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RECOMMENDS MORE ROOM AT THE JAIL

GRAND JURY FINDS JAIL INADEQUATE FOR NEEDS OF INCREASED POPULATION.

ESCAPE OF PRISONERS

A Few Months Ago Alone Made Room Enough for Prisoners—Vigorous Prosecution Recommended.

From Wednesday's Daily. The grand jury yesterday filed a report of its investigations with Judge Carrigan and was discharged for the term. The report follows:

The State of Texas, County of Wichita, In District Court, December term, 1908.

To Hon. A. H. Carrigan, Judge of said Court:

The grand jury for the present term of court, having finished their labors, beg leave to submit to the court the following report:

We have been in session for nine consecutive days and have summoned and examined a large number of witnesses, upon the topics mentioned by the court in his charge and upon such other violations of the law as were brought to our attention.

We have found twenty-eight true bills which we have returned into court.

We are glad to note that the peace officers of the county and city are working in harmony and unison for the enforcement of the law and we are led to believe that if the people will give them the moral support they should have they will do better work in the future than they have ever done in the past.

As it is there are entirely too many people who are either wholly indifferent to the enforcement of the law or else are opposed to its enforcement, especially with reference to misdemeanors. The officers should have the hearty co-operation and support of all good citizens in every effort they make to keep down crime and the people should assist them as far as they may be able in enforcing the law.

Backed by a sound sentiment, there should be no sort of difficulty in suppressing many of the places of vice in the city.

We have returned some bills against persons charged with keeping disorderly houses and if these fail to suppress them we recommend to the county and city officers to multiply prosecutions until they are entirely wiped out.

We have examined the county jail. We find it well kept and clean, but it is entirely too small for the needs of the county.

It is full of prisoners now and if it had not been for the escape of several prisoners since the last term of the court, it would have been impossible for the number we would have had to have been confined there.

It needs some better sanitary arrangements and we earnestly recommend to the commissioners court the building of a large addition to the jail. The volume of criminal business in the county has outgrown the capacity of the jail.

We would also recommend to the commissioners court a consideration of whether enough money is spent by the county for the board of the prisoners. The prices of all things are advancing and we hardly believe that a sufficient appropriation is made for the care of the prisoners.

The jailer should be well paid and the county should have the best of service at this institution.

Thanking the court and its officers and the bailiffs of the grand jury for courtesies extended, we beg to be discharged.

C. H. CLARK, Foreman of the Grand Jury.

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GENERAL SIMON WAS ELECTED

By Associated Press. Port au Prince, Haiti, Dec. 17.—General Simon the leader of the revolution in Haiti that resulted in the flight of president Nord Alexis from the capital was today unanimously elected President of the republic by the Haitian congress.

AFTER 17 YEARS IN PRISON

R. J. Stevens Returns to Weatherford. Death Sentence Commuted.

Special to the Times. Weatherford, Tex., Dec. 17.—R. J. Stevens returned here today, after having been pardoned by the governor. He was imprisoned seventeen years ago upon conviction for the murder of George Stellman, his neighbor. Gov. Hogg commuted the death sentence an hour before the execution would have taken place.

HANGED TO TREE BY MOB.

Elmer Hill Dragged From Jail at Monticello, Kentucky.

By Associated Press. Lexington, Ky., Dec. 17.—Elmer Hill, charged with the murder of Mamie Womack in Adair county, was dragged from jail at Monticello last night and carried four miles to Greasy Creek and there hanged to a tree. The body was discovered there this morning by passersby, who heard nothing of the mob's action last night.

J. W. Stirman, who moved to California five years ago, writes his brother, W. W., that he is preparing to move back to this city and will be here with his family in about ten days. His numerous friends in Wichita county will be glad to welcome him back home.

DESPOTISM IS NO MORE IN TURKEY

By Associated Press. Constantinople, Turkey, Dec. 17.—With the meeting of the first Ottoman parliament today Turkey formally breaks away from the despotic rule of centuries. Sultan Abdul Hamid paraded through the city at the head of an elaborate cortege to open the first session of that body. Everywhere he was greeted with loud cheering and there was no semblance of disorder.

Baby Left Girl By Couples' Will. Boston, Dec. 16.—Miss Mary Robbins, an instructress at Simmons College, has accepted the baby left her by the will of a young married pair, both of whom died.

Miss Robbins met the pair abroad and formed an acquaintance. Recently a trained nurse called at her apartments Brookline, a suburb, with an infant, saying that the mother and father had left instructions for Miss Robbins to accept it. Documents were brought by the nurse substantiating her claims and the strange legacy was accepted.

Killed While Coupling Cars. Ft. Worth, Dec. 17.—James McCabe a Frisco employe was killed when he was coupling cars when he became caught in a frog. He leaves a wife and two children.

ON HONEYMOON; BRIDE'S AGE IS 11

Special to the Times. Ft. Worth, Tex., Dec. 17.—With his 11-year-old bride, H. S. Hunt left today for Leavenworth, Kansas, on their honeymoon trip. The couple were married at Stephenville two weeks ago. The bridegroom is 35 years old. The bride traveled on half-fare ticket. Crowds collected around them at the various stations along the route.

Tom Kent's Body Buried Here. The body of Tom Kent, who was stricken with heart failure while attending a wedding at Boyce Tuesday afternoon, was shipped to this city, arriving at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, and was taken by the Denver depot to Riverside cemetery, where short funeral services were held.

Mr. Kent was formerly a resident of this city and was a brother of Mrs. C. B. Gorman, now living at Fort Worth.

In the Belknap Coal Fields. A steam hoisting machine has been installed and is now in operation in Shaft No. 2 at the Belknap coal mines at Newcastle and about two carloads of coal are being taken out of this shaft daily. The galleries are yet too small to allow more coal to be taken out.

Shaft No. 1 is also being equipped with steam hoists and the output of the mines will soon be more than quadrupled.

Jackson Bros., undertakers and embalmers. Day phone No. 24; night phone No. 547.

DEADLY FIREWORKS MAIM ANOTHER

FORT WORTH LAD PROBABLY FATALLY BURNED THIS MORNING.

EXPLOSIVES IN POCKETS

Were Ignited By Sparks From Roman Candle—Max Witherspoon is Badly Burned.

Special to the Times. Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 17.—Max Witherspoon, aged 14 years, was probably fatally injured today when sparks from a Roman candle fell into his pocket, setting off a bunch of firecrackers. The youth's clothing was soon afire and he was badly burned.

Passersby heard his screams and ran to his assistance, preventing immediate death.

THE MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH

Cotton—New York Spots. New York, Dec. 17.—Market for spot cotton quiet. Middling, 9.10. Sales, 2,200 bales on contract.

Cotton—New York Futures.	Open	High	Close
January	8.38	8.51	8.43-44
March	8.38	8.58	8.52
May	8.56	8.64	8.60-61
December	8.78	8.85	8.80-81

Cotton—New Orleans Spots. New Orleans, La., Dec. 17.—Market for spot cotton easy. Middling, 8.11-16. Sales 1,150 bales. F. O. B. 1,350 bales.

Cotton—New Orleans Futures.	Open	High	Close
January	8.56	8.67	8.58-59
March	8.61	8.65	8.61-62
May	8.85	8.89	8.86-67
December	8.85	8.81	8.80-62

Cotton—Liverpool. Liverpool, Eng., Dec. 17.—Market for spot cotton steady. Middlings, 4.800. Sales 8,000 bales. Receipts 14,000 bales.

Open	High	Close
Jan.-Feb.	4.59	4.62 1/2
Feb.-March	4.59	4.62 1/2
March-April	4.59	4.62 1/2
April-May	4.59	4.62
Dec.-Jan.	4.59	4.62

Chicago Grain Market. Wheat—Open High Close. December 101 1/4 101 1/4 100 3/4. May 106 3/4 106 3/4 105 3/4. July 98 3/4 98 3/4 97 3/4.

Corn—December 57 1/2 57 1/2 57 1/2. May 61 1/2 61 1/2 60 3/4. July 61 1/2 61 1/2 60 3/4.

Oats—December 49 1/2 49 1/2 49 1/2. May 52 1/2 52 1/2 51 1/2. July 47 1/2 47 1/2 46 3/4.

Fort Worth Livestock. Cattle—receipts 2,500. Hogs—receipts 2,800. Steers—Quality—medium. Market lower. Tops sold at \$5.00.

