will work more for dispatch, more system, and, in the end, for higher prices, it is declared.

Neill and Graham Confer.

As the result of an all day conference between President Neill of the Texas Farmers' Union and Malcolm Graham, representing W. L. Moody & Co., bankers of Galveston, at the headquarters here today, all details of the agreement by which the Galveston firm is to store and lend money on the cotton were drawn up and forwarded to the Seawall City for final signing. By its terms farmers are to receive \$30 on every bale stored with the Galveston bankers. On every bale shipped by the firm to European spinners advance of \$55 is to be made, and no bale is to be shipped without the consent of the owner and of President Neill having been obtained. President Neill said today that it has not been definitely decided just who will represent the Union at Galveston. It was the intention of the union officials that General Organizer Chapman should manage the Galveston end of the deal. Mr. Chapman, however, has considered that it would be impracticable for him to leave the headquarters for any great length of time, and some other member will be appointed.

Moody & Co. own a warehouse at Galveston in which they claim they will be able to store some 40,000 bales of cotton. President Neill is very much elated over the proposition. In the statement issued to the membership of the union, Mr. Neill declares that the year's cotton crop will not exceed 10,000,000 bales.

President Neill Optimistic.

To the Membership of Texas: The ginners' report up to December 1st shows 8,338,000 bales ginned, against 10,037,868 ginned last year. This report shows a very short cotton crop as compared with the preceding crops. This crop will hardly pass the 10,000,000 mark.

The demand for spot cotton is greater and growing daily. Soon there will be a cotton dearth in some parts of the world. The American spinners, with France, Germany and Austria, have bought but little cotton. England alone has bought cotton, evincing a foresight that places them ahead of the balance of the world. These people must have American cotton. The crop is very short in all the cotton growing countries. Fellow farmers, now is the time to hold the remnant of cotton remaining in your hands, and soon you are to meet the minimum of 15 cents. Cotton is steadily advancing every day and certainly the farmers can hold out a while longer.

The financial situation is clearing up. The banks and merchants are more easily pacified. The sentiment of everyone now is that we must win. Take courage and stand by your guns, stand by your cotton until 15 cents is obtained.

Every report is favorable to us. Time has justified your wisdom in fixing the

price. Time has proven that you were right in your estimate of the crop. You have carried the fight through one of the worst panics the world ever saw and now victory is yours.

D. J. NEILL, President.

Meetings of the organization of Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union of America will be held tomorrow for the purpose of acting on a recommendation submitted by hundreds of locals in meeting last Saturday tending toward a reduction of the cotton acreage in the South next year. Delegates will be elected from every county union in the big national organization to go to Memphis to attend the meeting there. This convention will be the largest ever held.

WILL CELEBRATE.

Archer City Will Have Big Barbecue on Railroad Day.

Archer City, Tex., Dec. 9.—The Wichita Falls and Southern railway is completed to a point within five miles of Archer City. The first train will be run into the city Dec. 21st. Great preparations are being made for a gala day on this occasion. A grand barbecue will be given and an excursion train will be run from Wichita Falls. An invitation will be extended to everybody to attend and plenty of edibles will be supplied.

Archer City has been an established town of record for twenty-five years and when connected by bands of steel with the outside world will soon be one of the finest towns in Northwest Texas. Improvements are going on every hand and the surrounding country is being rapidly sold to the actual settler, who is transforming the country from a cow pasture to small stock farms. Three of the largest pastures in the country are surveyed in small tracts and are being sold at reasonable figures on a small cash payment.

Distinguished Visitors.

The Denver special hearing Railway Commissioner O. B. Colquitt, Engineer R. A. Thompson, Assistant Attorney General Claude Pollard and D. B. Keeler, vice president and general manager of the Denver road, arrived here at noon today and remained for one hour. The trip is being made for the purpose of inspecting the Denver road between Fort Worth and Texline.

The special consists of only two coaches, the private cars of General Manager Keeler and Superintendent Cotter, and left Fort Worth yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The train is on a slow schedule, not running at a higher speed than ten miles per hour, with short stops all along the line. Judging from the time made between Fort Worth and this city, about twenty-four hours, it will require about three days to make the inspection trip from here to Texline.

After finishing the work of inspecting the Denver, Commissioner Colquitt and other representatives of the Texas Railway Commission will inspect the Rock Island road bed, beginning at Amarillo.

Ministerial Association Organized.

From Tuesday's Daily. At a meeting of the ministers of the city at the Presbyterian church yesterday morning, the Wichita Falls Ministerial Association was organized with Dr. J. J. Dalton as president and Rev. R. E. Farley as secretary. The members of the association who joined the organization yesterday morning are: Reverends J. J. Dalton, W. F. Fry, A. J. Bush, E. M. Wisdom and R. E. Farley.

At Monday's meeting the matter of handling applications for charity was discussed. Another meeting will be held at the Christian church next Monday. Regular meetings of the association will be held twice each month.

