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CRISIS HAS PASSED

FINANCIERS SAY WORST IS OVER AT KANSAS CITY—DEPOSITORS REASSURED.

FAILURE AT PITTSBURG

Fort Pitt National Bank Failed to Open This Morning—Resources Over Five Million Dollars.

By Associated Press.
Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 6.—The Fort Pitt National Bank of this city failed to open its doors for business today. The report of the Fort Pitt bank, issued last May, shows the following exhibit: Capital stock, \$1,000,000; surplus, \$1,000,000; undivided profits, \$102,000; deposits, \$3,330,000.

Resources of \$5,522,142.

The report of the condition of the Fort Pitt National Bank at the close of business December 3, 1907, made in response to a call from the comptroller of the currency, showed resources and liabilities of \$5,522,142.01.

Bank Closed on Request of Directors.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—At the office of the comptroller of the currency it was stated that the Fort Pitt Bank of Pittsburg was not closed by order of the comptroller, but by request of the directors of the bank, who applied to Bank Examiner Cunningham to take charge of the institution on behalf of the comptroller.

Crisis Has Passed at Kansas City.

By Associated Press.
Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 6.—There was no evidence of a run on any of the local banks in the early hours today. The bank officials generally gave as their opinion that the crisis resulting from the failure of the National Bank of Commerce was over and that normal conditions will soon exist again. They insisted that there was no need for any alarm and that the closing of the Bank of Commerce really cleared the atmosphere and marked the first real step toward the restoration of confidence. Many depositors in the Bank of Commerce have been reassured by the declaration of the officials.

President Woods' Statement.

The following statement was issued by Dr. W. S. Woods, president of the National Bank of Commerce, for the board of directors:

"To the Public: Much as we regret to do so, we are compelled to close the doors of the National Bank of Commerce because we have not been able to collect money from our borrowers as fast as the same was demanded by our depositors, caused by unjust and unfounded rumors vigorously circulated."

"During this panic we have reduced our deposits from \$35,500,000 to about \$16,500,000, thus paying out over the counter and by transfer to other banks in this city and other cities \$18,000,000 of deposits. This of itself, tells of our resources. We have made the fight of our life, but could not stand the strong tide."

"We hope to be able to open the bank again in the near future for business. We do not believe it possible for a depositor in the National Bank of Commerce to lose a dollar. We beg your indulgence and forbearance until our affairs can be arranged to the satisfaction of all parties interested."

"We appreciate the confidence of our numerous customers, large and small, and we hope to show in the end that we have been true to the trust."

Other Banks Pronounced Sound.

James F. Dowling, president of the clearing house, said today: "Up to yesterday the Bank of Commerce owed the clearing house \$300,000. This amount was settled, but it was out of the question to furnish aid to the bank. I consider the failure due to lack of conservatism. None of the other banks here has found it necessary to ask aid of the clearing house and I consider them to be perfectly sound. The closing of the bank will not affect them."

Waters-Pierce Oil Co. Blamed.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 6.—Dr. W. S. Woods, president of the National Bank of Commerce, which closed here yesterday, is quoted as saying in a published interview:

"The Waters-Pierce Oil Company did us a tremendous amount of harm. Two weeks ago they sent to all their agents and traveling men in the Southwest circular letters, telling them that in making collections they might take checks on any bank in Kansas City except the National Bank of Commerce."

"These were shown to traveling men and reached the country banks that had deposits with us. Millions in country deposits were transferred to other banks here and to banks in St. Louis. Those circulars helped to cause it, in my opinion."

"Our offense had been to insist on the payment of a balance by a bank in St. Louis in which the oil people were interested."

Another Branch Bank Closed.

By Associated Press.
Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 6.—One of three small banks in the suburbs of Kansas City, affiliated with the National Bank of Commerce, was closed late yesterday afternoon.

The First State Bank of Argentine, Kansas, reopened for business this morning. This bank has deposits of a quarter of a million dollars.

LETTER FOUND ON SUICIDE

Defunct Oklahoma Bank's Cashier Interested in Oil.

Lawton, Ok., Dec. 6.—Further examination of the clothes on the body of D. R. Rankin, former cashier of the Merchants' and Planters' bank of Lawton and whose body was found in Cache creek on the 3rd inst., revealed a letter purporting to have been received by him from J. Harevy Lynch, in which the writer spoke of an oil company in which the two were interested. The letter follows:

"Friend Rankin: I will see H. tomorrow. I understand there will be a meeting of the county attorneys from the new counties there tomorrow. If so and if any of them, my friends, I will line them up. The fact that he asked me to come back gives me courage. However, I will know something good or bad before I leave him. I will also have a good chance to see Menefee about the oil company. You ought to get those leases up to us as soon as possible and state in your proposition how much stock is required for the lease and to whom it shall be issued. My man at Coalgate is ready for our 'dope' and will immediately be sending in subscriptions and money from the 'Dagoes' and miners in general. We ought to have our records clear as to number of sections, etc., of land before we give any dope."

"I have it all ready for printing and will get it out this week. I believe Provost, our Coalgate man, can get us in at least \$1,200 this month. He says he has about 30 men lined up now, which at \$25 each would mean \$750. He thinks it will be easy to get them to take 100 shares each by taking ten per cent cash. This would figure thus—100 shares at \$260.00 from each subscriber with 10 per cent cash, balance in monthly payments. His thirty subscribers, when paid up, would represent \$7,500."

"I believe we will realize some quick money on this oil company. There is a big Italian settlement at Krebs we can work among, so you will push up on those leases, and let's get it to working. I will file for an increase tomorrow to \$500,000. Yours,
"J. HARVEY LYNCH."

WOUNDED LABOR LEADER SHOWS MUCH IMPROVEMENT.

