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## DIVORCE MAKES NATION BETTER, DECLARES RABBI

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 19.—That the divorce courts of the United States are uplifting rather than degrading the nation, and that the old world would lose much of its moral rottenness if its laws for the severance of marriage bonds were more liberal, were assertions made yesterday by the Rev. Dr. Joseph Krauskopf, of the Temple Keneseth Israel.

Rabbi Krauskopf's address was based on the revelation recently made by the national census bureau on marriage and divorce—that one wedding in every twelve ends in a legal separation, and that three-fourths of those who seek severance of the marital ties are women.

The title of his address was "The Marring of the Marriage Bond." He called attention to the reports of the census bureau, which show that nearly two million husbands and wives have been separated within the last twenty years.

### Analyzes Causes.

While the figures of the census, Rabbi Krauskopf said, were saddening, he failed to find reason for utter disheartenment or for such predictions as those given by "the prophets of the ill."

"When I analyze the causes of unhappy marriages, when I note by whom for the most part, divorces are sought, to whom they are granted and for what cause, when I find that two-thirds of divorces are granted to wronged women, that wives find it more and more insufferable to continue yoked to husbands who have disgraced their manhood, who have violated the sanctity of womanhood, who have polluted the purity of the marital tie—when these facts I note I see the day coming when marriage will have a far different meaning from what it has now, when entrance to it will constitute a coveted privilege, not a convenience or speculation or diversion, when purity, not purse, will constitute the absolutely necessary prerequisite, when all the honor that is now demanded of woman will be demanded of man, when a lack of it in man will constitute as much of a bar to marriage or to continuance in it as a lack of it now constitutes a bar to woman.

### A Wife in Europe.

"The fewer divorces in European

countries are due principally to the fact that in a very large number of them the church as well as the law forbids divorce. A wife in these countries may suffer the agonies of hell, her husband may neglect her, starve her, abuse her, outrage her, dishonor her, he may be a drunkard, an idiot, a brute, a criminal, he may consort illicitly with a dozen other women—there is no help for it; she is yoked to him for life. She can escape only through the gateway of the grave.

"The American woman will not, cannot, condone moral depravity in her husband, in the father of her children. As pure as he wants her, so pure does she want him, or not at all. Her whole nature revolts against continuing in holy wedlock, in its full meaning, with a man whose every thought is vice, whose every breath is pollution, whose body is a sink of corruption, a whiled sepulchre."

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## WHEREABOUTS OF SMITH A MYSTERY

Lawton, Ok., Dec. 18.—Has June Smith, receiver of the Texas Supply company at Temple, been made the victim of the alleged murder compact revealed during the trial of T. C. Phillips, charged with complicity in the murder of Mrs. June Smith, which took place in the Big Pasture August 1st?

Four weeks ago Smith mysteriously disappeared from Temple. With the date of his disappearance is connected the fact that he withdrew from the First National bank of Temple \$10,000 of funds belonging to the creditors of the supply company.

Parmenter & Clark, attorneys for Smith, have no knowledge of his whereabouts. Neither has Merritt J. Glass, trustee, to whom the funds should have been delivered, nor R. J. Williams, a mortgagee of the supply company, who made application for the funds. Geo. D. Key, local attorney for the American Surety company that bonded Smith in the sum of \$5,000, today wired the company of Smith's disappearance.

Smith's wife was murdered on the night of August 1st, at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. M. Phillips, by Mr. Phillips, who, the next day, while being pressed by officers, blew out his own brains at the home of his brother, T. G. Phillips. The latter was arrested as an accomplice and placed in the county jail at Lawton. Before the trial Mrs. Phillips told of a compact she had heard made whereby Mr. and Mrs. Smith were to be murdered by the Phillips brothers.

Mrs. Phillips also revealed the identity of her brother-in-law, who had been known in Oklahoma under an assumed name and revealed the secret that he had committed a crime in Tennessee. He was later taken back to that State.

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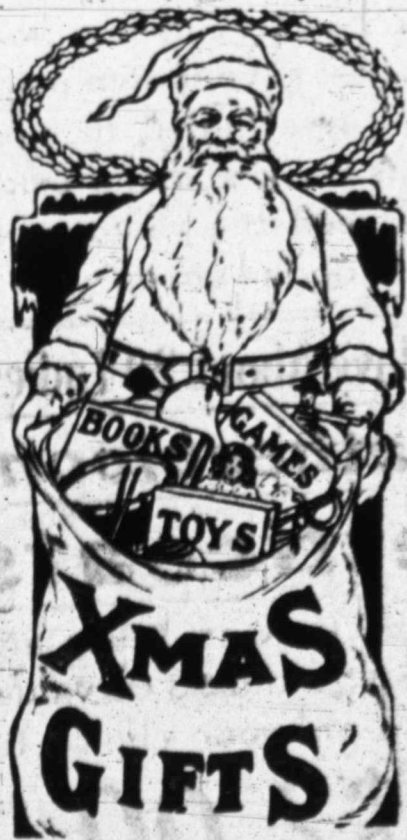
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### STANDARD PROTESTS.

**Proposed Review of Rebate Case Not Just "ed Under the Law."**  
 Washington, Dec. 19.—The Standard Oil company's brief in the proceedings of the United States government against that company on the charge of accepting rebates from the Chicago & Alton Railroad company, in which the federal district court for the Northern district of Illinois imposed a fine of \$29,240,000, was today filed in the supreme court of the United States. The case comes before the court on a petition by the government on a writ of certiorari bringing it up for review of the decision of the United States circuit court of appeals for the Seventh circuit, by which court the district court's decision was reversed. The brief antagonizes the petition, and this opposition is based principally on the ground that the law did not authorize a review by the supreme court on an application of the government on a judgment of the circuit court of appeals in a criminal case by which a writ of error, in which the defendant is sustained, is disposed of by reversing the judgment and sentence of the trial court.

It is contended that in a case of this character a writ of certiorari is equivalent to a writ of error, and that the policy of the law is against the review of a judgment in favor of the accused in a criminal case at the instance of the government.

Much of the brief is technical in character, but there are occasional passages which are apart from that characterization.

It is pointed out that 6 cents was the lawful rate on petroleum for all shipments from Chicago to East St. Louis except from the stations at East Chicago, Hammond, Ind.; Harbor and Whiting, or other suburban switching points in Indiana. From these points the government contends that the railroad was required to charge 18 cents per hundred, or three times the Chicago rate and that therefore, the Standard company, which shipped from the suburb of Whiting at the Chicago rate, was fined by the district court in the sum of \$29,990,000 for not shipping at and paying a prohibited rate of three times as much as the Chicago rate.

Continuing, the brief says: "Counsel as well as the trial court have overlooked the obvious consideration that the controlling purpose of the acts to regulate commerce is to promote and facilitate commerce and not to hamper or destroy it." If shipper were required to carry on business under such a rule as the government interprets the Elkins law as to diligence or the "equivalent of knowledge" at the risk of criminal prosecution and severe penalties, interstate commerce would be greatly restrained and diminished, if not destroyed.

Referring to the government's contention that the district court's assessment of penalties was in proper exercise of the personal discretion of its presiding judge, Mr. Landis, the brief declares that "this is a discovery which has been left to the learned counsel for the government to make at a very late date in the history of our jurisprudence."

This view that the trial judge exercised a personal power and discretion was apparently shared by the learned district judge himself, and the record and judgment of the trial court affords a striking demonstration of the wisdom of the rugged barons who wrested magna charta from King John and of our ancestors in imbedding its sanctions in the bill of rights in our constitution.

In conclusion it is urged that the granting of the writ would not be justified.

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Buy Christmas fireworks at Ralph Darnell's.  
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Something good—new krat. King & White. Phone 361.  
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### ERRATIC SCIENCE.

**Some Wonderful Answers by School-room Small Boys.**  
 "Mushrooms always grow in damp places, and so they look like umbrellas," wrote a small boy in the science examination. Other examples of the "howler" are compiled by a writer in the Scientific American.

"Air is the most necessary of all the elements. If there were no such thing as air I would not be writing this essay now, also there would be no pneumatic tires, which would be a sad loss."

"Electricity and lightning are of the same nature, the only difference being that lightning is often several miles in length, while electricity is only a few inches."

"Air usually has no weight, but found to weigh about fifteen pounds to a square inch."

"The axis of the earth is an imaginary line on which the earth is supposed to take its daily routine."

"The difference between air and water is that air can be made wetter, but water cannot."

"Gravity is chiefly noticeable in the autumn when the apples are falling from the trees."

"Things which are equal to each other are equal to anything else."

"A parallel straight line is one which if produced to meet itself does not meet."

"The blood is putrefied in the lungs by inspired air."

