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Ticks and Quarantine.

M. B. Pulliam on the tick and
 quarantine question, in the San
 Angelo Standard.
 The cattle business in Texas is
 moving along smoothly with an un-
 abated for good stuff and little if
 any decline in value. Some fat
 stuff is finding its way into the
 markets at a little better prices,
 while thin stuff is being offered at
 a sacrifice, owing to the limited
 supply of feed in the country.
 The supply of aged steers through-
 out this western country seems at
 present to be a little short, but it
 is usually the money and not
 the supply of steers that keep the
 buyers rustling. Upon the whole
 I see nothing discouraging in the
 situation, except the quarantine,
 which prohibits our cattle from
 competing with other cattle in the
 markets of the country. While
 I am in favor of maintaining the
 the quarantine line in its present
 location, and while I acknowledge
 that there is no question but
 what southern cattle when moved
 from a lower to a higher climate
 during the summer and fall
 months will convey fever to north-
 ern cattle, I believe cattle can be
 moved north for a short period
 during the winter months, say
 December and January, without
 the least risk of conveying fever
 to northern cattle, as it is a well
 known fact, even granting that
 ticks are the sole cause of Texas
 fever as some claim that they
 cannot survive the northern clim-
 ate during these months. I have
 so far been unable to get my con-
 sent that ticks convey fever.
 The fact that two ticks, placed up
 on the same animal side by side
 drawing the same blood from the
 same animal, then placed upon two
 different animals, the one will con-
 vey fever while the other will not,
 seems me absurd upon its face.
 If the tick is the sole cause of the
 Texas fever why was the dipping
 process, inaugurated some years
 ago by the government, discon-
 tinued, and why are cattle from
 the quarantine line that are en-
 tirely free from ticks (and there
 are thousands of them) not per-
 mitted to go north at any season
 of the year? And why do cattle
 die that are covered with ticks

when moved only fifteen miles
 south from where they were raised
 into another pasture where
 cattle were also ticky? I refer to
 a bunch of cattle I bought fifteen
 miles north of my ranch and moved
 them down into my pasture a
 few weeks after which several of
 them died with fever. I followed
 the trail from Texas to Kansas all
 along through the seventies and
 after the first thirty days that cat-
 tle were driven north the ticks all
 disappeared. These same cattle
 when driven into Kansas convey-
 ed fever to the native cattle when
 they would come in contact with
 them. I believe any old driver
 will bear me out in this assertion.
 Of course it is claimed that all
 diseases known to the animal
 kingdom is Texas fever.

Even in states where there has
 never been a Texas animal, cattle
 die with Texas fever, and we read
 in the papers where cattle even
 die in Europe with Texas fever or
 splenic fever which means the
 same thing. I do not hesitate to
 say that 50 per cent of the cattle
 that die, which are supposed to
 die with Texas feve, die from some
 other causes, and just as long as
 the cattlemen south of the line sit
 still and let our northern brothers
 run the bull over them, just so
 long will our cattle be restricted
 from the northern markets.

I am in favor of an open season
 from forty to sixty days during
 December and January. I don't
 believe any serious evil can result
 from moving cattle north during
 those months. M. B. PULLIAM.

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FARM AND FLOCK.

Hay brings good prices. Corn prices still soar. Winter vegetables sell readily. Cotton is nearly all picked. Pecans continue to be shipped. Several sections report fine rains. Large sweet potatoes are in order. Hay cutting continues in Wharton county.

Marlin expects to feed a number of cattle. Wheat and barley look well around Midlothian.

C. T. Hunter of Marlin has about 1400 head of cattle on feed.

Several acres will be put in rice in Victoria county next season.

Waller Bros. shipped 900 head of cattle to their New Mexico ranch.

Wheat in some sections of Hunt county adjacent to Kingston looks fine.

Experiments made with macaroni wheat show that it can be grown in semi-arid regions.

Cattlemen are expected to contribute to the success of the Olympian games at Chicago in 1904.

Carvey Dearing of San Angelo shipped eight cars of fat cows to Kansas City and St. Louis.

Farmers in Shackelford, Archer and other counties having snow are jubilant over wheat prospects.

A number of Texas cattle that were fed in Arkansas have been sold at St. Louis at \$5 per 100 pounds.

Texas stock are highly esteemed by feeders in the corn belt, and more especially by Illinois feeders.

Texas and Indian Territory cattlemen nearly "owned" Chicago during the late livestock convention.

Clint Stiff of Vineland, Collin county sold a Durham bull for \$1000 to a party in the Indian Territory.

The "J A" white-faced cattle raised in the Panhandle brought the gratifying price of 12 cents at Chicago.

Considerable complaint is now being made by cattlemen having to move cattle to feed, as to the scarcity of cars.

Butler & Springston of Tom Green county are pasturing 1500 head of cattle with A. G. Anderson on the Pecos river.

Owing to the high price of corn, those fattening hogs took advantage of the cold weather and slaughtered their porkers.

W. H. Edmonds of Caldwell raised a Tennessee yam weighing 8 3/4 pounds. He has several weighing five and six pounds.

A sweet potato weighing nearly ten pounds, it is claimed, and raised near Troupe, was received in Dallas. The potato was raised by J. P. Higgins.

A number of Grayson county and Indian Territory farmers have lost cows from a disease that seems to be a mystery. In the Boggy bottoms the deaths have been numerous.

It is asserted that in some portions of San Saba county the present season as much as two bales of cotton per acre have been raised on land that had been irrigated.

From indications, despite the green bug ravages of last season, there will be a material increase of grain acreage in Grayson county, compared with that of the past season.

J. C. Johnson has sold his farm of ninety acres, one mile east of Waxahachie, at \$125 per acre. This is said to be the highest price ever paid for farm land in Ellis county.

B. H. Bushway of Alvin feels justly proud of the fact that he has made a fine December shipment of strawberries, sending out a crate of the delicious berries on the 6th of this month.

J. H. Head, formerly of Pennsylvania, has purchased 200 acres of land in McLennan county, on which he will establish a pecan orchard. His brother, S. T. Head, has been successfully engaged in pecan culture several years.

S. M. Daugherty of Abilene bought of J. Y. Cannon, administrator of the R. L. Hull estate, the ranch, including cattle and horses, paying \$16 for cattle and \$20 for horses; counting everything, and \$15,000 for the ranch; total \$150,000.

NEWS OF INTEREST

Transmitted by Telegraph and Set Forth Clearly.

ADMIRAL SCHLEY LOSES IN CASE.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The report of the Schley court of inquiry was promulgated by Secretary Long Friday night.

There are two reports. Admirals Benham Ramsey concur in the first, which is signed by Admiral Dewey also as a matter of form. Admiral Dewey makes a separate report, although he agrees with the finding of the facts subscribed to by the others.

The majority report condemns Admiral Schley on eleven points, while Admiral Dewey sustains him in most particulars.

The majority opinion finds in brief that Schley should have proceeded with the utmost dispatch to Cienfuegos and maintained a close blockade; that he should have endeavored to obtain information of the Spanish squadron there; that he should have proceeded to Santiago with dispatch; that he should not have made the retrograde movement; that he should have obeyed the department's order; that he should have endeavored to capture the Spanish vessels in Santiago; that he did not do his utmost to destroy the Colon; that he caused the squadron to lose distance in the loop of the Brooklyn; that he thereby caused the Texas, to back; that he did injustice to Hodgson; that his conduct in the campaign was characterized by vacillation, dilatoriness and a lack of enterprise; that his official reports on the coal supply were misleading and inaccurate; that his conduct during the battle was self-possessed, and that he encouraged by his own person his subordinate officers and men.

Admiral Dewey in his report says that the passage to Cienfuegos was made with all dispatch; that in view of his coal supply the blockade of Cienfuegos was effective; that he allowed the Adula to enter Cienfuegos to get information; that his passage to Santiago was with as much dispatch as possible, keeping the squadron together; that the blockade of Santiago was effective, and finally, that he was senior officer off Santiago in absolute command, and entitled to the credit due for the glorious victory which resulted in the total destruction of the Spanish ships.

The court recommends that no further proceedings be had.

PAPERS BURNED.

Some Valuable Documents in the Goebel Case Consumed.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 13.—By the burning of the store of Lowry & Goebel Thursday Arthur Goebel lost his papers relating to the death of his brother, William Goebel, and the trials of ex-Secretary of State Caleb Powers, James Howard, Henry Youtley and others who have been tried or indicted for the tragedy at Frankfort almost two years ago. These papers include affidavits, confessions and volumes of testimony.

While Arthur Goebel suffered considerable loss in the burning of the store, he grieved more over the loss of the papers than the goods.