By Associated Press.
Boston, Mass., Dec. 6.—Edward Cohen of Lynn, Mass., president of the Massachusetts branch of the American Federation of Labor, who, with Dennis Driscoll, secretary of the State branch, was shot at the State house by J. Steele of Everett, while the latter was suffering from a fit of insanity, showed much improvement during the early morning and the doctors stated that his case was much more favorable than had been hoped for.

The ladies of the M. E. Church South will give a reception at the home of Job Barnett next Tuesday evening between the hours of 8 and 10 p. m. in honor of their new pastor, Rev. J. A. Stafford and family. All members of the church and friends are cordially invited to attend.

RAILROAD WORK BEING RESUMED

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 5.—One of the most hopeful signs that the financial stringency is disappearing came in an announcement today from General Manager Mohler of the Union Pacific that that road is resuming construction work on its lines. When the banks shut down on cash payments five weeks ago, the Union Pacific was very quick to follow with an announcement that practically all of the construction work on that system then under way was to be stopped because of the inability to secure cash to pay for labor and material. Mr. Mohler says in his announcement that all the men that can be employed will be kept at work as the weather permits. It was announced that 6,000 men have been re-employed within the last few days. They will be kept at work on the northern lines while the weather is mild, and later taken to the Southern Pacific, where work will continue through the winter.

T. B. Noble wants all Christmas shoppers to call at his place, and inspect his line of cut glass, hand-painted china, fancy stationery, etc. 176-ft

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

500 MINERS PERISH

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

A TERRIFIC EXPLOSION

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

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

Thousand Men Employed in Two Mines

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

At Least 500 Are Entombed.

By Associated Press.
Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 6.—A long distance message to the Associated Press says that the bodies of three miners have been recovered near the mouth of mine No. 6. They were foreigners. Superintendent John Malone of the mines says that at least five hundred men are entombed.

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

ASSOCIATION OF TAX ASSESSORS.

Matters of Importance Will Be Discussed at Two Days' Convention.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 6.—The annual meeting of the Texas Tax Assessors' Association will be held in the city of Austin on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 9 and 10.

County judges and members of the commissioners courts have been invited. One of the most important matters that will come up for consideration will be a discussion of the tax laws enacted by the Thirtieth Legislature and more especially the act known as the full rendition bill.

An interesting program has been prepared. The Governor, Hon. John A. Hobbey, author of the full rendition bill, Hon. R. J. Alexander, county judge of Burleson county, and other gentlemen of note, will make addresses.

Handed Them a Lemon.

Two young ladies of this city and one residing at Pick Spur landed on three of Kell City's love-lorns swains good and plenty last week. The three young men in question had asked the young ladies to accompany them to Wichita Falls on Thanksgiving Day, but the young ladies refused, though they consented to compromise on a buggy ride. However, when the day for the buggy ride arrived the three young ladies boarded the train for Wichita Falls, where they enjoyed a big time with city beaux and left the trio of country duds at home, where they sat around on cracker boxes all day, ruminating over the heart-breaking situation and swearing softly.—Kell City Enterprise.

◆◆◆◆◆ DROVE SALLOON KEEPERS TO COMMIT SUICIDE. ◆◆◆◆◆

By Associated Press.
Chicago, Ill., Dec. 6.—Two Chicago saloon keepers, Peter Martini and Kusher Browie, committed suicide yesterday. Members of their families attribute their deaths to worry lest the agitation for the observance of the Sunday closing law and other saloon regulations might ruin the saloon business.

◆◆◆◆◆ BANK REPORT SHOWS A SPLENDID CONDITION. ◆◆◆◆◆

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

B. of R. T. Elects Officers.

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

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

TO TEST INTANGIBLE TAX LAW.

Assistant Attorney General Pollard to Assist the County Attorney.

While in the city for an hour today, Assistant Attorney General Claude Pollard had a consultation with County Attorney T. B. Greenwood in regard to the suit bringing in question the validity of the intangible assets law. The style of this suit is the Wichita Falls Railway Company vs. A. M. Davis, county tax collector; M. F. Yeager, county judge; J. D. Avis, H. G. Karrenbrock, E. A. Dale and E. A. McCleskey, county commissioners.

While the amount of money directly involved is only about \$247.70, it is to be made a test case and if the courts decide the law is not constitutional the railroads of Texas will be relieved of paying about \$175,000 taxes on intangible assets that they will be compelled to pay if the courts decide the law is constitutional.

Judge J. T. Montgomery of this city is representing the railway company, and the case is set for trial on the 14th, at which time Mr. Pollard informed Mr. Greenwood that he would be here to assist in the conduct of the suit.

Sidewalk Building.

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

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

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

"Chest" Telephone System in Army.

Washington, Dec. 6.—An ingenious device, by which the horse is made a part of an electrical circuit, has been reported to the war department by Lieutenant A. C. Knowles, Thirteenth Infantry, at Fort Leavenworth, Kas., who has been making tests intended to permit telegraphic and telephonic communications between mounted operators.

Horse Completes Connection.

This will permit the mounted operator to transmit messages to his base whenever necessary, without stopping his horse, and is accomplished by placing a small piece of copper (properly connected to the telegraph or telephone instrument) against the animal's body, thus completing a ground connection through the horse's hoofs.

The tests were made over all kinds of ground and conversation was carried on without difficulty between two operators separated by five miles of wire, the horses standing in the grass.

In fancy box candies there is none better than the celebrated Huyler's of Lowney's. T. B. Noble's is the only place they can be obtained. 176-ft

EAR CORN WORTH FABULOUS PRICE

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

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

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

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

CHICAGO IN RACE

KANSAS CITY WILL HAVE STRONG RIVAL FOR REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION.

COMMITTEE IN SESSION

Chairman New Called Republican National Committee in Session This Morning.

