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SALE OF "DENVER" GOOD FOR TEXAS

HILL'S ENTERPRISE WILL CAUSE
WONDERFUL DEVELOPMENT
IN THIS SECTION.

PACIFIC TO THE GULF

Much Conjecture Concerning Railroad
Wizard's Plans in the Purchase
of This Road.

Dallas News.
Although it is presumed that James
J. Hill, one of the controlling factors
in the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy,
and Edwin Hawley, one of the heaviest
stockholders and representing a group
of stockholders in the Colorado and
Southern, were foremost in the stock
deal whereby the Colorado road comes
under the guardianship of the Burling-
ton, yet Frank Trumbull will come in
for his share of the credit. President
Trumbull of the Colorado and South-
ern was once a resident of Dallas, hold-
ing the position of auditor of the Tex-
as and Pacific. First he was receiver
and afterward president of the Colo-
rado and Southern.

When Mr. Trumbull took hold of the
Colorado and Southern, about fifteen
years ago, it was practically an ore
road, with heavy debts every mile of
the way. At present the mileage of the
Colorado and Southern marks it as
a great system, and this year it was
one of the few lines in the country to
declare a dividend on its outstanding
stock, besides meeting interest on bond
issues. It is believed that the road's
efficient management has enabled Ed-
win Hawley and associates to dispose
of their holdings at a profit.

Mr. Trumbull was born in Missouri
and began his business career at the
age of 16, so the story goes, in a coun-
try postoffice and general merchandise
store. His first railroad position was
with the Katy, at Sedalia, Mo., and al-
though in the neighborhood of 17, he
held his own with grown men in the
office. When Gould secured control
of the Katy for a time, Trumbull was
lifted to the Missouri Pacific. There
he had 170 men under him in the
freight claim and accounting depart-
ment, although he had barely reached
his majority. Later he became auditor
of the Texas and Pacific, with head-
quarters at Dallas, this phase of his
railroad career ending in the late '80s,
when he gave up railroading for whole-
sale coal business in Colorado and in
making reports on other properties for
New York and London banking houses.
It was while in business in Colorado
that he was called to the Colorado and
Southern to help solve its financial dif-
ficulties.

James J. Hill, recognized as the lead-
ing spirit of the deal whereby the
Colorado and Southern came under the
protecting wing of the Burlington, is
said to have been "broke" after he was
40 years old, but, in spite of adversity,
he struggled onward and is now recog-
nized as the "builder of the North-
west." He is sometimes called the
"Colossus of Roads." He is a Cana-
dian by birth and came from good old
Irish stock on his father's side, his
mother being of Scottish descent. He
is the controlling factor in the Great
Northern, Northern Pacific and recog-
nized as one of the owners of the Bur-
lington system. Several years ago he
was one of Harriman's bitterest foes,
and his battles with the "Little Wizard
of Wall Street" for the control of the
Northern Pacific was one of the fiercest
in the annals of the New York
Stock Exchange. His lines in the
Northwest are sometimes called grain
roads, delivering grain at Chicago for
the lake boats to the East and on the
Pacific Coast to his own line of steam-
ers for export. It is believed in some
quarters that one of Mr. Hill's plans
is to have boat lines on the Gulf of
Mexico and instead of dividing freight
charges with Eastern lines and steam-
ship companies, he will take it all for
his own enterprises, by way of Galves-
ton, over the Colorado Southern and
connections into his own vessels to
Liverpool and other grain centers of
Europe, Japan and China buy Ameri-
can cotton, but very often this Ameri-
can cotton is bought by the Orientals
in England and Germany. The foreign
traders thus make their commission.
It is believed that one of Hill's plans
is to carry cotton to the Pacific Coast
and ship it abroad himself, thereby
stealing a march on the foreign cotton
manufacturers and dealers.

The largest line of Stetson hats in
the city at Walsh & Clasbey's, 194-11

BECAUSE HE SLAPPED HER.

Kansas City Woman Kills Husband and
Feels No Regret.

By Associated Press.
Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 23.—Freder-
ick Peterson was shot and almost in-
stantly killed early today by his wife,
Rose Peterson, as they were returning
from a dance. The couple had been
separated, but had gone to the dance
together. The woman claims that Pet-
erson slapped her face, and that she
drew the revolver and shot him four
times. When arrested she expressed
no regret for her act.

Former Life Insurance Man Suicides.
By Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 23.—Frederick Burn-
ham, former president of the Mutual
Reserve Life Insurance Company, was
found dead in bed at his home this
morning from gas poisoning. The pol-
ice say that his death was due to
suicide.

Burnham, with his brother, George
Burnham, treasurer of the company,
and Secretary Eldredge were indicted
on charges of larceny and forgery last
February.

FELL FROM WAGON.

R. F. Duncan Fatally Hurt at Here-
ford Today.

Special to the Times.
Hereford, Tex., Dec. 23.—R. F. Dun-
can, aged 53 years, residing ten miles
south of this place, fell from a wagon
today and the wheels crossed his body.
The wagon contained a ton of fuel
and Duncan is hurt so badly that his
death is expected.

Found Dead in Bed.

Special to the Times.
Palestine, Tex., Dec. 23.—R. B.
Smith, an international and Great
Northern fireman, aged 65 years, was
found dead in his bed today. He will
be buried at Troupe.

Tervy Cloth Bath Robes at Walsh
& Clasbey's, 194-11

FOOT BALL GAME ON CHRISTMAS DAY

For the third time this season the
Henrietta and the Wichita Falls high
school football teams will meet on the
gridiron, the third game to be played
in this city on the afternoon of Christ-
mas Day at half-past three o'clock.

Henrietta has been the winner in
the previous two games, but this time
the locals believe they have a lineup
that will put it all over the Henrietta
boys. The game will be played at the
high school grounds.

The locals will line up as follows:
Eugene Isley, center; Wasco Yeager,
right guard; Bentley Bacon, left guard;
Clifford Fore, left tackle; Swartz, right
tackle; Ernest Fain, right end; Bur-
ton Stayton, left end; Ralph Mathis,
right half; Clarence Barnett, left half;
Luther Wilson, quarter; Jerome Stone,
full back.

Progress in Hains' Trial.

By Associated Press.
Flushing, L. I., Dec. 23.—The prin-
cipal points in the prosecution's case
against Thornton Hains have been de-
veloped, and District Attorney Darrow
and his assistants have now engaged
themselves in bringing out testimony
to corroborate the evidence given by
the State's chief witness to prove that
the defendant was a principal with
his brother in the killing of William
Annis. Darrow says another week will
be required to complete the case
against Hains.

New Katy Depot at Tulsa.

Special to the Times.
Tulsa, Ok., Dec. 23.—The corporation
commission has approved plans for a
new Katy passenger station here, which
will be over a block long and more
magnificent than any other in the
Southwest. It takes the place of the
one burned a year ago.

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OFFICERS IN DUEL IN SAN ANTONIO

Special to the Times.
San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 23.—In a
street duel early this morning Patrol-
man Ed. Patterson was shot in the
back by former City Detective Joe Cas-
siano, who has surrendered and is now
in jail. He refuses to discuss the af-
fair, merely saying that he was just-
ified. Eleven shots were exchanged.

The shooting began as Patterson and
Officer Vaneau were walking along
the street with four prisoners.

ARE SENTENCED TO IMPRISONMENT

CONTEMPT CASES DECIDED AD-
VERSELY TO LABOR FED-
ERATION OFFICIALS.

GOMPERS GETS 12 MONTHS

Mitchell Draws Nine Months and Mor-
rison Six Months for Con-
tempt.

By Associated Press.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—The
famous contempt case of the Buck
Stove and Range Company against
President Gompers, Vice President
Mitchell and Secretary Morrison of the
American Federation of Labor was de-
cided today by Justice Wright of the
Supreme Court of the District of Col-
umbia adversely to the Federation of-
ficials.

Gompers was sentenced to twelve
months imprisonment, Mitchell nine
and Morrison six months.

The case grew out of the alleged boy-
cott of the company's products and
putting the company on the unfair list
and the Federation's alleged violation
of Judge Gould's recent mandamus.

The Defendants Given Bail.

Pending an appeal to the court of
appeals all three of the defendants
were released on bail, fixed as fol-
lows: Gompers, \$5,000; Mitchell,
\$4,000, and Morrison, \$3,000.

COMING TO WICHITA FALLS.

Railroad Commission's Engineer Will
Leave State's Service.

Austin, Dec. 22.—R. A. Thompson,
engineer of the railroad commission,
today tendered his resignation to the
commission effective Dec. 31. Mr.
Thompson resigned to accept a lucra-
tive position with the Wichita-Falls
lines, with headquarters at Wichita
Falls. Commissioner Colquitt declared
that the commission had offered the
position to an engineer but would not
give out his name until the commis-
sion learns whether he will accept.