Pearson Calls.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Gen. Samuel Pearson, who is the Boer representative in the United States, called upon President Roosevelt. The president suggested nothing that would lead to a discussion of affairs in South Africa. It is the intention of the Boer representative in this country to try to present a memorial to the president, praying that he take cognizance of affairs in South Africa.

Important Decision.

Ardmore, I. T., Dec. 14.—Assistant Attorney General Vandewater of interior department has decided the act of May 31, 1900, does not repeal provisions of Section 21 of Curtis Indian act, limiting claims under the fourteenth article of the treaty of 1830. Judge J. C. Thompson of this city says there are several thousand Mississippi Choctaws, and the decision, he says, will make a material difference in number of those entitled to enrollment.

FEARFUL AND FATAL FIGHT.

Two Policemen and a Citizen Killed in a Street Duel at Houston.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 12.—There was a triple killing in Houston Wednesday afternoon at 4:35 o'clock at the corner of Congress avenue and San Jacinto street under the shadow of the court house. It resulted in the death of two officers, J. C. James and Harmon Youngst, and of Sid Preacher, who shot them, and who by one of them was fatally shot.

The story is given in the following testimony taken by Coroner W. B. Hill:

John Farmer, being sworn, testified as follows: "I was in the middle of the street coming from the postoffice on Congress opposite the north entrance to the court house. I heard a gun fire. I looked and saw Policeman James fall near the sidewalk on Congress avenue and San Jacinto street, and I saw a policeman, who I later learned was Herman Youngst, struggling with Sid Preacher for the shotgun. Preacher snatched the gun from him; Youngst turned about. When about fifteen feet from him Preacher fired. Officer Youngst not falling, Preacher ran in on him at once and struck him three or four times over the head with the shotgun. About that time James while not able to raise his head more than six inches from the street, commenced firing on Preacher. He shot three or four times with his pistol. Preacher staggered and nearly fell, but recovered and endeavored to shoot again, when I caught the gun and wrenched it from him and turned the gun over to Mr. Conway, deputy sheriff."

Officer B. W. Whittington, upon being sworn, said: "I had Sid Preacher under arrest yesterday for running a gaming device in Albert Lewis' saloon. While we were going to the station he asked me to go with him upstairs to see his attorney to get him to make a bond, as he did not want to stay locked up all night. I went with him to Brockman's office. When we got into the office Preacher said, 'I have been arrested for nothing and he hasn't got a warrant. I don't believe I'll go any further if he can't show a warrant.' Brockman said to me: 'Have you a warrant for this man?' I said 'No.' I told Brockman that this man was arrested by three of us and I was just taking him down to the station. Brockman said: 'All right, go with him and I'll make a bond, Judge Allen is in town and I'll get out a writ of habeas corpus and have you out in two hours.' Preacher then said: 'I be d— If I believe I'll go, anyhow.' Brockman said to him to go with me this time, and Preacher then said: 'It is getting to a pretty come off that a man has to be arrested every day on the streets and thrown in jail.'"

J. B. Brockman was arrested on the charge of murder. The warrant was sworn out before Justice of the Peace Hill. The arrest was made by a policeman and he was turned over to the sheriff, who placed him in jail. The charge grew out of the killing of the two officers.

Large Capital.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 14.—The Indian Territory Illuminating company, capital \$3,000,000, was incorporated here. The company is authorized to purchase, own and control all the rights, real estate, personal property, docks, and site of the Phoenix Oil company and Osage Oil company, now operating in the Osage Indian reservation.

South Texas Conference.

Huntsville, Tex., Dec. 13.—The second day's session of the South Texas conference was opened Thursday morning at 9 o'clock, Rev. G. S. Sandel conducting the services.

Communications from the board of education of Southwestern university, board of education of the Northwest Texas conference, Sunday-school board and anti-saloon league were read and referred to committees.

Ice Company Sued.

Hillaboro, Tex., Dec. 14.—A suit was filed here growing out of suits of the attorney general against breweries for violations of anti-saloon law. The suit was filed by the Lone Ice company against the Pabst brewery company for \$1653.07, which amount, it alleges, was paid by it to the brewery company for articles sold to the plaintiff in violation of the laws of the state. This is the first suit filed here to recover money paid breweries.

COMMISSIONERS NAMED.

Gov. Sayers Appoints a Number of Gentlemen of the State.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 13.—At the request of many citizens throughout the state Gov. Sayers has appointed certain gentlemen as commissioners to the Louisiana Purchase exposition, to be held in St. Louis during 1903, for the purpose of forming an organization, through which a proper exhibit of the resources of Texas may be made at the exposition. The commissioners thus appointed have been requested to meet at Dallas at the Commercial club rooms at 10 o'clock a. m., Tuesday, Jan. 7, 1902, to perfect an organization and properly inaugurate the movement. Following is a list of the commissioners:

John H. Kirby, Houston; A. W. Houston, San Antonio; Barnett Gibbs, Dallas; W. W. Seeley, Waco; J. P. Harrison, Sherman; E. B. Perkins, Dallas; Frank Grice, San Antonio; George E. Webb, San Angelo; Sam Sanger, Waco; A. P. Bush, Colorado City; Clint Giddings, Jr., Brenham; Vories P. Brown, San Antonio; E. L. Huffman, Fort Worth; Thomas B. Love, Dallas; Winfield Scott, Fort Worth; E. H. Jenkins, San Antonio; M. A. Spontz, Fort Worth; J. A. Kemp, Wichita Falls; A. H. Belo, Dallas; J. L. Hart, San Antonio; Henry Landa, New Braunfels; E. M. R. Green, Terrell; W. B. Slosson, Houston; H. E. Henderson, Sulphur Springs; William Brooks, Forney; Ed H. Cunningham, Sugar Land; L. J. Polk, Galveston; E. F. Hammett, El Paso; James S. Hogg, Austin; Paul Waples, Fort Worth; H. B. McDonald, Paris; R. S. Lovett, Houston; C. H. Allen, Corsicana; C. A. Keating, Dallas; H. N. Lassiter, Fort Worth; Jack Gordon, Paris; Thomas D. Miller, Dallas; H. F. MacGregor, Houston; L. L. Jester, Tyler; Walter Tipps, Austin; Robert Kleberg, Corpus Christi; T. S. Miller, Dallas; H. W. Cortez, Houston; Thomas A. Pope, Cameron; B. M. Johnston, Houston; Jesse Shain, McKinney; Frank P. Holland, Dallas; Frank Arnold, San Antonio; T. J. Freeman, Dallas; C. A. Davies, Fearsall; W. W. Dies, Kountz.

Trust Evidence.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 14.—Since the recent anti-trust litigation in this state was started many letters have reached the attorney general's department from men who claim to have information to give concerning the existence and operations of various trusts, combines and monopolies which are alleged to be doing business in Texas. Judging from the number and tenor of these letters there is hardly a manufactured product sold in this state that is not controlled by a trust, combine, etc. These letters come for the most part from persons who were formerly in the employ of these alleged anti-trust law violators and some of them profess to be able to produce documentary evidence against the concerns in question.

Artery Severed.

Waco, Tex., Dec. 14.—Near Riesel, McLennan county, Gottlip Quiram died from a cut in the leg, severing the chief artery. Fritz Lueck, a nephew of the deceased, surrendered and was required to give bond in \$1500 to answer for the killing of Mr. Quiram.

The deceased and the defendant were close neighbors. The Quiram and Lueck families belong to the German colony in that portion of McLennan county where the affair happened.

Chosen Again.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 14.—The stockholders of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad elected old directors, who elected the old officers.

Show a Success.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 14.—The fourth annual meeting of the Texas State Poultry and Pet Stock association was held here. The report of the secretary showed the association to be in a flourishing condition.

Officers were elected as follows; President R. J. Ritchey of Burnett; first vice-president, A. Bradshaw of Dallas; second vice-president, W. J. Reagan of Galveston; secretary and treasurer, C. Andrews of Houston.

Judge Speer Killed.

Guthrie, Ok., Dec. 14.—Judge Joseph E. Speer was killed by falling from a load of lumber near his home in Lincoln county. He was about 70 years old and was one of the pioneers of Kansas, being one of Jim Lane's most ardent followers and a prominent figure in the stirring events preceding the Civil war.

Prohibitionists carried St. Jo and anti's Glen Ross.

GEORGE SEALY DEAD.

The Well Known Galvestonian Expires Suddenly on a Train.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 16.—George Sealy, a banker of Galveston, Tex., and a director of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railroad, died suddenly Saturday morning in his berth on the north-bound Frisco express from Texas shortly after the train passed Rolla, Mo.