Cows—Quality fair. Market steady. Tops sold at \$3.00. Calves—Quality fair. Market steady. Tops sold at \$5.50. Hogs—Quality fair. Market lower. Tops sold at \$5.60.

Many good men are more or less careless about punctually redeeming their promises to meet little obligations. This should not be. Nothing shakes a friend's confidence in your religion, or business integrity, more than such laxness in coming up to the dot.—McKinsey Gazette.

The Gazette has compressed a big truth into a few lines. No matter how regular a man may be at church services, how loud he may pray, or what pretensions he may make, if you have been carrying a bill against him for several months and he could pay it if he would, you put him down as a wolf in sheep's clothing.—Honey Grove Signal.

From Thursday's Daily. In the neighborhood of 1850 bales of cotton had been ginned at the Farmers' Gin this morning, while at the Wigham gin something over 1100 bales had been turned out.

Byron, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Adams, living on Thirteenth street, is critically ill with fever.

From Thursday's Daily. W. H. H. Thatcher was able to drive down town today after a severe illness of several weeks.

IS FAVORABLE TO THE UNDERTAKING

REV. J. DOLJE RECEIVES LETTER CONCERNING THE HOSPITAL PROJECT.

TWO SISTERS ARE COMING

To Look Over the Field and Submit Propositions for Establishment of Sanitarium.

From Thursday's Daily. Several weeks ago, Rev. J. Dolje of the Catholic church here, accompanied by Dr. R. L. Miller made a trip to San Antonio to endeavor to interest the sisterhood of the Incarnate Word in the establishment of a hospital here.

Upon their arrival there they found that Sister St. Alphonsa Superior general of the sisterhood was in Mexico inspecting the sisterhoods hospital in that republic. They were told that as soon as she returned the matter would be brought to her attention. It was explained to Father Dolje and Dr. Miller that on account of all the hospitals being at work in other places that it was doubtful whether any more hospitals would be built in the immediate future. Today Rev. Dolje received a letter which he believes favorable to the proposition. This letter is as follows:

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 15, 1908.—Rev. J. Dolje, Wichita Falls, Texas: Rev. and dear Father—On my return from Mexico on Saturday, Mother Assistant gave me a detailed and faithful account of your visit to San Antonio, accompanied by Dr. Miller, and your propositions concerning the establishment of a sanitarium at Wichita Falls. We are very sincerely grateful for your kind preference in our regard.

As you have already learned from our Sisters, the moment is far from being opportune for the accomplishment of the plan, that is, as far as our acceptance is concerned. We have at present so many obligations, that we feel it impossible to contract new ones and moreover, we have so few Sisters to dispose of for the work.

However, in order to manifest our good will, we have decided to send two Sisters to Wichita Falls, to confer with you and the doctors in the near future. They will go either before Christmas or early in the New Year. We will let you know exactly the date.

The Sisters will be authorized to make our propositions known to you and to the doctors, and from the result of their interview we will be able to decide whether we can do anything towards the realization of the praiseworthy undertaking.

With many sincere thanks for your kindness, I am humbly yours in Jesus Christ,

SISTER ST. ALPHONSE, Sup. Gen.

SHOT MEXICAN WAITER.

Corporal in Military School Arrested for Assault to Murder.

Special to the Times. San Antonio, Dec. 17.—Ellis McFadden, of Corpus Christi, a corporal in the Peacock Military school has been arrested for assault to murder as the result of the shooting of Y. Davilla, a Mexican waiter. Davilla was wounded in the neck by a rifle bullet and may die. McFadden says the shooting was accidental.

\$60,000 For Husband's Death. Special to the Times. Denton, Dec. 17.—Mrs. S. L. Renfro, for herself and two children, today sued the Katy road for sixty thousand dollars damages on account of the death of her husband who was killed when he was struck by a door which fell from the top of a passing train.

Manuel's Cabinet Has Resigned. By Associated Press. Paris, Dec. 17.—A dispatch from Lisbon this afternoon says that the Portuguese cabinet has resigned and that King Manuel is in consultation with the leaders of all parties preparatory to the formation of a new ministry.

From Thursday's Daily. A deal was closed this morning whereby Sam Scaling and R. M. Moore become the owners of the Irwin & Eagle block on Indiana avenue. The consideration for the transfer was \$11,500. The building will be remodeled by its new owners.

OH Man Scalded to Death. Special to the Times. Tulsa, Ok., Dec. 17.—Henry Leftridge, an oil man, was scalded to death today in the Glenn Pool field by steam, formed when cold water was turned into the red hot boiler.

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FIRST JUROR EXCUSED.

Man Chosen for Night Rider Cases Father of Alleged Night Rider.

By Associated Press. Union City, Tenn., Dec. 17.—J. H. Russell was the first juror selected in the trial of the eight night riders who are charged with the murder of Captain Quentin Rankin. It is claimed by the State today that he is the father of a well known night rider, who will be used as a witness in the case.

The charge was made by Attorney General Caldwell in the form of an affidavit, which stated Juror Russell's father, Charles Russell, was a man who was sworn into the masked band by one of the defendants now on trial and was a member of the band upon more than one ride. Russell admitted that he was the father of Russell and was excused by the court over the protests of the defense.

Work on the new Methodist Episcopal church is progressing nicely. The excavation for the foundation was completed last week and by tonight the concrete foundation itself will be almost completed.

Frank Kell has purchased the residence property of H. B. Patterson at the corner of Ninth and Bluff and will build one of the handsomest residences in the city on that site. Mr. Patterson will buy other residence property.

PREPARING NEW FULL CREW ACT

Special to the Times. Ft. Worth, Tex., Dec. 17.—W. D. Williams and H. G. Wagner, representing the American Federation of Labor, today drew up a new law to take the place of the full crew law knocked out by the supreme court recently. The bill will be presented to the legislature by Senator Cofer of Gainesville.

The measure is more rigid than the old law and requires many more employes by the roads. It will cause a warm fight.

A Rigid Cross Examination.

By Associated Press. Flushing, L. I., Dec. 17.—The counsel for Thornton Hains declare today that the State's witnesses called to prove the charge that he was a principal in the killing of William Annis last summer, will be subjected to a long and exhaustive examination.

Hains' lawyers assert that the prosecution's witnesses were close friends of Annis and that there is little doubt that they rehearsed the tragedy with a design of presenting an unvarying story.

The Santa Fe Inspection. Special to the Times. Paris, Tex., Dec. 17.—Railroad Commissioner Colquitt arrived today with Vice President and General Manager Pettibone of the Santa Fe, inspecting that road.

TO SPEND MILLIONS FOR NEW WARSHIPS

By Associated Press. Buenos Ayres, Argentine, Dec. 17.—The bill authorizing the government to expend seventy-five million dollars for armaments, passed by the Chamber of Deputies, provides for the construction of two battleships and authorizes the laying down of a third vessel if necessary.

Surprise Felt in Washington. By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—The stirring events in Caracas somewhat surprised the officials in Washington, where it had been generally expected that any manifestation of hostile acts by a foreign power against Venezuela would have the result of solidifying all elements of the people and make them rally vigorously to Castro and his government. That they have not done so is entirely inexplicable to the authorities.

Syndicate Buys Marble Quarries. Special to the Times. El Paso, Tex., Dec. 17.—Martin Jordan of Marfa today sold the marble quarry at Piasano Pass to a syndicate headed by John Young of Alpine, for sixty thousand dollars.

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GOVERNOR ORDERS LID AT GALVESTON. Galveston, Dec. 17.—Sheriff Thomas of Galveston county today received a letter from Governor Campbell ordering the enforcement of the laws in this city to the letter. The letter declares that saloons and places of amusement must be put under the lid.

ASK PRESIDENT FOR INFORMATION

MEMBERS OF HOUSE DEMAND EVIDENCE OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S CHARGES.

NO DISSENTING VOTES

Were Cast When Resolution Was Presented in the Lower House of Congress.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—Chairman Perkins of the House special committee, appointed to recommend a course of action relative to suggestions in the president's annual message concerning the secret service to which members of congress had taken exception, presented the report of that committee today.

The report recommends the adoption of a resolution calling on the president to supply the house with the evidence on which he based the statement that members of the House were principally concerned over the fact that secret service men had been investigating the acts of the members themselves.

By Associate Press. BULLETIN—Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—The House adopted the Perkins resolution in regard to the president and the secret service without a dissenting vote and after little comment.

The Last Election.