Mr. Thompson has been connected
with the commission for the past ten
years. In accepting his resignation the
three members of the commission ad-
dressed a memorandum to Mr. Thomp-
son conveying their regrets at the loss to
the commission and to the state. The
salary of the commission's engineer is
\$2,100 but an effort is to be made to
have it increased to \$2,500 by the leg-
islature.

In confirmation of the above dis-
patch, Mr. Frank Kell, general man-
ager for the W. F. & N. W. and W. F.
& S. Railways, said that Mr. Thomp-
son would be here about January 1st to
accept the position of Chief Engineer
for the roads in which he is man-
ager.

As to whether any immediate exten-
sions of these lines are to soon, Mr.
Kell did not say, but it is the general
impression that important extensions
of both lines are to begin at once.

Gough Frieze.

A very pretty wedding of the mid-
winter season was solemnized at half
past ten o'clock this morning at the
Christian church, when Miss Jenessa
Frieze, the eldest daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. W. E. Frieze, and one of Wichita
Falls' most charming, accomplished
and popular girls, was united in mar-
riage to James P. Gough of Chicago,
Illinois. The ceremony was pronounced
by Rev. A. J. Bush and the church was
filled to the doors with the friends of
the contracting parties.

The bride was attended by Misses
Bettye and Lillie Durrett of Fort Worth
as maids of honor, and the groomsmen
were the bride's brothers, Milton and
John Frieze.

Mr. Gough formerly lived in this
city, but is now manager for the Weeks
Advertising Company in Chicago. Dur-
ing his residence here he made many
warm friends and all extend their con-
gratulations.

The couple left this afternoon for
St. Louis, where they will visit with
relatives of the groom before going to
Chicago, where they will make their
home.

Alleged Grafters Arraigned.

By Associated Press.
Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 23.—Seven coun-
cilmembers and two former bankers ar-
rested here Monday night in a sensational
but quiet manner as the result of al-
leged corruption in the city's legis-
lative circles, were arraigned in the
police court before Magistrate Brady
today for a preliminary hearing. A
large crowd gathered in the vicinity
of the police station, but the court
room was small, and only accommo-
dated a small number, which included
a few local politicians.

MISSOURI OUSTS WATERS PIERCE CO.

STANDARD OIL CO. OF INDIANA,
REPUBLIC OIL CO. OF OHIO,
ALSO OUSTED.

FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS

Is the Amount of the Fine—Ouster Or-
der Effective on January
Fifteenth.

By Associated Press.
St. Louis, Dec. 23.—The Supreme
Court of Missouri today upheld the
contentions of the attorney general in
the suit of the state against the
Waters-Pierce Oil Company and the
Standard Oil Company, of Indiana, and
the Republic Oil Company of Ohio, fin-
ing each of the defendant companies
fifty thousand dollars.

The order dissolving the Waters-
Pierce Oil Company becomes effective
on January fifteenth unless the com-
pany furnishes evidence that it intends
to operate an independent concern.

Bailey May Be a Witness.

By Associated Press.
St. Louis, Dec. 23.—Preparations are
under way for H. Clay Pierce's return
to Texas early next month for trial
on a charge of false swearing. Pierce's
attorneys announce that their plans
are complete for combating the state
but they expect no difficulty in free-
ing the magnate. If he is convicted
he will seek a new trial or will appeal.
Judge Priest who is to be defend-
ant's chief attorney is now in New
York.

It is reported here that Senator
Bailey may be used as a witness, but
other side is not overly anxious for
him to appear.

Says Fine Ought to be a Million.

Judge Lamb, in a dissenting opinion,
says in his belief the Waters-Pierce
Company should be fined one million
dollars instead of fifty thousand.

THE MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Cotton—Liverpool.
Liverpool, Eng., Dec. 23.—Market for
spot cotton steady. Middlings, 4.90d.
Sales, 8,000 bales. Receipts, 24,000 bales.

	Open	High	Close
Jan.-Feb.	4.21	4.70	4.70
Feb.-March	4.70	4.69	4.69
March-April	4.70	4.69	4.69
Dec.-Jan.	4.72	4.70 1/2	4.70 1/2

Cotton—New York Spots.
New York, Dec. 23.—Market for spot
cotton quiet and five points higher.
Middlings, 9.30.

Cotton—New York Futures.
New York, Dec. 23.—Market for spot
cotton quiet and steady. Mid-
dlings 1-16c up or 8 1/2c. Sales, 850
bales. Due to arrive, 700 bales
while 100 are on contract.

	Open	High	Close
January	8.64	8.67	8.61-82
March	8.74	8.78	8.73-74
May	8.80	8.85	8.81-82
December	8.99	9.06	9.02-03

Cotton—New Orleans Spots.
New Orleans, La., Dec. 23.—Market
for spot cotton quiet and steady. Mid-
dlings 1-16c up or 8 1/2c. Sales, 850
bales. Due to arrive, 700 bales
while 100 are on contract.

Cotton—New
January
March
May
December

Chicago Gr
December 10
May 106
July 97

Corn
December 57
May 60
July 60

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

Fort Worth Liv
Cattle—Receipts, 600 h
Hogs—Receipts, 1,200
Steers—Quality fair.
er. Tops sold at \$5.00.
Cows—Quality medium.
higher. Tops sold at \$3.25.
Calves—Quality fair.
steady. Tops sold at \$5.00.
Hogs—Quality fair. Marl
Tops sold at \$5.00.

Campbell Kept Busy
Palestine, Dec. 23.—It
announced here today that
Campbell will spend the
at home but that his duties
him busy at Austin from now on
coming legislative sessions.

A "WHITE" CHRISTMAS.

Three States Covered With Snow From
Six Inches to a Foot.

By Associated Press.
Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 23.—Western
Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Dela-
ware today are buried beneath a blan-
ket of snow from six inches to a foot
deep. In the country districts the
snow is drifted and has delayed travel
on steam and electric roads.

Report is Confirmed.

By Associated Press.
Berlin, Germany, Dec. 23.—The for-
eign office this morning received ad-
vice from Caracas confirming the re-
port of the overthrow of President Cas-
tro. "The whole country rose against
Castro," the communication said. A
good impression has been created by
the fact that Gomez has already taken
steps to re-establish good relations
with the powers and to re-open nav-
igation of the Orinoco river. The for-
eign office has other information to
the effect that Castro's return to Ve-
nezuela is regarded as out of the ques-
tion.

Interurban Office Robbed.

Special to the Times.
McKinney, Tex., Dec. 23.—Sheriff
Eubank was called to Allen today on
account of the robbery there of the
Dallas-Sherman interurban office, which
was broken into early this morning.
There have been no arrests so far,
but clues are being followed. No large
amount of money was secured.

Death Sentence for Negro.

Special to the Times.
Dallas, Tex., Dec. 23.—Judge Nelms
today passed the death sentence upon
Job Smith, a negro convicted of killing
another negro two years ago. The
date of the execution is February 12th.
Smith's only hope now lies in execu-
tive clemency or a writ of error to the
federal supreme court.

We are agents for Dunlaps Hats,
Walsh & Clasbey, 194-11

THE LITTLE BROWN JUG IN EVIDENCE

On account of Wichita Falls being
an oasis in a vast expanse of dry coun-
try hundreds of gallons of whiskey are
shipped out of here daily in jugs and
bottles to points in the Panhandle,
West Texas and Oklahoma.

Such a thriving business is now be-
ing enjoyed by local liquor dealers that
the express companies are fairly
swamped with shipments of wet goods
and it is sometimes necessary to hold
trains here for fifteen or twenty min-
utes while the whiskey is being loaded
onto the trains.

Proceedings in the Higher Courts.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 23.—The following
proceedings were had in the supreme
court today: Affirmed—McCormick vs.
Kampmann from Bexar county.
Reversed and remanded—San An-
tonio Irrigation Co. vs. Deubchmann
from Bexar county.
Applications refused—Fordtran vs.
Stowers from Bexar; San Antonio
Light Co. vs. Levy; Clark vs.
National Bank.

WANT EDUCATION TO BE COMPULSORY

WICHITA COUNTY TEACHERS EN-
DORSE MOVEMENT IN THAT
DIRECTION.

INSTITUTE HAS CLOSED

Meeting Has Been One of the Most
Helpful Ever Held in Wichita
County.

The teachers of Wichita county closed
one of the most helpful institutes
today that has ever been held in this
city.

Before the institute closed the fol-
lowing resolutions were adopted:
Wichita Falls, Tex., Dec. 23, 1908.
Mr. Chairman:—We your committee
beg to make the following report:

Resolved:—That we render our
thanks to Judge Yeager for the excel-
lent program prepared for this insti-
tute and for his uniform kindness in
regard to our comfort and for our
entertainment during the institute.