Mr. Sealy, who was reputed one of the wealthiest men in the Lone Star state, was en route to New York on business and was accompanied by his wife and one daughter. He left Galveston in good health and did not appear to be suffering when he retired in his berth Friday night. The wet snow which clung to the rails delayed the train and it was late in the morning before Rolla was reached. Mrs. Sealy and her daughter were occupying a state room and Mr. Sealy had reserved a section. Mrs. Sealy and everybody else in the car had risen, but still there was no movement in Mr. Sealy's berth. The porter of the car then ventured to open the curtains, and Mr. Sealy was found unconscious, barely breathing. A few moments later the train stopped at Rolla and Dr. Johnson of that place was hurriedly summoned. He made every effort to revive the dying man, but it proved impossible. When the physician announced that death had taken place, Conductor Toomey telegraphed to Frisco officials to make preparations for receiving the body in the city. The train reached Union station at 1:30 p. m.

Bryan Snyder, passenger traffic agent of the Frisco, and C. H. Beggs, assistant general manager of the line, met the train with an undertaker's wagon from the Wagoner Undertaking company. The body was removed to the parlors of the latter firm on Olive street. Mrs. Sealy and her daughter went to the home of friends in this city.

The remains were shipped to Galveston.

HOLIDAY EXCURSION.

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Some young men emulate George Washington in one way—they marry rich widows.

Rockford, Ill., Dec. 16.—Failure on the part of a conductor to obey orders is supposed to have been the cause of a head-end collision on the Illinois Central between Irene and Perryville Sunday, which resulted in six deaths, two missing and eleven hurt.

The two trains were the eastbound passenger train No. 4 and a through freight from Chicago going west.

The trains met in a short bend in the track, both running at full speed.

The smoking, express and baggage cars were piled on the locomotives, penning in the occupants of the smoker, which took fire. Only three of the half dozen in that car escaped. The others, if not instantly killed, were roasted to death and their bodies along with those of the engine crews were consumed.

All efforts of the survivors to reach the victims were unavailing. The flames drove them back at every point.

The temperature was 20 degrees below zero and an icy wind was blowing across the prairie, the point where the wreck occurred being a shallow cut, affording no protection.

The injured were without hats and wraps and suffered terribly. By the united efforts of the survivors one car was pushed back from the wreckage to escape the flames and the wounded were placed on the bunks inside.



"I heard a story lately, which I think is very queer. And Robert's self was on my lap, his lips were at my ear—
 "A dreadful, dreadful story— a sudden, awful pause—
 "Somebody said the other day there ain't no Santa Claus.
 "Would you believe it, auntie? They said 'twas all a trick About the tiny reindeer and the visits of Saint Nick. That all the chimneys were too small, the stoves were all too hot, And lots of just such stuff as that, I can't remember what.
 "They said that years and years ago, with fire-places wide, And all the doors upon the latch in all the countryside; Both old and young for myths and dreams had quite a pretty passion, But now belief in Santa Claus had all gone out of fashion.
 "And when I cried that I could prove 'twas all a wicked lie, They only shrugged their shoulders and said 'I'd better try; I never will believe it, I know it can't be true! For if I've never seen him, say, auntie, haven't you?"
 Ah, yes, my little questioner, quite often in my dreams, Though when I wake I only see the cold, white, still moonbeams; Dosing I often think I hear the sound of horn and hoof, And waking find the elm-tree boughs a tapping on the roof.
 But I have other reasons than those plain to eye and ear For trusting in the story that we hold so true and dear; I never shall outgrow it, nor lose my faith, because The world will never get beyond a need of Santa Claus.
 —Youths' Companion.

KEEPING CHRISTMAS

If our travelers who were snow-bound in a Western passenger train on Christmas Eve speedily became acquainted with each other, and sat about the stove at the end of the car to "talk it over." One of the men was a drummer, another a cowboy, the third a big cattleman, and the last the minister who tells the story. They finally fell into conversation with a poor woman and her two children, the only remaining passengers, and found that the mother, who had tried to maintain herself by sewing since her husband's death, was giving up the unequal struggle and going home to live with "grandma."
 The little threadbare children had been promised a joyous Christmas there, and when they found that the blockade would prevent their getting farther, for the present, they cried bitterly until sleep quieted them. Just before they dropped off the drummer remarked:
 "Say, parson, we've got to give these children some Christmas."
 "That's what!" said the cowboy.
 "I'm agreed," added the cattleman. The children were told to hang up their stockings.

"We ain't got none," quavered the little girl, "ceptin' those we've got on, and ma says it's too cold to take 'em off."
 "I've got two pairs of new woolen socks," said the cattleman, eagerly. "I ain't never wore 'em, and you're welcome to 'em."
 The children clapped their hands, but their faces fell when the elder remarked:
 "But Santa Claus will know they're not our stockings. He'll put in all the things for you."
 "Lord love you!" roared the burly cattleman. "He won't bring me nothin'. One of us'll sit up, anyhow, and tell him it's for you."
 Then the children knelt down on the floor of the car beside their improvised beds. Instinctively the hands of the men went to their heads, and at the first words of "Now I lay me," hats were off.



"NOW I LAY ME—"

The cowboy stood twirling his hat, and looking at the little kneeling figures. The cattleman's vision seemed dimmed, while in the eyes of the traveling man shone a distant look—a look across snow-filled prairies to a warmly lighted home. The children were soon asleep. Then arose the question of presents.
 "It don't seem to me I've got anything to give 'em," said the cowboy, mournfully, "unless the little kid might like my spurs. I'd give my gun to the little girl, though on general principles I don't like to give up a gun."
 "Never mind, boys," said the drummer, "you come along with me to the baggage car."
 So off they trooped. He opened his trunks and spread before them such an array of trash and trinkets as took away their breath.
 "There," said he, "just pick out the best things and I'll donate the lot!"
 "No, you don't!" said the cowboy. "I'm going to buy what I want and pay for it, too, or else there ain't goin' to be no Christmas round here."
 "That's my judgment, too," said the cattleman, and the minister agreed.
 So they sat down to their task of selection. They spent hours over it in breathless interest, and when their gifts were ready there arose the question of a Christmas tree. It had stopped snowing, and tramping out into the moonlit night, they cut down a great piece of sage-brush. The mother adorned it with tinsel paper and the gifts were prettily disposed. Christmas dawned for two of the happiest children under the sun, and a happy mother, too, for inside the big plush album selected for her the cattleman had slipped a hundred-dollar bill.

CANDY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

A gift of a fancy bedecked box of candies is at all times a most welcome gift, and as bonbon candies are very expensive to purchase in large quantities and are so easily made, a few recipes for Christmas goodies may be useful to our readers. Years ago people believed that candy was harmful, but that notion was set aside; and it is declared really beneficial—of course, when eaten at the proper time, in proper quantities and made of pure materials. Home-made candies are always pure, the best materials are used and the cost is much less than is paid for the same grade in the stores. It is a nice plan to make your own Christmas candies, and you can send boxes away to your friends who will prize things made for them much more than anything bought.

To send candies away they should be made to look as dainty and pretty as possible. Fancy baskets can be cheaply bought that will be pretty after the candy is used, and lined with waxed paper over a fringed inner lining or some delicate colored tissue paper. In packing place waxed paper between the layers, and when the basket is filled wrap the edges of the lining paper over the top so that the candies are covered, then gather the fringed tissue paper into a rosette, and tie with baby ribbon.

In making peanut candy, to every half pint of shelled and blanched peanuts use one cupful each of molasses or sugar. Boil together until the mixture is brittle when dropped into cold water; then stir in the half pint of peanuts before taking from the fire. Pour into buttered pans and mark off into squares or lengths before it cools. Hickory nuts, English walnuts or almonds may be used in place of peanuts.

To blanch nuts is to remove the fine skin which covers the nut under the shell. This will easily rub off in peanuts, but other nuts require different treatment. After removing the shell cover the nuts with boiling water, and let them stand until the dark skin will easily rub off, then put them into cold water. Dry between towels.



It matters not what the origin of Christmas, whether born among Pagans centuries before Christ when heathens offered sacrifices to their gods in joy over the return of the sun after the winter solstice, to warm the earth and cause it to again smile with fruits and flowers; nor how many of the customs employed in the observance of the day are purely Christian, nor whether the anniversary of the birth of Christ fall on Dec. 25. All of these vexed questions are for the theologian, the historian, the antiquarian. If solved beyond the peradventure of doubt, their solutions would not detract from nor add to the significance of Christmas to the vast majority of people who observe the day. It is sufficient for them that the day is, and its observance is Christ-like—the one day in the whole year on which there is almost universal emulation of the example set by the Wise Men of the East, not to Christ only, but to our fellowmen whom He said are His children.—Ex.