Official returns from our election of Nov. 3, an event now almost forgotten, show that Mr. Bryan polled 1,315,211 more votes than did Alton Parker in 1904. If all this gain had been made by democracy during four years it would be indeed encouraging, but the fact is that Parker got less than the party's normal vote.

But on the other hand Mr. Bryan's total vote of 6,303,182 shows him to be a man of remarkable popularity and demonstrates also how unified the democratic party was during the last campaign.

Some of our 'far seeing' publicists who are always talking about the growth of the independent vote, have little consolation in the returns shown by the election. The Socialist party was well organized and, for the first time, it had the benefit of considerable capital to aid it. Yet Debs polled only 448,463 votes, a gain of only 45,000 over 1904. The prohibition ticket showed a loss of 17,000 and its total was only 241,000. The Populists showed the greatest loss, dropping below the 100,000 mark and falling to a total of only 33,871. Mr. Hisgen, Hearst's candidate, received a total of 83,186, a vote which New York and Chicago alone might have given him.

The total vote cast was 14,852,239 and of this the Republicans received a trifle over 50 per cent, the Democrats a little over 43 per cent, the Socialists 3 per cent, the Prohibitionists less than 2 per cent, while the Independence party, Populists and Socialist-Labor received fractions of the remainder. The Republicans in the popular vote received not only a plurality, but also a majority.—Fort Worth Telegram.

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City Tax Levy Ordinance Adopted. From Wednesday's Daily.

At a special session this morning the city council adopted a tax levy ordinance for the year 1909.

The total levy is fixed at 65 cents and is made up as follows: Ad valorem tax, 25 cents; sinking fund, 9 cents; interest on bonds, 16 cents; for roads, bridges and streets, 15 cents.

The city poll tax was fixed at \$1.00 and occupation taxes were fixed at one-half the amount levied by the State statutes.

WANTED—Subscribers for the Times.

Pipe Laying Starts.

Carloads of pipe for the gas pipe line from Petrolia to this city continue to arrive here daily and are unloaded and distributed along the line as fast as they arrive.

A crew of expert pipe layers is now here and the laying of the pipe will begin both at Petrolia and here tomorrow morning.

It is planned to begin the laying of pipe within the city limits next week, so that the citizens can begin using the fuel as soon as the main reaches the city limits.

If You Don't B'lieve in Santa Claus.

Frank L. Stanton, in Uncle Remus Magazine.

If you don't b'lieve in Santa Claus, and that your way he'll call, Don't mind the Christmas stocking—don't hang it up at all!

But when Christmas winds are whistlin', and the home-lights burnin' dim, He rides away from little folks that don't believe in him!

When you hear his sleigh-bells jingle on the house-tops snowy-white, Say: "The Wind is playin' music for the witches O' the night!"

When he's slidin' down the chimneys of the still and dreamy town— 'Tis the Wind that wants to warm himself—the Wind is comin' down!"

If you don't b'lieve in Santa Claus, like other folks b'lieve, Just wait till Fourth O' July, and forget its Christmas Eve!

Say: "The children—they just dreamed him, and they think he's true-and-true!" And don't hang up your stocking—for he won't believe in you!

When the floor is piled with playthings, and the Christmas trumpets blow, Say no fairy-folk have been there, and that Santa Claus aint so!

When your stocking's lookin' lonesome, then you'll know the reason why: You'll wish you'd made-believe in him 'fore Santa Claus went by!

Your great and great grand-people—they knew him far away.

(There's toys that he gave them in the attic there today!)

The chair grandfather dreams in—he gave him that, you know, For bein' once a little boy and b'lievin' in him so!

But—don't you hang your stocking up, if you don't think that way,

And know lots more 'bout Santa Claus than folks that's old and gray;

But—when Christmas winds are whistlin', and the mornin' stars burn dim,

He rides away from little folks that don't believe in him!

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HELD BY TEXAS LAWS

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take No Extensions Until Adverse
Legislation in Texas is Stopped.

From Saturday's Daily.
Secretary Gohlke and R. M. Moore
had a rather exciting adventure on
their trip to Waurika yesterday after-
noon.

They had originally planned to go
over the Wichita Valley to Byers, from
where they were to make the remain-
der of their journey to Waurika by
horse and buggy, but they got to the
depot here in time to see the rear end
of the train for Byers disappear
around the curve at the end of the
yards.

Knowing then that their only chance
of reaching Waurika was to take the
Katy for Ringgold and take chances of
catching a north-bound train over the
Rock Island, they hid themselves to
the Katy depot and this time reached
the station before the train pulled out.

Upon their arrival at Ringgold they
found that President Mitchell's special
was due in a few minutes, but was not
scheduled to stop.

The station agent told them that if
they wanted to take the responsibility
upon themselves they could take the
flag and stop the train, and he would
not interfere with them.

Mr. Gohlke agreed to do the talking
if Mr. Moore would handle the flag,
and when President Mitchell's special
came thundering along the track the
engineer on seeing Mr. Moore's frantic
gestures with the flag brought the
train to a stop and almost before the
wheels quit turning Mr. Gohlke had
climbed over the railing at the rear of
President Winchell's private car and
had explained the incident. Mr.
Moore was taken on board and the
train was again rushing on toward
Waurika.

On the way President Winchell told
the Wichita Falls men that estimates
of the cost of the connection had been
made and assured them that it would
be made.

The railroad official said that no ex-
tension would be made in Texas, how-
ever, until the people called a halt upon
legislation against the railroads.

He said that he considered Wichita
Falls and Stamford the two most pro-
gressive cities in Texas but that he
would not venture a definite statement,
as to when either the extension to
Wichita Falls or the extension from
Graham to Stamford would be built.

DRAGGED TO DEATH.

W. M. Church Victim of Runaway Ac-
cident on Road Near Jacksboro.

Jacksboro, Tex., Dec. 11.—W. M.
Church manager of the Cobb ranch,
three miles south of Jacksboro, was
killed this afternoon by being thrown
out of a buggy and dragged along the
ground, while on his way from this
place back to the ranch. None saw
the accident and just how Mr. Church
met his death is a matter of circum-
stantial evidence.

About 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon
Mr. Church started back to the ranch.
He was alone in a buggy, driving two
spirited animals. The horses took
fright at something and ran away.
They were caught by a ranchman about
three-fourths of a mile from the Rock
Island freight house.

Mr. Church's body was found on the
road. He had evidently been thrown
from the buggy and had become en-
tangled some way so as to be dragged
a considerable distance. He was bare-
ly alive when found, and was carried
to the Tanner hotel, but surgical aid
failed to save him.

The remains will be sent for burial
to Andover, N. Y., where his wife is
buried. Two children, a son and a
daughter, survive. Mr. Church was a
brother-in-law of H. H. Cobb of the
Belcher Land & Mortgage Company,
Fort Worth.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Joseph Laddler, a brother of Mrs. W.
E. Carter of this city, dropped dead at
the depot at Henrietta yesterday from
heart trouble. The deceased was about
26 years of age and was a well known
citizen of Henrietta. His funeral took
place at Henrietta at 3 o'clock this af-
ternoon.

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PRESIDENT IS TAKEN TO TASK

CONGRESS RESENTS IMPUTATION
REGARDING ACTION LIMITING
SECRET SERVICE ACTIVITY

A SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Of Five Members to Investigate Presi-
dent's Imputation is Asked in
Resolution.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—Immedi-
ately after the convening of the house
today Representative Perkins intro-
duced a resolution heretofore agreed
upon providing for an appointment of a
special committee of five members to
consider the proper means of dealing
with that portion of the president's
message which criticizes the course of
Congress in providing a detail of sec-
ret service men for duty outside of
their own bureau.

Many members of Congress are
greatly incensed at the president's im-
putation that Congress circumscribe
the operations of the secret service
men because its members feared its ac-
tivities. There is no doubt that noth-
ing that the president has done during
his seven years in the White House
has so incensed the members of Con-
gress. With scarcely an exception they
feel that the president has not only il-
lelled but insulted them.

Monday the Senate, following the ex-
ample of the House, will also rebuke
the president for his aspersion. Its
rebuke will probably take the form of a
resolution expunging from the record
the obnoxious paragraph in the presi-
dent's message. To render this re-
buke more poignant, to make the presi-
dent more sensible of his offense, this
resolution, unless meantime he should
lose his courage, will be offered by
Senator Beveridge, who has been the
president's fidus Achates.

There are only three instances of
such action. In two of them Presi-
dent Tyler was the target of Congres-
sional wrath and in the other Presi-
dent Jackson.