2. That we express our hearty ap-
preciation to those on the regular pro-
gram for their timely aid and sugges-
tion in the presentation of their dif-
ferent subjects.

3. That we especially thank our
chairman and secretary Mr. Guice and
Miss Willis, for their efficient work
and the able manner in which it was
executed.

4. That we are very grateful to all
who took part in the special program
rendered, and to Judge Carrigan for
the thoughtful and entertaining ad-
dress delivered to the institute Tues-
day evening.

We heartily endorse his sentiments
on the subject of education.

5. That we thank the "Times" espe-
cially Mr. Donnell, the city editor,
for his interest and for publishing the
proceedings of the institute from time
to time.

6. That we employ, for our next
institute, a specialist in Primary Meth-
ods.

7. That we, as teachers of Wichita
county, in institute assembled, do en-
dorse the action of one of the rep-
resentatives of Parker county in the
preparation of a bill, understood to be
introduced in the thirty-first legisla-
ture upon the matter of compulsory edu-
cation.

T. L. TOLAND,
W. T. HOLDER,
ARMINIA GRIBBLE.

INTEREST TURNS TO KATY.

Report Says C., M. & St. P. Likely to
Get Control.

New York, Dec. 22.—Now that the
Hill interests have acquired the Colo-
rado and Southern railway attention
is again centered on the Missouri,
Kansas and Texas railway company,
which is still an independent line, ex-
tending from St. Louis to

It has been

REELFOOT LAKE AND ITS UGLY PAST RECORD

(R. S. Spears, in New York Evening Post.)

There is no more interesting locality in the Mississippi river basin than Reelfoot Lake, where Captain Quintin Rankin, the Trenton, Tenn., attorney was lynched and Colonel R. Z. Taylor permitted to escape by a midnight band of raiders a few weeks ago. Around Reelfoot Lake cluster uncounted legends and tales of many varieties, most of them in keeping with the weird and ghastly beauty of the lake and its dead forests.

Reelfoot Lake is a part of the Sunk Lands of the Mississippi bottoms. The Sunk Lands comprise several thousand square miles between Cairo and Memphis, and the name comes from the belief that when New Madrid earthquakes convulsed the bottoms in 1811-12, the land "sank" permitting the waters to gather in great shallow basins, forming lakes, of which Reelfoot Lake is the largest in Tennessee, and St. Francis Lake, in the swamps of Arkansas and Missouri, is the largest on the west side of the Mississippi.

"Reelfoot country" was the name given by the river and swamp hunters of Davy Crockett's time to the region most affected by the earthquakes. It expresses graphically the condition of affairs when "a man couldn't stand up nor lie down" on account of the terrific convulsions of the earth which followed one another at frequent intervals beginning in 1811 and lasting at their worst for two or three years, and continuing with decreasing severity down to the present time, when there are five or six shocks a year which do no worse damage than shake few acres of land into the Mississippi, throw down some chimneys and frighten the colored population of Lake county. The people of the bottoms are rather inclined to be proud of their little "shakers," and they take great delight in the open-mouthed surprise of strangers who happen to be in the land when an earthquake rolls across the bottoms out of the west, as I know from experience. These earthquakes would be thought very very severe elsewhere. In 1838, for instance there was one which shook plowmen off their feet, cracked the Holiday house at Cairo, and badly damaged the Memphis sewer system. The people of the bottoms depend on cisterns for their drinking water, but in the earthquake zone it is impossible to build them of cement, owing to the wrack-

ing they receive from the seismic disturbances.

Earthquakes of 1811-12.

The earthquakes of 1811-12 made the land roll like waves. There are letters and descriptions which tell us how the land rocked. The story of the first steamer trip down the Ohio and Mississippi has many times been told—how the Roosevelts on board found themselves rocked and tossed about on the agitated waters. Elizabeth Brown wrote to Rev. Lorenzo Dow that the first shock came on December 11, 1811. There was an awful noise like distant thunder, but more hoarse, followed by the complete saturation of the atmosphere with sulphurous vapor causing total darkness. There were screams of the affrighted inhabitants, running to and fro, the cries of fowls and beasts, the cracking of trees falling and the current of the Mississippi turned and flowed up stream for four hours. A Mrs. La Font died of fright. On January 23, 1812, a violent shock came, and from this time till February 4, the earth was in continual agitation, visibly waving as a gentle sea. On February 4 came a violent shock, and on the 5th four more. On the 7th, at 4 o'clock a. m., came the convulsion known as the "hard shock."

"At first the Mississippi seemed to recede from its banks as the water gathered up like a mountain, leaving for a moment the keelboats that were here (New Madrid) on their way to New Orleans, on the bare sand. In which time the poor sailors made their escape from them. It then raised from fifteen to twenty feet perpendicularly and expanding, as it were, the bank overflowed with a retrograde movement as rapid as a torrent. The boats were torn from their moorings and driven up a little creek a quarter of a mile. The river fell as rapidly as it rose, and tore off young cottonwoods so that people thought it a work of art, so regularly was it done. Fish were left on the banks and the river was covered with the wrecks of boats. A woman and six children were reported dead.

Mention of Reelfoot.

Hundreds of acres were covered with sand, which boiled up out of spits and holes in the ground, and the site of New Madrid settled at least fifteen feet. Many ponds back of the town were dried up, the beds being raised

higher than their shores. Lately, the woman wrote, "It has been discovered that a lake was formed on the opposite side of the Mississippi in the Indian country, upward of 100 miles in length, and from one to six miles in breadth, and of a depth of from ten to fifty feet." It has communication at both ends with the Mississippi, and it is conjectured that it will not be many years before the principal part of the Mississippi will pass that way. This was the first mention in writing of Reelfoot Lake.

The Reelfoot Lake region extends from Hickman, Ky., to a few miles below Carruthersville Mo., a distance of about thirty-five miles in a straight line, and nearly seventy-five miles by

the Mississippi river channel, and covers about 250 square miles. The lake itself is about fifteen miles long from, say, French slough to the road to Tiptonville, Tenn. Its width varies from a few hundred feet to something over four miles. There are many arms and bays, and the shore line is most irregular, the north end losing itself in a cypress brake along eight or ten distinct bayous—here the tupelo gum grows in treacherous mud which men, mules and hogs alike avoid. The whole lake is covered with the gray stubs of the dead forest, and one can not see a quarter of a mile because of the dead trees. One needs a compass to travel that wilderness. Instead of rotting away, the trees are chipped

and splintered by the waves and one sees where the water has already cut into the trunks. Many of the stubs have been cut away at the water line, and if one does not know the open waterways of the old bayous he constantly runs aground on the stubs. Even old fishermen sometimes lose themselves in the dead wilderness, and many a man has lost his life in storms on the lake, the waves coming through the woods with frightful violence, pounding skiffs and dugouts to pieces on submerged logs and stubs.

Nature's Amends.

Fishermen tell of finding men in their skiffs frozen to death in sleet storms as they rode the gale tied to a stub. The cormorants, or water turkeys, cry from the naked branches with melancholy voices, quite in keeping with the place. The dismal aspect is relieved by the American lotus, which here grows in its full splendid beauty, the wide green leaves resting upon the water, shading the black bass, while the blossoms rise above the surface in beautiful fluffs of fragrant beauty, as though nature regretted the wilderness tragedy, and would make amends by spreading flowers of wonderful loveliness in the cemetery of her dead. The lake are swamps which bring the of, perhaps, twenty-five square miles, or 15,000 acres, judging by the Mississippi river commission maps. Around the lake are swamps which bring the area of the lake and its low shore up to, perhaps, 50,000 acres. The local estimates vary from 28,000 acres, by Judge Harris, who sold the land to the West Tennessee Land Company, to 80,000 acres by fishermen on the lake.

South of Reelfoot Lake is "The Scatters," a region where the lake's outlet loses itself in a wilderness of growing and fallen trees, tangled vines, dark corners of swamp brakes, narrow bayous and reptile-infested morass. The Scatters is visited only by hunters and trappers, and by these infrequently.

Tiptonville, a cotton town, lies on the Mississippi river side of the Reelfoot Lake country, and Union City, another cotton town, on the railroad side. The two towns are about twenty miles apart, and are connected by stage line. The road goes along the south side of the lake, through the north edge of the Scatters, in forests. In dry weather, it is a good road. Wherever the land is high enough to

be dry and cultivable, it is two-bale cotton land. On this fact hinges some of the trouble which, among other things, led to the lynching of Captain Quintin Rankin.

Fishing and Shooting.

