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FLEET SET SAIL FROM HAMPTON ROADS TODAY

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HELD A FAREWELL RECEPTION ON BOARD MAYFLOWER.

ANCHORS WERE RAISED

And Admiral Evans' Fleet Turns Back Upon Shores That Were Its Home.

By Associated Press.

Old Point Comfort, Dec. 16.—The Mayflower, bearing President Roosevelt, who came to review and witness the departure today of Rear Admiral Evans' Pacific bound Atlantic fleet, arrived at Old Point Comfort at 8:10 o'clock this morning, his arrival being announced by the firing of twenty-one guns from the fleet, which was distinctly heard at Norfolk, twenty miles distant. The weather was beautiful, and all the conditions for the final reception aboard the Mayflower to the flag and line officers of the fleet, could not have been more auspicious.

FILMY COLUMNS OF SMOKE

Last Visible Vestige of Fleet Disappearing into Southeastern Horizon.

By Associated Press.

Old Point Comfort, Dec. 16.—The backbone of the American navy, comprising sixteen first class battleships under command of Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, set sail today for the Pacific ocean on a 14,000 mile cruise, which has set the world to talking.

Parading in review before the president of the United States, saluting as they went, the stately white vessels drew anchor from their rendezvous in Hampton Roads and steamed past the famous, old Virginia capes and were lost to view on the southeastern horizon, filmy columns of black smoke being the last visible vestiges of the departing fleet. At ten knots of speed they went, turning their backs on the coast which has so long been their home, headed for the eastern end of the West Indies.

After threading their way among the reefs of these islands, the fleet will bring up at Trinidad on Christmas eve, with the first stage of its journey at an end. The belted sides of each armor-clad fairly strutted today with the press of heavy stores and ammunition, while the decks resounded with footfalls of thousands of men. The plowing fleet was sent away prepared, in every detail for duty.

SOME SEE DEFIANCE IN IT.

English Newspaper Giving Much Attention to Cruise of Fleet.

London, Eng., Dec. 15.—The daily newspapers are publishing long accounts from their New York correspondents on the preparations for the cruise of Rear Admiral Evans' fleet, but refrain from commenting upon its significance, except in the naval columns, in which experts discuss the advisability of testing the resisting power of ships to the wear and tear of a long voyage. Naval officials agree that this, although expensive, is desirable, and also that the cruise of the American battleships will afford good training for the officers and men.

The Outlook, a weekly publication, on the other hand, returns to the discussion of the political significance of the movement. In a long article it says:

"The building up of the States on the Pacific slope, the annexation of Hawaii, the growth of American commerce in the Far East and the rise of the Philippines and the rise of Japan have reacted upon the destinies of America with ever-increasing intensity. As a possible battleground in the future, it is no longer the Atlantic, but the Pacific, that claims American thought."

On these grounds and the fact that it would demonstrate the strategic necessity of the Panama Canal and that it would serve as a warning to congress that the present forces are not sufficient to protect the two coast lines, the cruise is held to be defensible, but still "it is impossible to separate it from the tension that exists between the United States and Japan."

The Sunday Observer says that it is difficult to believe that the Pacific cruise of the American fleet is dictated by purely professional reasons.

"The plain fact is," says the Observer, "that the cruise is a practical reconnaissance of force in view of the rise of Japan. The fleet bears the American flag to the Pacific as a symbol of power and an expression of the national will that it will defend and develop American interests. Its dispatch looks singularly like a bluff and an indiscretion. We fear that the Americans have made a profound mistake if

EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

News Forecast of Important Happenings of Interest.

Both houses of congress will adjourn Thursday or Friday for the Christmas holidays, and in the meantime little business will be done beyond the appointment of committees. In the senate the committee announcements will be made on Tuesday and in the house on Thursday. Senator Tillman will probably make his long promised speech on the financial situation today, but it is not believed that his address will precipitate a general discussion of finance, as the present disposition is to postpone that subject as far as possible until after the holidays. The committee on banking and currency will continue its labors, but not with the hope of having any report to make to the House until after the holidays. The present intention is to extend the Christmas adjournment until Monday, January 6th, but the date may be changed to January 3rd.

The annual meeting of the Illinois Central railroad, when it is expected that the contest between the two factions of directors and stockholders, headed, respectively, by Stuyvesant Fish and Edward H. Harriman, may be decided, is scheduled to take place at Chicago next Wednesday.

CITY TO HAVE CALABOOSE.

Improvised Jail Being Fitted Up at the Rear of the City Hall.

The old adage that "necessity is the mother of invention" is being exemplified by the city of Wichita Falls. When a case of smallpox was discovered at the county jail last week, the city prisoners confined there were discharged from custody and it was ordered that no more prisoners be received.

Being without a jail, cases of drunkenness and other minor offenses could not be properly punished by the corporation court. This state of affairs, however, will not be allowed to exist long. This morning George Dobson, superintendent of street work, employed a gang of carpenters and put them to work at fitting up a vacant room at the rear of the city hall on Indiana avenue for use as a calaboose. The walls, ceiling and floor are being made secure with heavy planks and steel bars are being placed in the windows and doors, thus making the room fairly secure.

The room will be ready to receive occupants by tomorrow. Hereafter, it is announced that the city will provide quarters and board for the prisoners who receive sentences from the corporation court.

MANY PAY TAX.

Several Lawyers, However, Have Not Made Tender of Occupation Tax.

At 1:20 o'clock this afternoon, the limit set by the grand jury for the payment of occupation taxes, more than fifteen business and professional men had called at the tax collector's office and had paid their tax, but a number, among whom were several prominent lawyers, had not made any tender of the tax.

According to his instructions from the grand jury Sheriff Davis will institute suit against such persons at once.

WORK IS TO BEGIN ON THE RANDLETT RAILROAD.

Work is to begin on the Lawton, Wichita Falls and Northwestern railway within the next week or ten days, according to information received here today from the construction company which has been awarded the contract. The citizens of Randlett, in the Big Pasture, are particularly anxious for the road.

The Stebbins-Kirk Construction Company will, without doubt, finish its sewer contract in Oklahoma City by that time," President Bellamy said today. "From there they will move to Randlett, where the railway construction will be begun."—Lawton Democrat.

