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RUMORS UNFOUNDED

JAPANESE BATTLESHIPS AND TORPEDO FLOTILLA ARE IN HOME HARBORS.

AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT

is Made By Naval Minister, Who Says His Government Has No Intention of a Demonstration.

By Associated Press.
Tokio, Japan, Jan. 18.—Reports attributing to the Japanese Ministry designs to make a naval demonstration in connection with the visit of the American battleship's fleet to the Pacific are absolutely unfounded.

Vice Admiral Saoto, said today: "We have no secrets from the American government concerning the distribution of our fleet. In view of the sensational reports emanating from various quarters we desire to say to everyone that our battleships with one exception are now in their home station, either at Kure, Yokohama, or Sasebo and the entire flotilla of torpedo boats and submarines are at the same stations."

AUTO ACCIDENT FATAL.

Baltimore Hotel Man and His Wife Were Instantly Killed.

By Associated Press.
Baltimore, Md., Jan. 18.—George L. Billups, proprietor of Billups' hotel at Park Heights and Heywood avenue, were instantly killed today by being thrown from an auto at the Park Heights avenue and the Pimlico Road entrance to Druid Hill park. Leo H. Shaad, the owner of the automobile, who was driving the machine, was hurt internally, but his injuries are not fatal.

POPE IN BETTER HEALTH.

His Physician, However, Insists That He Continue His Rest.

By Associated Press.
Rome, Italy, Jan. 18.—Pope Pius X was visited this morning by his private physician, Dr. Posacchi, who found him in better health, but the physician insisted that the pope continue his rest.

Geo. Soule, who has been laid up with a severe attack of la grippe for the past three weeks, is now able to be at his place of business. During the time of his illness, Mr. Soule says he lost two of his best horses from road founder and one was stolen, but was recovered at a cost to him of \$25. He is one of the oldest liveries in Wichita Falls and has had several horses stolen from his stable, and this is the first instance where he has succeeded in getting one of them back. He is high in his praise of the present officers of this city and Clay county, who not only succeeded in recovering the stolen horse, but caught the thief, who is now in the Clay county jail.

TREASURER LOSES FEES.

Hillsboro Commissioners to Save County \$1,500 Yearly.

Hillsboro, Tex., Jan. 17.—At a special meeting held yesterday the commissioners court adopted an order to take effect Dec. 1, 1908, abolishing all commissions allowed the county treasurer except those to which that officer is entitled by law for receiving and disbursing the school funds of the county, which amounts to about \$500 per annum. It is claimed it will save the county about \$1,500 per annum.

Entertains at 500 and 42.
Mrs. Herbert M. Hughes entertained quite a crowd of young society people and some older ones at 500 and 42, at their beautiful home, 1418 Tenth street, from 8 to 11 o'clock yesterday evening. Dainty refreshments were served. Those present were Misses Mary Anderson, Sibyl Kemp, Dora Miller, Luella Brooks, Frankie Lynght, Ethel Cobb, Mrs. and Mrs. T. B. Greenwood, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Felder, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Huff, Mrs. Darnell, Mr. W. H. Walker, Messrs. Ralph Darnell, Dr. W. H. Walker, Mark Walker, Dr. W. H. Felder, Chas. Malton and John Boyd.

Today's Live Stock Market

Special to the Times.
Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 18.—There was the usual Saturday light ran of stock in the yards today.

The cattle receipts were 450 head, the prices holding generally steady under a slow trading.

Beef Steers—The receipts were three loads of common stock. The market was steady, with tops selling at \$3.55.

Butcher Cows—Receipts, 250. The demand was slow and the market steady. Tops sold at \$3.25.

Calves—Receipts, two carloads. No choice stock was on the market and the market was lower. Tops sold at \$1.50.

Hogs—Receipts were 1,700, making the total for the week 16,000. Poor quality East Texas offerings sold at \$3.60. The best Oklahoma stock was five cents lower, the best price being \$4.35.

Criminal Cases Next Week.

The criminal docket will be taken up in the district court Monday. The first case set for trial was that of G. H. Fisher, charged with rape. The jury will be selected from a special venire of fifty talesmen.

HARVESTER COMPANY FINED.

Kansas Judge Imposes Penalty on the International Harvester Company.

By Associated Press.
Topeka, Kan., Jan. 18.—Judge Dana in the Shawnee county district court here today assessed a fine of \$12,600 against the International Harvester Company, which the court found guilty on forty-three counts for violating the Kansas anti-trust laws. The maximum fine that can be imposed is \$1000 a count and the minimum is \$100 a count.

Shipwrecked Sailors Rescued.

Special to the Times.
Galveston, Tex., Jan. 18.—Eleven of the shipwrecked crew of the Spanish bark San Jose, from Apalachicola for Barcelona, were brought here today by the Morgan line steamer El Valle from New York. They were picked up on Monday two hundred miles off the American coast. Two of the crew were drowned, one of whom was named Stewart.

Will Ask Co-Operation.

Special to the Times.
Austin, Tex., Jan. 18.—State Health Officer Brumby announced today that he would make all county and city health boards auxiliaries to the state board in order to gather vital statistics.

Federal Court at Amarillo.

Washington, Jan. 17.—The Judiciary Committee reported favorably this morning Mr. Stephens' bill to establish a Federal court at Amarillo. The bill is the same as the Culbertson bill, which passed the senate last week.

PASSENGER RAN INTO OPEN SWITCH

Southbound Fort Worth and Denver passenger No. 8, which arrived here at about 2:30 o'clock this morning, ran into an open switch while coming into the city and crashed into a string of cars on the siding near the freight depot. A caboose and two box cars were bumped off the track and the fireman on the passenger locomotive was slightly injured in jumping from his cab. All the passengers were shaken from their seats, but fortunately none of them were injured.

No damage was done to the passenger train and it proceeded to Fort Worth after a short delay.

The Sick.

Mrs. M. G. Scoville and little baby, both of whom have been very ill for the past week, are reported as some better today.

Mrs. T. H. Cardin, who has been confined to her room for the past week or more, is convalescing.

A \$15 cloak or suit for \$7.50. W. E. Skiles.

WALSH FOUND GUILTY

UNLESS GRANTED A NEW TRIAL CHICAGO BANKER MUST GO TO PRISON.

MISUSED BANKS FUNDS

Found Guilty on Thirty-Two Counts. Must Serve Five Years in Prison. Motion for New Trial.

By Associated Press.
Chicago, Ill., Jan. 18.—John S. Walsh, president of the defunct Chicago National Bank, was today found guilty of misappropriation of the funds of that institution. The jury reached an agreement shortly after 3 o'clock this morning, but the verdict was not announced until after the court convened at 10 o'clock this morning.

The penalty under the law for the crime for which Walsh is convicted is imprisonment for a period of not less than five years, and the law does not permit the substitution of a fine for the prison term.

Walsh was found guilty on fifty-four counts. The original indictment contained 193 counts. Demurrers were sustained to twenty-two counts, which left 150 open, upon which the jurors were required to pass.

Walsh was present in the court room and received the verdict with little show of emotion. On the other hand, one of the jurors, Elbert Palmer, of Harvard, Ill., burst into tears as he took his seat in the jury box.

The defendant's attorneys immediately filed a motion for a new trial and Judge Anderson set the hearing of the arguments on the motion for January 28th. Walsh was allowed his liberty under a bond of \$50,000.

Mr. Walsh was president of the defunct bank, which was closed over a year ago, and borrowed large sums from the institution on collateral that did not reach in value the sums borrowed. He used the money principally in the building up of the Southern Indiana railroad and in the development of mining properties.

TO AID WESTERN UNION.