Poverty with contentment is better than wealth without happiness.

RECORD BREAKER.

Coldest Early December Weather in a Number of Years

ON SATURDAY AND ALSO SUNDAY

The Thermometer Dropped Hurriedly and Considerable Discomfort Was the Unavoidable Result.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The cold wave predicted by the weather bureau for the Middle Mississippi and Missouri valleys and to the upper lake region extended to the eastward and south-eastward as far as Chicago and St. Louis Saturday.

At both of these places temperatures fell 50 to 59 degrees in space of twenty-four hours, showing 6 degrees below zero at Chicago and zero at St. Louis.

The front of the cold wave extended from northern Illinois southward to Arkansas and Texas. In all of this region the temperature has fallen from 40 to 50 degrees in twenty-four hours.

Chicago experienced one of the most severe cold snaps on record for the early part of the winter.

The weather office predicted early in the day that it would prove the most severe weather that the city had felt for twenty-five years in the month of December and at night no flaws could be found in the prediction.

Three deaths were reported to the police during the day as having been caused by the cold.

The rain and sleet froze on the trolley wires and on the rails, making it almost impossible in places to move the cars. The ice and snowdrifts also caused delay of the railroads, particularly to trains of the west. The railroads operating suburban lines were not able to land their passengers with any approach to regular schedules.

Ten lives have been lost in the blizzard which raged in Wyoming.

In the southern, western and eastern portions of the state reports show that the weather has been of unusual severity, the temperature falling to 24 degrees below zero at many places and in a few places going as low as 30 degrees below.

FEARFUL FLOODS.

Damage Done in the State of New York Was Considerable.

New York, Dec. 16.—Warm weather and rain followed by high winds resulted in fearful damage all over New York state.

On Saturday the snows in the northern sections thawed rapidly, causing the rivers and creeks to rise and the valleys were inundated. Heavy rain followed during the night, accompanied by winds of great velocity.

Few lives so far have been reported as lost.

The village of Painted Post has been under water all day and the water is two feet deep in the most of the dwellings. The Erie, Lackawanna and New York Central roads all suffered from washouts and landslides.

At Ithaca the damage is estimated at \$200,000.

At Waverly great damage was done, roads being washed out, cellars filled and buildings undermined and fallen. It is believed no trains can get through on the Erie before Monday night.

At Syracuse the sudden rising of Onondaga creek caused great property damage and drove several hundred people from their homes.

At Binghamton the rain storm caused a flood at Chenango river which has not been equaled for twenty years.

Alabama Killing.

Montevallo, Ala., Dec. 15.—Walter S. Cary, a prominent and well known attorney, was shot and killed here Saturday afternoon by Frank J. Kroll, a liveryman.

Amounts to Millions.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 15.—A storm for which severity and destructiveness has not been equaled in this section for twenty-five years visited eastern and central Pennsylvania Saturday night, causing almost unprecedented damage and resulting in the loss of at least four human lives.

The havoc in the coal regions is enormous and the loss to railroad and mining companies will amount to millions of dollars.

THE SUNNY SOUTH.

Matters of Major and Minor Importance Just Come to Pass.

By a fire at Wayne, W. Va., \$40,000 worth of property burned.

Mount Zion Lewis, 90 years old, was found dead in his yard at Hopkinsville, Ky.

A second line of steamships between Porto Rican ports will be put on from New Orleans Jan. 1.

Huntsville, Ala., is to have a \$150,000 spoke factory. Employment will be given to 150 men.

Wm. Yarger, mayor of Greenville, Miss., ten years, was defeated for another term by one vote.

G. L. Powell and J. S. Overstreet, prominent citizens of Zolfo, Fla., killed each other in a street duel.

The cotton factory at Tupelo, Miss., has received an order for 100,000 yards of cotton goods from China.

The Southern Industrial association, to have been held at Memphis Jan. 11, has been postponed until May.

The union and non-union fishermen at Mobile quit work out of sympathy with their striking brethren at Pensacola.

The northern Mississippi conference of the African Methodist church was held at Friars Point, Bishop Tyree presiding.

Legislature of Georgia has passed a bill donating certain lands in north-east Georgia for the Appalachian National park.

With the aid of nitro-glycerin robbers blew open the safe of the Bank of Sturges, at Sturges, Ky., and secured nearly \$4000.

The Hammett Grocery company of Pine Bluff, Ark., one day last week sold 2400 bales of cotton to two local firms, realising about \$100,000.

The annual convention of the Alabama district of the United Mine Workers was held at Birmingham. Much business was transacted.

Manager Johnson of the Postal Cable Telegraph company, his son and a negro driver, were killed three miles from Newton, Miss., by a tree falling on them.

Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Gambon, chancellor of the Roman Catholic diocese of Louisville, died suddenly in that city. He was a resident of Kentucky twenty years.

President Roosevelt has re-appointed Marshal Cooper for the Eastern district of Arkansas and Marshal Stahl for the Western district.

The American four-masted schooner, Charles E. Balch, which went ashore on the Mississippi coast, has been abandoned. She was en route from Caribbean to Mobile.

Edyard Hellis, a drummer, killed his wife at Lima, S. C., fatally shot his sister-in-law, fired four unsuccessful shots at his mother-in-law and son, and then shot himself.

Rev. George Patterson, rector of Grace Episcopal church, Memphis, has entered into rest. Deceased was a prominent Confederate army chaplain during the Civil war, and also a valiant soldier.

The Louisville Savings, Loan and Building association, in business at the Kentucky metropolis eleven years, has filed a deed of assignment. Liabilities are estimated at \$80,000. Assets will amount to about 85 cents on the dollar.

Coleman Mitchum, a negro school teacher, killed his wife at Paris, Tenn., and set fire to the house. He then retreated to a cabin. The city marshal attempted to arrest him. Mitchum shot at the marshal and the latter killed him.

Judge Robert W. Hughes, one of the most unique characters in Virginia history, died at Abingdon. President Grant appointed him a judge in 1874. He published a newspaper at Richmond, and during his journalistic career fought two duels, and in one of them crippled ex-Gov. Cameron for life.

Bold Work.

Hot Springs, Ark., Dec. 15.—Two masked men entered the Chicago club room, opposite the Arlington hotel, a few minutes after 7 o'clock Saturday night and at the point of pistols compelled Henry Turner to deliver a roll of bills, amounting to \$500, and then rifled the money drawers of about 100. The robbers escaped.

It is stated that half an hour later a roll of bills aggregating \$35,000 could have been secured by the robbers.

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The best boots in all grades, at the Auction House. It will only take a few minutes time to look at the new goods and get the lowest prices.
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ARE ALL THE DEEDS PROPERLY ACKNOWLEDGED?
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Any person who shall hunt gather Pecans, Fish, haul wood, or commit any other trespass in and upon the lands owned or controlled by me will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law W. F. Key, Bronte, Texas.

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Oranges, Apples, Butter and Eggs at Hamiltons.
Jewelry, fair quality, prices considered, at Pearee's.
County Attorney, C. C. Merchant is building a nice residence.
J. D. Rawls of San Angelo handles all kind of feed stuff.
Fresh groceries at T. A. Green & Brother's.
The Telephone has been moved from Pearee's drug store to L. V. Hamilton's store.
School has been suspended until next Monday week.
Order your Xmas Watches of Schintz; Can save you money.
Dolls and Toys for the girls and boys at Pearees.
Messrs Robert Lsmert and Walter Blount of San Saba are visiting L. V. Hamilton.
Stop at Posey & Bell's Wagon yard when in Robert Lee.
We do every thing in the picture line at the big tent.
Buy you Xmas Candies, Nuts and etc from L. V. Hamilton. He has the largest stock and the best assortment in Robert Lee.
Robert Walker had the misfortune to have one of Posey & Bell's livery horses to die on him between here and Colorado City last Sunday.
Ladies Home Journal subscriptions received by H. H. Pearee.
See J. D. Rawls for Seed Wheat Corn, Oats and Hay.
Photos in natural colors at the big tent, also this work taught.
Belton Steam Laundry guarantees satisfaction. E. G. Walton, agent at Bronte.
Misses May and Dollie Stewart of Big Springs are visiting their many friends in town this week. They will remain through the holidays.
Boys if you want a nice livery rig try one of Posey & Bell's they keep first-class.
Booth & Hoyt, the Photographers, are now ready for business, call and see their work.
If you want Candy to dress your Christmas cake see L. V. Hamilton.

