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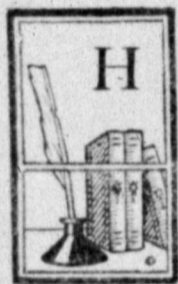
Happy New Year
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DR. J. B. LOVE, Scientific Optician.

The Bride of Bandera Pass,

A Thrilling Psychological Romance.

BY GEORGE BOWLES.

Author of "Strange Enough to Be True," "Headless Horseman," Etc.



He began asking questions about the college and the landmarks around the city. "You seem to have been there yourself," said I, "and since you are a Harvard man, we are brothers, and I think deserve a more formal introduction. I am Ralph Griswold,—class of 1899." Putting forth his hand, the old man clasped mine heartily and said: "Yes, I am a Harvard man, my name is James Weldon, class of 1848. I suppose my name is still on the old class-books, if they keep them. I graduated at the head of my class in science and metaphysics, but I hope they have no record of my proficiency in many of the other branches of learning. Yes, I guess my name is still on the old books, and I am still on the old stone window sill where it was carved by my roommate, who was an indolent son of a wealthy southern planter."

man laughed, and his face glowed with the keen pleasure of having the days of his youth recalled.

The frugal meal was finished, and I soon cleared the dishes away and as the night drew on, the old man, who had been sitting on the porch with me, came in and sat down to all Harvard men and smokers. We talked for hours, and I told my own family, away here in the mountains, that I could not forego the pleasure of his company, and that he must spend the night with me. He studied for a minute and then said:

"Yes, I guess I can stay. I started on this journey soon enough to have a day or so to spare. I do not travel quite so well as I did twenty years ago. I would suffer much, even at the expense of stiffened joints, to spend a few more hours with you."

"You can't know, Griswold," the scholar continued, dropping into the familiar college way of addressing me, "how much it is worth to me to talk with a man of learning, after years of solitary life in the mountains."

I replied that it was a great

pleasure to me to have him for a guest, and hoped that he would feel perfectly at home with me. We seated ourselves in easy attitude upon the ground, and smoked in silence for a time.

The full May moon was tipping the cypress trees with silver, and casting mysterious patterns of nature's rare embroidery upon the flowers-carpeted earth. A whip-poorwill was sounding his plaintive call, a distant rapid in the river was murmuring a drowsy song, the night winds whispered strange stories, and the trees were wisely nodding their heads, a cricket chirruped in the thick foliage of the dense grape vine that grew near, and a mockingbird sang a love serenade to his mate in the valey below us.

The sweet music of the night and my pipe seemed to have lulled me into temporary forgetfulness of my guest, and when I looked at him he was gazing fixedly into the fire. I thought to engage him in conversation upon the theme that would interest him most deeply, so I said:

"The branch of study in which you attained your highest honors at school, is one in which there is a wide field for thought."

"Ah, yes, indeed," replied Weldon, "but the graduate at that time knew little compared to the theories that have been advanced by the generation of profound thinkers who are now just passing. The modern student of psychology has the advantage of the wisdom of a host of mental giants whose labors in that mystic field have led them into many strange paths. But, after all the study and research of master minds for ages past, after all the theology and theosophy of the world of knowledge is exhausted, the student of psychology comes, at last, like a man lost and bewildered in a fog, travelling in a circle, to the place where he started. He only knows there is a Supreme Being who rules the universe, and that there is an immortal part within us that shall survive the dissolution of the body. Despite the learned conclusions of the most eminent psychologists, no man knows more of the human soul, than is laid down in Holy Writ. We know from the works of Divine inspiration that the soul shall live in eternity. We know from the same source and also from human reasoning that aeons of time are but a fleeting day of eternity. No man knows whence the

spirit goes when first it drops the shackles of the flesh. Whether it wings its way direct to realms of light, if blessed, or on the other hand, if weighted down with multitudes of sins, begins its fall at once, down, down ever downward to that place of the damned.

"In spite of all the theoretic rubbish that has been foisted upon the reading world by men who think but little, and talk for publication, none can say of a certainty that there is not a probationary state of the spirit that, while but an atom in eternity, would amount to a thousand years of our time.

"We do not know but that while we sit by this camp fire unboiled, unmaterIALIZED spirits are sitting with us. After all, the most profound text-book that man can have is nature, and the nearest approach that man can make to an insight into psychology is by communing with nature, thereby getting close to nature's God. My life has been one of wide experience in its earlier years, the greater number of which have been spent alone in these mountains. I know that there is such a thing as the materialization of spirits. Whether they are visible to other eyes than mine, I cannot tell."

During this long discourse I sat almost stupefied at the strange theories of my guest. He had held me spellbound with his eloquence. He now sat silent, after his burst of conversation and I wondered if he was insane, but the spark of intelligence burned too brightly in his sunken eyes for that.

At last in defence of my position on certain theories pertaining to the soul, I said to him:

"Many points in your argument of this profound question agree with modern theology as taught by the best recognized theologians of the world, but I cannot agree with you in some instances, especially that of the materialization of spirits."

"I do not expect you to agree with me," he replied. "How

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could you do so unless you had seen them?"

"Have you seen such a truly wonderful sight," I asked, in a tone of semi-derision.

"Yes," he answered simply. "I had not thought, though that the hour would ever come when I would mention it to any living man. Had I known you would ask me that question, I should not have been your guest tonight. It is a secret that I have carried in my

breast for forty-one long years. But since I have admitted so much and as you are a college brother and I shall in all probability never meet another, I will tell you a story that has never passed my lips before to any living being."

CHAPTER III

THE HERMIT'S STORY.

After making the statement recorded at the close of the preceding chapter, my aged guest arose from the ground, and without speaking walked to the little stream. He took a drink of water from his hands, arose and stood with his side toward me, gazing upward at the silver moon and the gleaming stars. The cool, sweet spring breeze fanned his flowing locks, and as he looked with wrapt intent into the fathomless starry vault, whose mysteries no man can solve, the soft light seemed to transform him, and I wondered if it were a man or spirit who was sharing my hospitality that night.

Presently he turned about, walked to where I sat, and resuming his seat, continued as if no interruption had been made.

"I am aware from your own statements," he said, "that your whole teaching in theology has been based upon the five points of Calvinism. Such incursions as your soul, or mind, if you prefer, has made into the field of psychology, or soul life, have been held in check by the peculiar tenets of your faith, but, my brother, before I proceed with my story, let me ask you a few questions.