On Dec. 15th a public consistory will be held, when the Red Hat will be conferred on Cardinal Rinaldini, former papal nuncio to Spain, and Cardinal Aguirre, archbishop of Burgos, Spain, who were raised to the cardinalate at the secret consistory held last April.

In the county clerk's office at the court house this morning Judge A. H. Carrigan pronounced the ceremony that united Miss Maud Nicely and James Campbell in the bonds of matrimony.

We have it. What? A large line of Xmas novelties in the way of small remembrances at this store. North Texas Furniture and Coffin Co. 185-1f

A campaign to upbuild the shipping interests of the country will be taken up at Cleveland, Ohio, next Saturday.

The funeral of King Oscar of Sweden who died Dec. 8th, will be held Thursday.

"Jack, the Kisser," he'll give you a few lessons tonight at the Majestic.

SEVENTY-FIVE MAY HAVE LOST LIVES IN EXPLOSION

JANUARY COTTON CLOSED 27 POINTS LOWER TODAY.

A big decline was registered in cotton today and the market is in a badly demoralized condition. January delivery closed at 10.65, being a decline of 27 points from Saturday's close. Good middling cotton was selling in the local market today around 11 cents.

FOUR NEW CARDINALS.

Created at the Secret Consistory Held by Pope Pius X Today.

Rome, Italy, Dec. 16.—Pope Pius X today held a secret consistory in the Vatican, in which he created four new cardinals and preconized several bishops. The new cardinals are Monsignor Pietro Gasparri, secretary of the congregation of extraordinary ecclesiastical affairs; Monsignor Delal, secretary of the congregation of councils; Monsignor Ludovic Henry Lucon, archbishop of Rheims, and Monsignor Paul Pierre Andrieu, archbishop of Marseilles.

WILL SOON BE COMPLETED.

Track Layers are Now Within a Few Miles of Archer City.

The track layers on the Wichita Falls and Southern are now within less than three miles of Archer City and the track will be completed to that place within a few days. It is planned to run an excursion from Wichita Falls to Archer City next Saturday and on the following Monday the Archers will come to Wichita Falls en masse.

R. U. Barkley, formerly agent for the Katy here, will be temporary agent for the new road at Archer City, but it is understood that he will take the agency at Olney as soon as the road is completed to that point.

Mr. E. M. Rogers, manager of the telephone exchange in this city, is the happy father of a 10-pound boy. Information to this effect reached Mr. Rogers from Pilot Point, at which place Mrs. Rogers is visiting.

Toys of every description are now on display at T. B. Noble's confectionery and book store. 176-1f

INSTITUTE OPENED

WICHITA COUNTY TEACHERS MET TO EXCHANGE IDEAS ON SCHOOL WORK.

A LARGE ENROLLMENT

Nearly Every Teacher Was Present at the Opening Session—Institute Organized for Work.

The school teachers of Wichita county gathered at the court house in this city this morning for the opening of the annual county institute, which will be in session all this week.

Immediately upon the opening of the institute organization was perfected with Prof. H. H. Giske as president and Miss Adalee Gallman as secretary.

Nearly every teacher in the county was in attendance at the opening session and the others are expected to arrive some time today.

The names of those who were enrolled this morning were as follows: Mr. H. A. Fairchild, Mr. H. H. Guice, Mrs. E. O. McNew, Miss Kate Haynes, H. M. Zimmerman, Miss Ethel Carr, Miss Bessie Claggett, Miss Johnnie Arnold, Miss Eula Rivers Havener, Miss Mary Miller, Miss Emma Norwood, Miss Eva Stratton, Miss Rena Vaughan, Miss Lenna Phillips, Mrs. J. J. Dalton, Miss Lessie Wyatt, Miss Emma Childers, Miss Francis Lee, Miss Nellie Ganit, Miss Anna Schneider, Miss Emma Haynes, Miss Minnie Ellis, Miss Lela Park, Miss Maggie Claggett, Miss Irene Raney, Miss Clara Parker, Miss Minnie Young, Miss Adalee Gallman, Gallman.

Anderson-Norwood.

At the home of Rev. R. E. Farley at 402 Burnett street, at 9:30 o'clock Sunday morning the marriage of Miss Dora Norwood to Alvin Anderson took place.

Both the bride and groom are residents of this city, where they are well and favorably known, and have many friends who are extending hearty congratulations.

They will reside in this city.

ANOTHER MINE HORROR IS REPORTED FROM BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.

MANY MINERS ENTOMBED

Relief Train is on Its Way From Birmingham—Rescue Parties Prepare to Enter Mine.

By Associated Press.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 16.—Seventy-five men are reported entombed in a mine explosion at Yolande, in the northeastern portion of Tuscaloosa county. The explosion took place at 10:25 o'clock, below the second bank. Eight men have crawled out of the mine.

Men and women gather around the mine and all fans are working. Rescue parties will go in at once. It is feared that from fifty to seventy-five men have lost their lives.

The Yolande mines, operated by the Yolande Coal and Coke Company, of which Dr. G. B. Crowe is president, are located 35 miles south of Birmingham.

Relief Train on Its Way.
A special relief train leaves here for Yolande at 1:30 o'clock to give assistance to the entombed miners.

Forty Coffins are Being Prepared.
Ninety men checked into the mine today. Within an hour after the explosion fourteen men had crawled out of the mine and all were badly burned. Reports from the scene of the accident vary as to the number of men in the mine and whether they will be found dead. No dead bodies had been recovered at 1 o'clock. At 2 o'clock forty coffins were being prepared to be sent to Yolande. The rescue party are getting out the dead and injured men right along. The coffins indicate the number that are probably dead.

ANOTHER BANK HAS REOPENED FOR BUSINESS.

By Associated Press.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 16.—The Union Avenue Bank of Commerce, one of the small banks affiliated with the National Bank of Commerce, which closed when the parent institution failed ten days ago, resumed business this morning. All the banks affected by the Bank of Commerce failure have now reopened.

CITY HALL BONDS

It is Believed Can Also Be Sold at Four Per Cent.

A meeting of the city council is to be held in the near future at which time plans and specifications for the proposed sewerage system will be formally adopted. As soon as the bond issue authorized at the recent election is approved by the attorney general, steps will be taken to let the contract for putting in the sewers.