J. E. Lutz, a real estate agent of Vernon, is organizing a construction company for the purpose of building a 900-mile railroad, the starting point to be Vernon or Quanah. Mr. Lutz has entered into a five-year contract with some New York City and New Jersey parties to build this road in that time, taking a fund of \$15,000,000 to complete the road. Mr. Lutz is an Ohio man, but has resided in Texas so long that he would hardly know his old birthplace should he see it. He is one of the best known men in the Panhandle and if any local man can build a railroad Ed. Lutz can certainly do it, yet the building of nine hundred miles of railroad is a great undertaking, but pluck and money will move mountains. —Mineral Wells Index.

Superintendent S. M. Gaines of the railway mail service with headquarters at Fort Worth, has announced that John D. Horton has been transferred from Wichita Falls and Dallas to the Wichita Falls and Abilene run and has been promoted to Class 3.

The Fort Worth Record says that fifty more teams and two full grading outfits have been added to the grading crews on the Turner Interurban from Fort Worth to Mineral Wells.



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NEXT TO FIRST NAT'L BANK

BANK REPORT SHOWS A SPLENDID CONDITION.

The report of the First National bank of Wichita Falls at the close of business on December 3, made public today, shows that bank to be in a splendid condition, with an amount of cash on hand greatly in excess of the reserve required by the national banking laws. This report shows cash on hand to the amount of \$104,786.65. The deposits on that date were \$330,481.19 and the loans \$347,245.43.

Mr. H. G. Kiel has sold his home in the south part of town to Mr. John Haier and he now announces a sale of his personal property for 10 a. m. Saturday, Dec. 14th. 181-11 w11

Confidence is being restored as fast as the old stockings filled with money can be unfilled.—Temple Telegram.

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MANY NEGROES DEAD

NEGRO PLOT TO RISE AGAINST WHITES DISCOVERED AND BLACKS ARE KILLED.

RACE RIOT IN PROGRESS

White People in Pickens County, Alabama Thoroughly Aroused and Take Extreme Measures.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 11.—A special to the News-Scimitar from Columbus, Miss., says:

Twenty-five or thirty negroes were killed, five whites and many negroes were wounded, five negro lodge rooms were burned and a fierce race war is in progress in Pickens county, Alabama, adjoining Mississippi, owing to the discovery of a plot on the part of the negroes to rise against the whites. Every black is in danger of being killed.

This plot was carried on by means of a secret society which had lodge rooms in remote districts in Pickens county.

Fifteen negroes were burned to death in a lodge room near Reform, Alabama, Tuesday night. The whites attacked the place and on finding a number of repeating rifles and shot-guns, fired the building. The blacks were penned in by the continual shooting of the whites and those who were not killed while attempting to escape were roasted alive.

Other negroes were killed at Cordie and in sections in that vicinity.

Weight of Mail.

From Monday's Daily.

During the month of November the mail received at the Wichita Falls post office weighed 2,858 pounds. In the several classes the weights were as follows:

First Class	1492 pounds
Second Class	980 pounds
Third Class	199 pounds
Fourth Class	168 pounds
Penalty Matter	19 pounds

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It's wearing along toward THE DAY. Soon, very soon, we will all be ready to celebrate, the gladdest time of the whole year. There's a deciding and buying to be done before then, of course—but get among the right sort of selections, and the deciding won't be difficult.

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THE NIGHT RAIDERS

APPLY THE TORCH TO WAREHOUSES AT HOPKINSVILLE.
DAMAGE OF \$200,000.

WILD MOB RULED TOWN

Rioting Hundreds Shot Right and Left in Wild Orgy and Many Were Wounded.

Hopkinsville, Ky., Dec. 7.—Five hundred night raiders destroyed \$200,000 worth of property here early this morning. Hundreds of shots were fired and several persons were badly injured.

The citizens, in terror for their lives, feared even so much as to open their windows and the police and fire departments, telephone and telegraph offices and even the railway stations were in the possession of a wild mob shooting right and left. The flames from the burning buildings meanwhile lighted up the city and the surrounding country until it seemed that the whole town was ablaze. Windows in front of the business houses and the banks on the main streets of the city were shot out and the entire front of a newspaper office which has been especially severe in condemnation of the raids of the night raiders, and one which was owned by the mayor of the city, was demolished. Fortunately only two men were injured, one of them being Lindsay Mitchell, a tobacco buyer, who was severely beaten with switches and clubs, and the other, a brakeman, who was shot in the back while trying to remove a train from the path of the flames.

Bitter Warfare Raged.

From Saturday's Daily.
City Tax Collector Harry Robertson, who was formerly a resident of Hopkinsville, when told of the raid this afternoon said he was not surprised at the news. There were two tobacco houses at Hopkinsville, he explained, which are owned by the tobacco trust. The Dark Tobacco Growers' Association members hold the bitterest enmity for these warehouses and their representatives. The object of the growers' association is to hold the crop from the market until the buyers are compelled to give them a fair price. As the tobacco trust controls the market, the fight between the growers and the trust has been waged bitterly and the association growers have, in many instances, organized bands of night raiders which attack and burn the trust warehouses.