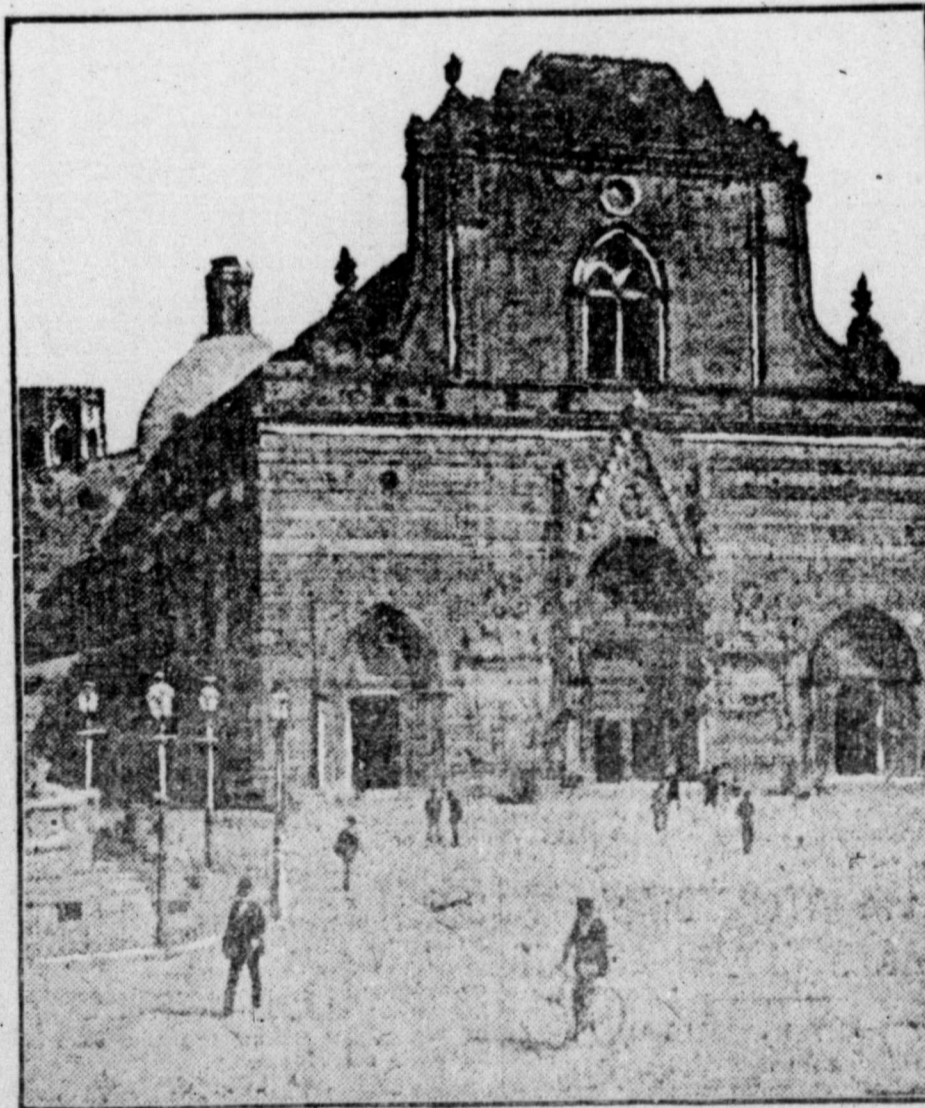
"How far have you traveled today?"

I told him that I had perhaps travelled forty-five or fifty miles.

"Does that not seem to you to be rather a long day's journey over a rough mountain road? Have

(Continued Next Week.)

CATHEDRAL AT MESSINA.



Messina was a city of 150,000 inhabitants, and is said to have been founded under the name of Zancle in 1094 B. C. It is an important seaport of Sicily and capital of the province. Among the public edifices are about 50 churches, many of them of great beauty. The cathedral, which is one of the show places of the city, is of Gothic architecture, with a somewhat heavy exterior, but supported within by vast pillars of granite supposed to have belonged to a temple of Neptune. The Corso is the most fashionable of the driveways.

HOME NEWS.

Interesting Items From Town and County.

F. H. Mueller, of Riverside farm, was in Kerrville Wednesday.

B. M. Hixson returned Saturday from a week's visit to Galveston.

Mrs. H. V. Scholl visited relatives in San Antonio this week.

Hon. H. M. Nowlin, of Center Point was in Kerrville Tuesday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ruff, on the 6th inst, a son.

Del Broughton, of Center Point was in Kerrville Tuesday.

Walter Schreiner, of the James river country, was in Kerrville Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Hearn have returned from a Christmas visit to their former home at Bryan.

Dr. and Mrs. P. J. Dominguez visited in San Antonio the latter part of last week.

A. M. Lamb, of the Bluff community, was in Kerrville on business Thursday.

Gaines D. Whitsitt, the popular lumber salesman, was among the guests at the St. Charles hotel, Thursday.

R. M. Beitel and Albert Beitel of the Beitel Lumber Co., San Antonio, were guests of H. V. Scholl last week.

J. H. and R. C. Bierschwale, cattle men of Comfort, were in Kerrville Wednesday.

Dr. F. L. Fordtran made a professional visit to Center Point Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Otilie Haag, who arrived in Kerrville last week to attend the funeral of Miss Emma Hendricks, left Monday for Boerne.

USE 'GOLDEN CROWN' FLOUR

THE CHEAPEST AND THE BEST FLOUR IN TEXAS.

Miss Lela Corkill left last Saturday for Benavides, where she will spend some time visiting at her father's ranch.

Ronald McDonald, who had been visiting his sister, Mrs. E. E. Palmer, has returned to his home at Globe Arizona.

Miss Catherine Richards, who spent the holiday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Richards, has returned to Austin to re-enter the University.

T. F. W. Dietert and children, Mrs. Otto Dietert and Mr. Alfred Boeckmann, visited relatives in Fredericksburg the latter part of last week.

W. A. Hadden and family of San Antonio, returned home last Sunday, after a visit to Mrs. Hadden's parents, Col. and Mrs. C. C. Lockett, of this city.

Miss Clara Herzog entertained a party of friends at cards on Friday night of last week. Refreshments were served and the evening most happily spent by all present.

Miss Alma Granville visited relatives at Hallettsville during the holidays, returning last Sunday to resume her work as a teacher in the Tivy High School Monday morning.

WOODMEN ENTERTAIN.

A Public Installation of Officers, and a Grand Feast Was Had by the Local Camp of Woodmen of the World and Olive Grove Woodmen Circle, at Fawcett's Hall, Wednesday Night.

The sovereigns and ladies of Woodcraft of Kerr county have long enjoyed a most enviable reputation as entertainers, but the event of Wednesday night eclipsed all former occasions.

The festivities were in the nature of a public installation of officers of the organizations for the ensuing year.

Past Consul W. A. Fawcett conducted the installation ceremonies for the Circle, and the following officers were duly installed:

Past Guardian, Mrs. Robt. Saner; Guardian, Mrs. Hannis; Adviser, Miss Lucy Pharr; Clerk, Mrs. L. A. Mosty; Chaplain, Mrs. O'Neal; Attendant, Miss Lila Bradwell; Banker, Miss Alice Williamson; Inner Sentinel, Miss Sadie Burge; Outer Sentinel, Miss Bertie Wells; New Manager, A. W. Henke.

Immediately following, Past Consul J. L. Vining proceeded with the installation of the officers of Cypress Camp 58, Woodmen of the World, who are:

A. T. Adkins, Consul Commander; Advisor, H. Rawson; Banker, Wm. Noll; Clerk, W. G. Carpenter; Escort, L. A. Leinweber; Sentry, R. G. Heiman; Watchman, Henry Scholl; Manager, A. F. Thigpen.

When the business features of the evening were disposed of the guests were invited to a real Woodmen's banquet, and Circle trimmings, and every one who has at any time attended one of these functions will readily understand what that means. It was no sandwich and chocolate affair,—not a lunch, but a supper, the kind they had at "grandpaw's" infair. There were turkeys, chickens, pigs, hams, salads, cakes, dainties and a hundred other things that women "fix" to eat and men only know by taste. About 300 persons partook of the feast and when all were through there were "twelve basketfuls" of untouched food, to say nothing of fragments.

When the banquetting was over, the tables were removed and the Kerrville Mexican Orchestra furnished splendid music for the dance that followed. The entertainment was extremely democratic, and like all Woodmen entertainments, it was a "family affair." After the dance had been going for a time the old men and their "young wives" danced an old fashioned quadrille. Ben Denton, Louis Leinweber, Robt. Saner, W. G. Carpenter and a lot of other old men, also the junior editor of the Sun and some other young fellows, got into the merry whirl and the pace was fast and furious.