### TIPS IN SCOTLAND.

**An Example of How Some Servants Win Their Wages.**  
 A gentleman was invited to a shoot in Scotland at two places close together. He arrived at the first place, and immediately after his arrival, at the first house received a telegram calling him back to town. He, however, determined to have one day's shooting and to proceed to town by the night mail.

At the end of the day he gave the head keeper £1 and asked him to send his gun and cartridge bag over to the other place for which he had an invitation and where he proposed proceeding in three or four days' time.

On his arrival (here after his visit to town he found his gun, etc., had not arrived, whereupon he wrote to the keeper, asking him to forward it at once, and he received a reply stating that when he (the keeper) had received the other £1 to which he was "entitled" the gun would be forwarded. It was detained till payment was made.

The gentleman wrote to the keeper's master and received a reply that "he (the master) never interfered between his guests and his servants in the matter of tips." The gentleman ascertained that the master in question paid the keeper no wages, but left him to get what he could out of the guests.—London Times.

### Luck in Horseshoes.

The superstition about luck in horseshoes dates back too far for record, but it was not always confined to the horseshoe. Any piece of iron found in one's path was accounted a sign of good luck, and as horseshoes were more commonly picked up than any other article of that metal that particular object at last became the standard emblem of good fortune and the supposed defense against bad luck. In Aubrey's "Miscellanies," written 200 years ago, the author mentions having seen the horseshoe nailed up in a church, and he also says that "most of the houses in the west end of London have the horseshoe on the threshold."

The horseshoe to possess virtue must have been found, not purchased or looked up. Admiral Nelson had great faith in the luck of the horseshoe, and one was nailed to the mast of his ship, the Victory.—London Chronicle.

### One Thing He Could Not Have.

Although there was no sort of toy which could be bought and for which Harold had expressed a desire that was not in his possession, he still had his unsatisfied longings. "I know what I wish I was, mother," he said one day when his own big brother had gone away and the little boy across the street was ill.

"Yes, dear," said his mother. "Perhaps you can be H. Harold; mother will help you. Is it to play soldier?"

"No, indeed!" said Harold scornfully. "I just wish I was two little dogs, so I could play together."—Youth's Companion.

### Bouncing Betsey.

There is an old-fashioned flower called "Bouncing Betsey," which every one should love for one trait. We have noticed that it grows on all neglected grasses, as if trying to cover up the fact that some one who once lived is forgotten. It may also be found in corners of old-fashioned gardens where it grows and blooms and protests against being pushed out entirely. There are some dear old-fashioned people who suggest "Bouncing Betsey."—Athenian Globe.

### Her Latest Luxury.

"Young man," said the heavy father, "do you understand the style in which my daughter has been accustomed to live? She has always had every luxury she wanted." "And now I'm the luxury she wants," murmured the suitor.—London Globe.

### Time's Changes.

"Before we were married you said you'd lay down your life for me," she sobbed.

"I know it," he returned solemnly, "but this confounded fat is so thin there's no place to lay anything down."—Harper's Bazar.

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### CHRISTMAS RAFFLING IS NOW THREATENED.

About the only safe way for a man to avoid participating in a raffle during the few weeks preceding Christmas is to find a hole in some uninhabited spot, crawl into it and draw the hole in after him. From time as far back as the memory of man now on the stage of life goeth Christmas tide has brought with it some invisible something which tempts men to venture into games of chance. While there are thousands doubtless, who are not tempted, and other thousands who are tempted, but resist, there are still other thousands who venture to buck at games of chance during this particular season who abstain from all semblance of gambling at all times. The following from the Fort Worth Record indicates that the county attorney of Tarrant county will sound the death knell to Christmas raffling, if it is against the laws of the land, and he thinks it is:

"The ambiguity of Texas laws describing what is a raffle and what is a lottery, has led to complications. If the construction placed by County Attorney Roy upon the articles describing the elements of a lottery is correct, it will put a stop to one of the most lucrative practices, not only in Fort Worth, but in the State. It will put a stop to the selling of chances of any kind and on every article of value. Mr. Roy has announced that after the first of the year he will make a test case in the county court and if his contention is upheld, he will put a stop to the others in the business.

"Thousands of business houses all over the State are disposing of chances on articles which they have in stock. In many instances, paste boards, or placards are used, giving the names of the articles to be drawn and containing numbers concealed under small seals. The articles disposed of range from boxes of cigars to parlor suits.

"Business men who do care to enter into this method of disposing of goods, are complaining. County Attorney Roy was approached yesterday by a furniture man, who inquired about the legality of this business. He claimed that unless a stop was put to the others he would be forced to engage in it, also or lose a goodly portion of his trade.

"Others," he said "had as many as three and four boys out canvassing with tickets all day."

"It is estimated that one hundred business houses are engaged in this sort of practice alone. In construing article 375 of the Texas statutes the supreme court says:

"A raffle is a game of perfect chance in which every participant is equal with each other in proportion to his risk and prospect of gain. The prize is a common fund or that which is purchased by a common fund. The successful party takes the whole prize and all the rest lose. Any article of less value than \$500 is not a raffle."

"This last phrase is often printed on the top of placards where these chances are offered for sale. That is conclusive as to being without the purview of the law prohibiting raffles. Mr. Roy's contention rests upon the next succeeding articles, describing a lottery. Here is the supreme court's construction of that law:

"Every scheme for the distribution of prizes by chance is a lottery, and it matters not by what name such scheme may be known it comes within the meaning of this article. That every ticket holder receives something does not render a distribution of prizes of unequal value to the ticket holders any less a lottery than if they drew blanks. When not drawing prizes, a sale of boxes of candy, some of which contain money or a prize, the purchaser selecting in ignorance of contents, is a device in the nature of a lottery and is in violation of the preceding article."—Abilene Reporter.

Decorate your home with a holly wreath from Ralph Darnell's. 187-1f

The Cream Bakery has Christmas fruit cakes in all sizes. 188-1f

Automobile gloves, \$3.50 to \$5.00 at 189-6t WALSHE & CLASBEY.

### PRESIDENT NEILL'S ADDRESS.

Sends Christmas Greetings to Members of Farmers Union.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 21.—Christmas greetings to the people of Texas from the headquarters of the Farmers' Union are embodied in the following open letter which President Neill gave out Saturday night.

"I take pleasure in saying to the people of Texas, that the Farmers' Union is with all of you citizens, rejoicing in the good cheer of Christmas time. Our organization is in good shape, our membership is prosperous, and we have great hopes for the future. I have just had an interview with Malcolm Graham of Galveston, who has been on a trip to Oklahoma; he brings good news of the farmers in that great state. They are rapidly falling into line with Texas in adopting the Galveston plan. The truth is his plan of marketing cotton has appealed to the grain growers and the unions in Oklahoma have made arrangements with the elevators in Galveston to handle their grain also. It evidens our opportunities and places the Farmers' Union face to face with business conditions and the scientific operation of business principles. In fact, this arrangement in Galveston is a principle and in practical effect transcends merely the proposition of marketing cotton and grain in Oklahoma and Texas, its good effects, if properly applied, will uplift our whole system of business operations. I invite all our citizenship to studiously look into this great plan. It appeals to every man in every walk of life.

And right here, I want to urge upon our people to confer well any efforts that are made to interrupt the operations of the established selling agency in Texas. While in New Orleans at the late meeting there our people on the other side of the Mississippi frequently told me they were anxious to follow our plan as they were obtaining under same market prices much less for their cotton. In fact, the operations of this Galveston plan has stimulated competition among all the markets; it has aroused the local buyers; it has awakened the different cities and has developed splendid results for the producers of grain and cotton, and this effort of ours will lead our people to apply the good that's in our plan to the marketing of all kinds of products. I frankly say that the present cotton crop in Texas will be sold for \$10,000,000 more by reason of this competition which has directly come from the operation of the Galveston plan. Monday we held a conference with our people from all parts of the state. We expect great good from this conference. We propose to show the world that the Farmers' Union of Texas is taking the lead in progressive, scientific, safe and beneficial works, for the upbuilding of the farmers of our common country, which means good for our whole citizenship.

True, our enemies are at work against us; they never sleep. Eternal vigilance is the price we pay for the security we enjoy. They attack us in all sorts of ways; in ghastly guise they reproach us, offering honeyed compliments; again they storm us with abuse and curses, seeking to defame our names, to bring reproach upon our families and our dear ones. At times their insidious efforts take the form of attacks from within our ranks led on by misguided men of our own. We are awake to all this. It is cruel, but it is true that our most serious troubles arise from our own misguided, who are few indeed, yet backed by outside influences they cause us grave annoyance.

But we are firm in our faith, and we stand united in the cause of the Farmers' Union.  
D. J. NEILL,  
President.