At Princeton, Kentucky, last year the night raiders made a similar attack upon the warehouses. Upon reaching the town the raiders first went to the telegraph and telephone offices and closed them, giving the operators a safe escort to their homes. They then took possession of the railroad station to prevent communication with the outside world and started their work of destruction. After burning the tobacco warehouses they silently took their departure and no successful prosecution has ever been made against them.

THIEF INVADERS CHURCH.

Christmas Mite Box at the Christian Church Robbed Sunday Afternoon.

Some time between the noon hour Sunday and 3 o'clock in the same afternoon, a robber entered the Christian church and broke open the Christmas mite box, which had been left on a shelf in the pulpit, and secured about ten dollars in small change.

The visit of the robber was discovered by the ladies of the church, who had congregated there Sunday afternoon for a meeting. The miniature safe, which had held the money, had been broken into pieces and about two dollars in nickels and dimes which the thief evidently overlooked, was scattered about on the pulpit platform.

KING OSCAR IS DEAD.

Gustav V is Now the New King of Sweden.

Stockholm, Dec. 9.—Oscar II, King of Sweden, died at 9:10 o'clock Sunday morning at the age of 78 years, 9 months and 17 days.

Gustav V was appointed regent last Wednesday by the dead king.

Complete arrangements for the funeral of King Oscar have not yet been made and it is probable that the funeral ceremony will not be held for a fortnight.

From Saturday's Daily.

The members of the Wichita Falls Local of the Farmers' Union are holding a meeting this afternoon. The purpose of the meeting has not been made public.

STOP THE STRENUOUS LIFE.

Weakens the Tissues and Lessens Organic Vitality.

The stress and strain of the strenuous life in both city and country tends towards stomach troubles.

Five people suffer today where one did ten years ago with sick headache, dizziness, flatulence, distress after eating, specks before the eyes, bloating, nervousness, sleeplessness, and the many other symptoms of indigestion.

All who are suffering with stomach troubles, and that means at least two out of three in Wichita Falls, and other towns, should use Mi-o-na stomach tablets. Nothing else is safe, yet effective; nothing else can be so thoroughly relied upon to relieve all troubles from indigestion as Mi-o-na.

It is not a mere digestive, taken after the food is eaten, but a true tonic, stimulant and strengthener for the muscular walls of the stomach, increasing the flow of digestive fluids and putting the stomach into such condition that it does the work Nature expects of it.

So reliable is Mi-o-na in its curative action that R. Robertson, with every 50-cent box that he sells, gives a guarantee to refund the money unless the remedy does all that is claimed for it.

DALTON GOES BACK TO TULSA.

Visits Spot Where Coffeyville Bank Robbery Was Planned.

Tulsa, Ok., Dec. 7.—Back to the scene where the Coffeyville bank robbery was planned came Emmett Dalton, the ex-bandit, recently pardoned from the Kansas penitentiary, where he was serving a life sentence for his part in the Coffeyville affair.

Dalton is the guest of Scout Younger, a cousin and member of the Younger family. Dalton complains of his wounded arm, received in the Coffeyville raid, and is on his way to a hospital in Kansas City for treatment. He says Tulsa, as he remembers it, was a straggling "cow town" of a hundred people, mostly outlaws.

WILL REACH ARCHER CITY THIS WEEK

From Monday's Daily.

The track layers on the Wichita Falls and Southern railway are now at the Little Wichita river in Archer County, a few miles out of Archer City. They will cross the river tomorrow morning and will work with all haste to complete the track into the capital of Archer by the end of this week. Unless something now unforeseen should arise train services will be established between Wichita Falls and Archer City early next week.

Archer City's New Preacher.

The Rev. J. N. Julien, the new preacher for the Methodist church, made his initial address to a large audience on last Sunday evening. Mr. Julien is a young man with two years experience in pastoral work, but has the appearance of an earnest and live young man, and judging from his first introduction, with the earnest co-operation of his people he will doubtless have a very successful year. It is to be hoped that he will get an early hold upon Archer's young people and mould a class of ambitious, moral people. To this end, let the older element of the community render assistance, without which no one can succeed, and Archer City will be proud of her young people.—Archer City Reporter.

CHILDREN WERE MURDERED BY DERANGED GRANDMOTHER.

Somerville, Mass., Dec. 9.—Mrs. Emery Huntley walked into the police station here today and announced that she had killed her two grandchildren. The bodies of the children, Raymond Shomo, 6 years old, and Caroline Huntley, 4 years old, were found shortly afterward in Mrs. Huntley's home. They had been strangled by illuminating gas and then drowned in a bath tub. Mrs. Huntley is 45 years of age. It is alleged that she has been considered mentally weak for some time past.

Santa Claus wants every one of the little folks who read the Times to write him a letter and the Times would like to publish a whole page of these letters next Thursday in the daily and on Friday in the weekly. Any boy or girl under 12 years of age may write a letter to Santa Claus in care of the Times and it will be published and a copy of the paper sent direct to Santa Claus himself. If possible, we would like to have these letters for next Thursday's issue in this office not later than Wednesday night.

