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CITY POLICEMEN TO GET SALARIES

SEE SYSTEM IS ABOLISHED IN PAYMENT FOR POLICE SERVICES.

SALARIES ARE NAMED

Gwinn is Appointed Chief of Police At a Salary of One Hundred Dollars Per Month.

Beginning with the first day of January, 1900, the city police officers in Wichita Falls will be placed upon a stated monthly salary and will be allowed no fees.

Through a resolution adopted at a called meeting of the city council yesterday afternoon, the fee system of paying the police officers was abolished and their monthly salaries were fixed.

All over the country the payment of fees to officials is being done away with and the results have been so satisfactory that there is no instance known where the payment of fees has been restored.

Under the new system the fees that have heretofore gone to the officers will now be turned into the city treasury. Some of the councilmen expressed doubts as to the practical working of the change, but voted for it upon condition that if the results were not satisfactory after a fair trial the old system would be reverted to. The following officers were employed and their salaries fixed in the amounts opposite their names:

Chief of Police, R. V. Gwinn, \$100 per month; Policeman, W. T. Arthur, \$35; and W. W. Allen, \$60. Policeman and Night Watchman, \$25. The duties of the office last named are discharged by Tom Pickett, who is paid monthly by owners of the property which he protects. In addition Mr. Pickett is expected to assist the other officers when called upon.

\$75,000 Fire at Hereford.

Hereford, Tex., Dec. 30.—Fire originating in a restaurant this afternoon caused a loss of \$75,000, and but for the prompt work of the citizens would have entailed a much larger loss. The blaze, originating in the restaurant, quickly spread to adjoining buildings, and at one time it looked as if the entire business section of the city was doomed.

The losses are in great part complete, many of the property owners carrying no insurance.

The losses roughly estimated are as follows:

Hereford Hardware Company, stock destroyed, loss \$25,000, insurance \$10,000; P. H. Brittain, two buildings, loss \$5,000, no insurance; Mrs. S. F. Worley, building, occupied by saddle shop, loss \$1,000; no insurance; Baker's restaurant in Murphy building, stock and building destroyed, loss \$5,000, no insurance; George A. Dale's barber shop and building burned, loss \$4,000, no insurance; Wilson & Cloud, meat market, loss \$1,500, \$350 insurance; Powell Sops, harness shop, loss \$1,000 fully covered by insurance.

The loss of the local telephone exchange is very heavy, but no definite statement as to the amount can be obtained.

The building occupied by Palmer & Higgins and the First State bank were saved through the work of the citizens, who placed safts of flour in the windows, thus excluding the flames from the adjoining buildings. The two buildings were damaged slightly by smoke and water.

Hickman & Hamilton, contractors, have been awarded the contract for the construction of the two-story brick building of Stampfl and Roberts, on the east side of Indiana avenue.

ALABAMA GOES DRY AT MIDNIGHT

By Associated Press. Mobile, Ala., Dec. 31.—At 12 o'clock tonight the saloons of Alabama will be placed under the ban and after that time it will be against the law to sell liquor in this State. The information from all over the State is that the officials intend to enforce the law to the letter.

HILL AND YOAKUM.

New Board for Trinity and Brazos Valley Shows Affiliation of Interests. Special to the Times.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 31.—It was announced here today that B. L. Winchell becomes chairman of the executive board of the Trinity and Brazos Valley, which road is a part of the Colorado and Southern line, recently purchased by the Hill interests. Winchell is a Rock Island official and this indicates that the Hill and Yoakum interests are affiliating. Baker remains president of the Trinity and Brazos Valley.

Cowgirl Retains Postoffice. Special to the Times.

Muskogee, Ok., Dec. 31.—A letter received here today from President Roosevelt settles the bitter fight between Alice Robinson and Joseph Cromwell for the postoffice in favor of the woman, who is now the postmistress. Cromwell has made several trips to Washington to obtain the position.

Roosevelt met Miss Robinson while she was a cowgirl several years ago and they became great friends.

Takes Prisoner to Arkansas. Special to the Times.

Amarillo, Tex., Dec. 31.—Deputy Sheriff Houpt, having in custody Arthur Bannister, charged with being an accomplice in the murder of Mrs. Ada Riecher at Hot Springs, Arkansas, last July, started for Arkansas today. The requisition calls for Archie Bannister. Mrs. Riecher formerly lived in Fort Worth.

TELEGRAM AND STAR ARE MERGED

Special to the Times. Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 31.—Announcements will appear this afternoon in the Star and Telegram declaring that both papers will suspend after today and that a new publishing company has been organized with Louis J. Wortham as president, who, with Paul Waples, Amos G. Carter, W. B. Graham, W. B. Newby, Sam Davidson and other stockholders have purchased the Telegram. The new company will commence issuing a newspaper at the Telegram building on Friday.

C. D. and J. J. Reimers have been operating the Telegram here for seven years.

Katy Improvements at Gainesville.

Gainesville, Tex., Dec. 31.—An M. K. and T. railway force of carpenters have begun remodeling the passenger depot for that company here. The building will be enlarged and otherwise improved, and provides for a waiting room for negroes, in conformity with the recent order of the railroad commission, to which complaint had been made by citizens.

BURTON SEEMS A SURE WINNER

By Associated Press. Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 31.—Definite announcement was made today that Charles Taft will withdraw from the senatorial race and throw his strength to Congressman Burton, thus insuring his election as successor to Senator Foraker.

Foraker Also Withdraws.

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 31.—Senator Foraker at noon today issued a statement formally withdrawing from the senatorial fight. This leaves the field practically clear for Burton.

Last Sunday's Kansas City Journal contained a photograph of Miss Lila May Pickle, a sister of O. J. Pickle, local manager for the Western Union Telegraph Co. The photograph was accompanied by a program of a recital given by Miss Pickle at the Westport Presbyterian church in Kansas City on Tuesday evening of this week. The Journal speaks in very complimentary terms of Miss Pickle's musical ability, on this her first public recital in Kansas City.

Miss Pickle, it will be remembered, formerly resided here, where she taught music.

Will Fight Proposed Removal. Special to the Times.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 31.—A spectacular effort is being made to prevent the removal of the court of criminal appeals from Tyler to Austin. Central, South and West Texas will be arraigned against North and East Texas, the

CAMPBELL GETS AFTER GAMBLERS

OFFERS \$100 REWARD FOR CONVICTION OF PERSONS PERMITTING GAMING.

SAYS LAW IS VIOLATED

Governor's Law Enforcement Crusade Takes a New Turn and Gamblers Must Obey the Law.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 30.—Gov. Campbell today offered a reward of a hundred dollars for the arrest and conviction within the next twelve months of any person violating the State law by exposing to view gaming devices or permitting their use upon the premises for gaming purposes. The governor declares that many are breaking the law and escaping punishment.

Decline to Grant Farmers' Request. Fort Worth Star.

The proposition from the Farmers' union to reduce the rate on cotton 5 cents per 100 pounds was not disposed of by the general managers at their executive session in Houston Tuesday, so it is understood in Fort Worth. So many different questions were involved, so great was found to be the magnitude of the proposal, that the railroad officials decided to postpone final action for deeper investigation.

Then, too, none of the Farmers' union representatives were on hand to discuss the problems with the general managers, general freight agents and general attorneys.

Means Immense Shrinkage.

It has been discovered by the railroads that if the 5-cent reduction is granted, the shrinkage in freight rates would be equal to the combined capitalization of all the southwestern lines. With the many new combinations now being formed, a reduction in Texas would affect interstate cotton rates. Cotton, which now pours through Texas from Oklahoma and Arkansas, say the railroads, will be diverted through other ports if the rates in this State are reduced.

The railroads regard this question as of the greatest magnitude. Millions will be lost to them, they say, under a reduction.

But the roads will discuss the question further with the farmers. More meetings and conferences will be held in the hope of disposing of the farmers' application with fairness to all.

Only Texas Alone.

Taking the present crop as a basis and granting this 5-cent reduction of 5 cents per 100 in freight was authorized the railroads figure that they would be practically ruined as regards the hauling of cotton. The interstate lines would not stand for a reduction, and the burden, therefore, would be thrown upon the Texas roads.

No Higher Than Quoted.

Finally, the railroad officials announced that the cotton rate would be reduced only three or four cents, and only 5 cents, that the rates on cotton are no higher than reason and justice should demand.

The Farmers' Union threatens to bring the rate matter before the railroad commission, presenting a petition signed by 200,000 names if the general managers turn down the reduction application.

The Fort Worth railroad officials who attended the Houston meeting were as follows: W. B. Drake, vice president and general superintendent of the Frisco; J. W. Robbins, vice president and general superintendent of the Rock Island; George F. Cotter, general superintendent of the Denver, and M. A. Spooner, general attorney of the Denver.

All of these officials returned home Wednesday morning.

Sale is Stopped.

Gainesville, Tex., Dec. 30.—On application by the stockholders of the Denton Electric Street Railway through their attorneys last night, and Mr. Hill of Denton, Judge C. B. Potter last night granted a restraining order against the sale of the property. The sale had been advertised and the injunction temporarily stops proceedings.

Druggist Ends Own Life. Special to the Times.

Cleburne, Tex., Dec. 31.—James T. Human, a druggist at Parker, killed himself this morning with a revolver. He formerly lived at Cleburne. The cause of his suicide is said to have

A TRIPLE TRAGEDY AT PRARIE LEA

A BRIDEGROOM, HIS FATHER-IN-LAW AND BROTHER-IN-LAW KILLED IN FIGHT.

THE FAMILIES PROMINENT

Objection to Marriage Results in a General Shooting—Principals Were Well to Do.

Special to the Times. Lockhart, Tex., Dec. 31.—In a pitched battle between two prominent families at Prairie Lea today a bridegroom, his father-in-law and brother-in-law were killed. The difficulty arose over a recent marriage between the families.

A month ago Ed. Booth and Nettie Goels were married here, although there was some objection to their marriage. Both families met today and a general shooting followed. Booth fired, killing H. Goels, the bride's father. Young Goels, the bride's brother, then shot Booth and while the latter was dying he fatally wounded young Goels. It is said that Miss Goels' father secured the marriage license.

The parties are well known and well to do farmers and the tragedy is the cause of great excitement.

THE MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Cotton—Liverpool.

	Open	High	Close
Jan-Feb	4.78	4.79 1/2	4.79
Feb-March	4.76 1/2	4.77 1/2	4.76 1/2
March-April	4.76	4.77	4.76 1/2
Dec-Jan	4.81	4.81 1/2	4.81

Cotton—New York Spots.

New York, Dec. 31.—Market for spot cotton steady and unchanged. Middlings, 9.35. No sales reported.

Cotton—New York Futures.

	Open	High	Close
January	8.93	9.02	8.96-97
March	8.93	8.96	8.94-95
May	8.92	8.98	8.96-97
December	8.85	8.96	8.86

Cotton—New Orleans Spots.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 31.—Spot cotton market firm and unchanged. Sales 2,250 bales. Due to arrive 650 bales, of which 300 bales are on contract.

Cotton—New Orleans Futures.

	Open	High	Close
January	8.90	8.98	8.98-99
March	8.93	9.02	9.02-03
May	9.01	9.10	9.10-11

Chicago Grain Market.

	Open	High	Close
Wheat	104 1/2	105	104 1/2
December	108 1/2	108 1/2	107 1/2
July	99 1/2	100 1/2	99 1/2

Corn—
December 58 1/2 58 1/2 57 1/2
May 61 1/2 61 1/2 61 1/2
July 61 1/2 61 1/2 61 1/2

Oats—
December 49 1/2 49 1/2 49 1/2
May 51 1/2 51 1/2 51 1/2
July 46 1/2 46 1/2 46 1/2

Fort Worth's Livestock.

Cattle—Receipts 1,000 head. Hogs—Receipts 1,000 head. Steers—Quality fair. Market steady. Tots sold at \$4.70.
Cows—Quality medium. Market was lower. Tots sold at \$3.25.
Calves—Quality choice. Market was higher. Tots sold at \$6.00.
Hogs—Quality fair. Market higher. Tots sold at \$5.80.

Cuts Sweetheart's Brother.