### How to Get to the Oil Field.

Byers Sentinel.  
What on earth has happened to poor old Henrietta? Did she fall out of bed and wake up? (See late copy of the Fort Worth Telegram.) But what will the poor deluded mortal say that gets off the train there, thinking that he must feel his way around with great care, fearing that he might get lost in that great field of derricks, and finds that it will be necessary to take a half day's drive across the country over one of the worst roads in the State before he can hope to even get a glimpse of an oil derrick or see a gas well? Stick to the train, stranger, and come right on through to Byers, where you will find one of the best, up-to-date hotels in the State and from which place you can see sure enough derricks of wells where work is actually in operation and reach the center of the oil and gas field in less than three-quarters of an hour's drive.

Oleomargarine, twenty-five cents per pound. King & White. 178-1f.

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For fruit cakes go to the Cream Bakery. 188-1f

Christmas lies principally in the giving, not in the gift.

For good pies, use Empson's pumpkin. King & White have it. 178-1f.

### THE WORD "WINTER."

Said to Have Originally Indicated Wetness, Not Coldness.

There is a prevailing impression that there is something in the word "winter" that signifies cold, and the season is usually associated with the idea of low temperature, but where the word originated there was little of winter as we understand it, while there was a great deal of moisture at the time the earth was nearest to the sun, so that it is not the temperature but the atmospheric condition that has given us the word.

The word "winter," as we use it, is found with but slight modifications in all the branches of the Aryan languages, for the idea of wetness associated with the season was given by it before the Aryan family was divided.

If we go to the root of the word we find "wad," with the signification of to well, to wash out, to moisten or make wet. Our Aryan ancestors used that root to apply to all conditions of moisture, and many words besides winter have grown out of it, wet and water being among them.

This root "wad" is in the Sanskrit as "udaa," water. Anglo-Saxon has "wader," and in Latin we have "unda," wave, from which we get our "inundate."

Our Danish and Swedish cousins changed the "w" into a "v" and have "vinter." In Icelandic it is "vetir," and the old high German has "win-tar," and it is "winter" in German. These four words are all from the Teutonic base "wata," which means wet. So it has been moisture that has been indicated from the birth of the root on which all of the different words in a dozen languages have grown.—New York Herald.

### CURIOUS FLORIDA HERB.

Red Plant Which Feeds Upon Ants and Other Insects.

Almost everybody knows there are such things as insectivorous or carnivorous plants, but it is doubtful if many know we have any such plants growing right here in southern Florida. Nevertheless there is a plant, or, rather, herb, growing here which is really insectivorous.

It is likely that on account of its being extremely small it has escaped attention. In fact, it seems to have been overlooked by the botanists also, as we are unable to find it classed among the sensitive plants.

This is an annual herb, and the entire plant, including the flowers, is of a deep rich red color. It rarely reaches a height of more than three inches and is never so broad. The leaves are spatulate when undisturbed and present many small fibrillae and secrete at their tips a tenacious fluid which is capable of holding the very smallest insects, such as ants and the like, upon which it feeds. When any of these get lodged in the fluid and disturb those fibrillae the leaves slowly acquire a deep cut shape and sometimes curl completely up over their victim. When they have absorbed the insect they slowly recover their original shape, leaving only the skeleton of the insect remaining.

These plants grow on the very low, flat, poor and sandy lands. They appear in the late winter and early spring months.—Punta Gorda (Fla.) Herald.

### The Human Temperature.

Put to the test of the thermometer, it appears that the normal temperature of the body is almost invariable, regardless of latitude or season. Putting the bulb of the thermometer under the tongue of an Eskimo at the frozen north or of a man under the blazing sun of the tropics, we find that in each case, the body being in a state of health, the temperature is about the same, the difference not amounting to a degree. We may say absolutely that the average normal temperature of a human being is about 98.5 degrees F., just as we may say that at sea level water boils at 212 degrees F.—New York American.

### Put in More Words.

"Now, Peters," said the teacher, "what is it makes the water of the sea so salty?"

"Salt," said Peters.

"Next!" said the teacher. "What is it makes the water of the sea so salty?"

"The salty quality of the sea water," answered "Next," "is due to the admixture of a sufficient quantity of chloride of sodium to impart to the aqueous fluid with which it commingles a saline flavor, which is readily recognized by the organs of taste?"

"Right, Next," said the teacher. "Go up one!"

### Mutton Birds.

During six weeks every autumn the 400 inhabitants of the Australian Fur-seux islands make enough money to support themselves in idleness the rest of the year. They do this by catching the very fat young "mutton birds," which are hatched there in such numbers that the flocks when they migrate extend for miles. They furnish food and oil, which is used for lubricating purposes and also as a substitute for cod liver oil.

### Making Sure.

Country Cousin.—Are you sure I am in the right train? Town Relative (who has had about enough of it)—Well, I have asked seventeen porters and thirty-two passengers, and they all say "Yes," so I think you'd better risk it.—London Telegraph.

If thou continuest to take delight in idle argumentation thou mayest be qualified to combat with the sophists, but never know how to love with men.—Socrates.

# SLAUGHTER SALE!

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

W. E. SKEEN, Manager

# MILLINERY

We Are Going to Close Out  
this department *at once*.  
Come early before the stock  
is picked over and get your  
hat almost at your own price.  
We are determined to close  
out this stock at some price,  
for we need the room more  
than we do the goods . . .

We Have About 20 Ladies'  
*Heatherbloom  
Petticoats*

In Black, Browns, Blues and  
Reds \$2.50 and \$3.00 values  
to close at, your choice for

## \$2.00

# Nutt, Stevens & Hardeman.

Dry Goods Phone 198 Grocery Phones 232 and 432

### The Whole Store In Holiday Attire

Every department every counter, every shelf is radiating the gay spirit of Christmastide, all regular stocks have been re-inforced and great purchases of Holiday merchandise swell every section to overflowing. The store is a great Christmas Bazaar filled with gift

Things, Both Useful and Ornamental



## For 'Her'

For most men the problem suggested by this illustration is more perplexing than any task which confronts them during the year

But the Man Who Seeks Our Aid Can Say—Be Gone to Gift Problems



For the Lady of your choice, or for her Mother or Sister. No matter what their age, you will find here countless "Gifts"—things of special attractiveness to the beautiful heart and eye

### Your Gift Problem Can Be Solved

Here quickly, pleasantly, satisfactorily and at prices surprisingly low. We have a great assortment of Ladies', Men's, and Children's Handkerchiefs in plain, embroidered and initial, Mexican Drawn Work, Silk Head Scarfs, Furs, Kid Gloves, Dainty Ribbons, Baby Fur Sets, Fine Linen Towels, Table Linen, Napkins, Ladies' House Slippers, Silk Hosiery, Ladies' Bags, Purses and

Hundreds of Other Articles For Gifts

# EXTRA SPECIALS

Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, Dec. 19, 21, 22, 23, 24

<p><b>FURS.</b> Ten per cent off on our entire line of Furs.</p> <p><b>SILK HEAD SCARFS.</b> Fine Silk Head-Scarfs for Ladies, from \$1.15 to \$3.50</p> <p><b>EXTRA SPECIAL—LADIES' SUITS.</b> We will offer for Saturday and Monday your choice of our entire line of \$22.50, \$25.00, \$27.50 and \$35.00 Ladies' Suits for \$17.50 Our entire line of Ladies' \$15.00, \$17.50 and \$20.00 Suits, Saturday and Monday, only \$9.95</p> <p><b>LADIES' COATS AT SPECIAL PRICES.</b> \$15.00, \$16.50, \$18.00 and \$20.00 Coats only \$11.95 Saturday and Monday we will offer all \$15.00, \$16.50, \$18.00 and \$20.00 Coats for \$11.95</p>	<p>All \$9.00, \$10.00, \$11.50, \$12.50 and \$13.50 Coats only \$8.50</p> <p><b>MILLINERY AT CUT PRICES.</b> Saturday and Monday and all next week we will offer our entire line of Ladies' \$8.50, \$10.00, \$12.00 and \$15.00 Hats only \$4.98 Ladies' \$5.00, \$6.00 and \$7.50 Hats only \$3.35</p> <p><b>EXTRA SPECIAL.</b> Saturday and Monday, with every \$5.00 purchase we will</p> <p><b>GIVEN AWAY ABSOLUTELY FREE</b></p> <p>ONE Ladies' Fine All-Linen Embroidered Handkerchief with every \$5.00 purchase.</p>	<p><b>SKIRTS.</b> Saturday and Monday we will offer all \$11.00, \$12.50, \$13.50 and \$17.50 Skirts at \$9.90 All \$8.50, \$9.00 and \$10.00 Skirts \$6.95</p> <p><b>TABLE LINEN.</b> 75c Table Linen, only 59c 60c Table Linen, only 43c \$1.50 Table-Linen, only \$1.32</p> <p><b>LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S UNDERWEAR.</b> At Cut Prices for the Next Five Days. Our entire line of Ladies' 35c Vests and Pants only 25c Our entire line of Ladies' and Children's 65c Union</p>	<p>Suits and Vests only 48c \$1.00 Union Suits, only 79c</p> <p><b>LADIES' SHOES.</b> No. 25227—\$4.00 Dress Tan Boot, only \$2.00 No. 25222—\$3.50 Dress Button Shoe \$1.75 No. 25223—\$4.00 Dress Tan Shoe \$2.00 No. 75701—\$3.50 J. P. Smith Shoe \$1.75 All \$3.50 Ladies' Shoes \$2.95 All \$4.00 Ladies' Shoes \$3.48</p> <p>Beautiful-Imported Handkerchiefs for Men, Ladies and Children from 10c to \$5.00</p> <p>Ladies' beautiful "Onyx" Brand Hand-Embroidered Hose from 50c to \$6.00</p>
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**Orchard and Garden.**  
Farm and Ranch.  
When ready, plant hardy, early varieties.

