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Issued Weekly

## Local and Personal

Mr. Hagdale, of Tucson, was in our city this week.

McGee & Co's for best grade COAL.

Rev. J. Meeker spent the week in Roswell, the guest of Dr. Lakens.

Park Hotel, Roswell, is the place to stop.

S. L. Elliot came in Saturday to spend Christmas with his family.

Slover, the blacksmith, will pay cash for your second hand plow tools.

W. E. Breeding and family returned home Thursday.

Call at White's Drug Store for Xmas presents at very close prices.

Miss Lora Hooker is visiting her parents for a few days during vacation.

If you have a good, second hand plow, wagon or buggy to sell, take it to Slover, the blacksmith.

Mrs. Jeff Hightower and daughter returned home Friday from Mineral Wells.

McGee & Co., will trade you coal or mill feed for maize heads. See them.

J. W. Gregg completed the telephone line to Yellow House ranch this week.

The Xmas Bazaar given by the ladies of the M. E. church Dec. 13th and 14th realized about \$30.00.

C. C. Henry, manager Amisen Lumber Co., at Clinton, O. T., spent Xmas in Portales visiting the boys (?).

For a piece of toothsome Breakfast Bacon or Dried Beef try Wooding's make.

Chas. M. Workman and his sister, Mrs. M. A. Grigg, spent the holidays with relatives in Texas.

Miss Burrows accompanied Mrs. Hightower as far as Amarillo. She postponed her return to some future date.

J. K. Burnett and wife, of Texas, came in last Saturday to spend the holidays with S. F. Wooding and family.

Maps of New Mexico, for 15 cents while they last. Call at TIMES office.

Tanner's Caustic Liniment is guaranteed by Ed J. Neer, my druggist, to cure sweetcay.

Miss Annie Tyson came in from Sherman, Tex., this week to spend the holidays, and attend her sister's wedding.

When in Roswell, stop at the Park Hotel. Centrally located and just like home.

Christmas Holiday Rates cheap to all points. See B. F. Pearman, Agt., for dates, etc.

Take your Turkeys, Chickens and eggs to Newman's Restaurant, for highest prices.

TREES! TREES! TREES!  
Plains grown. Write for catalogue. Herford Nursery, Herford, Texas.

Sam Stinnett and Miss Bulah Green were married at the home of the bride's father near Bethel, last Wednesday night. Eld. S. W. Smith officiating.

Slover, the blacksmith, has just received a large stock of shop material.

We are agents for the genuine Pictos Maltland Cosh, the best on the market. Jones & Morrison's Grain Store.

The southbound train Saturday had a merry crowd on board. The smoker was occupied by a few boys who evidently believed in "taking a little for the stomach's sake," and was not afraid of getting "too much of a good thing." They were good-natured, however.

Marriage Certificates at TIMES Office for 15c each. They are printed especially for Roosevelt county. Don't "batch" any longer but come running with three nickles.

Now is the Time.  
To buy Neer's toilet cream for chapped hands and face, made and guaranteed by Ed J. Neer, my druggist.

The Christmas ship at the Presbyterian church was the center of attraction Christmas eve. A brief program was rendered, after which the presents were distributed, gladdening the hearts of all the children. The ship was nicely arranged and beautifully decorated. Big Santa and little Santa were there and many nice presents were received. It was a success and enjoyed by a crowded house.

The Sale—A very gentle pony, mare, for children and ladies to ride, with drive to a buggy also. Apply to Mrs. P. Johnson.

Master Adlai Hatcher, of Clinton, O. T., spent Christmas with the TIMES family. He is quite a youth (4 years old) and is quite so far from home with it this morning.

## "Buster Brown" collars for ladies and Misses at Warren, Foosebe & Co.

R. W. Jones and family spent Xmas at Bethel.

S. F. Wooding had the nicest display of beef, pork and other meats for Xmas that we have seen for a long time and it is said to eclipse anything seen in this section previously.

Horse shoes 20cts around at Slover's shop.

See those Xmas goods at Warren, Foosebe & Co's.

Big line of Boys clothing and caps at Warren, Foosebe & Co's.

A new paper was to be issued at Tucuman, N. M., Dec. 26th, and will be known as "The Actual Settler" and will be edited by J. E. Curren. He advocates "honest advancement by honest public men and honest public methods." Success to you, Bro. Curren.

Get your wagon and buggy repair material from Slover, the blacksmith.

A big line of Holiday goods at Warren, Foosebe & Co's.


The singing school conducted by Mr. Meeker will likely open Jan. 10. It will not be a free school as last winter.

R. H. Mackay, who has been for some time with the "Famous" dry goods company of Amarillo, tells us he goes "on the road" the first of January. Mr. Mackay is a splendid retail salesman and a clever, sociable gentleman and we think he will be successful as "knight of the grip."

Use Neer's Carbolated Zinc Salve. Guaranteed to cure old sores, cuts, burns, etc.

R. W. Jones, the photographer, wants wood and feed stuff on pictures.

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Bank of Portales, and place your deposits with them, they will treat you right.

Card of Thanks.

I desire to thank the people of Portales for their kindness to me since my return and will prove my appreciation by the manner in which I conduct myself in the future. I kindly ask a share of the patronage in my line.

Yours to serve,  
B. F. NEWAM.

S. F. Wooding has a nice display of meats in his market and he keeps busy cutting steaks and roasts—he advertises, see?

Rev. D. E. Baker of Miami, Tex., who has been called by the Baptist to this charge, came in this week. His family is expected to arrive next week.

Harvey Cox, of Hooker, Okla., and Miss Lella Gardenhire, of this place, were married at the home of Justice Morris last Wednesday morning, and took the evening train for their new home in Oklahoma. The best wishes of their many friends at this place go with them.

Farm for Sale.

160 acres near town, all good tillable land, and a snap for only \$75 for the relinquishment if sold by Dec. 31, 1904.—Address X. Y. Z. of TIMES Portales, N. M.

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## Henry Stoldt Killed By "Dorse" Boykin

### Shot Three Times. Any One of Which Would Have Been Fatal

## STOLDT WAS UNARMED AT TIME

### Preliminary Hearing Was Held Friday Afternoon Before 'Squire Morris.

On last Wednesday between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock, noon, A. M. Boykin shot and killed Henry F. Stoldt. Three shots were fired by Boykin, the first one entering the left breast, just over the nipple, which caused instant death. After Stoldt had fallen, apparently dead, Boykin advanced to his side and shot him twice more as he lay, one bullet entered behind the left ear and came out over the right eye, the other entered at the right of the mouth. Either shot would have been fatal.