It is believed that if the \$15,000 worth of 4 per cent bonds for a city hall and the \$24,000 issue of 5 per cent sewer bonds are offered for sale together that both can be sold, and in that event it is proposed to build the city hall and put in the sewers without any more delay than is absolutely necessary.

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An Answer For Which the High Official Was Unprepared.

Going into a port where the water was very deep—Rio Janeiro, I believe—relates Captain A. T. Mahan, the chain cables "got away," as the expression is, control was lost, and shackle after shackle tore out of the hawse holes, leaping and thumping, rattling and roaring. The admiral was on deck at the moment, and when the chain had been at last stopped and secured he said to the captain: "Alfred, send for the young man in charge of those chains and give him a good setting down. Ask him what he means by letting such things happen." The officer was sent for, and soon his questioning blue eyes appeared over the hatch coaming. Alfred was a mild person and clearly did not like his job. He could not have come up to the admiral's standard. The latter saw it and intervened: "Perhaps you had better leave it to me. I'll settle him." Fixing his eyes on the offender, he said sternly: "What do you mean by this, sir? Why in blazes did you not stop that chain?" The culprit, looking quietly at him, replied slyly, "How in blazes could I?" This was a shift of wind for which the admiral was unprepared. He was taken flat back. After a moment's hesitation he turned to the captain and said meekly, yet with evident consciousness of a checkmate: "That's true, Alfred. How the blazes could he?"

OBSERVANCE OF EASTER.

Discrepancy in Computing the Date Not Corrected Until 1752.

The observance of Easter dates back to about the year 68, at which time there was much contention among the eastern and western churches as to what day the festival should be observed. It was finally ordained at the council of Nice in the year 325 that it must be observed throughout the Christian world on the same day. This decision settled that Easter should be kept upon the Sunday first after the fourteenth day of the first Jewish month, but no general conclusion was arrived at as to the cycle by which the festival was to be regulated, and some churches adopted one rule and some another. This diversity of usage was put an end to, and the Roman rule making Easter the first Sunday after the fourteenth day of the calendar moon was established in England in 688. After nine centuries a discrepancy in the keeping of Easter was caused by the authorities of the English church declining to adopt the reformation of the Gregorian calendar in 1582. The difference was settled in 1752 by the adoption of the rule which makes Easter day always the first Sunday after the full moon which appears on or next after the twenty-first day of March. If the full moon happens upon a Sunday, Easter is the Sunday after.

Queer Names.

"We Chinese," said the law student, "give our children queer names. Our girls, for instance, are not called Mabel, Jenny or Matilda, but Cloudy Moon, Celestial Happiness, Spring Peach or Casket of Perfumes."

"Our boys get less delicious names. Boys are made for work and wisdom rather than for dancing and pleasure, and their names show this, as Practical Industry, Ancestral Knowledge, Complete Virtue, Ancestral Piety, Discreet Valor."

"To our slaves we give still another set of names. Yes, those dear, pathetic little slaves of ours, some girls, some boys, who do a hundred various little tasks about the house, these lowly creatures have names like Not For Me, Joy to Serve, Your Happiness and Humble Devotion."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Sitting on a High Hat.

"If I were to offer to wager that I could sit squarely on my silk hat without crushing it, you would take me up, I suppose," said a clubman to a fellow member. "Well, you would lose," he continued. "A good silk hat should support the weight of a man say 140 pounds without yielding, providing the weight is applied gradually and carefully. The way to do it is to place the hat on a smooth, strongly supported surface, crown downward, and lay a board across the rim, in the hollow. On this seat yourself steadily and slowly, and you will find the hat does not yield. Of course, a hat that has once been bent or broken will not do. Nor is the rule invariable. It applies only to good hats. Have I ever tried it? Yes, I have, but not on my own hat."—Philadelphia Record.

Eating Onions.

Persons with dropsical tendencies should eat onions frequently. This simple cure has proved effective in many cases. In one instance the patient had been given up by several physicians and only tried the onions to please a friend. She was completely restored to health and, though that was five years ago, has never had a return of the trouble. She ate the onions just as she would an apple, taking a great many during the day.—Exchange.

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RECEIVERSHIP HELD UP

Mandate to Have State Officer Assume Charge of Property Vacated.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 14.—The Supreme Court of Texas today gave to the Waters-Pierce Oil Company its first victory in its litigation with the State, this court holding that the receivership is not an interlocutory one, and therefore the Court of Appeals is not vested with final jurisdiction.

The motion to have the court of appeals withdraw its mandate issued on last Wednesday is sustained, thus vacating the order entered by Judge Wilcox of the district court, instructing State Receiver R. J. Eckhardt to assume charge of the property of the defendant company.

Associate Justice Brown, acting chief justice in the absence of Judge Gaines, announced that he and Justice Williams had had no time to give the opinion in writing, but would do so later.

There was no order issued by the court, it not being necessary, the verbal announcement being sufficient for Clerk Robert Connerly of the Court of Civil Appeals, who was present, to withdraw the mandate of the court as issued by him on last Wednesday.

Situation Complicated.
 This leaves the situation in a more complicated condition as regards the receivership, though it will be straightened out shortly, as the Supreme Court has decided that it has jurisdiction in the case and therefore the application for a writ of error, filed by the defendant company Thursday, will be taken up and a speedy action on the part of the court is anticipated.

Until this application is passed upon the State receiver is no nearer in control of the oil company's property than before the Appellate Court refused to grant a rehearing in the receivership case on last Wednesday, after which action the mandate was issued and the district court empowered the receiver to take charge of the property.

At the same time the mandate of the Federal Court of New Orleans has been issued and Federal Judge Bryant will be forced to vacate his order for the appointment as receiver, C. B. Dorchester, who now has control of the defendant's property.

Federal Transfer Monday.
 Judge Bryant has set Monday as the date for the hearing, and ultimate transfer of the property from the jurisdiction of the Federal to the State receiver.

Since there will be no State receiver, armed with official recognition to assume charge, there will be no transfer on Monday, though Judge Bryant, it is believed, will have to obey the mandate of the New Orleans Circuit Court and vacate his order of appointment. In this event the property will revert back to the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, as there will be no receiver to take charge when Dorchester releases his control.

Pending the decision of the Supreme Court in the application of the defendant company for a writ of error in the receivership case, there is little probability of activity on either side here in Austin, though much interest attaches to the action of Federal Judge Bryant in Beaumont on Monday.