Cheap seed often turn out very expensive in the end.

In packing apples, pack them as neatly according to size as possible.

The hot beds for tomatoes and cabbage should soon be ready and the seeds in hand for planting.

If you have any winter vegetables to sell now it is your own fault if you don't get good prices for them.

In order to get a good reputation put your name on your products and be sure they come up to the name.

The weather we have had so far should make everyone who did not have fall and winter vegetables feel ashamed.

Why pay your hard-earned cash for trees that turn out to be something other than bought for? Buy from reliable nurseriesmen.

Prepare land as soon as possible for the home garden. A good garden does much to reduce living expenses on the farm.

When you plant your Irish potato crop don't fail to use your barnyard manure freely. If the supply fails

**A Hot Time for Baby.**  
Byers Sentinel.  
A young man with his wife and one baby were driving through the country one day last week in a covered wagon. The baby had been put to sleep and placed in the rear of the wagon and the sheet fastened down behind the spring seat. When they reached a point near E. W. Grogan's place the baby set up a loud wail and upon investigation the parents found that the quilts upon which the baby was lying were afire and they made all possible haste to get the youngster out. The baby escaped with a few slight burns, but the burning quilts were thrown out on the grass and caused quite a fire to spring up and excitement ran high for a few minutes, but the fire was put out before any serious damage was done.

The Cream Bakery has just received a large lot of choice apples for the Christmas trade, which will be sold by the box. Call and examine them. 191-1f

In renewing his subscription to the Weekly Times for another year, Mr. Thomas O. Springer writes from Compton, Los Angeles county, California, as follows: "I am pleased to note that Wichita Falls has improved very materially since I left there nearly three years ago, and I hope it will continue to prosper." Mr. Springer formerly resided at or near Thornberry and has many friends in this country who will be glad to know that he is enjoying good health and a reasonably fair share of prosperity in his new home.

**Gifts for Christmas.**  
The newest and the best at the most reasonable prices.  
186-6t E. S. MORRIS & CO.

The Farm and Ranch says: "Nearly every man living is an advertiser. He may not buy space in the newspapers, but his advertisement appears somewhere. A well kept home is one kind of an advertisement a sauging gate is another." How do you advertise?

**How About Xmas Coal?**  
The genuine Osage McAlester and Colorado coals at Maricle Coal Co. Phone 437. Stonecipher stand 190-6t

The worst dishonesty is honesty for policy's sake.

Phone or write Frank T. Jenne for home-made ribbon cane syrup, also for country lard, hams, and sausage. 191-1f

Have you seen the holly wreaths at Ralph Darnell's? 187-1f

## WANT ADS.

WANTED—Clean rags at the Times office. 3c per pound. 173-1f

FOR SALE—I have for sale 145 head of nice fat turkeys.—Clark Fowler. 187-1f

FOR SALE—A \$30 Edison graphophone and twenty-five records for \$20. Phone 520. 190-31p

WANTED—Girl to take care of two children. Apply to Mrs. Edie at St. James hotel. 190-3tc

FOR SALE—Last edition of Encyclopedia Britannica, 25 volumes, for \$25. P. O. Box 416. 189-31p

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms for light housekeeping. 911 Tenth street. 189-1j

WANTED—Fancy sewing by experienced dressmaker, at 1405 Austin avenue. Phone 208. 189-31p

FOR SALE—Residence lots; \$10 cash and \$10 per month, or if you pay all cash will loan you money to build. N. Henderson. 150-4f

WANTED—Dressmaking by thoroughly experienced dressmaker from the East. Address M. R. care general delivery. 192-3p

FOR SALE—We are closing out all of our Edison Records at 25c each. We have one thousand.—Jackson Bros. D & W 1f

FOR SALE—A good farm. Will sell all or any part, from 40 acres up. Terms, part cash, balance secured by good security or city property. Inquire or address Mrs. E. S. Bigger. 187-1fc

WANTED—Sparks and Fatherree, the barbers, want their friends and patrons to know that they are now located two doors south of the postoffice, on Ohio Avenue, where they will give you a courteous welcome. 176-12c

LOST—About Nov. 13th, one pair of overshoes, one odd boot and a saddle blanket between Wichita Falls and Coleman's ranch. Finder will please leave same at Walsh & Clasbey's and receive liberal reward. F. T. Forest. 191-6t

Sole agents for the celebrated J. R. Keiser's neckwear. The best made. A beautiful line at 50 cents to \$2.50. 189-6t WALSH & CLASBEY.

Get a ticket on the Beautiful \$25.00 doll, at Ralph Darnell's. 185-2f

The first prohibition article from Clarence Ousley, editor of the Fort Worth Record, appeared last Sunday and the series, it is understood, is to extend over several more Sundays. While really there was little in the initial article to show on which side of the question Mr. Ousley is writing, yet by reading between the lines one may easily infer with the Waco Times-Herald that Mr. Ousley and Mr. Ousley's paper will oppose state-wide prohibition and support local option. Says the Times-Herald:

Clarence Ousley has begun his recital of what he saw in Georgia. Clarence has had his articles copyrighted, which shows that Clarence at least sets a high value on them; maybe he considers his work pure fiction. Mr. Ousley lets his conclusions drop in this initial article, which is something like the tale where the couple marries in the opening chapter. He would, as we understand him, retain the local option law, with progression away from the whiskey saloon to the beer and light wine resort. In the meantime the people of Texas are to vote on whether or not they will forbid the manufacture, the sale, the transportation and the importation of intoxicating beverages.

Mr. Ousley is well known as an advocate of local option—not. His stand in the Tarrant county local option election is still remembered. In the present time Mr. Ousley seems to favor local option—for the other fellow. And only for him, so there may be no State-wide prohibition. Withal, Mr. Ousley's articles, judging from the first, will be readable and entertaining.—Denton Record and Chronicle.

**He Married Her.**  
A well known Chicago clergyman, who is a widower and the father of two charming grown daughters, is also something of a wag. During his vacation this summer he sent the following telegram to his daughters:

"Have just married a widow with six children. Will be home tomorrow."

The next day he arrived and found his daughters in tears.

"Where is the widow?" they sobbed in unison.

"Oh," he replied, a merry twinkle in his eye, "I married her to another man."—Ex.

Silk hose for gentlemen at 189-6t WALSH & CLASBEY.

Sole agents for Stetson shoes, \$6.00 to \$7.50. 189-6t WALSH & CLASBEY.

The largest line of Stetson hats in the city. 189-6t WALSH & CLASBEY.

Go to Ralph Darnell's for Christmas fireworks. 190-4f c 156-6t E. S. MORRIS & CO.



**THE LAP OF LUXURY.**  
Is here displayed—a basketful of the Finest Groceries

Obtainable—a complete stock, fresh appetizing and at prices that mean a weekly saving to the family purse-bearer. Coffee and Tea fit for the gods, Jams, Canned Goods, wholesome Flour, Pickles that please—everything to gladden the heart of the appreciative housekeeper. The mistake of a life-time to pass our door.

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I have suits to fit the high, the low, the thick, the thin, the large man, the small man, one and all. Suits to please the Banker in quality, cut and workmanship, with prices to fit the Cotton Farmer. I also carry a full line of Gent's Furnishing Goods. Believing that

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GOES ROUND AND ROUND

Some Go Up Others Down

For the next 15 days your chance to lay the foundation for that fortune is presented at this store. During the past few days our trade has been good. A great many people have taken advantage of the low prices and now we are making still further deep cuts into our profits. Our stock must be reduced and cash prices are going to do the work.