There were sovereigns and ladies from all over Kerr county present, and no happier, or more generally enjoyed entertainment has been had in Kerrville in recent months.

Among the visiting sovereigns and ladies from other Camps and Circles, were the following from Center Point: Ernest Biles, Dr. J. D. Robinson, Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Fannie Rush, Misses Bettie Scott, Johanna Heise, Sallie Dobbs, Nera McDaniel.

When the good nights were said all were happy at having spent the evening in such a thoroughly enjoyable manner and the various committees have the thanks of all who attended.

DISTRICT COURT.

January Term Convened Monday. Docket Very Light. Grand Jury Finds only Two Bills.

The regular January term of the Kerr county District court convened Monday morning with Judge Burney presiding and District Attorney C. C. Harris in attendance.

The grand jury was empanelled and Judge Burney delivered a strong and comprehensive charge to that body. After two days of deliberation and investigation the grand jury was discharged Wednesday, having found two bills; one for felony and one for misdemeanor. The jury was composed of Jas. Sellus, foreman, B. C. Richards, W. C. Horton, Joe Byas, Adam Wilson, W. W. Allen, Arthur Real, G. R. Moore, Bruno Schwethelm, John Walker, Lee Mason, Will Burney.

L. A. Leinweber of Ingram was Baliff to the grand jury.

The docket, both civil and criminal, is very light this term. The petit jury for the first week was summoned to appear on Thursday, but there being no jury cases for the week the panel was notified to not appear.

All business disposed of this week was of minor importance. In one case of theft under the value of \$50 was a plea of guilty was entered and punishment assessed by the court at \$10 fine and six hours in jail. Other pleas of guilty were made and light fines assessed.

Divorce was granted to John Ayalla and Josephine Ayalla.

Final naturalization papers were issued to Dr. Frederick Nyc, whose native home was Prague, Austria, and he is now formally made a citizen of the United States.

There will be very light work for the remainder of the term.

IN MEMORIUM.

WHEREAS, it has pleased Almighty God in his wisdom and providence to take from our midst one of our members, Emma Hendricks, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, 1st, that we, her companions and class mates, hereby express our sincere grief for the loss of a faithful and beloved member of our grade, and

RESOLVED, 2nd, that we extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in their grief and

RESOLVED, 3rd, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our departed classmate, and another copy be printed in the Kerrville Mountain Sun.

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NOT FOR THIS WORLD.

A Philadelphia clergyman was recently accosted by an old man to whom he had frequently given assistance. On this occasion the borrower presented so disreputable an appearance that the minister spoke somewhat sharply about it.

"You're right, doctor. I really don't look clean or decent. But I can't help it, doctor. I'm simply a poor, miserable, dirty old duffer. I'm not fit for this world, only for the kingdom of Heaven."

THE CARBURETOR.

The carburetor is an apparatus in which is effected the mixing of the fuel necessary for the operation of internal combustion motors. Such mixture is composed of atmospheric air and the vapors of a liquid hydrocarbon in proper proportions. In order that it may give the best results, a carburetor should furnish an accurately proportioned mixture, that is to say, one containing just the proportions of fuel required, and, moreover, containing such fuel as nearly as possible in the state of vapor.

EXTRA PRECAUTION.

"You do a great deal of personal correspondence?" ventured the interviewer.

"I do, indeed," responded the head official of the gigantic corporation.

"And do you add 'R. S. V. P.' beneath your personal letters?"

"Oh, no; I add 'P. B. R. A.'"

"And what does that mean?"

"Why, 'Please Burn Right Away.'"

GLOVES TO BE BARRED.

According to a decision of the inspector-general of the American army neither officers nor enlisted men will wear gloves hereafter when equipped for field service. Enlisted men will also dispense with the use of white collars when doing field duty. Officers will be allowed to wear a white collar with the service uniform when in garrison. The decision also forbids the use of white gloves, which were once looked upon as indispensable on some occasions by officers as well as enlisted men in the field.

SAYINGS OF MRS. SOLOMON.

Being the Confessions of the
 Seven Hundredth Wife.

(Translated by Helen Rowland.)

Hearken, my daughter, and give ear unto my wisdom, that thou mayest understand man—his goings and his comings, his stayings and his return in the morning, his words of honey, and his ways of guile.

Nay, question me not, whence I have learned of man his secrets. Have I not known one man well? And verily a woman need know but one man in order to understand all of them, whereas a man may know all women and understand not one of them.

For men are of but one pattern, whereof thou needest but to discover the combination and press the right button; but women are as the Yale lock—no two of them are alike.

Lo! What a paradox is man—even a Chinese puzzle that worketh backward!

He saith, "I hate loud perfumes!" and proceedeth to chase a violet scented as the fount the scent of the rabbit.

He mistaketh a sweet odor for a sweet disposition and a subtle satchet for a subtle mind.

He voweth, "I like a discreet woman!" and inviteth the forward blonde of the chorus to supper.

He declareth, "I will not take another drink!" and maketh directly for the gilded cafe.

He muttereth unto his wife, "Lo! I will go to the corner for a cigar," and, behold, he wandereth to many corners and returneth by a circular route.

He kisseth the woman whom he loveth not and avoideth her whom he loveth, lest his heart become entangled. Yea, he seeketh the wrong woman that he may forget his heart's desire.

Yet, whichever he marryeth he regretteth it all the days of his life. Selah!

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If you have any trouble with your stomach you should take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Mr. J. P. Klote of Edina, Mo., says: "I have used a great many different medicines for stomach trouble, but find Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets more beneficial than any other remedy I ever used." For sale by all druggists.

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Will Isolate Messina.

Messina, Jan. 4.—Instead of burning the ruins of the city to prevent a disastrous epidemic, it is now understood that the authorities have decided to clear Messina of every living person and surround it with a cordon of troops in order to keep it absolutely isolated.

Don't Take The Risk.

When you have a bad cough or cold do not let it drag along until it becomes chronic bronchitis, or develops into an attack of pneumonia, but give it the attention it deserves and get rid of it. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and you are sure of prompt relief. From a small beginning the sale and use of this preparation has extended to all parts of the United States and to many foreign countries. Its many remarkable cures of coughs and colds have won for it this wide reputation and extensive use. Sold by all druggists.

Social Party.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Rosenthal entertained friends at a social party at their pleasant home on Main Street Monday evening. Refreshments including Punch, cake sandwiches and other delicacies, were served. The occasion was greatly enjoyed by all present.

CALLS CITY MODERN BABEL

For Varied and Distressing Noises, Alexandria, Egypt, Is Declared the Limit.

Lillian C. Gilpin, who wheeled her baby carriage through the greater portion of the North African littoral, contributes to Harper's Weekly a picturesque description of Alexandria. Noise is the predominant characteristic of this city, she says. There is the street vender announcing his wares in a chant sung in a strange, shrieky voice, and working up from a low wail to a hideous howl. The water carriers contribute their quota of noise; they do not howl quite so often, but clang together pairs of copper saucers. Cucumbers, apricots, dates, lemonade are cried in the streets till the small hours of the morning. "Tamtams, bagpipes, the jangle of bells, hands clapping in cadence, the hysterical shrieks of angry females, the distressing yells of more or less ill-treated youngsters, and, added to these, the weird litanies of the skimmest tribe of cats I have ever known—such is the Egyptian lullaby."

The Pure Food Law.