The only witness for as is known was Jim Boykin, a brother of the party who did the shooting, and he tells the following story: He says that Stoldt came to his mother's house shortly after noon and asked if his brother was in the house. He replied that he was, whereupon Stoldt advanced to the door, drew his gun and told Boykin to come out. Instead of coming out Boykin drew his gun and killed him.

Not much credence is placed in this version of the affair, as Stoldt had no gun with him, his being at home in his trunk, besides, Stoldt's experience as a deputy sheriff has made him very rapid with a revolver, and no ordinary man would be able to beat him to the first shot under the circumstances stated. The weapon used was a 44 caliber revolver.

Boykin made no effort to get away but stayed at the house until Claude Lawrence notified Sheriff Odum who came immediately and took him into custody.

Boykin was so close to deceased that the first shot set his clothing afire, which Lawrence who happened there just at this time, put out.

"Dorse" Boykin made is more commonly known, is the man who it is claimed, deceived "Portales Bill" to his death, in July 1894, at Boca's ranch, near Ende, New Mexico.

Henry Stoldt was a man well known all over the Pecos Valley and was, before the organization of Roosevelt county, a deputy sheriff for this precinct, under Sheriff Fred Higgins, of Chaves county. Later he moved to Roswell and continued in the service of the Chaves county sheriff until last August, when he came back to Portales and made the race for sheriff in the Democratic primaries. At the time he was killed he was employed in W. E. Tipton's blacksmith shop. Mr. Stoldt was an efficient and fearless officer, who never took the buck track for a criminal when he had papers for him. He leaves a wife and two children.

Justice Morris conveyed a coroners jury and held an inquest over the remains, the verdict being in substance "That deceased came to his death from the effect of pistol wounds inflicted at the hands of A. M. Boykin."

Abraham Lincoln was once met by a stranger, says the Kenton Argus, who drew a pistol with the exclamation: "I am going to kill you." "Well," replied Abe, "I don't mind being killed, but I would like to know why." "I have registered a vow," said the man, "that if I ever met an uglier man than myself to shoot him on the spot." Old Abram looked the man over critically and then said: "Well, if I am the uglier, for God's sake shoot."

Editor Hornbeck and two of his children and his sister were in town yesterday.

Elida Note.

Sam G. White of Seattle, Wash., is stopping at the hotel.

Our school with Prof. W. H. Scott as principal is good. Something near 100 pupils expected to come in by Jan. 1st.

The young people of Elida had a social gathering at the Elida Hotel after the Xmas tree exercises were over. They report having had a nice time.

Mr. Claybrook, whose family has been here for sometime, came in from Johnson Co., last Saturday. He is intending erecting a seven room residence right soon.

Messrs. Holmes, Pearson and Harrell of Iowa have been prospecting here for several days. Mr. Holmes has located while the other two parties returned home. They will come back some time in the near future.

Our Xmas tree was a grand success. We had music and a few recitations and tableaux at the finish of the program. Old Santa Claus and Mrs. Santa Claus came in with a wagon and basket-filled with good things for the children. After the distribution of presents the little boys and girls were loaded with bangles, tops, candles, nuts, apples, etc. The house was crowded to its utmost capacity, something near 300 people turned out.

A very popular and pretty wedding took place at the Methodist church at noon last Tuesday. The contracting parties were Prof. C. E. Hall and Miss Iva Tyson. The church was filled with a large company of their friends. It was a beautiful scene when, while appropriate music was being rendered, the young people marched before the altar and were united forever in the bonds of holy matrimony. The pastor of the Methodist church officiated, using the impressive ceremony of his church. Prof. Hall has already established a reputation as an educator of extraordinary ability, while his bride is a lady of refinement and many accomplishments. They left on the afternoon of their wedding day on the southbound train to visit with their relatives and friends in Texas. It is hoped that when they return they will make Portales their permanent home. May happiness always fall to their lot and may prosperity constantly attend their pathway.

J. H. NEESON

## Church and Lodge Directory

CHURCHES

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J. H. MESSER, Pastor

PRESBYTERIAN: Services every Sunday, morning and evening; Sunday school at usual hour; prayer meeting Wednesday night. You are welcomed at these services.  
JOHN MEEKER, Pastor

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
By the courtesy of the Rev. Mr. Meeker and the members of the Presbyterian church in Portales, the services of the Protestant Episcopal church will be held in the Presbyterian church on the fourth Sunday of every month. Next date Sunday, Nov. 27th.  
E. McQUEEN GRAY, Deacon and General Missionary.

SOCIETIES

A. O. U. W., Portales Lodge No. 14  
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BRUCE KNIGHT, M. W.  
G. G. HAGLAND, Fin'g

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H. E. JOHNSTON, Sec.

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W. M. COX, C. C.  
G. W. CARR, Clerk

Roswell, N. M.  
SAMARITAN LODGE NO. 12  
I. O. O. F.

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A. J. RUTLEDGE.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me, C. W. Morris, Justice of the Peace in Precinct No. 1, Roosevelt County, New Mexico, this 22 day of November, 1904.  
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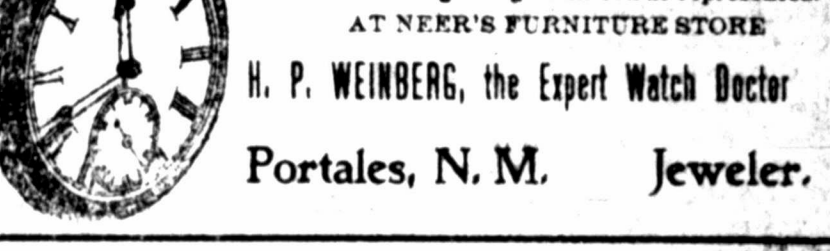
## The First National Bank

Very likely you are already a customer at this bank. If not, it might be well to start in with the New Year. A trial may prove mutually profitable. With a view to getting better acquainted, we invite you to call. A happy and prosperous New Year to all!

First National Bank, Portales, N. M.