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Wichita Falls, Texas, Dec. 16th, 1907.

That there is no let-up in the growth of Wichita Falls is evidenced in the demand for houses from new comers in the city. One real estate firm this morning had inquiries for nearly a dozen rent houses, none of which they were able to fill on account of not having any empty houses on their list. Empty houses are as rare as they were before the financial flurry first began to be felt and from the present outlook there is no indication that there will be any let-up in the demand for residence property in Wichita Falls.

Three notices of applications for liquor licenses have been filed with the county commissioners. S. J. Higgs and A. E. Holley are applying for licenses to conduct saloons at Burk Burnett and Harry Gordon is an applicant for a license to conduct a beer saloon in the place formerly occupied by William Schmidt on Ohio avenue.

The meeting of the National Civic Federation is to be held in New York City on Monday and Tuesday. The general subjects will be "protecting the people's savings" and "the prevention of strikes and lockouts."

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. 176-1f

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A secret papal consistory will be celebrated at the Vatican Dec. 16th, when Monsignor Pietro Gasparri, secretary of extraordinary affairs; Monsignor Lucan, archbishop of Rheims, and Monsignor Andrieu, archbishop of Marseilles, will be appointed cardinals.

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. 176-1f

Buy one dollar's worth of Capitol Stock and Poultry Food from the Wichita Grain and Coal Co. and get a prize. 174-1f 52-1f

Oxford fruit cakes, also material for making them, at King & White's. 178-1f

New program at the Majestic tonight. 185-1f

Phone or see J. L. Mears when you want coal. 182-1f

New illustrated songs at the Majestic. 185-1f

WANT ADS.

FOR RENT—One furnished room, close in. Apply at the Times office.

FOR RENT—Furnished room. Inquire of Mrs. N. M. Jenne, 1400 Tenth street. 183-3f

WANTED—At once, three experienced salesladies. Apply at Rock & Duke's dry goods store. 185-1f

FOR SALE or Trade—Three lots, good six-room house, barn and other improvements, comparatively new; close in. I will take good team and milk cows in on deal and will give a bargain if sold at once. See A. B. Hancock. 186-6f

IN CONFERENCE TODAY.

Expected That Trouble Between Firemen, Engineers and Railroad Will Be Settled.

A conference between Superintendent G. F. Cotter of the Fort Worth and Denver railway and Timothy Shea, the labor leader, is to be held in Fort Worth today at which time it is expected that the controversy between the engineers, the firemen and the railroad will be settled.

Discussing the stand taken by Mr. Cotter that the railroad is not responsible for the differences between the two orders and that it cannot change its contract with the engineers, Mr. Shea said last night:

Not Between Orders, Says Shea.

"The controversy is not one between the two orders or bodies of employees," declared Mr. Shea last night, "and the railroad cannot reasonably hope to be relieved of the responsibility to the firemen."

"All we ask is the privilege of saying who shall represent those engineers who are members of our order in cases of individual personal grievances. That is merely a principle of



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GOOD NEWS

To the Men and Boys of Wichita Falls,

OUR 25 PER CENT DISCOUNT SALE STARTS TODAY!



A Bona Fide Reduction Sale on all Men's and Boys' Clothing just in time for Christmas. Owing to the depression in trade for the past few days, we are compelled to unload our Fall and Winter line of Clothing, our stock being entirely too large at the present time. This gives you an opportunity to buy Suits and Overcoats at an unusual saving in price.

Our stock represents all the latest fall styles. Every garment is reduced. None reserved. Our 25 per cent discount sales are legitimate, to say the least. When we announce a Reduction Sale we mean it. Now's your opportunity. Come early for the first selection. 25 per cent discount on all Boys' Clothing, on all Boys' Trousers as well as Men's. We have just received a large shipment of Shoes and Stetson Hats which we will sell at cost while the 25 per cent discount sale is on our Clothing. All Underwear Shirts and Furnishing Goods at a great reduction.

- \$10.00 Suits Reduced to \$ 7.50
- 12.50 Suits Reduced to - 9.40
- 15.00 Suits Reduced to - 11.25
- 20.00 Suits Reduced to - 15.00
- 22.50 Suits Reduced to - 16.90
- 25.00 Suits Reduced to - 18.75
- 27.50 Suits Reduced to - 20.65

Collier & Hendricks

MEN AND BOYS' OUTFITTERS

free American citizenship. When an engineer who is a member of our order and not affiliated with the engineers' order is to be disciplined and given a virtual trial before the company to determine whether or not he should be discharged, we want the right to defend him, or at least have representation on the committee that takes up the case with the railroad.

"Under the present conditions the engineer who is a member of our order must be represented in case of grievances only by the accredited committee of engineers from the engineers' brotherhood. These engineers are not interested in our brother. Maybe they do not know him; surely there is a certain animosity against him because he prefers to remain in our order and not join theirs; and it is violative of the principle of free American citizen-

ship for the railroad company to give the engineers' brotherhood a contract which prevents it from giving our members representation when they are on trial.

"It is similar to not allowing the indicted person to exercise the privilege of selecting his own attorneys to represent him in a court trial.

"Suppose a railroad commission issues an order compelling a railroad to do an unjust thing. The railroad seeks a writ of injunction, and goes before the court pleading that the order of the commission does it an injustice. The court, after hearing the evidence, agrees with the railroad, and the order is necessarily revoked.

Company is the Court.

"In this case the railroad company is the court. The firemen's order is the appellant. We show evidence that its

contract with the engineers infringes upon our rights. If it is proven that a clause of the contract with the engineers infringes upon our rights, should not the railroad, as the court, say to the engineers: 'You have exclusive privilege that you are not entitled to, one that does our firemen an injustice; you will have to modify that particular clause in the schedule?'

Strictly Cash.

On account of the financial stringency, we are compelled to put our business on a cash basis. We positively will not sell feed or coal to any person without the cash either before or upon delivery of goods. Customers will please govern themselves accordingly. 180-1f WICHITA GRAIN & COAL CO.

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LONGHORNS ARE FEW

INTERESTING SPECIMENS OF THE RANGE IN OLDEN DAYS ARE FAST DISAPPEARING.

TO PREVENT EXTINCTION

Herd of Old Time Specimens is Maintained at the 101 Ranch Near Bliss, Oklahoma.