Tawney Enraged.

Of all the members of the House Mr.
Tawney, chairman of the Committee on
Appropriations, is perhaps the most in-
censed. Between him and the presi-
dent there has long been a feud. Mr.
Tawney has been especially active in
resisting the president's naval policy.
Regularly at every session he gets up
and tells the country in most formid-
able and impressive figures how much
our military establishment costs the
country, and when he gets through the
House usually lops off one battleship,
immediately one can hear the gnash-
ing of teeth at the other end of the
avenue, where opposition to the policy
of naval expansion is regarded almost
as treason.

Knowing the president's hatred of
him, Mr. Tawney during the last cam-
paign suspected that the President was
using Secret Service men in the effort
to encompass his defeat. This is only

a suspicion, but there is some reason
to believe that on occasions Secret Ser-
vice men have been used for other than
strictly administrative purposes. There
is almost conclusive evidence that they
have been used in divorce cases, and
while the president has never been
charged with these abuses of the ser-
vice, it was largely a knowledge of
them that prompted Congress to take
the action which provoked the offend-
ing paragraph in the president's last
message.

Grand Jury Returns Indictments Against Mrs. Allen.

From Friday's Daily.
The grand jury yesterday returned
an indictment against Mrs. Walter Al-
len, charging her of murder. Mrs. Al-
len gave bond in the sum of \$2,500 for
her appearance for trial.

Mrs. Allen, it will be remembered,
shot and killed Lillie Wheatly several
months ago while the latter was sit-
ting in a buggy with Mrs. Allen's hus-
band.

An indictment charging Kate Wil-
liams, a negro, with assault with in-
tent to murder Helen Bunn, another
negress, has also been returned. The
Williams woman gave bond in the sum
of \$500 for her appearance for trial.

Another Two-Story Building.

From Friday's Daily.
Roberts and Stampfl will let the
contract one day next week for a 50-
100-foot two-story brick structure to
be erected on the lots facing west on
Indiana Avenue between Seventy and
Eighty Streets, which were formerly
occupied by a livery barn.

A loan was executed today by the
terms of which the Odd Fellows lodge
are to occupy all of the second floor
of the new building for a term of four
years.

The ground floor will be occupied by
a vaudeville or 10-cent show company.

SPECIAL VENIRES FOR MURDER CASES

Sheriff Walkup will be kept busy for
the next several days serving summonses
for three special venires for trials in
January and February.

The first trial for which a special
venire is required is that of Mrs. Maria
Allen for murder, which is set for Jan-
uary 18th. A special venire of ninety
taxesmen is being summoned for that
case.

On January 20th J. W. Bennett will
be tried on a charge of rape. This case
was venued here from Young county,
and a special venire of fifty men is also
required in that case.

Another trial for which a special
venire is being summoned is that of Wal-
ter Hickey, on a charge of murder,
venued here from Haskell county.

SHOOTING AT CLARENDON.

Edward Harding Shot By Charles Mc-
Rea as the Result of a Feud.

Clarendon, Tex., Dec. 15.—Edward
Harding, a well known farmer, was
shot by Charles McRea on Main street
late yesterday. The shooting was the
result of a feud of a year's standing.
A flesh wound was inflicted. It is
believed that Harding will recover.

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A BETTER WAY.

From Thursday's Daily.
 Diamonds are usually used to emphasize the old saying that the best of goods come in little packages, but "Little Chip" personifies this adage, because he is without fear of contradiction the best and smallest eccentric comedian today. In selecting him for the part of the Mayor in "His Honor the Mayor" Jos. M. Gaites has given the funny little chap the best part he has ever played.

"Little Chip" is a native of New York, whose real name is Samuel Kornblum, who confesses to having spent 18 out of 24 years he has been earth in the glare of the footlights. He was born on Broome street, that noted thoroughfare which has produced more actors than any district of like dimensions in the world. Shortly after his debut his father took him to England, where he played at the music halls, and it was in that country that he first attracted notice. At that time Albert they are sent to the jail and penitentiary.

Let's consider this question seriously. If we vote to license the saloons, are we not a party to the business and responsible for that which follows as a result?

There is no greater enemy to society, to the laboring man, the home and to business than the saloon. Take the twenty saloons we have here in our little city and to make the business pay any profit at all, after the license, rent and the help needed to run the business is paid for, each saloon must do at the lowest \$25.00 worth of business each day, which is \$500 per day, leaving out fifty-two Sundays, and we have spent in our little city no less than \$156,500 annually for drink.

I am sure this is not equal to the amount spent. If this money was put into the homes of the drinkers in clothing, food and that which would add happiness and comfort, how much better saloon men and patrons would feel at the end of another year?

Yes, let's stop the saloon and we will not need a larger jail.

A CITIZEN.

It is said that Governor Campbell has refused to place his official signature to the Commissions of certain officers elected or re-elected at the recent election for the reason that these officers fail or refuse to enforce the law. If this is true, and Governor Campbell only be firm in this matter, it will not be a great while until Texas will have for her officers men who will do their duty.

A real estate man is authority for a statement made to a Times reporter today that the demand for residences in Wichita Falls is greater today than ever before and owing to the scarcity of them that people who come here with a view of locating and becoming citizens of this city were forced to leave and seek other towns in which to locate. These conditions have prevailed in Wichita Falls for the past two years, and something should be done to relieve the situation. If there were more houses to rent, rents would not be quite so high. As it is now, rentals on residence property is bringing on an average in this city of at least twenty-five per cent. This is too great an interest to pay on money, and while the Times would never like to see the day when resident property would not earn the owners a fair and reasonable dividend, it firmly believes that the rentals now charged for such property is entirely too high. This real estate man made the assertion that he could rent two hundred resident houses within a week's time, but that as things were now he had no houses to rent at all, and it was an every day business with him to turn away applicants.

It has been charged, and not without grounds, that Governor Campbell is afraid of the liquor men and their influence in this State, and would make no special effort to enforce the Baskin-McGregor liquor law in such towns as San Antonio and other places where liquor dealers continue to run their raffles just about as they please. Now, it appears, that the governor is not going to stand for this charge against him longer, and has taken the first step toward the enforcement of the law by refusing to sign the commissions of county officers elected at the recent election who failed to enforce the law during the time they had been in office. If he stands by his decision, it will be impossible for an officer who has failed to enforce the laws to draw his pay. Every honest citizen in Texas will or should stand by Governor Campbell in his efforts to enforce this law, and as a great majority of the people of this State are honest and law-abiding, they will stand by their chief executive almost to a man when they become convinced that he is making a fight for the enforcement of a law that no other governor (not excepting the lamented Gov. Hogg) has ever succeeded in doing.

Plainly, William H. Taft is a happy man. In a recent newspaper interview he said: "When I consider all that has come to me I wonder, with trembling, if there is not to be some great misfortune to offset it all. We have our health and our children. My parents are dead, but they lived to an honored and peaceful old age. I have not had any grievous sorrow. Politically, there were the Philippines; it was the turn of a hand whether I should go there. If I hadn't I don't suppose I should be the president-elect at this time. Of course it is sometimes said that opportunity comes to every man and that it is to his credit that he seizes it, yet looking back I can not see that I exercised any shrewd discrimination. I can not persuade myself it was my own wisdom that led me into the work. Twice came the offer of a place on the supreme bench. My inclination was to accept, and it was not due to my judgment after all that I did not. I have much for which to be thankful, and I can not help wondering if there is not to be some compensatory sorrow." No one will begrudge Mr. Taft his great happiness and men of all political parties will wish that nothing will occur to mar his present joyful frame of mind.—Bryan's Cornerer.

The following beautiful sentiment is from the pen of Senator Bob Taylor: "I would rather fill my purse with money and keep its gates ajar to my happy girls while yet they linger under my roof than to clutch it with a miser's hand until all the harp-strings of youth are broken and all its music forever fled. I would rather spend my last nickel for a bag of striped marbles to gladden the hearts of my bare-footed boys than to deny them their childish pleasures and leave them a bag of gold to quarrel over when I am dead. I abhor the pitiless hawk that circles in the air only to swoop down and strangle the song of the linnnet or bury its talons in the heart of the dove. I despise the scullion man whose greed for gold impels him to strangle the laughter and song of his own family."