Lawton, Ok., Dec. 30.—Because Cleo Holloway demanded his own sister from Prince Humphreys, a neighbor farmer youth who had started to take the young girl home from a wedding last night, striking him with a buggy whip when they quarreled, Humphreys assailed young Holloway with a knife and dangerously cut him in a dozen places, one cut almost severing his right ear, another slashing his throat clear across with a shallow wound and another disabling one wrist. The fight took place about midnight. Officers here were notified and a deputy sent to arrest Humphreys, but he had escaped. Physicians from Lawton are now with Holloway, but little hope is held for his recovery. Holloway, it is understood, had objected to attentions paid his sister by Humphreys and went to the wedding largely to pre-

HAD BEEN DEAD SEVERAL DAYS.

Aged Brownwood Citizen's Body Found in Bed at His Home. Special to the Times.

Brownwood, Tex., Dec. 31.—The lifeless body of W. A. Osbourne, an old and respected citizen of this city, was found in his bed at his home today, where he had lived alone. Osbourne had been missing several days, but having been an eccentric, he was supposed to have gone on a trip without informing his friends.

His son, who lives in another section of town, becoming uneasy over his father's disappearance, broke into the house today and found his father dead.

Rats had gnawed the hands and face until they were hardly recognizable.

His death was due to natural causes, according to the coroner's verdict.

From Wednesday's Dally.

Earl Finley, a Wichita Falls youth who was accidentally shot in the foot with a rifle several days ago by a boy companion, is having a painful experience. The ball went into his foot at the top of the instep and gangrene developed. The ball was removed yesterday by Drs. Burnside and Walker.

Religious Communities Wiped Out.

London, Eng., Dec. 29.—A special dispatch received here from Rome says that the pope has been notified that the entire religious communities of Messina and Reggio, including the bishops, priests, monks and nuns, were wiped out by the earthquake and the fire that had followed.

ANOTHER BAD FIRE AT VERNON TODAY

Special to the Times.

Vernon, Tex., Dec. 31.—Fire this morning destroyed the Pack Produce Co. building, the Melba hotel and the Wonderland show building. The structures and their contents were insured. The town was without adequate fire protection and the spread of the flames could not be checked.

This makes the fourth big fire in the business section of Vernon during the past year.

Lyon Will Recommend McDowell.

Special to the Times. Houston, Tex., Dec. 31.—Republican State Chairman Lyon is here today conferring with United States Marshal Nolte of San Antonio. He is accompanied by Judge Caswell McDowell of Del Rio. The latter will be recommended for customs collector at Eagle Pass to succeed Dowe.

Judge Smith Has Resigned.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 31.—Judge Mike E. Smith of the Sixty-seventh district court resigned today. He refused to announce his reason for his resignation.

SON WEDS MOTHER OF FATHER'S WIFE

Washington, Dec. 31.—Bewildering relationships among members of two East Finley township families have resulted from the marriage of a father and his two sons and a widow and her two daughters.

Henry Dillinger, a widower, engaged Mrs. Marie Richmond as his housekeeper. It was agreed that two daughters of Mrs. Richmond, Lucy and Jennie, should live in the home with the father and his two sons, Charles and David. The father soon afterwards married Lucy Richmond, and the two families continued to occupy the same home. A few weeks later Mrs. Richmond became the wife of David Dillinger, the elder son. Jennie Richmond and Charles Dillinger next were stricken with the matrimonial fever and were married last week. The three families now live happily together.

Brings Home His Bride.

From Thursday's Daily. Dave Avis and his bride, formerly Miss Adelaide Neeley, arrived this afternoon from Waco, where their marriage took place yesterday afternoon. The couple will be given several receptions here by relatives and friends, and after spending several weeks here will go out to the Avis ranch, where they will make their home.

Found His Bed on Fire.

Special to the Times. Waxahatchie, Tex., Dec. 31.—John Hutchinson awoke this morning to find his bed on fire and the room full of smoke. He narrowly escaped burning to death. The flames damaged the

272 NEW BUILDINGS WERE COMPLETED

YEAR 1900 SAW GREATEST BUILDING ACTIVITY IN HISTORY OF WICHITA FALLS.

OVER \$300,000 EXPENDED

Tax Assessors Also Find Many New Buildings Now in Course of Construction.

More new buildings have been completed within the corporate limits of the city of Wichita Falls during the year which closes tonight than in any previous year of the city's history.

Sounty Tax Assessor Bullock and City Tax Assessor Robertson have just completed a canvass of the new buildings completed during the year and have found 272 buildings of all kinds completed during the year. Of this number 33 were business houses and 243 residences.

During their canvass the two assessors made a conservative estimate of the value of the new buildings and the figures reach a total of \$315,000.

In their canvass they did not list any buildings not already completed but found many under course of construction, the aggregate value of which would probably reach \$100,000 or even a higher figure.

The tax assessors' records show that during the year 1900 a total of 167 new buildings of all kinds were completed, making the record for 1900 surpass that of 1907 by 108 buildings.

During the year just coming to a close a number of new industrial concerns have been located here and these plants in operation, adding thousands of dollars to the weekly payroll.

Stamford Farmer Suicides.

Stamford, Tex., Dec. 30.—B. F. Young, a farmer, 35 years of age, who lived four miles east of this city, was found dead in his field today with his head blown off as the result of a shotgun wound. Young disappeared yesterday and a searching party found him today. He had tied a string to the trigger and tripped it by pulling the string with his toe. On his person was found a letter addressed to J. E. Osborne, directing him to have his body placed in a \$15 coffin and give it decent burial and after all funeral expenses had been paid to send the rest of the money to his wife. He had \$26 in his hat. He also instructed Mr. Osborne to sell his pair of mules and send the returns to his wife. It seems that he and his wife had been living apart for two years, and the only cause for the deed was that he was tired of living. He had lived on the Charles Humphreys place for two years and was a man of good repute. Judge G. W. Dakan went to the scene of the tragedy this afternoon and held an inquest, his decision being that death resulted from a gunshot wound inflicted by himself.

Husband Charged With Her Death.

Silsbee, Ok., Dec. 31.—Mrs. Frank Smith died from the effects of a kick which her husband is accused of giving. A blood vessel was broken and death soon followed. Smith came from Temple a year ago and is Santa Fe musician. When arrested Smith was asleep in a room adjoining to that in which his wife lay dead.

ARE REFUSED BAIL.

Men Charged With Murder of Senator Carmack Must Remain in Jail. Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 28.—Judge Hart refused bail to Col. Cooper, his son, Robin, and former Sheriff Sharp, who are charged with the murder of Senator Carmack.

Quahab is making a noise like a growing and progressive little city.

Her sister town, Wichita Falls, is glad to note Quahab's progress and wishes to give her assurances of good will.

RAILROAD MAN AT DEATH'S DOOR

From Thursday's Daily. A telephone message from Olney this afternoon says that W. A. Carleton, formerly chief clerk in the Denver freight office here, was at the point of death from pneumonia.

Mr. Carleton is well known here, and is a very popular railroad man. For the past six months he has been agent



THE LAP OF LUXURY. Is here displayed—a basketful of the Finest Groceries Obtainable—a complete stock, fresh appetizing and at prices that mean a weekly saving to the family purse-bearer.

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CELEBRATING THE NEW YEAR with your guests will necessitate your serving some delightful drink as the clock strikes twelve, and we have all the things for you to serve.

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Always in the lead with the best workmen in the city, and our baths are Salt Glo, Vapor Massage, Shower and Plain Tub.

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HEATH STORAGE and Transfer Co.

Cement Work I. H. Roberts General Contractor Walks, Curbing, Steps, Floors, Foundations, Street Crossings, Phone 504.

According to recent statistics, the population of Russia is annually increasing at the rate of 2,500,000. It is now estimated at 150,000,000. In 1920 it will, at this rate, reach 180,000,000, and in 1950 more than 250,000,000.

TWO MEN KILLED IN AFFRAY AT ULMER

W. H. ESTES FIRED WITH FATAL EFFECT UPON ARMED BAND AT HIS HOME.

OLD FEUD STARTS BATTLE

James Bruce and Hamp Giles Shot Down By Their Intended Victim—Slayer Surrenders.

Anderson, Tex., Dec. 30.—Detailed reports from Ulmer today give the first accurate account of a shooting affray there yesterday as the result of which two men are dead.

James Bruce, Hamp Giles, Tom Lowe and Hamp Giles Jr. went to the home of W. H. Estes, all heavily armed, to settle an old feud. Estes met them at the door with a shotgun and immediately opened fire. James Bruce was instantly killed and Hamp Giles was fatally wounded, dying last night.

The difficulty reached a climax yesterday, it is claimed, between Lowe and Estes. Estes denied this today.

Estes came to Anderson and voluntarily surrendered to the sheriff. He is now in jail here. The other participants were uninjured, although Estes was slightly wounded in the arm.

He Would Locate Here.

T. B. Bingham of Hanley, Texas, is in town today looking for a four or five room house with barn or shed facilities for the purpose of locating his family, while he can thoroughly look over the country and buy a farm at his convenience.

Anyone knowing of a house with lot, barn and sheds in Wichita Falls or accommodations within a reasonable distance of town, will assist in locating a desirable party of settlers by phoning Secretary Gohlke particulars.

The Cream Bakery has been receiving some of its new machinery during the past few days, and among the new stuff already installed is a machine for rolling or moulding loaves of bread which has a capacity for turning out 6,000 loaves every day.

At Frieberg and Thornberry.

Frieberg, Tex., Dec. 29.—Mrs. A. C. Frieberg and wife went to St. Louis and other parts of Missouri yesterday to visit Mrs. Frieberg's relatives and friends for a few days.

The Sunday school board met last night at the church and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: R. C. Carey, superintendent; Prof. W. T. Holder, assistant superintendent; Lee Cooper, secretary; Mrs. M. E. Carey, treasurer; Elmer Byman, librarian; Miss Altha Frieberg, organist; Floyd Frieberg, musical librarian; teachers, Father Andree, Earnest Byman, Mrs. George Musgrave, G. E. Frieberg, Mrs. M. E. Carey, Mrs. Belle Holder, Mrs. A. J. Andree, R. C. Carey and Miss Mary Byman.

Officers and teachers for the Thornberry Methodist Sunday school for the ensuing year are as follows: C. H. Griswold, superintendent; A. L. Thornberry, assistant superintendent; Mrs. Edith Reed, secretary and treasurer; Elbert Reed, librarian; Ruby Walker, assistant librarian; Miss Anna Stephenson, organist; teachers, C. H. Griswold, Joseph Stephenson, Mrs. Sally Bryan, Mrs. A. L. Thornberry and Miss Mamie Walker.

LITTLE AND MOORE ARE MENTIONED

Special to the Times. Austin, Tex., Dec. 30.—Chief Clerk Harry Little of the department of state, has been slated to succeed Secretary of State Davis when he retires, but if efforts started today are successful Montie Moore of Cameron will receive the appointment. Gov. Campbell is reticent concerning the appointment.

Three Cities Want Meeting. Austin, Tex., Dec. 30.—Dallas, Fort Worth and Corpus Christi are making a strong fight to secure the next convention of the State Teachers' Association which is meeting here today. The election of officers will be held Thursday. Routine work was taken up today.

A WONDERFUL STORY.

This is what you have been looking for. Now read about it.—Editor. The Story of Murray's Vegetable Blood Purifier as Related by Mr. Murray, Himself.