There are some scores of people who live around Reelfoot Lake in tents, shacks and other sorts of dwellings. They make their living fishing in Reelfoot Lake. In former times these fishermen made as much as \$50 a week in season catching bass (trout, croaker, buffalo, rock bass, pike, catfish and spronbills, but, as usual, they overdid the matter, and bare livings are made now. The hunting was superb—nowhere in the country were wood ducks more plentiful than on Reelfoot Lake, while other ducks flocked there in countless thousands, and wild geese in hundreds. The market shooters came with the migrations, and even of late years they find little difficulty killing from fifty to 100 ducks a day, for which they get from \$25 to \$50. In former times Reelfoot Lake offered unrivaled opportunities for the feather and meat hunters. The time was when Swan basin got its name from the alleged fact that swans kept it open in freezing weather by flying around all night long, paddling their feet in the water. Twenty-five years ago the last swan to visit Reelfoot Lake was seen there. Other water fowls have become as scarce in proportion. Even wild bees have been hunted with such avidity that they're getting scarce."

James C. Harris of Lake country first saw the possibilities of Reelfoot Lake. He owned upwards of 40,000 acres of land, and he tried to get possession of Reelfoot Lake and its rich shores. He bought titles when he could, built a saw mill, and began to clear out the salable timber.

Harris the Pioneer.

In all the Reelfoot Lake history James C. Harris looms a curious and remarkable figure. His people were among the first settlers on the lower Mississippi after the Louisiana purchase was made. He grew up in the swamps and being a shrewd, able man, he became rich. Most of his wealth was founded on whiskey made in a still beside Reelfoot Lake. In time this whiskey-making involved the old man with the Federal government, and days came when he disappeared from

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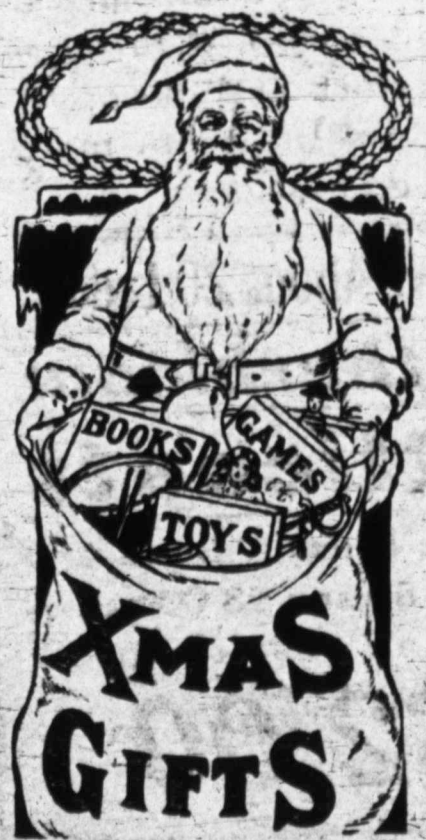
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his former haunts. He was absent about ten years, when the matter was finally settled, it is said, by payment of a heavy fine. He then looked a patriarch with his white hair, his Mississippi bottom complexion, the prominent cheek bones, and flowing white beard. He restlessly turned to countless schemes for increasing his possessions—out of the hardships of his youth had grown the cankerous desire to call things "mine," and long after he might have rested assured that he would neither hunger nor suffer from cold again he reached for more and more. They tell in Lake country how he would start out in sleet storms to make a survey, and ride hither and yon about his business in cyclone and torrid heat. His son, Judge, kinder, better hearted and friendlier, raged after his father, holding an umbrella over the white head, making a most interesting spectacle. Harris wanted a railroad, a city, a trolley line, telephone, a levee. He seized the timber brakes around Reelfoot Lake and tried to get the lake. He wanted to shave a profit from the fish caught and game shot on the lake—and this desire, passed on, finally led up to the lynching. But most of all he wanted to make two-bale cotton land of the swamps around the lake. He found opposition, and fought it. He wanted everything thereabout. He saw that if Reelfoot could be drained, 15,000 acres would be added to his cultivatable lands. It is said this 15,000 acres is covered by less than ten inches of water. He began to dig a ditch to drain the lake, and the fishermen, frightened, got together and hired attorneys to fight the ditch. The supreme court of Tennessee finally granted a permanent injunction forbidding the ditch. Harris went to the legislature and got laws passed in his favor, and one of these was to the effect that a man must have the written permission of a land owner to hunt on those lands (section 1, chapter 91, Acts of 1901, Tennessee). Harris began to grant permits to hunters and fishermen for the privileges of the lakes. These permits were evidence that the users admitted Harris' ownership of the lake.

The same scheme, with variations, is now used in many States. Moreover, a hunting club was formed—the Louisville Outing club of Louisville, Ky. In due course this club purchased many rights and titles, which were turned over to Harris, strengthening his position. Fishermen were served with injunctions, hunters were driven from their blinds, and it was evident that Harris was making headway. It was even claimed market hunters did not have to have hunting license if they sold to Harris' agent. He even found the original landholder's heirs, and thus came in possession of Colonel Daugherty's Revolutionary soldier war claims which antedated the New Madrid earthquakes.

In order to get the profit on the fish and birds killed he decided to put a fish and game merchant on the lake. J. C. Burdick had led the opposition to the Harris claims. He now became Harris' game and fish buyer—and won the enmity of his one-time friends. The Olsen Fish company was formed in opposition, by John Shaw, Frank Sparks, Albert Wallace and Walter Pleasant, to purchase the fish and game of Reelfoot Lake. These four men have led the opposition to closing the lake to the public. Instantly there were injunctions, bonds, and litigation for the right to buy and sell Reelfoot's wild booty. The prize sought would amount, it was claimed, to about \$70,000 a year. The litigation was in line with Old Man Harris' plan of "lawing opposition to death," and in this work he was ably assisted by persistent attorneys. But Harris was getting old, and in 1903 he died in St. Louis.

A Big Levee.
 Judge Harris (his given name is Judge) continued the fight for the lake and the lands around the lake. Baffled in the attempt to redeem the lands, he was now in some other way. The levee system offered an opportunity. Judge Harris saw that if the Mississippi could be prevented from flowing down into Reelfoot Lake every spring, he would be able to clear from 10,000 to 15,000 acres of the swamp timber brake land which he owned in the Reelfoot basin. He became head of the local levee commission. He made applications to the United States Mississippi river commission, and today 12.5 miles of the twenty miles of levee necessary to save the low shores of Reelfoot from inundation have been built. But the local board, which began work with much enthusiasm, did no work last year, and the Mississippi commission placed 145,600 cubic yards of dirt without local assistance. The land owners of Lake country did not take kindly to the high levee tax, whose avowed purpose was to redeem many thousands acres of land for the Harris estate, though it would add, it was claimed, 100,000 acres of cotton land to the Reelfoot cultivable area.

Heretofore, the troubles have been matters of courts and politics. Independent observers could not become enthusiastic in favor of the fishermen and hunters who were fighting every attempt to preserve the fish and game nor for the people who desired to get all the profit possible from the lake.

So far as one could see, it was simply a matter of greed opposed to avarice. But Judge Harris has been very plainly a more progressive man than his opponents and when he talked with me about trying to carry out his father's plan he showed himself more than willing to put his shoulders to the wheel for the progress of Lake country.

"The trouble is right here," he told me. "Almost all the land in Lake county is owned by five or six persons and if we are not progressive it keeps everybody down. The land ought to be cut up into small farms." Wounded by the fight, Harris sold out to the West Tennessee Land company, whose head was Rankin.

The Lynching Habit.
 Lynching is no new thing to Lake county. The citizens of Lake county were at one time greatly addicted to the habit of lynching negroes, and a cypress tree at a fence corner just north of the town was pointed out to me as "the nigger tree."

"Seven niggers have been hanged on that tree," it was explained. On one occasion a negro was hanged by an impatient mob on the main street of the town, but this made some feeling. The tree was cut down and the incident forgotten as far as possible. The people of Lake county tell about the trial of a negro in the Tiptonville, Lake county, court. The court was crowded, and the men were particularly wrought up by the woman's story. The jury received the case, and then there was a delay. They could not agree.

"It's a hung jury!" somebody announced. "Well, we'll have a hung nigger, too!" somebody shouted and the mob surged forward. The negro was hanged, forthwith. Later it was learned that one of the white men on the jury and the son of another of the jurors, had been accused of the crime. They escaped, but were driven from the county.

I was told that many more negroes would have been lynched in Lake County if it had not been for one difficulty which the residents met at last. The negroes began to move away, and the wandering cotton pickers ceased to visit Lake county, so that increasing difficulty was experienced in getting the cotton picked. Nowhere in the Delta is a higher price paid for cotton picking than in Lake county. Still, with Lake county's reputation for lynching negroes, the negroes did not come in numbers. Thus, the habit of lynching negroes was seriously interfered with for commercial reasons.

Certainly, with its dead, submerged wilderness, its lynchings and its feuds (the bloodiest of which Mark Twain has recorded) the Reelfoot country is one of the strangest regions along the Mississippi river.