J. D. Collier and two of his children made a visit to their home place near Edith this week.
J. D. Rawls, the grain man at San Angelo, will buy your pecans and pay the highest price.
Mrs. M. B. Sheppard, Mrs. Alf Key and daughters Miss Vida and little Grace were in town yesterday after Xmas goods.
Uncle Billie Jackson is suffering with Pleurisy this week.
Photo novelties of all descriptions at the big tent. Now will be your time to get a fine photo button for a Christmas present.
I. B. Murray has a case of the so called smallpox. He is doing nicely at present.
Platino Photos the latest production of art, also all other kind of work from 50 cents up at the big tent.
Prof. Savage spent part of this week at Saucos.

Books and Bibles at Pearee's.
A nice line of fresh groceries just received at T. A. Green & Bro's.
W. W. Crawford and Don Green left yesterday for Angelo, where they will likely load up for Xmas.
We will get out no paper next week, as the Rustler force likes to take Xmas as well as other people do.
Mrs. T. D. Evans mother is very low with Pneumonia at this time.
Flour, Meal, Potatoes and grain of all kind at Posey & Bell's.
For grain and hay call on Posey & Bell the Wagon yard men.
Robert Lee is to have two Xmas trees, one at the Church and the other at Court House, which will give every one who wishes to attend a chance to get in the house and get seats. So let everyone come to the tree and make each a success.
L. V. Hamilton sells for cash and will save you money on anything in his line, no joke. Get his prices.
Mr. Akins of Tennessee, is visiting his brother M. E. Akins.
L. V. Hamilton does not sell at credit prices with 10 per cent added for losses. Credit houses do.
Come and see the Solid Gold Jewellery at Schintz's Drug Store.
A "stitch in time saves nine, and a dose of BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP at the beginning of a cold will save you many weary hours and even days of distressing and harassing cough. Price 25 and 50 cents. For sale by H. H. Pearee.
L. H. McDorman announces that he will gin on the 10th of January and grind the 11th, and quit for the year.
E. W. Escue and R. L. Henry made a business trip to San Angelo this week.
Free Free To every body By you a coupon from Booth & Hoyt, good for Photographs which will pass you into their concert free, to be given Saturday night December 21. We do not claim to be show people, we are Photographers, but will try to entertain all that come. We will be here only a short time so come at once.
Do not fail to call in at Mrs McCowen & Garner's Milliner shop. A new lot of hats and caps are just received and we sell at Angelo prices.

Program.
Of public entertainment and Xmas Tree at the Court house on the night of December 24 1901.
Address—Hon., W. F. Robinson.
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Medley, Male Quartette.
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Robert Lee has made rapid strides in society, education, religion, fraternity, hospitality and liberality during the past two years.

Now as Christmas approaches, we should, all over Coke, make suitable arrangements to celebrate this great day.

It becomes a pleasant privilege to inform our people that Robert Lee will have twice as many gift goods this season as ever before. Our own little store is just bristling with nice presents ranging in price from 5 cents to six or eight dollars. The prices on Christmas day and New Years will be the same as marked on opening. Our customers have learned, long since, that we never mark goods at a high price, for the purpose of dropping lower.

All we ask of our friends is to price with us, and see our nice and large line now ready and arriving. We especially desire to call attention to our book department. It abounds in good quality Bibles and standard books, selected with care and well worth space in any library.

Our stock of dolls is our pride, while cups and saucers of fine imprinted China will almost make one forget the scarcity of money. Fine Albums and beautiful offerings in Toilet sets that will delight any lady, are to be seen.

Of Vases, we have a few, and of Toys a small stock, but not enough to bankrupt one, on things so inexpensive.

A number of fine Accordeons, a few Violins. Guitars, Richter Harps, all at short crop prices can be found here.

A small stock of Jewellery, always correctly represented, is on sale and you may find some real bargains in solid gold Rings, solid silver Bracelets, filled goods etc. We also have a small assortment of Clocks of almost all sizes, at prices ranging from about one dollar to four dollars each.

Christmas tree ornaments, candles, candle holders, Christmas booklets, alphabet blocks, picture books, toy banks, etc can be purchased here at living prices.

The annual "Santa Claus" has doubtless made his headquarters in Robert Lee at **H. H. Pearee**

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From Edith.

Four wagons were sent to San Angelo last week after lumber to rebuild Mr. Augustind's house that was burned a few days ago.

Messrs A. B. Blackwell, Alf Key, Joe Webb and J. N. Fields took a four days hunt last week, and killed four deer. Mr. Key killing three of them.

Jim Good will move to E. C. Good's ranch the latter part of this week.

W. L. Powers, who has been quite sick for some time, is improving slowly.

W. A. Stokes and wife, passed through our burg this week on their way to Robert Lee, to visit the family of J. C. Newton.

M. B. Sheppard returned home from Houston last Saturday, where he had been attending the Masonic Grand Lodge.

Respectfully,

Jgke.

S. H. Riley announces that he will be responsible for all business transacted through the mail hack driver that drives his part of the San Angelo line.

Caleb Barron returned Sunday from his Pecos ranch. He was accompanied by his son Jim and Dennis Maddox and Bill Weathers.

Hawley Allen came in Monday to spend the holidays with home folks.

T. I. McWilliams reports his wheat damaged by dry weather.

S. H. Riley has the consent of R. P. Perry to reduce the back fare from here to San Angelo to \$1.50 for one way or \$2.50 for the round trip. Their ad will appear in the next issue.

Stepped Into Live Coals.

"When a child I burned my foot frightfully," writes W. H. Eade, of Jonesville, Va., "which caused horrible leg sores 30 years, but Buclen's Arnica Salve wholly cured me after everything else failed." Infallible for Burns Scalds, Cuts, Sores, Bruises and Piles. Sold by H. H. Pearee. Price, 25 cents.

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UNABLE TO STAND FOR MONTHS BECAUSE OF SPRAINED ANKLES.

Cured by St. Jacobs Oil.
(From the Cardiff Times.)

Among the thousands of voluntary endorsements of the great value of St. Jacobs Oil for sprains, stiffness and soreness, is that of Mrs. G. Thomas, 4 Alexandra Road, Gelli, Ysbrod, near Pontypridd, South Wales, who says:

"It is with great pleasure that I add my willing testimony to the invaluable excellence of your celebrated St. Jacobs Oil, as experienced in my own case. I sprained both my ankles in walking down some steps so severely that I was unable to stand for several months. The pain I suffered was most severe and nothing that I used helped me until I applied St. Jacobs Oil, when they immediately became better daily, and in a short time I was able to go about, and soon after I was quite cured. I am now determined to advise all persons suffering from pains to use this wonderful remedy, which did so much for me."

Mrs. Thomas does not enlighten us as to what treatment she pursued during the months she was unable to stand, and during which time she was suffering so much, but she ventures to suggest that had she called in any well-known medical man he would have at once prescribed St. Jacobs Oil for it has conquered pain upwards of fifty years, and doctors know there is nothing so good. The proprietors of St. Jacobs Oil have been awarded twelve gold medals by different international exhibitions as the premier pain-killing remedy of the world. The committees who made the awards were in each instance composed largely of the most eminent medical men obtainable. Mrs. Thomas evidently did not know the high opinion in which St. Jacobs Oil is held by almost every progressive medical man.

Refrigerating Egg.

One of the oldest of recent inventions is a refrigerating egg, as it might be called. It is an oval capsule of nickel plated copper, about the size and shape of a hen's egg, hollow, and nearly filled with water. For use it is frozen, so that its contents become ice. If you have a glass of milk that is not cold enough, you do not like to put ice into it, because dilution with water spoils the beverage. But if you have one of these eggs handy you may drop it into the glass and in a few moments liquid is reduced to the desired temperature.

A man may have many good traits and still lack the one necessary to make use of them.

A cold sermon spoils many a hot Sunday dinner.

A Christmas Philosopher.
He asks three great gifts—Health, Wealth and Happiness. Then give him Garfield Tea; it brings Good Health, promotes Happiness and makes the pursuit of Wealth possible.

We have heard that catnip can make a catnap.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT

Of Visiting El Paso During the Second Annual Mid-Winter Carnival to be held January 14-18, 1922? It is a great show. The large attendance and splendid success of the last season prove it. During the festivities meetings of the American Association of Shorthorn Breeders and the National Association of Hereford Breeders will be held. These organizations will bring to the city an extensive exhibit of highest grade show stock. The Texas Live Stock Association will hold its annual convention in El Paso January 15, 16, 1922. There will probably be 3000 cattlemen in attendance. Efforts are being directed toward securing a Miners' Drilling Contest, \$1000 in cash prizes will be offered if contest is arranged. Camps in almost every section of Arizona, New Mexico or the Mexican Republic will send drillers to compete.