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He will shine ladies' shoes at 10c and send a messenger boy to their residences to get them. Bill respectfully solicits the patronage of all in his line.

C. C. Huff has entered a plea of guilty to the complaint charging him with obstructing the sidewalks in leaving a load of coal on the pavement over night. He was fined \$5.00 and costs.

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WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS.

AWFUL MINE HORROR

EIGHTY-FIVE BODIES BROUGHT TO THE SURFACE AT MONONGA, WEST VIRGINIA.

FOUR HUNDRED PERISH

Five Rescuing Parties Work Through-out the Night—Scenes of Awful Grief Enacted.

Monongah, W. Va., Dec. 7.—Five rescuing parties are working with redoubled energy this morning to reach the 315 men who they have reason to believe are still in the mine, either dead or alive, although there is scarcely a hope entertained that of the four hundred men who went into the mine yesterday one has survived the terrific explosion.

Eighty-five bodies so far have been brought to the surface and a dozen undertakers from this and surrounding towns who were on duty all night, by daylight had the bodies washed and made as presentable as possible in an improvised morgue into which one of the mine buildings has been converted.

All day yesterday women were the chief actors in most pathetic and heart-rending scenes. They crowded the sides of the hill overlooking the ill-fated mines and cried aloud. As the day advanced they became almost crazed with grief and suspense. One woman pulled out her hair in hands full at a time. Some lay upon the frozen ground and cried themselves to sleep. In this condition many were carried to their homes near by without awakening.

Slight Fire Breaks Out.

There was a slight fire inside the slope of the No. 8 mine this morning, due to the starting of a fan. The fire was extinguished after an hour's fighting and the fan is working successfully, greatly facilitating the work of the rescuers in getting into the mine.

Awful Force of Explosion.

There is much speculation as to the cause of the explosion, but the most generally accepted theory is that it resulted from black damp, scientifically known as methane. It is believed that a miner attempted to set off a blast, which blew out and ignited an accumulation of this deadly gas, and this in turn ignited the coal dust, a highly inflammable substance found in greater or less quantity in all West Virginia mines.

The explosion affected both mines and, so far as is now known, it has not been established in which mine it originated. Evidencing the terrific force of the concussion, props in the center of the No. 6 mine, supporting the roof, were not only shattered and torn from their positions, but were blown out of the entry and to the opposite side of the river.

Other evidence of the awful force is shown in every section of the mines that has been reached by the rescuers. Huge quantities of coal and rock have been loosened and hurled into every opening, and all of the underground structures are wrecked beyond the semblance of the original shape.

Ordinary Methods for Treating Catarrh Prove Unsuccessful.

Recent statistics showing an increase in catarrh have shaken the confidence of medical men in the usual prescriptions to safeguard human health from the ravages of this disease.

When stomach dosing proved ineffective, it was natural to look for some other treatment, and it is believed that in Hyomel an absolute cure for all catarrhal troubles has at last been found. Breathed through a neat pocket inhaler, its healing medication reaches every spot where there are catarrhal germs, destroys them, prevents their future growth, and soothes the irritated mucous membrane so that relief is felt almost instantly, while lasting cure is practically sure to follow.

The complete Hyomel outfit costs but \$1.00, and is sold by R. Robertson under an absolute guarantee to refund the money if it does not give satisfaction. It is the only cure for catarrh that has ever been sold under a guarantee to cost nothing unless it cures, but R. Robertson has so much faith in its power to cure all catarrhal troubles that he is willing to take the risk, so if Hyomel does not help you, there will not be a penny's expense. Get this outfit at once on this liberal plan. 52-2

From Saturday's Daily.

Frank Swor, Texas organizer for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, was in town last night to complete the organization of the local of that order here.

SHOT BY ASSASSIN.

Preacher, Wife and Mother Wounded at Cleburne Saturday Night.

Cleburne, Tex., Dec. 8.—A telephone message from the jail tonight was to the effect that officers had been out all day in search of Curtis Mason, who they are searching for in connection with the shooting of Rev. W. E. Mason, his wife and mother at 9 o'clock last night.

Mrs. A. M. Morgan lives next door to the home of Rev. W. E. Mason. She stated tonight that Mrs. W. E. Mason was confident of getting well. The patient said she would be saved through prayer. The pastors of all the congregations here and in many places over the State offers prayers today, asking the restoration of the patient. The attending physicians do not offer much hope for her recovery, but are pleased with the exhibition of strong will power, which is one of the requisites to recovery in a case of this kind.

Rev. W. E. Mason and his mother, Mrs. M. E. Mason, both received flesh wounds and will soon recover. Many messages of sympathy have been received by the patients from friends all over the State today.

Story of the Tragedy.

Cleburne, Tex., Dec. 7.—An attempt to assassinate Rev. W. E. Mason, his wife and his mother, Mrs. M. E. Mason, was made tonight at 9 o'clock in the yard surrounding the home of the minister. All three were wounded. Mrs. W. E. Mason, wife of the minister, was shot through the breast, the bullet entering just below the left nipple, and she is believed to be mortally hurt. Mrs. Mason, mother of the minister, was shot through the fleshy part of the face and a great piece of her jaw was torn off. Rev. Mr. Mason was hit under the left ear, the bullet ranging around under the skin and coming out under the other ear, making merely a flesh wound. Another bullet passed through his clothing.