Attorney Spoons is at Austin to Fight Suit to Oust Telegraph Company.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 18.—General Attorney Spoons of the Fort Worth and Denver road is here today in behalf of the Western Union Telegraph Company in connection with the suit to oust that company from the State for failure to take out a permit to do business in Texas. The suit begins Monday in the district court.

SUES ROAD FOR \$24,000.

Comanche Attorney Says Fort Worth and Rio Grande Sights Service.
Comanche, Tex., Jan. 17.—The county attorney has instituted suit against the Fort Worth and Rio Grande Railway Company in the district court of Comanche county, for \$24,000 damages, as penalties for alleged failure to keep its depots open, lighted and warm.

DALLAS TO USE BERTILLION SYSTEM.

Police Department Orders Paraphernalia for Taking an Accurate Measurement of Criminals.
Dallas, Tex., Jan. 17.—Commissioner Harry L. Seay yesterday ordered the paraphernalia necessary for the installation of the Bertillion system of keeping a record of criminals for the benefit of the police department in Dallas. Mr. Seay said it was intended to have a man who understands the taking of measurements and it is expected that Captain W. H. Forsythe, United States secret service agent, will give the local officers some instruction in the matter.

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URGE FARMERS TO GROW MORE CORN.

Texas Association at Terrell Hears Diversification Talks.

Terrell, Tex., Jan. 17.—The State Corn Grower's Association met in this city yesterday. The session was called to order by the president, Thos. A. McGalliard of Garza.

Ed. R. Bumpas of this city delivered the welcome address, in which he bespoke much good results from the meeting and its influence on those in attendance, as well as the local community.

Prof. J. H. Connell of Dallas responded to the welcome address.

The president, Mr. Gaillard, in his annual address said he had long ago adopted the policy of "living at home and boarding at the same house." He said he believed diversification was the best policy. Farmers should understand their business like business and professional men. Many farmers do not appreciate the value of scientific farming, but they will learn gradually to profit by it. He declared that the boys and girls could be induced to stay on the farm if farming was made more dignified and they were made to see its beauty. He emphasized the value of agricultural journals and urged the farmers to read them.

A committee on premiums was named as follows: C. H. Alvord, J. W. Hornbeak and E. M. Ferguson.

Committee on judges—Professor C. H. Alvord, Professor Carter and a third judge to be selected.

W. B. Yerks of Farmersville addressed the association briefly. He said the only class who could afford to raise cotton were those who have children whose educational interests could be neglected; the corn crop is more valuable than the cotton; if 5,000,000 acres of cotton be eliminated, the remainder of the acreage will yield as much money. "Then why not put in more corn?" he asked.

J. H. Garrett, vice president of the Corn Grower's Association, delivered an address on "Farmers' Experience." He said native grown seed were better than northern seed for this country and would yield better. He urged that the fertility of the soil be kept up. He discussed the importance of farmers' congresses and their branches, the Seed Breeder's Association, the Swine Breeder's Association and kindred organizations.

The Christian Church.

Bible School at 9:45 a. m., subject, "The Church during the 2nd and 3rd Centuries. Junior Christian Endeavor meets at 3:00 p. m.; Senior Christian Endeavor at 6:00 p. m.; Sermon at 7:00 p. m., subject "Keeping the Heart."

All are cordially invited to worship with us. Strangers and visitors made welcome. "Come and we will do the good." A. J. BUSH, Pastor.

GRAND JURY WILL MAKE INVESTIGATION

Special to the Times.

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 18.—District Judge Nells will deliver a special charge to the grand jury next week regarding the failure of the Western Bank and Trust Company of this city. It is claimed that deposits were received when the officials knew the bank was in a failing condition, which is a violation of the criminal statutes of the State. Prosecution of prominent citizens will follow, it is said.

SON USES AXE TO KILL OWN FATHER.

Murderer and Wife Flee, But Are Taken Before Night By Mooreville Police.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 18.—A special from Davidson, N. C., says Ezekiel Geigerich, a farmer over 60 years old, was killed with an axe by his son, Dave near here yesterday. Young Geigerich fled, accompanied by his wife, but both were arrested near Mooreville, N. C., tonight. The killing followed an altercation this morning in regard to a crime.

MIRACULOUS ESCAPE

FIFTY MINERS ENTOMBED BY EXPLOSION ESCAPE THROUGH UNUSED OPENING.

SOBBED LIKE CHILDREN

Strong and Rough Men Break Down After Their Terrifying Experience.

By Associated Press.

Monongahela, Penn., Jan. 18.—Miraculously escaping death by suffocation or suffocation or being blown to pieces by an explosion, forty miners employed in the Catsburg mine of the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal and Coke Company, made their way through the dark headings of the mine for a distance of seven miles this morning and finally reached open air.

Their faces were blackened and their clothes were torn, and all were severely bruised from stumbling in the flight for safety. Their experience is probably the most frightful a body of miners ever had and escape ally.

When the men reached the surface at 2 a. m. today the majority of them were sobbing like children. An explosion had closed up the main entrance of the mine and the miners escaped through a long unused opening. In several places the passageway to this opening was partially closed and the miners experienced great difficulty in removing the obstacles from their path.

The fans which circulated the air, though the mines had been stopped by the explosion and the miners were in serious danger of death from suffocation.

A MYSTERIOUS MURDER.

Body of Woman Found on Back Porch of Tenement House.

By Associated Press.

Frankfort, Ind., Jan. 18.—The body of Mrs. Samuel Dukes, aged 45 years, was found early today on the back porch of one of her tenement houses five blocks from her residence. When the body was found the shoes were off. Three handkerchiefs were tied over the eyes and by her side lay a revolver. A great deal of mystery surrounds the case. Mrs. Dukes is a widow.

\$200,000 FIRE LOSS.

Fire of Mysterious Origin Destroys Tobacco Warehouse at Janesville.

By Associated Press.

Janesville, Wis., Jan. 18.—The fire which totally destroyed the Julius Marquize warehouse today caused a loss of between \$160,000 and \$200,000 by the burning of tobacco which was stored in cases. The fire was of mysterious origin.

SHOE COMPANY ASSIGNS.

The James Donovan Company's Assets are Placed at \$300,000.

By Associated Press.
Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 18.—The James Donovan Company, the shoe manufacturers of Everett, Mass., have assigned for the benefit of their creditors. The company's assets are placed at \$300,000 and the liabilities at \$150,000.

WILL GO TO DENVER

To Urge Action to Give Grazers More Public Domain.

Special to the Times.
Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 18.—A delegation of sixteen representatives of the Texas Cattle Raisers' Association arrived here from over the State today and tonight will leave for Denver to attend the convention of the National Live Stock Association. President Ike T. Pryor of San Antonio will head the delegation and the party will include Secretary H. E. Crowley, Attorney Sam Cowan, Pat Paffraih of Fort Worth, also J. B. Dendinger of Dallas and J. H. Wilson of Quanah, Texas. They will urge action to give the grazers more public domain.

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A BURGLAR'S STORY.

Told by an English Thief in the Language of Thieves.

Some time ago there appeared a somewhat curious book, "The Autobiography of a Thief in Thieves' Language." A glossary is provided for the benefit of those whose unfortunate ignorance of the predatory classes may render such aid necessary.

From one of the anecdotes related it appears that honor among thieves is not always to be found.

"One day," says the writer, "I went to Croydon and touched for a red toy (gold watch) and red tackle (gold chain) with a large locket. So I took the rattler home at once. When I got into Shoreditch I met one or two of the mob, who said: 'Hallo! Been out today? Did you touch?'"

"So I said 'Usher' (yes). So I took them in, and we all got canon. When I went to the fence he bested (cheated) me because I was drunk and only gave £8 10s. for the lot. So the next day I went to him, and I asked him if he was not a-going to grease my duke (put money into my hand).

