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## ESTIMATE OF DEAD IS NOW 200,000

### EARTHQUAKE IN SOUTH ITALY PROVES WORLD'S GREATEST CATASTROPHE.

## THE QUEEN WAS INJURED

### Was Thrown to Ground in Panic While Trying to Alleviate the Fears of the People.

By Associated Press.  
Rome, Italy, Jan. 2.—Queen Helena has been slightly injured at Messina. A slight shock was experienced there yesterday and the patients in one of the improvised hospitals were thrown into a panic. Her Majesty was close by and hurried to the scene and tried to allay the fears of the people. She was caught in the rush of the patients making for the open and sustained contusions on the chest.

### Hundreds Commit Suicide.

By Associated Press.  
Rome, Italy, Jan. 2.—Financial contributions for the relief of the sufferers have come in generously from the United States. Ambassador Griscom is now taking an active part in the relief work now being organized in Rome.

It is estimated that 115,000 persons perished in the city and the community of Messina. The victims are increasing daily, not only through the dying and injured, but also from many suicides committed by desperate survivors whose minds have given way under their terrible experiences.

### American Gunboat to Arrive Monday.

Rome, Italy, Jan. 2.—The American gunboat Scorpion will arrive at Messina Monday when the commander will place the vessel at the disposal of the American embassy authorities for the assistance of Americans and the protection of their interests in Sicily.

### King Victor Emanuel has sent the following telegram to Premier Giolitti:

"I visited Cannitello and North Reggio, which was literally razed to the ground. The Villa San Giovanni was also destroyed. At Messina, the rescue work is well organized. The fires at Messina are now reduced to small proportions. Three British and three French warships have arrived at Messina."

### Mute Evidence of Torture.

By Associated Press.  
Messina, Jan. 2.—The town is thoroughly occupied by troops. Each quarter has a body of them divided so that no point in the town is without protection. A cordon of soldiers also surrounds the entire town which is almost deserted. Only soldiers and sailors have been seen there.

Dead bodies have been found which bear mute testimony of the torture endured before death, from hunger. Several persons died gnawing at their arms and hands, evidently delirious from pain and hunger. One woman had her teeth firmly embedded in the leg of a dead baby.

The Archbishop of Messina has been found still living in ruins of the Palace.

### Worst Catastrophe in World's History.

By Associated Press.  
Paris, France, Jan. 2.—The Figaro today publishes the following dispatch from Rome:

"As each day goes by the disaster appears more horrible, terrifying and immense. It is without precedent in the world's history. It is now conservatively estimated that two hundred thousand persons perished miserably in this catastrophe, and the worst is not yet known. The scourge has not yet done its final work. Tremblings of the earth continue with sinister umblings, and at times jets of boiling water surge from the crevasses."

### To Raise Funds in Texas.

Special to the Times.  
Austin, Tex., Jan. 2.—Gov. Campbell said today that he will take immediate action to secure funds over the State for the relief of Italy's earthquake sufferers, providing President Roosevelt first issues a proclamation of some sort asking the country's aid.

## HOSPITAL AND JAIL ARE POORLY KEPT

Special to the Times.  
El Paso, Tex., Jan. 2.—The grand jury today in a written report declared that the patients of the county hospital had received improper attention and requested the resignation of County Physician Villas. The grand jury declared the jail in an unsanitary condition.

Local Italians are contributing liberally to the relief fund.

### Negro Woman Outraged.

Special to the Times.  
Dallas, Tex., Jan. 2.—Early today Elijah Coper and wife, colored, were held up by a highwayman at the point of a revolver and the husband was driven off. The robbers dragged the woman to the woods, where she was outraged. The colored population is incensed and threaten a lynching in case of an arrest.

### Rangers Change Headquarters.

Special to the Times.  
Weatherford, Tex., Jan. 2.—Company A of the State rangers, stationed here under Captain Frank Johnson, will be transferred to Alice, Texas, and will be succeeded by Company B under the command of Captain Ross, whose headquarters will be at Amarillo.

### Blaze at Weatherford.

Special to the Times.  
Weatherford, Tex., Jan. 2.—The residence of J. H. Kinde was destroyed by fire today. The loss is three thousand dollars. The family was just moving to Fort Worth.

## NIGHT RIDER'S WIFE ADMITS PERJURY

By Associated Press.

Union City, Tenn., Jan. 2.—In the night rider cases here today Mrs. Wade Morris, wife of one of the self confessed band asserted that she deliberately perjured herself when she said that her husband was at home on the night Rankin was killed. On the stand today she testified that her husband was not at home that night but was with the riders. The witness stated she had been persuaded by her relatives to testify as she did yesterday. The court permitted her to correct the former testimony.

### Fort Worth Livestock.

Cattle—Receipts, 800 head.  
Hogs—Receipts, 1200 head.  
Steers—Quality fair; market lower.  
Tops sold at \$1.50.  
Cows—Quality choice. Market was steady. Tops sold at \$2.40.  
Calves—Quality medium. Market was steady. Tops sold at \$3.30.  
Hogs—Quality choice. Market was higher. Tops sold at \$5.30.

## THE TWO WILLIAMS ARE GIVEN BAIL

Special to the Times.

Amarillo, Tex., Jan. 1.—District Judge Browning announced his decision late yesterday afternoon in the habeas corpus hearing held at Canyon City Wednesday in which John and Doby Williams, indicted in connection with the killing of John R. Armstrong at Bovina, November 17, sought to be admitted to bail, and the court granted the prayers of the plaintiffs, placing the bond of the first named at \$8,000 while that of the latter is \$4,000.

Judge Browning also ordered that the prisoners be removed to the Deaf Smith county jail at Hereford pending the furnishing of the bonds required. This instruction was issued for the reason that the jails of both Randall and Palmer counties are considered unsafe.

### Is Dismissed From Office.

Pekin, China, Jan. 2.—An edict is signed today dismissing from office Yuan Kai, grand councillor and commander in chief of the forces of the army. The reason given for the action is that he has rheumatism of the leg. Yuan organized the modern Chinese army and dropped out the spearman and women as an aid to the bearers of stink pots and makers of loud noises and substituted well drilled soldiers.

### \$10,000 Fire at Normanna.

Beeville, Tex., Jan. 2.—Fire early this morning at Normanna destroyed the postoffice, Swan Bros. store, L. C. Smith's drug store, P. C. Blackburn's vacant building, two Mexican restaurants. The total loss will reach ten thousand dollars. The blaze originated in the postoffice.