Secretary Wilson says: "One of the objects of the law is to inform the consumer of the presence of certain harmful drugs in medicines." The law requires that the amount of chloroform, opium, morphine, and other habit forming drugs be stated on the label of each bottle. The manufacturers of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy have always claimed that their remedy did not contain any of these drugs, and the truth of this claim is now fully proven, as no mention of them is made on the label. This remedy is not only one of the safest, but one of the best in use for coughs and colds. Its value has been proven beyond question during the many years it has been in general use. For sale by all druggists.

Mayor Sanchez Poisoned.

Laredo, Texas, January 4.—Mayor Amador Sanchez, while out hunting, had his right arm badly poisoned by the dye in the gloves he wore. His arm, though still badly swollen, is reported to be much improved.

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Attention Masons.

A called meeting of Kerrville lodge, No. 697, will be held tonight, (Saturday, December 9.) There will be work in the third. All members and visiting brethren are requested to attend.

E. GALBRAITH, W. M.

Birthday Dance.

Dr. and Mrs. Richard Coke, of Louisville, Ky., who with their sister, Miss Nellie Ganter, are spending the winter in Kerrville, gave a very enjoyable dance at Pampell's hall, Saturday night, January 2, in honor of Miss Ganter's birthday anniversary.

At no affair of the kind during the holiday season were the ladies attending more beautifully gowned. The music for the entertainment was furnished by the Mexican orchestra, and a happy throng of young people threaded the mazes of the merry dance until the hands of the clock were perilously near the top of the dial. All who attended report a very pleasant evening.

The invited guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Aime Schreiner, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Schreiner, Mr. and Mrs. Morelock, Mr. and Mrs. Renschel, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hadden, Mr. and Mrs. Herzog, Mr. and Mrs. Mosel, Dr. and Mrs. Fordtran, Dr. and Mrs. Coke; Messdames Dewees and Allen; Misses Nannie Allen, Thorne Renschel, Eugie Myers, Ruth Robinson, Mary Johnston, Beatrice Weir, Helen Scott, Mary Rawson, Hazel Hamilton, Nellie Smith, Sadie Lockett, Ada Bessan, Alida Scholl, Myrtle Thode, Lallah Goodman, Ella Koester, Bessie Scott, Sadie Sandridge, Whitaker, Clara Herzog, Tenie Gardner, Alma Granville; Messrs Scott and Junior Schreiner, Frank Brady, Will Garrett, Oswald Herzog, Joe Gardner, Maurice and Chester Granville, Dunning, Howard Davis, Joe Davidson, Clyde Coleman, Fox, Louis Enderle, D. H. Huntington, Chas. Rawson, Henry Scholl, S. Eastland, Will Leigh, Douglas Motley, R. A. Shelburne, A. F. Thigpen and E. Galbraith.

Mrs W. S. Thode and daughter Miss Myrtle, who had been visiting Mrs. Thode's sister, Mrs. H. V. Scholl, left Sunday for their home at Long Beach Calif.

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SICILY AND HER SORROW.

Except to those who have given some attention to ancient history and to archaeology, the average citizen of this country remembers that Sicily was on the map, as an island in the Mediterranean Sea, when he was a boy, and his knowledge of that stricken insular part of the kingdom of Italy ends there.

Sicily is rich in ancient history myth, legend and fable; famous for her archaic ruins and ancient buildings; in past centuries she has had earthquakes and thousands were killed, but that was more than a century ago, when news came from the lips of sailors, and like other tales was discredited, or was at any rate so old by the time it reached America that it had lost "human interest." No spot of the great world has been so strongly thrown into the limelight, in history, as Sicily occupies today. On the 28th day of December, 1908, in the early morning, when people were yet asleep, the earthquake came. No doubt there were little Christmas trees still bearing their tapers, that went down in the ruins. Doubtless little children went to sleep at night with their dolls in their chubby brown hands, never to awaken again beneath the sunny Italian skies. The catastrophe fell, as stated, in the morning, and by the wonderful aid of modern facilities for news gathering we read the first reports of it in the afternoon papers of the same day, and little children in our American homes listened with awe as parents read the harrowing accounts of the disaster. Elsewhere in these columns is a brief description of the great calamity, that eclipses the annals of human life on earth.

The purpose of this article is chiefly to give our readers the benefit of our investigation of the extent and nature of Sicily and her people. The island of Sicily contains the same area as Kerr, Kendall, Gillespie, Bandera, Edwards, Kimble, Sutton, Menard and Mason counties, Texas. Comprising 10,000 square miles, it would go into Texas something like twenty-seven times, and yet the population of Sicily is equal to that of the whole great state of Texas.

Mount Aetna, which is a volcano, is on the island. It is not possible for those who do not study such matters to understand seismology, but we can all understand the easy possibility of tremendous underground disturbances in the island of Sicily by looking at the matter in a practical way. The water in the strait of Messina, which is only eleven miles at its widest part and two miles wide at the narrowest passage, is in places 4,000 feet deep. Mt. Aetna is 10,874 feet high, making the distance from the bottom of the surrounding sea to the top of the mountain approximately 15,000 feet, or about three miles. The tide through the strait of Messina is so strong that it is difficult of navigation and that fact, in ancient times gave rise to all kinds of fables. Objects are only thick as

compared to length. The island of Sicily, if it was a cake an inch thick would look pretty wide, but being three miles thick, makes it rather narrow. Add to that the fact that it has been in past ages repeatedly shaken by quakes and eruptions, until the whole foundation is composed of broken, shattered and treacherous strata of various formations.

The sea is so deep and the current so swift that it is easily possible that in many places, especially on shores of the strait of Messina, it has undermined large sections of the coast country.

Messina, is, or rather was, before the earthquake, the principal city of Sicily. Founded 3,000 years

The Congress of the United States acted very promptly in the matter of giving succor to the people of stricken Italian cities.

There is much conjecture just at this time over the possible make-up of Mr. Taft's cabinet. There is one pretty safe guess and that is that its members will be republicans.

The question that should be prominently in the minds of all the people at this time is, "Will the 31st legislature provide for a tuberculosis sanitarium?" Every citizen who is interested in humanity should ask this question of the men who represent him.

CHURCH OF ST. GREGERIO, MESSINA.



ago, rich in ancient history, rare architecture, grand cathedrals, and other noted buildings, among which was a college 360 years old, having an export trade amounting to more than \$10,000,000 annually. Messina, which two weeks ago was a place of busy marts and peaceful homes, is today a howling waste of broken ruins, and, will, in all probability cease to be the habitation of men.

We may ask why, in the light of more than eighty quakes and eruptions in past centuries, the people of Sicily build a great city at such a place. We have the answer at our own cities of Charleston and San Francisco. The span of a human life is but a little while and men forget. Again the peninsular portion of the kingdom of Italy is largely rocky, barren country, the island of Sicily one of the most fertile spots in the world, a land of perennial, abundant and varied harvests. Among the products grown and exported are:

Wheat, maize, barley, lentils, olives, oranges, lemons, grapes, mulberries, figs, dates, licorice, sugarcane and timber.

Others disasters are predicted. The island may be totally devastated and its fertile lands inundated by a flood of seething, molten lava, tomorrow, or the olive tree may flourish for centuries upon the bank of smoldering craters and gaping abrasions in the bosom of mother earth, unmolested by further disturbance.

Whatever the future may be, certain it is that history records no such loss of human life in a single disaster. The calamity has, like our Galveston flood and San Francisco earthquake, more fully and forcibly set forth the fact that pessimists to the contrary, the world's great, throbbing heart of pity and humanity grows greater and more intensely and helpfully human each day.

Don't let the good roads idea get away from you. The mass meeting to be held at the courthouse on the 16th inst. should be the largest attended public meeting ever held in Kerr county.