In January, 1898, I had a severe attack of La Grippe. When at its worst my nervous system suddenly gave way, and the physician who attended me said I had the worst case of Nervous Prostration he had ever known. For several weeks my recovery seemed doubtful. I had also had heart trouble for many years, and while down with nervous prostration this heart trouble got so bad that for a good many days and nights I could not lie down, but had to sleep in my chair, for when I attempted to lie down my heart would stop beating and then I would smother for some minutes before I could get my breath good again. When I had gotten over the nerve trouble so that I could walk around a little, Rheumatism set in and I lay on my back for nearly nine months, as helpless as an infant, and for the next five years had to walk on crutches most of the time. During all this time and for many years before I had been so badly troubled with Constipation that I had to take medicine every few days, and I did not do so I would suffer greatly with dizziness and headache. I also had Eczema all over me, but worst in my face. I had it so bad in my face that I was frequently asked by strangers if I had smallpox. Some physicians told me that never could be cured of that, and I had reason to believe it, as I had tried many remedies and three specialists without relief, and during the years that I used crutches I took all sorts of remedies, and spent two months at Mineral Wells, three months at Marlin and five months at the San Antonio hot sulphur wells, and took an electric treatment under Dr. Rabb at the Electric Sanitarium at San Antonio, and tried several Magnetic Healers, but with all this I got no relief, so I could not use my crutches, and then I went to an Osteopathic doctor in an Eastern city, who charged me well, but did me no good. It was then, when I had given up all hopes of ever being able to walk again, that the managers of the Eclectic College sent me an invitation to come to them and they would give me a prescription that they thought would cure me and would charge me nothing, as they wanted my case for the benefit of the students. I at first replied that I did not care to be experimented on for the benefit of the students, but the next day I was prevailed on to go. I was carried in the lecture room, where they asked me questions covering my whole life, and then about the health of my ancestors, and when through the lecturer made these remarks:

"Gentlemen—After hearing the statement of Mr. Murray I think you will agree with me that it is no use to treat him for rheumatism, as that is not his disease, but only the effect of the disease. The disease is all in his liver and nerves. If we can give him a healthy liver and restore his nervous system, the rheumatism will leave him, and if we can do this he will have it as long as he lives. The whole question is this, can we put him in perfect health without any regard whatever to rheumatism? He then lectured for an hour on my disease and covered the whole matter except my heart trouble, and all he said about that was that when they got the right move on my liver, I would have no heart trouble. I could hardly believe that, but I found it was true—I have had no heart trouble since. At the close of the lecture he said: 'I will prescribe for Mr. Murray as though he never had rheumatism in his life. I shall leave that entirely out of sight.' He said the rheumatism would leave me in three or four months, as the medicine would put me in perfect health.

He then requested me to write to him every thirty days and tell him just how I was getting on, as he wanted to read my letters to the students. He wanted them to know just what the medicine was doing for me. At the end of thirty days I wrote to him that I felt well, my dizziness and headache had all disappeared, and I had no signs of heart trouble, but the rheumatism was no better. In sixty days I wrote that I was cured of everything but rheumatism, that I was cured of eczema, and I had given up all hopes of ever finding a cure for that, as I had been told by some physicians that I could not be cured of old people. I then asked him if he still thought it would reach the rheumatism. He wrote me in reply that when I attained perfect health the rheumatism would leave me, as it could not possibly remain in a healthy system, and if I would take a half teaspoonful of the medicine every night as long as I lived I would be a stout old man. Well, I have not found it necessary to do that. A few weeks after this it began to give way, and in four months from the time I commenced taking it, I wrote him that I was entirely cured. It is true, the muscles of my hands are drawn so I can't close them, nor can't straighten my arms, but I can walk as easily as I ever did, and now, at past 70 years of age, I have perfect health, something I never knew until I got the medicine. I have been a great sufferer all my life from sick headache and frequently when I would rise up suddenly I would turn blind, dizzy and sick. I have never had any of these symptoms since taking the first bottle of this medicine. I have arrangements made for making and selling it and would advise all who are afflicted with blood or skin diseases, nervous troubles, constipation, indigestion, dyspepsia, rheumatism, sick headache, catarrh of the stomach or bowels, heart trouble or with that form of piles that is caused by constipation or impure blood or biliousness to try this remedy.

It is absolutely free from all mineral or opiate, are excellent female tonic. It is put up in 1/2-ounce bottles, there being about 600 month's treatment in each bottle. The dose is a small one, only from one to two teaspoonfuls after supper, once a day. I am so confident that this is the best remedy that has ever been made for the diseases for which it is recommended that I will allow any person who purchases a bottle to use it a week, and if not pleased with it he may return it at the end of the week and get his money back. Price, \$1.00 per bottle. It has cured thousands in the last three years, and it will doubtless cure you. I refer by permission to Judge W. A. Minter; D. G. Hill, ex-County Judge of Taylor County; E. S. Hughes, President of F. & M. National Bank; George Harris, Druggist; Dr. Bass, Druggist, all of Abilene. Yours truly, F. I. MURRAY.

For sale by MATER-MAGNER DRUG CO., The Quality Druggists, 702 Indiana Avenue.

An air gun of large size, working on the principle of the pneumatic hammer, has been devised for killing animals in a humane manner.

Advertisement for P. H. Pennington Co. featuring the text 'With Grateful Appreciation To the Many Good People' and 'Happy Prosperous New Year'. It includes a testimonial from a customer who enrolled in 1908 and praises the company's service and merchandise.

Advertisement for Ziedler's TIN SHOP. The text reads 'Ziedler's TIN SHOP' in large letters, followed by 'Has Moved from old stand to former Baptist Church Building on Indiana Avenue where I am better prepared to serve my patrons. With better facilities for doing work I endeavor to merit a continuance of patronage so liberally bestowed in the past.' Below this is the name 'J. C. ZIEGLER'.

Advertisement for J. L. LEA, Jr. featuring the text 'STOP COUGHING' and 'If you have a cold, call for Seward's Hoar Hound Drops, the kind that tastes good. 25c per pound.' The advertisement includes the name 'J. L. LEA, Jr.' and the address 'Ohio Avenue' and 'Wichita Falls'.

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MANY INJURED BY FIREWORKS

CHRISTMAS DAY CELEBRATIONS RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURIES TO MANY.

SIX ARRESTS MADE HERE

Young Men are Charged With Exploding Fire Works Within the Fire Limits.

The use of firecrackers in celebrating the advent of Christmas resulted in several minor injuries in this city on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day, but so far as was reported today no one was seriously hurt. No fires or destruction of property was reported. Five or six arrests were made Thursday night and complaints charging the explosion of fireworks with the fire limits of the city were filed against the young men arrested.

Firecracker Causes Loss of Hand.
 Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 26.—Will Canrek lost his right hand by the explosion of a giant fire cracker last night. He held the cracker in his hand and after he thought the fuse was extinguished. In the explosion which followed his hand was so badly shattered that he will lose that member.

Will Thumble suffered a similar injury, a giant cracker exploding and mangling one of his hands.

Was Fatally Burned.
 Waco, Tex., Dec. 26.—While burning grass today Katherine Yard, aged 19 years, received probable fatal burns when her clothing became ignited by the flames. She is niece of George Yard, a prominent citizen here.

Was Shot in the Back.
 San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 26.—Lamon Puffman, aged 38 years, was brought in from Vanorny today wounded in the back. He was shot by an unknown person while with several friends, who thought the report of the gun was the explosion of a firecracker.

Shot While Returning From Dance.
 Tulsa, Ok., Dec. 26.—Myron Messer, aged 20 years, was fatally shot early this morning while returning from a dance at Keystone. It is not known who fired the gun.

Negro Shot Through Leg.
 Dallas, Tex., Dec. 25.—Lewis Carter, a negro, was shot this evening in an affray near Griffin and Elm streets. The bullet went through his right leg. Will Ferguson, another negro, was injured in jail.

Merchant Shoots Constable.
 Nacogdoches, Tex., Dec. 25.—In a difficulty last night, M. W. Moore, a prominent merchant, shot Jack Nickles, constable. Moore is said to have been beaten with a club in the melee.

Negress Fatally Cut.
 McKinney, Tex., Dec. 25.—Lou Taylor, a negro woman, was cut and probably fatally wounded in a difficulty here today. Pearl Campbell, another negress, was placed in jail.

A Bold Snatchpurse.
 Miss Eugenie Stengel, a clerk in the millinery department of A. R. Duke & Company's store, was the victim of a bold snatchpurse early on Christmas evening and was the loser of a purse containing several dollars in money and some articles she had purchased for Christmas gifts.

The robbery occurred at the corner of Ninth street and Indiana avenue at about 8 o'clock, as Miss Stengel was on her way home. The robber is described as a rather low, heavy-set fellow. He had previously passed Miss Stengel on the street and at the corner turned and was coming back, apparently with the purpose of returning to town. As he reached Miss Stengel he staggered as if about to fall, but instead lurched toward Miss Stengel and, seizing the purse which she carried in her hand, jerked it from her grasp and quickly recovering, ran away and disappeared in the darkness.

Prang's Saloon Robbed.
 From Tuesday's Daily.
 Burglars entered John Prang's saloon last night and secured about \$20 in money.

The burglars gained entrance to the saloon through the back door, the key to which was stolen a few days ago. So far the officers have made no arrests, but seem convinced that the parties who got the money were familiar with the place, and knew the place where the money was secreted.

Leg Broken.
 David C. Beavers, an employe of the warehouse of the Wichita Mill and Elevator Co., fell and broke his leg yesterday. At last accounts he was resting easy.

The damp weather comes opportunely. The water wagon will be well soaked and in good shape to start on its voyage at midnight tomorrow.

SOCIAL CLUBS MUST NOT SELL LIQUOR

ATTORNEY GENERAL TO BE INSTRUCTED TO BRING SUITS AGAINST LODGES.

TO FORFEIT CHARTERS

Governor Will Also Seek Legislation Prohibiting Sale of Liquors in Any Organization.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 24.—The governor is planning within a few days to instruct Attorney General Davidson to bring suit for the forfeitures of charters against all social, literary or charitable clubs which are selling liquor on the grounds that their charters are being violated. Elks and Eagles will be included.

It is being arranged that these suits be brought by each county and district attorney in the name of the State and test cases will be pushed rapidly.

The governor intends to seek legislative measures prohibiting the sales of liquor even to members of any organization not chartered for that direct purpose. It is believed one of the lodges in one of the larger cities will first come under the ban.

Will Force Lid on in New Braunfels.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 24.—Assistant Adjutant General Phelps today denied that General Newton stopped at New Braunfels yesterday and held a conference regarding Comal county refusing to obey the Baskin-McGregor law. Phelps declared that Newton went to San Antonio only. Newton, so far, has not returned.

County Attorney Hanna of Comal county was here today, but has not conferred with Governor Campbell. Hanna declares that he was not summoned here, but came merely to do Christmas shopping.

The governor was smiling and declared today that he is still determined to force New Braunfels to close the lid at all hazards.

No Commissions—No Pay.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 24.—County Auditor Rainey continues to hold up the warrants of officers having no commissions signed by the governor. Today he held up the warrants of four county jail guards. Sheriff Lindsay will go to Austin Monday to confer with the governor regarding his refusal to issue commissions to the Bexar county officials.

Allendale News Notes.

Allendale, Tex., Dec. 28.—Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Scott and their two little boys of Terral, Oklahoma, spent Christmas Day with Mrs. Scott's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Quinn, going the next day to Chillicothe to visit Mr. Scott's parents. They were accompanied by Mrs. Scott's sister, Miss Cora Quinn.

Miss Annie Moore of Archer City spent Christmas with her friend, Miss Lula Richardson.

Miss Mary Richardson, of Estelline, Texas, is visiting her uncle and family, Mr. J. I. Richardson.

Mr. Sam Burns of Waxahachie and two little children are visiting Mrs. Burns' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Billingsley.

Mr. Walter Allen and sister, Miss Lula Allen, of Rocky, Oklahoma, spent Christmas with their cousins, the Misses Allen.

Mr. J. C. Allen of Sayre, Oklahoma, came down for Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Allen, taking his little girl, Eula, home after a four-months' visit with her grandparents.

Miss Lillie Sisk came in from Comanche, Oklahoma, on Christmas Eve, where she has been attending school. She was accompanied by her cousin, Luther Lockett.

Mr. J. B. Sisk lost one of his best horses a few days ago by being struck by the train.

The union Christmas tree was very nice and was enjoyed by all.

After a few recitations by the little children Santa Claus took charge of the tree, making glad the hearts of the little ones.

B. F. Armstrong Dead.

B. F. Armstrong, an aged citizen of the Groom community, was brought to Amarillo a few days since for treatment, and died here yesterday morning. The remains were shipped yesterday afternoon to Jolly, Texas, for burial. Mr. Armstrong has been in this portion of the State for a considerable time, making his home at Groom. He formerly lived at Jolly. Monday's Amarillo Panhandle.

Marriages.

C. J. Flippen of Stamford and Miss Anna Laureck of this city were married yesterday afternoon by Rev. R. E. Farley at his home in this city. Immediately after the ceremony had been performed the newly married couple boarded the train for Stamford, where the groom is the manager for a laundry.



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WHAT THE LAW SAYS.