There is but one place in the entire country where any effort is being made to prevent the extinction of the Texas steer of the longhorn variety, which at one time was so common throughout the range country, and that is on Miller Bros' famous 101 Ranch, near Bliss, Oklahoma.

The old Texas longhorn, the "ranga" beast with extensive head adornments in the shape of horns, is now much harder to locate than the buffalo, which is generally believed to be bordering on absolute extinction. In past years thousands of these animals could be found in all portions of the Texas range country, but during later years when a real live specimen was desired for one of the now prohibited roping contests, he had to be imported from Mexico. It is believed by those who are well posted on the subject that there are not now more than 200 head of these famous longhorned cattle within all the broad State of Texas. On the 101 ranch in Oklahoma, there are probably twenty-five head, and the breed is there being perpetuated as a natural curiosity.

There are several reasons for the disappearance of the longhorns. The chief of these, however, is the fact that cattlemen generally have been so busy improving the quality of their stock that they have almost bred the horns off of them. During former years there was a well fixed belief that the longhorn was the only type of cattle that would do well on the Texas ranges, but this has been found to be far from the truth. The longhorn answered very well for beef up to a few years ago, when the trade began demanding something better. This demand, for something better stimulated Texas ranchmen to take up the great work of herd improvement until it has attained proportions at that time considered impossible.

But the hardy steer of the past has now been replaced by an animal that is quite different from his progenitor. The longhorn would never take on enough flesh to make him a really desirable beef animal, but it is different with the one that has come after him. The present breed can be grain-fed for a short time before going to market and when ready for shipment is as fat as butter.

The changes that were destined to end the career of the longhorn began about twenty-five years ago. Since that time there has been no one with sufficient interest in him to care a continental what became of the family. A

few years ago Milles Bros. evolved the idea of securing all the longhorns that could be obtained and keeping them as long as the animals lived. The Millers wanted the animals more for show purposes than anything else, it being a hobby of theirs to have entertainments on their ranch which attract visitors from all over the country.

When the question of maintaining a herd was first discussed the ranchmen faced the problem of being able to secure just exactly the kind of animals they wanted. To accomplish this result they commissioned an old cattleman who was familiar with South Texas ranges, and who now has been at work for two years and has only been able to secure about twenty-five head. Every one of these rare animals was found in some out of the way place and secured with great difficulty.

On the ranch these longhorned steers are permitted to run with the cattle destined for market and are well cared for. In the fall when the market cattle go on to full feed the longhorns are treated in the same manner. Their market value would probably be from \$40 to \$50 each, but this fact is no temptation to the owners to sell them.

Every month there are dozens of old-time cow punchers on the 101 Ranch and they find a constant delight in the old associates of past years. They frequently ride through the pastures of the ranch just to have a look at the longhorns, and then sit on their horses rolling cigarettes and telling stories of the range as it was in the days that are numbered with the dead. To the cow punchers this herd is as interesting as is the herd of buffalo, also kept on the ranch, to the Indians, who journey for miles just to have one more look at the noble animals once so plentiful in their range country.

There are many Texas cattlemen who believe unto this good day that the time of the longhorn was the halcyon days so far as the cattle industry is concerned. They believe improved breeds and improved methods have brought new and strange diseases and so completely revolutionized the cattle business that it is no longer profitable as it was when there was an open range covered by a sea of longhorns.

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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

Extra good sweet mixed pickles in barrel. King & White. 178-tf

Decorated oil burning lamps, hand painted Japanese china and numerous other things for Xmas. Come and see us. North Texas Furniture and Coffin Co. 185-tf

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

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North Texas Furniture & Coffin Co.

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All our \$1.25 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 20c Hose at	12 1/2 c	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 35c to	
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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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The largest line of Xmas goods in Wichita Falls on display at
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HISTORY OF TAPESTRY.

The Art Was Known to the Ancient Greeks and Egyptians.

Flemish artists are believed to have been the first to make tapestry for use as a covering for walls. The art itself is certainly very ancient, many of the hangings used in Egypt and Greece being considered true tapestry. Its subsequent history is obscure, but it evidently maintained a lingering existence in the east until the Saracens revived it and brought it to Europe. Tapestry was used by the Saracens only as drapery or curtains for the courts of their houses. Embroidery appears to have served for this purpose in northern Europe until after the twelfth century, and much of the work of this period was really embroidery, such as the incorrectly named Bayeux tapestry. It was in the fourteenth century that tapestry began to be largely made in Flanders, where the weaving industry became very important. At that time twenty-seven streets were occupied by the weavers of Ghent. In 1382 there were 50,000 weavers in Louvain and more still at Ypres. Very few samples of fourteenth century tapestry remain, but those that have come down to the present day closely resemble contemporary wall painting. During the latter part of the fifteenth century the golden age of tapestry existed, especially in Bruges and Arras. The Flemish tapestries of that time are models of textile art. The color is rich, the decorative effect strong, the drawing and composition graceful, and the whole arrangement shows consummate skill in endeavoring to meet the exigencies of the loom and at the same time the aesthetic requirements of wall decoration.—Argonaut.

COOLNESS IN DANGER.

Experiences of an English Military Official in India.

When Lieutenant Henderson was captured by the natives of the Gold Coast hinterland they got into a wordy discussion as to how they would kill him. The victim listened awhile till he was weary of it. "Oh, well," he said, "I can't be bothered with your arguments! I'm very sleepy. Let me know when you have made up your minds." And off to sleep he went. The unexpected performance saved his life. His calm indifference persuaded Samory's men that they had to do with some one of immense importance. Unwilling to take on themselves the responsibility for his death, they sent him unharmed to Samory's court, in the Juhul country.

Once again Lieutenant Henderson saved himself by a like exhibition of courage. He found Samory on a throne, surrounded by 4,000 warriors, yet when motioned to do homage on his hands and knees he did nothing of the sort. He simply sat on the throne beside Samory, shaking that monarch warmly by the hand. Thanks to this, and to nothing else, he was accepted as the representative of a great sovereign instead of a captive doomed to death. He talked to Samory of the queen, and Samory talked to him. Thus a mission which might have ended, as so many African missions have ended, in a terrible silence and a suspicion of unspeakable horrors, did, in fact, end in a valuable basis of future relations between Great Britain and a Mohammedan power.—London Scraps.

facts and figures

We have been asking you to believe that this is a good place to come for your Christmas remembrances. We have told you that for reasons of newness—for reasons of variety—for reasons of what you get for what you pay—it is useless to go elsewhere—near or far.

it has come to a show-down

and here are the facts and figures in black and white. If you look for still further proof—it's right here in the store. Plenty of it. Enough to convince the hard to convince. Enough to put the stamp of truth on all that we have told you about what's here.