The Texas legislature meets next Tuesday. The job of saving the country this time bids fair to be a very heavy one. The first sixty days of the term will probably be spent in a fierce fight over the liquor question.

The same old story: The grave and the gay commingle daily. The Pope and the jester may live in the same city, and while Italy is attending the funeral of a quarter of a million of her people, the President and Congress of the United States is amusing the world with very cheap and disgusting vaudeville.

A Fine Holiday Paper.

The holiday number of the Kerrville Sun was a beauty, printed in colors on its own presses on the finest quality of paper. The reading matter and the ads all show up in nice shape, proving that there are artists in the typographical department of the Sun.—Cuero Star.

Married.

Elmer Tedford and Miss Lulia Watson were quietly married at the home of H. I. Hardin, this city, on Sunday, January 3, Judge Lee Wallace officiating.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. Jake Watson, of Medina, a most estimable young woman. The groom, now of San Antonio, was raised in Kerr county, and is a son of Mr. K. O. Tedford, a pioneer citizen. The newly wedded couple left Sunday afternoon for San Antonio, where they will make their home.

A Country of Homes.

Did you ever give thought to the fact that it is largely due to the material aid and encouragement given by banks and bankers that this is a country of homes and home owners?

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HOME NEWS.

Interesting Items From Town and County.

Miss Lizzie Thomas is visiting relatives at Stringtown, Oklahoma.

Dr. H. C. Rees left last Saturday for Waco on a business trip.

W. B. New, the Camp Verde merchant, was among the visitors in Kerrville last Saturday.

John Tucker and family, of Trenton, Texas, are spending the winter in Kerrville.

Grand masquerade ball at Fawcett's hall tonight, (Saturday, January 9.) Everybody invited.

M. W. Vann, of Caldwell county, formerly a citizen of Kerr county, spent several days in Kerrville this week.

Misses Mabel Hodges and Lola Jones, of Kimble county, were guests at the St. Charles Monday night. They were returning to school, after spending the holidays with their parents.

Dr. Edward Galbraith,



Dentist

Office Next to Rawson's Drug Store
Kerrville, Texas.

Miss May Rees returned last week to San Marcos, where she is attending college, after spending Christmas with her mother.

Melvin Felty and mother, of Myra, Texas, are visiting at the home of E. C. Felty, near Kerrville.

Otto Doebbler and family, of Rock Springs, who had been visiting relatives in Kerr county, left Tuesday for home.

Payson Alden, president of the San Antonio Gazette Publishing Co., and Mrs. Alden, spent several days in Kerrville the first of the week, guests at the St. Charles hotel.

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J. R. Colbath, of the divide, was in Kerrville Monday. Mr. Colbath came in to bring his daughter, Miss Ola, who was returning to San Marcos, where she is attending school.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Schreiner returned last Saturday from Mineral Wells, where they had been on account of the ill health of Mr. Schreiner, whose many friends throughout this section will be glad to hear of his complete recovery.

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Sweet Music, Happy Conversation and Delicious Refreshments, Were Reigning Features at the Grand New Year's Reception and Annual Banquet Given By the Kerrville Woman's Club, at the Hospitable Home of Col. and Mrs. Charles C. Lockett.

Music and flowers and merry voices greeted the New Year callers at Mrs. C. C. Locketts while "The Woman's Club" dispensed hospitalities and extended the seasons greetings to scores of guests.

The attractive rooms in Mrs. Locketts home open up admirably for a large gathering, and with the bright autumn leaves, ferns and yellow chrysanthemums that formed the floral decorations made a particularly beautiful setting for the gay company that gathered there. The Reception hall where the receiving party stood was beautifully trimmed in yellow chrysanthemums and English Ivy. The guests were welcomed here by the hostess and Club President, Mrs. Morelock. Assisting them were Mrs. A. C. Schreiner, Mrs. Weir, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Richards and Miss Nona Schelburne. In the parlor where the same color scheme was observed the callers were received by Mrs. Chas. Schreiner Jr., Mrs. Fordtran, Miss Herzog, Mrs. Green Coleman and Mrs. Adkins.

The dining room showed the glories of the Autumn woods in the bright leaves and bunches of mistletoe so effectively placed. The center piece for the lace decked table was a lovely cut glass basket over flowing with violets and surrounded by ropes of smilax extending to each corner of the table.

Presiding here, were Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Hannis and Miss Bradwell. Mrs. Williamson and Miss Scott poured tea, and Miss Sandridge served coffee.

The long veranda was enclosed, and gracefully draped with green vines. At one end was stationed the grape and flower trimmed punch bowl, and at the other concealed musicians dispensed sweet music. Punch was served by Misses McNealy, Weir and Georgie Shelburne.

Many dainty refreshments were served, and all during the hours the rooms were filled with callers.

Miss Scholl Entertains.

On New Year's night Miss Alida Scholl gave a goodbye party to a few friends at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Scholl, on Tchoupitoulas street.

The evening was happily spent at games and social conversation. Refreshments, including fruit punch were served. Those present were: Misses Thorne Kemschel, Hazel Hamilton, Engie Myers, Helen Scott, Myrtle Thode, Mary Rawson and Sadie Lockett; Messrs. Maurice Granville, Douglas Motley, Cecil Robinson, Clyde Coleman and S. Eastland.

Miss Scholl left Sunday for Milford, Texas, where she is attending school.

Deputy Sheriff Robt. Wellborn, of Center Point, was among the visitors at court Monday.

L. G. Green, of Rock Springs, was at the St. Charles Tuesday, en route to San Antonio, where he is attending school.

FROM TURTLE CREEK.

Well, dear old Christmas is over. I will try and write a few lines.

Misses Ida and Vida Gibbens visited home folks during the holidays.

Miss Maude Burks spent Christmas with home folks.

Warren Patton, of San Antonio, spent a few days with friends Christmas week.

Oscar Roggenbuck visited friends and relatives last week.

George Lowrance, of the divide, spent Christmas with friends and relatives.

Mr. Heinan, of Comfort, spent several days with Mr. Strohoecker.

Louis Moore, of Kerrville, spent New Year's Day with Will Ridgeway.

Mrs. Nancy Norwood spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Burks. Joe Carson and wife spent Christmas with Mrs. James.

Miss Addie Denton spent the holidays at home.

Miss Alice Shuford spent the holidays with her grandmother, Mrs. Barton.

A large crowd attended the Real ball.

Miss Carrie Ridgeway spent Christmas at home.

Misses Maud and Annie Burks, and Clark Burks and Louie Barline spent several days at Medina visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Holekamp, of Comfort, spent a few days with Mr. Strohoecker.

Pierce Cupps visited his parents at Utopia.

Oscar Strohoecker spent New Year's at Comfort.

WAMPUS.

Mrs. Maud Sellers Young.

Mrs. Maud Sellers Young, wife of Dr. S. O. Young, secretary of the Galveston Cotton Exchange and Board of Trade, died yesterday morning at 12:45 o'clock after a lingering illness. The funeral, which was private, there being only the family and a few of their closest friends present, occurred at 4 p. m. yesterday.

The impressive Episcopal burial services were read by Dr. Aves, pastor of the Trinity Church, both at the church and cemetery, where the remains were temporarily interred in a vault, whence they will be removed to the family lot in San Antonio. Many beautiful floral offerings were sent by sympathetic friends.

Mrs. Young was the daughter of Col. John S. Sellers, who was prominent in the business circles of this city years ago. She was of a lovable character and was loved and admired by all those who knew her. The surviving members of the family are Dr. S. O. Young, a son and two daughters, and Mrs. Young's sister, Miss P. T. Sellers, of Houston—Galveston News.