Gov. Campbell has offered a reward of \$100 for the arrest and conviction of persons exhibiting gaming devices or those who knowingly permit gaming on their premises.

Art. 258-A. If any person shall directly or as agent or employe for another or through any agent or agents keep or exhibit for the purpose of gaming any table game, any gaming table, bank, wheel or device of any name or description whatever, or any table, bank, wheel or device for the purpose of gaming, which has no name, or any slot machine and pin-ball table, any Jeany Land-table, ten-pin alley or table or alley of any kind whatever, regardless of name or whether named or not, or of the number of balls, balls or rings used for gaming, shall be guilty of a felony.

Art. 258-B. If any person shall rent to another or shall keep or be in any manner interested in keeping any premises, building, room or place for the purpose of being used as a place to bet or wager or to gamble with cards, dice, dominoes, or to keep or exhibit for the purpose of gaming any bank, table, alley, machine, wheel or device whatsoever, or as a place where people resort to gamble, bet or wager anything whatever, or shall knowingly permit property or premises of which he is the owner or which is under his control to be so used, shall be guilty of a felony.

Today is the last of the year 1907, and to the Times it has been the most prosperous in its history. To those who have patronized the paper and made it possible for the Times to enjoy its fair share of prosperity, it extends thanks and appreciation, and trusts that 1908 has been as good to them as it has to this paper.

Since the fee system in compensation to the police officers has been abolished, the officers can discharge their duties fearlessly without feeling that those who come under the chastisement of the law think that they are being persecuted merely that officer making the arrest of filing the complaint does so to gain the fee accruing from the offender's conviction.

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after any police officer employed by the city cannot be charged with having any interest in a conviction other than to see that justice is done to the offender.

And let us who do the voting bear in mind that unless we pay our county and city poll tax we cannot vote in the elections to be held during the year 1908. In the spring there is to be a city election, and in order to get the best material to fill these offices, a full vote should be polled.

Wichita Falls wants the State Teachers' Association to meet here next year and the following invitation was sent by telegraph yesterday by E. W. Morris, president of the Wichita Falls school board.

Wichita Falls, Tex., Dec. 30.—Prof. T. L. Toland, care State Teachers' Association, Austin, Greeting: "This education forms the common mind, just as the twig is bent the tree's inclined."

The Times would like to see the Wichita country well represented at the meeting of the Corn Growers' Association at Sherman next month. The corn crop brought more money to the farmer this year than any other single crop in his section.

Before this good year of 1908 glimmers out, Wichita Falls ought to redeem herself and buy every one of those Red Cross Anti-Tuberculosis stamps. The cause is certainly one that appeals to every American.

County Tax Assessor Bullock and City Tax Assessor Robertson will make a canvass of the city this week to make a list of the new buildings completed during the year just closing.

President Roosevelt will doubtless not allow the opportunity to pass for sending another special message to congress upon the reconvention of that body after the holiday vacation.

The agitation for paved streets in the business section of the city will not down. Wichita Falls wants to get out of the mud and to do so will have to pave the down town streets.

Now that Governor Campbell has succeeded in "annexing" San Antonio to Texas, it might be well for him to direct his efforts to some other town in the Panhandle of Texas that has voted local option, but have more saloons now than before the election was held.

The thrifty housewife will watch the columns of the Times for store news of much interest within the next few days. The progressive merchant prefers to handle cash rather than goods on the shelf.

Weather conditions are almost ideal for the growing of wheat and the extensive acreage in that cereal in the Wichita Falls country never appeared in a more flourishing condition than now.

Don't forget the water wagon starts January 1st. Passengers are now being booked for the New Year.

The vast consumption of gastric juice at Galveston, San Antonio and New Braunfels Sunday was undoubtedly warranted by the circumstances.

City real estate has been changing hands at a very rapid rate this week, and some of the most desirable property in the city is now out of the hands of those who, for years, have been holding it merely for speculation purposes, and is now owned by parties who bought it for the purpose of placing handsome signatures on it.

The policy of being just rather than generous is one that, in the end, will win out. It is far better to be termed "a tight wad" rather than a dead-beat. A mistake that many of us too often make is promising to give more than we are really able, and in order to discharge some of these obligations are forced to deny ourselves and members of our families some of the luxuries of this life.

Justice Wright of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia will now be given some notoriety. He has just rendered a decision by which, unless reversed, the great labor leaders, Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison will serve jail sentences.

Wichita Falls has been most fortunate in the fact that no bad fires have occurred during the year that is just coming to a close. The completion of the new city hall building is being awaited before the efficiency of the fire department is strengthened by keeping firemen and teams in readiness to respond to a call.

In contrast with the activity and stir preceding Christmas, the temporary lull in retail trade, and in most other lines of activity, makes it seem dull indeed. Everybody is apparently occupied in closing up the details of the waning year's business.

Many a youth in Wichita Falls is nursing a badly powder burned hand or finger today as the result of the careless handling of Christmas fire works. Fortunately, so far as the Times has learned, no one received fatal burns or injuries.

One of the urgent needs of Wichita Falls is better lighted streets and alleys. This can only be brought about by the expenditure of more money for electric or gas lights.

Now comes the time for thinking which of your bad habits you will cut off, beginning with the New Year. It is also the season for reflection how you are going to meet your Christmas bills.

SLAUGHTER SALE!

On Monday Dec. 21st the W. E. Skeen Bankrupt Stock of Dry Goods, Shoes and Millinery will be thrown on the market to be disposed of at Slaughter Prices. This stock was bought for less than 50c on the dollar.

W. E. SKEEN, Manager

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NO.	PRIZE
17855	\$15 00 IN CASH
17319	\$5 00 FUR
10283	\$10 00 SKIRT
19782	\$5 00 DRESS PATTERN
18781	35c HANDKERCHIEFS
20543	\$1 50 LADY'S COLLAR
21333	\$2 50 IN CASH
20897	\$1 50 SILK SCARF
21218	\$6 00 SILK KIMONA
19877	\$45 00 LADY'S HAT
18212	\$1 50 IN HANKERCHIEFS
17349	\$1 50 HOSE
18482	\$5 00 IN CASH
18883	\$4 00 SHOES
20126	\$13 50 COAT
20716	\$1 50 HOUSE SHOES
22169	\$1 50 TOWELS

These Numbers will be held until Friday January 1st, and if not presented by then, on Saturday January 2nd, at 10:30 o'clock we will draw out other numbers. Be sure and present your tickets.

A. R. Duke & Co.

Dying of Hunger and Thirst.

Many are those around us who are slowly, silently dying—dying of hunger and thirst. We see them around us, moving along with the great crowd that throng the streets and public highways. They move mechanically as others move, propelled as it were by the pressure of the surroundings, apparently with no object in view, no purpose to accomplish, no great end to attain. What their mission in life is, no one knows. On their faces are the signs of inward thought. A peculiar sadness seems to have settled there.

While they are surrounded with plenty, there is an inward longing that is felt. While around them are all the comforts necessary to make man happy—food is abundant, pure clear water gushing from cool fountains there—they are hungry and thirsty, aye, dying of hunger and thirst.

They are hungry for human sympathy, hungry for kind or consoling words, hungry for the smiles of some sunny face, hungry for the food that feeds and satisfies the soul—food that cheers the heart and makes a man feel that there is some one at least who has sympathy for him.

Dying of thirst! A thirst that needs a draught from the fountain of pure love, a drink that would give life and activity and joy and peace to the heart, a drink that would make glad the heart and cause the world to look bright and beautiful and full of hope.

Let us look into that handsome home over there. Externally it is very inviting. One would from its surroundings, think if there was happiness on earth it is to be found in that home. The wife, beautiful and lovely, is there. Every luxury is found. But happiness is not there. That wife has the home, the luxurious surroundings, but she is dying of hunger. The husband has his soul fixed on worldly gain, or political ambition or some other fleeting pleasure. These things crowd out love for home, love for wife, love for children. All have to give way to love of money or love of power. That wife would feast and rejoice in a lowly cottage, an humble home, with a bare sufficiency of life's good things, if she could only have his love. But it is not so. She is dying in that luxurious home, surrounded by plenty, yet dying of hunger and thirst. Her husband's love and sympathy is the food she needs to sustain life, but she has it not.

Let us look in this other home. There is the same comfortable look

about the place, but where, weary and tired, both in body and mind with the day's labor, the husband goes home hoping to find rest and comfort. Not so—the wife is there—but she goes not to the door to meet him with a kiss and a smile. She is inside finding fault with everything. Nothing suits her. No cheering word of comfort is spoken to him. Oh, if she could only look down into his sorrowing heart and could see there what he desires! He is dying of hunger; he hungers and thirsts for a kind word, for a gentle cross, for a cheering smile, for an eye whose every beam would send rays of sunshine into his soul. To him it would be a feast, but he will go to his grave hungry for the food that might have been given, but is withheld.

You see that other home just across the way? Walk into it. What find you? A child, yes, only a child. God in mercy gives us children to make home happy and pleasant. He expects us to nurture and care for them and make them happy, too. That child is in a cozy room, has everything around it that seems calculated to satisfy its utmost wishes, but on the face is a sad expression. None of the brightness of childhood life is there. When we enter it will probably say: "I am glad you have come. I am so lonely, lonely, lonely. Mamma is gone. She has no time to stay at home and talk to me and take me out to see the beautiful world. She has so many clubs to attend, so many places of amusement to which she must go, that she has no time left for me. When she does get to be at home, she is so tired she cannot talk to me. I am dying of hunger and thirst. I need a mother's love, a mother's company. Some day God will send His carriage for me and take me to his home, where kind angels will attend me. Sweet music will cheer me and I will hunger and thirst no more, and I will no longer be a burden to mamma."

A Few Fashion Hints.

Among the newest veils are perfectly stunning ones edged with fur.

For the men who hate pompadours the information that everything high in coiffure has been ruled out will be glad news.

Reseda green furnishes the color note for some of the season's prettiest dancing frocks.

It is predicted that the short-waisted fashions will soon be succeeded by the normal lines.

Cross-bar muslin continues popular for dainty pieces of lingerie.

The round muff is hopelessly out of fashion, but muffs in every other imag-

inable shape and style are being used this winter.

Many of the long white gloves for evening wear show designs embroidered in gold or silver.

The combination of ivory and bronze furnish some extremely attractive desk ornaments.

A notion of the day is to perfume one's hat with the odor of the flowers used as trimming upon it.

Soft net of pale orange, adorned with large silk spots of the same shade, is the rage of the moment in Paris, and is used not only to drape hats, but for evening gowns.

The other day two well-dressed lovers, evidently a newly married couple, boarded a Mineral Wells train at Weatherford, and amused the other passengers by their cooing. After a while the fair young bride leaned back in her chair and fell asleep. Her companion took advantage of her lull of affectionate demonstrations, and went into the smoker to enjoy a cigar. While he was gone a long, lean, lank, grizzly specimen of humanity came in and sat down in the vacant chair beside the sleeping beauty. Presently the young woman, half asleep, turned and laid her head lovingly on the shoulder of the stranger, her plump arm around his neck. The green, gawky stranger was surprised at this unexpected familiarity, but made no desperate effort to escape. He merely looked around at the convulsed passengers and grinned. Then the hilarity awoke the woman. She opened her large blue eyes and saw her mistake. With flushed cheeks she stammered an apology. "You need not apologize to me," drawled the stranger. "I didn't keer."—Mineral Wells Index.

Burlington Orders—Ralls.

Fort Worth Record.

The Burlington has placed contracts for 40,000 tons of steel ralls to be delivered during 1909. The Illinois Steel Company is to furnish 20,000 tons and the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company 10,000 tons.

Since 10,000 tons of these ralls will originate on or contiguous to the lines acquired by the Burlington, it would be interesting to know whether or not some of them are to be used along the new purchases. The Denver and Colorado and Southern are well fitted with heavy steel over most of the lines now so that new steel in Colorado and Southern country could only be used in building feeder lines such as those with which the Burlington has been developing its territory North and East

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DEATHS REACH 150,000

Survivors Driven Insane By Terrible Strain—Many Alive Beneath Ruins But Cannot Be Rescued.

Catania, Sicily, Dec. 29.—Mount Aetna this morning is showing considerable activity. Detonations could be plainly heard in this city, together with a volume of dense smoke rolling out of the crater, added to the panic of the people. According to the director of the local observatory this activity is directly connected with the earthquake yesterday, which wrought such havoc in Calabria and Sicily.