At a late hour tonight Mrs. W. E. Mason is alive, but the physicians hold out small hope for her recovery. In fact, they declare she is mortally wounded and that her death is a mere matter of time.

Bud Mason, brother of the minister, son of one woman and brother-in-law of the other, is being sought everywhere by the officers, but no trace of him has been found.

Rev. Mr. Mason and his wife and mother had been to the Henderson street Baptist church, where he held services. A little before 9 o'clock he started for his home, five or six blocks distant, in a buggy. He drove unsuspectingly down the street toward his home, turned to the rear of the house, and entered the back yard and was in the act of driving up to the house to let the ladies out, when suddenly and without warning a man stepped out of the shadow of the barn and opened fire pointblank on the occupants of the buggy.

The Masons have been here about three years and are highly respected in this community. Mr. Mason is pastor of the Henderson Street Baptist church.

Mr. Mason is about thirty years old and his wife is about five years his junior. Mrs. Mason, mother of the minister, is about 55 years old. Mr. and Mrs. Mason have two young children.

Nothing is known here of the man who is accused by the preacher of having done the shooting beyond the fact that he is about 26 years old, is an engraver, and lives in Dallas.

The town was thrown into a great state of excitement by the tragedy and many have joined in the man hunt. The whole country is being scoured for the perpetrator, but up to a late hour no trace of him has been found.

Cash Drawer Robbed.

From Saturday's Daily. The cash drawer of the Texas Telephone Company at Childress was robbed Tuesday night of this week and \$135.00 was secured by the robbers. The box was found the next day in a lumber yard in that town, while all the checks and other valuable papers, together with \$25 in bills, still in it, which the burglars had overlooked. There is no clue to the perpetrators of the robbery.

\$10.00 Reward.

I will pay the above reward for delivery to me at my place near Lake Wichita the following described stock: One sorrel horse, about 15 hands high, white face, small bit out of one ear, is branded, but can't describe the brand. Had halter on when last seen. Also one black mare, about 15 1/2 hands high, heavy collar marks.

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Men's Clothing.

Our first shipment from Dalhart arrived today. We must make room for these goods which are beginning to arrive, so down go the prices and out go the goods. Every suit and overcoat in stock marked at the following reductions for this sale:

7.50 reduced to 5.00
 23.75, 25.00 and 27.00 men's Kuppenheimer suits reduced to suit **\$18.95**
 13.50 and 12.50 suits going at 9.85
 Men's Overcoats; 10.00 kind for 7.48; 18.50 overcoats at 11.85; 27.00 overcoats at 18.95

NOTE THESE REDUCTIONS

All Ladies \$13.85 Coats reduced for Monday and Tuesday to **\$10.50**
 All Ladies \$12.38 Coats reduced for Monday and Tuesday to **9.85**
 All Ladies \$9.85 Coats reduced for Monday and Tuesday to **7.85**
 All Ladies \$17.45, Fancy Silk waterproof coats reduced to **13.85**

Heatherbloom Petticoats.

Heatherbloom Petticoats, Black, Red and Brown. Good imitation of Taffetta Silk. The \$2.25 on sale MONDAY and TUESDAY at **\$1.89**
 Zaina Petticoat, comes in black only. A bargain for the price. 1.65 quality, each at **\$1.39**
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Great Price Concessions in The Ladies Suit Department

Considering the wonderful assortment of New Goods that are to be found in this department already priced for less than heretofore should indeed force immediate sale of everything.

Consolidation Sale Woolens.

These incomparable bargains should lead hundreds of eager buyers to our Dress Goods Counters early Monday morning. It's an opportunity you'll not equal again. Select material for your Suit, Dress or odd Skirt before the best bargains are gone.

All 50c Wollen Goods, reduced for Monday and Tuesdays Sale to **39c**
 All our \$1.00 Wollen Goods reduced for Monday and Tuesday sale to **83c**
 All \$1.00 Velvets reduced for Monday and Tuesdays sale to **83c**

Many Pretty Things Suitable for Xmas Gifts All at Greatly Reduced Prices.

Ladies Kid Gloves, Silk Handkerchiefs, Ladies' and Men's Neckwear, Side and Back Combs, Furs, Suit Cases, Shirts, Ladies' and Men's Underwear, and Silk Petticoats, all reduced. Don't fail to visit our store Monday and Tuesday and remember the BIG SALE continues until December 24th.

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36-inch Black Taffetta \$1.50 quality Monday and Tuesday at per yard **\$1.23**
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 36-inch MONEY BACK SILK, the 2.00 quality Monday and Tuesday at per yd. **\$1.69**

We are positively going to make Tuesday one of the biggest and busiest days of the Great Consolidation Sale. Don't let anything keep you away and be sure to be here early Tuesday morning and remember this great sale continues until December 24th.