Mrs. Young and children, Gail and Misses Maud and Doris, spent the past summer in Kerrville, and while here made many friends, who regret to hear of Mrs. Young's death, and who join the Sun in extending to the bereaved ones its heartfelt sympathy and condolence.

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SINCE BEGINNING OF HISTORY CALABRIA HAS BEEN SCOURGED

No Part of the Earth That Has Suffered So Severely from Earthquakes and Volcanic Eruptions--Contrast Between Ancient and Modern Times in Treatment of Disaster.

ITALIAN CITIES WHERE LOSS OF LIFE WAS HEAVIEST.

Cities in which loss of life was heaviest were as follows:
Messina, population 100,000; wrecked by shock and swept by tidal wave.
Reggio, population 50,000; destroyed.
Catania, population 140,000; in ruins.
Cassano, population 6,700; in ruins.
Cosenza, population 21,000; nearly all dead.
Seminara, small village, destroyed.
Scilla, population 7,800; in ruins.
Paterno, population 24,000; in ruins.
Vittoria, population 32,000; badly wrecked.
Naro, population 12,800; half destroyed.
Riposto, population 7,000; in ruins.
All, Mineo, Patti and Castrolibero, Sicilian towns; all badly damaged, with heavy loss of life.
Palmi, Bagnara, San Giovanni and Cannitello, Calabrian villages; all in ruins.

The portion of Italy affected by the recent earthquake is in the most convulsion-smitten region of the globe. The main area of disturbance was in Calabria, though cities on the island of Sicily were shaken and a tidal wave inundated that island's sea coast.

Notwithstanding the fact that since the beginning of history the ground of Calabria has been known to have the habit of opening as if to swallow up its inhabitants, the region has always been well populated. Nearly a million and a half of cheerful, reckless people lived there. The Apennine mountains run through the region for a distance of 160 miles, considerably reducing the area amenable to tillage, but the valleys and plains are among the most fertile anywhere in the world, yielding in abundance a variety of crops. The neighboring fisheries are important.

In respect of the property damage inflicted and the number of lives extinguished, as well as in respect of the extent of the disturbance, the earthquake far eclipses the great disasters of its type, such as that which destroyed Lisbon in 1755 and that which visited the western coast of South America in August, 1906.

Region Always in Turmoil.

Probably no part of the earth of equal fertility, population and historic note has suffered more severely from earthquakes and volcanic eruptions than this part of the Mediterranean basin. From the beginnings of recorded history Stromboli has seldom been quiet. Vesuvius has been frequently in eruption, and Etna is always growling and periodically is in violent action.

With or without eruptions from these volcanoes the region has felt disastrous earthquakes in almost every century since history began to be written. The eruption of Vesuvius which overwhelmed Pompeii and Herculaneum in 79 A. D. is most spoken of because of the relics of antiquity which it so strangely preserved, but within the last eight centuries there have been many earthquakes, thereabouts which caused great loss of life and property.

For instance, Catania, which is again visited, is said to have lost 15,000 people by earthquake in 1137 and to have been wholly destroyed, with a loss of 18,000 lives, in September, 1693. By this earthquake 54 Sicilian cities and towns and 399 villages were reported wrecked, with a total loss of 100,000 lives.

Church Notice.

There will be preaching next Sunday morning at the Methodist church by Rev. Theophilus Lee, services at night by pastor.

Quarterly conference Saturday night at 7:30.

T. N. BARTON.

Dinner Party.

Dr. and Mrs. F. L. Fordtran entertained Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mosel, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Enderie, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Johnston, Miss Mary Johnston and Mr. Louis Enderie, at dinner Monday evening.

The calamity in Calabria gives fresh interest to the elaborate catalogue of earthquakes to which Maj. de Montessus de Balore has devoted years of labor, and which he completed a few months ago. It includes no fewer than 130,000 distinct shocks of which trustworthy details have been preserved, and indicates with some approach to scientific accuracy how the manifestations of seismic activity are distributed over the earth's surface. The table goes back as far as authentic records are obtainable, but the preponderance of the records refers to shocks which have occurred within the past 50 years. Here is the summary of Maj. de Balore's statistics:

Area.	Earthquakes.
Scandinavia	646
British Isles	1,129
France	2,793
Spain and Portugal	2,655
Switzerland	3,895
Italy	27,672
Holland and North Germany	2,326
Sicily	4,331
Greece	10,306
Russia	238
Asia Minor	4,451
India	813
Japan	27,562
Africa	179
Atlantic Islands	1,794
United States, Pacific Coast	4,467
Atlantic Coast	937
Mexico	5,586
Central America	2,739
West Indies	2,591
South America	8,081
Java	2,156
Australia and Tasmania	83
New Zealand	1,925

It will be noticed that Sicily, for which the records go back 3,000 years, has been shaken very little compared with its neighbor Italy.

Seismic Convulsions.

The most shaken countries of the world are Italy, Japan, Greece, South America (the Pacific coast), Java, Sicily and Asia Minor. The lands most free from seismic convulsions are Africa, Australia, Russia, Siberia, Scandinavia and Canada. As a rule, where earthquakes are most frequent they are most severe. But to this general statement there are exceptions, Indian shocks, though less numerous, being often very disastrous. Loss of life in many cases depends, however, on the intensity of the earth movement. Numerically, also, France has registered more seismic tremors than Spain and Portugal, but France in historic times has experienced no earthquake disaster approaching the havoc wrought by the one calamity at Lisbon.

Ancient and Modern Times.

Perhaps the most striking difference between the antique and the modern worlds appears in their differences of social and governmental attitude toward such disasters. We really know more, thanks to the Younger Pliny's account of his uncle's death, about the destruction of Pompeii and Herculaneum and what was done about it than we know of any similar disaster for 1,000 years afterwards.

The elder Pliny was a man of science, who happened to be in command of the naval station near Naples. He got out a vessel and went as near as he could to the lava flow to observe it--so near that he was suffocated by the fumes. Incidentally he picked up some fugitives from the water and along the beach. His nephew records that as an evidence of his humanity. But he does not appear to have thought of exerting his large official powers for relief of suffering. He went to his death not to aid distress but to add to his own knowledge.

To-day any public official who did not exert himself to the utmost to relieve distress would be forever disgraced. That is the difference between a Christian civilization, with all its faults, and one which, with all its merits, was not Christian.

Rare Old Prints.

A gang of old Prints with thick spaces in their whiskers and ink on their noses, spent some of the holidays at "My Ranch," guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alvah B. Davis. The party was composed of W. A. Davis, brother of the host, and "ad" man on the Daily San Antonio light; Elliott, a "key pounder" on the same journal, and Will Soul, a mimeograph expert on the San Antonio Express. The bunch hunted and rested and dodged being arrested, and finally got away Monday, before the grand jury met.

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FROM INGRAM.

Well, the old year is gone and the new one is here.

Miss Jessie Denton is visiting her cousin, Miss Addie Denton, on Turtle creek.

Miss Sue Robinson came home from San Antonio last Sunday, and we are very glad to see her back again.

The leap year ball that was given by Geo. Dowdy last New Year's eve was greatly enjoyed. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Dowdy, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Leinweber, Mr. and Mrs. Luckey; Misses Mae McNealy, Edith Leinweber, Jessie and Lena Denton, Ada and Ola Dowdy, Lizzie, Pearl and Eula Nichols, Hattie Colvin, Edna Littlefield, Nora Nalls and Clara Colbath; Messrs. Starr Baucum, Henry Noll, Earl and Orval McNealy, Solon and Tarlton Dowdy, George Colvin, Enoch and Jess Archer, Roy Littlefield, John Leinweber, Chas. Hodges, Otto Hein and John Leavell. Music was furnished by Newt Gibbens and Monroe Dowdy. All departing at 12 o'clock saying they had a delightful time.