## Xmas Presents

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# Half a Million Soldiers Getting Ready at Tokio

Tokio, Dec. 26.—Tokio is again a great military camp and the scenes of last spring, when the first armies were mobilized and dispatched, are being repeated. Thousands of recruits and reservists are assembling, drilling and equipping, preparatory to taking the field. The permanent and temporary barracks are filled, and it is necessary to billet the soldiers brought to the city. Oyama Field is the center of activity, where infantry, cavalry and artillery are constantly drilling. The batteries fire black charges for the purpose of breaking in the new forces. The general military preparations are enormous.

It is planned to give Field Marshal Oyama a rough total of half a million men with a heavily increased artillery arm, besides providing a defence for Formosa, and the southern islands in anticipation of the Russian second Pacific squadron attempting to seize a base. The port of Kelung, in Formosa, has been declared in a state of siege and operation in Formosa and the Pescadores are progressing. Winter is not interfering with the Japanese transport service. The railway between Dainey and Lental is working well and the running time between Tokio and Liao Yang is six days.

(Yentao) and Siaoantun (the latter about six and one-half miles northwest of Port Arthur) at 10 o'clock Saturday night and occupied the villages and, subsequently dislodging the enemy, occupied the whole Talachutung (about five miles northwest of Port Arthur) at 2:55 this morning. Our repeated attacks during the past few days were uniformly successful and now the whole of the enemy's advanced positions fronting our right wing are in our hands.

Harbin, Dec. 26.—Chinese from the South say that the Japanese have brought 50,000 Chinese into Southern Manchuria, but have great difficulty in feeding them. They also say that the Japanese have prepared 1,000 four-wheeler cars with iron shields in front and on the sides, which are to be pushed by soldiers and which are to carry rapid fire and machine guns.

Some frozen Japanese have been found in abandoned trenches. There is the greatest activity in Harbin, where the Russians are building enlarged baths, churches and a hospital. A scheme has been discovered by which a Siberian merchant has been sending vodka to the front marked with a red cross and labeled as medical supplies. The perpetrator has been forced to leave the country.

Lack of Chinese silver is causing the depreciation of the rouble here, but the reported closing of the Chinese bank at The Pass is untrue.

# THE DAWNING YEAR.



## GLOBE TROTTERS' NEW YEAR'S

A grizzled, sun-tanned, hard-featured man, whose face bore the stamp of hardship and adventure, was sitting in the smoking room of a New York hotel. He happened to glance at a calendar and saw that the day was Dec. 31.

"By Jove!" he exclaimed. "So tomorrow is New Year's day. Unless something happens before then, it will be the quietest New Year I've spent in twenty-three years."

"In all that time I have never been so near my old home in Scotland as I am now. Often I've tried to get home, but somehow or other New Year has always found me in a tight corner in some out-of-the-way part of the world."

"This man's experience is typical of that of many of the globe-trotters in this age, when people are so fond of 'going to and fro in the earth and walking up and down in it,' like a certain personage in the Book of Job."

"New Year's day, 1897, found one Englishman facing death from hunger and thirst on board a life raft 300 miles southeast of Madagascar. His ship foundered seven days before in a hurricane. The boats were smashed by the fury of the waves and some of the crew washed overboard. The rest made a raft out of planks and spars, but during the night high seas swept over the frail structure and carried away most of the water and food."

"All we had left," said the man who went through this terrible experience, "were a few tins of potted meat, a small barrel of biscuit and the smallest of the water casks. That was all we had to keep life in twenty-five hungry men."

"We made it last as long as we could, but in four days everything was gone. Some of the men fell into despair and talked about throwing themselves overboard. Perhaps they would have done so, but during the night of the fourth day half a dozen big sharks swam around the raft in circles. The sea was phosphorescent and we could see them plainly in the waves of livid fire which they stirred up as they swam around. Even the half-crazed men who had talked about drowning themselves shrank from death in a shark's maw and stayed upon the raft."

"Next morning I saw by a pocket diary which I carried that the day was Dec. 30. To keep up the men's spirits, I told them I had dreamed we were going to be rescued on New Year's day. That appealed to the superstition inherent more or less in all sailors, so I kept on telling them a ship would come along and pick us up on that day sure, until I began to believe it myself. We even discussed graveyards whether the sail would have in sight in the morning or the afternoon, and one man who said he guessed it would be toward evening became quite unpopular."

"New Year's morning broke with a dead calm on the oily, blistering sea and a blazing sky that aggravated our thirst tenfold. There was not a ship in sight all morning—nothing except

that glassy sheet of water and that cruel, cloudless sky above us. It was the same in the afternoon, and our hopes fell as the sun sank slowly toward the western horizon.

"Just as we were beginning to despair, one of the men screamed hysterically and pointed to a thin trail of smoke on the sky line. It was a New Zealand liner headed straight for our raft. In a couple of hours her doctor was giving us a hearty dinner and slops and weak brandy and water."

"This same man spent another New Year's day off Cape Horn. He sailed from Valparaiso in a British 'wind-jammer,' expecting to reach his Scottish home in time to spend his first Christmas there for many years. But calms delayed her for weeks in the South Pacific ocean, and when she got off Cape Horn she ran into a tearing gale, which brought her mizzen topmast down on deck and ripped out all her sails. For days she drifted helplessly, exposed to the full fury of the western gale."

"The crew labored industriously at rigging up spare and bending new sails. It was a task of tremendous difficulty, for giant combers rolled over the forecastle head continually filling the vessel amidships with green seas."

"Suddenly in the midst of this toil an apprentice piped out: 'I say, fellers, this is New Year's day. Have you all forgotten it?'"

"Relay your tongue," retorted the gruff old mate. "There won't be any New Year dinner to-day, except your usual whack of lobscouse."

"The skipper was superintending the work from the poop rail and heard the conversation. 'Cook!' he bawled out. 'Lay aft here!'"

"The cook came out of his galley and the captain asked what he could give them for a fancy dinner. 'Nethin' but split peas, sir, an' salt horse and marmalade. There ain't no turkeys in my store room, sir,' he said. 'Let's catch one o' them birds,' suggested an old tar, pointing to several abattoirs which were circling about the wake of the ship. 'We'll stretch a point this day and be forgiven for it, I guess.'"