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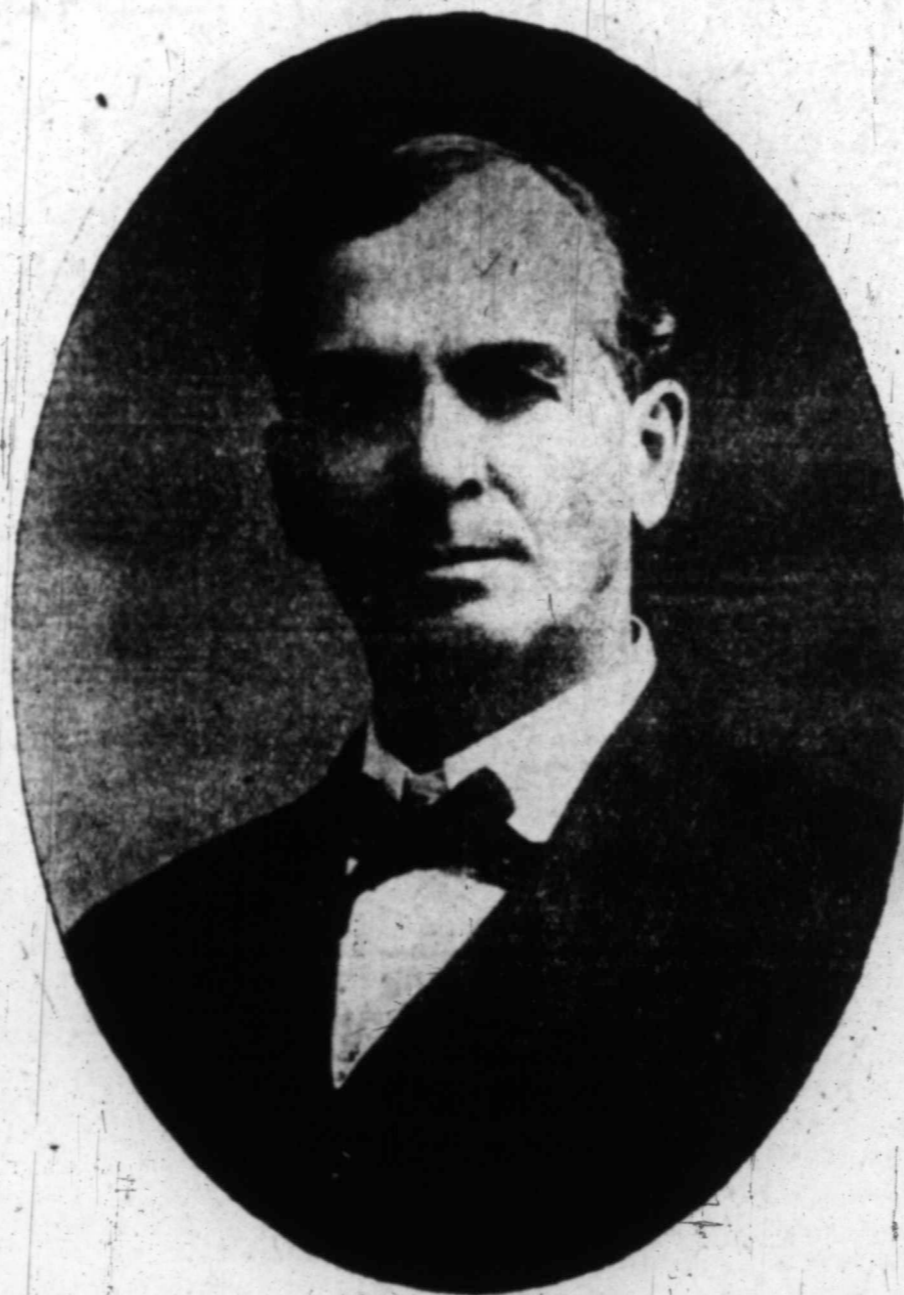
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W. LEE MOORE

Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas A. F. & A. M.

W. Lee Moore, one of Wichita Falls' most enterprising and esteemed citizens, was signally honored by the Grand Lodge of Texas, A. F. & A. M., in its annual meeting at Waco on Wednesday, December 6th by being elected to the high office of Most Worshipful Grand Master. He was installed in this office on the following day and will serve for one year.

Mr. Moore was born in Des Moines county, Iowa, August 30th, 1858, and came to Wichita Falls January 19th, 1884. He is now the senior member of the firm of

largest constructing and building supply firms in Northwest Texas.

Shortly after coming to this city, Mr. Moore was made a Master Mason in Wichita Falls Lodge No. 635, and was later Master of the Lodge several terms. He was made a Royal Arch Mason in Henrietta Chapter No. 161, but demitted and joined in the organization of Wichita Falls Chapter No. 202 and was High Priest of the Chapter for two years. Mr. Moore is also a member of the Vernon Commandery No. 33 of the Knights Templar.

In December, 1904, Mr. Moore was elected Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Texas, A. F. & A. M.

CONDUCTOR INJURED

ROBERT McHAM BADLY HURT AT SUNSET SUNDAY MORNING.