Miss Hilda Mosel, who is attending school at San Marcos spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Mosel.

George Colvin returned to Center Point last Sunday.

The Ingram high school was dismissed until the 11th of January, so as to finish the school house.

Miss Pearl Lee is visiting friends and relatives at Brady.

What is the matter with correspondents? Call Run Girl let us hear from you. Also Carnation. I bid you adieu. RED BONNET.

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GREATEST TRAGEDY THAT HAS BEFALLEN CHRISTIAN WORLD

Magnitude of Calamity in Calabria and Sicily Is Unprecedented—Entire Region Completely Destroyed—Whole Face of Country and the Coast Line Altered.

The earthquake which has devastated the Italian department of Calabria and Sicily has wrought the greatest tragedy which ever has befallen the Christian world.

It is colossal without precedent. Nothing previously known in European history can be compared with it. A whole region has been destroyed. That corner of Italy on which nature seemed to smile, Messina and Reggio, are heaps of ruins under which lie buried thousands of corpses.

All the country along the Straits of Messina has suffered. Lower down the coast the sea rushed with terrific violence into Giarre, Riposto, Borgan and Giovanni, sweeping away houses, ships, fishing boats and human beings. All the fishing boats at sea have disappeared.

At Palma and Baguara the dead are counted by hundreds and the injured by thousands. Throughout the province of Calabria the ravages were frightful.

All Completely Destroyed. Messina and Reggio are in ruins. The towns of Naro, Scilla, Maletto, Belhoso, Riposto and Baguara have been destroyed, as has the town of Gazari, in Calabria. Cantillo has been wiped off the map. Nearly every town along the coast of Sicily for miles south of Messina was engulfed by the sea.

The earthquake's titanic might transformed the face of Sicily; rivers were dried up or their course changed; hills disappeared; vast crevices are yawning in the earth; the country is desolated.

The destruction of property, cannot be as great as at San Francisco, for Messina and Reggio, the two principal cities destroyed, were not rich or magnificent from the metropolitan point of view. As a great cataclysm of nature, however, this disaster is on a far vaster scale than the California phenomenon.

Face of Country Altered. The whole face of the country and the coast line have been altered. Even Scylla and Charybdis have changed the positions they have occupied since Aeneas' legendary voyage.

The three provinces where the greatest damage was done were Messina and Catania, in Sicily, and Reggio di Calabria, on the mainland. They comprise about 4,400 square miles. The rock of Charybdis now blocks the entrance to the strait of Messina.

Several hundred persons perished and much damage was done outside of these provinces, but within them the devastation was so complete that scarcely a human habitation remains.

All accounts now agree that the time occupied by nature's gigantic spasms was but 32 seconds.

Some minutes later a great wave sent down the havoc in the ill-fated aristocratic towns.

Shock a Fearful One. The violence of the shock seems to have been unprecedented except by volcanic eruptions within a limited area.

The buildings of Messina were not merely shaken down—their foundations literally were yanked from beneath them to one side or to the other, until they toppled from the perpendicular and fell in ruins alongside their original sites.

That was the experience of Messina. That of Reggio, on the opposite side

of the strait, must have been more violent, for scarcely one stone remains on another in that flourishing city of only two days ago.

Where a few days ago stood the homes and works of men and busy streets there is nothing but chaotic rocks and earth.

The city had vanished as completely as Aladdin's palace under the magician's spell.

Country of Many Languages. Calabria has one and one-third million inhabitants. The inhabitants speak Grecian or Albanian dialects or an antique Italian.

Visit Stricken Subjects. As King Humbert won the admiration of his loyal people by his visit to the hospitals of Naples during the cholera epidemic, so has Victor Emmanuel, through his emulation of his father's act of bravery. In 1905 Victor Emmanuel, despite the protests of his ministry, hastened to Calabria personally to console the survivors of the earthquake. As soon as the magnitude of the present disaster became apparent the king and queen made arrangements to go at once to the scene of the calamity.

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The outskirts and environs are delightful, affording magnificent views of the sea, as well as of Mount Etna. On the west rises the former fort of Castellaccio, and not far away to the south is Fort Gonzaga, on a historic spot. The new Campo Santo is beautiful, with its graceful Greek colonnades and wonderful views. The Telegrafo—the summit of a pass near Messina—is much visited for its scenery. Here was supposed to be Charybdis of the familiar legend, opposite Scilla, on the Calabrian coast.

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In A. D. 831 the town was taken by the Saracens, and in 1061 was conquered by the Normans. The town became a flourishing seat of trade in the middle ages, and received important privileges from Charles I. of Spain, which added greatly to its prosperity.

During the struggle between the aristocratic faction, or Merli, and the democratic faction, or Mavizzi, the senate, in 1674, appealed for aid to the French, who occupied the city, but soon abandoned it, after having defeated the combined fleets of Spain and Holland.

Left in the hands of the Spaniards, the city was deprived of its political liberties and soon lost its commercial importance. The plague of 1743 and the earthquake of 1783 carried off a considerable part of its population. In 1860 the place was occupied by Garibaldi and in 1861 it became a part of united Italy.

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The Benedictine monastery of San Nicola, formerly one of the most beautiful in Europe, was destroyed by an earthquake in 1693 and rebuilt by 1735. The institution was suppressed in 1866.

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CALAMITIES WHICH HAVE HAPPENED TO MESSINA.

- B. C.
- 493—Captured by fugitives from Samos and Miletus.
- 472—Surrendered to Athenians.
- 396—Entirely destroyed by Carthaginians.
- 270—Seized by Hannibal.
- A. D.
- 1189—Attacked by Richard Coeur de Lion.
- 1282—Besieged by Charles, duke of Anjou.
- 1672-78—Scene of a great revolution between Democrats and adherents of Don Juan of Austria.
- 1678—Abandoned by the French. Population reduced from 120,000 to 12,000.
- 1740—Visited by fearful plague; 40,000 people died.
- 1783—Almost wiped out by earthquake.
- 1854—Cholera carried away 16,000 inhabitants.
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to believe that the destruction by the earthquake of Calabria and Sicily is not yet at an end. Scientists declare that a shock still more severe should be expected January 7 and 8, when the relative position of the sun and moon will produce the greatest strain on the crust of the earth. Several minor shocks were experienced Saturday and Monday, and tottering walls were thrown down, but it is not known that any persons were killed. The new quakes are starting the fires afresh and the people are in the condition bordering on panic.

Messina is to be evacuated entirely as soon as possible. The disposition of the dead is one of the worst problems confronting the authorities. Two days spent amid the ruins of Messina and Reggio is convincing evidence that the horror of the situation in the Straits of Messina has in no sense been exaggerated.

Messina and Reggio have ceased to exist. In the ruins of the former city two-thirds of the inhabitants lie buried, while at Reggio one-half of the people lost their lives. Messina counted 150,000 and Reggio 50,000 souls.

Sickening stenches arise from the decomposing bodies, and the air for many miles out to sea is polluted. Vultures are congregating to prey upon the dead.

It would be a blessing if fire should reduce what is left of these two cities to ashes. The radius of ruins and death extends back with decreasing intensity for forty miles on the mainland and for thirty miles in Sicily. The work of rescuing and transporting wounded and homeless survivors is attended with the greatest confusion. The task of digging out and burying the dead at both Messina and Reggio has been abandoned, and all efforts are being directed to getting the survivors away.