The deficit in the postoffice department at Washington for the past year was \$16,872,222, or about 29 cents per head for every man, woman and child of the 99,000,000 population of the United States. One reason for this is the fact that the government furnishes envelopes, stamps, prints and delivers them to its customers for a much less price than regular dealers can buy the plain envelope for at the mills where they are made. Only last week Uncle Samuel took orders from large business concerns in this city alone for something in the neighborhood of 150,000 two-cent stamped envelopes.

According to the Dallas News, which is good authority, the vote of Texas for Bryan and Taft, and for the State ticket, is as follows: Bryan 227,264; Taft, 62,229; Bryans plurality, 158,035. For governor, Campbell, 219,879; Simpson, 72,508; Campbell's majority, 137,940. For attorney general, Davidson, 231,192; Atwell, 64,988; Davidson's plurality, 161,534. The vote for the amendments was as follows: For school amendment, 137,397; against, 54,925. For precinct amendment, 71,409; against, 79,925. For increase of salaries, 48,619; against, 117,600.

Mineral Wells is getting down to brass tacks. It has cut the salary of the mayor \$50 per month.—Hall County Herald.

And now if Mineral Wells is down to brass tacks when her mayors salary is reduced to fifty dollars per month, where is Wichita Falls whose mayor receives only \$10 per annum? Will Brother Johnson please solve the problem?

Representative E. C. Gaines of Comanche County, has prepared and intends to introduce during the session of the next legislature a bill providing for an Agricultural and Mechanical College in each Congressional district or sixteen in all, to be branches of the A. & M. College at College Station. This, it occurs to the Times, is spreading it on pretty tolerably thick in the way of establishing A. & M. Colleges.

The warm weather makes it hard to realize that Christmas is only seven days ahead of us. The clothing merchants probably would like to see a drop in temperature to remind the Christmas shoppers of suitable gifts in their line.

THAT METEOR.
 It has been gently hinted by our Fort Worth correspondent that those to whom the huge meteor was visible on Monday morning belong to that set who "see things that are not." Fortunately for the Times, however, the thing, whatever it was, passed over Mineral Wells, and here is a description of it given by the Index of that city:

"The early risers of this city were treated to a rare and remarkable sight this morning at about 6:30 o'clock. At that hour those who were up and about were startled by a sudden and brilliant lighting of the heavens and upon looking up saw an enormous ball moving across the sky from the southwest to the northeast, and in its rear a long tail of what appeared to be sparks not unlike the wake of an immense sky rocket.

The appearance of the great meteor—for such it was—was startling in the extreme, and its disappearance was followed by a very distinct rumbling, like distant thunder, while windows, dishes and the like rattled with distinct and awesome sound. Of course it appeared to be closer than it really was, some saying that it appeared to pass just over Bald Mountain. The detonation following its disappearance was taken by some to be a blast of dynamite on the mountain, as there have been many holiday guns the past few days.

The astronomers tell us that these fragmentary bodies are thrown off of other planets and bodies and rush through space at such velocity as to be almost instantaneous until their contact with the shell of atmosphere around the earth, when they are by the friction raised to such an inconceivable degree of heat that they are consumed and fall in dust upon the earth, and often reach the earth before fusing. There are other theories as to meteors, and one is that they are parts of disintegrating comets; another is that they are accumulations of dust particles. Those that reach the earth are found to contain pretty much the same metallic formations as are found upon the earth—more like matter that is thrown out of volcanoes.

However, whence they come or what their composition, they are certainly awe-inspiring and impress the average man with the infinity of space and the wonders that may or may not be in its mysterious depths.

Not long ago a man suggested that meteors were the missiles being hurled at the earth by some monstrous mechanism manned by Jovian-like creatures of other worlds—Mars, for instance. That writer may have been talking through his hat; but, if so, the gunners of some world made a pretty good shot this morning.

This morning's meteor was of the detonating or aerolite brand. On December 21, 1876, one of these burst directly over Bloomington, Ill., shaking the city like an earthquake. Fragments of it formed a cluster of fireballs five miles wide and forty miles long. It rose and left the earth's atmosphere, thus showing that the strangers enter and leave the earth's "armor"—glancing off, as it were, like striking water. In February, 1906, one exploded directly over Madrid, Spain, in midday, but its brilliancy dazzled all who beheld it. It was about fifteen miles high, and the shock was terrific.

Farmers in the city from every direction reported to have seen the dazzler.

Dr. Raines declared today that it was a narrow escape for some man's good country and would not be surprised to hear from it.

The following paragraph from the Colorado Citizen contains food for thought, and its careful perusal is commended to our readers:

"The way to build up a community is for every person in it who can, to put some money into industries that give the people employment, and push the industries to success. Industries that last all the year round are the best; but those that last part of the year are better than none. The most valuable power on earth is human power, and when it is not employed it is not only lost, but it also consumes part of what others earn. Work creates wealth; work sets money in motion; work pays debts; work is the vital power in prosperity, and that city, that community and that nation whose people are idle are poor, and poor in proportion to the number that work and the time they work. Heaven's greatest earthly blessing to any people is to give them honest, remunerative work."

If the farmers in cotton producing states want to reduce the acreage and thereby increase the price of the fleecy staple, there is no quicker way to accomplish that end than to petition our next legislature to enact a compulsory education law. When the time comes that the farmer who raises cotton will have to do all the chopping out of the crop himself in the spring, and pick it in the fall while his children are at school, he will not be able to cultivate and market quite so large a crop, but the law of supply and demand will give him a better price for the amount he does raise, and the children will get what is their due—a common school education.

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Prize No. 4	\$6 Silk Kimona	Prize No. 12	35c Handk'f
Prize No. 5	\$1.50 In Hose	Prize No. 13	\$5 Dress Pat
Prize No. 6	\$13.50 Coat	Prize No. 14	\$2.50 In Cash
Prize No. 7	\$4 Shoe	Prize No. 15	\$1.50 Scarf
Prize No. 8	\$10 Skirt	Prize No. 16	\$1.50 Collar

The tickets drawing the premiums will be drawn out Thursday afternoon December 24th, at 4 o'clock

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MOB DEMONSTRATE AGAINST CASTRO

STREETS OF VENEZUELAN CAPITAL SCENE OF RIOT AND DISORDER.

TO DEPOSE PRESIDENT

Attacking Dutch are Forgotten in Demonstration Against the Republic's President.

Caracas, Venezuela, Dec. 16.—This city yesterday witnessed an outbreak of disorder following the warlike activities of the Dutch warships along the coast, making it necessary by nightfall to declare martial law in order to put an end to the rioting and pillaging.

There were several attacks on private property on the part of the mob before the authorities got the situation in hand and several agitators were arrested. There was no actual conflict between the people and police. No foreigners were molested.

Today the city is quiet and business is taking its normal course.

Another dispatch says:

The people of Caracas arose today against President Castro and an infuriated mob, unhindered by the police, swept through the city, wrecking the property of his henchmen and closest friends. The people rounded up all pictures and statues of Castro from the clubs and other semi-public buildings and burned them with rejoicing on the Plaza Bolivar.

Castro's rule in Venezuela is probably ended. There has been no demonstration against the Dutch, all being directed against Castro.

A third dispatch from Caracas, undated of today says:

Further demonstrations are anticipated and while no official act deposing Castro from the presidency has been taken, such a step is expected at any moment.

The El Constional suspended publication and Caracas is practically without a newspaper.

The funeral of Bojeset, one of the men killed in the fight yesterday, has been fixed for tomorrow. A vast crowd will turn out and further disorders and rioting is expected.

Sewer Extensions Authorized.

From Wednesday's Daily.

At a special session of the city council this morning it was decided to use the money remaining from the proceeds of the sale of sewer bonds for the extension of the sewers. This money will probably amount to about \$4,000.

Derr & Early were authorized to proceed with the extension of the sewer in the alley between Ninth and Tenth streets and in the alley between Scott and Indiana avenues.

City Engineer Hinekey was ordered to make surveys and prepare estimates on the cost of extending the sewer into the Crescent Lake addition.

A Wholesale Bakery.

From Wednesday's Daily.

V. E. Stampfl left this afternoon for Dallas to purchase a moulding machine and other equipment for his wholesale bakery, which will be ready for the public by January 1st. Mr. Stampfl will build another story at the rear of the building he now occupies, where the new business will be conducted, and says he will make four thousand loaves of bread daily, or as much as his trade demands. Mr. Stampfl deserves much credit for the way his business has increased and the Times bespeaks for him success with his new enterprise.