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Winfield, Black writes: I met a girl the other day who says she's going to New York as a missionary to the poor. She's a pretty girl, with about brains enough to keep her from falling under the street car wheels, and that's about all. She has no more heart than a little bantam chicken, and she knows just about as much of real life as a little French doll that has never been taken out of the box knows about the world she's going to pretend to live in. And she's going as a missionary to the poor. "Missionary to the poor!" I had all I could do to keep from taking her home with me, inviting her out onto the back porch and arguing the nonsense out of her with a good stout cherry tree switch. Missionary to the poor! And there won't be a woman that she goes to see who hasn't more sense, and more heart, and more character, and more judgment, and more courage in a minute than she'll ever have if she lives to be seventy years old. Talk about the mysterious murders of the great metropolises! Whenever I meet one of these top-lofty missionaries to the slums I wonder why there isn't a murder a day. If I was supporting children and a worthless husband by taking in washing I'd like to see the little prying snip who could come into my poor little room or two and give me advice as to how I ought to live—and get out. If I lived in what these earnest workers love to call the slums I'd keep a good, big pail full of water ready for those people who know so much more about my business than they'd seem to know about their own. Missionaries to the poor! Why, there's more real love, and real charity, and real courage, and real self-sacrifice, and real truth in one block of the slums than there is in ten blocks of the begonia we love to designate as aristocratic. Come up from the tenement districts, wife and mother, and show these rich women what it means to be a loving mother, a faithful wife and an honest woman. We need you—we need you badly. The children—oh, let one of the missionaries to the poor go round and look after them for awhile. It may make a real missionary of her.

The people of the State will not let Governor Campbell up in his ears to have the laws enforced in some of the biggest towns of the State. As a preliminary move toward this end the governor has refused to sign the commissions of some of the officers of Becker county and it is said he will hold up commissions of Galveston officials. A man who swears to enforce the law ought to make good or resign his office. If he refuses to do either, he should be ejected.—Palatine Herald.

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The Morey Stock Company.
The Morey Stock Company will open a week's engagement at the opera house next Monday night, presenting for their initial performance a drama of unusual strength, "In Spite of All." Other plays which will follow during the week are Michael Strogoff, Hearts o' the Blue Ridge, Our Strategists, Anna Karenina, On the Frontier and The Whole Damn Family. The same high standard that has characterized the Morey Stock Company's performances during the past nine years has been maintained this season. Every play is a tried success, and the sole aim of the management is to please their patrons, and give them presentations of the highest character. The scenic, electrical and mechanical effects and the costuming of the plays will be equal to those employed in any former season.

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No Show on Christmas.
Manager Bean of the Wichita Theater received a telegram last night cancelling the engagement of "The Pals," for which dates had been arranged here on Christmas afternoon and night. This will give the contractors a good opportunity to finish up their work before the next show comes on Monday night of next week.

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While the children of John Herrow were playing in front of their home at Duryea, Pa., a bear and her cub appeared and ran up and wanted to play with the children, but the mother sent them into the house. The bears ate a few apples and went off into the woods.

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THE TWO ROMEO.

Mrs. Siddons' Opinion of David Garrick and Spranger Barry.

David Garrick and Spranger Barry were both playing Romeo at the same time, in London. Barry played it at Drury Lane on the Monday, and Garrick played it the next night at Covent Garden, and the town was divided as to which was the greater Romeo—in fact, there was quite a great excitement about it, and they acted it upon such different lines and with such marvellously different conceptions that the people argued the case as to which Shakespeare intended. The fact is that Shakespeare intended it to be acted well, and if one man's temperament suited it best to act in that way it would do for another temperament the other way.

So they asked Mrs. Siddons, who was the Juliet alternately with the same Romeo, which she considered better of the two, and she said:

"It is difficult to say. They are both wonderfully great, but I will tell you how they impress me in the balcony scene. In the balcony scene Garrick seems so eager, so intense and so full of fire and spirit that I'm afraid he'll jump up in the balcony to me, and Barry is so lovable and fascinating that I'm afraid I shall have to jump down from the balcony to him."

The Relationship.

"You say, madam," said the bespectacled lawyer to the woman in the witness box, "that the defendant is a sort of relation of yours. Will you please explain what you mean by that—just how you are related to the defendant?"

The witness beamed upon the court and replied:

"Well, it's just like this. His first wife's cousin and my second husband's first wife's aunt married brothers named Jones, and they were cousins to my mother's aunt. Then, again, his grandfather on his mother's side and my grandfather on my mother's side were second cousins, and his step-mother married my husband's step-father after his father and my mother died, and his brother Joe and my husband's brother Harry married twin sisters. I ain't never figured out just how close related we are, but I've always looked on 'im as a sort of cousin."

"Quite so," answered the lawyer. "Your explanations are perfectly satisfactory."

Forgetful.

An eminent painter was once asked if he thought art students did well to go to Europe to study. He said that undoubtedly the atmosphere was more artistic in Europe than anywhere else, but that Paris as a city to study and work in was overrated.

To illustrate his meaning he said that a certain rich man's son after three years in Paris wrote home to his father:

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The only complaint the Times has from patrons of its classified or want column is that it does its work only too well. Yesterday a business man, needed something, and acting like all good business men should do, advertised for it through the want ad column of the Times. The ad was ordered for three insertions, but one was more than sufficient to bring the desired results. When he went to his office this morning he found a half dozen applicants waiting for him. To save annoyance the patron ordered the ad out. This is only to remind those who have something for sale, or who want to buy or want help, that an ad in the Times will bring results.

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Catching a Tartar.

A Pennsylvania trout fisherman had an adventure which is a warning to thoughtless persons. He was in his boat, eating his flies, when he saw something swimming across the creek several rods up stream. He thought it was a mink, but when it got within a couple of yards he saw it was a wildcat. Without stopping to think he cast his line toward the animal and the next instant regretted his hasty action. The hook caught in the cat's ears, and it promptly turned and swam toward the boat. He paddled away, but the cat overtook the boat and proceeded to climb in. The fisherman knocked the animal on the head with the paddle, and the movement capsized the boat. Then there was a fight in the water, and the fisherman defended himself so well with the paddle that he was able to reach the shore. The wildcat followed, but a few well directed blows finished it. There was a two dollar bounty on the animal, but as the fisherman lost all his fishing tackle and had his clothing badly torn he thinks he had the worst of the bargain. At any rate, he will never again fish for a wildcat.

Philadelphia Flier of 1737.

In these days of fast trains we can hardly conceive how the newspaper announcement made March 10, 1737, that a "flier would begin flying on 2d April to perform the journey between New York and Philadelphia in one day" could have created a great sensation—even in Philadelphia. Eighty miles in fourteen hours does not seem to us such breathless speed, but when we read in the same paper that in order to accomplish this feat "John Butler, with his wagon, must needs set out from the sign of the Death of the Fox at daybreak and drive at top speed (the horses being changed at each stage ere the coach stops rocking to meet the ferry of Rubin Fitzrandolph, which delivers passengers in New York by night."

We can understand that for those leisurely times this was indeed "going some." This, at least, was the opinion of a traveler who performed this journey in 1737, for he writes home, "And if any one wishes to travel more quickly let him go to Kentucky and charter a streak of lightning."

The Dazzling Searchlight.

On a dark night no warship would be safe from torpedo attack but for the searchlight. The full moon lights up a torpedo boat so that it can be fired at when nearly a mile away. To produce the same illumination with the most powerful artificial light an electric arc of 100,000 candle power placed three-quarters of a mile high would be needed if the aid of mirrors were not available. But with this light and an ingenious arrangement of mirrors it is possible to surpass the moon. Searchlights are now made which throw light a distance of sixty-three miles, but objects can be seen only a few miles from the source of the light. The effect on the enemy is most demoralizing. When the bright beam is suddenly thrown on the eye the pupil contracts violently; when the beam is removed the eye can see nothing. If this be repeated a few times it takes all the nerve out of a man, so that only the best trained and most courageous can continue the attack.—London Answers.

Not That Color.

Willie lost his pet dog and was much distressed. He spent his time searching for it, and so often did he run into the house crying, "Come, quick; there's Fido; I saw him!" the family grew somewhat dubious.

One day Willie rushed in more excited than usual. "Mamma, mamma!" he cried. "I've seen Fido; I've seen Fido!"

"Oh, no; I guess not," replied the patient mother. "It must have been your imagination."

Willie looked at her much aggrieved. "Well," he said indignantly, "I guess my imagination isn't white behind."—Dellmeator.

Too Suggestive.

Wimbleton—Hello, Simpeltion! How did you enjoy your visit to the insane asylum the other day?—Simpeltion—Oh, so-so. It was all right enough, I guess. Wimbleton—Well, you don't talk as though you were impressed with it. Did you give the superintendent my note of introduction?—Simpeltion—Yes, I gave it to him. Wimbleton—Well, what did he say?—Simpeltion—Oh, he just looked at me and said, "Make yourself at home."—Lip-phcott's.