"So he said 'No.' Then he said, 'I will give you another half a quid,' and said, 'Do anybody, but mind they don't do you.'"

"So I thought to myself, 'All right, my lad, you will find me as good as my master,' and left him. Some time after that affair with the fence one of the mob said to me:

"I have got a place cut and dried. Will you come and do it?"

"So I said: 'Yes. What tools will you want?'"

"And he said, 'We shall want some twirls and the stick (crowbar), and bring a Needle (life preserver) with you.' And he said, 'Now don't stick me up (disappoint); meet me at 6 to-night.'"

"At 6 I was at the meet (trysting place), and while waiting for my pal I had my daisies cleaned, and I piped the fence that bested me go along with his old woman (wife) and his two kids (children), so I thought of his own words, 'Do anybody, but mind they don't do you.'"

"He was going to the Lyceum theater, so when my pal came up I told him all about it. So we went; and screwed (stole into) his place and got thirty-two quid and a toy and tackle which he had bought on the crook (dishonestly). A day or two after this I met the fence who I'd done, so he said to me, 'We have met at last.'"

"So I said, 'Well, what of that?'"

"So he said, 'What do you want to do me for?'"

"So I said, 'You must remember you done me, and when I spoke to you about it you said, "Do anybody, but mind they don't do you." That shut him up.'—London Tit-Bits.

The Ruins.

First Visitor—Most interesting country round about here. Have you seen the ruins? Second Visitor (who has just paid his bill)—Yes; I suppose you mean the guests leaving this hotel.—London Answers.

Same Old Reason.

"I've played the polkas to my grief year in, year out, day after day."

"Then why do you keep at it?"

"Well, I've got a good thing for tomorrow."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Why Dried Fruits are Often Better Than Fresh Fruits

Did you ever stop to think that the Fresh California Fruits you buy in the summer are all picked when green? You see they would not keep if picked ripe and then shipped. Because they are picked green the flavor is not fully developed and being separated from the sap of the tree it never does fully develop. The best Dried Peaches are picked only when ripe and then by evaporation the water only is removed leaving all that delicate flavor in the Peach. That's why a good Dried Peach like our California stock is often of a better flavor than the Fresh Peach. We offer as follows:

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SOLE AGENTS

Jan. 18 In History:

1782—Daniel Webster born at Salisbury, N. H.; died 1852.

1838—Richard Yates, war governor of Illinois and afterward United States senator, born in Warsaw, Ky.; died 1873.

1871—King William of Prussia, crowned emperor of Germany at Versailles.

1906—Strike of the cotton mill operators at Fall River, Mass., which began July 25, 1904, settled through the mediation of Governor Douglas.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS:

Tonight and Tomorrow Morning.

Sun sets, 4:37; rises, 7:16. Moon rises, 1:06 p. m. Moon's age, 15 days. 5:54 p. m. moon at apogee, farthest from the earth.

8:48 a. m. moon in conjunction with Jupiter, passing 1¼ degrees south of the planet, from west to east; seen near tonight.

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now	\$13 85	\$6.00 11-4 Blankets	\$4 50
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\$12.50 Overcoats	\$3 95	now	\$9 85
now		14.00 Ladies' Coats	\$9 85
\$5.00 Overcoats		now	\$6 95
		9.00 Misses Coats	\$6 95
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FESTIVAL OF THE DEAD.

Eskimos Provide Food and Clothes For Returning Ghosts.

The natives of the Yukon river region hold a festival of the dead every year shortly before Christmas and a greater festival at intervals of several years. At these seasons food, drink and clothes are provided for the returning ghosts in the clubhouse of the village, which is illuminated for the occasion with oil lamps. Every man or woman who wishes to honor a dead friend sets up a lamp on a stand in front of the place which the dead one used to occupy in the clubhouse. These lamps, filled with seal oil, are kept burning day and night until the festival is over. They are believed to light the shades on their return to their old home and back again to the land of the dead. If any one fails to put up a lamp in the clubhouse and to keep it burning, the shade whom he or she desires to honor could not find its way to the place and so would miss the feast. When a person has been much disliked his ghost is sometimes purposely ignored, and that is deemed the severest punishment that could be inflicted upon him. After the songs of invitation to the dead have been sung the givers of the feast take a small portion of food from every dish and cast it down as an offering to the shades. Then each pours a little water on the floor so that it runs through the cracks. In this way they believed the spiritual essence of all the food and water is conveyed to the souls. With songs and dances the feast comes to an end and the ghosts are dismissed to their own place. The dancers dance, not only in the clubhouse, but also at the graves and on the ice if the dead met their deaths by drowning. On the eve of the festival the nearest male relative goes to the grave and summons the ghost by planting there a small model of a seal spear or of a wooden dish, according as the dead was a man or a woman. The totems of the dead are marked on these implements. The dead who have none to make offerings to them are believed to suffer great destitution; hence the Eskimos fear to die without leaving behind them some one who will sacrifice to their spirit, and childless people generally adopt children lest their shades be forgotten at the festivals.—New York Tribune.

A QUEER TREE

The Tumbo is a Monstrosity of the African Desert.

The mature tumbo is a tree with a trunk about two feet long, shaped much like an inverted cone. Almost all the trunk is below the surface of the ground, the visible part rarely exceeding a few inches. But the remarkable feature of the stem is that it is often fourteen feet in circumference and becomes more or less a two lobed image. The stem looks more like a great mass of "the burned crust of a loaf of bread," to quote Dr. Weiwitsch's letter, than the trunk of a tree. The underground portion becomes greatly elongated, and its continuation is the top root of the plant. This goes down several feet in its effort to get the few drops of water that the arid conditions of the country permit.

There are never more than two leaves after the seed leaves drop off, and very curious leaves they are. Starting from a groove on opposite sides of the depressed mass, they stand straight out on both sides of the plant. They are often six feet long and two feet wide and usually split into ribbons that undulate over the ground in a way strikingly suggestive of the tentacles of an octopus. With its great ugly body and its tentacle-like leaves it is no wonder that it has been the most remarkable plant novelty of the last century. The flowers are borne in scarlet cones on a cymose inflorescence coming from the crown of the trunk.

Tumbo bainesii belongs to the joint fir family, or gnetaceae, and is known only from Portuguese West Africa to Dainaraland. This is a region that seldom gets any rain, and desert conditions prevail almost completely, except for the sea fogs. The tumbo is thus a desert plant par excellence, and it is only by a close approximation of these very arid conditions that we can cultivate it.—New York Botanic Garden.

Question of Nationality.

An Englishman, a Frenchman and a German sitting together in the smoking room of an ocean liner, the conversation turned on their nationality, and one of them asked what each of the three would choose to be if he were not of his own nation. The Frenchman said, "If I were not a Frenchman, I would be an Englishman." The Englishman said, "If I were not an Englishman, I would wish to be one." The German said, "If I were not a German I would wish not to be a German."—Carl Peters in Deutsche Monatschrift.

On Yawning.

I have come to the conclusion that if a man yawns and you don't want to yawn, too, the only way to prevent it is to blow your nose. A man of my acquaintance boasts that he can set a whole railway carriage full of people yawning by merely taking time over it himself, and I believe he can.—Fry's

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To suit you; and can give you

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Hair cutting, 35c
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Shampoo, 35c
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Store

I desire to announce to the public that I am now engaged in the Grocery business, and have just stocked my store with as complete a line of high grade groceries as can be bought, and know that I am in a position to sell them at just as reasonable prices as other dealers. I most respectfully solicit a fair share of your patronage, promising in return the best service and reliable groceries for the least money.