LID MUST GO ON OVER ALL THE STATE

Austin, Tex., Dec. 16.—It was reported today that Governor Campbell told the San Antonio delegation that he will delay further action pending the observance of the liquor laws in that city and that it was also his determination to keep the lid down throughout the State, if it takes the rangers and the entire State militia.

County Attorney Newton of Bexar county called upon the governor today, presumably to seek a pardon for a certain convict. Newton declares that he is vigorously prosecuting the violations of the laws, but that little has been accomplished because the juries turn the defendants loose.

Weather Favorable to Growing Wheat.

Weather conditions are very favorable to the growing wheat and the plant is making a splendid growth. A good average has been sown in this staple in the Wichita country.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Many wagon loads of cotton passed through town today on their way to the gin and there are still many acres of the fleecy staple on the stalk in the Wichita country. Several hundred more bales of cotton will yet be ginned here, it is believed.

A FIRE AT MT. PLEASANT.

Wichita Falls Man Owner of One of the Buildings Damaged.

Mt. Pleasant, Tex., Dec. 16.—Fire early this morning caused a loss of 10,000 in the business section. The flames broke out in M. Player's grocery, which was destroyed. The fire also damaged Harris & Bell's confectionery store and damaged the building owned by J. F. Schwab of Wichita Falls. The origin of the blaze is unknown.

The popular vote for president in the recent election is given as follows by the Associated Press: Taft, republican; 7,637,676; Bryan, democrat, 6,309,182; Debs, socialist, 448,453; Chaflin, prohibitionist, 241,252; Hagen, independence, 83,186; Watson, populist, 33,871; Gilhaus, socialist labor, 15,451. The above figures show that the biggest gain of any of the parties over the vote of 1904 was that of the democratic, Bryan's vote being 1,315,211 over that of Parker's in 1904. Taft's vote was only 14,190 more than that polled for Roosevelt in 1904. The total vote cast for the candidates of all parties in 1908 was 14,852,239, against 13,510,708 in 1904. These figures show an increase of the total vote of 1,341,531, and that the democrats lacked only 26,320 of getting the entire increased vote.

TENDER AND THREE COACHES DITCHED

FORT WORTH AND DENVER PASSENGER WENT INTO THE DITCH NEAR HARROLD.

NO ONE SERIOUSLY HURT

Flange on Wheel Breaks and Tracks are Spread—Passengers Have Fortunate Escape.

From Wednesday's Daily.

The locomotive, tender and three coaches of southbound passenger No. 8 on the Fort Worth and Denver, were derailed this side of Harrold early this morning and several passengers received severe bruises and some were slightly cut and scratched, but so far as was learned up to noon today none of them had sustained injuries of a severe nature.

The derailment is said to have been caused by the breaking off of a part of the flange of one of the wheels on the tender.

The wrecking crews from Childress and Wichita Falls were called out and by noon had the tracks cleared for traffic. None of the coaches turned over when they left the track and the train was running at a slow speed, otherwise the wreck would probably have resulted more seriously.

HAND BLOWN OFF BY GIANT CRACKER

Greenville, Tex., Dec. 16.—George Mason of this city lost his hand today. It was blown off by a giant fire cracker, which was being used as a signal to a hunting party. The accident occurred at Lake Kuykendall.

TRIBUNE COLONY CASE SETTLED.

Forty Thousand Dollars to Be Used in Paying Claims.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 16.—With the payment of \$40,000 into the Superior Court yesterday by Philander H. Fitzgerald in settlement of the cases involving the American Tribune New Colony Company and 60,000 acres of land in Texas, suits, which have been pending in the courts of Marion county for several years, came to a close.

The money paid into the courts will be used in the settlement of the claims which purchasers of stock in the Tribune Colony Company filed against the concern and Mr. Fitzgerald as its chief officer and in the payment of the expenses of the litigation.

The case had its inception three years ago, when the American Tribune New Colony Company was organized to purchase land in Texas for the purpose of forming a land colony. Shares of stock in the concern were disposed of at \$25 each, and it was that purchasers did not receive a clear title to the property.

A New Customs Collector.

Special to The Times: Washington, Dec. 17.—President Roosevelt today nominated R. B. Cregar, of Brazos as collector of customs with headquarters at Brownsville. Collector Vann becomes his deputy.

Quite a number of people who did their Christmas shopping early have dropped in to tell us that the all-inishness that inevitably follows early shopping is not as soothing as having your head shampooed by a lady barber.

Oleomargarine, twenty-five cents per pound. King & White. 173-1f.

BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN DEAD 2 YEARS

MAN ARRESTED BY RANGERS IS WANTED FOR EMBEZZLEMENT IN INDIANA.

WAS SHORT \$100,000

Prisoner Admits Identity and Says His Wife Had Collected \$30,000 in Life Insurance.

Special to The Times. San Benito, Tex., Dec. 17.—Rangers Redris, Smith and Baker today arrested R. A. Conner, charged with embezzlement committed in Indiana several years ago. Conner admitted that his name was H. E. Ager, and said he was believed to have been dead two years, and that his wife had collected about \$30,000 life insurance.

Word from Princeton, Indiana, says that Ager was formerly treasurer of the Princeton Milling Company and was short over a hundred thousand dollars.

During his stay in Texas, Ager bore an excellent reputation. He was taken to Brownsville to await the action of the Indiana officers.

DASHIELL WANTS TAX COMMISSION

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 16.—Tax Commissioner Dashiell surprised the legislative committee of the Texas Commercial Secretaries' Association today by coming out strongly for a State tax board or commission. Dashiell in an address before the committee admitted that a part of the tax system was injurious. He declared that the gross receipts, franchise, and intangible taxes were correct theoretically, but failed to work for the State's interests. Action will be taken today urging the legislature to make an appropriation for the maintenance of a tax commission.

To Christmas Buyers.

If you want to find the best and finest flavored candies, nuts and fruits, come to our place. Our stock is complete and kept fresh and our prices are reasonable. We will appreciate your patronage.—The Cream Bakery. 184-1f.

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GOVERNOR DELAYS IN SIGNING COMMISSIONS OF BEXAR COUNTY OFFICIALS—THEY WORRY.

THE LAWS NOT ENFORCED

Sheriff and County Judge With Other Officials Wonder Where "They're at."

Austin, Tex., Dec. 12.—Governor Campbell's authority in declining to sign the commissions of the Bexar county officials is declared here today to be his right to exercise such a prerogative as recited in their commissions.

The Governor declares he is not refusing absolutely to sign the commissions because of alleged violation of the liquor law, adding that he has merely laid them aside for further consideration and may sign them later. It is not expected that the Bexar county officials will promise to support Baskin-McGregor law, as that would be equal to a confession. It is believed that an effort will be made to secure a supreme court mandamus to compel the Governor to sign the commissions.

Creates Sensation at San Antonio.
San Antonio, Dec. 12.—That Governor Campbell is unsupported by the law in his demand for promises from Bexar county officers regarding the enforcement of the liquor and gambling laws, or any laws, is the opinion of three of the principal officials against whom the governor's unique performance is directed. These three officials are District Attorney Baker, County Attorney Newton and Sheriff Lindsey.

Judge Shook could not be seen. These same three officials openly announce that they do not intend to make such pledges prescribed by the governor and maintain that he has no right to withhold their commissions, although whether they will mandamus him if he persists in his demands is undecided, the officials being somewhat surprised when informed of the Governor's position.

Succeeding themselves, the county and district attorneys say they can collect fees and transact the full business of their offices "until their successors qualify," and the governor's attitude therefore does not seem to worry them much.

With Sheriff Lindsey, however, it is different. He is entering upon his first term and does not know whether his acts will be legal without a state commission.

The news of the governor's position has created a sensation here.

Can't Draw Pay Without Commissions.
Austin, Tex., Dec. 12.—While signing the commissions of a number of county officials today, the governor failed to sign the commissions of the county officials of Bexar county, whose duty is to administer and enforce the laws. When questioned as to his reason for not signing these commissions, the governor answered that they are being held up for future consideration. This step on the part of the governor is regarded as quite significant when it is reported that the Baskin-McGregor liquor law is being openly violated. Just what effect this action on the part of the Governor will have on the Bexar county officials is not known, but it is likely to cause a stir, as they cannot draw money from the State without commissions. The officers whose commissions are held up are B. D. Lindsey, sheriff; Phil H. Shook, county judge; T. J. Newton, county attorney, and B. S. Fisk, Walter Trainer and Joe Umschied, constables.