Wedding Present Problem.

What people ought to do when they send out invitations to a wedding is to add after the R. S. V. P. the letters P. S. L., which stand for "Please send list." The would be donor would then send a selection of, say, four articles, from 1 shilling to £1.00 in value, and the bride would pick out what she wished.—London World.

"Smart" Manners.

A well dressed crowd is always the worst behaved crowd. If any one doubts this truism let him ask any London policeman who has had to grapple with a crowd of fashionable ladies.—Nottingham Guardian.

Cured Him.

Mrs. Naggs—My husband used to find fault with the coffee, but he doesn't any more. Mrs. Howells—How did you break him of the habit? Mrs. Naggs—I induced him to make it himself one morning.

There are but two ways of paying debt—increasing of industry in raising income; increase of thrift in laying out.—Carlyle.

SUGGESTED BY CHILDREN.

Origin of the Argand Lamp and the Telescope.

Some of our most useful mechanical appliances owe their existence to the ingenuity of children in fashioning their playthings. Argand, who invented a lamp with a wick fitted into a hollow cylinder, was one day busy in his workroom. Sitting before the burning lamp, his little brother was amusing himself by placing a bottomless oil flask over different articles. Suddenly he placed it upon the flame of the lamp, which instantly shot up the long circular neck of the flask with increased brilliancy. Argand did not allow such a suggestive occurrence to escape him. The idea of the lamp chimney almost immediately came into his head, and in a short time his invention was perfected.

The telescope owes its origin to a similar occurrence. The children of a Dutch spectacle maker happened to be playing one day with some of their father's glasses in front of the shop door. Placing two of the glasses together, they peeped through them and were exceedingly astonished to see the weathercock of the neighboring steeple brought within a short distance of their eyes. They were naturally puzzled and called their father to see the strange sight. When the spectacle maker looked through the glasses he was no less surprised than the children had been. He went indoors and thought the matter over, and then the idea occurred to him that he might construct a curious new toy which would give people a good deal of amusement. Not long after the telescope was an accomplished fact.

THE SUBTLE FEMALE.

How She Wheedles and Bullies the Poor Man Creature.

As woman gradually impressed upon man the utility of strutting around in ducery and the necessity of being practically useful his garb has become more and more sober and workaday in appearance. Ethnologists tell us that the decorations of primitive man were intended to fascinate feminine eyes, but woman presently began to make it clear that she was not hunting for "a fine, showy article," but something solid and plain and useful, warranted to stand wear and tear. As for the ornamental role, she was going to represent the family herself in that line.

In fact, when one reflects how man has been stripped of gauds and wheedled out of his flipperies one by one, one cannot help feeling a tender pity for this victim of feminine self aggrandizement. Poor, timid trembler! A vague, general fear of the female sex haunts him. Afraid of being married against his will, he is circumvented by some subtle female creature who makes him think that it is his will to marry her. An observer remarks that a man very often in running away from the right woman runs straight into the arms of the wrong woman. And the wrong woman, that great opportunist, is always waiting there to block his headlong flight and switch it toward the altar.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

An Easy Job.

Indifference displayed in the face of the uncertainties and dangers of life is characteristic of the Wessex dwellers in the "Islands of the Vale," according to Eleanor G. Hayden, the author of the book of the title, who supports her statement with a story of humorous turn.

A certain cottage and its old mistress had improved so greatly in comfort and appearance that a visitor shrewdly surmised that the son of the house, a lazy ne'er do well, had turned over a new leaf. He inquired about it.

"Yes, sir, my son's in work now," said the smiling old mother. "Takes good money, he does, too. All he has to do is to go twice a day to the circus and put his head in the lion's mouth. The rest of the time he has to himself."

Not Infectious.

I used to be very much afraid that my children while playing with others would be exposed to some contagious disease, and they were constantly on the lookout for trouble of this kind.

One day little Louise, aged four, came rushing in from the street where she had been playing with a crowd of children. In a very excited manner she burst out, "Well, mother, two of the Meyers children have something, but sister says she don't think we'll catch it, though."

"Well, what is it, darling?" I asked. "It's the pigeon toes," she replied.—Dellmeator.

How Pike Kill Perch.

From careful observation I am satisfied that pike kill their prey before swallowing them, and they do this by holding whatever fish they have secured crossways in their powerful jaws for some time before holding it. I once watched a pike hold a perch in this way for twenty minutes, and then he moved off out of sight, but from five to ten minutes is the usual time.—W. H. Arnstead in "Trout Waters, Management and Angling."

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The Poacher.

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A shot.
"Hello! You there! What are you doing here?"
"Shooting pheasants. Isn't this for sport?"
"Public? No."
"The poacher looked fixedly on the other."

"Have you ever been told that you look like?"

"Look like whom?"

"The emperor?"

"Yes. You are not the first who has told me that."

"I have only seen his pictures, and those taken in uniform. If you were to be similarly dressed you might pass for his majesty without detection."

"Do you really think so?"

"I certainly do."

"I wonder how it would feel to perambulate the head of our great German fatherland. I think I should burst with pride. I have an idea. What a joke it would be for me to go to the emperor's headquarters and pretend to be the emperor."

"I'll bet you a thousand thalers that unless you run up against the emperor himself or some of the royal family you can play emperor as long as you like."

"I take the bet. But first promise that you will not give me away."

"I promise that. But are you going to Berlin simply to enjoy the sensation of being emperor?"

"His majesty is not in Berlin."

"Where is he?"

"Follow me."

The two sportsmen, for such they were, moved away.

"Who are you?" asked the man who was to play emperor of the other.

"I am Heinrich Borgesser, a German American citizen. I have returned to visit my father, who lives near here."

"Do you shoot anywhere you like in America?"

"Pretty nearly. I live in Missouri. We can shoot anywhere there. Your name is?"

"Just now I am his majesty Emperor William III. Don't think of me as any one else. You might betray me inadvertently."

"You are right. I will begin by addressing you as 'your majesty.' Where are we going, your majesty?"

"Ho, ho! Your majesty! Say it again! We are going to a shooting lodge the emperor has some distance from here. He is hunting."

They walked for half an hour when his majesty said: "The shooting lodge is right up there. Don't be frightened."

"Frightened? Do you suppose an American can be frightened at royalty? Not I. I consider myself as good as the emperor."

"The devil you do!"

"See here," said Mr. Borgesser anxiously. "I'm not afraid of an emperor. But I seriously object to skating around with an impostor."

"Oh, you do? Very well. If you are afraid, pay me the thousand thalers."

"Not by a long shot. Proceed."

"The emperor's impersonator led the way to the lodge, threw down his game bag in which there were two pheasants and said to courtiers who came up obsequiously:

"This is Mr. Borgesser from America. He will be our guest for the day. Let all possible consideration be shown him."

One took Mr. Borgesser's gun, another his game bag (brimful of pheasants), and another offered him refreshment. He looked very uneasy and as soon as an opportunity offered whispered to the impostor:

"Suppose the emperor should suddenly appear?"

"In that case I would win my bet. It would prove that I could not play the sovereign without detection."

Dinner was soon served, and the American sat down at table with "his majesty" and a small suit at the lodge.

"What do you do with poachers in Missouri?" asked "his majesty."

"There are no poachers, for there are no preserves."

"We jail them here. As a German-American citizen we are pleased to honor you, but as a poacher you will have to spend a few months in prison."

The American tried to laugh, but instead he turned pale.

"Then there will be a few more months' punishment for *leze majesty*."

"Leze majesty?"

"Didn't you say awhile ago that you considered yourself as good as the emperor? What do you think of that, gentlemen? This resident of the far west in America considers himself as good as ourself."

"So that's your game," said the American, rising up, "by pretending to be emperor to get me in here for blackmail."

"His majesty" burst with an uncontrollable fit of laughter. His suit looked dumfounded.

"Count," said his majesty to one of those at the table, "give Mr. Borgesser a check for a thousand thalers. He bet me this morning that I could perambulate myself without detection. While out after pheasants I found him shooting on the preserve with all the coolness of an American. And he had the impudence to tell me that he considered himself as good as I."

Mr. Borgesser was astonished. The trepidation he had felt at "skating around with an impostor" vanished, but in its place came discomposure at having been a poacher on the imperial preserve and having told the emperor that he was "as good as he."

OSCAR COX.

A CAT AND A CANARY.

They Went Away Separately, but Came Back Together.

A lady friend of mine, says an English writer, has as pets a canary and a cat. The two were the best of good friends, and when the bird's prison door was opened it would come out and perch on the cat's back while it trilled forth a song of gladness.

One day my friend left her two pets together, and on her return the bird was nowhere to be found. Pussy was curled up on a cushion, sleeping contentedly, and my friend jumped to the conclusion that the cat was answerable for the bird's disappearance, consequently she caught up the cat and, holding the supposed delinquent before the empty cage, beat it rather mercilessly. Poor pussy mewled piteously, but her relentless mistress put her outside and shut the door against her.