"After several attempts an albatross was captured with a big fishhook baited with salt pork and dragged aboard triumphantly. Served up nice and brown and swimming in gravy, it looked so much like a real turkey that it warmed up the men's hearts and made them think of the holidays they had spent at home. But when they tasted it the resemblance ceased. It was fishy and tough. The meat was like knotted rope yarn and the gravy suggested tar. However, it was a New Year dinner all the same, and it was enjoyed as keenly as the finest feast ashore that day."

An American traveler, who is well known commercially in the West In-

dies, was mixed up in one of the perennial revolutions of Hayti in his hot and foolish youth. Unhappily, he allied himself with the weaker side, and one New Year's eve found himself one of a small band of desperadoes defending the stockaded town of Miragoane against a government army, which outnumbered them 100 to 1.

"During the night the government soldiers forced their way into the town. Only about thirty of the defenders were left alive. 'Stand them up in a line and shoot them!' commanded Gen. Manigat. But they were too weak to stand. All of them were wounded, half-starved and fever-stricken. So the government troops propped them up in chairs and shot them as they lolled there. Only the white man was spared. In order that his case might be inquired into."

"When he protested to Gen. Manigat against the cruelty of shooting helpless captives that triumphed warrior merely blew a cloud of cigarette smoke and remarked calmly: 'C'est la guerre.'"

"Late on New Year's eve," said the American, "they tried me by court-martial. When I woke up on New Year's morning I was in the calaboose, sentenced to be shot at sundown. I wasn't very pleasant waiting. I was quite glad when a gold-clad officer entered the cell toward evening, with a paper informing me that his excellency, the citizen president, had been pleased to pardon me, in consideration of the request of the American minister and of the fact that it was New Year's day."

"I believe they had never intended to shoot me, but only to frighten me, for they hardly dared to touch a white man whose country owned a navy that might bombard their ports. Anyhow, I got out of jail in time to eat my dinner with some American and English friends on a coffee plantation near Miragoane."

**New Year's Superstitions.**  
The following superstitions in connection with New Year's are still believed in various parts of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales: On New Year's morning go to a well or fountain and leave an apple and nosegay, and the water will keep fresh and be more wholesome all the year. If a dark complexioned man crosses your threshold first on New Year's day you will be prosperous. If a blonde, unlucky and if a red-headed man dire disaster will surely follow. Before locking the door for the night on New Year's eve place a gold coin near it and let it remain there until the church bells ring next morning, and you will have plenty of money all that year. So strong is the belief in the adage of the dark complexioned man in some places that he is paid a small gratuity to call early and walk through the first floor of the house, entering by the back door and leaving by the front.

## ROBBERY AND MURDER.

Sherman, Tex., Dec. 26.—On Friday morning, December 23, it was discovered that the business house of Walter C. Jones & Co., in the heart of the business district, had been burglariously entered some time during the night and a hurried examination showed that many valuable pieces of silk, furs, gloves, hose, etc., had been stolen.

The officers soon got on the trail of two men who left Sherman at 6:50 o'clock Friday morning on the north-bound Frisco, with large suit cases suiting the description of grips missing from the store.

These men changed cars at Madill, I. T., and went east over the A. and C. division of the Frisco. At 9 o'clock A. M. Jones & Co. offered a reward of \$150 supplemented by \$50 more by Sheriff Russell of Sherman for the recovery of the goods and the detection of the thieves.

Patrolmen Davis and Blaylock about 2 o'clock Friday morning had seen two men walk away from the front of the burglarized building, and after going a short distance stop in a stairway. This caused the officers to investigate and they followed the men for a half a dozen blocks, and lost sight of them in the yards of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway.

At 12:30 o'clock p. m., or about five hours after the burglary was discovered, Sheriff Russell received a message from City Marshal Tom Bryan at Hugo, I. T., one hundred miles east of Sherman, stating that he detained two men carrying two large grips filled with silks and other articles answering the description of the goods stolen at Sherman. Later on in the afternoon Sheriff Russell, accompanied by Walter C. Jones, one of the proprietors of the burglarized store, left for Hugo.

Friday night Sheriff Russell and Mr. Jones reached Hugo and Mr. Jones looked at the contents of the grips and positively identified the goods stolen from his place of business. Mr. Jones stated that the recovered goods invoiced \$1,198. The men refused to talk to Sheriff Russell and said they would not willingly return with him to Texas despite the fact, Sheriff Russell states, that their attorney advised them it was the very best thing they could do.

Owing to this complication, Sheriff Russell asked the local authorities to hold them as fugitives for injustice, and they went into the custody of Indian Territory Sheriff W. M. Russell of Hugo. This similarity in the names of the Texas and Indian Territory sheriffs later on was the occasion of much confusion in the first statements sent out of the tragedy which followed and in which the Territory officer lost his life.

Territory Sheriff W. M. Russell left Hugo, I. T., Saturday afternoon having seen in his custody the two men detained at Hugo. Sheriff W. S. Russell and W. C. Jones of Sherman were passengers on the same train, which was bound for Madill, at which point it would make connection with the southbound Frisco train for Sherman.

At Alsworth flag station, near Mead Junction one of prisoners drew a pistol secured in some unexplainable manner, and shot Territory Sheriff Russell fatally and both men escaped into the dense woods which come up near the track.

Immediately posses of Territory officers were formed, and as soon as possible a large posse left Sherman on a special train, and the country is being ransacked by over a hundred men with packs of bloodhounds. Up to a late hour last night the men had not been captured.

Chicago. Thousands of idle men in South Chicago will have employment on the day following New Year's. The two largest mills of the Illinois Steel company will be started then, and the entire steel plant for the first time in months will hum with industry. It is the present plan of the company to resume work on January 2 in the rail and steel mills, which have been shut down for four weeks.

Port Worth. An Italian farmer, George Grafio, several years ago bought a small piece of property near Port Worth along the line of the Interurban. Mr. Grafio planted a good portion of his small farm in a vineyard, together with vegetables. Not only has he been successful in raising vegetables, but makes a fine dry wine as well from his few acres of grapes. The wine has the taste of the dry wines made in Italy and is of excellent flavor.

St. Petersburg. Admiral Birleff is quoted in an interview as saying that all the shipyards in the Baltic are working day and night, and that the third squadron will go out in two sections. The admiral pledges himself to have the first section, which will include the Senavin, Apraxin, Ushaty-off, Nicholas II and Kornloff ready by February, and the second, consisting of the Slava, Alexander II and Pamiat Azova, a little later.