Governor Denies Intention to Send the State Rangers to Santone—Many Rumors Flying.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 14.—After again denying today any intention to send the State Rangers to San Antonio because of alleged violations of the liquor laws there, Governor Campbell today intimated that he may extend the "big stick" policy to other counties where the Baskin-McGregor law is not rigidly observed. He refused to name the counties or disclose his plan of action.

The governor is reported to have said to Mayor Callahan during his recent visit to San Antonio: "I propose to come to San Antonio and put the lid on for you." Mayor Callahan replied: "Governor, you will have to bring your own attorneys, judges and clerks to do so."

Many State officials today said this was only the beginning of a battle which Campbell proposes to wage to secure adherence to the law, and that his seal to enforce the law was equal to his devotion to platform demands, which he seems bent upon carrying out to the letter.

A sensation was sprung today when it was announced that the next move by the governor would be to appoint agents over the State to secure evidence to cancel saloon licenses and that county judges found alighting this

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work would afterwards be dealt with.

Says Liquor Interests Control.
Austin, Tex., Dec. 14.—Governor Campbell today received a letter from Justice of the Peace Bronson Bywaters of Vanornoy, Bexar county, asking that a commission be issued to him. He said he was unable to perform his duty in full because of the lack of support from other county officials and declared that it was impossible to secure convictions when the liquor or anti-gambling laws were violated. The letter says that the liquor interests were in complete control. Bywaters promised his aid to the governor in an attempt to enforce the laws.

Officers Promise to Attempt Law Enforcement and Saloons Will Close at Midnight.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 15.—A delegation of San Antonio citizens, headed by Marshall Hicks and former Sheriff Nat Lewis called upon the governor today. Governor Campbell kept the delegation waiting in the outer office considerably more than an hour before an audience was obtained. This was but an exchange of greetings. The chief conference will be held this afternoon.

It is understood that the delegation intends to fly the flag of truce and seek pardon for San Antonio for past violations of the liquor and gambling laws.

They will report that the lid is now screwed down and all saloons and gambling houses will close at midnight. The San Antonians say they have no promises to make further than the county and other officials will endeavor to uphold the law as far as the public and the jury will permit.

Governor Campbell declined to say what he would do should San Antonio fail to observe the law, but declared that the law must be obeyed.

Allendale News Notes.
Allendale, Tex., Dec. 14.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Capra's baby, who has been so low with pneumonia for the past three weeks, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Derrick's little girl, Vivian, has been quite sick, but is now better.

Mr. J. B. Sisk left Saturday night for Fort Worth in response to a message telling of the serious illness of his brother-in-law, Mr. T. A. Randolph.

Miss Minnie Allen is visiting in the Falls with her sister, Mrs. R. V. Gwin. Mrs. W. W. Swarts of Wichita Falls is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. H. Gwin.

HOPE METEOR SEEN THIS MORNING

EARLY RISERS SAW GREAT BALL OF FIRE SWEEP ACROSS THE HEAVENS.

WINDOWS WERE RATTLED

Passed Over the City in Southeasterly Direction—Explosion Shakes Houses at Mineral Wells.

From Monday's Daily.
At about 6:45 o'clock this morning a huge ball of fire swept across the heavens north of Wichita Falls, going in a southeasterly direction and, according to some reports, bursting into a thousand brilliant fire balls in the southeastern heavens.

Some few minutes after the meteor had passed every window in town was rattled and later a sound resembling the far away rushing of a thousand wings was heard.

The meteor was of a brilliancy that far surpassed any electric light and lighted up the whole heavens. Many citizens were aroused from their beds by the glare of light.

The Times has telegraphed in all directions, hoping to find some trace of the meteor, and so far as has been learned the only other places where it was seen were at Weatherford and Mineral Wells. At the latter place the explosion is said to have shaken the houses and occasioned great alarm to the citizens, who feared an earthquake.

Meteor Seen in Other Towns.

Weatherford, Tex., Dec. 14.—This morning about 6:30 o'clock a monster meteor passed over this city, creating a blaze of light sufficient to dim the brilliancy of the moon, which was shining brightly and unobscured by the clouds at that hour, lighting up rooms in which shades had been drawn as brilliantly as the noon hour, and casting swiftly moving shadows of trees and houses as much so as a bright summer sun.

The passage of the meteor was from the southwest to the northeast, and its movement was preceded by a great rumbling sound as of heavy, distant thunder. When it first came to view, the monster seemed to stand still for a moment, and then seeming to gather strength as well as size, it shot across the heavens, leaving a broad, bright trail of fire.

After traversing the heavens for a considerable distance it seemed to burst, after the manner of a huge sky rocket, throwing sparks in all directions, and then went out entirely.

People ran out of their homes, believing that either a great electrical storm was upon them or that their own homes were on fire; horses and cattle trembled in their stalls, and even the chickens were disturbed on their perches.

The wonderful phenomenon was witnessed by hundreds of people in this city, and reports from Mineral Wells are to the effect that when the explosion of the huge meteor occurred, houses shook on their foundations and the roar of the meteor was almost deafening.

As it passed over this city the meteor gave out a loud hissing sound, much the same as a sky rocket, only greatly intensified. It has been the subject of much discussion among the people today, and even the "oldest inhabitant" does not remember to have ever seen anything to equal it.

Women Frightened.

Mineral Wells, Tex., Dec. 14.—The people of this city were thrown into a furor of excitement this morning by the appearance of an enormous meteor, which passed over the city at 6:30 o'clock.

It suddenly appeared in the southwest with a brilliancy like that of the sun. It passed on to the northwest and disappeared with a sound of thunder. Windows and dishes rattled, and the sensation following the passage of the meteor was not unlike that produced by an earthquake.

The occurrence was the sole topic of conversation today, and it is reported that at least two women were almost prostrated by fear. Children screamed and men ran from their homes. A peculiar feature was the action of horses, cattle and other animals. Dogs ran under houses and whined in a strange manner.

Those who saw the meteor declare that the mountain tops in the vicinity were lighted up in a most spectacular manner.

Twenty-Eight Indictments Returned.

The grand jury finished its labors this afternoon and submitted their report to Judge Carrigan. In all twenty-eight indictments were returned. District Attorney Martin left this afternoon for his home at Graham to spend the holidays.

The criminal docket will be taken up in the district court on the 18th of January and the criminal docket in the county court will be taken up on January 4th.

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You'll get a lot of presents, and a lot of Christmas cheer.
The Lookout Man is walking when the stars begin to peep
To see if little children are in bed and fast asleep;
And all who act up naughty, and don't mind their ma's and pa's,
The Lookout Man is watching, and he'll tell old Santa Claus.

I knew a little fellow once who got real bad, and said
He didn't care for Santa Claus, and wouldn't go to bed;
And said he didn't have to mind—O, he was awful bad—
And didn't care the leastest mite in making folks feel sad.
But when it came to Christmas, he didn't get a thing,
For Santa Claus had heard of him, and not a thing he'd bring.
He knew that bad boy's record—better mind your pa's and ma's;
The Lookout Man is watching, and he'll tell old Santa Claus.

I also knew a little girl who was just awful bad.
She wouldn't learn her lessons, and she always got so mad
If anybody told her to be still and hush her noise—
Well, she was always wishing for a lot of Christmas toys,
But when 'twas Christmas morning, to her wonder and surprise
An empty stocking hanging in the corner met her eyes.
You see, she acted naughty—better mind your ma's and pa's;
The Lookout Man is watching, and he'll tell old Santa Claus.

The Lookout Man is peeping through the windows every night,
And counting up the children who are always acting right
And going off to bed at once when told it's time to go,
And never pouting, not a bit, or taking clothes off slow.
He puts them in the good book, but the bad ones in the bad—
And when he writes a bad one, O, he looks just awful sad.
For he knows they will get nothing—better mind your ma's and pa's;
The Lookout Man is watching, and he'll tell old Santa Claus.

STRANGE BODY OF WATER.

Shafter Lake, in Texas, Attracts Attention on Account of Peculiarities.

If Andrews county, about four and a half miles north of its geographical center, lies a most remarkable body of water, known as Shafter Lake. This lake covers about two sections of land, lies 3,500 feet above sea level and 50 feet below the elevation of the surrounding country, and is a lake of clear salt water, free from alkali. In this respect it differs from other salt lakes of the southwest. The lake is fed by flood rains, having no outlet.