Only a Few Thousand Alive at Reggio.

London, Eng., Dec. 29.—A special dispatch received here from Catanzaro, says that only a few thousand out of the entire population of Reggio escaped death or injury. General Gossetto has ordered all looters and robbers to be shot on sight. Martial law will be declared.

Appalling Scenes at Messina.

Rome, Italy, Dec. 29.—A dispatch received here from Palermo, Sicily, says that the dead at Messina, as the result of the earthquake and tidal wave yesterday are estimated at twelve thousand.

Scores are still alive beneath the ruins of the city but owing to the inadequacy of the means of rescue at hand it will be impossible to reach these people and bring them out alive. Other dispatches received here place the dead at Messina at even more appalling figures. The Tribuna publishes a telegram saying the casualties will reach a total of seventy-five thousand persons, this report has not been substantiated.

Messina Completely Destroyed.

Rome, Italy, Dec. 29.—Premier Giolitti has received a telegram from Deputy Felice at Messina confirming the reports of the complete destruction of Messina by fire, following the earthquake. Deputy Felice says the dead of Messina can be counted by tens of thousands.

King Emmanuel to Assist in Relief Work.

Naples, Italy, Dec. 29.—King Victor Emmanuel will proceed to Calabria and Sicily and will do all in his power to further the work of rescue. It is reported that the Prefect at Reggio was killed in the earthquake.

300 Foreigners Die at Messina.

Palermo, Dec. 29.—Refugees from Messina say that there were three hundred foreigners in the hotel Tinacria and that all lost their lives. The hotel was completely obliterated.

Thousands Dead at Palmi.

Monte Leone, Calabria, Dec. 29.—The town of Palmi, a city of ten thousand, was practically destroyed by an earthquake, as was also the town of Bagarano, with a population of 7,500. The dead at Palmi number a thousand and it is impossible to state the number of injured. The tidal wave inundated the village of San Giovanni, twenty-five hundred feet back from the shore-line.

Dead Number Over 60,000.

Rome, Dec. 29.—The Tribuna today estimates the total casualties in Calabria and Sicily at between sixty and seventy thousand.

50,000 Dead at Messina.

Rome, Italy, Dec. 29.—The minister of marine at 5 o'clock this afternoon received a wireless dispatch estimating the dead at Messina at fifty thousand. No news has yet been received from Reggio.

Consul Cheney and Wife Perish.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—A dispatch received at the state department today from American Consul Gale at Malta confirms the reported death of Consul Cheney and wife at Messina. Their bodies, the dispatch says, have not been recovered.

More Shocks at Messina.

Catania, Dec. 30.—Three further earthquake shocks occurred at Messina during the night Tuesday, and added to the panic of the survivors.

Tens of Thousands of the Survivors Are Fleeing From the Stricken Districts.

Messina, Dec. 31.—A frightful scene occurred here today amid the ruins of the customs house, where a band of famished individuals were groping among the debris in the hope of discovering food. The first searchers, who were successful, were attacked by the others with revolvers and knives and obliged to literally defend their find with their lives in a fierce struggle beyond description. Famished men threw themselves on each other like wolves and several were disemboweled while defending a handful of beans or a few ounces of flour. One of the unfortunate was pinned to a plank by a knife, while clinging to his hand was a little child for whom he sought food.

Official Estimate Place Dead at 115,000.

Rome, Italy, Dec. 31.—As the reports of the disaster which depopulated Calabria and Sicily accumulate, it is seen that the first estimates are in no sense exaggerated in regard to the extent and

horror cannot be imagined.

King Victor Emmanuel and the queen arrived at Messina today, and as they made their way into the ruined city the scenes of disaster and horror were

too much for the queen, who almost swooned.

Crowds of terror stricken people swarmed about the royal party, throwing themselves in the mud and screaming for pity and aid.

Reggio Completely Wiped Out.

By Associated Press.

Paris, France, Dec. 30.—A dispatch from Palermo says that the torpedo boat which went to aid the earthquake sufferers at Reggio has returned and reports that nothing remained of the city but a heap of tangled ruins.

Another Volcano is Active.

By Associated Press.

Rome, Italy, Dec. 30.—News from outlying districts in Calabria indicate that there were five towns and villages wiped out, with the number of dead in that district exceeding thirty thousand.

The volcano Stromboli is active and the seas around the island of Sicily are very agitated and dangerous to navigation.

From the latest estimates today it is feared that the total number of victims in Sicily and Calabria will reach more than a hundred thousand, while the property damage will be several hundred millions.

No news had been received up to a late hour today regarding the fate of American Consul Cheney and his wife at Messina and it is feared they are lost.

J. Pierpont Morgan has sent \$10,000 for the relief of the sufferers.

Fort Worth Italians Fear Worst.

Special to the Times.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 30.—Practically all of Fort Worth's Italian people come from Sicily or the southern part of Italy, which was ravaged by the earthquake. Two hundred from that country reside here. In the last two days they have sent many cablegrams to relatives, but receiving no reply, fear that they have met death.

Another Town Wiped Out.

By Associated Press.

Catanzaro, Calabria, Dec. 30.—A report received here early today says that the town of Bagarano on the coast north of Reggio was completely wiped out, fire finishing the work of destruction. The report says: "All the inhabitants are dead."

The town had about ten thousand people.

In a few days time will be scattered over the heap of ruins which also mark the site of a once populous town.

By Associated Press.

Catanzaro, Dec. 30.—Such fragmentary reports as have been received from Reggio go to show that the city has been practically obliterated. A telegram from the operator in Zeon, of which Reggio is the center, says:

Reggio is almost entirely destroyed and Messina and Reggio look like Pompeii.

Reggio, a town of four thousand, is reported destroyed.

At Fizzo, west of here, it is declared that the death list in the surrounding villages will reach over three thousand.

A thousand are reported dead at Santa Eufemia, a town of six thousand, northeast of Reggio.

Bishop Sessums Believed to Have Been Among the Victims.

By Associated Press.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 30.—Bishop David Sessums of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Louisiana, is believed by members of the diocese to have been in Messina, Sicily, at the time of the earthquake. Nothing has been heard from him.

Consul Cheney and Wife Perish.

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—A dispatch received at the state department today from American Consul Gale at Malta confirms the reported death of Consul Cheney and wife at Messina. Their bodies, the dispatch says, have not been recovered.

More Shocks at Messina.

By Associated Press.

Catania, Dec. 30.—Three further earthquake shocks occurred at Messina during the night Tuesday, and added to the panic of the survivors.

Tens of Thousands of the Survivors Are Fleeing From the Stricken Districts.

Messina, Dec. 31.—A frightful scene occurred here today amid the ruins of the customs house, where a band of famished individuals were groping among the debris in the hope of discovering food. The first searchers, who were successful, were attacked by the others with revolvers and knives and obliged to literally defend their find with their lives in a fierce struggle beyond description. Famished men threw themselves on each other like wolves and several were disemboweled while defending a handful of beans or a few ounces of flour. One of the unfortunate was pinned to a plank by a knife, while clinging to his hand was a little child for whom he sought food.

Official Estimate Place Dead at 115,000.

By Associated Press.

Rome, Italy, Dec. 31.—As the reports of the disaster which depopulated Calabria and Sicily accumulate, it is seen that the first estimates are in no sense exaggerated in regard to the extent and

horror cannot be imagined.

King Victor Emmanuel and the queen arrived at Messina today, and as they made their way into the ruined city the scenes of disaster and horror were

too much for the queen, who almost swooned.

Crowds of terror stricken people swarmed about the royal party, throwing themselves in the mud and screaming for pity and aid.

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the horror of the visitation.

The official estimate places the dead at one hundred and fifteen thousand, but there is reason to believe that this may be greatly exceeded.

Rev. David Sessums and daughter, Miss Alice, of New Orleans, are safe in Rome.

American Tourists Lost Lives.

Special to the Times.

Paris, France, Dec. 31.—A special dispatch from Rome says that ninety-six guests, including Americans, English and French travelers were staying at the hotel Trinacria at Messina when that city was destroyed and that they all perished. The proprietor of the hotel alone escaped. There were only two survivors among the guests who were quartered at the hotel De France.

Heavens Filled With Gorgeous Light.

By Associated Press.

Rome, Italy, Dec. 31.—The latest estimates of the dead at Palmi and Bagarano are fourteen thousand and twelve thousand respectively. Two thousand soldiers were killed at Reggio. The survivors say that half an hour before the earthquake the heavens were filled with a gorgeous display of light, resembling an aurora borealis.

Survivors Flee From Stricken Reggio.

By Associated Press.

London, Eng., Dec. 31.—A special dispatch from Palermo says it is estimated that nearly a hundred thousand persons have been embarked on warships and other vessels in the straits of Messina and have otherwise left the devastated districts, as there are widespread fears of further convulsions.

Entire Regiment Believed to Have Been Drowned.

By Associated Press.

Reggio, Dec. 31.—There is every reason to believe that an entire regiment of infantry was drowned by the tidal wave at Palmi. Three hundred bodies of the dead soldiers have already been recovered.

American Consul's Body Not Yet Recovered.

Special to the Times.

Malta, Dec. 31.—A wireless dispatch received from Messina says that the bodies of Arthur Cheney, the American consul there, and his wife, have not yet been recovered. The British cruiser Philomet left for Messina today carrying all the available doctors and medicines and surgical appliances.

1500 Dead at Santa Eufemia.

By Associated Press.

Santa Eufemia, Calabria, Dec. 31.—It is officially stated that the deaths here from the earthquake total fifteen hundred. The injured will exceed that number. The ruins are in flames.

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San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 29.—Judge
Edward Dwyer of the Thirtieth
district court returned today from
Austin, where he conferred with the
governor regarding the recent diffi-
culty over the liquor laws. Judge Dwyer
brought with him the commissions for
the Bexar county officials which the
governor had held up. Governor Camp-
bell issued the commissions upon the
report of Judge Dwyer that the Bas-
kin-McGregor law would hereafter be
enforced. Sheriff Lindsey also called
upon the governor.

A Sad Case, But Who is Responsible?

Editor Times:—A few days ago a
well known minister of the gospel of
this city was coming from Thornberry
late one evening just before Christmas.
The road was almost lined with bug-
gies, wagons, and horsemen, on their
return from town. Sad to relate, a
great many of these people were un-
der the influence of liquor. Some
were almost dog-drunk. No one of
these intoxicated men would give the
road to this good man, so he had to
continually turn out in the ruts and
gulleys. The result was that he was
delayed on important business that
night. Some were cursing, swearing
and running. One wagon ran into an-
other and caused a wreck, wrecked
the wagon and caused the team to tear
up the harness; and without any re-
gard for what they did, they were leap-
ing up the road, whooping and yelling
like Comanches on the warpath.

What do you suppose was the opin-
ion of this good man? Is it a fact
that we as a people are growing worse
and worse all the time? I do not
know the opinion of this good man.
This is not written by the minister,
but by one who knows. I do not know
where all of those men and boys live.
I suppose in and around Thornberry
and Charlie. But I do know that a few
years ago you seldom saw a drunk man
in or near Thornberry.

There must be a cause for all this.
I repeat: "Are the people of this
country growing worse and worse? Are
the leading citizens to be so blinded to
self interest, so wrapped up in greed
and money getting, as to overlook the
true cause of this evil? I am reliably
informed that one of these men went
home that night and cursed and abused
his good wife continually through the
night. Another man went home with
a full jug to a home of want and mis-
ery, where a number of children were
half-starved and half-naked; this man
so far has not been able to pay his
grocery bill.

Now, this is not written by a temper-
ance crank. It is written as true
facts, and the truth ought to prevail,
let it hurt who it may. It is written
first in the hope that some one may
see the true condition of things (some
one of these men), that if they must
drink, they will use moderation and
not drink to excess; second, that the
leading citizens of this country will
ponder these facts, and that they will
see that this evil is not necessary to
prosperity, or that it would be better
to have no prosperity than this evil
that sends want and misery to so many
helpless women and children. Talk
about charity! Charity is a solemn
mockery, where such evils are allowed
to exist. Why not begin at the root of
the tree? Oh, why will men be so fool-
ish as to let the thief in at the mouth
to steal away the brains!