By Associated Press.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—The national republican committee met at the Shoreham hotel in this city at 11 o'clock today, Chairman Harry C. New presiding, and Elmer C. Dover acting as clerk.

The principal purpose of the meeting is to name the time and place at which the next national republican convention will be held, but this order of business will not be reached until tomorrow.

The past twenty-four hours served materially to change the appearances, for whereas Kansas City seemed practically without a rival, it was evident at beginning of the canvass today that the Chicago advocates have gained renewed assurances and will be prepared for a strong fight.

New Elected Chairman.

By Associated Press.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—Harry S. New of Indianapolis has been elected chairman of the republican national committee to succeed George B. Cortelyou, resigned.

Will Call Upon the President.

By Associated Press.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—The republican national committee adjourned at 12 o'clock to meet again at 2 o'clock this afternoon and go in a body to the White House to call upon the president.

Distinguished Visitors.

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

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

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

SANTA FE RAILROAD WILL GROW ITS OWN TIES.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 6.—The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railway proposes to grow its own ties. To that end, a ranch of 10,000 acres has been purchased in San Diego county, California, and 7,000 acres will be planted in Eucalyptus trees. The remaining 3,000 acres will be used as an experimental station and serve as an object lesson to the farmers of that vicinity.

This step has been taken in anticipation that in future years the timber lands of the United States will be exhausted.

It has been demonstrated that wood of the Eucalyptus tree will outlast any other wood used for piles, ties and for bridge work.

While the planting of trees has been started it will be from fifteen to twenty years before any of them will be large enough to cut. At this age each tree can be cut into two ties and the increase from then on is more rapid.

With its present mileage the Santa Fe uses 3,000,000 new ties every year which, during the fiscal year ending June 30, last, cost \$2,393,973. It is estimated, however, that at the same time set for maturity the Eucalyptus ranch will produce each year 7,000,000 ties, giving a surplus over present needs of 4,000,000 a year.

TWENTY-SECOND INFANTRY LEAVES FOR GOLDFIELD.

By Associated Press.
San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 6.—Col. Alfred Reynolds, of the Twenty-second United States Infantry, will be the senior officer in command of the troops which will leave today for Goldfield, Nevada. This detachment will be provided with a supply of tents and thirty days rations, in addition to arms and ammunition. In all nearly a full regiment will be put in the field, accompanied by platoon machine guns.

FOR RENOMINATION

NATIONAL REPUBLICAN COMMITTEEMEN OVERWHELMINGLY FAVOR ROOSEVELT.

TAFT IS SECOND CHOICE

Believe Present Chief Executive Alone Can Prevent Split in Party.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—The likelihood is that the next national republican convention will be held at Kansas City. St. Louis has withdrawn from the contest and the Chicago representatives are not prepared to put up the money guaranty that is usually exacted, it is said, which indicates that Kansas City will get the prize almost by default. At all events that city's boomers celebrated tonight as if the victory is assured.

Then sentiment among the big crowd of politicians brought to town by the gathering of the national committee-men is overwhelmingly favorable to the renomination of President Roosevelt. Next to the president, Secretary Taft seems to have more supporters than any one of the other aspirants, but his supporters are by no means a majority of the crowd. A number of the politicians here have called on the president and told him that the country is overwhelmingly in favor of his re-election, but it is said he has in every instance discouraged all talk of his nomination.

That there is a decided lack of harmony among the republicans is palpable. Speaking privately, members of the committee and others who have been drawn here by its meeting admit that no one but Roosevelt can bring the party together in anything like united support of the president's policies. They believe that with the president eliminated, the party will split in the effort to make a platform. The situa-

tion in Ohio is especially disquieting. It is even feared that the fight between Secretary Taft and Senator Foraker will result in two conventions. Chairman New is under suspicion of being in league with the reactionaries, and some of Secretary Taft's adherents are saying tonight that they will depose him from the chairmanship. Just how they are to do this, neither they nor anyone else seems to know. It is not likely that they have strength enough in the committee to demand his resignation, even if they were bent on that desperate course.

MARSH HENRY FOR W. J. B.

"Hurrah for Bryan!" Says Watterson, Advising Democrats.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 5.—"Hurrah for Bryan!" says Colonel Henry Watterson in the Courier Journal, and admonishes all good democrats to hurrah in this wise:

"The practical and sensible thing for democrats to do now is to close ranks and keep step to the drum beats of destiny which announce the third coming of the man from Nebraska. It is idle further to dispute his leadership. If he wins, all will be forgiven; if he loses, may the Lord have mercy upon him. The Courier Journal has in the past had no reserves and has done its duty as it saw it. As to the future, cast a lingering look behind, and it will do its horns waggledest—
"Angels can do no more."

In a petition to one hundred and fifteen names signed to it and published in the Vernon Hornet, Hon. Ike M. Smith, mayor of Oklaunon, is being urged to become a candidate for representative to the 105th legislature. Inasmuch as Wilbarger county has the congressman for this district and is likely to retain him as long as John H. offers for the position, it would seem that Wichita or some of the other ten counties of the district should have the representative in the legislature.

INDICTMENTS FOR PERJURY.

John R. Hegeman, President of the Metropolitan, to Be Arraigned.

New York, Dec. 6.—John R. Hegeman, president of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, will be arraigned today in the criminal branch of the Supreme Court to plead to three indictments for perjury. Seven indictments against Hegeman charging forgery were recently dismissed.

PROHIBS HAVE 16 MAJORITY THE TOTAL VOTE WAS 910.

Special to the Times. Amarillo, Tex., Dec. 6.—Corrected figures on the vote of the local option election in Potter county give the prohibitionists a majority of 16 votes. Only thirty votes were cast in the county outside of Amarillo, and the total number of votes polled was 910.