### Worked Rare Book Swindle.

Chicago, Jan. 2.—Samuel Warfield today was found guilty of defrauding Mrs. Patten, the wife of a prominent board of trade operator, out of twenty-two thousand dollars by means of a rare book swindle.

## PREPARATIONS FOR ANNUAL BANQUET

### PROGRAM IS COMPLETED FOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL AFFAIR.

## A LARGE ATTENDANCE

### Promised and Many Prominent Out- of-Town Guests Will Also Be Present.

Arrangements have been completed for the annual meeting and banquet of the Chamber of Commerce next Tuesday evening. The business meeting will be called promptly at 7 o'clock in the Elks' Hall over the City National bank and at its conclusion those having accepted invitations to the banquet will adjourn to the St. James' hotel. Covers have been laid for 150 guests.

About one hundred and twenty-five members have announced their intended presence and a number of invitations have been sent to prominent business men in surrounding towns, to the press of Fort Worth and Dallas, and to the secretaries of commercial organizations at Fort Worth, Stamford and Abilene.

Captain B. B. Paddock, secretary of the Fort Worth board of trade, will be present and invitations have been accepted by the following out of town visitors: C. J. Gibbs, Vernon; H. D. Creath, Burkburnett; W. E. Forky, S. Wilson, J. D. Powell and E. B. Carver, Archer City; W. H. Featherston and W. B. Worsham of Henrietta; C. H. Watson, Petrolia; Dr. J. M. Bell and H. B. Hines, Iowa Park; F. M. Kell, Loveland; Dr. J. E. Daniels and John W. Groves, Olney; Walt Smith, Grandfield, Okla.; Harry C. Williams, Newcastle. Other acceptances are looked for in later mail.

The Dallas News has notified the secretary that they have instructed their local correspondent to give a full report of the occasion.

Mr. J. A. Kemp will act as toastmaster at the banquet and it is certain that the Wichita Falls enthusiasm will overflow abundantly and give the visitors an introduction to genuine booster spirit. The business meeting will be presided over by C. W. Beach.

The following is the program for the business meeting:

- Secretary's report.
- Treasurer's report.
- Appointment of nominating committee.
- "Let There Be Light"—L. H. Mathis.
- "Accomplishments of the Past and Problems of the Future"—Frank Kell.
- "Facts on Street Laying"—Judge A. H. Carrigan.
- "Progress of the Interstate Fair Committee"—J. R. Marlow, chairman.
- "Shall the Work of the Chamber of Commerce be Continued and Extended? If So, How?"—R. E. Huff.
- Election of Board of Directors.
- Adjournment to Banquet.

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## GROUND IS BROKEN FOR NEW RAILROAD

### HALF OF STAMFORD'S POPULA- TION ATTEND FORMAL BE- GINNING OF NEW LINE.

## RESOLUTIONS ARE READ

### Work Begins on Stamford and North- western Road, Which Will Open Splendid West Texas Section.

Stamford, Tex., Jan. 1.—In the presence of a crowd numbering several thousand people, dirt was broken for the Stamford and Northwestern railway at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Although the ground breaking was two miles from the city, half the town went to witness the breaking of dirt that means the construction of this much talked of railroad, that will connect Stamford with the great northwestern section of the State. The line will go in a northwesterly direction, passing through a corner of Haskell county, going then through Aspermont, Jayton and into the heart of the Spur ranch country. The entire section through which it passes is one of great possibilities, and the beginning of work on this railroad means the rapid settlement of the Spur ranch property in Dickens county, which has just been opened up and put on the market.

The road is of especial importance to Stamford from the fact that it empties into her lap the trade of this vast territory, which embraces millions of acres of land.

The work will be pushed with all possible rapidity, and Chief Engineer P. G. Burns announces that the work will be completed in time for the road to take care of the 1909 harvest.

At 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon the blowing of all the whistles of the manufacturing plants in the city was the signal that dirt was about to be broken. Judge W. T. Andrews was presented to the throng, and through his address he congratulated the people upon this auspicious occasion, predicting that the construction of the Stamford and Northwestern meant more to the city than even the most optimistic could imagine. This, together with the certainty of securing the Rock Island extension from Graham to Stamford and the probability of securing two or three other lines means that Stamford will be the metropolis of the West, and in truth and in fact the railroad center of West Texas.

### Railroads Short of Fuel.

Special to the Times.  
Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 2.—The Texas and Pacific railway has been hard hit by the scarcity of fuel and the officials fear that the fuel shortage may cripple the service. Several other roads may face a similar difficulty.

The situation is due, odd to say, to the holidays and Italy's earthquake, as foreign miners in the various Texas coalfields refuse to work and little coal is being mined.

### An Agreement Secured.

By Associated Press.  
Washington, D. C., Jan. 2.—The announcement was made today by the Board of Mediators under the Erdman act, of the signing in this city of the compromise agreement between the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway Company and their employes—engineers, firemen, trainmen, and switchmen involved in a dispute which embraces twelve points. Ten of these had to do with the construction and application of existing contracts with employes and two demands for better terms and conditions in certain particulars.

The Misses Dola and Icie White entertained at a five-course six o'clock dinner at their home on Tenth street last evening.

### Perry's Slayer Not Found.

Special to the Times.  
Amarillo, Texas, Jan. 2.—The Mexican who killed Joe Perry on New Year's night has not been found by the officers. Perry was literally cut to pieces while the whistles were announcing the New Year.

### Dallas Hardware Store Robbed.

Special to the Times.  
Dallas, Tex., Jan. 2.—Robbers late last night secured \$700 worth of cutlery from Thornhill's hardware store. No arrests have been made.

## MANY FINED IN CITY COURT IN 1909

The records of the city secretary's office show that \$4,990.15 in cash fines were collected in the city corporation court during the year 1909 from offenders who were found guilty either by the corporation judge or a jury.

The sum above named includes the city attorney's fee of 25 per cent, but does not include the fees of the other officers.

It is probable that the total number of convictions would reach about 1609, an only about half of those who are found guilty have enough money to liquidate their fines, the others being compelled to work out the penalties imposed upon the streets.

Fully seventy-five per cent of the arrests were for intoxication.

### Fire Destroys Residence.

Alvord, Tex., Jan. 1.—The residence project to build a railroad from Plainview to Alvord Tuesday night by fire. Part of the contents were removed and saved. The fire originated from a cook stove. Loss fully covered by insurance.