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Ohio Avenue, One Door South of Majestic Theatre Wichita Falls, - Texas.

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Steam and Hot Water Heating estimates made free. All kinds of Plumbing repairing done by practical plumbers. We also carry in stock the Eclipse and the Roberts natural stone germ proof Filters. Located at city hall building 'Phone 306.

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Give some thought to your next year's advertising. For the growth of your store will depend largely on the plans you adopt. You should—if you want to be successful—begin to be enthusiastic about the manner of advertising. Make it a study from the first to the end of the year. In the large cities, a man with a handsome salary spends all his time in the advertising department. Why do not the merchants of the smaller cities, whose business is just as important to them, spend a little thought on the subject themselves? It will pay.—Hereford Brand.

Office Boy's Little Coup.

The office boy in a downtown office has framed up the following schedule of the firm's office hours, which is displayed in a prominent place on the wall: "9-10 reserved for book agents and people with various things to sell 10-11 for insurance agents, 11-12 hours with long stories, 1-2 solicitors for church and charitable institutions, 2-3 discuss sporting news with callers, 3-5 miscellaneous social visitors. N. B.—We transact our own business a night."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

KERR & HURSH

Hardware.



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are those who are provided with plenty of high-grade coal for their furnace, stove or fireplace. Winter has no terror for those who have their bins filled with good, clean anthracite from the Wichita Ice Company's yards.

WICHITA ICE COMPANY,
Phone No. 6. P. C. Maricle, Mgr.

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E. D. Donnell, City Editor.

Wichita Falls, Texas, Jan. 18th, 1908.

IRRESPONSIBILITY AND LAW

No doubt with a view of the... trial, a New York publisher announces what he calls "one of the most startling books ever issued from our press." It is the latest French expert view of the semi-insane and the semi-irresponsible. The part of it which is expected to startle the public into buying announces that the semi-insane may be highly intellectual. As they may show themselves so highly intellectual even in their least lucid intervals as to excite admiration and become leaders of the less lucid, the object of the book is to find a method of subjecting all together to some system of expert regulation, enforced by Government, which will reduce their number from generation to generation, until at last some country, expertly regulated, may reach a condition of comparative sanity and responsibility.

No one is likely to be startled after this to find on examining merely his table of contents that this distinguished expert himself has nearly all the symptoms of high and irresponsible intellectual activity in its least lucid form.

As this point, where all seems to be lost, it appears plainly that everything is gained by coming back to original common sense developing from times ancient as when it was taken for granted that foolishness, original sin, barbarism, primitive habits or something equally objectionable under any name must be kept in check until it can be decreased by education in an increasing number of people, who then become civilized and responsible.

The purpose of the courts is to force the semi-irresponsible and the irresponsible to answer for results. To be compelled to answer for results when

they are wrong and injurious to others is a prominent responsibility as law works in any country to force an accounting for every irresponsible and injurious act, law makes the country and its people responsible. It works toward that end now in this country, it is also working to increase the number of those who know the danger, to themselves as well as to others, of irresponsibility in all its forms.—St. Louis Republic.

So far as the Times is aware, Wichita county has no candidate for legislative honors. This is to be regretted. Wichita Falls is the largest town in this legislative district and the second largest in the senatorial district, yet when it comes to selecting candidates for these positions, Wichita Falls does not seem to cut much figure. Amarillo has the senator, Vernon the congressman and Quanah the representative in the lower house of the legislature. Wichita Falls is entitled to and should receive some recognition in the distribution of these legislative offices, and probably could secure one of them, at least, were the proper effort made.

As is well known the law known as the "Jim Crow Law" will go into effect in Oklahoma in February. Oklahoma is a neighboring State to Kansas, and Kansas negroes think themselves as good as Kansas white people, and are making an effort to induce the Oklahoma negroes to the point where they will resist the law and insist on riding in coaches with white people. They will probably succeed in getting a few poor misguided negroes to do this, and the results will be watched with interest by Texas people.

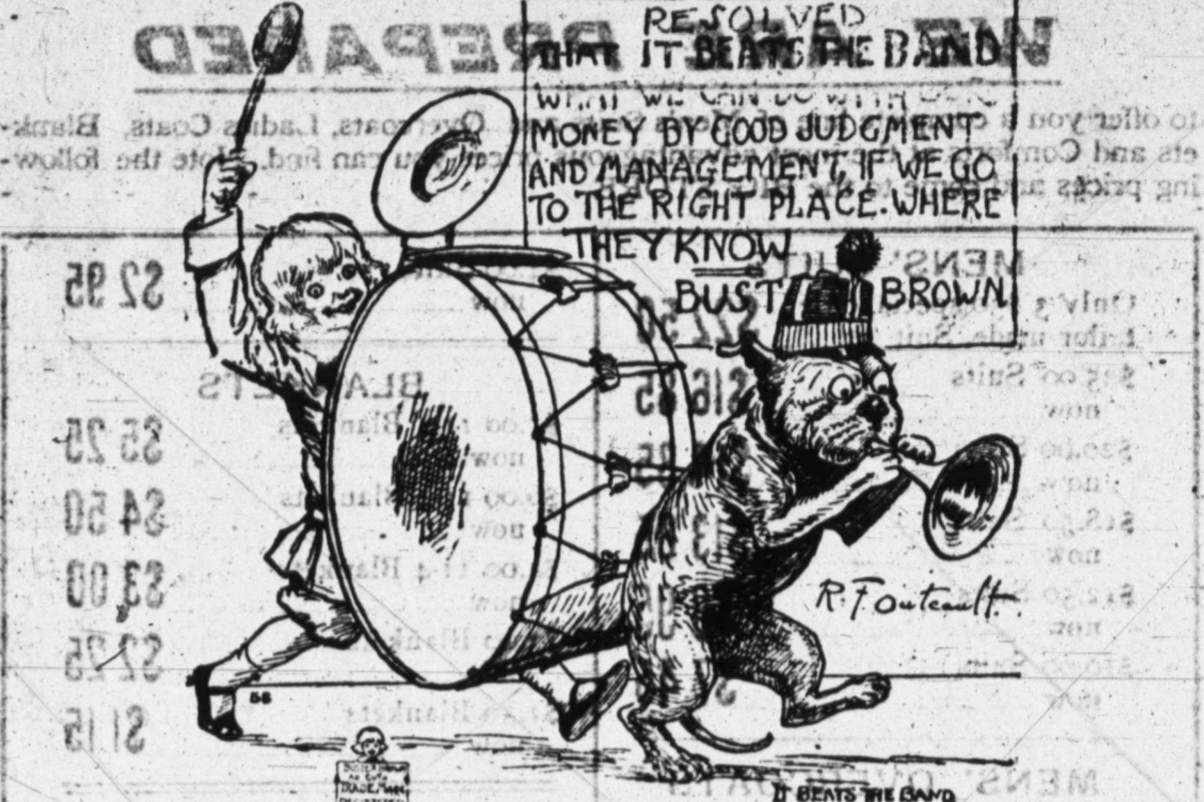
The sudden death of Mr. Wolf, the traveling salesman, at Dallas last Sunday removes from earth one of William Jennings Bryan's doubles. His facial and physical resemblance to the great commoner were very remarkable and when greeted as "Mr. Bryan" was always ready to humor the joke, even to the extent of making a speech, and his vocal organs, as well as his facial and physical expressions, enabled him to imitate Mr. Bryan. His death is deeply deplored.

Smith & Winsett are dyeing fast at 707 1/2 Indiana avenue. They make it pay by dyeing every day. 113-4

\$20 cloaks for \$10. W. E. Skeen.