FELL FROM COAL CHUTE

Sustained Bad Cut on Head and Severe Sprains and Bruises.

From Monday's Daily. Robert McHam, a well known and popular freight conductor on the Fort Worth and Denver, living in this city, was seriously injured in a fall from the coal chute at Sunset early Sunday morning.

When the accident occurred Mr. McHam was in the act of unhooking a chain which fastens a block rail from the track on the chute. In some manner he lost his balance and fell backward into a pile of lumber and ties nearly thirty feet below. He landed upon his back and shoulders and the sharp corner of a piece of lumber inflicted a deep cut across the back of his head and he was severely bruised and sprained in his back, shoulders and hips.

He became unconscious soon after he was picked up and remained in that condition throughout the day.

The engine of his train was coupled onto the caboose and the injured man was brought to the home of his mother, Mrs. Sarah McHam, on Austin avenue in this city, where he arrived about 11 o'clock yesterday morning.

While his wounds are severe and are regarded as serious, it is not thought that they will prove fatal.

Death of Mrs. J. A. Ulen.

From Friday's Daily. Mrs. J. A. Ulen of Atoka, Oklahoma, died at the home of her mother, Mrs. James Measles, on Lamar avenue, at 1:30 o'clock this morning, after an illness with stomach troubles.

Mrs. Ulen recently underwent a surgical operation in Fort Worth and was at the home of her mother here while recuperating from the effects of the operation. She had almost completely recovered when other troubles developed, resulting in her death. She leaves a husband and three children. The funeral services will be held at the home of Mrs. Measles at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, and will be conducted by Rev. A. J. Bush.

Subscribe for the Daily Times.

500 MINERS PERISH

REPORT FROM MONONGAH, W. VA., SAYS AT LEAST 500 MEN ARE ENTOMBED IN MINE.

A TERRIFIC EXPLOSION

Occurred in Fairmount Coal Company's Mines This Morning, Where Over Thousand Men are Employed.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 6.—Reports from Wheeling, W. Va., say that seven hundred miners are entombed at Monongah, West Virginia, where a mine explosion occurred today. Two Associated Press men are on their way to the scene and definite information is expected soon. The concussion was heard eight miles.

Thousand Men Employed in Two Mines Fairmount, W. Va., Dec. 6.—An explosion was reported in mines Nos. 6 and 8 of the Fairmount Coal Company at Monongah, six miles from here, today. It is said that one thousand men are employed in the two mines.

At Least 500 Are Entombed.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 6.—A long distance message to the Associated Press says that the bodies of three miners have been recovered near the mouth of mine No. 6. They were foreigners.

Superintendent John Malone of the mines says that at least five hundred men are entombed.

It is feared that the accident will turn out to be the worst in the history of mining in this country. Superintendent Malone telephones here that five hundred men were in the mine at the time of the explosion, and the miners do not think any of them could escape alive from the force of the explosion.

Monongah, W. Va., Dec. 9.—The fire which broke out in the No. 8 mine yesterday was walled in this morning and the work of recovering the bodies of the victims of Friday's explosion was resumed. Up to 10 o'clock no more bodies had been brought to the surface, the list still standing at fifty-three.

Monongah, W. Va., Dec. 8.—But fifty-three bodies have been recovered from mines Nos. 6 and 8 of the Fairmount Coal Company when darkness closed over the little town of Monongah tonight.

Fifty-six hours had elapsed since the awful explosion, and a majority of the bodies brought to the surface were in a terrible condition, necessitating almost immediate burial.

It is now believed that the number of dead will not be over 400. A thorough investigation was made by the company today, and it was decided that many miners believed to have been entombed escaped because they had not gone to work Friday after Thursday's holiday. A score or more of these men reported to the officials during the past twenty-four hours.

Shortly after 3 o'clock this afternoon fire broke out again in mine No. 8, and the rescuers were at once obliged to retire. Thousands of sight-seers from the surrounding towns had gathered about the openings. Through megaphones the crowds were notified of the fire and the danger of another explosion, but they refused to leave and it was with great difficulty that the special police, assisted by many miners, forced them to places of safety.

Efforts were then directed toward extinguishing the fire, but on account of the imminent danger of an explosion the work of rescue was suspended for the night.

It was said by members of the rescuing party that over 100 bodies have been located in both mines and that they will be brought to the surface as soon as the fire has been extinguished. It is not believed the fire will reach any of these bodies.

Heartrending scenes crowded fast one upon the other in this sorely afflicted mining community today. Funeral processions were in sight in all directions during the entire day. On the way to the cemetery these solemn processions were constantly going and passing vehicles coming from the mines laden with victims en route to the morgue, there to be placed in caskets and prepared for another series of funerals.

William E. Robinson, in his zeal to catch a rabbit, chased it across a cemetery in St. Louis and was fined \$10.

BIG BATCH OF INDICTMENTS.

Grand Jury Returned Twenty-one True Bills This Morning.

From Wednesday's Daily

As an evidence of their purpose to clean up the town in a moral way, the grand jury this morning turned over a batch of twenty-one indictments and Sheriff Davis has more business than half a dozen men could well take care of.