## C. H. YOAKUM DIES IN FORT WORTH

Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 1.—Judge Charles H. Yoakum, the general attorney of the Frisco lines in Texas, and one of the eminent jurists of the State, died suddenly of apoplexy at his home 926 South Jennings avenue, at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Yesterday when he was about to leave his office in the Wheat building, the headquarters of the Frisco in Texas, he complained of feeling indisposed and then said he would spend the day at home with his family, with the hope that the rest would fit him for the resumption of his duties Saturday.

He was lying on his bed when the stroke came and his death followed immediately.

He is survived by his widow and a daughter. One of Judge Yoakum's brothers in Col. B. F. Yoakum, the head of the Rock Island and Frisco systems. All of the brothers have been notified of the death.

Judge Yoakum took up the study of law while engaged in teaching school with many trying difficulties to surmount, but forged his way into prominence; being elected to the office of district attorney of the Greenville district for two terms after which he was elected to congress, where he served with distinction.

He removed from Greenville, Texas, to Los Angeles, Cal., from which place he returned to Texas about four years ago to accept the position of general attorney of the Frisco, with headquarters in Fort Worth, which position he held at the time of his death. Judge Yoakum was 55 years of age.

The funeral will be held at the old home of the deceased at 8:30 Sunday. B. F. Yoakum has wired from New York that he will be unable to attend.

The first team of the Wichita Falls high school went to Byers yesterday where they defeated the Byers high school in a game of football to a time of 12 to 0.

## A NEW RAILROAD IS PROJECTED

### TRUMBULL AND KEELER PRO- MOTE LINE FROM PLAINVIEW TO TEXAS AND PACIFIC.

## BOTH WILL LEAVE C. & S.

### Railroad Officials Inspected Proposed Route of New Railroad Several Months Ago.

Special to the Times.  
New York, Jan. 2.—It was announced here today that Frank Trumbull, president of the Colorado and Southern and D. B. Keeler, vice president of the Fort Worth and Denver, are heading a view south to the Texas and Pacific. The road will pass through Floydada. Several wealthy West Texas ranchmen are on route to this city, where they will decide upon definite plans. The road is practically assured.

Trumbull and Keeler will likely sever their present connections with the Colorado and Southern soon.

Several months ago, when Mr. Trumbull, Col. Dodge and other stockholders of the Colorado and Southern visited the Panhandle they made an overland trip in an automobile from Plainview to Stamford. It was rumored at the time that the trip had to do with a proposed new railroad line and the announcement today confirms this rumor.

### Arrivals at the St. James.

J. F. Roberts, city; Geo. Chase, Dallas; F. H. Goodnight, Quanah; T. G. Bradley, Sherman; E. Mackle, Houston; E. S. Lyne, Dallas; W. N. Gray, New York; E. B. Carver, Club ranch; W. E. Yost, Morey Stock Co.; J. N. Roach, city; Mrs. J. W. Arnold, Sherman; R. C. Kirk, Dallas; G. H. Zimmerman, Fort Worth; J. R. Garrett, Fort Worth; H. A. Orlop and wife, city; Lee S. Smith, Bowie; J. W. Brown, St. Louis; A. H. Winston, St. Louis; J. O. Hancock, Proctor, Ok.; H. Lind, Fort Worth; A. B. Erwin, Childress; J. A. Freeman, Eschitt, Ok.; M. Becker, Oklahoma City; E. W. Thomas, Dallas; W. B. Walker, Petrolia; Mrs. A. V. Bauch, Texas; W. A. Erwin, Amarillo; J. C. Bradley, Chattanooga, Ok.; E. Valentine, Ft. Worth; J. S. Sockwell, Dallas; J. W. Maxwell, Benjamin; S. N. Mayfield, F. W. and D. C. Ry.; H. A. Kins, Fort Worth; Mrs. R. V. Walker, Estelline.

### Office Seekers Flock to Austin.

Special to the Times.  
Austin, Tex., Jan. 2.—Candidates for the clerkships in the House and Senate are pouring into Austin and are caucusing together preparatory to presenting their claims to the legislators as soon as they arrive. Few of the latter have reached here so far.

### Prof. Rinker is Improving.

Special to the Times.  
Austin, Tex., Jan. 2.—Prof. Rinker of Fort Worth, who was stricken with apoplexy while attending the State Teachers' convention Tuesday is reported as slightly improved today and shows signs of returning consciousness and may recover.

### Three Farms Sold.

Farm property between this city and Lake Wichita seems to be in demand just now. During the last two or three days the following sales have been made:

W. W. Brown to Joseph A. Kemp, 290 acres three miles north of the city. Consideration \$41 per acre. Mr. Brown will move with his family to this city.

F. J. Schaefer to Thos. R. T. Orth, 292 acres four miles south of the city. Consideration \$30 per acre.

Mrs. Lucy Ziller to Thos. R. T. Orth 160 acres 3 1/2 miles south of the city. Consideration \$26 per acre.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Marlow have been entertaining a handsome new baby boy at their home on Burnett avenue since last Thursday.

## PALESTINE JEWELER IS STILL MISSING

Special to the Times.  
Palestine, Tex., Jan. 2.—M. Bolander, the jeweler who disappeared here several days ago with a large amount of diamonds on his person, is still missing today. It is reported that he was seen in Houston. The police are investigating.

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# WALSH & CLASBEY

## FAMILY SAVINGS

By George H. Holmes.

Atlantic City, Jan. 1.—Somewhat startling statements were made with convincing force by George H. Holmes of the United States Department of Agriculture, in the course of an address before the American Sociological Society last night, in which he discussed the question: "How Far Should Family Wealth be Encouraged and Conserved?"

Mr. Holmes' address began with the promise that there is ample field for efforts to encourage the accumulation of wealth by the family. About one-half of the families in the United States the speaker said, are poor in the sense that their wealth is confined mostly to personal and household belongings and the implements of occupation. This statement was fortified by reference to the census statistics of farm and home tenure and real estate mortgage indebtedness, and also to the classification of occupations and the comparatively low annual earnings received in many of them.

Family savings out of wage and salary earnings, the speaker asserted, are comparatively little, and they are mostly derived from returns to capital, either as interest, or as rent paid by real estate tenants, or as unearned increments to land value, or as profit.