The Carnival Association will present the attractions characteristic of high class carnivals. Among the amusements we find an European and Oriental Midway, Moving Picture Exhibit, the Flying Lady, German Village, Performing Snakes, Electric Theatre, Ferris Wheel, Contortionists, High Divers, Splendid Mexican and American bands, Cattle Parade, Beautiful Flower and Queen's Parades, etc., etc. Exciting Bull Fights in the Mexican city of Juarez just across the Rio Grande from El Paso, a short street car ride. The city of El Paso will be beautifully decorated with thousands of electric lights festooning the streets. In fact, there are many other attractions and many entertaining features which belong to El Paso only, that we are not yet prepared to publish.

The enthusiasm is unparalleled and it is predicted that the greatest number of people ever drawn to one center in the Southwest will be attracted to El Paso in January.

It is not cold in El Paso in January. There is plenty of sunshine and the altitude insures pure air. In fact, this offers an ideal winter trip.

On one day during the carnival the Texas & Pacific Railway Company will run a special train to accommodate the crowds. The rate will be very low and the limits reasonable.

For further information address any ticket agent of the Texas & Pacific Railway, or H. P. Hughes, Traveling Passenger Agent, Fort Worth, Texas, or E. P. Turner, General Passenger and Ticket Agent, Dallas, Texas.

GLOBE CLEANINGS,

Ambassador Choate will not resign. Germany is said to have an eye on Korea.

Fort McHenry, Md., will be abandoned.

Richard Croker is at West Baden Springs, Ind.

Venezuelan rebels keep President Castro uneasy.

United States supreme court adjourned until Jan. 6.

Nicaragua agrees to lease land needed for canal perpetually.

An unsuccessful attempt to wreck a train was made at Lima, O.

Chile has purchased three torpedo boat destroyers and a cruiser.

Cornelius Van Cott has been appointed postmaster of New York.

Chicago undertakers have begun a crusade against Sunday funerals.

Manager Grau says the tour of his opera company was a success in every way.

French chamber of deputies passed a bill granting bounties to merchant vessels.

The president has reappointed Associate Justices Davis, Dean and Sloan of Arizona.

A sheet of glass weighing 2900 pounds was made at the glass works in Kokomo, Ind.

The third Sunday in January will be set aside as McKinley day in many Indiana churches.

James McGill, a veteran, was suffocated by gas at the soldiers' home, Leavenworth, Kan.

Former President of the South American Republic Kruger has taken up his residence at Utrecht.

Assistant Secretary of the Navy Hackett has resigned. H. W. Darling of Vermont succeeds him.

Chief Justice Miller and Associate Justices McFie and Parker of New Mexico have been reappointed.

Harness men from five states met at St. Joseph, Mo., and organized the Missouri Valley Saddlery association.

The death mask of the late President McKinley has been completed by E. L. Paresck, the Buffalo sculptor.

Dr. L. Letreuve, a Pittsburg physician, thinks he has made a discovery for the cure of tetanus, or lockjaw.

The Merchanteley Linotype company declared a quarterly dividend of 2 1-2 per cent, and an extra dividend of 3 1-2 per cent.

The American Federation of Catholic Societies, held at Cincinnati, was attended by 500 delegates. Business of importance was transacted.

David Fagin, the negro who deserted from the United States army, was a member of the Twenty-fourth infantry. He was killed in an engagement and his head taken to Manila.

Nicaragua has donated to the United States about 100,000 square yards of land on Ometepe island, in Lake Nicaragua, as a site for location of a sanitarium for the benefit of the laborers who will work on the canal.

While he was in his pulpit at Oskaloosa, Ia., Pastor A. Johnson of the African Methodist Episcopal church was shot and seriously wounded by a colored girl who claimed to have been wronged by the clergyman.

President Springer of the National Livestock association called upon President Roosevelt in connection with matters in which cattlemen are interested. The president, Mr. Springer says, will look after stockmen's wishes.

Charles Bradley of Xenia, Ill., and Miss Cora Fields of Louisville, same state, were married at the first named place at the residence of the father of the groom. Both of the parties are deaf mutes.

The Queen's hotel at Southsea, England, was consumed by fire. Forty of the guests made their escape from the building in their night clothes. This was one of the most fashionable hotels in Great Britain and a grand structure.

The French minister of finance, M. Caillaux, replying in the chamber of deputies to criticism of the budget proposals, and to the pessimistic predictions of some parties, declared that French finances have been flourishing since the year 1905.

The Mexican government has granted a concession for a permanent exposition at the City of Mexico, which has been incorporated with a capital of \$300,000. The exposition is designed to encourage trade. Foreigners will be accorded space.

TEXANETTES.

Houston complains of thieves. Railroads expect much Christmas travel.

Fort Worth has a workman's political club.

The gin of E. A. Wilson at Valley Mills burned.

Hulda Dunn, a colored lunatic, died in jail at Bastrop.

A colony of 400 farmers will be formed in Archer county.

Controller issued \$3494 of Hamilton county bridge repair bonds.

Samuel Maupin, an old resident of Delta county, passed away at Enloe.

An old man was drugged at Dallas a few nights ago and robbed of \$50 in gold.

Mrs. Hodges was burned so badly in Dallas county, near Elam, that she died.

State board of education purchased an issue of 1896 Delta county jail repair bonds.

Ernest Wagner, four miles from St. Jo, in Montague county, died from strychnine.

A blacksmith named Middleton was found dead in bed at Slate Shoals, Lamar county.

Assistant Attorney General Johnston approved an issue of \$50,000 of Waco bridge bonds.

Mrs. D. S. Howell was run over by a freight train at Merkel and mangled beyond recognition.

Allen Harrison, a brakeman, fell from a caboose on the Cane Belt railway and had both legs cut off.

The contract for the hospital at the Gatesville reformatory was let to Contractor Lewis of Belton for \$2500.

An ordinance has passed its first reading by the city council of Paris making it a misdemeanor to expectorate on the street cars.

Josephine Holmes, colored, was shot and instantly killed at Eagle Lake, and her husband had his throat cut. The husband was arrested.

Thad Brewer, who was sheriff of his county six years, and served several terms as sergeant-at-arms of the Texas senate, died at Henderson.

A man named Davis was arrested at Fort Worth, charged with being connected with the bank robbery at Chico. His bail was fixed at \$5000.

Dave Braden, who served as a juror in the Federal court at Paris, shortly after his return to Glory, Lamar county, his home, was taken with smallpox.

The gross receipts of the Dallas post-office during the month of November were \$19,790, against \$17,371 for the same month last year. This is an increase of \$2419.

Fischer & Ramsey of Austin will build the school house for the deaf and dumb asylum for \$35,270, and the heating contract was awarded to H. A. Kenison of Dallas for \$2900.

The application of Memphis (Tex) parties to organize the First National bank at that place, with a capital stock of \$25,000, has been approved by the controller of the currency.

President Thomasson of the Epworth League has called a meeting for Jan. 11 of the cabinet to arrange a programme for the next meeting, and also select the place it is to be held. It will be held at Van Alstyne.

H. H. Ooley, charged with killing John Ramsey, a stockman, in the Fashion theatre, San Antonio, during a fight in which a police officer and Ooley were engaged, was acquitted in the Thirty-seventh district court.

David Adams, an early settler of west Texas, and tax collector of Sutton county, was injured in a runaway ten miles from Rock Springs, and died from his injuries. He was well known in that section.

Aimos Lorenzo sat on a cross-tie near Nacogdoches. A train knocked him off. He was taken to Nacogdoches and examined by the company's surgeon. No injuries were found, but he seemed drunk. He died in a few hours.

Two officers at Dallas, located in a barn at Dallas, took ten watches, which were stolen from Mrs. Babonowaky in that city some days previous. The timepieces were wrapped up in an old coat. Some arrests have been made in the case.

The state health officer, in pursuance of a decision of the attorney general, is now required to deposit in the treasury of the state all fees that are received from fumigating and preventing and inspecting vessels. It has been years since this was done.

Former Wife's Penitence.

A sensationally pathetic incident occurred in the Presbyterian church at Joplin, Mo., the other day during the funeral of W. E. Grayston, the lawyer killed by George Bayne. The dead man's first wife and their daughter were in attendance. During a pause in the services the woman arose and asked to be allowed to speak. In sobbing tones she announced her wish to make a public acknowledgement that the trouble which had caused her separation from the man who lay dead before them was her fault and not the deceased's.

When the wise man starts on a journey he takes a full purse and no bundles.