Surrounding it is a beautiful beach of sand and salt, packed so hard that it affords an almost ideal course for automobiles and it is expected by Andrews county people that it will be used for this purpose when automobiles become common in the western country.

The town of Shafter Lake, aged one year, and a thriving infant of 150 souls, lies on the west bank of this remarkable round lake, and is the trading center for a rich area surrounding it. It aspires to become the county seat, the county not yet having been organized.

The remarkable part of this inland salt lake is that the grass grows almost to the waters' edge or to the beach, to be exact. There is no vegetation in the lake and no fish are to be found in its waters.

In the dry season the water evaporates to some extent, leaving shallows covered with a heavy deposit of salt, coarse of grain, but pure and suitable for stock salt, preserving or other commercial purposes.

There is no alkali in this salt and the people of Shafter Lake do considerable business in digging it out and selling it to stockmen and other large users in the surrounding country, though the absence of railroad communication prevents its being shipped out.

The deposits are too soft for horses to tread upon with any success in getting out this salt and an ingenious contrivance has been put into use, whereby through a system of pulleys a great scoop holding five hundred pounds is run through the bed and dragged a distance of 150 yards to where it can be loaded in wagons. The salt is very similar to the Colorado salt made by solar evaporation, being very coarse of grain and pure white.

This odd lake is surrounded by many mineral deposits, changing in nature every few steps, abundance of building material being represented by fire clay, gravel, mica and flints.

But when the winds blow over the great lake and raise the white caps and at the time when ducks and other water fowls frequent this body of water, it is time to see Shafter Lake, and then to reflect that it is salt, while just a step or so away lies fertile lands, forming another of the unique features of Texas, the land of the unexpected and the remarkable in nature.—Correspondent of Dallas News.

Wets Meet in San Antonio.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 14.—The anti prohibitionists convened here this morning with a large number of delegates attending from all parts of the State.

W. L. Hoefen, president, called the meeting to order.

The president urged the necessity of paying poll taxes and a more active campaign.

Charles M. Mills of Corsicana, a son of former Senator Mills, made a strong address in behalf of the anti.

State Making a Strong Case.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 15.—Officers in getting evidence in the case of Will Emerson, charged with the murder of Daisy Clayton ten days ago, learned from a jeweler today that the diamond Emerson says he sold to Joe Garder is the same stone the Clayton woman offered to sell to the jeweler. The State is making a strong case.

LEGAL BALLOT NOT NECESSARY.

Important Ruling in the Matter of Local Option Elections.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 15.—That the official ballot is not necessary in voting at any local option election was the important ruling made yesterday by Assistant Attorney General Walthall. The department says that the law provides that ballots in a local option election shall have on them "For Prohibition" or "Against Prohibition." It makes no mention of an official ballot, hence any ballot can be voted, and if it reads one way or the other it should be counted. Of course, if the ballot does not contain the words quoted above it may be worthless, but if it contains those words, on one side or other of the contest, then it is a legal ballot, no matter where the ballot was prepared.

The man who asked for the opinion wired that he had been refused a vote because his ballot was not handed to him by the judge. The man was advised that he had the right to vote an "outside" ballot.

ANOTHER 2 STORY BUILDING TO GO UP

From Saturday's Daily.

G. D. Anderson yesterday awarded the contract for a substantial two-story business building on Eighth Street to Fred Smith. The amount of the contract has not been made public.

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Personal Mention.

From Friday's Daily.
 Harry Jackson left this afternoon on a business trip to Amarillo.
 Mrs. Ed Goodner of Gaineville, Tex., is the guest of Mrs. J. F. Reed.
 Miss H. M. Dunn, of Petrolia, was among the visitors in the city today.
 S. E. Dempsey, one of the oil producers from Petrolia, was here today on business.

Messrs. G. M. Kelley and Charlie Edwards, of Holliday, were transacting business here today.
 William Sturm, one of Archer county's progressive farmers, was marketing cotton here today.
 Mr. and Mrs. Z. T. Apple of Iowa Park, were in the city today visiting their son, S. H. Apple, and family.
 John W. Dowlen, one of Byers' substantial citizens, was looking after business matters here today.

S. P. Hawkins, one of the pioneer residents of Wichita County, was in from Burkburnett today on business.
 A. A. Glissen, general passenger agent for the Fort Worth and Denver was a pleasant caller at the Times office this morning.
 Cornelius Swanson returned to his home at El Campo yesterday after prospecting in this locality. Mr. Swanson formerly lived at Dundee.

Miss Maude Cottrell, telephone operator at Iowa Park, was in the city today en route to Burkburnett to visit her sister, Mrs. H. D. Holley.
 Misses Lillie and Bettie Durrett, of Fort Worth, arrived in the city this afternoon, and are the guests of Misses Jennie Frieze and Esthelle Gorsline.

From Saturday's Daily.
 Mr. E. R. Olkin, of burkburnett, was in the city today.
 B. P. Hatcher returned this afternoon from a business trip to Corsicana.
 T. H. Kemp, a real estate dealer from Olney, was transacting business here today.
 Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Ferguson, of Iowa Park, were visiting friends in the city today.
 Mr. W. H. H. Thatcher, who has been quite sick, is reported as being better today.

C. W. Morgan, Jr., and wife, of Stamford, arrived in this city this afternoon to visit Mr. Morgan's parents.
 Henry Groves, one of Olney's enterprising citizens, was looking after business matters here today.
 Messrs. W. H. Ellinger and H. G. Williams, of Petrolia, were transacting business in the city today.

J. H. Vance, superintendent of the public schools at Petrolia, was a visitor in the city today.
 A. J. Bell of Cleburne, who has been visiting relatives at Archer City, and his daughter, Mrs. E. O. Moore, of this city, left for home this morning.
 J. M. Carlisle, ex-State Superintendent of Public Schools, and now superintendent of the Carlisle Military Academy, is in the city today.

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 Tom Lindsey, formerly of this city, but now of Dallas, is in the city visiting his brother, John Lindsey, and family.

O. S. Duncan, of the real estate firm of Duncan & Smith, left yesterday on a business and pleasure trip to his old home at Litchfield, Illinois.
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who has been spending the summer with her daughter, Mrs. Kerr, at Colorado Springs, Colorado, was in the city today, the guest of Mrs. A. H. Carrigan, while en route home.

Mrs. S. W. Speed returned yesterday from Vineyard, Texas, where she had been with her son for the benefit of his health. She reports his condition greatly improved and says he will be able to return home in a short time.

Otis Connolly of Duncan, Oklahoma, is in the city and has accepted a position with Fred Harrington as his prescriptionist. Mr. Connolly's family will follow him as soon as he can make necessary arrangements for house-keeping.

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 T. H. Kemp of Olney, was transacting business here today.
 Russell Eakin and little son of Dundee were in the city today.

Miss Lillie Dreedon of Gainesville is the guest of Mrs. M. A. Marcus.
 Mrs. M. E. Carey, of Thornberry, was among the local visitors in the city today.

Mrs. J. D. McPherson and son Harry, left this afternoon for a ten days visit with relatives in Dallas.
 Mrs. Will Hart and Miss Bessie

Powell, of Archer City, were visiting friends here today.
 Mrs. T. T. Felder left today for Hempstead, Texas, to spend the holidays with her parents.

Dr. J. O. Brockman, of Breckenridge, Texas is in the city the guest of Dr. Chas. Hale and family.
 U. S. Braswell a prosperous farmer from Grandfield, Oklahoma, was transacting business here today.

A. A. Honaker, one of Electra's trustworthy citizens is here today attending to business matters.

W. J. Wowis and family left last night for McGregor, Texas to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.
 Sam Herron and Will Andrews were here today on their way to their homes in Archer county, after a trip to Denton county.

S. A. Pitzer, traveling representative for the Colorado National Life Insurance company of Denver, Colorado, is in the city today on business.
 Prof. G. W. Alexander, principal of the public schools at Dundee was in the city today en route to Archer City to attend the Archer county Institute.

Messrs. J. N. Bryan and A. L. Thornberry, two substantial farmers from the Thornberry neighborhood, were looking after business matters here today.

Mrs. Lucian Firth and daughter Miss Louise, of San Angelo, who have been visiting Mrs. Frith's father, H. C. McGlasson and family of this city left today for their home.

Dr. Swartz has returned home from Pennington, Ind. where he was called on account of his mother's illness. The Dr. reports weather very disagreeable there; zero weather and snow, then rain and cold again. Also says he made several trips to Texas from there and that the immigration to Texas is the largest he ever saw.

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