Buy one dollar's worth of Capitol Stock and Poultry Food from the Wichita Grain and Coal Co., and get a prize. 174-4f 52-4f

Before making your Christmas purchases visit T. B. Noble's book store and confectionery, where you will find the largest and best selected stock of Christmas presents in the city. 176-4f

Watch the 10-cent counter at the Nickle Store for this week only for choice pieces of glassware. 174-4f

For trained nursing apply to Mrs. Brown, opposite Dr. Tyson's residence. 177-3f

**Celery, Pickles, Maple Syrup,
Prepared Pumpkin, Sauer Kraut**

These are just Suggestions of the Good Things we have to offer you at this season of the year

CELERY, crisp, tender, well bleached and of very fine flavor. Large stalks, and every piece good, per bunch.....**10c**

PICKLES, Dills are not very plentiful this year, but we have a fair supply which while they last are yours at, per gallon.....**60c**

MAPLE SYRUP, made from the first run of genuine maple sap and nothing else. Thirty-three gallons of sap to one of Syrup. Only.....**\$1.00** per 1-2 gal. **60c** per qt.

PREPARED PUMPKIN, put up in 3 lb cans from the finest of fresh, ripe pumpkins, right from the garden. The flavor is excellent.....**12 1-2c** per can

SAUER KRAUT. Our supply has just been renewed. Only.....**7 1-2c** per pound

Nutt, Stevens & Hardeman
Wichita Falls, Texas

Now is The Time

TO BUY YOUR

Holiday Goods

COME NOW SO YOU CAN GET YOUR PICK

ROBERTSON'S Drug Store

Big Reduction Sale.
Don't fail to read the bills we pass this afternoon explaining in full our big cash sale on furniture. We could not get an ad in this issue of the Times but it will appear tomorrow.
Don't forget the sale begins tomorrow, Saturday, December 7th, and continues to Tuesday, December 24th. 177-11 W. F. JOURDAN FURN. CO.

There is nothing which appeals to a man who indulges in the habit more than a good cigar or a pipe, and he generally likes to be surprised with a box of cigars or a nice pipe Xmas morning. Noble has the goods that will please him. 176-4f

Christmas Candies.
We want to remind you once more that our line of boxed candies is the best and the finest flavors made. We are exclusive agents for the Blanke-Werneker candies. The Cream Baked. 176-4f

The grand jury is still grinding away at the court house, many witnesses having been called before that body for examination, but so far no indictments have been placed in the hands of the sheriff.

See Haddix about those Christmas photos. All the latest styles and finish. 176-12f

You will find dolls in all sizes at T. B. Noble's. They range in price from 5c to \$20. 176-2f

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Walks, Curbing, Steps,
Floors, Foundations,
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A Beautiful Line of Hand Painted Jap China

is now on display in our window for Xmas. You will be beautifying your house by purchasing a few pieces of this collection and at the same time get REMARKABLE value for your money. In addition to our large line of fine China, we have many other things that will make appropriate Xmas gifts. Come and see. Get our prices, THEY TALK MORE THAN CONVERSATION.





You can take it easy in the way of purchasing Furniture if you buy from us. A large line of Xmas goods arriving daily.

Individuality and good taste are two noticeable features of our Xmas stock. Buy something for Xmas you can use 365 1-4 days in the year.

Our fine Parlor Lamps can not be equaled in the city.

North Texas Furniture & Coffin Co.



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EVERYTHING imaginable in Xmas Presents for young and old, including new ideas and new goods that others haven't. Our stock of Dolls, Hand Painted China, Leather, Pipes, Games, Cut Glass, etc., is the cheapest in town. Give us a call and you will be surprised at the immensity of our stock and the RIDICULOUSLY LOW PRICES.

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Capital \$75,000

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NO BANK can offer greater safety or better service than this bank. Your business will be appreciated and will receive our very best attention.

FARMERS BANK & TRUST COMPANY
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FOR FIRST-CLASS
Plumbing Work
of all kinds call on
A. L. TOMPKINS,
The Plumber.

He also carries a nice line of water supply goods, bath-tubs, rubber and cotton-water hose, etc. Office one door south of Robertson's drug store. Estimates and information on the cost of steam heating furnished on application. Phone 61.
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These Days is an Item
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We furnish everything necessary to catch and deliver rain water from the time it falls on your roof until you place it to your lips pure and clear.

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—WILL DO YOUR—
Barber Work
To suit you, and can give you
A Hot or Cold BATH

Hair cutting,	35c
Shave,	15c
Shampoo,	35c
Bath,	35c

Tangled Bank Accounts.
"It is remarkable," said an old bank employee, "how few people keep their bank accounts absolutely correct. At ordinary times this falling is not conspicuous, because books are usually balanced when there is still a credit to the depositor's account. When the balanced book is received with the vouchers the usual discrepancy is found after much labor in an omitted entry, either deposit or check or in the form of an error in addition or subtraction. The thing is usually settled at home without our help. But when a lot of women go to a bank, each one with a check already made out representing her balance, then look out. Fortunately I have had no experience in that way, but I know that not one woman in ten—and I am charitable with the figure—keeps her book correctly, and many women keep no record at all. We have one depositor who used to receive an overdraft notice regularly every month. Now, by an arrangement with her, we give her notice when the balance nears the \$100 mark. Men laugh at the women for their failure to keep their bank accounts right, but except when a book-keeper does the work for them the men are nearly as bad."—New York Tribune.

Flour Tests.
Since more bread is eaten in the course of a lifetime than any other one article of food, it behooves us to have it of the best possible quality. Even in this era of strict pure food laws flour will be adulterated, so it is up to us to be able to test its purity for ourselves. The chief ingredients that are mixed in flour are whitening and alum, both of which can be discovered by simple tests. To discover alum in flour it is only necessary to remember that it coagulates with milk. Soak a piece of bread in water until it is entirely dissolved, then put it on to boil with an equal quantity of milk. If there is any alum lurking around great clots will be formed. Even simpler is the test for whitening. Moisten the thumb and first finger with a little olive oil and rub between them a good sized pinch of flour. If it turns brown, but does not get sticky, its purity is pretty certain. Whitening's presence will be shown by a sticky, pasty feeling and no discoloration.