While a large portion of the families are poor in possessions, a large fraction of these, he said, have income sufficient for a rather high degree of well-being, and, in fact income goes mostly to sustain a high standard of living. At the same time there is a large degree of unproductive consumption of no benefit to the family and often detrimental. Mr. Holmes went on to say, in substance:

When we observe the general appearance of well-being throughout the land, the inference is that wealth is well distributed; and, on the other hand, when we are confronted with the probable distribution in fact, we are horrified at the dreadful condition of humanity that it is assumed to indicate.

It is a popular fallacy that savings banks indicate saving by the poor; these banks are more properly investment institutions than savings banks.

The popular misunderstandings of the annual reports of the United States Bureau of Labor concerning wages and cost of food was explained and the statement made that the purchasing power of wage earnings decreases in so-called prosperous times and increases in periods of industrial depression, except in so far as want of employment may qualify the latter conclusion.

Emphasis was placed upon the unfitness of a large proportion of the people, not only to produce much wealth, but to save it. Business failures are referred to, most of which, the speaker attributed to unfitness. There are the lazy, the mentally incapable, the sick, weak and deformed, the criminal features, the degenerate, and the staidists. It requires a mighty good inheritance to enable a man to subordinate satisfaction to future good and greater future satisfaction; therefore income disappears in present consumption.

The wastefulness of the people received attention, and also the common inability of persons safely to invest their savings, or to employ their savings as productive capital. A majority of men can work for others better than

for themselves. About two-thirds of the persons having gainful occupations work for wages and salaries. The argument of Mr. Holmes leaned away from State action and in favor of voluntary cooperation. He presented a comprehensive statement of the prevalence of varieties of voluntary cooperation, carried on by farmers to illustrate how effective it can be when applied to the encouragement of family wealth.

The concluding point made by Mr. Holmes was that if the family is not disposed to accumulate wealth, with such encouragement as will be given by cooperative association, the State would better keep its hands off. It is fundamentally a question of responsibility. If the unfit will not respond to suggestions and offers of help, let them go. Do not deny to the unfit the extinction of their kind. It is a damage to society to enforce the preservation of those who will not help themselves."

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## WILL U. S. PRESS HER OLD CLAIMS

ROOSEVELT AND ROOT SAID TO  
FAVOR CONCILIATORY ATTITUDE  
TOWARD VENEZUELA

With Castro sick abed in Germany and a new administration in control in Venezuela, the question now before the American people is: What is the United States government going to do about the various "claims" which have had so much to do with the Venezuelan disturbances—the asphalt claim, the Jauréguiberry claim and others? Will this government undertake to force a settlement favorable to the claimants?

Perhaps the most reliable information yet given as to the attitude of President Roosevelt and Secretary Root is contained in a statement over the signature of William E. Curtis, Mr. Curtis is one of the trusted Washington correspondents who are often spoken of as "being close to the administration." He has served the government more than once as special commissioner to foreign countries, and was director of the Bureau of American Republics for several years.

"Mr. Root realizes more clearly than anyone," writes Mr. Curtis to the Chicago Record-Herald, "that the prosecution of claims against other American republics is a disgraceful chapter in our diplomatic history. In certain cases our government has been guilty of gross injustice by insisting upon the payment of damages which would not have been considered for an instant had the situation been reversed."

### The American Claims.

With regard to the claims of the asphalt trust, the Orinoco Corporation, George W. Crichfield, the Orinoco Steamship Company and A. F. Jauréguiberry, Mr. Curtis says:

"With the exception of the Crichfield case, these are about the rottenest claims ever brought by one government against another, and, like most of the claims made against other American republics, they are brought by adventurers and speculators who went to Venezuela, obtained concessions from that government with enormous risks, and made their terms accordingly. Having lost their money, they demand that our government shall use its mighty power to recover it for them."

"All the trouble comes from adventurers who obtain speculative concessions or engage in questionable proceedings, and then, when they are beaten at their own game, come crying to Washington for the protection of the government. They present claims for several times the amount of damages they have suffered, and give their attorneys half the money our government can collect for them."

Of the Asphalt Trust's claim Mr. Curtis says:  
"The most serious claim is brought because the Venezuelan government revoked a concession given to an American drummer as an inducement to marry and take to New York a lady who was giving the dictator of Venezuela a great deal of trouble. That contract passed into the hands of a company which financed a revolution to overthrow President Castro; when he discovered the fact he revoked their privileges and ordered their agents out of his country, which any self-respecting president should have done. What would President Roosevelt have done under such circumstances?"

**Experts Against Interference.**  
It is significant that the men who are most familiar with the situation in Venezuela, and who have given most study to the demands against the government of that country, share Mr. Curtis' opinions as to the justice of the demands. The persons who have listened only to the complaints of the Asphalt Trust and other claimants, and who have not studied closely the terms of the various concessions—it is these who cry out that the United States should bring pressure to bear upon Venezuela.

The special commissioner, W. I. Buchanan, who has been dispatched to Venezuela by the United States government, will undoubtedly examine the claims with great care. It is not thought that his researches and negotiations will lead to any harsh action. If Castro's operations were even half as bad as they are said to have been, the people of Venezuela have been robbed long enough, and it is not likely that the United States will assist any further efforts to loot the national treasury.

In the case of every one of these concessions the American concessionaries agreed to submit all questions arising under the contract to the Venezuelan

courts, and to abide by the decision of the courts. When the courts decided in their favor the concessionaries were willing enough to do this. But when the decision was against them, they began to besiege the office of the Secretary of State. Senators and representatives were induced to "back them up," and in this way the disputes came before the public.

### A Dangerous Precedent.

Relatively, there are only a few citizens of the United States interested in the claims. To obtain money which the courts have said does not belong to them, these few demand that the power of a nation of 80,000,000 population be brought to bear upon a small South American republic. If the United States government became the collector of "damages" of this kind, it would set a precedent which would be called forth as an argument every time some adventurer made an unfortunate investment in a foreign country.

The action of our government in the Venezuela case will probably have an important bearing upon our relations with South American countries. One of the most cherished ambitions of Mr. Root, since he became secretary of state, has been to cement the friendship and strengthen the trade relations between North and South America the treatment of Venezuela within the next few months will go far towards either effecting or defeating his purpose.

At the last session of congress the claim of the asphalt company, as well as those of other companies, came before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. An attempt was made to get the committee to bring in a report urging drastic action against Venezuela, but it was not successful. The committee let the matter drop, on the ground, it was generally supposed, that a company which had joined in a conspiracy to overthrow a foreign government forfeited its right to the aid and protection of its own government.

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### GOOD SEED.