This list tells only of goods that are actually in stock, and for every item we print, there are a dozen that aren't mentioned. Only a visit will give you the right idea.

Watches Ladies' size \$8.00 to \$100.00 Gent's size, best gold filled with Elgin and Waltham \$10.00 and upward.	Cut Glass From \$1.50 to \$100.00. Now remember this is my beautiful store come and see.
Rings Here we handle nothing but solid gold and guaranteed by me. \$2.50 to \$400.00 Solitary's.	Silverware Here I handle nothing but the best grades of Sterling and plate. Everything in Hollow and Flat ware.

And remember this space is for the address of the only first-class place to get the goods

A. S. Fonville,
The Jeweler.

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We Sell Lime, Cement, Brick.
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PHONE 28.

Uncle Sam's Pacific Fleet

Sixteen Big Battleships Which Will Steam Fifteen Thousand Miles to San Francisco—Santa Claus Will Come Aboard at Trinidad—Magdalena Bay Target Practice



MESS CALL ON THE LOUISIANA.

HATS off: The fleet is passing by. More than half way around the earth in sailing distance—about 15,000 miles—to reach a point 3,000 miles away by land, the most magnificent, the most formidable, the most effective of naval fleets sets sail from Hampton Roads, Virginia, for San Francisco. From the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the east to the west by way of the south, down the Atlantic coast, around Cape Horn, through Magellan strait and up the Pacific coast, these ships of war will plow their way through nearly 14,000 nautical knots of brine. From mid-December until mid-April the whole world will watch the progress of the sixteen mighty American battleships and their attendant lesser vessels. Every nation on the map of the globe will take a keen official interest in the news of the cruise. Intelligent citizens in every clime will follow the dispatches chronicling the onward career of the splendid squadrons. It is an important piece of world news.

In the United States naturally the cruise of this great fleet from the Atlantic to the Pacific will be of the highest interest to the average person. For

time there was some little friction with Japan on account of incidents in San Francisco. That matter was settled amicably, and now the big fleet goes forward with such significance as industrial and commercial conditions may give it.

Under the command of Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans this grandest assembly of American ships that ever plowed the seas is going around the tip end of South America and up through the blue brine of the Pacific to resuscitate and rejuvenate San Francisco.

The sixteen battleships which, with the necessary colliers, supply ships, repair ships and other auxiliaries to an extended cruise, constitute this fleet are as follows:

	Tonnage	Guns	Speed
Connecticut	17,900	24	18
Louisiana	17,900	24	18
Minnesota	17,650	24	18
Vermont	17,650	24	18
Kansas	17,650	24	18
Virginia	15,320	24	19
Georgia	15,320	24	19
New Jersey	15,320	24	19
Rhode Island	15,320	24	19
Maine	13,500	20	18
Missouri	13,500	20	18
Ohio	13,500	20	18
Alabama	11,560	18	17
Illinois	11,560	18	17
Kearsarge	11,540	22	16
Kentucky	11,540	22	16

[Guns of secondary battery not given.]

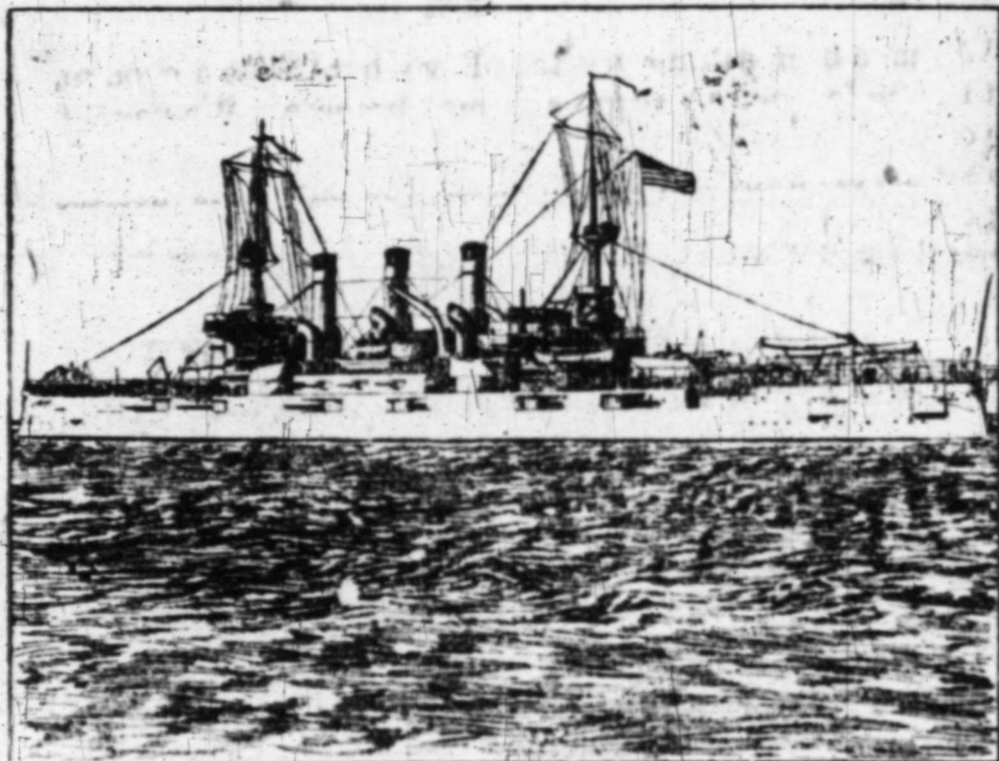
According to the itinerary mapped out, the ships must travel 14,722 knots

to reach San Francisco bay. This is equivalent to more than 15,000 miles. The naval authorities figure that 115 days will elapse between the time of starting and the time of arrival at destination, but that only sixty-three days will be devoted to actual sailing. The rest of the time will be spent in port en route and at target practice. It is the intention of the navy department to give the crews much practice at the

days' respite from cruising will be had in that harbor; then comes a stretch of 3,012 knots to Magdalena bay, on the west coast of Lower California, which is a peninsula belonging to the republic of Mexico. At Magdalena bay a considerable period will be spent in gun practice. The Mexican government has granted the United States the privilege of using this fine bay, an ocean inlet forty miles long and protected with reefs of sands, so that the water is always placid, as a coaling and practice station for a period of three years.