Next morning, feeling rather ashamed of her outburst, she made inquiries about the cat, but pussy was gone.

Some days later she heard a faint scratching at her window, and on opening the casement a cat crept in and laid a bedraggled canary at her feet. At first she did not recognize her pet in the two disreputable looking objects before her. When she did recognize them her delight was great.

Presumably the canary had gone out by the open window, and, finding liberty sweet, it had flown to a neighboring wood. How the cat found the bird and brought it back uninjured is a mystery.

DEATH VALLEY.

The Burning, Blasting Winds That Sweep This Arid Waste.

The prevailing winds in Death valley are from the west. Though originating in the Pacific ocean and saturated with humidity in traveling the intermediate distance, they are intercepted by the lofty peaks of four ranges of mountains, which absorb all of their moisture, so that by the time they reach the valley all humidity has disappeared. The blasts are as if heated in a fiery furnace, and no living thing can survive the intense heat. Even birds indigenous to the region die.

It is in the months of greatest heat that the sandstorms of Death valley are most deadly. They rage with intense fury, obliterating the landscape and dimming the light of the sun, withering the scanty vegetation and covering the trails deep in powdered dust. At all times the aspect of the valley is superlatively desolate. No spot on earth surpasses it in aridity or Tophet-like heat.

During the heated term an hour without water means death. Meat becomes putrid in an hour. Eggs are cooked in the blistering sand. Water is only palatable by means of large, porous, earthenware jars, common to all hot countries, suspended in drafts and reduced in temperature by means of the rapid evaporation of the moisture from the outside.

Wedding Ring Mottoes.

The custom of inscribing within the hoop of the betrothal or wedding ring a motto or "posy," as it was called, was formerly very prevalent. Hamlet asks, "Is this a prologue or the posy of a ring?" Some posies were very tender and beautiful. Among the more appropriate posies may be mentioned "Doux corps, un coeur," "My heart and I until I die" and "I am yours" from sixteenth century rings. "Love ever," "Love true, 'tis joy," and "Time lesseneth not my love" from the seventeenth century. "Love me," "My soul will keep thee company to heaven" and "En ma fidelite je finirai ma vie" from the eighteenth. In the ring which "Florize" (afterward George IV.) gave to the hapless Perdita were the words "Je change qu'en mourant—Unalterable to my Perdita through life."

A Finland Festival.

Paul Walmann's "A Summer Tour in Finland" contains this pretty bit of folklore: "Midsummer is the great annual festival of Finland. From every height a bonfire leaps to the sky in honor of the mating of night and day, who are then united. The Finns possess a poetical legend relating to this annual custom. Kolt and Amarik, the sunset and sunrise, beseeched the lord of the sky to give them permission to be eternally a bride and bridegroom and once a year to clasp each other in their glowing arms."

A Lesson From Nature.

"Young gentlemen," lectured the eminent instructor, "you are old enough now to put away the childish and trivial amusements that sufficed for you when you were younger. Learn a lesson from the dumb brutes and even from the reptiles. When they arrive at maturity they comport themselves with a certain dignity."
"It isn't so with the rattlesnake, professor," objected the young man with the bad eye. "The older he grows the more rattles he plays with."—Chicago Tribune.

Stepping the Exodus.

During service in an English church on a warm Sunday many of the congregation, finding the air oppressive, rose and silently stole away. The minister, perceiving that the exodus was about to become epidemic, paused in his discourse. "Brethren," he said, "I am here to deliver a sermon, not a soliloquy!"

Women and Weeds.

Mrs. Stubbs—Now, women are not impulsive, like you men. They always measure their words. Mr. Stubbs (with a sigh)—Oh, if some of them would only give short measure!—Chicago News.



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THE PARACHUTE.

Leonardo da Vinci Was the First One to Suggest It.

Credible accounts exist of an English Benedictine monk, Oliver of Malmesbury, in the eleventh century having tried to fly by precipitating himself from the height of a tower with the assistance of wings attached to his arms and his feet. It is said that, having gone about a little way, he fell and broke his legs. He attributed his accident to failure to provide his apparatus with a tail, which would have helped preserve his equilibrium and made his descent a gentler one.

In the sixteenth century Leonardo da Vinci first demonstrated that a bird, which is heavier than the air, sustains itself, advances in the air, "by rendering the fluid denser where it passes than where it does not pass." In order to fly it has to fix its point of support on the air. Its wings in the descending stroke exert a pressure from above down, the reaction of which from below up forces the center of gravity of its body to ascend at each instant to the height at which the bird wishes to maintain it. Some sketches which have come down to us prove that Leonardo occupied himself, like Oliver of Malmesbury, with giving man the power to fly by the assistance of wings suitably fixed to the body.

We owe to Leonardo also the invention of the parachute, which he described in the following terms: "If a man had a pavilion each side of which was fifteen fathoms wide and twelve fathoms high he might cast himself from any height whatever without fear of danger." It may be said, too, of Leonardo da Vinci that he was the first to suggest the idea of the screw propeller.

A SAUCY DUCHESS.

Her Audacious Fight For Gay and His "Beggars' Opera."

When the "Beggars' Opera," by Gay, was produced in 1728 it took positively by storm. The king still clung to Handel, but the nobility, with the Duchess of Queensberry among them, flocked rapturously to the "Newgate pastoral." The "Beggars' Opera" had a run of sixty-two nights, unprecedented in those days, and as one result of its success Handel became bankrupt. Suddenly there came an order from the lord chancellor to stop the new piece. Why, is not exactly known unless it was because the prime minister considered himself to be too faithfully represented therein. However that may have been, the theater had to be closed, whereupon the Duchess of Queensberry took up Gay's cause and vehemently championed it.

Very busy was she in those days, driving about in her coach asking for guinea subscriptions for printing copies of the forbidden play. And so heedless was Kitty that she carried her list to the queen's drawing room itself and had the audacity to ask the king for a subscription. "This was a little too much, and her grace was requested to withdraw from the court. Kitty announcing, with characteristic composure, that the command was very agreeable to her, as she had never gone there for her own diversion, but to bestow civility upon the king and queen.

Papua Island.

Papua Island was so named by the Malays, and the word means "frizzled," in reference to the hair of the inhabitants. It is generally supposed that "Siam or New Guinea was originally part of the mainland of Australia. It was discovered by the Portuguese in 1526, though it was probably sighted by A. Dabon during his voyage fifteen years earlier. The Australian government, realizing the danger that would arise if an enemy seized land so near their coasts, frequently urged England to annex the eastern portion of the island, and after two or three unauthorized annexations a British protectorate was established there in 1884.

Clipping Their Wings.

The costume of the Pu Yuan Pen-jen women in the Shan states is very striking, consisting of a cloth hood, an open jacket and a pair of short white trousers reaching barely to the knee. But the most important though the least noticeable part of their costume is their colored cloth garters. These the women are obliged to wear, as without them it is believed they would be able to fly away, leaving their husbands and sweethearts sorrowful.

Sweet and Low.

A young man named Sweet engaged to marry a young woman named Low. A few Sundays previous to the wedding the happy couple attended church together, and as they walked along the aisle the choir began singing the song "Sweet and Low," entirely unconscious of the musical pun that was being perpetrated.

Thrifty.

"Well, parson, is your flock liberal in their 'nevolences'?"

"Liberal? Well, I should say dey is not that. Why, when I asted them to sing 'Ole Hundred' dey done sung 'The Ninety and Nine.'"—Harper's.

Talk.

"It takes a baby mos' two years to learn to talk," said Uncle Eben, "and den it takes de res' of its lifetime to learn to keep 'um talkin' too much."—Washington Star.

Two Bad Bits.

Diogenes being asked "What is that beast which is the most dangerous?" replied, "Of wild beasts the bite of a slanderer and of tame beasts that of the flatterer."

Those who want friends to whom to open their griefs are cannibals of their own hearts.—Bacon.

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No. 3 12:45 p. m. 1:05 p. m.
No. 5 11:45 p. m. 12:05 a. m.
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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 engraven, 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.

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Personal Mention.