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ALL Men's and Boys' Clothing at less than  
ALL Dress Goods at Cost and less than

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CUT PRICES ON EVERYTHING

# V. G. SKEEN

## SCHOOL ENROLLMENT HAS REACHED THOUSAND MARK

To the Honorable Board of Education: I hereby submit the following report of the Wichita Falls City Public Schools for the third month ending November 27, 1908.

The following summary gives the enrollment at each school, the per cent of attendance, and the number of tardies.

High School: Enrollment 158; per cent of attendance 97.6; cases of tardiness 27.

Central School: Enrollment 380; per cent attendance 96.7; cases of tardiness 49.

Alamo School: Enrollment 195; per cent attendance 95; cases of tardiness 38.

San Jacinto School: Enrollment 210; per cent attendance 95.1; cases of tardiness 50.

Totals, white schools, enrollment 943; per cent attendance 96; cases of tardiness 164.

Washington School (negro): Enrollment 62; per cent attendance 95; cases of tardiness 12.

Totals for all schools: Enrollment 1005; per cent attendance 95.8; cases of tardiness 178.

You will notice that the enrollment has reached 1005 in all schools. At the end of last month the enrollment was 965. This shows an increase of 40, which means that 40 new pupils have entered the schools during the month. From the records on file in my office, I find that the enrollment last year at the end of the third month was 791, so this shows an increase of 214 over the same month of last year.

Tardiness has decreased from 220 cases last month to 178 this month. This is a substantial decrease, but with the proper interest and school spirit, and full realization of the evil results of tardiness, by all concerned, the number can be decreased to the minimum.

Two cases of corporal punishment have been reported from Alamo School. The other white schools have not reported any corporal punishment. Six cases were reported from the negro school. This is a good report on corporal punishment, but I hope that the necessity for its use will continue to grow less; and I am sure that it will with the proper interest and co-operation on the part of the parents. During the same month last year 25 cases were reported.

You will notice from the summary which is filed with this report that no truancies have been reported. There were five cases last month. This is indeed a pleasing report to me, for truancy is one of the great evils in public school work. With our present system of excuses for tardiness and absence, if the parents will do their full duty and send valid excuses promptly and willingly, it will be very difficult for a child to stay out of school without the knowledge and consent of the parent.

I have received from the principals of the different schools tuition as follows:

High School	\$15.00
Central Grammar School	14.25
Alamo School	6.75
San Jacinto School	8.65

Total, \$44.65

This amount has been turned over to the Treasurer, and his receipt, together with a statement of the amount received from each principal, delivered to the Secretary of the Board of Education.

Before Thanksgiving envelopes were given to the children, and they were requested to make a "Thanksgiving Offering" to the library of the school which they attend. I am glad to report that they responded liberally, and as a result we have \$71.88 to the credit of the library on account of "Thanksgiving Offering." The following are the amounts contributed by the different schools:

High School	\$15.46
Central Grammar School	24.41
Alamo School	12.01
San Jacinto School	20.00

Total, \$71.88

I would be glad to give the amounts from the different rooms of the schools but space will not permit at this time.

Committees from the different schools will carefully select a list of books suitable for the different grades, and an order will be placed at once for the same.

As the Board of Education directed, I have examined and recorded the certificates of all teachers and principals of the Wichita Falls City Public Schools. I find that we have ten teachers who have state permanent certificates; six who have state first grade; four who have state second grade; one who has a country first grade; and one who has a city permanent.

In compliance with the instructions of the Board of Education, I have had the floors of the school buildings oiled

with a floor dressing, and the sanitary condition and the appearance of the rooms have been greatly improved. We have solved the dust problem in sweeping and otherwise. In addition to the oiled floors, the rooms are being sprayed with a disinfectant recommended by the state health officer.

Since my last report, the apparatus for the laboratories for experimental physics, Chemistry and Botany, has been received and placed and is now being used by the students of these subjects. These classes are very much interested in their experimental work and, no doubt, will make rapid progress. Although these laboratories have been equipped at considerable cost, such equipment is very essential and no expenditure in connection with the schools will yield better returns.

T. L. Toland, Supt.  
Wichita Falls City Public Schools.

To Our Customers, Past and Future.

Kind Friends:

Another year is drawing to a close, and, to the most of us it has brought many blessings, with little sorrow and continued prosperity has been ours through co-operation.

We recognize that we have received a reasonable share for we have found the good people of this city ready to patronize home, and home industry; in almost every instance we have been given the preference and for this we are very thankful. While we have not entertained the hope that we would receive all of the trade, yet, we have received a very gratifying part.

We regret that our business does not bring us in closer relation with the business men, inasmuch as a larger part of our work brings us in touch with the dark and somber side of life, and we are continually associated with tears and death. Yet ours is the beautifying of the city of the dead; ours is the erection of silent and imposing monuments, with emblems engraved, that mean more than the casual observer may see. Though they tell of a broken heart, we see the Christian's hope, the reward of virtue, and the better nature of each individual displayed, in simple wreaths, silent hand clasps, or, perhaps a pulseless figure, standing with bowed head, grief stricken, forever weeping for the departed dead.

Our future policy, shall be to further endeavor to please all who favor us with their orders, and in buying, we made special selection to meet the growing demand for better material, and in such quantities as to be able to undersell any of our out-of-town competitors. Feeling prompted by our dozen years of experience, we do not hesitate to say that we can please the most exacting.

We solicit a continuance of your favors, and assure all that we will endeavor to treat you with the same degree of courtesy we would ask for ourselves.

Our past business has been such as to cause us to write this letter for we feel that our endeavors to beautify your cemetery, has not been in vain, and to all of our customers, in and out of town, we most humbly thank you.

Yours for a more beautiful cemetery, to keep pace with the Best Built City in Texas.

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A change of rules instead of a change of speaker is recommended by some administration organs. A change of political complexion would help congress—and the country—more than anything else.

A system regulator is a medicine that strengthens and stimulates the liver, kidneys, stomach and bowels. Prickly Ash Bitters is a superior system regulator. It drives out all unhealthy conditions, promotes activity of body and brain, restores good appetite, sound sleep and cheerful spirits.—Maier-Magner Drug Co., The Quality Druggists, 702 Indiana Ave. 183-121

Mr. Rockefeller believes in the distribution of wealth, probably because it is easier to get a little away from each one of several million people than it is to get a big wad away from one individual.

To Christmas Buyers.

If you want to find the best and finest flavored candies, nuts and fruits, come to our place. Our stock is complete and kept fresh and our prices are reasonable. We will appreciate your patronage.—The Cream Bakery, 154-1/2

Charles P. Taft contributed \$110,000 to the republican campaign fund, some of it for presidential purposes, but the bulk of it for senatorial purposes.

Meadow Grove, extra creamery butter at Sherrod & Co's. Phone 177. 186-1/2



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that leads to where good things to eat are to be had—

### FANCY CAKES AND PIES

that top off a meal with delightful satisfaction. Home-made affairs have gone way back and set down since our bakery proved its value. The public has shut its ovens and surrendered to bakings that add to its health, happiness and the family purse. That's why our bakery is always crowded. Have you given us a trial yet?

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703 Indiana Avenue.



### A CLEAN SWEEP

is what's going to happen at this jewelry store. A betwixt and between

### HOLIDAY JEWELRY SALE

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*A. S. Fonville*  
JEWELER

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I have had 17 years practical experience in the plumbing business and am the only practical man in the plumbing and heating business in this city. Will be glad to figure with you on anything in my line. Will give a strict guarantee, if necessary, on all work. We can furnish you with goods made by any of the leading manufacturers of the United States.

Am now making a special price of \$22.50 on Porcelain Bath Tubs, which can't be bought for the money by any of my competitors.

Will open up for the present at Abbott Paint Co., corner of Eighth street and Ohio avenue.