ONE WHO KNOWS.

Story is Quite Improbable.
The following story from Wichita
Falls in reference to "our meteor"
is positively irrelevant: What is re-
ported to have been a meteor passing
over Wichita Falls early last Monday
morning is now believed to have been
a buzzard. A party of boys caught a
buzzard in a steel trap near the slaugh-
ter pens north of town, attached a bal-
ing wire twenty feet long, which had
been wrapped with fine cotton saturat-
ed with coal oil around the buzzard's
neck. A match was applied and the
buzzard turned loose.—Mineral Wells
Index.

The man who says the blazing me-
teor that recently passed over this sec-
tion was a blazing buzzard, must have
been thoroughly saturated with blazing
firewater himself. The meteor was seen
too plainly by too many people for such
rot to pass at par, and it is an expla-
nation that only serves to make the ex-
plainer supremely ridiculous.—Weath-
erford Herald.

MOTHER KEEPS CHILDREN.

Count "Bon!" Denied His Petition for
Possession of Children.
By Associated Press.
Paris, France, Dec. 30.—The peti-
tion of Count Boni de Castellane that the
custody of his three sons be given to
his mother, Marquise de Castellane,
was denied today. The court ruled
that their children remain in the cus-
tody of their mother, Princess de Sa-
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Death of Mrs. C. W. Word.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Mrs. T. W. Roberts of this city is in receipt of a telegram from Mrs. Jones of Amarillo, announcing the death of her mother, Mrs. C. W. Word, which occurred last Saturday at a health resort in Arizona. The telegram gave no particulars, except that a letter from Mrs. Word to her daughter, Mrs. Jones, written the day before her death, had stated that her health was improving greatly. The funeral of Mrs. Word will take place at Amarillo tomorrow.

The deceased is well and favorably known in this city, having resided here for a number of years, moving from here to the Panhandle about twelve years ago.

The death of Mrs. Word occurred at Amarillo about three years ago, which was followed a short time after by the death of their twin boys, both on the same day, aged about 13 years. Mrs. Jones, formerly Miss Katie Word, is now the only surviving member of this most excellent family and the sympathy of a large circle of friends in this city and surrounding section is with her in her last great bereavement.

Concerning the death of Mrs. Word, the Amarillo Panhandle of Monday says:

Telegrams were received in this city yesterday from Phoenix, Arizona, telling of the death of Mrs. C. W. Word at that place. Mrs. Word is the mother of Mrs. H. B. Jones, of 819 Tyler street, and the remains will be shipped here for burial. It is probable that the funeral party will arrive tomorrow, though it might be that a delay till the next day will be experienced. Mrs. Word is well known in this city and the news of her death is deplored not only by the relatives, but many friends as well.

If your stomach is disordered, bowels irregular and you don't feel well, you need Prickly Ash Bitters. It is very effective in removing this condition. Mater-Magner Drug Co., The Quality Druggists.
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Activity in Texas Land and Cattle.

Not since 1906 has there been such activity in Texas land and cattle as has been shown during the past few weeks. From the Rio Grande border to the upper tier of Panhandle counties ranches are changing hands. A 17,000-acre tract in Bailey county is one of the latest sales, but within two weeks there have been big sales near El Paso, Alpine and Marfa, to say nothing of minor ranch changes in nearly every county of West Texas.

Cattle have also been selling freely, an especially active demand being reported from the Panhandle, where coming 4-year-old steers have sold for \$38 to \$40 around. This is an unusually high price. Further south the prices being paid for range cattle are not so high, but they are still far above normal figures.

There are many reasons for the activity in both land and cattle. Texas people are waking up more and more to the knowledge that the day of cheap land in Texas has passed. Less than five years ago agricultural land could be bought in some sections for \$5 an acre. No such land is left now.

The high price of cattle are due to a scarcity which has prevailed all over the southwest ever since cowmen began cleaning up their ranches in order to sell the land to settlers. Reports from Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri and Illinois, leading feeding States, tell of limited operations this winter on account of high prices for corn. If these stories be true the prospects for high priced beef in the spring are good and those who are buying now are making no mistake.

The general prosperity of Texas cattlemen is being reflected in other lines of business and the new year will open with bright prospects.—El Worth Telegram.

Killing at DeSoto Last Night.

Special to the Times.
Dallas, Tex., Dec. 30.—Will Brunt was shot and killed last night at DeSoto. Will Grimes is accused of causing Brunt's death. Officers have left here for the scene.

UNKNOWN PERSON SHOT CLEMENTS

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 30.—The murder of former Constable Manen Clements here last night is still a mystery today. The police believe that Chinese recently smuggled across the border are connected with the crime. Clements was shot in the Coney Island saloon. The bystanders saw no one shoot and the assailant escaped in the darkness.

Clements was recently acquitted on a charge of murder at Pecos. His father was killed at Ballinger nineteen years ago.

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From Thursday's Daily. There was great rejoicing yesterday amongst the architects and building contractors, no less than with those concerned in a financial way in the Wichita Falls Brick and Tile Company, when the kilns at the brick plant, in which the brick have been burning for several weeks, and the finest brick ever seen in Wichita Falls were taken.

The brick is pronounced to be of an unusually good quality and the inexhaustible deposits of clay at the factory site assures a great future for the new industry here.

A kiln of about 300,000 brick has been burned and has cooled so that the brick can be taken out. These brick will be used on improvements at the plant.

Thornberry and Frieberg Items.

Mr. J. W. Walker of Thornberry has sold his farm to a Mr. Jones of Willis Point, Texas, who will take possession right away. Mr. Walker has not decided where he will go. We regret very much to lose this family from our community.

The school at Thornberry closed yesterday for the Christmas holidays and Prof. Camp has gone to Tishomingo, Oklahoma, where he will be married to Miss Teresa Bentley Sunday. Miss Bentley is one of our old Thornberry girls.

Mr. Lee Bryan left yesterday for Thurbur to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives.

The Methodists and Baptists of Thornberry are going to have a union Christmas tree tonight at the Methodist church. They have a very nice and interesting program arranged. All are invited.

Mr. Charles Anderson of Frieberg lost one of his fine 3-year-old colts a few days ago.

Mrs. G. E. Frieberg has been quite sick with pneumonia, but is better.

Frieberg has made arrangements for quite an interesting program and Christmas tree for tonight.

Remembered Their Pastor, Too.

Christmas was come again. Our superintendent, assisted by some of the lady teachers, arranged a beautiful program, which was rendered almost perfectly by the children. Then came Santa Claus, and to the delight of the children distributed to each beautiful presents. All went home happy.

The pastor and his family were remembered in a substantial way. Good things to eat in great abundance were sent up—a delivery wagon load. We rejoiced to live and labor among such a generous people. This did not come to stone for an unpaid salary, for the salary is paid as promptly as any business firm pays its bill. Heaven's blessings be upon all those who shared in this Christmas offering, in the prayer of the pastor and his wife.

A. J. BUSH.

Another Deal in City Real Estate.

Erwin & Eagle, who sold their property on Indiana avenue a few days ago to Messrs. Moore and Scalling, have closed a deal whereby they become the owners of the lot at the corner of Scott avenue and Seventh street, with dimensions 75x50 feet. The lot was formerly owned by Messrs. Wendle and C. C. Huff and the consideration is given as \$3,250.

It is announced that the new owners will erect a two-story brick building on their lot, the first floor to be used for a business house and the second floor for flats.

Stockholders Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the stockholders of the City National Bank held at the banking house of that institution on the first Tuesday in January 1909, the same being the 12th day of that month for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year, and to transact such other business as might properly come before the stockholders meeting. P. P. Langford, Cashier. Wichita Falls, Texas, December 12, 1908. w-52-4f

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Gin Burned at Grandfield.

The Simmons cotton gin at Grandfield, Oklahoma, was destroyed by fire of unknown origin at about 2 o'clock on Christmas morning. The loss was over \$3,000 and was partially covered by insurance.

WHITE HOUSE WOULD PARDON LABOR LEADERS.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—There is not much likelihood that Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison will ever go to jail, even if the court should sustain the judgment pronounced this afternoon by Judge Wright of the District of Columbia.

Of course, no announcement is to be expected from the White House, but nevertheless it is very well understood that if these labor leaders should lose an appeal a pardon will be very quickly forthcoming from the White House, whether at that time the president should be Roosevelt or Taft.

It is a fact that the supremacy of the courts will have been sufficiently asserted if Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison should finally be convicted. There is a suspicion that Gompers, at least, would be very glad to pose as a martyr, but he is to be denied this pleasure in any court.

Want Lower Cotton Rate.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 23.—The general managers and general attorneys for the Texas railroads will meet at Houston tomorrow to consider a proposed reduction of rates for cotton shipments. Several officials of the Texas Farmers' Union will attend the conference and will urge a lower rate. The reduction is a Farmers' Union measure and its officials declare that they are entitled to a reduction because the union opposed the law to reduce Texas passenger fares to two and a half cents. The farmers also declare that they will fight any future effort to reduce passenger fares.

Frieberg News Notes.

Mrs. John Bard, who has been visiting her daughters, Mesdames G. E. Frieberg and Mrs. Frieberg and Mrs. Frieberg.

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BLOODHOUNDS ON TRAIL

Ernigan's Dogs Follow Trail to "Bull Pen" of Mulberry Row Saloon and There Lost It.

From Thursday's Daily. Last night between 7 and 8 o'clock thieves entered the back door of the Wichita Drug House and took from the safe, which was not locked, between \$65 and \$70 in money.

The robbery was discovered soon after it occurred and the sheriff was informed, who, with his deputies, went to work on the case.

Bloodhounds were taken to the back door of the store and took what is supposed to have been the trail of the thieves and followed it to the "bull pen" of a certain saloon in the Mulberry row section of the city, where the dogs I at the trail, but back-tracked it to the back door of the drug store.

The officers are still at work on the case, but if any arrests have been made it is not known at this hour.

Accidentally Killed Himself. Paris, Tex., Dec. 28.—C. R. Wilburn, aged 42 years, formerly a deputy sheriff here, accidentally killed himself today while cleaning a revolver. He had removed four cartridges and one was left in the chamber when the trigger was jerked in some unaccountable way. The bullet pierced his heart. Wilburn was popular here.

Boy Loses Finger. Denison, Tex., Dec. 25.—Walter Hickey, aged 14 years, had a finger on the left hand blown off this morning by the explosion of a cannon cracker.

Public Sale!

AT MY FARM TWO AND A HALF MILES NORTHWEST OF BURK BURNETT, I WILL OFFER FOR SALE AT PUBLIC OUTCRY TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER ON

Wednesday, Jan. 6, 1909

The Following Described Live-stock, Farming Implements and Household Goods : : : :

FOUR MULES—One brown and one bay, 8 and 9 years old, 15 1/2 hands high. One black and one iron gray mules, 4 years old each, 15 1/2 hands high.

FARMING IMPLEMENTS—Two good Wagons, one Surry, three Cultivators, three Go-Devils, one Drag Harrow, one 14-inch Bulky, one 10-inch Gang Plow, one 3-Disc Gang Plow, four sets Work Harness, one Saddle, and other things too numerous to mention.

SEVEN HORSES—One Sorrel mare, 8 years old, 16 hands high, one bay horse, 3 years old, 15 hands high, one sorrel mare 12 years old, 16 hands high, one 2-year-old Pilly. All above stock is well broke and in first class order. Two good milch Cows, 18 head of Hogs, about 300 bushels of corn and one set of blacksmith tools.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS—One Bed-room set, Davenport Couch, Extension Table, Heating Stove, one Range, one Edison Graphophone with 30 records and other articles too numerous to mention.

Terms—All sums under \$10.00 cash. All sums of \$10.00 and over, 8 months time with good security at 10 per cent per annum interest.

Free Lunch and Barbecue—On the day of the sale a free lunch and barbecue will be served on the grounds.

O. T. SCHOONMAKER, Owner

H. D. CREATH, Clerk. T. L. MULLINS, Auctioneer.

JOSEPH A. KEMP, President P. P. LANGFORD, Cashier.
A. NEWSBY, Vice President. W. L. ROBERTSON, Asst. Cashier

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CAPITAL :: :: \$ 75,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits 165,000.00

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Williams' Barber Shop

BEN WILLIAMS, Proprietor.
THE LEADING SIX CHAIR SHOP IN THE CITY
Seventh Street. Wichita Falls, Texas

THE ALARMING INCREASE OF BRIGHT'S DISEASE.