As never before the farmers of our country are waking up to the necessity of planting good seed. It is simply amazing to think how long producers have been content to plant the same old seed that has run out over and over again and that is to a large degree faulty. Breeders have long ago recognized the value of good stock, and as a result the scrubby cattle and horses of long ago have given way to improved breeds. But farmers are slow in seeing that the same rule will apply to good breeds of seed. The seed is only a fractional part of the cost of producing a crop. It takes the same amount of labor and the same amount of land to raise a crop, no matter what kind of seed there is planted. Then why not plant the improved and better classes of seed? They won't make any worse crops than the poor seed and might make better. Try it.

Eleven hundred and thirty-five people called for mail at the general delivery window December 24th between 8 a. m. and 6 p. m. by actual count. When it is taken into consideration that the boxes and free delivery are not included in mail in the general delivery department the record on that day is remarkable for a town the size of Wichita Falls.

Among the many things Wichita Falls will get during the year 1909 is a letter telephone system. Arrangements have already been made to this end and Superintendent C. B. Felzer says that he has information from General Manager Farnsworth to the effect that the new system will be put in by April 1st of this year.

The appointive or fee system of either a municipal or county government has its faults as well as its advantages. One need only review the record of fines in our city court during the past year to be convinced of the above assertion.

### Encouraging the Boy.

"Son," remarked Mr. Erastus Pinkley, "I done heard you talkin' 'bout bein' a great hunter."  
"Dat's what I said," answered pokahimny Jim. "I's gwinter hunt lions."  
"An' you mentioned bein' of abtix explorer."  
"Yesser."  
"Well, jes' by way of practice befo' you tackle any lions lemme see if you kin get de row out'n pasture wifout bein' hooked, an' den as de winter comes along you kin train fo' de north pole by wadn' out in de snow to de woodpile twice a day. An' don' lemme heah no mo' 'bout not encouragin' yoh youthful ambitions."—Washington Star.

### The Way to His Vote.

Lord Beaconsfield's skill in picking up stray votes was well known. An illustration of it is given in a book by Henry W. Lucy.

At the time that the Imperial titles bill was pending there was a certain pompous little Irishman, Dr. O'Leary, who seemed manageable and was desirable. One evening in the lobby Disraeli held a hand familiarly on his shoulder.

"Dear Dr. O'Leary, the resemblance is most striking," he said. "I really thought I saw again my old friend, Tom Moore."

The tall little gentleman was captured.

### He Hits Back.

There had been a domestic spat at breakfast.  
"You monster!" snapped the matron, who was always scolding. "You are not like my two former husbands. They were tender men."  
"I never doubted that they were tender, Maria," returned the meek man, "when you kept them in hot water all the time." And he just cleared the front porch two yards ahead of the rolling pin. — Chicago News.

### Pat's Services.

Cleryman—Pat, there's a hole in the roof of the church, and I am tryin' to collect money sufficient to repair it. Come now, what will you contribute? Pat—Me services, sor Cleryman—What do you mean, Pat? You are no carpenter. Pat—No, but I'll contribute Sunday gittin' out the loose feathers.

**Makes Statement on Submission.**  
Sterling P. Strong, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Texas, has given out the following statement on the subject of submission:

I have been quoted in most of the daily papers of the State, recently upon submission; and as some of the utterances attribute to me do not represent my views upon this question, I would thank the papers to allow me space for a few words, that justice may be done to this great cause.

The proposition as set forth and advocated by the submissionists is so plain and simple, and I believe so fully understood by the people, that it may appear as presuming upon their intelligence to say more at this time, and were it not that erroneous ideas may exist as to some of my purported utterances, I should not ask to be heard.

### Where Friction May Arise.

Leading up to the question of submission I will say, there are many Democrats in Texas who believe the saloon is a bad institution and should not exist and that prohibition should prevail over the entire State. There are other Democrats in the State who do not believe in prohibition and in order to settle the saloon question outside the Democratic party, the plan of submitting the matter to all the voters of Texas, regardless of party affiliations, was adopted as the proper method, by those in charge.

The idea of submission was placed upon the official ballot of the Democratic primary and adopted by the party at the polls, as the proper policy to pursue in regard to the liquor traffic. In accordance with this expression of the masses, the State convention in San Antonio, by a majority of about two to one, placed a demand in the platform of the party for submission of a Constitutional amendment favoring State-wide prohibition to the people of Texas, by the next Legislature. If the members of the Legislature carry out this demand of the party, which we believe they will, then the question is settled, as far as the Democratic party is concerned. The only friction that can possibly arise in the party would be on account of disloyalty to the voice of the masses, as expressed in the primary election, and ignoring the platform demand. This could only happen upon the question of submission, as the Democratic members of the Legislature have no instructions in regard to prohibition.

It is intimated that some of the members of the Legislature will ignore the platform of the party and hold that local instructions are binding in regard to submission. If this is good concerning submission, why not apply it to all questions sought to be settled by the Democratic party of Texas? The same process and the same power which creates the party platform also creates the nominees of the party; and if any member of the party can ignore the platform of his party and retain his standing as a Democrat why should not the same rule apply to the nominees? Why can he not disregard the nominees, as well as ignore the platform, at his will and still retain the standing as a Democrat? The platform of any party and its nominees are inseparable, and no Democrat can consistently ignore the one and support the other. The question of submission was placed before the Democracy of Texas by the State Democratic Executive Committee. All local organizations of the party, which are subject to the State organizations accepted the issue as presented by the State committee, and the question was passed upon by the Democracy of Texas, according to the laws of the State and the rules and regulations of the State Democratic Executive Committee in Texas voted upon this question and made returns thereof, as the law requires, to the State Democratic Executive Committee. The committee canvassed the returns and reported the result of the election to the State convention, as the law directs.

"People Rule" a Thing of the Past.  
The State convention, which is the highest tribunal of the Democratic party in Texas, declared the results of the election and demanded that the Democratic members of the thirty-first Legislature carry out the wishes of the party in regard to submission. If this is not sufficient to commit every Democratic member of the Legislature to submission, then party organizations in a farce and "people rule" is a thing of the past in Texas.

Since this question of submission is purely State-wide and submitted to the Democracy of Texas by the State Democratic Executive Committee, it cannot be legitimate and right for any Democrat to participate in the State primary and fight submission all the way through up to the adoption of the platform by the State convention, and then retire to his district and claim that he can ignore the action of the Democracy of Texas and follow local instructions.