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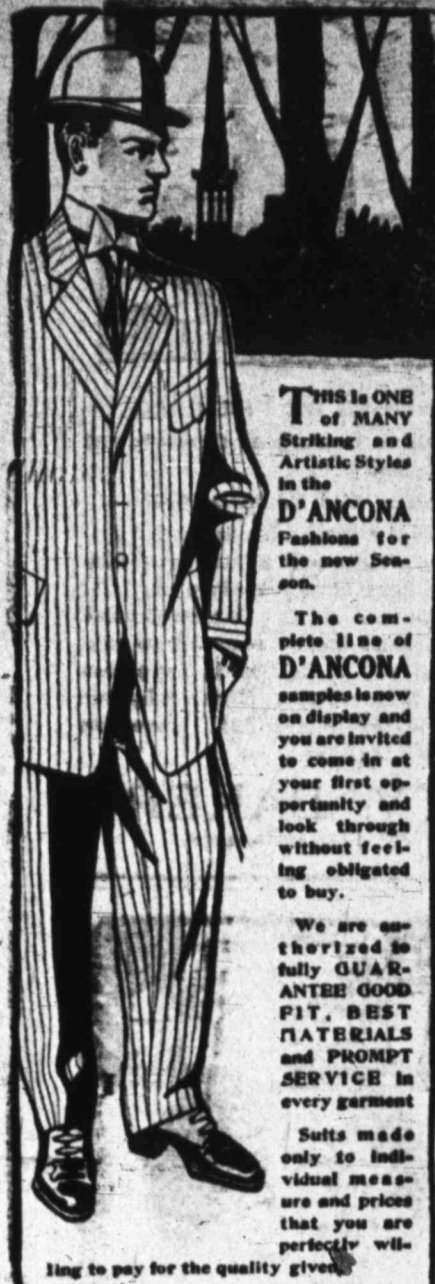
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Under management of J. B. Hutt Contracting Company. Located in the heart of the city.  
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**THE UNCERTAINTY OF LIFE**  
While in the act of speaking of the uncertainty of life and the immortality of the soul at the Elks' lodge of sorrow at Colorado Springs, former Governor Charles S. Thomas of Denver suddenly paused in his address, raised his hand to his brow and fell fainting into the arms of the exalted ruler and the chaplain, who sprang to his support. A Colorado Springs dispatch to the Denver News says: "Governor Thomas was assisted into a chair and from the intense pallor of his face the spectators caught the impression that death was actually in their midst. For several moments a deathlike stillness pervaded the horrified audience and a couple of physicians sprang to the stage to assist the apparently dying man. In another moment, however, Thomas opened his eyes and recovered himself with an effort sat upright. 'My friends, I am very ill,' he managed to articulate, and the next moment he was being borne in willing arms to an automobile outside the opera house, which conveyed him to the residence of Thomas F. Burns, a brother Elk, where he was given medical attention. Thomas was soon revived and though in a week state tonight is out of all immediate danger. It was not until after the ceremony was over that it became generally known that Thomas had left a sick bed in Denver to come to Colorado Springs to deliver the memorial address for the Elks of this city and his heroism in attempting the task under such trying circumstances rather than disappoint his audience and brethren is the subject of universal admiration and comment tonight. Thomas left for his home in Denver on the 6:15 Denver and Rio Grande train and was attended to the depot by a host of brother Elks, who showed their appreciation of the veteran statesman and legal light in a quiet, but most heartfelt fashion."

The Denver News says that the address by Governor Thomas was a masterpiece of simple eloquence and so appreciated to the occasion that there was scarcely one of the large audience present who was not visibly affected. It was after holding his audience spell-bound throughout the entire address and while delivering the last paragraph that the speaker was seized by the attack of weakness and pain that ended in his being carried off the stage. "We are told in holy writ," said the speaker, "that for all things there is a season, that there is a time to love and a time to hate, a time to laugh and a time to weep, a time to build and a time to destroy, a time to rejoice and a time to mourn. Our beloved order reared upon the foundations of friendship, integrity and brotherly love, has no place in its economy for hate or destruction. Its religion is the good of mankind, its philosophy the golden rule and its object helpfulness. It encourages comradeship and social intercourse and the smile and not the sigh is its emblem of life. But the sun must fall below the horizon and as our brethren cannot always dwell together the smile that is perpetual becomes wholly meaningless. And so when the shadows of the evening fall upon us and the eleventh hour is reached and passed, we put aside for the time our accustomed habiliments and touch hands with the dead. For us there is indeed a time to mourn. It comes with the gloom of December shadow of affliction rests today upon every lodge of Elks throughout the world. It is our day of Gethsemane. The certainty of death is one of the laws of life. Like every law of nature it is inviolable. It knows no distinction between aught that exists in nature. It rules in every kingdom whether animate or inanimate. That which was is not and will not be. Death is the great leveler of men. Before him the pheasant is the equal of the king and his presence the wise man is even as the fool. No mountain peak raises itself above the level of the plain in his domain. Like the level of the sea it stretches off into the horizon, immeasurable, monotonous and changeless. But from its surface all heights and depths are measured while to its dark and cheerless bosom all things in time are surely gathered." From the contemplation of the question of death, Mr. Thomas turned to reflection on the life that is to come. "Whether it be life or nothingness beyond the grave," said he, "we do not know but we may be sure that it is as it should be. The ordered perfection of the universe has no flaw in its perfect mechanism. We may therefore rest content feeling that whatever is, is right, and that our primal duties and responsibilities are here and that as we meet and perform them so will we have the merit of others here and certain justice elsewhere."

**Beauty Parlor.**  
Hair dressing and electric face massage. Ladies, make engagements early for hairdressing for Monday. Mrs. Clopton's Millinery Store, Phone 542.  
190-2tc  
Visit the Owl Confectionery and see their elegant line of cut glassware and holiday goods before you make your purchases. You can get what you want, and at prices that are reasonable.  
184-6t.

**EGGNOGS AND BUTTERMILK.**

Wise Editor Reaches a Correct Conclusion on a Great Question.  
Prompted by the influence of coming events, some wicked Texas paragrapher asks Col. Jim Lowry of the Honey Grove Signal if a good eggnog can be made from buttermilk. If the Times-Star understands Col. Lowry's position on the buttermilk question, he has never claimed that it possess value as a vehicle or ingredient for compounding light or strong drinks, for reducing paint, putty or printer's ink, or that it is a handy household remedy for cleaning window glass, mending broken crockery, or that it will remove a corn in one night. The colonel has not claimed anything of the kind for buttermilk. He has contended from the first that, unmixed, it is an ideal beverage for all the year round; that it is promotive of good health and longevity; that those who habitually use it acquire a philosophical temperament, great mental activity, extreme piety, a beautiful complexion and much of it. It is cruel to josh one about such worldly things as eggnog.—Terrell Times-Star.

**Winter Is Here.**  
And if you want to be comfortable buy your coal from the Heath Storage & Transfer Co. They handle the best McAlester and the celebrated Colorado Mountain coal. Deliveries made promptly to any part of the city. 180-1f

Just as soon as Mr. Roosevelt has made up his mind the New York legislature will perform the mechanical function of electing Mr. Platt's successor.

Sole agents for Knox suspenders. 50 cents to \$3.50. Nothing like them ever shown in this city. 189-6t **WALSH & CLASBEY.**

This postal savings bank scheme has no interest for us at this particular time of the year.

**The Best Christmas Gifts.**  
"Diamonds or solid gold jewelry." See the large assortment just received. 186-6t **E. S. MORRIS & CO.**

If heaven were to be won only by achievements it would be a frightfully lonesome place.

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When in doubt give a book or a year's subscription to a good magazine. —Ralph Darnell.



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The Wichita Falls & Northwestern Ry. System.  
Time Card Effective Dec. 20th, 1908.  
**W. F. & N. W. Ry.**

Through Mail and Express  
Leave Frederick ..... 9:00 a. m.  
Arrive Wichita Falls ..... 12:00 p. m.  
Leave Wichita Falls ..... 3:20 p. m.  
Arrive Frederick ..... 5:20 p. m.  
**No. 8 Local Freight and Passenger.**  
(Daily Except Sunday.)  
Leave Wichita Falls ..... 7:00 a. m.  
Arrives Frederick ..... 11:20 a. m.  
**No. 7 Local Freight and Passenger.**  
(Daily Except Sunday.)  
Leaves Frederick ..... 1:00 p. m.  
Arrive Wichita Falls ..... 6:00 p. m.  
**Wichita Falls and Southern.**  
Leaves Wichita Falls ..... 3:10 p. m.  
Arrives Olney ..... 6:40 p. m.  
Arrives Newcastle ..... 8:00 p. m.  
Leaves Newcastle ..... 6:15 a. m.  
Leaves Olney ..... 7:30 a. m.  
Arrives Wichita Falls ..... 11:00 a. m.  
**C. L. FONTAINE, G. P. A.**

**Wichita Valley.**  
West Bound Trains—  
No. 1 ..... Leaves 2:10 p. m.  
No. 5 ..... Leaves 12:05 p. m.  
No. 7 ..... Arrives 1205 p. m.  
No. 9 ..... Arrives 6:25 p. m.  
East Bound Trains—  
No. 2 ..... Arrives 1:00 p. m.  
No. 6 ..... Arrives 3:15 a. m.  
No. 8 ..... Leaves 8:00 a. m.  
No. 10 ..... Leaves 2:40 p. m.  
**M. K. and T. Railway.**  
Arrives  
No. 271, From Dallas ..... 10:15 p. m.  
No. 9, From Denison ..... 12:50 p. m.  
Leaves  
No. 272, To Dallas ..... 6:30 a. m.  
No. 10, To Denison ..... 3:00 p. m.