Seven Are Killed. Louisville, Ky.: The passenger train which left St. Louis at 9 o'clock Saturday night on the Southern Railway collided head-on with the train leaving Louisville about the same hour near Mauds Station, Ill. Sunday. One passenger and six employees were killed and two passengers and eight employes seriously injured. A telegraph operator, it is said, failed to deliver orders for one of the trains to take siding.

Camp Albert Sidney Johnston Acta. Washington: Congressman Shepard presented President Roosevelt an invitation from Albert Sidney Johnston Camp, Confederate Veterans, at Paris, Texas, to stop at Paris during his visit to Texas, as the guest of the camp. The President expressed his appreciation of the invitation, and his special admiration of Albert Sidney Johnston, and said that he would make every effort to arrange his itinerary so as to stop at Paris.

Hernandez Is Hanged. Corpus Christi: At 2 o'clock Friday, Apolonaria Hernandez, who on the 16th of last February murdered her wife in a field near Bluntzer, paid the death penalty at this city. When found the woman had two gaping wounds made by pistol shots, one in the breast and one in the back. With her dying breath she told that her husband had shot her.

Aged Wife Suicides. Paris: Mrs. Dillard, aged 70, wife of Colonel M. A. Dillard, one of the most prominent citizens of Lamar county, suicided at Blossom, Wednesday evening. She was missed at 4 o'clock and a searching party found the body hanging in the barn. She had prepared supper for her husband and spread out the clothing in which she desired to be buried.

Edwards T. Potter, a well known architect, son of the late Bishop Potter of Pennsylvania and brother of Bishop Henry C. Potter, is dead at his home in New York. He was 73 years old and had been ill a long time.

Andrew Carnegie has presented the Bradstock Carnegie Library and the Homestead Carnegie Library with \$25,000 each as a Christmas present.

Admiral Togo has announced the withdrawal of practically all of the Japanese fleet from Port Arthur.

The furious barking of dogs in an adjoining yard, it is said, saved five lives in a burning boarding house at Fort Worth Thursday morning. The guests barely had time to escape after being awakened.

Hon. Hayne Nelms of Groveton, member of the Texas Legislature from the district of Trinity, Waller and Liberty Counties was accidentally struck back with a load of bird shot while out at Ponnig on December 21.



The New Year—When I turned into the road I hit something.

**Gift of 5500 Turkeys.**  
Twenty-five thousand persons, workmen and their families, and some of their friends, besides, partook of Thanksgiving turkey furnished by George Westinghouse, the manufacturer, who handed out, through the department superintendents of two of his plants, 5500 turkeys, weighing from thirteen to thirty-one pounds. Seven thousand employes in the Westinghouse plants at Turkey Creek were left off the turkey list this year because of worry caused Mr. Westinghouse by strikes.

**The Thrones of Europe.**  
There are fifteen thrones in Europe, and eight new promises to pass from father to son. The latter are those of Great Britain, Germany, Denmark, Portugal, Norway and Sweden, Bulgaria, Russia and Italy. The sultan may be succeeded by a brother and the King of Spain by a sister. The Emperor of Austria, the King of the Belgians and the King of Roumania look to nephews, while the ruler of Holland has no visible successor at present.

**Germana Deteriorating.**  
The school children of Berlin have been examined by health officers this year for the first time, and the results were astonishing. Ten per cent were found to be insufficiently developed, either mentally or physically, to do the school work, and had to be sent home to grow for six months. Sixteen per cent were found to lack strength to study, owing to the debilitating effect of scarlet fever and other diseases, and 5 per cent were suffering from tubercular troubles.

**Found at Last.**  
Hensley, Ark., Dec. 26th.—(Special)—That a sure cure for Backache would be a priceless boon to the people, and especially the women of America, is admitted by all interested in medical matters, and Mrs. Sue Williams of this place is certain she has found in Dodd's Kidney Pills the long-sought cure.

"I am 38 years old," Mrs. Williams says, "and I have suffered with the Backache very much for three or four years. I have been treated by good physicians and got no relief, but thanks to God, I have found a cure at last and it is Dodd's Kidney Pills. I have taken only one box and it has done me more good than all the doctors in three or four years. I want all sufferers from Backache to know that they can get Dodd's Kidney Pills and get well."

Backache is one of the first symptoms of Kidney Disease. Guard against Bright's Disease or Rheumatism by curing it with Dodd's Kidney Pills.

**Will Try to Recoup.**  
Daniel J. Sully, who for a time carried the sobriquet, "the cotto king," on account of his immense speculations in the cotton market, casually remarked the other day to a friend in one of the New York clubs that within the next year he would more than get back the losses which led to his failure. "Where will you do it—in the market?" inquired the friend. "If you lose a thing," rejoined Sully, tersely, "the place to look for it is where you lose it."

**Don't let Jar You**  
To have a cough that you can't leave off—even when you go to bed? Put it away for good by using Simon's Cough Syrup. It heals inflammation of the throat and lungs—gives you rest and peaceful sleep.

A girl never looks older than she is, except when she has her hair done up in papers.

Every housekeeper should know that if they will buy Defiance Cold Water Starch for laundry use they will save not only time, because it never sticks to the iron, but because each package contains 16 oz.—one full pound—while all other Cold Water Starches are put up in 8 pound packages, and the price is the same, 10 cents. Then again because Defiance Starch is free from all injurious chemicals. If your grocer tries to sell you a 12-oz. package it is because he has stock on hand which he wishes to dispose of before he puts in Defiance. He knows that Defiance Starch has printed on every package in large letters and figures "16 oz." Demand Defiance and save much time and money and the annoyance of the iron sticking. Defiance never sticks.

**An Ore Finder.**  
In view of the increasing difficulty of getting a good supply of native ore, great interest is being taken in a new electrical ore finder, which it is claimed has been very successful in discovering lodes, reefs, or strata of ore in England. It is said that by this "finder," the expert listener can judge with surprising accuracy how deep the lode is, and in which direction it runs.

**Lord Referred to President.**  
Congressman Cooper of Texas tells about a distinguished army officer who on one occasion offered prayer before a regiment. He summed up the causes and objections of the war—the war with Mexico—and asserted that it was no war of conquest, but annexation only, concluding his supplication to the throne of grace with: "I refer you, good Lord, to Polk's message on this subject."