In regard to eruption in the Democratic party, which I am quoted as anticipating should submission fail, I have this to say: Should any attempt to defile the party, it can be in the way of the submission, as the party will not support any man who does not support the submission.

and expect to fully carry out, as far as lies within our power, every pledge made to the people.

I have been in every section of the State since the adoption of the Democratic platform at San Antonio, and believe I know the sentiment of the people in regard to submission. They look upon it as being the most important question to come before the next Legislature and fully expect that a Constitutional amendment favoring State-wide prohibition will be submitted, that may have the privilege of accepting or rejecting the same, as they think best. Even the unbiased anti-prohibitionists say that the people should have an opportunity to pass upon this question, and I see no reason why further agitation is necessary as the duties in regard to same are plain.

### The Man in the Moon.

The dark markings so conspicuous on the moon and known as the "man in the moon" are great plains, lying at a much lower level than the brighter parts. In all probability they are old sea bottoms, some of them having undergone upheavals and other changes since the water retreated from them, others presenting the appearance of being unchanged since the time when the waters dried up or were in some other way removed from them.

### His Thirst.

Husband—May, just send up some filtered water. Wife—Which was it last night, "detained at the office" or "A friend at the club?" Husband—Why? Wife—Because I didn't know whether you wanted a tumbler or a painful.—London Opinion.

### Oh His Mind.

"Have you forgotten that X that you borrowed of me some time ago?"  
"Oh, no. I still have it in my mind."  
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"The Missouri Girl," which is the attraction at the Wichita Theater Monday night, is said to be one of the best comedies on the road. The Pueblo Herald Chief says:

"The Missouri Girl" was the bill at the Grand opera house yesterday, matinee and evening, and the records of the box office show that the play was one of the best patronized of all which have been at the opera house this season. Comedy spelled with a big "C" is a proper description of this show, and despite the fact that "The Missouri Girl" has played in this city on three previous occasions the patronage was better than it ever was before. This play, from the pen of Fred Raymond, is clean throughout and presents hundred thoroughly good laughs. Particular mention might be made of the work of Miss Sadie Raymond, who, as Daisy, won the hearts of the two audiences by her clever acting. Frank Farrell as "Zeke" caused a laugh by his every action. Good specialties abound in the piece. Blanche Edwards, the lady baritone, coming in for a large share of the applause. A voice which would do credit to a singer of the sterner sex was heard to advantage, and won for its possessor a deserved encore.

Adelaide Thurston Coming Wednesday Night. The appearance of Adelaide Thurston at the Wichita Theater Wednesday

day night will mark what will probably be the best attraction of the season in Wichita Falls.

A recent issue of the Houston Post had the following to say concerning the appearance of Miss Thurston in that city:

In "A Woman's Hour," in which she appeared at the Prince theater last night, Miss Adelaide Thurston has the best play of her career, and one which does great credit to its author, Frederick Paulding. There is some indefinable quality about Mr. Paulding's plays conspicuously absent in the dramatic work of playwrights who have achieved more fame than he. This quality was present in "Two Men and a Girl,"



Adelaide Thurston.

presented here last season by Tim Murphy; it was present in even greater quantity in "A Woman's Hour."

Briefly, the story of "A Woman's Hour" concerns a young girl raised in the West, rich, and alone in the world. She finds relatives in Mrs. Augusta Revelton-Carter and her son Beverly, who are wholly dependent on Roger Daneway for support. Visiting them, Hester Temple meets Daneway, who is the man in the case, as well as the in-

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Dallas, Texas, Dec. 31.—There are now three avowed candidates for the position of grand exalted ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. The position is to be filled at the annual meeting of the order to be held in Los Angeles, Cal., next July.

W. E. Sammis of "other woman." Both the man and the woman conspire to serve their own selfish ends by keeping Daneway and Miss Temple apart. Every sign of love from Hester Temple toward Roger Daneway is made to contribute to the other woman's cause. Business finally enters into the scheme of things and when Hester, through Daneway's friend, Jack Creadle, advances the money to tide over the man she loves, the credit is made by the scheming aunt and son to go to the other woman. Things are finally righted in the good old way.

Mr. Paulding has written a play that deserves not only a one-night stand production, but is to be seen in the larger cities as well. It is intensely human; the lines are clever and at times brilliant. The construction is such that the superfluous are excluded and every speech, every scene advances the plot a little further toward its happy denouement. The best evidence that the rather small Sunday night audience appreciated his work was a curtain call after the last act—something that will never happen unless a piece is extremely well liked.

For the first time till we see Miss Thurston in a real "woman's part," and the contrast with the girlish characters she has been wont to create is decided by an agreeable one. Her girlish ways are still in evidence at times, but when the occasion comes for the woman to assert herself, the little actress rises to it in a fashion that should satisfy the most fastidious. The combination of a good play, with good support, added to Miss Thurston's own artistic performance, have given her the most satisfying vehicle in which she has yet appeared.

The author-actor, Mr. Paulding, did full justice to the part of Roger Daneway. His methods are quiet and reserved, and his lines read in an intelligent manner that carries every word over the footlights. He entered into the spirit of the role he himself created with a zest and an evident desire to please that won the audience from the beginning.

Clara Sidney, the scheming aunt, offered a very natural portrayal of the woman who turns against her best friends for financial gain. Pauline Eckhart, as Althea Girard, the "other woman," was natural in a rather difficult role. To Caroline Newcomb, who played the part of Maggie, the maid, fell some of the best lines in the play and she made the most of them.

Frank Dawson was a fine Jack Creadle, and Edmund Forde handled well the rather thankless role of Beverly Revelton. Baker Moore as Donald gave a good delineation of the character of a boy for the first time in love with a woman older than himself. J. Archibald Curtis handled well the "bit" of Stenson.

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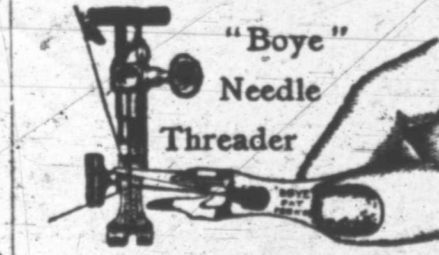
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**Texas Fire Losses.**  
Denton Record and Chronicle.  
The Record and Chronicle pointed  
on the other day the heavy fire losses  
in Texas. As was stated in that editor-  
ial no figures were at hand, but there  
was no doubt that among the agricul-  
tural States with no big cities, Texas  
was in the forefront of the fire losers.  
Since then we are in receipt of the  
figures for 1908, 1907 and 1908 up to  
Dec. 1. The fire losses in 1906 totaled  
\$5,891,980. In 1907 they had increased  
more than a million dollars—to \$6,952,-  
905. And there is every indication that  
1908's record will even exceed the un-  
precedented losses of 1907. The total  
up to Dec. 1 was \$6,652,400—only \$300,-  
000 less than the total of 1907—and the  
serious fires over the State since that  
date have been sufficient in number  
and large enough to excite more than  
usual comment. There is every reason  
to believe, therefore, that the losses for  
the year just closed will exceed \$7,000,-  
000—a truly enormous total for an agri-  
cultural commonwealth.