**Fort Worth and Denver City.**  
Northbound— Arrives Leaves  
No. 1 ..... 2 p. m. 2:10 p. m.  
No. 3 ..... 12:45 p. m. 1:05 p. m.  
No. 5 ..... 11:45 p. m. 12:05 a. m.  
No. 7 ..... 2:05 a. m. 2:15 a. m.  
Southbound Arrives Leaves  
No. 2 ..... 11:35 a. m. 11:45 a. m.  
No. 4 ..... 12:55 p. m. 1:15 p. m.  
No. 6 ..... 3:15 a. m. 3:25 a. m.  
No. 8 ..... 2:15 a. m. 2:25 a. m.  
Patronize Pond's Up-to-Date Laundry. It sews your buttons on. 188-1f

**\$25 SPRINGFIELD \$2.95**  
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**WE PURCHASED ABOUT 100 SPRINGFIELD RIFLES FROM THE U. S. Government War Department AND NOW OFFER THEM FOR SALE AT A Tremendous Sacrifice**

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With a Springfield Rifle you can bring down a deer at 300 yards if you get a good view of him. The accuracy of the sight and wind gauge makes it possible to draw a bead as fine as a hair. No better shooting gun was ever made than the old reliable Springfield Rifle.  
**CAN BE USED AS A SHOTGUN.**  
You can load the empty cartridges with shot of any size and use the gun for birds and small game. It shoots just as straight and hard, proportionately, as when ball cartridges are used. It shoots regulation 45 caliber scattered shot shells.  
**WHY WE CAN MAKE THIS UNHEARD-OF OFFER.**  
For a lump sum, we bought from the U. S. War Department, about 100 Springfield Rifles which were stored in the various U. S. Government arsenals and ammunition warehouses throughout the country. We now own 100 all perfect new guns. We must dispose of them at once. It is your chance of a lifetime to get one of these wonderful guns for a mere fraction of its Government cost—for only \$2.95.

It's to your advantage to grasp this opportunity without delay. Remember, every gun is in perfect working order, we guarantee them in every particular; well oiled, and all metal parts bright and free from rust. Your money will be promptly returned if you are dissatisfied with your bargain.  
Send us \$2.95 post office or express money order and we will at once send you by express one of these wonderful rifles—if more than one is desired send \$2.95 for each.  
**AMMUNITION**—45-70 Caliber Cartridges, packed 20 in a box, will be sent on receipt of 40 cents. Ammunition at this price will be sold only to purchasers of these Springfield Rifles.

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## Select Coffee That Suits Your Taste

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

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

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

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

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

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PHONES 432 and 232.

## OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

### About Neck Trimming.

Women's National Daily.

While fashion calls for some ruching, it is noticed that many very elaborate dresses, with collar and yoke, have no ruching, but a soft double-fold of chiffon in the same color as the dress for a collar heading. This is not unlike tubular trimming, stitched through the center. It is very graceful, much more so than a very large ruching. It is found upon the extremely high collars.

In stiffening collars with whalebone or featherbone, select the very narrow kind, which is stitched through the center and not at each side. This makes but one row of stitching at each standard, and the old-fashioned variety calls for the double row.

Scant ruffles of softest tulle, with hem-stitched collars and cuffs. It can be bought ready for use, or made.

### New Neckwear.

Women's National Daily.

The colored satins so much employed this season have their rightful places among neck trimmings, and one very pretty style is the satin tailored tie or cravat in two colors. The stock tie made of white satin with a white satin tab effect, while the lower half of the stock is banded with a brown satin strip that is gracefully crossed at the front, being cut in a shape to cross, and is held with two small buttons. The brown tab portion is one-third the size of the white one.

For a white collar select a fish or seine net and cut it the desired size

with points back of the ears and well rounded beneath the chin. Edge this on all sides with picot-edged braid and cover the standards at the side with braid. Make a flat tab effect and outline it with braid. Where it is attached to the stock, cover the seam with a flat white satin bow. Keep in mind that the very newest collars give a tailored effect and are rather plain, flat and severe as a base for more gorgeous ruching. Ascertain first whether or not you can wear ruching; it gives many women an untidy appearance. The plain chiffon and lace insertion collar is pointed at the front, well rounded under the chin and pointed back of the ears. The rows of insertion from the side standards show a broad V shape, though the lace is evenly placed in orderly rows from the side standards to the ends of the stock, after which the outside edges at the top and bottom are plainly trimmed with lace edging that matches the insertion. The end pieces are bound with silk or satin, invisibly fastened beneath, or are decorated with small satin buttons. Many collars of this kind are clasped together with one extremely large pin. Black crocheted ties about twenty inches long and one inch wide, have silver and pearl slides that hold them together beneath the chin, while the ends of the ties are trimmed with white fringe. Embroidered four-leaf clovers are used for flat ties. A pair of double leaves are covered with two smaller leaves, and a straight strip of material holds the four together in the center.

## RED CROSS STAMPS ON SALE HERE

A supply of the Red Cross stamps, being used by the Texas Anti-Tuberculosis Association for the purpose of raising funds to carry on the campaign against the great white plague, has been received here and the stamps have placed on sale at the Simpson, Silvers-White, the Wichita Drug Co's and the E. S. Morris & Co. drug stores.

The United States government has granted permission to use these stamps on envelopes in addition to the regular stamps. The stamps are sold at a penny apiece and every cent of the proceeds goes to the State Anti-Tuberculosis association to aid in the work of education now being conducted by that association.

It is said that in Dallas Saturday more than 50,000 of these stamps were sold.

### Roosevelt Much Enthusiast.

Al Jennings has returned from Washington, D. C., where he has been in company with John Abernathy entertaining President Roosevelt and Washington society with their moving picture show, depicting wolf catching and wild west scenes in the Wichita mountains.

Al says that they did not put on the train robbery scenes in the White House. He confidentially advised the president that it would not be the right thing to do, but the president was enthused over the wolf catching scenes like a kid and thought there was nothing like it. Andrew Carnegie, a number of foreign diplomats, and distinguished visitors witnessed the show put on at the White House.

Al and Abernathy were given a dinner that cost five hundred dollars and at which champagne was served in cups as large as gourds. This was not at the White House, however. Al says that a New York firm has signed a contract to pay them \$6,000 a week for the use of the films of their moving pictures.—Lawton Democrat.

### Beautiful Christmas Presents.

In our store you will find a new and well selected stock of solid gold jewelry and diamonds. You will not find lower prices than we make.

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Of course your friend who smokes will appreciate a Christmas gift in the shape of a nice pipe, but if he's a real smoker he will stick to the old one until the stem is worn off.

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Hog-killing season—and we recall the good old days of backbone, spare-ribs and Jowls. Make your mouth water, Mr. City Man?

### Husband Races for His Bride.

Abilene, Tex., Dec. 19.—Unable to secure the return of his girl bride, who is being held in St. Louis by her mother, Claude Saunderson has left for that city and should arrive there today. His departure followed exchange of many telegrams between this city and St. Louis and the ineffectual attempt of pretty Mrs. Saunderson to get away from her mother and return to her husband in Abilene. At the same time Joe Dempsey, a brother of the girl, left here for St. Louis to aid his mother in keeping Mrs. Saunderson from her husband. The two are racing to St. Louis as fast as trains will carry them, each confident of winning possession of the girl.

Tuesday morning the husband in Abilene was overjoyed to receive a telegram from his wife saying that she had a ticket for Abilene and would soon be on her way. A few minutes later his joy was turned to grief by the receipt of a message telling him that his bride had been apprehended at the station by her mother and the trip abandoned.

Mr. Saunderson then went to Police Chief Clinton here and asked for his aid. Mr. Clinton told him that he could do nothing, and finally decided to telegraph the chief of police in St. Louis a statement of the case. The St. Louis chief responded that he could do nothing unless Mr. Saunderson was there.

The young husband hurriedly caught the midnight train for St. Louis.

Mr. Dempsey, the father of Mrs. Saunderson, says he sent his son Joe to St. Louis to assist in the fight for the retention of the girl there.

### Sweet Potatoes & Ribbon Cane Syrup.

I have a carload of sweet potatoes and ribbon cane syrup on track near Katy depot, which I am selling out at \$1.00 per bushel for potatoes and 70c per gallon for syrup.

190-31 R. S. CHANEY.

We gather from numerous republican exchanges that Mr. Carnegie gave \$20,000 to the campaign fund of the r. o. p. because he was real sure that the party which owes its existence and continued success to the influence and support of the tariff barons will immediately turn around and deprive those tariff barons of their reward for their support and contributions.

### How About Xmas Coal?

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We know what we'd like to hand the coal man—and also what we'll have to hand him.

Suit case umbrellas, the only practical suit case umbrella made, at 189-61 WALSH & CLASBEY.