Although confused and without system, the work of rescue has been carried on bravely by night as well as by day. Searchlights on the warships flood the ruins with their rays and give light to the salvage parties.

Two-thirds of the magnificent Norman Cathedral, the pride of Messina, is in ruins, and little or nothing remains of the relics of Greek and Roman architecture which marked the stages of Messina's twenty-six centuries of tragic and tumultuous history. The lost to the wind will be irreparable.

OBITUARY.

On Sunday, December 27, 1908, the angel of death entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. Hendricks and took away their youngest daughter, Miss Emma, to a better world where there is no suffering. Miss Emma had been ill for some time and when death came, a smile upon her lips expressed her willingness to go.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. M. Martin, of the Catholic church, and the body was laid to rest at Glen Rest Cemetery.

Miss Hendricks was born July 22, 1894, and was fourteen years of age, just budding into womanhood. She was well and widely known, loved and honored by all. That one so young and beautiful must leave us is a great loss.

Miss Emma leaves a father, mother, a sister, Miss Clara, and three brothers, J. M., Ernest and Louis.

A SORROWING ONE.



King Victor Emmanuel Succoring Victims of Calabrian Earthquake of 1908.

would not give up her privilege of sharing her husband's dangers. The queen explained to a member of her entourage that she considered it her duty to do all in her power to comfort and help her afflicted subjects.

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Constitution and By-Laws of the Kerrville Business Men's Club.

ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1. This organization shall be known as the Kerrville Business Men's Club, and have its principal office and headquarters in the City of Kerrville, Texas.

SEC. 2. The members of this Board have associated themselves together for purely business and non-political purposes, and its objects are the promotion of every material advantage to the City of Kerrville, looking to its upbuilding and prosperity.

ARTICLE II.—MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. Any person, firm or corporation may become a member of the Association upon subscribing to the same, and paying not less than \$1.00 each, monthly, from the time of joining the Association.

SEC. 2. Any member failing to pay his, their or its monthly dues for thirty days after due shall not be entitled to vote until his dues are paid up, and if delinquent for three months his name shall be dropped from the roll.

ARTICLE III.—MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. The Association shall meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p. m., for the transaction of such business as may come before it. Special meetings may be called at any time by the president.

SEC. 2. Seven members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE IV.

SECTION 1. The officers of this Association shall consist of a president, first and second vice-presidents, treasurer, five directors and such committees as may from time to time be established by the Association or the directors.

SEC. 2. The president shall preside at all meetings, either of directors or members, and shall submit to the meetings such matters as he may deem of interest to the city; shall call a special meeting of the directors upon the ap-

plication of two directors; shall call a special meeting of the members upon the application of seven members, and shall do and perform all other duties usually pertaining to the office of president of any deliberative body.

SEC. 3. The first vice-president in the absence of the president, shall preside at all meetings, and shall do and perform all the duties of the president.

SEC. 4. The second vice-president in the absence of the president and first vice-president, shall preside at all meetings, and shall do and perform all the duties of the president during the absence of the president and first vice-president.

SEC. 5. The president, first vice-president and second vice-president shall be elected by the members of this Association.

SEC. 6. The secretary shall be employed by the board of directors, and shall hold his position at the will of the board, and may be suspended or removed by a majority vote of all the directors. He shall receive such compensation as shall be determined by the board of directors.

The secretary shall attend to the collection of all moneys due the Association, and shall turn the same over to the treasurer forthwith, taking his receipt for the same. He shall keep correct accounts with every member of the Association, and of all moneys received and disbursed, and for what purpose. Shall draw all orders for money on the treasurer; shall attend to and conduct all correspondence, keep a correct minute of all proceedings of the Association and board of directors; shall be the custodian of all the books and records; shall superintend the offices or rooms. He shall be active and vigilant in gathering, collecting and preserving statistics and all information tending to the encouragement and advancement of commercial and industrial interests of the city, which shall be open to the inspection of any member of the Association. He shall make

reports to the Board as often as required.

SEC. 7. The treasurer shall be elected by the members. He shall receive and safely keep all moneys of the Association, and disburse the same upon the order of the Board, showing the purposes for which it is expended, on warrants, signed by the president and countersigned by the secretary.

SEC. 8. The Board of Directors shall have general control of the affairs of the Association, with the enforcement of its rules and expenditure of its funds, and shall report to the Association when requested.

ARTICLE V.—ELECTIONS.

SECTION 1. All elections shall be by ballot, and at the first regular meeting in January of each year, there shall be elected five directors, who shall be qualified and hold their offices for one year, and until their successors are duly installed.

SEC. 2. All votes, except for the election of officers, shall be viva voce, except any member of the Association shall have the right to call for the yeas and nays; in case a yeas and nays vote is called for, each member shall be entitled to cast one vote for each \$1.00 of his, theirs or its monthly subscription. No proxy being allowed to cast a vote, provided any member member of a firm or officer of a corporation may cast its vote, and a plurality of votes shall constitute an election, provided, that should any two or more candidates receive the same number of votes, another vote shall immediately be taken for such candidates, and the candidate receiving the plurality thereof shall be declared elected.

ARTICLE VI.

SECTION 1. This Association shall forever remain strictly non-political, and it shall be regarded as an offence against its laws for any member to use its name in any political connection whatever and any member thus offending shall be subject to expulsion under the regulations pertaining thereto.

ARTICLE VII.—PROCEDURE.

SECTION 1. The regular order of business, both for meeting of members and board of directors, shall be:

- Call to order.
- Roll call, if requested by any member.
- Reading of minutes of the last meeting.
- Communications.
- Report of officers and committees.
- Unfinished business.
- Elections.
- New business.
- Remarks for the good of the Association.
- Adjournment.

ARTICLE VIII.—REGULATIONS.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of every member of the organization to consider himself a committee of one to work first for the improvement of the City of Kerrville in every way; second, for the building up of every institution now located in said city; and, third, for the inducement to locate every interest which will be for the advancement of said city.

SEC. 2. These by-laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Association by a majority vote, but no amendment proposed shall be acted upon until it has been laid over one month, and a

copy of the same sent to each member by mail; provided, that no amendment to the by-laws shall be finally adopted, except by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting.

SEC. 3. Cushing's manual shall be adopted as a guide for the conduct of all matters of business not herein especially provided for.

Respectfully submitted,
J. L. PAMPALL, }
OSCAR ROSENTHAL, } Com.
A. C. SCHREINER. }
Approved and adopted this, the
12th day of December, 1908.
W. G. CARPENTER,
President.
Attest:
A. F. THIGPEN, Act. Sec'y.

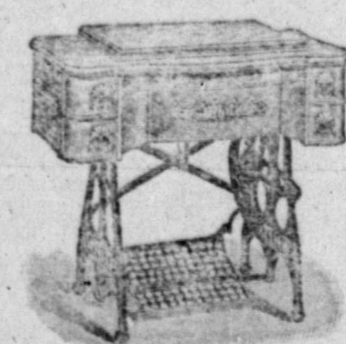
To Organize Kerr County.

H. L. A. Holman, of San Antonio, arrived in Kerrville Monday. Mr. Holman is here for the purpose of perfecting a Socialist organization in Kerr county. A mass meeting will be held at the courthouse in Kerrville, on Saturday, January 16, at 2:00 p. m. at which time Mr. Holman will speak on socialism.

J. D. Witt, of the Center Point community, was in Kerrville Monday.

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