Improvement of the Pecan.
There's meat, money and luxury in it. Don't forget it. This I write for those who already have some pecan growth. It may be the bearing trees or young seedlings coming on, or stools and shrubs encumbering your bottom field. It matters not which; take advantage of the situation, improve them, cultivate them into bearing fine fruit, make them a thing of beauty and profit and a joy forever. If you haven't any pecan growth, plant some. They grow almost anywhere; in the fence corners, along the streams, or in the cultivated fields. But to be sure of something worth the trouble of growing get grafted trees of a reliable nursery. If you plant the nuts, no matter how fine, to make certain of good fruit you must still graft or bud; and it takes time. The prerequisite to improvement is the source of suitable fine buds to propagate. On Colorado river almost every bend, having a grove of pecan trees, has one or more trees producing superior nuts. This is probably true of all streams from Red river to Rio Grande. These superior nut trees should be marked a convenient source of supply for propagation material. And if the trees are old and heavy bearers it would be well to cut back some branches so as to bring out new growth from which to cut buds. In the absence of these, in order to have variety, and the best that can be had, one should obtain a good variety of grafted trees from a reliable nurseryman, and have them growing hard by, so as always to have good fresh buds convenient. With good, vigorous scions on which to bud, one does not have to wait long for returns. In March, 1903, I put in some thrifty sprouts on Colorado bottom, and in October, 1906, gathered a few mature pecans from them. They have increased very much in size and yield in 1906 and 1907. **When and How to Bud.** The month of March in Central Texas is the time to bud. The process is simple and easy. With a keen knife, cut in downward at an angle of twenty-five degrees just below the bud to be used. Then chip out from above taking a thin slice of the wood about an inch long with the bud about the center of the chip. Make a similar cut in the sprout where the bud is to grow and fit the bud snugly in this cut. Bind it securely with a soft binding twine or a narrow strip of cloth. A waxed strip is better, being careful to leave the bud exposed. Cut the stock off an inch or two above the bud. Then watch for the bud to start, rubbing others off. When well started, cut the bud.—James R. Wilmett in the Farm and Ranch. Call at the Cream Bakery and inspect their line of boxed fruit candies, made especially for the Christmas trade. A handsome hand-painted medallion with each box. 176-1f Toys of every description are now on display at T. B. Noble's confectionery and book store. 176-1f

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Don't let OUR display escape you.

Months ago we decided to be in a position to say to Xmas shoppers—"Here is a Christmas Jewelry display that for size, for merit, for variety, for generous values DEMANDS your attention."

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DELAYING TARIFF REVISION.

If conditions in the United States do not make tariff revision desirable at the present time, then there will be no need of revision immediately after the presidential election. At least, this logic applies with incontestable force to the position of the republican party. For ten years the extortionate schedules of the Dingley law have been complained of by the Western republicans and various promises have been made to these people that in good time the Dingley tariff would be revised and reduced. But the fulfillment of these promises has been deferred from time to time until now the policy of the administration is more uncertain than ever.

The people from one end of the country to the other are groaning under the tremendous cost of living, due largely to the outrageous duties which relieve the American monopolists from the stress of competition. The treasury is accumulating a surplus so large that it menaces not only the financial stability of the country, but makes necessary the existence of unspeakable relations between the treasury and the great bankers of Wall street. It is estimated that the people of the country are annually paying for living necessities from \$500,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000 in excess of what reasonable charges would be, all because the Dingley law enables combinations to extort such margins of profit as they choose.

If immediately preceding a presidential year is not a good time to revise the tariff, why should revision be necessary at all in the judgment of the republicans? If revision would work harm to the republicans now, why would it not work harm to them after the election, assuming they retain control of the government? Will not the reasons which make delay advisable now, make further delay advisable in 1909, if the republican party wins the election?

It is just as evident now as it has been all along that the republicans do not intend to revise the tariff at all. If the republican revisionists who understand the monstrous evil of Dingleyism still believe revision necessary, there is nothing for them to do but co-operate with the only party that is pledged to a horizontal reduction of the tariff whenever it is entrusted with power.

There is no such thing as revision of the tariff by the friends of the tariff. The only revision that can ever relieve the country and reduce the cost of living is a revision of the tariff by the friends of the people.—Houston Post.

Don't forget to vote on next Monday, the 9th, on the matter of bonding for sewerage purposes. The order calls for an issuance of \$24,000 worth of 5 per cent sewer bonds. These sewers are to cover nearly the entire resident portions of the city, west of the railroad tracks. At the same time the bond election is to be held, an alderman is also to be elected to take the place of J. G. Jones, who resigned. There are two candidates, Messrs. W. E. Skeen and Job Barnett. Both are business men and interested in the welfare of Wichita Falls.

If you have not tried our own make of corn chops made of good clean corn, let us send you a sack. Wichita Grain and Coal Co. 17-4f 52-4f

ROOSEVELT VS. BRYAN.

Of course, nothing is so absolutely sure as death and taxes, but next that, in a political way, is that Roosevelt will be renominated for the presidency by the Republicans, and Bryan will for a third time be the standard bearer of the Democrats.

In his recent wordy message to Congress, the President seems to have tried to say something about everything and nothing definite on anything. On the tariff issue, President Roosevelt says, in effect, we must scrutinize the tariff every dozen years or so.

Bryan says we must repeal the tariff bounties to trust-cornered articles. Roosevelt recommends a safe, yet flexible currency. Bryan demands government guaranty for the deposits in national banks and government issue of all currency.