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

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PHONE 371

Personal Mention.

Mrs. Graham Kemp of Iowa Park is in the city visiting relatives.

W. E. Harmon of Electra, was transacting business here today.

Mrs. Daisy Watts left this morning for Dallas to visit relatives.

H. E. Stearns Jr., is visiting his uncle, T. G. Stearns, at Beaver creek.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Rhodes left last night for Corpus Christi to visit relatives.

Miss Eula McAbee has returned from school to spend the holidays with her parents.

Mrs. J. F. Schwab left this morning for Mount Pleasant, Texas, to visit her mother.

Mrs. C. D. Brooks left yesterday for Dallas to spend the holidays with relatives there.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Duke left last night for Cleburne and Amarillo to visit relatives.

Mrs. Ben Andes and Mr. Harry Greer of Newton, Kansas, are visiting Mrs. R. B. Stayton of this city.

Mrs. J. L. Stearns left yesterday for Cleburne, at which place she will spend the holidays with relatives.

Jesse Smith, collector for the Southwestern Telephone company of this city spent yesterday with friends at Vernon.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Speed returned this afternoon from Vineyard, Texas, where Mr. Speed had been for the benefit of his health.

Mrs. C. M. Andrews and children left yesterday for Hater, Utah, to join Mr. Andrews, who holds a position as train dispatcher at that place.

J. A. McCall and family, living east of town, passed through the city yesterday en route to Blair, Oklahoma, where they will spend Christmas.

A. W. Karrenbrock, manager for the Mayfield Lumber Company in this city, left last night for a ten days' visit to his old home at Wentzville, Missouri.

Rev. T. R. Bowles returned today from Blue Grove, Texas, where he had been holding a special meeting. As a reward for his labors he baptized six yesterday afternoon.


Mrs. N. L. Tuttle and her granddaughter, Miss Hazel, who have been visiting relatives here for the past three months, left this morning for their home at Springfield, Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Vreeland of Bartlettville, Oklahoma, arrived yesterday to spend several weeks here. Mr. Vreeland is the purchaser of the Wiley Wyatt lot at the corner of Indiana avenue and Eighth street, and is in the city to look after the preliminary details of erecting a handsome three-story business block.

**Live in Tents at Olney.**

Almost every train brings numerous prospectors here who are unable to get rent houses. Some leave, while a large per cent are spreading their tents and remain with hopes of renting houses in the spring. A number of people have located here, leaving their families behind, believing when spring opens they can rent a desirable home. At present Olney is hide-bound and it will take months to build houses sufficient to supply the demand.—Olney Oracle.

**WANTED—Subscribers for the Times**



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Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat  
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**HOLIDAY**

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**Naturally.**

"Will," said a newly married friend to Will Maupin, the Nebraska poet, "I am in a quandary as to just what I should call my wife's mother. I don't like to call her 'mother-in-law' on account of all the comic-paper jokes on that name, and somehow there's a sacredness about the word 'Mother' that makes me hesitate to apply it to any but my own."

"Well," said Maupin, "I can only tell you of my own experience. The first year we were married I addressed my wife's mother as 'Say;' after that we called her 'Grandma.'—Everybody's.

For Christmas presents for gentlemen, see

**WALSH & CLASBEY.**  
189-91

**Christmas PRESENTS FOR EVERYBODY**

We have anything you want. Let us sell you your Fire Works. We have plenty for every one. Just received a fresh shipment of swell box candles, also Holiday Wreaths, Loose Holly and all kind of Christmas tree decorations.

**COME IN AND SEE.**

**RALPH DARNELL**

**McDONALD AT THE WHITE HOUSE**

Famous Texan Has two Extended Conferences With Roosevelt.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Captain Bill McDonald, state revenue agent of Texas, is in Washington and was a caller twice at the White House today, once in the forenoon and again in the afternoon, spending considerable time with President Roosevelt on both visits. Captain McDonald declined to relate what passed between he and the President.

He said that he had merely dropped in to pay a social visit to Mr. Roosevelt, whom he knows very well, having hunted with him on the President's visit to Texas and Oklahoma several years ago. When pressed, Captain McDonald admitted that he and the President had talked about the Brownsville affair.

McDonald's presence in Washington created quite a flutter of interest, his fame here being of that unique character growing out of the Brownsville affair, in the official report of which Major Blockson described him as "a man who would charge hell with a bucket of water."

Not a few members of congress, as well as a number of newspaper men, dropped into the Riggs house to look the famous Texan over. Most of them contented themselves to eye the captain from a distance, while he stood idly about the lobby talking with a few Texans who knew him. It is understood that Captain McDonald is on his way to New York to read proof on a book which Albert Bigelow Payne is writing about him. It is thought by some, however, that he came here at the instance of President Roosevelt to give some additional facts about Brownsville with reference to the latest phases of the controversy between the president and Senator Foraker.

The fact that he was reticent as to what passed between him and the President lends color to this idea. Captain McDonald wore his usual big white Texas hat, probably the only one in Washington, but was quite unconscious of the attention it attracted among the spectators.

The following Texas postmasters were nominated by the President today:

T. J. Stevens, Sour Lake; Anderson C. Vinson, Timpson; William A. Little, Karnes City; Virgil A. Smith, Kennedy.

The Cream Bakery is headquarters for everything in the line of Christmas Candles, Fruits, Nuts and Christmas-tree Supplies. 184-17

Sole agents for Stein-Bloch & Co.'s clothing. **WALSH & CLASBEY.** 189-91

**Hot CHOCOLATE and WAFERS**

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As a result of much experimenting we are now serving hot chocolate at our fountain that seems to us to excel any hot beverage yet devised. It is of delicate flavor and much richer than hot chocolate as usually served and you'll find no sediment of undissolved chocolate in the bottom of cup. We serve this delicious beverage with whipped cream and dainty crisp wafers—a whole lunch for 10c. Try it the next time you are in.

**Shivers-White DRUG COMPANY**

**Gifts Worth Giving**

Nothing else does quite so well for a Man's or Boys' Christmas as something he can wear. What he wears he'll appreciate. Man or Boy—what makes so satisfactory a Christmas Gift as a Suit, Overcoat or Rain Coat? If you do not care to invest so much then a Hat, a Cap or any of the many things in our Toggery department. We've a host of things that are just right.



Our store is in Holiday attire. New styles and new ideas will greet you at every turn. Come in to see what we can do for him. We can settle your Christmas worry in short order.

**OUR STORE WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 10 P. M.**

**K A H N-THE CLOTHIER**

**Boiler Explosion at Longview.**

Longview, Texas, Dec. 19.—At 4 p. m. a loud detonation was heard and debris was seen flying high in the air in every direction. The shock broke windows for blocks and many were the narrow escapes from death and injury, when the gin boiler on Court street, four blocks from the public square, belonging to Dr. C. W. Lawrence, exploded.

Bill Poe, the negro fireman was frightfully mangled and covered with tons of iron, brick and timbers. He was lifeless when found. Libby Bush, 12 years old, also a negro, was struck with a brick and his arm broke in two places. His younger brother, Marion Bush, was seriously hurt. The whole north side of the house, seventy-five feet distance, in which the Bushs lived, was almost a total wreck. The gin and grist mill were considerably damaged. Long boiler flues were thrown 300 yards and that many were not killed is a miracle as the streets were crowded with Christmas shoppers. The explosion is supposed to have been caused by running cold water in the hot boilers.

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**Cannon Defends Official Action.**

Philadelphia, Dec. 19.—Joseph G. Cannon, speaker of the national house of representatives, in an address at the annual banquet of the New Jersey society of Pennsylvania here last night, aroused his hearers by taking an unexpected fling at his critics and defending his policies and the manner in which the house was ruled at the last session.

"In the chapter of accidents, I became speaker of the house," said Mr. Cannon.

"When the minority undertook to control the majority they were met with a refusal from the majority and the speaker. The speaker would have been like a cat in hell without claws if he had not fought against such usurpation."

"Rules were formulated for the government of the house. Those rules were right and proper. Under them the house wrote wise and proper legislative measures on the statute books."

"There were wild howls from partial and selfish newspapers and magazines because the czar did not remove 15 per cent ad valorem on print paper and wood pulp. They said they wanted it reduced because the cost of print pa-

per and wood pulp had increased 50 per cent, but they could not show that the increase was due to the duty, and the speaker refused to allow the duty to be removed.

"They were ashamed," Mr. Cannon said, turning to Vice President-elect James S. Sherman, who was a guest with him at the function, "to explain that this was the real reason for their hounding during your campaign and mine. They forgot that nothing could be done without the will of the majority. They enlisted the great head of the American Federation of Labor and the Anti-Saloon league, but the great Republican party was victorious and the government will go on."

He added that he was still speaker of the house.

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