"He died of Bright's Disease." Hardly a week passes that this statement is not made in reference to some prominent citizen.

The increasing prevalence of this disease makes the present time seem most opportune for discussion in the hope that some who are unconsciously afflicted with this dreaded disease may receive timely warning.

A prominent citizen residing in a nearby town informs us that he suffered for nearly a year from Bright's Disease, but that he recently affected a complete cure.

"What seemed to be the first indications of the trouble," was asked.

"They seemed hardly worth noticing. My digestion bothered me at times, my stomach seemed out of order, and I had occasional backaches, but I thought it was due to too much work."

"Did you take anything?"

"I did not. Later, my strength failed me, I had severe pains in the back and noticed some irregularities of the urine, I couldn't sleep well at night. I then used some simple remedies, but without benefit."

"Did you realize that your trouble was Bright's Disease?"

"I never thought of such a thing. Finally, my condition became serious. My back ached all the time, I had shooting pains in my joints and a weak tired feeling at the knees, a little work played me out completely. I then began doctoring for kidney trouble but did not improve very much."

"Did you have any trouble with your heart?"

"Yes. I had spells of heart throbbing and a nervous faint feeling. I thought I had heart disease and treated awhile for that. Nothing seemed to help me. I had to give up trying to work."

"How did you affect a cure?"

"A friend of mine persuaded me to try Frickly Ash Bitters. I bought a bottle of my druggist. After taking it a week I began to feel some better, my urine became more natural and there was a gradual lessening of my misery. I kept on taking Frickly Ash Bitters for several weeks and I could feel my strength returning—slowly at first—but increasing daily. I am now entirely cured of my trouble and able to do a full day's work without the least fatigue. I consider

MATER-MAGNE DRUG CO.
"The Quality Druggists"
702 Indiana Avenue.

GOVERNOR'S LIFE IS THREATENED

DETECTIVES ARE INVESTIGATING FOR THE STATE AT SAN ANTONIO—LID DOWN TIGHT.

LETTERS MERELY BLUFFS

It is Thought, and Governor's Friends Feel No Anxiety—Interest in Grand Jury.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 27.—Many letters threatening Governor Campbell's life on account of his attitude in closing the gambling houses and enforcing the Baskin-McGregor law have been sent through the mails from this city.

Adjutant General Newton is now directing the force of several detectives in an effort to locate the identity of the senders with a view of prosecuting them to the fullest extent of the law. The secret agents of the State have been in San Antonio for the past week and have been closely watching the postoffice for such anonymous communications. The postoffice inspectors are also giving their aid. While these letters threaten the governor with death, call him various and sundry uncomplimentary names and generally show how unpopular he is with a certain class just now, they are generally considered to be a very poor "bluff" and no one is uneasy that any attempt will be made to carry out the threats.

The "lid" was on again today very tight. A round was made at midnight by the officers and they report that they found every saloon closed promptly on time, although a few holiday customers were anxious to trade.

The report which has gained considerable circulation that the back doors of one of the biggest gambling houses in San Antonio were still open, is denied by the officers. They claim that the gamblers are closed up and closed for good.

Much interest now centers in the personnel of the grand jury which will be empaneled by Judge Dwyer soon after the first of the year. It will be up to this grand jury to either obey or ignore Gov. Campbell's request that the saloon men and gamblers be indicted for their past offenses regardless of the fact of whether or not they are "good" now.

Denies That Rangers Will Be Sent.

Special to the Times. Austin, Tex., Dec. 28.—Adjutant General Newton today denied that the rangers would be sent to San Antonio to investigate the authorship of the threatening letters written to the governor. No attention will be paid to them.

A Thornberry Wedding.

Robert L. Hull and Miss Maude Culver were married Christmas Eve at four o'clock. Rev. W. F. Fry of this city performed the ceremony. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Giles Culver, near Thornberry. Quite a crowd of relatives and friends witnessed the ceremony, after which all repaired to the dining room, where they partook of a bountiful supply of everything good to eat, for which the Thornberry ladies are noted in preparing.

This young couple is well known here. Robert L. is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Hull, now of Wichita Falls. The bride is one of Thornberry's most accomplished and beloved young ladies. We congratulate Robert for securing so great a prize and we wish for them a long life of joy and happiness.

Oklahoma Farms at Public Sale.

We will sell at public sale on the main street of Grandfield, Okla., January 14, 1909, at 2 p. m. 3 choice farms to the highest bidder, the following described land:

N. W. 14 Sec. 24, Town 3, Range 14. N. W. 14 Sec. 23, Town 3, Range 14 and N. W. 14 Sec. 19, Town 3, Range 14, Tillman County Okla. This land will sell to the highest bidder as the parties owning the land have big interest elsewhere and are leaving the country.

Call on Pound & Pound—Grandfield, Okla., and they will show you over the land free before the sale. Terms 1-3 cash balance on easy terms at 8 per cent interest. w-54-3t

A Double Wedding.

From Saturday's Daily. Married, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Stephens of this city, on last Thursday night at 8:30 o'clock, T. M. Smith and Miss Rhoda Stearns and G. W. Braddock and Miss Maggie Graham, Rev. W. F. Fry officiating. The contracting parties reside in this city and have many friends who bespeak for them a happy and prosperous journey through married life.

Cotton in Boll Wanted.

I desire to give notice to the cotton farmers that I will pay \$1.50 per hundred pounds for cotton in well matured crack-boll cotton, delivered to me at the Thornberry gin.

G. D. RIGSBY. w-2t

Notice of Meeting of Stockholders and Directors of The Wichita Falls & Northwestern Railway Company of Texas.

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the stockholders of the Wichita Falls & Northwestern Railway Company of Texas will be held at its General Offices in the city of Wichita Falls, Wichita County, Texas, on Thursday the 25th day of February 1909, for the purpose of authorizing the issuance and registration of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars of bonds of this company on approximately seventeen miles of railway from Wichita Falls to the Oklahoma State Line on Red River in Wichita County Texas, said bonds to run not exceeding thirty years and to bear not exceeding five per cent interest. Said bonds to be issued only when approved and authorized by the railroad commission of Texas. Also for the purpose of authorizing the execution of a mortgage on all the line of railway, its franchises, rolling stock and property for every kind, for the purpose of securing the payment of the principal and interest of said bonds. Also for the purpose of making application to the Railroad Commission for its approval and registration of said bonds.

A meeting of the Directors of said Railway Company is also called to meet at the same time and same place and for the same purpose, which meeting when called, to be authorized to do any and every thing necessary to be done in the issuance and execution of said bonds and securing the approval of the Railway Commission to same.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Directors this 22nd day of December 1908.

J. A. KEMP, President. WILEY BLAIR, Secretary. w-54-9t

Stockholders Meeting. To the Stockholders of the First National Bank of Wichita Falls:

There will be a meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank held at its banking house in Wichita Falls, Texas, on the first Tuesday in January, 1909, the same being the 11th day of said month between the hours of 10 a. m., and 4 p. m., for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as might properly come before them.

w-54-3t W. M. MCGREGOR, Cash.

Notice of Stockholders Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the stockholders of the City National Bank, held at the banking house of that institution in Wichita Falls, Texas, on the second Tuesday in January 1909, the same being the 11th day of said month, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as might properly come before them.

P. P. LANGFORD, Cash. w-54-3t

Secretary Gohlke of the Chamber of Commerce is in receipt of a letter from Stanley Ford, principal of the Austin Male Academy, asking what encouragement would be given to secure the location of that institution in Wichita Falls. This academy has a splendid reputation and the matter will be taken under consideration by the Chamber of Commerce and it is probable that a proposition will be made to secure its location here.

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Good Enough Gang Plows;
Good Enough Sulky Plows;
Emerson Standard Gang Plows;
Emerson Sulky Gang Plows;
Buggies, Hacks, Surreys, Spring Wagons. Sale lasts but a few days.

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The Corner Store

HAPPY NEW YEAR

1909

¶ We swing into 1909 with a determination to discount the past at every point and keep this the best Clothing, Hat and toggery store in Wichita.

¶ May the recollections of the dying year live as a pleasant memory of a time that's gone; and sorrow—may it be buried by the goodness and joy the New Year has in store for you.

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Wichita Mill & Elevator Co.

IT IS THE BEST FLOUR ON THE MARKET

Select Coffee That Suits Your Taste

Coffee is a flavor and there are as many variations to that flavor as there are different variations of flowers.

More than that, there are a vast number of combinations of these various coffee flavors.

But like everything else there are a few coffee flavors that are very good, appetizing and stimulating and just as there are some kind of roses that appeal to some people and not others, so there are some flavors of coffee that will not appeal to you while there probably are one or two that will just suit your taste.

You will know it in a minute when you taste the particular coffee flavor that you like and that's why we want you to try one of the three coffee's here mentioned for we are practically sure that one of the three will suit your taste particularly well.

- Revere at 40 cents per pound.
- Electra at 40 cents per pound.
- Romeo at 35 cents per pound.
- Concord at 25 cents per pound.

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PURE FOOD GROCERS.

WICHITA FALLS.

PHONES 432 and 232.

STOVES OF ALL KINDS

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Cook Stoves

We have them from a small, cast stove to a large steel range.

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Anything in this line you want, our stoves are right and our prices are right. On vehicles of all kinds we are in line. On implements we lead.

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26 and 45 inch Field Fence, 36, 46 and 58 Poultry and Garden Fence
Phone 17 801 Ohio Avenue.

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Have moved their office to 721 Indiana Avenue.
PHONE NUMBER 87.

NEW COUNTIES TO BE FORMED

Lawton Constitution-Democrat.
Walter, Ok., Dec. 24.—Following on the heels of the movement started by Snyder and Mountain Park for the formation of a new county in which is to be included the four western townships of Comanche county, the division fever seems to have turned loose in the form of a veritable epidemic which now proposes the formation of two other entirely new counties—one including portions of Comanche and Tillman counties, with Grandfield as the county seat and one to be cut from the southern part of Comanche.

This latter movement comes as a sequence to the efforts of Temple to secure court sittings as a part of the business of Comanche county's court work, publication of which has been started in Temple papers as a preliminary to a request from the state legislature for establishment as a court town.

At a mass meeting of citizens of this city held last evening, definite steps were taken to prevent the establishment of "court towns" in Comanche as at present this would create a needless expense and that the size of Comanche county and the court business to be transacted, is not so great that county court should be held outside of the present county seat.

Communications have been received from Snyder and other places interested in the formation of new counties out of Comanche, Kiowa and Tillman with Grandfield and Snyder as county seats, but these petitions will not receive any support in this part of the county.

However, if court towns are established, it was decided to make a strong fight for county division.

A mass meeting was held a few days ago at Randlett and the citizens of that city are unanimously in favor of county division. This seems to be the feeling of a great many of the citizens in the south part of the county, especially if there is to be a fight opened for court sittings in the south part of the county and a division in the west.

Rueff Gets Fourteen Years.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 29.—Abraham Rueff, former political boss of San Francisco, was today sentenced to fourteen years in the State penitentiary at San Quentin prison.

Sentence was pronounced by Judge William P. Lawlor, who presided over Rueff's trial on the charge of being a member of the Schmitz Board of Supervisors in the award of an overhead trolley franchise to the United Railroads.

The trial, which ended with a conviction on December 19, was one of the most celebrated in the history of the city.

A number of women of the Mulberry Row were arrested upon grand jury indictments charging them with keeping disorderly houses. All of them secured bond for their appearance in the county court on next Monday morning.

GAUDY COLORS FOR NEW POSTAGE STAMPS.

The gay, cheery colors of the Red Cross Christmas stamps are very tame affairs in comparison with the elaborate color scheme which Uncle Sam is preparing to launch upon an unsuspecting public. The postoffice department has announced that it is ready to furnish not only the commonplace 1-cent stamps in green, and 2-cent ones in red, but also 3-cent, purple; 4-cent, brown; 5-cent, dark blue; and 8-cent, olive. Early in the new year other colors and denominations will be put on sale as follows: 6-cent, orange; 10-cent, yellow; 13-cent, sea-green; 15-cent, light blue; 50-cent, lavender, and \$1 pink.