Contrast the positions of the leaders of the two great parties on these most important questions and the ordinary reader will experience but little difficulty in determining which of them is trying to dodge the question.

It is a difficult matter, after a most careful reading, to determine exactly what President Roosevelt's position is on any of the many national issues touched upon.

On the other hand, Bryan has never dodged an important issue. Those who have kept up with his public utterances have not the slightest doubt where he stands.

When Amarillo goes dry next January as the result of the local option election held there a few days ago, Wichita Falls, Henrietta and Dalhart will be the only wet towns along the route of the Fort Worth and Denver railway in Texas between Fort Worth and the New Mexico line. This is a distinction, but as to whether it will prove a good advertisement or not, the Times seriously questions. One thing it does know, and that is that these towns will naturally draw to them the tougher element of our citizenship, and for that reason the peace officers in these towns, including Wichita Falls, will have to be more alert than ever in their duties. The Daskin-McGregor liquor law is a good one, and if lived up to and enforced as it should be, it will be a great protection to the law abiding people. The Times has been requested by leading citizens who voted the anti ticket in our local option election, to publish the law in full, and it will do so within a few days. They, the anti-s, say it is their purpose to see that the officers enforce this law. The saloon men also want the law enforced, and say they will assist to prosecute any one of their number who violates the law. This is commendable in them, and if this is done it is not likely that they, as a class, will be bothered with another local option election. The Times will assist all good citizens in any way it can to enforce the law as it should be.

Owing to the great pressure being brought to bear on its advertising columns the Times is seriously handicapped in the way of making the news columns as full as they should be. We trust our patrons will bear with us for a few days longer, when we hope to make amends for all present shortcomings in the news department.

The Houston Post closes a splendid editorial with these words, to which the Timbers gives a hearty amen: "The Democracy could perform no more brilliant feat than the election of Mr. Bryan. The United States in all its history has not produced a cleaner or more wholesome character."—Bowle Cross Timbers.

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The largest and cheapest stock of

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ever offered in the south. I need more room and will give you bargains for a short while. I have just received 2 large cars. These goods MUST move. Come and get choice.

Job Barnett

CHRISTMAS

Will soon be here, each and every department is now ready for Christmas

The advent of December serves to remind us that Christmas is almost here again. Active preparations must now begin. The matter of selecting remembrances for members of the family, as well as your friends must soon be attended to, and the sooner the better. We announce our readiness in all departments for Christmas shoppers. We are receiving daily by express and now have them on exhibition a great line of new Japanese and Mexican Drawn Work, Embroidered Linens, Combs, Bags, Belts, Collars, Furs, Silk Scarfs, Ties, Mufflers, Gloves, Ladies' and Men's House Shoes, Silk Hose, Table Linens, Napkins, New Imported Fans and Ladies' Embroidered Linen Handkerchiefs at 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 to \$2.50 each. Don't forget that we have thousands of other gifts. Come and look through.

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MY ENTIRE STOCK OF DRESS GOODS, SHOES, NOTIONS, CLOTHING, UNDERWEAR, BLANKETS, QUILTS, MEN'S AND BOY'S HATS, IN FACT EVERYTHING IN THE STORE WILL BE OFFERED AT A GREAT REDUCTION.

NOTE THE WONDERFUL REDUCTIONS FOR CASH:

All our \$1.50 Dress Goods at.....	\$1.15	All our 25c Dress Goods at.....	20c	Ladies' 65c Union Suits at.....	50c	One lot of \$2.00 Quilts at.....	\$1.50
All our \$1.35 Dress Goods at.....	95c	All our \$1.50 Underwear at.....	\$1.10	Ladies' 35c Vest and Pants at.....	25c	One lot of \$1.75 Quilts at.....	\$1.50
All our 85c Dress Goods at.....	70c	All our \$1.00 Underwear at.....	75c	Children's 35c Union Suits at.....	25c	One lot of \$6.50 Blankets at.....	\$5.00
All our 75c Dress Goods at.....	60c	All our 75c Underwear at.....	50c	Children's 25c Hose at.....	20c	One lot of \$5.00 Blankets at.....	\$3.90
All our 65c Dress Goods at.....	50c	All our 50c Underwear at.....	40c	Children's 30c Hose at.....	12½c	A big lot of Children's Suits and overcoats at cost and less than cost. Men's and Boy's Hats at your own prices.	
All our 50c Dress Goods at.....	40c	All our 35c Underwear at.....	25c	The Reduction is Greatest in Shoes		A big lot of boy's two-piece Underwear cut from 56c to.....	
All our 35c Dress Goods at.....	25c			One lot of \$3.50 Quilts at.....	\$2.75		

Several Dress Patterns at Cost for CASH. One lot of Silk Waist Patterns at cost for CASH. See our stock of Dress Silks at the cut prices. \$1.50 silks at \$1.25, \$1.25 silks at 95c; 75c and 80c silks at 60c. A BIG LOT OF TRUNKS MUST BE SOLD. :: :: ::

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174-tf

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146-3t

WANTED—TO RENT A NICE FIVE-ROOM COTTAGE. WILL PAY \$30.00 OR \$35.00 PER MONTH. E. P. WALSH.

174-tf

BUSINESS for Sale—We wish to retire from business and offer for sale a business that will pay dividends from the first day. We will sell part or all on time, as long as you want, if good security is given, and give you time enough to pay for your stock out of your profits. If you want a ready made business, come to see us. Ferguson & Tankersley.

177-3t

WANTED—Fifty students to enroll with us before January 1st. In order to do this, we will allow a liberal discount on all scholarships sold before December 10th. Don't fail to investigate this remarkable offer. Wichita Commercial College.

173-tf

An informal dance will be given at the armory hall tonight.