Judge Scurry left today for El Paso on legal business. James Ulen of Atoka, Oklahoma, is in the city visiting friends. J. F. Preston of Halsall was transacting business here today. J. D. Cowden of Petrolia was in the city today on his return from a business trip to Southern Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Speed have returned from their visit to Vineyard. J. H. Huggins of Isadore, Oklahoma, was transacting business here today. Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Palmer of Hereford are in the city visiting Mrs. C. C. White. Marshall Barwise of Electra was shaking hands with friends here today. John Doyle, a prosperous farmer of Charlie, was marketing cotton here today. Bates M. Thatcher, a prominent business man of Dallas, is in the city visiting relatives. L. N. Williams left today for Alvarado to spend the holidays with his mother. Miss Imogene Brown left yesterday for Denison to spend the holidays with relatives. A. M. Blackburn, salesman for Ralph Darnell, left today for Smithville to visit relatives. Mrs. Joe Felsen of St. Louis, is in the city visiting her brother, M. A. Marcus and family. Rev. W. A. Tampa, pastor of the Lutheran church at Bowman, was a visitor in the city today. Mr. A. G. Deatherage will leave tonight to spend Christmas with relatives at Dublin and Stephenville. Prof. J. P. Scott and family of Terrell, Oklahoma, were in the city today en route to Allendale to visit relatives. Miss Bertha Taylor of Holliday, one of the teachers in the public schools in this city, left for home this afternoon to visit her parents. G. W. Shaw of this city, who is attending the medical college at Galveston, is expected home tonight to spend the holidays with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. George Englehart of Archer City passed through the city today en route to Oklahoma City to visit Mrs. Englehart's mother. Miss Helen Beavers, who is attending Trinity University, came in today to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Beavers. Mr. and Mrs. Arch Hurley of McCurtain, Oklahoma, who have been visiting relatives in this city, left this afternoon for Stamford to visit C. W. Morgan and family. Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Burrus of McKinney and Mr. J. C. Whaley and daughter Miss Blanche, of Gainesville, after a pleasant visit to friends in this city, returned to their homes yesterday. Mrs. A. S. Young of Seymour who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. E. Clausnitzer of Quanah, is in the city, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Carter, while en route home. Edson Jaloniek, who is attending the Kemper Military school at Boonessville, Missouri, and his sister, Miss Nellie, who is attending college in Kansas City, are at home to spend the holidays with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Canfield, of this city.



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All union barber shops in this city will close at 10 o'clock Christmas Eve, the 24th, and remain closed all day Christmas, the 25th.

194-21c W. G. LIVINGSTON, Secy.

Guest (dining at merry Christmas party)—Tommy, where do turkeys come from?

Tommy (pointing to one on the table)—Dunno, but ma got this one from a tramp for a quarter, 'cause he said he stole it. Didn't he, ma?

For Christmas presents for gentlemen, see

189-6t WALSH & CLASBEY.

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'TIS CHRISTMAS, MY LOVE.

(Written for the Times by A. G. Deatherage.)

'Tis Christmas, my love, O'er the land of the brave, In the hearts of the free, A gift! 'Twas our Saviour From the dear God above, A redemption for mortals, You and me!

For my love! All the world he did save— With His blood, and His life On the tree, And O what a gift!

Out of goodness He gave, His Son for our sins, You and me!

Methinks it was Christmas In Heaven, my love, And mortals were asking below, A gift out of God's Own storehouse above, A promise long made To bestow

Then shepherds heard the rustle Of seraphims' wings, And Heaven gave the shout Of good will and good cheer, And lo! The Heavens— Showed the light from afar, O'er the head of our Saviour— The Child!

Yea, a trembling old monarch, Who gazed on that star, Heard the echo, "Peace on Earth, And Good Will,

God's lamp shone brightest When the travail was o'er, For the wise men to come With their gold, They had heard from the prophets An ancient old lore, That the burden of sin He would lift from their soul, Then thanks for that gift, From the bounty of God To mortals who trembled With fear!

For 'tis our hope— As onward we plod And the end of our days Draweth near,

That this gift, with its promise, In the long distant past, Saves our souls out of darkness, With its blessed good cheer; Then my love, let's rejoice— With the children and our God, Most humbly before Him, Lo! 's bow!

Let's praise Him with gladness, With love, and with fear, Though 'twas grief in all Heaven For the thorns on His brow, Yet on earth, it was peace— And good cheer!

For 'tis Christmas, my love! Then good cheer, then Good cheer! 'Cause our Saviour was born— On this day, In the far distant past Of that long yester-year, This Child in a manger did lay; Mayhaps it was Heaven, That looked and was grieved, But on earth, it was peace— And good cheer!

Free dress protectors at Walsh & Clasbey's. 194-1t

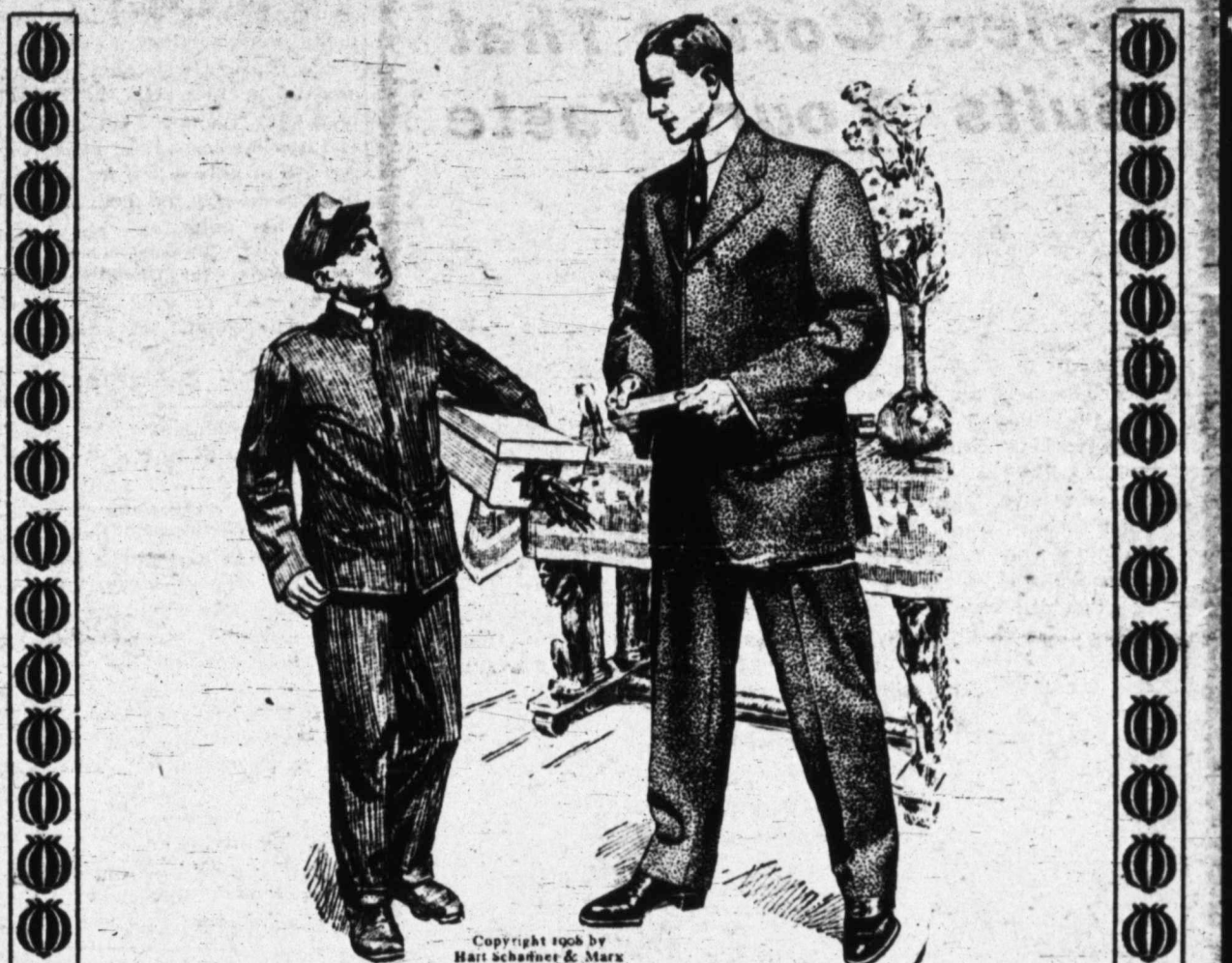
Young Theodore Roosevelt ought to have no trouble whatever in jumping from the rank of major on the staff of the governor of Connecticut to that of lieutenant general in the regular army.

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

Blanket Bath Robes at Walsh & Clasbey's. 194-1t

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.

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Shivers-White DRUG COMPANY

If you cannot decide what to get for Xmas presents for gentlemen see us, we can show you. Walsh & Clasbey. 194-1t

Walking in the sunshine will not always enable a man to escape the shadow of suspicion.

Sole agents for St. A. Bloch & Co.'s clothing. 189-6t WALSH & CLASBEY.

"What is the baby crying about?" "Oh, nothing much. He only wants to eat the Christmas tree."

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Singleton—I'm glad to hear it. Wedderly—Yes; you see, it died the day after you sent it.

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Milly (in horrified whisper)—Mamma, Willie is an infidel. Mamma—Infidel. Milly—Yes; he said he don't believe there's any Santa Claus.

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