No mind is so great that it cannot be influenced by a small one.

The strongest monole does not enable an English dudu to see through a joke.

A few men are too lazy to take off their hats when they enter a house.

UNNA DEFINES A CAUSE.

European Skin Specialist Says Dandruff Is Caused by Parasites.

Upon that theory, proved beyond a doubt, a cure for dandruff was sought after. Scientists, chemists, druggists and physicians all "took a hand" and the successful issue is the present product known as "Newbro's Herpicide."

This remedy actually kills the parasites that infest the hair bulb, does its work most effectively and contains nothing else of substance injurious to any thing else than the hair to grow as nature intended it should, soft and abundant.

Some people worry because they are unable to worry other people.

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children

Successfully used by Mother Gray, nurse in the Children's Home in New York. Cures Feverishness, Bad Stomach, Teething Disorders, move and regulate the Bowels and Destroy Worms. Over 30,000 testimonials. At all druggists, 25c. Sample FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

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PUTNAM FADELESS DYES are the brightest, fastest and easiest to use. Sold by druggists, 10c. per package.

In London an elegant conservatory would be called a "blooming success."

Wish All a Merry Christmas!

And tell them of Garfield Tea, which cures indigestion and liver disorders and insures the return of many Happy Christmas Dinners by removing the cause of dyspepsia and ill-health.

The ripest actor is not beyond getting green with envy.

ALL UP TO DATE HOUSEKEEPERS use Defiance Cold Water Starch, because it is better and 4 oz. more of it for same money.

CAPSICUM VASELINE

(PUT UP IN COLLAPSIBLE TUBES)
A substitute for and superior to mustard or any other plaster, and will not blister the most delicate skin. The pain-alleviating and curative qualities of this article are wonderful. It will stop the toothache at once, and relieve headache and sciatica. We recommend it as the best and safest external counter-irritant known, also as an external remedy for pains in the chest and stomach and all rheumatic, neuritic and gouty complaints. A trial will prove what we claim for it, and it will be found to be invaluable in the household. Many people say "it is the best of all your preparations." Price 15 cents, at all druggists or other dealers, or by sending this amount to us in postage stamps we will send you a tube by mail. No article should be accepted by the public unless the same carries our label, as otherwise it is not genuine. CHESEBROUGH MFG. CO., 17 State Street, NEW YORK CITY.

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Buy your Cement and Lime from the Texas Portland Cement and Lime Company of Dallas can ship promptly in mixed cars at railroad rates.



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is not only the result very often of some form of uterine disease, but also is the cause of many other derangements of the womb, which bring endless pain and misery to a large percentage of married women. The experience of MRS. EMMA SHORTER, of Prospect, Tenn., is so like that of hundreds of others that her story told by herself must be of interest and value to all who have suffered as she did. She writes: "Owing to some serious organic derangement, I was subject to habitual miscarriage and its attendant flooding and danger to life and health. I also had white a great deal and was in a miserable condition generally. I decided to try what the G. F. P. Treatment would do for me and will tell you how it resulted. I took only two bottles of the medicine, but it made me sleep well at night, gave me a good appetite, the whites are entirely cured, and instead of the dreaded miscarriage I have a fine, healthy baby boy who weighed ten pounds at his birth. G. F. P. costs only one dollar a bottle, yet its actual worth to diseased and suffering women cannot be estimated. It has proven invaluable to me and will to others if they will but realize it!"

Write to the Ladies' Health Club, care L. Gerstle & Co., Chattanooga, Tenn., for free medical advice and instruction regarding the treatment of your trouble. Under this advice you can treat yourself in the privacy of your home. You can get G. F. P. from your druggist or dealer at \$1.00 a bottle.

Agents Wanted You can earn \$75 per mo. handling our Portraits and Frames. Write for terms. C. B. Anderson & Co., 373 Elm St., Dallas, Tex.

If afflicted with Thompson's Eye Water more eyes use.

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Former Resident of Reed City, Michigan.

In a letter to the Reed City, Michigan, Clarion, Mr. Jas. G. Armstrong, of Melford, Saskatchewan, says, writing on 27th May, 1901:

"This is a fine country for a poor man, as he can go out on the hay slews and cut all the hay he needs. He turns his cattle out on the prairie, and when he is not using his horses he turns them out also. There is such an abundance of food, they never wander away.

"A lady, who has lived here eight years told me that this was the original 'Garden of Eden.' I certainly would believe it, if we could only find the apple trees. But as it is, we have many varieties of fruit—strawberries, cranberries, saskatoons, huckleberries, red and black currants, dewberries, plums, red and black cherries, and red raspberries. All of these fruits grow wild. Then the flowers that dot the prairies, making them look like a real garden. We have eaten of the wild red currants, and they are equal if not superior to those grown in Michigan. We have sweet corn 7½ inches high. As the Western farmers are all done seeding, branding cattle and sheep shearing are now progressing. Wool is only five cents a pound, and many ranchers have on hand last year's clip. I enclose you a potato blossom, slice of new potato, which measured 6½ inches when cut. This is no fairy tale, as we are so much farther than Reed City. It is all facts. Come up and see. This has been truly called the 'garden of the west.' With fruits and flowers, lakes and streams, fish and fowl, beautiful rivers, tracts of timber and mountains, what more does a man want?"

Information concerning all parts of Western Canada will be cheerfully given by communicating with the agent of the government of Canada, whose advertisement appears elsewhere.

JUST THINK OF IT

Every farmer his own landlord, no incumbrances, his bank account increasing year by year, land value increasing, stock increasing, splendid climate, excellent schools and churches, low taxation, high prices for cattle and grain, low railway rates, and every possible comfort. This is the condition of the farmer in Western Canada—Province of Manitoba and districts of Assiniboia, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Thousands of Americans are now settled there. Reduced rates on all railways for homeseekers and settlers. New districts are being opened up this year. The new forty page Atlas of Western Canada sent free to all applicants. F. Pedley, Superintendent of Immigration, Ottawa, Canada or J. S. Crawford, 214 W. 9th St., Kansas City, Mo., or Capt. E. Barrett, Houston, Texas, Canadian Government Agents.



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"Glad to see you" is one of the little white lies that is frequently worked overtime.

Life is Growing Longer.

From statistics and certain changes in our methods of living, it has been proven that life is being steadily lengthened. We are justified in believing this when we consider the great advance made in medicine during the past fifty years, the most noteworthy of them being Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. This ideal medicine cures headache, sour stomach, belching, heartburn and indigestion, also steadies the nerves, induces sound sleep and prevents malaria, fever and ague. Be sure to try it.

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Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children

Successfully used by Mother Gray, nurse in the Children's Home in New York. Cures Feverishness, Bad Stomach, Teething Disorders, move and regulate the Bowels and Destroy Worms. Over 30,000 testimonials. At all druggists, 25c. Sample FREE. Address: Allen S. Olmsted, Lakov, N. Y.

The timber of a musical sound usually comes in chords.

Tetter is Terrible.

Merine cures it. "My wife has had Tetter for years, and Tetterine is the only thing that is good. Send a box."—A. J. Grant, Crane, Pa. Send a box by mail from J. T. Shuprine, S. C., if your druggist don't keep it.

About two-thirds of some people's sympathy is curiosity.

TALKS ON ADVERTISING.

The best way to advertise is just to advertise. Get at it with a view to having the people know what you most desire to sell, and incidentally letting them know that the specified items do not represent your full stock. Say interesting things about interesting goods and have the goods to talk.

Men talk of the secret of successful advertising, but it is all very plain. The essentials are to offer what people want, at fair prices, and to offer it in a way that will make readers know they want it. The art in writing an advertisement is to speak as the interested and well-informed merchant would speak to a prospective customer.

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Has the endorsement of the highest medical authority in the world. It would seem strange indeed if persons afflicted with cancers and tumors, after knowing the facts, would resort to the dreaded knife and burning plaster, which have hitherto been attended with such fatal results. The fact that in the last eight years over one hundred doctors have put themselves under this mild treatment shows their confidence in the new method of treating those horrible diseases. Persons afflicted will do well to send for free book giving particulars and prices of Oils. Address: Dr. D. M. BYE CO., Box 462 Dallas, Tex.

Occasionally a man, like a mule, puts his best foot backward.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm.

West & Texas Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.; Waiding, Kinnin & Marvin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, Ohio. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Coined words do not always have a ring to them.

Piso's Cure is the best medicine we ever used for all affections of the throat and lungs.—Wm. O. ENDSLEY, Vanburen, Ind., Feb. 10, 1900.

Short reckonings are supposed to make long friends.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, cures pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

Whatever is worth striving for is worth striving for hard.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c.