P. H. PENNINGTON CO.

Cold Weather Necessities at Warm Weather Prices



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WHY DOES ONE PLACE BECOME THE RIGHT PLACE? THAT IS SIMPLE: BECAUSE AT THAT PLACE THEY TREAT PEOPLE RIGHT. HOW? BY GIVING GOOD GOODS FOR THE MONEY THEY GET. THE GOODS WE SELL ARE GOOD, BETTER BEST—NEVER TRASH. WHATEVER PRICE WE MAY CHARGE YOU, YOU MAY DEPEND UPON IT THAT YOU WILL AT LEAST GET SOMETHING GOOD. YOU CAN NO MORE AFFORD TO WEAR POOR APPAREL THAN WE CAN AFFORD TO SELL THEM. IF WE SELL POOR GOODS IT WILL HURT OUR REPUTATION; IF YOU WEAR POOR GOODS IT WILL HURT YOUR REPUTATION. DID YOU EVER THINK ABOUT THE VALUE OF WHAT OTHERS THINK OF YOU?

ROCK & DUKE

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Tues. Jan. 21
Crawford's Peerless Rural
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UNCLE ZEKE

18 PEOPLE - IN 4 ACTS - 18 PEOPLE.
Augmented by Concert Band, Symphony Orchestra and Quartette.

SEE—The two Parades and Concert, The Hay-seed Band at the Fair, The Country Supper Scene, The Proposal Scenes and many other comical and sensational features. MORE—Special Scenery and Electrical Effects, Fun, Pathos, Every Day Life, Costumes and Stage details than any other Rural Company in existence.



In brief, this is the way the Oklahoma law for the guarantee of deposits in State banks is to work: There are in the new State four hundred and sixty-five State banks, with individual deposits of seventeen million dollars. These banks will pay over to the State bank commissioner one per cent of their deposits, amounting to about \$170,000, and this is to constitute the guarantee fund. No further assessments are to be levied, except on new banks that will take out charters, until this guarantee fund is exhausted through the failure of banks. The guarantee fund is to be loaned out at interest, and it is contended that losses caused by failures, judging the future from the past, will nearly if not quite be met by the interest which is to be drawn from the guarantee fund. There can be but little if any objections to a banking law of this kind, and Texas will do well to adopt one just like it.

It is a very noticeable fact that the towns which are making rapid strides these days are the ones which have organized bodies to take the lead and keep things moving. Wichita Falls is one of the towns that can lay claim to as fine and wide-awake set of business men as any town can boast of, and when they get together something good for the town is always accomplished.

A Shower Wedding.
"And you say when the heiress became the wife of the foreign nobleman it was a shower wedding?"
"I should say so. The bride wore a shower bouquet."
"Yes."
"And then there was a shower of rice."
"My?"
"Followed by a shower of congratulations and old shoes."
"Well, well! And how did it end up?"
"Very embarrassing all round. The nobleman's creditors came around and presented a shower of bills."—Kansas City Independent.

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is one of our good points. We do not repudiate figures on estimates, and we follow every detail closely. We do only work of the very highest class, and we charge only reasonable prices for first class work. We find that this policy pays us. You'll find it will pay you to have us do your work.
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—Till you get our figures on both—
CONCRETE and LUMBER
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A Happy New Year to You All

Let us make you happy by furnishing your home with the best goods at right prices. You make us smile by buying these goods from us. We appreciate the splendid business you have given us during the old year that has just past peacefully away and we hope for a continuance of same.

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J. S. Mayfield Lumber Co.

BUILDING MATERIAL

Let us Figure on Your Bill

HAVE YOU INSURED

your household goods, dwellings, etc. since coming to town? NO! Well there is little gained by carrying the risk yourself when we will carry it for you at a low rate. Companies the best. Ring us up and our representative will do the rest.

ANDERSON & PATTERSON

INSURANCE
REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS
PHONE NO. 87 SEVENTH ST.

READY FOR BUSINESS

We now have our station completed, and a complete stock of Lubricating Oils and carry an exceptionally high grade burning oils and gasoline. Ask your grocer for Safety Light Oil, which insures a bright light without smoke and is odorless. We are here to stay and want a share of your business.

Independent Oil Company
TELEPHONE 436.

WANT ADS.

FOR RENT—Nicely furnished room. Address care Times. 212-34

WANTED—Dressmaking and sewing at reasonable prices at 410 N. Burnett street. 208-61

FOR SALE—A good Remington typewriter in first class shape. Wm. Joseph. 210-31

FOR RENT—A 3 room house, by R. M. Miller, 2 blocks north of the court house. 113-31

FOR RENT—Nice, large unfurnished rooms. Wichita Commercial College. 206-61

FOR RENT—25x80 foot business house. Address "Z." care of Times. 209-11

FOR SALE—Cord wood, 4-foot length. Hackberry, \$4.75 per cord, delivered. Phone 365. 210-51

FOR RENT—To reliable person who is able to furnish himself, two hundred acres of cultivated land three miles southwest of town. Good buildings, plenty of good water. Address N. C. McIntyre, Wichita Falls, or call on him at farm. 206-81

Jan. 19 In History.

1543—Birth of Copernicus, the astronomer.

1728—William Congreve, dramatist, died in London; born 1678.

1785—James Watt, inventor of steam engine, born at Greenock, Scotland; died 1819.

1807—Robert Edward Lee, Wm. Congress, general, born in Stratford, Westchester county, Va.; died 1870.

1809—Edgar Allan Poe, author, born in Boston; died 1849.

1898—Isaac Disraeli, father of Lord Beaconsfield and author of "Curiosities of Literature," died, born 1792.

1897—Coronation of Mohammed Ali Mirza as shah of Persia.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS
Tonight and Tomorrow Morning.
Sun sets 4:58; rises 7:15. Moon rises 4:02 p. m.; Moon's age, 14 days.

Notice.
Those indebted to me will please call at my place of business and pay up, as I must have the money.
213-11 GEO. A. SOULE, Liveryman.

CHEAP HEATERS

On account of the mild winter we have too many Heaters on hand.

The Wilson Wood Heater 30	regular price \$7.50, now	\$5.00
Wilson Wood Heater 30 regu-	lar \$8.50, now	\$5.75
Wilson Coal Heater 112, regu-	lar price \$14.00, now	\$8.50
No. 13 Hornet, regular price	\$9.50, now	\$6.50

I SELL IT ALL FOR LESS

J. L. MAXWELL

Cotton Seed Meal and Hulls

Our Mill is now in operation and we are prepared to furnish the trade with Meal, Hulls and Cracked Cake in any quantities. We also offer Lint in four pound rolls for ginning purposes at 25c per roll. Terms—Strictly Cash. Positively no credit to anyone. Save delay by sending money with the driver. We solicit business and will be pleased to quote prices.

Wichita Cotton Oil Co.

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Pure Water

These Days is an Item Worth Considering.

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.

We Know How.

Better SEE US About it.

Farmers Bank & Trust Co.

Capital \$75,000

You are entitled to absolute safety and efficient service in the transaction of your banking business.

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
Wichita Falls, Texas.

5 CARS 5 PANIC SALE

The Chance of Your Life to Buy a Piano at Factory Cost Plus Freight, Stool and Scarf

Begins SATURDAY, JANUARY 18th
At 9:30 A. M.

We bought for our holiday trade over 5 cars pianos and owing to the panic were unable to dispose of them, now they

MUST GO REGARDLESS OF PROFIT

This is not a lot of cheap commercial pianos but a stock of strictly high grade goods only, namely, Bush & Lane, J. & C. Fischer, Hallett & Davis, Krell-French, M. Schulz, Walworth, Lagonda's and Werner's. Prices will range from \$150 up. Not a stencil piano in the house. All styles and woods. Any terms desired.

Sheet Music 5c per copy while it lasts.