Here are the losses in Texas for 1908  
by months:  
January ..... \$1,012,000  
February ..... 545,100  
March ..... 330,650  
April ..... 290,950  
June ..... 801,550  
July ..... 653,500  
August ..... 252,650  
September ..... 510,600  
October ..... 1,227,050  
November ..... 414,000

**Kerosene Oil**—Kerosene oil should  
always be handled by daylight and  
away from all fires or flames, and un-  
der no circumstances should a lamp  
be filled while its wick is lighted.

**Gasoline Stoves**—Gasoline stoves are  
house-burning and death-dealing en-  
emies when aged or when carelessly fed.  
**Cleaning Clothes**—Every day brings  
an account of a woman burned to death  
while cleaning some article with gaso-  
line, or naphtha, by the gas they throw  
off reaching a light or a stove.

**Oil and Grease**—When a kerosene  
lamp is on fire or for some reason

**Lanterns**—Kerosene oil lanterns are  
very commonly used about stables, and  
even if carefully handled are always  
dangerous, and are the cause of many  
fires.

**Smoking**—The perils of smoking  
pipes and cigars and of lighting  
matches in and around closers being  
well known, should never be indulged  
in.

**Snap Matches**—Keep matches in  
earthen or metal receptacles. Safety  
matches that light on the box only are  
the best. Snap matches with their fly-  
ing heads, should be positively prohib-  
ited.

**Loose Matches**—Loose matches  
cause numberless fires, being often  
lighted by concussion, by friction from  
falling bodies, by being stepped on, by  
the sun's rays, by rats and by mischiev-  
ous children.

**Paints and Oils**—The storing of paint  
and oil and other inflammables in out-  
houses and especially in attics, is a  
fruitful source of many fires from spon-  
taneous combustion.

**Attics**—Attics are catch-alls for all  
sorts of discarded and inflammable  
things, and never being properly venti-  
lated, become fire incubators when the  
summer's sun strikes the roofs.

**Basements**—The leaving of rubbish  
of an inflammable nature especially in  
basements, is simply to invite food for  
flames from spontaneous combustion.  
Remove and burn it.

**Burning Rubbish**—The burning of  
rubbish in the annual spring cleaning  
near buildings is hazardous, as sud-  
den changes in the wind will carry  
sparks onto roofs and under eaves and  
set fires.

**Greasy Rags**—Examine closets for  
paint smeared or greasy rags (especial-  
ly oily sewing machine and furniture  
rags, floor sweepings and other stuff  
liable to spontaneous combustion.

The new bridge across the Big Wich-  
ita, was completed yesterday and now  
our good farmers from across the river  
will have no trouble in reaching Byers,  
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The Chicago Historical society will  
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Polk, the manuscript of which was re-  
cently acquired.

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RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts	\$149,858.88	Capital Stock	\$75,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4,395.88	Surplus	3,750.00
Cash on hand		Undivided Profits	4,467.70
In bank	\$26,363.97	Deposits	139,030.81
In other banks	41,629.78	Bills Payable	NONE
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$222,248.51</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$222,248.51</b>

The above is correct  
**T. C. THATCHER,**  
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Deposits September 23, 1908	\$ 70,549.92
Deposits November 27, 1908	109,190.47
Deposits December 31, 1908	139,030.81

The presidential flag has a blue ground with the arms of the United States in the center. It was designed and first used by President Arthur in 1883, and is now hoisted at the main whenever the president is on board of any government vessel.

Just received a fresh shipment of Bayle's chip potatoes. Sherrard & Co. Phone 177. 186-1f

Alvey Herndon, a young man working in the oil fields at Petrolia was the victim of a fatal accident that occurred on Christmas day. A shotgun fell to

the ground and was discharged, the whole load entering his leg just above the knee, tearing away flesh and bone. Dr. Foote was called to amputate the leg in an attempt to save his life, but the shock of the shot proved to be more than he could stand and he died the following day. His remains were shipped to Decatur for burial.—Byers Sentinel.

The first attempt to steer a balloon was made in Paris in 1784.

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In conformity with the desire of the Russian Imperial duma the ministry of ways of communication has decided to have special cars built for the transportation of Siberian immigrants. To this end it is proposed that 10,000,000 rubles (ruble equals 51.5 cents) be assigned next year.

Pigeon apple cider, sixty cents per gallon. King & White have it. Phone 261. 178-4f

The Singer building in New York City, when completed, will be 612 feet 1 inch in height.

**WOMEN ELECTED  
 IN 17 COUNTIES**

Special to the Times. Spokane, Wash., Jan. 2.—Seventeen of the thirty-seven counties in the State of Washington will induct women into offices as superintendents of public schools for the two years' term, beginning January 11th, as follows:

- Asotin county—Mary Brannan, Asotin.
- Benton county—Annie Goff, formerly of Calhoun, Mo.
- Challam county—Annette Trumbull.
- Cowlitz county—Carrie Burcham.
- Ferry county—Helena R. Smithson, native of Nova Scotia.
- Franklin county—Mrs. E. C. Nagle, formerly of Carson City, Nevada.
- Garfield county—Elizabeth McCoy, formerly of Kansas City, Mo.
- Island county—Allencia B. Engle.
- Kittitas county—Mrs. Geneva L. Barkley, born at Fort Wayne, Ind., resident of St. Joseph, Mo., Greeley, Colo., and Salt Lake.
- Mason county—Mrs. Mary M. Knight.
- Pacific county—Lottie Bode.
- Skamania county—Lillie Miller.
- Snohomish county—Eva V. Bailey.
- Stevens county—Daisy L. Hard, native of Michigan.
- Wahkiakum county—Elvira C. Marsh.
- Walla Walla county—Josephine Preston, Ferguson Falls, Minn.
- Whatcom county—Mary P. Carpenter.