Our selection of ideal Christmas presents is large and interesting. We have on display a grand collection of watches, silverware, rich cut glass, hand painted china, the latest gold and silver goods at prices below their usual value as an inducement to the shrewd cash buyers—an opportunity to buy high grade ware at money saving prices. These goods are from the leading makers, first class in every respect and so guaranteed. Don't delay. Come early. We have no old styles carried over from last year. Everything fresh and new. Harrington & Heath, next door to postoffice.

177-3t

WORRY OVER MONEY DROVE ACTRESS TO TAKE OWN LIFE.

By Associated Press.
New York, Dec. 6.—Friends of Clara Bloodgood, the actress who killed herself in Baltimore, state that she had been somewhat worried over the financial flurry in New York, although they do not believe that this worry had enough effect on her mind to cause her to kill herself. It is said that a large sum of money recently left her by a relative was deposited in one of the banks which recently closed its doors. Intimate friends state that the sum tied up in the bank is at least \$250,000.

Riot in Seoul.

By Associated Press.
Tokio, Japan, Dec. 6.—A dispatch from Seoul today says that in an uprising at that place on December 5th, the Koreans attacked the branch police station, killing and injuring one Japanese and wounding several Koreans. The outbreak was quickly quelled.

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Special sale on
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The Panic Is Gone

The good old Christmas times are nearly here again. The Yule Tide, the happiest of the year. And while many of us, for the want of a fire place, as well as the lack of wood cannot burn the Yule log. We can be at peace with our neighbors, make the plum pudding, roast the boar's head, bake the pig with the red apple in his mouth, etc. Christmas would not be perfect without some gifts among members of the same family and among very intimate friends. We have the very presents that you are now so much in need of and we simply wanted you to know where to find them.

Listen good people you can buy from us a present for your friends at prices to suit. A 60 cent Waste Basket or a \$600 Baldwin Piano or anything to suit between these prices: Rugs 1.50 to 50.00, Iron Beds 2.50 to 35.00, Bed Room Suits 25.00 to 175.00, Dressers 10.00 to 45.00, Folding Beds 12.50 up, Side Boards and Buffets to suit your pocket book. Dining Chairs, all kinds, Children's Beds, and Baby Buggies, the celebrated Gunn Sectional Book Cases, and everything that goes into your home. Come and see us.



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House full of FRESH GROCERIES.
MONDAY IS THE 1ST
Give us your trade for Dec. We can fill your
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Write Me What You Want
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Fast Women, Slow Horses, Bourbon. "This is the last of \$40,000 spent on fast women, slow horses and old bourbon. Young man, beware."

This message, full of pathos and carrying with it a message full of warning was written in bold letters across the front of a twenty-dollar gold certificate, a "yellow boy," as they are frequently referred to, in the possession of L. L. Cecil of Philadelphia, who was recently a guest at the Rice hotel. The bill is a curiosity, and proved of interest to all who saw it.

"This bill came into my possession at Dallas on the last day of the race meet during the Texas State fair," said Mr. Cecil, "and the story it tells is a true one. I was in the bar when the piece of currency reached the 'man behind,' and after it was shown to me, I gave the bartender another one of Uncle Sam's certificates for it.

"From the bookmakers I learned that the man who was spending his money in riotous living was a dead game sport to the end, had been following a circuit of races for some time, and had been losing heavily. His losses at the track led to drink and other things which ate into his bank account. The bookmaker believed that the young man had lost as much money as he claimed.

"From the bookmakers I learned that told to me that the man who had squandered his all in this foolish manner had been a poor clerk living happily upon a small salary with his wife, who had been his childhood sweetheart.

One day a relative died and left him a fortune. This was too much for him, and he changed from the path of rectitude. He left a good wife, but good woman that she is, she waits for him to return when all of his money is exhausted. It is all gone now, and I expect he will soon join the woman he promised to love, honor and cherish, who has stood ready to receive him. I believe that he will be happy for the remainder of his days as a poor clerk. Here is a lesson that money doesn't bring happiness, unless it is expended in the right direction."—Houston Post.

The receipts of the county tax collector's office yesterday were over \$400, being the largest of any one day of the season thus far. The financial flurry had kept down the tax receipts, which are now beginning to come in rapidly and the collections promise to be better this year than has ever been known.

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

Notice.
Those desiring to consult with Dr. Robt. L. Miller will find him in his office in Kemp & Kell building from 10:30 a. m. and from 1 to 3 o'clock p. m. 176-6t

FRESH FROM THE World's Fashion Center

Where the brightest brains and nimblest fingers have been at work come the new styles which we are now showing in Ladies' Cloaks, Suits, Skirts, Millinery and infact our entire store is now complete.



To say it is our best showing but feebly expresses the idea. It is a harvest of all the late ideas from the best markets of the world. We can show you better than we can tell you, so come and look the lines over. :: :: ::



YOURS TO PLEASE,

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PENNINGTON'S GREAT CONSOLIDATION SALE!

Now in Full Sway and Continues Until December 24th

SATURDAY'S SUCCESSFUL SELLING!

Proved the genuineness and effectiveness of PENNINGTON'S GREAT CONSOLIDATION SALE. Hundreds and hundreds of enthusiastic buyers visited our store Saturday; they bought too, and went away well pleased, only to add more enthusiasm to this GREAT BARGAIN EVENT. This Sale is No Bluff or "Windy," it is a veritable cyclone of undoubted bargains and enormous price concessions that has hit this town with a force of relentlessness that will be felt all over this section and recognized as a great money saving opportunity. All the elements necessary for a successful sale are combined in this: A large, clean, up-to-date stock of high grade dependable merchandise; A big price concession on everything exactly as advertised. A large, courteous efficient sales force; the experience of many years of successful merchandising and the general confidence in this store's promises and statements.

There are No Balts, Lures, or Leaders in This Sale!