Do not lend a gun to a man who leads an aimless existence.

Naturally people want to be WELL for Christmas, for nothing so promotes happiness and good cheer. Therefore, take Chamberlain's Tea now; its uses are manifold; it cures all derangements of stomach, liver, kidneys or bowels; it cleanses the system and purifies the blood, thus removing the cause of rheumatism, gout and many chronic diseases. It is good for young and old and has been held in the highest repute for many years. Physicians recommend it.

Do not expect favors if you do not want to reciprocate.

Pain, suffering, Wizard Oil could not live together, so pain and suffering moved out. Ask your druggist about it.

Some people learn a great deal while trying to teach an old dog new tricks.

THOSE WHO HAVE TRIED IT will use no other. Defiance Cold Water Starch has no equal in Quantity or Quality—16 oz. for 10 cents. Other brands contain only 12 oz.



Estelle, Maude and May Robbins stood in the window with their heads close together.

"I am so sorry," whispered Estelle. "I do so want to make mamma and papa a New Year's present and I have spent all my money—every cent."

"So have I," said Rosy, "and I have not kept even a piece of ribbon or an ounce of worsted."

"It is too dreadful," Maude whispered. "If that horrid Miss Croker had not insisted upon our buying those little books at the fair we would all have had plenty of money. I wonder how long she is going to stay. She is so fussy," said Maude. "Nothing suits her. Sometimes she says: 'This egg is too soft, Lizzie; take it away and bring me another.' Then Lizzie makes up a face and I have to laugh."

"Well, but Maude," said Estelle, who was the eldest, "that is wrong. The girl who is hired to wait on the table should never make faces, no matter what happens; and you must never laugh at her again. I am sure Miss Croker saw you this morning."

"But she is fussy," said Ray, "and I wish she would go home."

"Mamma likes her," replied Estelle. "You know she was mamma's teacher once and some one left her a big fortune and so she stopped teaching."

"And mamma says, too, that she is very charitable and gives heaps and heaps to the poor people," put in Ray.

"Then I wish she had bought those books herself instead of making us spend all our money," grumbled Maude.

"If we had been honest and said right out, 'I want all my money for



"AND THE PINK FOR LITTLE ROSY RAY." myself," perhaps she would," said Estelle.

"Tomorrow is New Year's day. It is too late to get anything now," sighed Ray.

"If we only had some of that lovely wool Miss Croker has been winding for the last three days, we could knit mamma some beautiful mats for her dressing case. I could knit one before dark," said Estelle, mournfully.

"Could you, my dear?" said a voice close behind them. The three children turned and saw Miss Croker sitting in a rocking chair just behind them. They did not know how long she had been there or how much she had heard, but she had three large balls of brilliant colored wool in her lap.

"Are you sure, Estelle, that you could make a mat before dark?" said Miss Croker, looking over her spectacles at the three blushing faces before her. Maude and Ray answered "Yes," very shyly.

"Then," said the lady, "sit down there on the sofa and I will give you each one of these balls of wool."

"You are very kind," said Estelle.

"Thank you, Miss Croker," said Maude. But Ray, remembering that Miss Croker must have heard her say she wished she would go home, wanted to hide herself. However, she came out from behind the curtain and seated herself close to Estelle. Miss Croker then gave them each a crochet needle. "This blue ball is for you," she said, placing the wool in Estelle's lap. "The mauve for you," and she dropped another ball in Maude's hands, "and the pink for little Rosy Ray."

The children laughed merrily, but at the lady's last words their faces grew very long. "Now, girls," "I want three mats for my dressing case at home and I know you will be delighted to make me a present before I go, which will be very soon now." She looked at Ray while she spoke and then left the room.

"Horrid thing!" said Ray, as the door closed. "I won't knit a mat for her. I thought she meant to give us the wool."

"It just serves us right for talking about mamma's friend as we did," replied Estelle. "We will have to knit them. Come, Ray, I'll begin yours, and Maude, don't you remember? Make a chain of three stitches and the next row plain."

They were all three fond of this kind of work and presently forgot their disappointment.

The sun was just setting when Estelle said: "There, that's the last of the wool and my mat's done. But just see what a big wad of paper Miss Croker rolled her wool upon." She tossed the paper under the grate and fastened off her knitting neatly.

"And mine's finished," said Maude, and here is another great roll of paper, and there is something hard in it. Maude opened it slowly, laughing as she did so. A bright five dollar gold piece.

"Oh, look! Just look! I wonder if Miss Croker meant to put it there!" "I am sure I don't know," answered Estelle, but wait until Ray has finished her mat then we will go and ask her."

"It is done," said Ray, "and here is another five dollar gold piece. Estelle, you'd better get a poker and pull out that paper you threw under the grate."

Estelle soon had the paper in her hand, and sure enough, there was a third gold piece hidden away in it.

"She must really intend them for us," said Ray. "I feel so ashamed because she heard me say, 'I wish she would go home.'"

While the three girls with the money in their hands and the mats in their laps were wondering what they ought to do, Miss Croker walked in.

"So I see my mats are finished," she said. "They are very pretty and I will keep them always in remembrance of my three little friends."

Estelle held up the shining coin. "I found this in my ball," she said.

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E. H. Harris talks Ticks.

From the San Angelo Standard.

I notice in your columns considerable discussion of the quarantine line and the tick theory, and asking for a consensus of opinion in regard to these questions, I will say flatly that I do not believe in the tick theory, as my experience has convinced me that there is nothing in it, as far as ticks in this country are concerned at any rate. I shipped several bunches of fine bulls to this country from Kansas and have turned them loose on the range where ticks were thick, and the ticks got all over them in two weeks after they were turned loose, which was in the latter part of September, and they remained on them until the next fall. About the middle of April I moved these bulls north, sixty miles, into Coke county, on the Colorado river, where there are very few ticks, but when I got these bulls on the Colorado river I had them cleaned of ticks thoroughly, and I think it would have been easy to have gotten a quart of ticks off any of them. I think it was about the 18th of April I had them ticked. Now these bulls had had ticks on them since the preceding September, and we had not lost an animal with fever up to that time, nor did we lose a bull until about the 4th or 5th of July, when they commenced to die with fever, and we lost and we lost a litt over 60 per cent of them, and everyone of them had fever with possibly one or two exceptions. Now if ticks cause fever, will some of these scientific tick theorists explain

why cattle wait until the weather gets hot in July and August to take the fever, when possibly they haven't a tick on them or haven't had one for two months.

It is a recognized fact in the Indian Territory and Kansas that cattle commence fevering about the 1st of July, and you rarely ever hear of one dying before about that time. I have had cattle to die there with fever in July that I examined closely for ticks and was unable to find a tick on them, and cattle possibly had lots of ticks on them sometime during their lives, had been raised below the quarantine line, and regarded as cattle that would convey fever by coming in contact with northern cattle. And I will also state that these cattle were fevered from coming in contact with cattle from or near Cotulla, Texas, and I was unable to see any ticks on the cattle which fevered them.

I don't believe cattle south of the quarantine line, moved north in December and January, ever fevered any cattle they were placed among, and left alone, or ever will. Of course cattle sometimes die, and they call it Texas fever, when a Texas cow has not been in fifty miles of them.

We should have open season during December and January and I think every man south of the line should stand up for his commercial rights as much so as the government does for its rights. The people south of the line have sat down and allowed themselves to be dominated by a few people and a lot of syndicates and capitalists, advocating a theory, which puts a five dollar bill per head on every steer the latter

may possess without any proof that their theory is correct, beyond their mere assertion.

If cattle driven north from November 15 to January 15th ever fevered cattle, make the State quarantine authorities bring forward proof. The National quarantine proclamation opens the line from November 15th to January 15th to without any reference to ticks; however, it does say subject to local regulations. It seems to me that if there was any reliable evidence that the tick caused the fever; the National sanitary board would restrict the ticky cattle. R. H. HARRIS.

PROGRAM.

For teachers Institute to meet January 17 and 18 1901.

FRIDAY 7:30 p. m.

Welcome address—Judge Averitt.

Response—Calvin Merchant.

Importance of Physiology—W. J. McFarland.

General discussion—
Recitation—Miss Amelia Caraway.

SATURDAY 10 a. m.

How to create an interest in spelling—Miss Merchant.

General discussion—

Recitation—W. B. Green.

Methods of conducting recitations—J. D. Jowers.

General Discussion—

SATURDAY 2 p. m.

Primary class work—Mrs. Evans.

General discussion—

Awakening educational interest among the patrons—Rollin Davenport.

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Geography paper—Miss Payne.

Discussion—

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