Nine counties voted at the recent election to continue the terms of their women incumbents, five elected women to succeed women three elected men to succeed women and three elected women to succeed men. Miss Hard of Stevens county overcame a republican majority of 1,000 and won with 232 plurality.

**OPPOSITION TO ATWELL.**

Dallas, EK in Three Corners Fight for Fraternal Honors.

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 31.—There are now three avowed candidates for the position of grand exalted ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. The position is to be filled at the annual meeting of the order to be held in Los Angeles, Cal., next July. The candidacy of W. E. Sammis of Le Mars, Iowa, was announced today. The other candidates are W. H. Atwell of Dallas and Garry E. Herrman of Cincinnati.

A. C. Murray, associated with R. L. Sanders in the publication of the Reunion Bulletin at Los Angeles, the same as it was in Dallas, is here for a day or so, direct from the California city.

"It is a little early to make any predictions," said Mr. Murray, "but I believe California as a state and Los Angeles, of course, as a lodge, will be with Texas and the other southern states for the Dallas man. It is safe to say that Texas has the best chance she will have for many years to land a favorite son in the place, and I am confident that with the proper effort, success will be ours."

The campaign committee of the Dallas lodge, which has direction of matters connected with Mr. Atwell's candidacy, is in receipt of the most encouraging promises of support from all parts of the South, and also from Pennsylvania, Missouri, Oklahoma and other states. The campaign will be pushed with even more vigor after the holiday season is over.

**FOR NEW COUNTY.**

Hunter Township May Find Itself Without Affiliation.

Oklahoma City, Dec. 31.—In an election held in Kiowa county yesterday, Mountain Park and the lower half of Oter Creek townships voted with a portion of Comanche county to form the new county of Park. The people in Hunter township seceded from Kiowa and refusing to go to Park, voted to be annexed to Tillman county. It will now be necessary to hold an election in Tillman county to receive or reject the Hunter township people. If they are rejected, they will be without a home, and a contest will be started that may involve indefinite litigation. Another question is precipitated. J. A. Faulkner was re-elected a member of the state legislature to represent the south half of Kiowa county. This is the portion that seceded. It is claimed that he cannot represent Park county, as he was not elected from that county, and there are already representatives from Tillman, to which it is proposed to annex Mr. Faulkner's township.

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Personal Mention.

Beth Mayfield of Fort Worth is in the city.

Attorney J. H. Barwise of Fort Worth is in the city visiting relatives.

J. E. Hartman left this morning for San Luis Potosi, Mexico, to look after business interests.

F. A. Kessler, editor and proprietor of the Byers Sentinel, was a pleasant caller at this office today.

Minnie Avis, one of the carrier boys for the Times, left yesterday to visit his aunt at Olney.

Clifford Moore of Fort Worth, who has been visiting his father, W. Lee Moore, of this city, returned home this afternoon.

Mrs. O. C. Weaver of Round Rock, who spent the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. G. J. Stroob, left today for her home.

Messrs. W. S. Burnett and E. Rexford, two enterprising citizens from Barkburnett, were transacting business here today.

Messrs. J. N. Bryan and Robert E. Sandon, two thrifty farmers from Thornberry, were transacting business here today.

F. P. Warren, one of the prosperous farmers from near Iowa Park, was here today and made this office a pleasant call.

Mrs. C. H. Storms and little daughter of Fort Worth arrived in the city this afternoon and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bean.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jones of Shady, Texas, were in the city today en route home from Dallas, where they had been visiting relatives.

Mrs. A. L. Gibson of Hereford, who has been visiting relatives in this city, left this afternoon for Vernon to visit her friend, Miss Hagler.

Little Miss Elizabeth Patterson, who has been spending the holidays with relatives and friends at Henrietta, returned this afternoon.

Messrs. W. H. and A. E. Gwinn, two prosperous farmers from the Allendale neighborhood, were looking after business matters here today.

Mrs. S. E. Morrison of Fort Worth, who has been the guest of Mrs. T. B. Noble of this city for the past week, returned to her home this afternoon.

W. H. Suddith has returned from an extended visit with relatives at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and at points in

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Miss Amy Mann, who is teaching the Lake Creek school in Archer county, and who has been visiting relatives at Stamford, was in the city today en route to her school, which opens Monday.

Something good—new kraut. King & White. Phone 261. 178-1f.

Born to Rev. and Mrs. Deffner on yesterday a fine baby girl.

DEVELOPING A STAR.

How Mansfield Coached Margaret Anglin as Roxane.

Richard Mansfield in his preparation for "Cyrano" was unsparing of himself, and he was unsparing of others. Everything he had and everything he hoped for was at stake. Struggle and desperation were in the air. Nearly every one in the cast resigned or was discharged over and over again. Mr. Palmer's days and nights were devoted to diplomacy, and, thanks to his sunny, the heady heat of the day before was forgotten in the cool of the next morning.

An actress of international reputation and experience was engaged for Roxane. Rehearsals were under way when she resigned by cable. The orange girl's single line in the first act was being rehearsed by a young Canadian, Margaret Anglin. Mansfield had not seen her act, but he remarked the wondrous loveliness of her voice, and his intuition told him she had temperament. "Can you make yourself look beautiful enough for Roxane?" he asked. "I think I might if you can make yourself ugly enough for Cyrano," she answered. The part was hers on the instant. He coached her relentlessly. Again and again she cried that she could not do it. He reassured her, but not with soft persuasions. "You can, my dear, and you must. Now, again!" After rehearsals she went regularly in tears to Mr. Palmer to resign. He appealed to Mansfield to be more lenient. "I am only kind," was his reply.

"Roxane is a great part. Only one who has suffered can play such a role. This girl has the temperament and the emotions, but she is young and inexperienced. I cannot persuade her spirit. I must rouse it." And every day she reached new depths and new heights.—Paul Wiltach in Scribner's.

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KAHN THE CLOTHIER

Albert Hughes and Miss Lizzie Hardean of Comanche county, Oklahoma, were married in this city yesterday afternoon. Rev. R. E. Farley performing the ceremony, after which the couple took the evening train back to their Oklahoma home.

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

The Invisible Point. It was an awfully old joke, but the American thought it might cause his English friend to generate a smile. "Just before I sailed for Liverpool," said the American, "I dreamed that I was dead, and the heat woke me up." "So?" rejoined the Englishman solemnly. "The weather must be beastly hot in America."—Chicago News.

An international competition for automatic car couplers will be held at Milan, Italy, in December, on the initiative of the National College of Italian Engineers.

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