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AND PIANO COMPANY

Wichita Falls, Texas

Get The Habit

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Store

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SIX NEW VIEWS OF WICHITA FALLS PRICE 2 FOR 5 CENTS

Look over the lines we have. Many styles to select from and the price is cut in half. W. E. Skoen. 198-4f \$40 lady's suit or coat only \$20. W. E. Skoen. 198-4f

Subscribe for the Times!

Iowa Park Items.

Special to the Times. Iowa Park, Tex., Jan 17.—The Iowa Park band assisted by several young ladies gave an entertainment at Electric Friday night.

Robert Abernathy, who had an operation for appendicitis some months ago, was taken back to Fort Worth this week by his parents, and it is feared another operation will be necessary.

Wednesday morning, the baby boy of Mr. and Mrs. Clement died after a short illness, and was buried that afternoon.

They have the sympathy of their many friends in their great loss.

The band has purchased gasoline lamps for the school auditorium. These were greatly needed and are highly appreciated.

Miss Bessie Hamilton of Beaver Creek who is attending school here, has been sick for several weeks.

For the first time since the holidays, the Pricilla club met at the home of the president, Mrs. Allman. The ladies surprised their president with a handkerchief shower in appreciation of her services to the club.

Plans for the improvement of the club were discussed, and it was decided to begin the collection of a library at once. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Lee Clark; vice-president, Mrs. A. Windle, secretary; Mrs. Wm. Ferguson, treasurer; Mrs. Jno. T. Overby; librarian, Mrs. Moore.

Mrs. John P. Bell is reported sick this week.

Mrs. Judge Kennedy is suffering from a severe cold in the head.

J. T. G. Creed and wife who have

been visiting in Parker and Ellis counties stopped here for a short stay with their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dowlan. They left Friday afternoon for their home in Moore county.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. Turner died here Thursday. The sympathy of the community is extended the bereaved ones.

Geo. Butcher, son of Andy Butcher was kicked by a horse and painfully hurt. Seven stitches were taken in dressing the wound, which is just under the eye.

Overby Bros. have dissolved partnership, W. W. Overby continuing in the general merchandise business, and J. T. Overby taking complete charge of the lumber yard, implements and vehicles.

Wm. Ferguson and childrap have been sick for several days.

Rev. A. J. Bush of Wichita Falls, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Clark Wednesday night of last week.

Mr. J. C. Ralston has accepted a position with Hines Bros.

W. D. Anderson of Lancaster, Texas, was in town this week on life insurance business.

I have opened a one-chair barber shop on Indiana avenue and will try and do your work satisfactorily; anything but a bath. T. M. Sims, next door to Robertson's drug store. 211-3t

When you get tired of your collars breaking, remember the Sherman Steam Laundry, the best in the State. Headquarters next door to St. Charles restaurant. Allen Brandenburg, agent. Phone 503. 211-3t

\$410 cloak for \$5.00. W. E. Skoen.

WE ARE AGENTS FOR THE JOHN DEERE AND ROCK ISLAND Farming Implements

And have a full supply of these goods. They are the best and most reliable Implements manufactured and we invite you to call and inspect them. As to price and durability, we guarantee satisfaction. We also have a full line of

BUILDERS HARDWARE

Tinware, Queensware, Graniteware, Etc. Also handle the Pittsburg Perfect Hog Wire Fencing.

Heaters and Cook Stoves

You can find what you want in this line of goods. We have them in all sizes and they are all reliable goods.

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718 INDIANA AVENUE WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS

GREAT JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE!

AT W. B. McCLURKAN COMPANY

Beginning Saturday Morning and Continuing
Through the Entire Next Week.

Our sales for the past year have been wonderfully far in excess of those of any previous year, but there are a number of winter articles that we must close out. **OUR NEW SPRING STOCK IS CLAMORING FOR ROOM.**

<p>Wraps and Coats</p> <p>Nothing so enhances a woman's beauty as a Coat well chosen. Ours share the most refined and superb idea in dress. Largely white evening Coats that were 40.00, now \$18 50</p> <p>Beautiful 25.00 Coats in black and new shade brown for \$12 50</p> <p>15.00 Coats for \$7.50</p> <p>The greatest value for the least money ever offered, shown in the city.</p>	<p>Special Sale on Ladies' Underwear</p> <p>Ladies' medium weight vest and pants 35c. at 20c</p> <p>Ladies' medium weight-vest and pants 50 and 65c at 37 1/2</p> <p>Misses Union Suits 35, at 22 1/2</p>	<p>Wool Blankets</p> <p>Winter has just set in. You will be glad to feel the warmth of a pair of our special priced blankets some of these cold nights. 11x14 beautiful wool blankets white or grey, with pink and blue borders. 9 50 were \$12.50 at</p> <p>11x14 White or Gray blankets, excellent values at 7.50 and 8.00 for 6 50</p> <p>11x14 Gray or white blankets worth \$4.50 for \$3 98</p>
<p>Heatherbloom Underskirts</p> <p>As an inducement we are showing a full line of Heatherbloom Underskirts; good the whole year around \$1 69 at</p> <p>Special Sale on Embroideries</p> <p>Watch our center counter—prices 3 1/4c and up. Look for the 12 1/4c assortment.</p>	<p>Novelties in Silk, Chiffon and Lace Waists</p> <p>Our selection of fancy Waists far surpasses any that we have ever been able to exhibit. In this year's styles there are many marked departures from the old ideas. New patterns and new styles. On Sale now 98c, 1.48, 1.98, 2.48.</p> <p>Women's and Children's Gloves</p> <p>Good wool gloves were 25c and 35c at 20</p> <p>Gloves that were 50c to 65c at 35</p>	<p>Men's Shoes.</p> <p>We call attention to our table of men's Shoes in the men's department. These run in odd numbers—some large and small; perhaps you will find your fit. Going at exactly Half Price.</p> <p>Long and Short Kimonas</p> <p>Made of beautiful flowered Flannelette, every color and every style. Beautiful 3.00 Kimonas for \$2.48</p> <p>75c Short Kimonas for 55</p>

TALK ON MEN'S CLOTHING

Most Men appropriate about so much for clothing. Some time they go beyond that limit, hardly ever below it. We are giving them a chance to come out ahead this time

Men's and Boys' Clothing, suits, overcoats and odd pants, winter weights only, for 33 1/4c less than original selling price

Men's ribbed and fleece lined underwear \$1.00 suits for 80c per suits, \$2.00 kind comb ribbed for \$1.65 per suit; \$2.50 wool Suits, fine garments, for \$1.75 per Suit

DON'T FORGET THE DATE—SATURDAY, JAN. 18 W. B. McCLURKAN COMPANY

THE STORE AHEAD

DON'T PAY RENT ALL YOUR LIFE

Buy your own home; do it now; instead of accumulating a handful of rent receipts at the end of the year. Apply your money to the purchase of a home and be independent.

THE WICHITA DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

Has just completed twenty-five modern cottages, of from four to five rooms each, situated from 6 to 8 blocks of the business portion of the city. For the purpose of further developing its property, the company has decided to offer for sale a number of its houses. The following is a list of the houses, with the prices asked for each:

Price List of Property Owned by The Wichita Development Co.