**First in Mineral Waters.**  
France takes the first rank for the number, diversity and quality of its mineral waters, and the department of the Loire is one of the most abundantly supplied of all France. It is estimated that 30,000,000 bottles are annually exported from the different sources of the department, of which number St. Galmier furnishes 18,000,000 and Ball sous Cousan 7,500,000. The total value of these waters is estimated at \$1,000,000.





Miss Rose Hennessy, well known as a poetess and elocutionist, of Lexington, Ky., tells how she was cured of uterine inflammation and ovaritis by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I have been so blessedly helped through the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound that I feel it but just to acknowledge it, hoping that it may help some other woman suffering as I did. For years I enjoyed the best of health and thought that I would always do so. I attended parties and receptions thickly clad, and would be suddenly chilled, but I did not think of the results. I caught a bad cold eighteen months ago while menstruating, and this caused inflammation of the womb and congested ovaries. I suffered excruciating pains and kept getting worse. My attention was called to your Vegetable Compound and the wonderful cures it had performed, and I made up my mind to try it for two months and see what it would do for me. Within one month I felt much better, and at the close of the second I was entirely well. I have advised a number of my lady friends to use it, and all express themselves as well satisfied with the results as I was."—Miss Rose Nona Hennessy, 410 S. Broadway, Lexington, Ky.

The experience and testimony of some of the most noted women of America go to prove beyond a question that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will correct all such trouble and set once, by removing the cause, and restoring the organs to a normal and healthy condition.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—About two years ago I consulted a physician about my health which had become so wretched that I was no longer able to be about. I had severe backache, bearing-down pains, pains across the abdomen, was very nervous and irritable, and this trouble grew worse each month. The physician prescribed for me, but I soon discovered that he was unable to help me, and I then decided to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and soon found that it was doing me good. My appetite was returning, the pains disappearing, and the general benefits were well marked. You cannot realize how pleased I was, and after taking the medicine for only three months, I found that I was completely cured of my trouble, and have been well and hearty ever since, and no more fear of the monthly period, as it now passes without pain to me. Yours very truly, Miss Pearl Ackers, 327 North Summer St., Nashville, Tenn."

When a medicine has been successful in restoring to health more than a million women, you cannot well say without trying it "I do not believe it will help me." If you are ill, do not hesitate to get a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and write Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass., for special advice. Her advice is free and helpful. Write to-day. Delay may be fatal.

**\$5000 FORFEIT** If we cannot forthwith produce the original letters and signatures of above testimonials, which will prove their absolute genuineness. Lydia E. Pinkham Med. Co., Lynn, Mass.

Don't depend on a past consideration for a present agreement; like the water that has turned the wheel, its work is done.

Don't you know that Defiance Starch besides being absolutely superior to any other, is put up 16 ounces in package and sells for only 12 cents as 12-ounce packages of other kinds?

Don't make indiscriminate or indefinite offers to engage in contracts; have the time certain as to terms and time.

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Some agreements are unlawful; don't engage in such as the law will not help you to break itself.

If some men were to lose their reputations they would be lucky.

Too many expect to conquer the devil by concurring with him.

If you want to get the biggest return for your labor and your ground, you can't afford to plant anything but

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**THE CZAR WEAKENS.**

**An Imperial Ukase Promises General Relief.**

St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.—An imperial ukase issued tonight makes decidedly liberal promises under a number of heads. It promises a full and equal enforcement of existing laws; assures the Zemstvos of the fullest possible measure of self government, and the enforcement of the laws now existing in their behalf; promulgates a scheme of workmen's insurance, extends the liberty of the press, and promises a full legal trial of all persons accused.

The imperial decree, which is entitled "Scheme for the Improvement of the Administration of the State," is addressed to the Senate and is as follows: "In accordance with the revered will of our crowned predecessor and thinking of the welfare of the realm entrusted to us by God, we regard it as our duty and the people's duty in conjunction with undeviating maintenance of the immutability of the fundamental laws of the empire to have untiring care for the country's needs, distinguishing all that is really in the interests of the Russian people from tendencies not seldom mistaken and influenced by transitory circumstances. When the need of this or that change is proved ripe, then we consider it necessary to meet, even though the transformation to which this leads involves the introduction of essential innovations in legislation. We do not doubt that the realization for such an undertaking will meet with the sympathy of the well disposed action of our subjects who see the true property of the Fatherland in the support of civil tranquility and the uninterrupted satisfaction of the daily needs of the people.

"Placing in the forefront of our care and thought for the best ordering of life for the most numerous of our estates, the peasant population, we may remark that this matter is already under consideration. Simultaneously with a detailed investigation with the proposals of the Ministry of the Interior which are being carried out locally, conferences are now being held by commissioners especially selected from among the most experienced of the high administrative officials regarding the most important question of peasant life, assisted in their investigation of the general needs of the agricultural industry by knowledge and experience of local commissioners. We commend those commissions to labor to bring the laws regarding peasants into unity with the general imperial legislation, thereby facilitating the task of attaining permanent security of this estate, which by decree of the Czar liberator, is recognized as consisting of free citizens possessing full rights.

"Surveying the wide domain of the people's uttermost needs, we regard as urgent in the interest of the legal strengthening of civic and public life." Then follows enumeration of particulars calling for minute attention to the needs of the peasant class in material and legal ways; a unification and universality of legal action and enforcement, equality of all before the law, state insurance for workmen in factories; a revision and circumscribing of exceptional laws; broadening of religious tolerance, limitations of foreigners, removal of unnecessary restrictions of the press.

Closing, this remarkable document says: "Acting upon the above principles, with a view to a series of great internal changes impending in the early future, part whereof, in accordance with instructions previously given by us, are already under preliminary examination."

**Advance in Wireless Transmission.**

Rome: Experiments with the Arton system of radio-telegraphy have been made between Rome and Sardinia, resulting in a successful demonstration of the inventor's claim that an electromagnetic wave transmitted by this system cannot be diverted from the point for which it is intended. King Victor Emmanuel, who witnessed the test, congratulated the inventor upon his achievement.