From Magdalena bay to San Francisco bay, where the ships will drop anchor at the end of their voyage, the distance is about 1,000 knots. It is believed that, barring accidents and other untoward circumstances, the ships will ride triumphantly through the Golden Gate and anchor in the bay on April 10.

While the disposition of the fleet after arrival in San Francisco bay is not definitely indicated, it is safe to assume that the big battleships will do more or less cruising up and down the Pacific coast. It is quite probable that considerable time will be spent in the Puget sound harbors, such as those at Seattle and Tacoma. It may be that a cruise to Honolulu will be included.



THE BATTLESHIP CONNECTICUT, FLAGSHIP OF REAR ADMIRAL ROBLEY D. EVANS.

Six months we have been talking about this proposed movement of warships. For six months Uncle Sam has been making preparations for the voyage. Some citizens have acquiesced with enthusiasm in the plans of the navy department. Others have objected to the cruise on various grounds. Some have looked upon it as a valuable "demonstration" in view of possible Japanese hostilities. Others have commended the plan merely as a matter of exercising our ships and seamen, just to show what they can do when they try. Still others have hinted that it is nobody's business outside of America what we do with our own naval equipment so long as we keep the peace. Opponents of the cruise have held that it is a needless waste of money, while a few of them seem to regard the movement as something akin to the shaking of a red rag in the face of a bull.

Very probably those who hold that it is nobody's business but Uncle Sam's are close to the mark. The United States has two long coast lines to defend, separated by 3,000 miles of land. Until the acquisition of Hawaii, Guam and the Philippines our Pacific coast was relatively unimportant in a naval sense. United States ownership of those islands increased the importance of Pacific coast naval patrol. Japan's growing military and naval prowess further enhanced this importance.

We have no desire to fight England or France, yet we keep the Atlantic coast constantly guarded by powerful fleets. The movement of a great fleet to Pacific waters is but a natural consequence of changed conditions. Secretary of the Navy Meyer remarked some months ago when this movement was under consideration that it had "practically no significance from a military standpoint." At that



ROUTE OF THE FLEET AND DISTANCES. big and little guns under the best conditions possible. There will be five stops on the long trip, where the ships will anchor and many members of the crews will enjoy shore leave.

From Hampton Roads to Trinidad, the first port where the fleet will pause, the distance is 1,780 knots. The sailors will spend Christmas at Trinidad, leaving there about three days afterward for Rio de Janeiro, 2,900 knots distant. About Jan. 10 the ships will anchor in the harbor of the Brazilian metropolis, remaining a week. Punta Arenas, in the strait of Magellan, is 2,220 knots farther along. The fleet will spend the closing week of January in that port. Callao, the next stopping point, is 2,850 knots away. According to the schedule mapped out, the fleet should reach Callao on Feb. 13. Six

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while not generally included in the season's festivities, is nevertheless a most important factor in household economy. An up-to-date bath room and lavatory is no longer to be considered an expensive luxury. Improved methods of manufacture have greatly reduced their cost. A Christmas present to your family will be thoroughly appreciated by all.

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YOURS TO PLEASE,

W. E. Skeen

NO DECEPTION

Was Practiced By the Lawton Bachelors, Says Johnson.

"It is an entire surprise to me," stated Robert Johnson of this city, who was formerly secretary of the Randlett Bachelor Club, when discussing this morning the fact that girls from eastern cities had been led to come to Randlett for the purpose of marrying members of the club and upon arriving had found that their supposed husbands were only fictitious characters in the minds of the clubmen, thus giving rise to a demand for investigation through Federal authorities from the incensed citizens of Temple, upon whom has devolved the duty of sending some of the girls back to their eastern homes.

"This business of making arrangements for marriage with the girls under fictitious names was certainly not the intention of the leaders of the club and any of those letters which may have been written from there must have come from some man, without the knowledge of the other members, who did it simply as a joke—not expecting any such results.

"It is true that hundreds of letters were received by the club in answer to articles which appeared in eastern papers. These were divided among the forty members of the club, the fellows taking those which they thought would interest them in further correspondence, but it was the intention of the clubmen to negotiate in good faith—and several of them have already secured wives by this means.

"I think the matter will bear investigation, however, for I am certain that no general tactics of this nature were followed."—Lawton Democrat.

Bring in Your Letters to Santa Claus. The Times will publish its next installment of letters to Santa Claus on next Thursday in the daily and on Friday in the weekly. To insure publication the letters should reach the Times office not later than Wednesday night.

Remember that any of the little folks are welcome to address letters to Santa Claus in care of the Times, and the paper will undertake to see that the letters reach him safely.

Last week the Times published a nice lot of letters to old Santa, and this week we want to publish even more letters than we did last.

Strictly Cash.

On account of the financial stringency, we are compelled to put our business on a cash basis. We positively will not sell feed or coal to any person without the cash either before or upon delivery of goods. Customers will please govern themselves accordingly. 180-ft WICHITA GRAIN & COAL CO.

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

LONG STAPLE AT CHILDRESS.

First Bale Ever Raised in Childress County Brought to Market.

Childress Index.
Last Friday D. A. McMinn sold the first bale of long staple cotton ever raised in this county. The cotton was grown on the farm of R. D. Moore, northeast of the city, upon which Mr. McMinn is a renter. He had in one and two-thirds acres of the cotton and the bale weighed 380 pounds. The bale was purchased by J. J. Addington at 12½ cents per pound. The staple measured 1½ inches, but as the gin was not in shape to gin long staple cotton the staple was cut up badly, which made the grade low. The seed from the bale amounted to 28 bushels valued at \$3 per bushel. The Index understands a farmer in the Tell neighborhood has two acres of the same kind of cotton, but we have been unable to learn how it turned out, if it has been sold.

More About the Clarendon Bank.