HOUSE NO.	NO.	STREET	PRICE	HOUSE NO.	NO.	STREET	PRICE
1	310	BURNETT ST.	\$1350.00	20	408	AUSTIN AVE	\$1250.00
2	312	Cor. 4th Bur.	1650.00	21	410		1250.00
3	400	Cor. 4th Bur.	1650.00	22	412	Cor. 4th Austin	1300.00
4	402		1400.00	23	500	Cor. 4th Austin	1500.00
5	404		1400.00	24	502		1250.00
6	406		1400.00	25	504		1250.00
7	410		1450.00				
8	412	Cor. 5th Bur.	1700.00				
9	500	Cor. 5th Bur.	1800.00				
10	504		1500.00				
11	508		1500.00				
12	511	with lot 8	1600.00				
13	507		1400.00				
14	505		1400.00				
15	503		1650.00				
16	501	Cor. 5th Bur.	1550.00				
17	413	Cor. 5th Bur.	1650.00				
18	411		1400.00				
19	409	7th	1500.00				

Vacant Lots

Lots No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Block No. 121,	Price each	\$250.00
Lot No. 4,	145,	350.00
Lot No. 10,	144,	300.00
Lots No. 4, 5, 6,	144,	200.00
All inside lots west half of blocks No. 121, 122, 145, each		200.00
Corner lots west side same blocks		250.00
Prices on other lots on application.		

These houses are extra well built and finished; large rooms, solid concrete foundations, all flues built from the ground, all screened, wired for electric lights, a small barn goes with every house, lots 50x150 feet, running back to the alley. Liberal terms given. Reasonable cash payment, balance on monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual payments at 8 per cent interest. There is no better town in which to invest than Wichita Falls, and no better property in the city than this; close in, free from dust, the best of soil, well drained, and the highest land of any part of the city lying in the valley. The telephone and electric light companies are now putting in their respective lines, and the water mains will be installed in a very short time. To see the property and for full particulars, call on,

BEAN & STONE, Agents

Office St. James Hotel Block

Telephone 63

DO NOT Neglect Your Faithful Horse and Cow

When they are sick. They need medicine same as yourself when sick. We carry an entire line of stock remedies in any quantity you want.

ROBERTSON'S DRUG STORE



"The Wichita Falls Route"
The Wichita Falls & Northwestern Ry System
The Wichita Falls & Southern Ry Co.
Time Card Effective Jan. 12th
To Frederick, Daily, Leave
Wichita Falls, 2:45 p. m.
From Frederick, Daily, arrive
Wichita Falls, 11:30 a. m.
To Archer City, Daily,
leave Wichita Falls, 3:00 a. m.
From Archer City, Daily,
arrive Wichita Falls, 10:30 p. m.
C. L. FONTAINE,
General Passenger Agent.

If you want good coffee buy one pound from King & White. You will want more. 211-47

A CELEBRATED HOAX.

Story of the Fortsas Catalogue and Its Author.

CLEVER AND BRAZEN FRAUD.

This Ingenious Publication Completely Fooled the Savants and Bibliophiles of Europe and Was the Literary Sensation of Its Day.

When P. T. Barnum cynically remarked that the American people loved to be fooled he might just as well have left out the adjective, for that Americans are much more gullible than natives of other lands can very readily be called into question by anybody at all familiar with the history of hoaxdom. I suppose that for pure effrontery and ingenious brazenness the Fortsas Catalogue stands in the front rank of deception. Yet this pamphlet was foisted not upon the American public, but upon the savants and bibliophiles of Europe—men skilled in the art of books and in the detection of forgery. So cleverly was this fraud conceived and executed that it deserves to stand in the front rank of any consideration, however brief, of clever deceptions.

The Fortsas Catalogue was published in 1840—a small book purporting to be the catalogue of the private library of a certain Count J. N. A. de Fortsas of Binche, in Belgium. Although the book consisted of but fourteen pages and listed only fifty-two titles, it stirred up a veritable tempest among the wise heads. The reason was not far to seek—not one of the books mentioned in the catalogue was to be found in any other library or publisher's list! They were all absolutely "sole surviving" copies of intensely interesting works. In the words of the catalogue itself, "the count pitilessly expelled from his shelves books for which he had paid their weight in gold—as soon as he learned that a work up to that time unknown had been mentioned in any catalogue." Each new research of learned investigators into the book lore of antiquity, it was claimed, "thinned still further the already decimated ranks of the count's sacred battalion." Weary of his tremendous

and self imposed task of collecting only unique specimens, the count was stated to have died on Sept. 1, 1839, and his library was now offered for sale. Apparently the fraudulent character of such master foolery was quite patent. Yet the high brows "bit" enthusiastically, and there resulted one of the most amusing incidents of the decade.

For instantly the learned book lovers were up in arms, each trying to outdo his rival and secure for himself the most precious of the treasures at the sale which was advertised. Orders poured in from all over Europe on the behalf of scholarly societies, libraries, royal families and literary epicures. One bookseller came all the way from Amsterdam just to see No. 75, the "Corpus Juris Civilis." The Princess de Ligne "for the honor of her family" ordered No. 48 at any price to suppress it on account of certain discreditable family episodes it was supposed to contain. Many other prominent persons and institutions clamored for a chance at the collection. "Men remembered having seen books that never existed," says William Shepard. "The foreman in Casteman's printing office at Tournay had distinct recollections of a bogus volume credited to his press."

Unfortunately the advertised sale never came off. On the 9th of August, the day before it was to have begun, the Brussels papers announced that the town of Binche had determined to keep the collection intact by purchasing it with public funds. The amusing part of this statement was that Binche was a most insignificant village, quite unable to purchase much of anything, let alone a universally desired library. Still, even that statement was believed.

The truth eventually transpired that the Count de Fortsas, his miraculous library and the catalogue were all the creations of an ingenious fellow named Rene Chajons, living in Belgium. His catalogue begot a rather extensive literature of its own, which has since been collected and published under the title "Documents et Particularites Historiques sur le Comte de Fortsas." A copy of the original catalogue now rests in the Congressional library at Washington.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

We are going to have some cold weather in January and February, so you had best take advantage of our cut price sale on cloaks and suits. W. E. SKEEN. 198-47

The price is cut half in two on ladies cloaks and suits. W. E. SKEEN. 198-47

Erwin & McIntire Groceries.

We have just received a new lot of Denver, Colorado Flour. Flour is advancing in price. Now is a good time to buy.

Erwin & McIntire Groceries.

Wall Paper, Picture Frames and Window Glass

WEIDMAN BROS., Agents, Sherwin-Williams Paint.

Next door to Postoffice, WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS

Hot and Cold Baths—Competent Workmen. Polite Attention—Prompt Service

Williams' Barber Shop

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1.00 Underwear at **.65**
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AT THE CHURCHES

First Presbyterian Church.

The usual services tomorrow at the First Presbyterian Church at 11:00 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. by the pastor, Rev. J. J. Dalton. Good music will be furnished. During the absence of the organist, Mrs. O. E. Maer, Miss Francis I sought will preside at the organ. Mr. Kreuger will sing at both services. Senior Christian Endeavor meets at 6:00 p. m.; Mr. Todd Speaker, president. All friends and strangers will be welcome to any or all of these services.

The Episcopal Church.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Lamar avenue and Eighth street. Rector, Rev. Charles A. Eaton. The Second Sunday after Epiphany, 9:30 a. m. Sunday School; 11:00 a. m. morning prayer and sermon, subject, "Our Lord's First Miracle, and Lesson to be Drawn from It." (See gospel for the day.) 7:30 p. m. Evening prayer and sermon, subject, "Heavenly Business." The Woman's Guild of this Church will meet in regular session on next Monday at the Rectory at 3:00 p. m.

Tenth Street Methodist Church.

J. A. Stafford, pastor. Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Preaching 11:00 a. m.; "Don't Make Shipwreck of Good Faith." 3:00 p. m. Men's meeting; 4:00 p. m. Junior League; 6:00 p. m. Senior League; 7:30 p. m. "God is." Everybody invited.

Men's Meeting.