**Fatal Shooting at Denton.**

Denton: Ether Street, aged 26 years, was shot and killed here Monday evening. Street was shot four times, two of the balls entering above the right hip, one passing through his body and coming out above the left hip. Another struck his right elbow, and the fourth struck his right ankle. He lived for about twenty minutes after being shot, and told the surgeons that he "knew he was done for."

**Mexico \$10,000,000 Ahead.**

City of Mexico: In connection with the new Mexican loan at 4 per cent, Secretary Limantour has just sent to Speyer & Co. of New York an interesting statement. In the fiscal year just ended the Federal revenues were \$86,473,300 and expenditures \$76,381,473. Investors in the new bonds are thus enabled to have satisfactory proof that Mexico is setting aside a comfortable surplus yearly.

**Found Dead in the Barnyard.**

Vinita, I. T.: John Lemaster, aged 69 years, residing three miles south of Fairland, I. T., was found dead in his barnyard Sunday night. He was alone during the evening and when his sons returned from Fairland they found the lifeless body. It is believed that Mr. Lemaster sustained a stroke of paralysis or that his death resulted from heart failure. He had been a resident of this community for the past ten years.

**Aluminum.**

"Aluminum is in many ways a wonderful substance, albeit in the natural world most of it is oxidized and turned to clay," says the Electrical World and Engineer. "Its avidity for oxygen is one of its most salient characteristics. It is said that we never see the metal, directly, in air, but always, and only, through a veil of superficial oxide, which forms on its free surface with marvelous rapidity. It is stated that if a fresh surface of aluminum be prepared by scraping with a knife, the oxygen of the air runs in as the scale is peeled off, and keeps close behind the knife blade. If it were not for this superficial scale of oxide which acts as a barrier to further action, the metal would burn up, and deflagrate, in air. The large amount of heat developed by thermit, a mixture of powdered aluminum with oxygen-giving substances, bears witness to the activity of the oxidizing process when completed."

**COLD WAVE AND STORM.**

The Cold is General With Severe Local Storms. Omaha, Neb., Dec. 27.—A blizzard has been "general over the greater part of Indian Territory, Kansas, Nebraska and Western Iowa. A terrific wind is blowing and the thermometer is near the zero mark here. A thousand telephones are out of working order in Omaha, where a heavy sleet storm is blowing and the thermometer is near the zero mark here. A thousand telephones are out of working order in Omaha, where a heavy sleet storm is blowing and the thermometer is near the zero mark here. A thousand telephones are out of working order in Omaha, where a heavy sleet storm is blowing and the thermometer is near the zero mark here.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Reports to the Weather Bureau show that the first decided cold wave of the season is spreading rapidly southeastward over the east slope of the Rocky Mountains. The temperature today is below zero in the Dakotas, Montana and Western Wyoming, with a minimum reading of 30 degrees below at Havre, Mont. The southwest storm will move northeastward during the next thirty-six hours and cause general rains throughout Kentucky, Tennessee and South Atlantic States and snow or rain in the upper Ohio Valley and the Middle Atlantic States. The weather will clear Tuesday in the lower Mississippi Valley and the East Gulf States.

It will be decidedly colder in the lower Ohio Valley, Tennessee and the Gulf States and the cold wave will doubtless spread into the upper Ohio Valley and the South Atlantic States Tuesday night or Wednesday.

**Strikers Suffer.**

Fall River, Mass.: Every effort was made by the Salvation Army, Association of Charities and benevolent societies in and out of this city to give the families of striking cotton mill employees of this city a joyous Christmas. Tons of food, warm clothing and many little luxuries were distributed, yet the Salvation Army leaders said there was much actual suffering in the city which they could not relieve.

**Five Are Fatally Injured.**

Chicago, Ill.: An explosion of a stick of dynamite Monday fatally injured five men, injured a score of others and partly wrecked a large steam shovel on the Chicago Drainage Canal near Rockport, Ill. More than 100 men were working within 200 feet of the dynamite when the explosion occurred. All were thrown from their feet, twenty being bruised and lacerated by flying stones and dirt.

**Sugar on Convict Farms.**

Bryan, Mo.: C. A. Adams of this city, county inspector, has received the following data relative to the manufacture of sugar on the Clemons State farm to Saturday: First grade sugar, 4,240,000 pounds; second grade, 500,000; total, 4,740,000. There are still 325 acres of cane on the farm to be ground. The first grade sugar was made at the rate of 80,000 pounds a day and the second grade 25,000 pounds daily.

**In a Cattle Roping Contest at San Marcos, W. D. Malone was perhaps fatally injured by his horse falling on him.**

A new Congress is being constructed at Austin by the capital City Commission Company. W. K. Constan, while intoxicated Monday morning, insisted on entering a house at Barton, and was shot and killed on the steps.

**In a sort of general fracas at Dallas Sunday, Charley Schwartz was shot with a .32-caliber pistol by the ball was stopped by a watch, probably saving his life.**

Luke Blackburn, noted sire and to his day one of the most brilliant performers the American turf has known has just died of old age at the farm of A. H. McAllister, near Bellevue, Tenn. A corps of engineers has been sent from Oklahoma City to finish the survey between that city and Henrietta of the Oklahoma City, Henrietta and St. Louis road, which has been financed by New York capitalists. Construction work will be commenced after the first of the year.

**Near Okfuskee, Ok. Sam Nichols, aged 19 was drowned Monday while duck hunting by the capsizing of a boat. Charles Harmon, his companion, narrowly escaped drowning in attempting to save Nichols.**

Just as Ben S. Meyers, a prominent farmer two miles east of Fort Towson, I. T., was sitting down to supper Saturday night some person fired a shot through the window killing him instantly.

During a difficulty Monday evening between two negro women at McKinney, Emma Juan Faulkner, the 12-year-old daughter of one of them, was shot and instantly killed. Laura Starr and Belle Jagers were arrested.

**The Value of Aluminum.**

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**Improved Bridges.**

Perhaps the most remarkable bridges in the world are the kettle bridges, of which Cossack soldiers are expert builders. The materials of which they are constructed are the soldiers' lances and cooking kettles. Seven or eight lances are passed under the handles of a number of kettles and fastened together by means of ropes to form a raft. Sufficient numbers of these rafts, each of which will bear a weight of half a ton, are fastened together, and in the space of an hour a bridge is formed on which an army may cross with confidence and safety.