With the exception of a few staples. The whole store is on sale and the biggest reductions are in the principal departments where you get the most good from them. Men's suits and overcoats, boy's suits and overcoats, men's odd pants; men's, ladies' and children's shoes; ladies' coat suits and long coats; blankets and comforts; woolen dress goods; Hosiery of all kinds; Trunks, Suit Cases, etc. Don't miss a day of this sale. Tell your friends about it. The GREATEST BARGAIN EVENT EVER HELD BY ANY FIRM IN WICHITA FALLS.

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Cured by a Typewriter.
Constant companionship with a typewriting machine has a soothing and elevating influence on a man. No hard drinker, for instance, can use a typewriter. His nerves must be in good order or he will strike the wrong letters and mangle up his copy. There is a case of this kind which led to the reformation of a man. He was a typewriter and stenographer for a law firm. He was a good all around man, but he would go on the spree occasionally. This the head of the firm did not like, so he thought he would teach him a lesson. The stenographer was a methodical man, and he went on the "skate" at stated times in the year. When he returned on one occasion his employer had the machine all fixed for him. He had had the letters changed so that when you struck "h," for instance, it would print "x," and so on. The stenographer came back feeling rather shaky, anyhow, and when he wrote off his first letter the result was appalling. He began to tremble. The boss kindly sent him to the Adirondacks to brace up. The cure was complete. He never touched liquor again as long as he lived.—Brooklyn Citizen.

Norway Superstitions.
So drenched is Norway with old legends and fairy tales and a pervasive intimacy with the supernatural that it is impossible to understand Norwegian character, especially as expressed in Norwegian art, without some comprehension of the spirit world, for the world of the sailors and fishers of the white northland, the world of the peasants and simple country folk, is inhabited by savage, wicked elves and spirits. Everything is controlled by its own demon, who must be propitiated if life is to go smoothly. Even the weather is controlled by various demons, and the canny Finns, with their pretensions of magical power, have reaped a rich harvest from the superstitious Norwegians, many of whom still buy fair weather from the Gull-Finn by the sackful. Whoever has known a Norwegian fisherman has heard of the Draug, that demon of the sea who rides in half a boat and who is a warning of swift and awful death.—Jonas Lie in Craftsman.

Her Opportunity.
"I've come to give notice, ma'am."
"Indeed?"
"And would you give me a good reference, ma'am? I'm going to Mrs. Jones, across the way."
"The best in the world, Maggie. I hate that woman."—Life.

Courage, like cowardice, is undoubtedly contagious, but some persons are not liable to catch it.—George D. Prentice.

About the only thing a man can do without trying is to fail.—Chicago Record-Herald.

What He Wanted.
A very baldheaded man went into the barber shop in the American House in our town and, plumping himself down in the chair, said:
"Hair cut."
Ed, the barber, looked at him a moment and replied:
"Why, man, you don't need no hair cut. What you want is a shine."—Life.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. J. W. Lee returned yesterday from a visit to Paris, Texas.

Walt Smith, editor of the Kell City Enterprise, was a pleasant caller at the Times office today.

Mr. J. A. Clopton of Mount Pleasant, arrived in the city yesterday for a visit to his daughter, Mrs. B. Michner, and son, J. R. Clopton.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Coble of Amarillo are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Eagle. Mr. Coble has been at Mineral Wells for the benefit of his health.

Mrs. W. H. Tarkington and daughter, Helen, who have been visiting the family of her father, Rev. A. J. Bush, for the past three weeks, left for their home in Taylor today.

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

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

Death of Mrs. J. A. Ulen.

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

Mrs. Ulen recently underwent a surgical operation in Fort Worth and was at the home of her mother here while recuperating from the effects of the operation. She had almost completely recovered when other troubles developed, resulting in her death. She leaves a husband and three children.

The funeral services will be held at the home of Mrs. Measles at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, and will be conducted by Rev. A. J. Bush.

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A man is always willing to listen when he is in deep trouble.

Some people demand personal liberty and then insist that it is a license.

But, after all, those who are only thankful one day in the year are supremely selfish.

When a man wants an excuse for meanness he usually begins by criticizing the churches.

Christmas kept with the pocket book spirit can never equal the Christmas kept with the heart.

We are just hoping that Santa Claus will bring us a pair of suspenders that a nineteen-year-old son cannot wear.

Talk about bravery! What's the matter with the courage a young fellow musters up the first time he gets into a barber's chair?

A whole lot of trouble would be avoided if people merely kept going straight ahead instead of doging around to see where the trouble is.

If it is lying to tell the children about Santa Claus we are going to be a liar just as long as there are children who will listen and believe.

When buying Christmas presents, worries you it is a sign that neither you nor the recipient are going to get much good out of the presents you send.

It is easy to advise people to "buy Christmas goods early," but who of us can refrain from joining in the Christmas rush? That's half the fun of Christmas.

This is the time of year when a lot of crabbed old souls who want a chance to dodge their responsibilities begin telling us how wicked it is to keep up the old Santa Claus tradition. —Bryan's Commoner.

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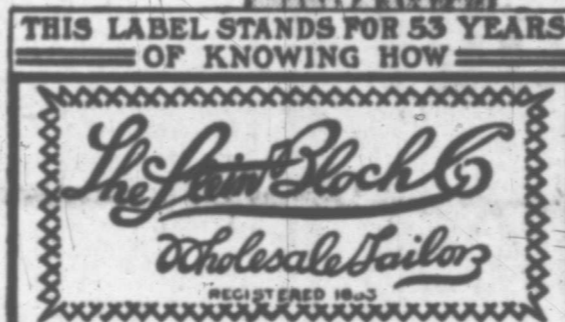
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Cotton made an advance of several points again today and there is much activity among the cotton buyers. It is selling at from 11.30 to 11.50, middling basis.

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

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