The Citizens' Bank this morning made an assignment, naming A. J. Journey as assignee and the doors of the institution are closed for the present. Mr. Journey says that the preliminary statement shows that the bank has assets of more than \$11,000 in excess of its liabilities, and the reason for the assignment was an inability to realize on securities on account of the recent financial panic.

W. H. Cooke, president of the bank, has been in the banking business in Clarendon for almost a lifetime, and has the entire confidence of our people. That the bank will finally pay every dollar of its indebtedness is firmly believed by all. He has turned over everything he possesses to the assignee, who hopes to close the matter up as speedily as possible, and to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. The creditors of the bank should lose no time in getting together and adopting plans to co-operate fully with the assignee, and thus give the bank a chance to get on its feet.—Clarendon Banner-Stockman.

The Kell City Mail.

The postmaster at Wichita Falls requests that the citizens of Kell City hereafter instruct their correspondents to use the following address: "Kell City, Okla., via Wichita Falls, Texas." This will insure prompt delivery. Letters addressed to box 418 no longer goes, and its continuation is causing no end of trouble at the head of navigation on the Big Wichita.—Kell City Enterprise.

In fancy box candies there is none better than the celebrated Huyler's or Lowney's. T. B. Noble's is the only place they can be obtained. 176-1t

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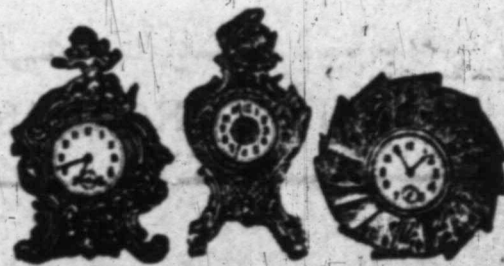
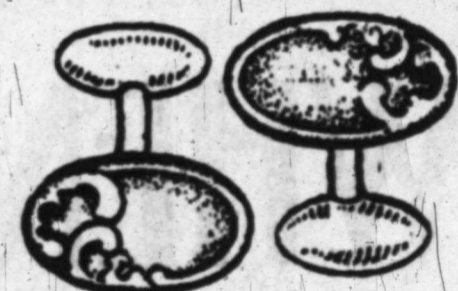
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Are we going to remember our Sister, Mother, Father, Brother or Sweetheart with a nice present? Everyone wants to make someone glad. We have the GLAD GOODS and would be glad to sell you something to make someone glad.

COME AND SEE US---OUR PRICES ARE RIGHT!

ROBERTSON DRUG STORE

INDIANA AVENUE



PERSONAL MENTION

Judge Edgar Scurry left this afternoon for Henrietta on business.

Mrs. Mattie Bateman of Sunshine was transacting business in the city today.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Baker of Seymour were among the visitors in the city today.

Capt. J. B. Beard of Memphis was transacting business in the city today.

G. J. Handson, traveling representative for the Dallas News, was in the city today.

Mrs. Cooper Bradley of Quanah is in the city visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bradley.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Clark of Iowa Park were among the visitors in the city today.

S. T. Glass of Phoenix, Alabama, is in the city visiting his brother, J. T. Glass and family.

Mrs. C. W. Russell of Henrietta, who has been visiting friends in this city, returned home today.

Phy. Taylor, an enterprising citizen of Eschitt, Okla., was transacting business in the city today.

L. M. Webb of Bellevue was in the city today on his return home from his ranch in Archer county.

O. D. Green left this afternoon for Pottsboro to begin his work as agent for the Katy at that place.

S. T. Scalling, a prominent stockman and farmer of Dundee, was transacting business in the city today.

Messrs. S. Edwards and Lon Bennett, two prominent business men of Seymour, were here on business today.

E. D. Trevathan of Granger, Texas, is visiting his brother, S. E. Trevathan, and sister, Mrs. J. M. Bland, of this city.

Scurry Dean and his two little sons, who have been visiting Mr. Dean's parents near Petrolia, returned home today.

The friends of Mr. B. P. Hatcher will learn with regret that he is confined at home with a severe attack of rheumatism.

Miss Agnes Reid of Ennis arrived in the city this afternoon to visit her sister, Mrs. T. T. Reese, and brother, W. A. Reid.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Schwab and little daughter left this afternoon for Mount Pleasant to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Smith of Ellsberry, Missouri, arrived in the city this afternoon and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bradley.

Miss Lillian Green of Eschitt, Oklahoma, was in the city today en route to Mineral Wells to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Mr. Dave Ferrier, formerly of this city but now located at Anadarko, Oklahoma, was in the city today en route to Seymour on business.

Mrs. M. M. Murray and children, Masters Edwin, Matthew and Jack, have gone to spend the holidays with relatives at Palestine.

Mr. J. D. McPherson, who travels out of this city for the American Tobacco Company, came in yesterday to spend Sunday with his family.

Miss Eunice Mann, who has been attending school in Denton, arrived home yesterday in response to a telegram announcing the serious illness of her brother, John.

Dr. Bacon Saunders, Jr., of Fort Worth, after a two days' bird hunt with a party of Wichita friends, including Dr. Wade Walker and Mr. Tom Felder, returned to Fort Worth yesterday. The party report splendid success, having bagged in the neighborhood of fifty birds each day while out.

A Few Plain Facts.

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Our new pack Richelieu "Roly Poly" Red Plitted Cherries are here. Three cans for \$1.00. Try them.

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We Will Offer our Entire Stock of Clothing at

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\$30.00	Suits going at	-	-	-	-	\$20.00
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20.00	"	"	"	"	"	13.35
18.00	"	"	"	"	"	12.00
15.00	"	"	"	"	"	10.00
12.00	"	"	"	"	"	8.00
10.00	"	"	"	"	"	6.65

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Ladies, Attention.

Be sure to call before Christmas and get your present, as we have one for every lady who calls at our place of business. Sincerely your friends,
W. F. JOURDAN FURNITURE CO.
Indiana ave. and Eighth st., Wichita Falls, Texas. d&w-1f

A barrel of new pickles, small, crisp and sour. King & White. 178-1f

Christmas Candles.

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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

Attention, Parents.

Let us show you that a HOME INSTITUTION can give your boys or girls as good BUSINESS TRAINING as they could secure by attending school in a larger city. Don't spend your money on railroad fare; if you want the goods, we have them. WICHITA COMMERCIAL COLLEGE. 182-1f

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