**Immigration Statistics.**

Of last year's immigrants to this country the greatest number, 193,296, came from Italy, a decrease of 37,326 from the previous year, while 177,156 came from Austria-Hungary, a decrease of 28,855; 145,141 from Russia, 46,380 from Germany, an increase of 6294; 38,626 from England, an increase of 12,407; 33,142 from Ireland, an increase of 832; 27,763 from Sweden, a decrease of 653; 11,343 from Greece, a decrease of 2747, and 11,092 from Scotland, an increase of 4949. Of the Oriental countries Japan furnished the greatest number of immigrants, 14,264, a decrease of 5704; while China supplied 4300, an increase of 2100.

**\$100 Reward, \$100.**

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known for the disease. Catarrh is a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional remedy, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer one hundred dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address: S. J. & C. O., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

**Cupid is a sorry leader; after leading the people into trouble he leaves them to fight it out themselves.**

**That and This.**

"Twelve years ago I bought my first bottle of Hunt's Lightning Oil. For Cuts, Burns, Sprains and Aches it has been a remedy I had found to that time. After the lapse of one dozen years I can truly say it is the best remedy I have found to this time." John P. Thompson, Red Rock, O. T. 25c and 50c bottles.

**The gift of gab often results in a man giving himself away.**

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If you propose visiting your "Old Home" for the holidays, send us your name and address (together with that of any of your friends who are contemplating a similar journey), tell us where you wish to go and let us write you, giving the rate, hour of departure, arrival and other information regarding your journey.

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Turn over a new leaf, even if you don't go through the book the coming year.

Get ready to make those annual resolutions. You might also prepare the wherewith to pay the forfeit.

When we strike a paying flow of artesian water standing room will be in demand. Lose no time in getting in on the ground floor, or better yet, climb the derrick.

Having come home to spend Xmas with my family and Portales friends, will say that I am pleased to find our well progressing nicely. It had reached a depth of 260 feet on the eve of Dec. 24th, at which time the drill was lost, but they succeeded in fishing it out and continued the work Monday morning.

The merchants seem to be enjoying a good trade, and things in general moving along at a lively rate. In looking over the business affairs of the office, the most pleasing feature was the subscribers are renewing as their time expires. I desire to congratulate the people of Roosevelt county and our foreign subscribers, too, on their promptness in paying. I have published several papers previously, but never one with as good paid up list. It speaks well for the community and TIMES readers in general.

I also desire to thank those who have assisted in any way for the further advancement of our interest, either by handing in items of news or by patronage, and hope for a continuance of the same, as I return to Oklahoma and leave the TIMES in charge of Mrs. Hawkins, who conducts the same during my absence.

Wishing each and every reader a "Happy and Prosperous New Year." I am

Yours truly, W. C. Hawkins.

Way-side Observation. A hollow tooth is an aching void.

There is many a girl who is proud of her new hat and ashamed of her old mother.

It is sometimes hard to believe a girl is as thin as she looks.

Mrs. Chadwick may be called the Josephine of finance for the Marie Louise, which?

Many people are bad because it is easier to be that way. Dallas News.

Beyond The Limit. "You know old Skinflint?" "Yes, the miser. Who has he been robbing now?"

"Nobody that I know of, but he went up in an air ship at St. Louis during the Fair."

"How did he come to do that?" "He went up to see if he couldn't rob a cloud of its silver lining.—Ex.

A Prediction. "This book says that there are millions of dwarfs in Africa—men who are not over four feet long."

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Report Of The Grand Jury. In the District Court of the Fifth Judicial District of the Territory of New Mexico; with-in and for the County of Roosevelt.

To the Honorable William H. Pope, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the Territory of New Mexico, and Presiding Judge of the Fifth Judicial District Court thereof; Your Grand Jury, selected for the October, 1904, Term of the District Court for Roosevelt County, having completed its labors, begs leave respectfully to make the following report:

We have diligently inquired into all violations of the laws of the Territory of New Mexico which were within the knowledge of our members, and which have been brought to our attention, and in such cases as, in our opinion, indictments were justified, from the facts and circumstances brought before us, we have returned indictments, and in cases where in our opinion a conviction could not be had upon the facts presented, we have returned "no bills."

This being the first term of the District Court in our new county, and all matters of organization not being in complete operating condition, we have been hindered somewhat in the procuring of all the witnesses desired, although our Sheriff, W. W. Odom, Esquire, has shown extraordinary diligence in the performance of the onerous duties imposed upon him, in the necessarily short session of our body, in bringing in witnesses under subpoenas issued by us.

The Committee appointed by us for the investigation of the affairs of the County offices, has reported in writing, and its report is hereto appended, as a part of this final report, and made a part hereof, as follows:

In the District Court for Roosevelt County, New Mexico, October, 1904, Term—To the Grand Jury: We, the Committee appointed by the Foreman of the Grand Jury of Roosevelt County, for the purpose of investigating the records and county offices of said County, beg leave to submit the following report:

After a careful investigation, we are glad to be able to report that all the County Records are in splendid condition, and reflect credit upon the County Officials; and especially do we commend the records of the County Clerk's office, which we find to be very complete, and extraordinarily neat in appearance.

Respectfully submitted, W. W. HUMBLE, Chairman—C. D. STEEL, T. C. HUNT.

The Grand Jury would respectfully recommend to the County Commissioners the erection of a suitable strong, safe, commodious jail; and in erecting such jail, we would respectfully suggest that they bear in mind that, as our county will undoubtedly grow largely in population within the next few years, it will be economy to provide, in the first instance, sufficiently large quarters to meet the requirements of the county for some years to come.

We also suggest the providing, by the County, of suitable benches for the audience portion of the Court Room, and heavy matting for the aisles of the Court room, and matting or carpet for the bar of the Court and the Judge's rostrum.

We would recommend that the justice of the peace in the precincts of the County outside of Portales be more prompt in making up and transmitting transcripts in all criminal cases requiring the attention of the grand jury, giving especial attention to the full names and addresses of all witnesses, and indicating such witnesses as have been put under recognizance to appear.

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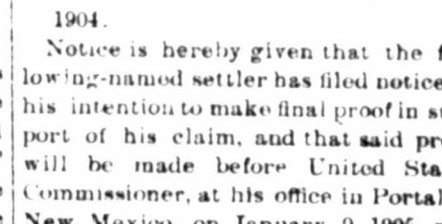
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