It is understood that eleven of the indictments are for felonies and the remainder for misdemeanors.

It is given out that this batch of indictments will by no means end the work of the grand jury, which is still in session and a number of other true bills are expected before the jury adjourns.

Archer Odd Fellows Elect Officers.

Archer City, Tex., Dec. 11.—Archer City Lodge No. 545, I. O. O. F., of this place, elected the following officers for the coming term: J. D. Powell, N. G.; L. W. Connor, V. G.; James Clark, secretary; C. A. Montgomery, treasurer; C. H. Henley, R. S. N. G.; W. E. Forgy, W.; J. L. Baggett, I. G.; W. P. Steen, chaplain; Roy Patton, R. S. V. G.; Joseph Elehler, representative to grand lodge that meets in Fort Worth in March, 1908.

Change in Real Estate Firm.

R. M. Moore has transferred his interests in the real estate firm of Jackson & Moore to J. G. Fain and the new firm of Jackson & Fain began its existence today. Mr. Moore will retire from active business for several months.

Morris & Farris will move their grocery store into the quarters now occupied by the Wells Fargo Express and the Western Union telegraph offices on the first of January. The room now occupied by Morris & Farris will be occupied by a wholesale liquor establishment.

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PERSONAL MENTION

From Tuesday's Daily.
David Rodgers, postmaster at Jolly, was here on business today.

S. A. Pitzer of Denison was handshaking with friends here today.

Mrs. R. L. Yates and Mrs. T. Hanson spent Monday in Fort Worth.

Judge Holman of Seymour was among the visitors in the city today.

Julius Rosenstein of Dallas was transacting business in the city today.

J. W. Blackstock of Petrolia was transacting business in the city today.

W. H. Taylor of Holliday was in the city today en route to Fort Worth on business.

Ralph White of Vernon was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Vic Stampff last Sunday.

The Misses Mattie and Mollie Archer of Tampa, Texas, are the guests of Mrs. R. W. Carter.

Matt Noble of San Augustine is in the city visiting his brother, Mayor T. B. Noble and family.

J. W. Lee returned last night from a two month's visit to Marlin, much improved in health.

Mrs. W. H. Huggins of Vernon was in the city today en route to Holliday to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Talbot, who live near Petrolia, are happy over the arrival of a fine 11-pound baby boy in their home yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Huggins of Amarillo are in the city, visiting Mrs. Huggins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Gullahorn.

Mrs. Hestia Maxwell of Archer City, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Young of this city, returned to her home this afternoon.

Mrs. J. A. Tanner of Iowa Park was shopping in the city today. While here she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lawler.

Mrs. J. M. Isley is expected to return this afternoon from a visit of several weeks with relatives at La Plata, Mo., and other points.

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Misses Uula and Ina Adams left this morning for Dallas to visit friends.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Humphreys, who live near Iowa Park, were shopping in the city today.

Harrison Schweindt, city marshal of Henrietta, was in the city today on official business.

J. G. Hardin, a prominent citizen of Burkburnett, was transacting business in the city today.

Attorney W. T. Allen of Henrietta was in the city today en route to Archer City on legal business.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hartman of Alma, Missouri, are visiting Mr. G. H. Hemme and family, who live near this city.

Mrs. R. F. Jones of Haskell, who has been visiting Mrs. E. A. Hughes of this city, returned to her home yesterday.

The Right Reverend Alexander C. Carrett, Bishop of Dallas, arrived this afternoon to officiate at the Greenwood-Anderson wedding tonight.

R. S. Dean and his two little boys of Amarillo have arrived in the city to visit Mr. Dean's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Dean, who live near Petrolia.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin F. Couch of Colorado Springs, Colorado, arrived in the city this afternoon and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rock. Mrs. Couch is a sister of Mrs. Rock.

Mrs. J. G. Fitzhugh of Duncan, Oklahoma, is here to attend the Greenwood-Anderson nuptials tonight and to make a short visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Brooks.

Conductors R. B. Stayton, J. J. Sullivan, H. L. Miller and Ed. Condon of Fort Worth are in the city making arrangements for a two weeks hunt on Red river. Dr. Robert Robertson of this city will accompany them.

J. F. Ellis came up from Archer City yesterday and is spending several days here on business. Mr. Ellis says that he people of Archer county are arranging to run an excursion from Archer City to Wichita Falls over the Wichita Falls and Southern on December 23rd. A big crowd is expected to patronize the excursion.

Mrs. Russell Eakin and children of Nacoma, who have been visiting relatives in Dundee for the past two weeks, passed through the city en route home this afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Billingsley of Fort Worth arrived in the city this afternoon and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Deaton.

W. O. Covington, who lives in Archer county, forty-five miles southwest of Wichita Falls, brought sixteen bales of cotton to town yesterday, which were sold for 11.02 1/2 per pound.

L. L. Kuntz and Silas Styles, farmers of near Iowa Park, were in town today with cotton to sell. Both remembered the Times in a financial way and had their names enrolled on the list of immortals.

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