Davis Refused New Trial.

Gaineville, Tex., Dec. 30.—Judge C. B. Potter of the district court today refused to grant a new trial in the case of Sam Davis, convicted on a charge of the murder of Lem Clark.

Davis' attorneys have appealed to the court of criminal appeals, and he has been admitted to bail in the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars.

A Permanent Location.

Waco, Tex., Dec. 30.—The McLennan County Bar Association today adopted resolutions asking the legislature to locate the court of criminal appeals permanently in Austin instead of holding sessions at Tyler and Dallas. They claim that Austin is the most convenient point.

TO DISFRANCHISE THE NEGRO VOTER

Muskogee, Ok., Dec. 30.—Forty thousand negroes in this State will lose their votes soon if the bill proposed by the democrats passes the legislature. Prominent democrats from all sections of the State met here and drafted a bill which seeks to disfranchise the colored vote. It is believed that the measure will carry, the democrats being in a majority and favoring such a law.

Governor Haskell and Senators Owen and Gore are supporting the movement.

Sheriffs to Endorse Governor.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 30.—A number of sheriffs, headed by President Landry of the State Association, are here conferring with Governor Campbell and it is understood that Campbell has secured promises that the next convention of the sheriffs will take action upholding the governor's course in closing the lid over the State.

Dallas Painter Found Dead.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 30.—The lifeless body of Charles Corle was found in the Lyon hotel this morning. He was 45 years of age and a painter by trade. The manner of his death has not been determined.

Will Become State Bank.

Weatherford, Tex., Dec. 30.—The Merchants and Farmers' National bank of this city will become a State bank in January in anticipation of the legislature enacting a law guaranteeing deposits. The bank has been in business here twenty years.

Williston, Okla., Bank Robbed.

Oklahoma City, Ok., Dec. 30.—Cracksmen dynamited the safe of the Bank of Williston at Williston, Oklahoma, this morning and escaped with five thousand dollars, mostly in gold. The robbers fled over the Frisco on a hand car. A posse is pursuing them.



"The Wichita Falls Route"

The Wichita Falls & Northwestern Ry System.

Time Card Effective Dec. 20th, 1908.

W. F. & N. W. Ry.

Through Mail and Express.
Leave Frederick 9:00 a. m.
Arrive Wichita Falls 11:59 a. m.
Leave Wichita Falls 2:30 p. m.
Arrive Frederick 5:40 p. m.

No. 8 Local Freight and Passenger.
(Daily Except Sunday.)
Leave Wichita Falls 7:00 a. m.
Arrive Frederick 11:20 a. m.

No. 7 Local Freight and Passenger.
(Daily Except Sunday.)
Leave Frederick 1:00 p. m.
Arrive Wichita Falls 6:00 p. m.

Wichita Falls and Southern.
Leave Wichita Falls 3:10 p. m.
Arrive Olney 6:40 p. m.
Arrive Newcastle 8:00 p. m.
Leave Newcastle 6:15 a. m.
Leave Olney 7:30 a. m.
Arrive Wichita Falls 11:00 a. m.
C. L. FONTAINE, G. P. A.

Wichita Valley.
West Bound Trains—
No. 1 Leaves 2:10 p. m.
No. 7 Arrives 12:05 p. m.
No. 9 Arrives 6:25 p. m.
East Bound Trains—
No. 2 Arrives 1:00 p. m.
No. 6 Arrives 3:15 a. m.
No. 5 Leaves 12:05 a. m.
No. 8 Leaves 8:00 a. m.
No. 4 Leaves 2:40 p. m.

M. K. and T. Railway.
Arrives
No. 271, From Dallas 10:15 p. m.
No. 9, From Denton 12:50 p. m.
Leaves
No. 272, To Dallas 6:30 a. m.
No. 10, To Denton 3:00 p. m.

Fort Worth and Denver City.
Northbound— Arrives Leaves
No. 1 2 p. m. 2:10 p. m.
No. 3 12:45 p. m. 1:05 p. m.
No. 5 11:45 p. m. 12:05 a. m.
No. 7 2:05 a. m. 2:15 a. m.
Southbound Arrives Leaves
No. 2 11:35 a. m. 11:45 a. m.
No. 4 12:55 p. m. 1:15 p. m.
No. 6 3:15 a. m. 3:25 a. m.
No. 8 2:15 p. m. 2:25 a. m.

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A Word for Our Friends

AND

The Public in General

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PHONE 371

Personal Mention.

From Saturday's Daily. C. P. Yearry of Electra was transacting business here today.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Kell of Harrison, Oklahoma, are visiting friends in the city.

B. F. Andes of Newton, Kansas, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Statton of this city.

J. B. Winsley, a prominent real estate man from Iowa Park, was here on business today.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Dowls, who have been visiting relatives at McGregor, returned here today.

R. B. Stevens of the firm of N. H. Stevens & Hardeman, left today on a business trip to Mineral Wells.

Ed. Dodge of Fort Worth, who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Dodge of this city, returned this afternoon.

Mrs. A. L. Ford of Denison and Mrs. C. B. Goocher of Vernon are the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Eagle.

Mrs. J. F. Keller and Miss Sunshine Hauser of Dallas are in the city, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. William McGregor.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Crittes and little daughter, who have been visiting relatives at Grandfield, Oklahoma, returned today.

Prof. J. P. Scott and family of Terral, Oklahoma, who have been visiting relatives at Allendale, passed through the city today en route home.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Sherrod of Coalbake, Oklahoma, are in the city, the guests of Colonel W. C. Shirod and family.

Mrs. Helen Miller, who sold her farm several months ago, has given possession and has moved into her new home at 1006 Austin avenue.

Miss Selma Cloud of this city, who is attending school in Denton, is home to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cloud.

W. H. Huggins of Vernon was in the city today on his return from Isadore, Oklahoma, where he had been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Huggins.

Dr. J. W. Johnson and family of Chillicothe are in the city. The doctor has bought property here and will locate permanently for the practice of his profession.

Lyle E. Mevis, who has been working for the Fort Worth and Denver at Amarillo, is the capacity of an engineer, has been transferred to this city and will again make Wichita Falls his home.

Rev. J. H. Hawkins and wife of Duncan, Oklahoma, were in the city today on their return from Burk Burnett, where they had been visiting Mr. Hawkins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Hawkins.

J. W. Kennedy, who lives on Route No. 4, was in the city today and called at the Times office to subscribe for the paper. Mr. Kennedy and his sons have just completed the harvesting of 4500 bushels of corn off of ninety-five acres of land. These figures, Mr. Kennedy says, are not guess work, but have been proven by actual measure, both of the land and the corn.

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Miss Hattie Baird, one of the teachers

in the public schools at Petrolia,

who has been visiting relatives at

Greenville, passed through the city to-

day en route to her home.

Mrs. B. Jacob and daughter, Miss

Elsa, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, arrived

in the city this afternoon and are

the guests of Mrs. Jacob's brother,

Mr. Alex Kahn and family.

Prof. J. P. Scott, principal of the

public schools at Terral, Oklahoma,

was in the city today en route to Shaw-

nee, where he will be married tomorrow

to Miss Adelaide Neeley. He will arrive

here with his bride Thursday after-

noon.

Mrs. W. P. Bonner and children left

yesterday for Big Springs, Texas, to

join Mr. Bonner, who recently embarked

in the dry goods business at that

place. Mr. and Mrs. Bonner have a

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Sibyl Kemp left this morning

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today from their visit to relatives in

Decatur.

Miss Dixon of Paris, Texas, is vis-

iting her sister, Mrs. J. G. Fain of this

city.

Mrs. Charles Irwin is visiting her

parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. Knight, near

Burkburnett.

Mr. A. G. Douthage has returned

from Dublin, where he spent the holi-

days with relatives.

Mrs. W. J. Griffin of Altus, Okla-

homa, is in the city visiting her sister,

Mrs. J. C. A. Guest.

Elbert Childress of Dublin, who has

been visiting relatives in this city, left

for home this afternoon.

Mrs. Joe Felsen of St. Louis, who

has been the guest of her brother, M.

A. Marcus and family, left this after-

noon for Dallas, at which place she will

visit her mother, Mrs. M. A. Marcus,

for some time before returning home.

Mr. J. B. Crouch of McKinney is in

the city today for the purpose of ac-

quiring a building in which to establish

a wholesale and retail hardware busi-

ness. It is thought that satisfactory

arrangements will be made for a build-

ing before he leaves the city.

Dave Avis left last night for Waco,

where he will be married tomorrow

to Miss Adelaide Neeley. He will arrive

here with his bride Thursday after-

noon.

Joseph A. and F. A. Barth of Kansas

City, Mo., are in the city today and

while here leased the new Guggenheim

building, the foundation of which is

now being constructed, at 713 Indiana

avenue, for the purpose of conducting

an up-to-date clothing and gent's fur-

nishing establishment. The new firm

expects to open up about March 1st.

From Wednesday's Daily. Mr.

and Mrs. J. W. Blackstock of Pet-

rolia were in the city today.

R. L. Higgins of Seymour was in the

city today on his return from a busi-

ness trip to Fort Worth.

Homer McGregor, a leading business

man of Petrolia, was looking after busi-

ness interests here today.

Mrs. H. J. Bachman left this morn-

ing to spend a few days visiting with

friends in Fort Worth.

Mrs. W. S. Smith and children re-

turned from Cleburne yesterday, where

they had been spending the holidays

with relatives.

W. G. Eustis of Henrietta was in the

city today on his return from a pleas-

ure trip with relatives at Denver, Col-

orado.

Mrs. Annie Tifford of Galveston,

who has been visiting her parents, Mr.

and Mrs. J. T. Lane, of this city, left

for home this morning.

Mrs. A. L. Gibson of Hereford is in

the city visiting relatives.

Lee S. Smith and son of Bowie are

in the city looking for a business loca-

tion.

Mr. H. W. Murdock of Gaymon, Okla-

homa, is here for a visit to his sister,

Mrs. G. W. Eagle.

Dr. A. R. Matthews, a prominent

physician of Archer City, was trans-

acting business here today.

Mrs. J. F. Schwab, who has been vis-

iting her mother at Mt. Pleasant, re-

turned home this afternoon.

C. M. Deane and family returned last

night from their visit to relatives at

Marshall, Goodnight and Clarendon.

Messrs. C. C. and J. F. Johnson,

two prosperous farmers from near Pe-

rolia, were transacting business here

today.

Miss Lola Duval of Fort Worth, who

has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. T. B.

Payor, of this city, returned this after-

noon.

Mrs. Lou Sarrett of Gordon, Texas,

who has been visiting her sister, Mrs.

E. Lane, near this city, left for

home today.

Mrs. L. F. Glasscock and daughter,

Miss Marie, left this afternoon for

Petrolia to spend a few days visiting

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Burton.

A. W. Karrenbrock, manager for the

Mayfield Lumber Company in this city,

has returned from his old home at

Wentzville, Missouri, where he spent

the holidays with relatives and friends.

H. T. Thornberry, who is attending

the Fort Worth medical college, and

who has been visiting his parents, Mr.

and Mrs. A. L. Thornberry, returned

today.

Mr. J. D. Powell of Archer City, ac-

companied by his daughter, Miss Nel-

lie, were in the city today. Miss Pow-

ell was en route to San Marcos to at-

tend the State Normal for the ensuing

year.

Notice.

pany of Texas and The Wichita Falls

& Southern Railway Company, both

chartered under the laws of the State

merged with the Wichita Falls Rail-

way Company, also chartered under

the laws of the State of Texas, and

authorizing the Wichita Falls Railway

Company to operate said lines of

railroad under the name and charter

of the Wichita Falls Railway Com-

pany.

And providing for the protection

of the holders of the outstanding in-

debtedness and stocks and bonds of

each of said railway companies,

And authorizing the Wichita Falls

Railway Company to issue stocks and

bonds on said property in lieu of the

stocks and bonds of the two railroads

so purchased, consolidated or merged

in the said Wichita Falls Railway Com-

pany, or to assure the payments of

said outstanding bonds of said two rail-

way companies.

And authorizing the said Wichita

Falls Railway Company to operate

said lines when purchased, consol-

idated or merged, as part of its own

lines.

And recognizing the lease of the

Wichita Falls Railway Company to the