Men's meeting as usual at the Tenth Street Methodist Church tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Subject, "God's Citizenship," by J. A. Kemp, and others. A large attendance is desired.

Baptist Church.

Dr. J. F. Lane, of Atlanta, Ga., assistant corresponding secretary of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist convention will fill the pulpit at the First Baptist Church, both morning and evening tomorrow.

Ministers Association.

The Ministers conference will be held at the Baptist Church study Monday at 10:00 a. m. All ministers of the city and surrounding communities are invited to attend this conference.

A Circular Letter.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 11, 1907.
To the Pastors and Church Members of the North Texas Conference, M. E. Church South:

We, your Presiding Elders, assembled by mutual consent and prompted by an earnest desire to promote the work committed to us, after prayer and mutual counsel, make the following recommendations.

1st. As to church finances, that we deal as much as is possible with the whole body of the church in conference. That stewards, after counsel with the pastor, make assessments against the memberships to pay salaries, providing for a reasonable excess to cover contingencies. Then in church conference let the stewards state the needs and submit the individual assessments for acceptance. Urge prompt payments. Let each class have a church conference at least every three months and let every interest of the church be briefly and concisely represented. Let the steward's report be itemized.

We ask the pastors to see that the Missionary and Orphanage assessments be paid during the first quarter of the Conference year.

We desire, that as far as possible, the church be saved the strain of accumulated financial burdens at the close of the year.

2nd. We ask that, during the second quarter of the Conference year, a vigorous campaign be held in the interest of Christian education and that when advisable the annual offering for this cause be taken.

3rd. We recommend that in districts institutes be held in which the interest of the church shall be faithfully represented so that our people may be made acquainted with all the affairs of the church. In this connection we ask the co-operation of pastors and officials in the distribution of tracts and reading matter.

4th. We are heartily in favor of the "Laymen's Missionary Movement" and ask for them in their forward

movement for the world's evangelization the prayers and co-operation of the entire church.

5th. Conscious of our dependence upon the Holy Ghost and desiring to see a great Spiritual awakening throughout the bounds of our entire conference we pledge ourselves to make Friday before each quarterly a day of prayer and fasting, and we ask the pastors, in their respective charges, to ask this people to join them once a quarter, on Friday before Conference, in a day of fasting and prayer and that on these Friday nights when possible, that public services be held, with special reference to Spiritual help and equipment for the work to which God has called us.

We pledge ourselves on each fast day, to pray for each other by name and to ask God to bless our work, and we ask that each pastor on the quarterly fast day in his charge remember every other pastor in his district by name, and ask God's abundant blessings on the work of their hands.

With an earnest prayer that our Heavenly Father may abundantly bless our work this year, we acknowledge ourselves your servants for Christ's sake.

Jno. H. McLean,
Jno. H. McLean, O. S. Thomas, J. L. Morris, J. F. Alderson, J. F. Pierce, M. L. Hamilton, J. M. Sweeton, C. M. Harless, L. S. Barton, D. H. Aston
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J. A. STAFFORD, Pastor.
Tenth Street Methodist Church

First Methodist Episcopal Church.

At Court House. Sunday School at 9:45. We offer to the attendants of our school a good corps of teachers, and the best literature that is published.

Public worship, 11:00 a. m.—subject "Some Surprising Characteristics of Jesus Christ."

Public worship, 7:00 p. m.—Subject "The Great Problem and How to Solve It."

All are welcome.
R. E. FARLEY, Pastor.

Bring your buckets, jars and jugs and have them filled with pure ribbon cane syrup. Nothing better. King & White.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Attorney W. T. Allen of Henrietta was transacting business here today.

Sam Mayfield, civil engineer for the Fort Worth and Denver, is in the city.

J. A. Bryan, a prosperous farmer from Theraberry, was here today on business.

H. P. Davidson of Seymour was in the city today en route home from a business trip to Dallas.

Joe Huggins returned this afternoon from Childress, where he had been on business.

Mrs. A. F. Kerr and daughter, Miss Carrie, left this afternoon for Dumble to visit Dr. D. Meredith and family.

Miss Torbett, who is teaching school at Jolly, was shopping in the city today.

M. A. Wozzy, editor and proprietor of the Atcher Reporter, was transacting business in the city today.

Mrs. Nannie White returned this afternoon from Fort Worth, where she had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ben Robertson.

Miss Evelyn Rountree, accompanied by Miss Alta Davidson of Henrietta arrived in the city this afternoon. They are guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Rountree.

Mrs. Robert Kerr of Colorado Springs, Colo., who has been visiting relatives in Archer City, and Mrs. A. H. Carrigan of Wichita Falls, left this afternoon for her home, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. L. W. Hart.

Dr. J. F. Lane, assistant corresponding secretary of the home mission board of the Southern Baptist convention of Atlanta, Ga., is the guest of W. F. Fay pastor of the Baptist church, and will occupy the pulpit of that church tomorrow morning.

Leonard Baker, an enterprising young business man of Amarillo, passed through the city today en route to Austin, where he will be married to Miss Adeline Speegle of that city tomorrow. Both of these young people formerly lived in Wichita Falls and have many friends here who will wish them prosperity and happiness through life.

About Baldwin Pianos.
The Baldwin Piano Co., Cincinnati, O.
Gentlemen:—I beg you to make for my home in Dresden, one of your Baldwin Parlor Grand Pianos, of the style shown in the drawing which you have submitted to me for the price agreed on.

The admirable endurance of the piano which I have used for the past three seasons in my concert tours and their exquisite beauty of tone (a tone which blends so well with my voice) make me desire to have one of your beautiful instruments in my home.

With assurances of my high regard and good wishes for the success of your house, believe me, yours,
MARCELLA SEMBRICH.
New York, Feb. 28th, 1905.

My Dear Mr. Watson:—
I cannot any longer keep back my desire to rush to you and express my admiration for the Baldwin Concert Grand Piano, which you kindly sent for my recital at the Lyric Theatre in Cincinnati, October 11th, 1907.

I am completely overwhelmed by the perfect balance and evenness of its beautiful tone.

It is so fine that it is possible for me to express all the musical romanticisms, all the deepest secrets of my heart.

My expressions with the pen are too feeble. I can do it much better on the piano.


With expressions of esteem for you and the citizens of Cincinnati, who could make such a piano, so capable of expressing all the poetry of music, I am, my dear sir, yours very truly,
VLADIMIR DE PACHMANN.
Cincinnati, Oct. 15th, 1907.

The Baldwin piano is sold by the W. F. Jordan Furniture Co. A word to the wise is sufficient.

As Good as the Zoo.
"Will you come with me to the zoo this afternoon?"
"No, thank you; I would rather stay at home. My eldest daughter jumps like a wild goat, my youngest shrieks like a parrot, my son is as surly as a bear, my wife snaps like a dog, and my mother-in-law, who is a veritable tigress, says I am exactly like an orang outang. So, you see, I have no need to go to the zoo to see strange creatures."

A Difference.
Young Aspirant—Sir, may I count on your supporting me? Practical Citizen—That depends, young man. Are you going to run for office or do you want to marry my daughter?—Philadelphia Ledger.

He conquers twice who restrains himself in victory.—Syrus.



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A. R. Fain of Bainbridge, Georgia, who has been visiting her brother, J. G. Fain, of this city, returned to his home this afternoon. Mr. Fain will return to Wichita Falls about the latter part of March, at which time he and E. H. Ingram of this city, will engage exclusively in the shoe business.

If you want good coffee buy one pound from King & White. You will want more. 211-47

NOTICE.
There will be a school of instruction in the Chapter next week, commencing Monday, the 20th at 9 a. m. All Royal Arch Masons are earnestly requested to attend this school. L. H. LAWLER, High Priest. 113-21

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