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ANTI'S WILL NOT ASK AN ELECTION

JUDGE SCURRY, CHAIRMAN, ISSUES POSITIVE STATEMENT TO THAT EFFECT.

WANTS TO BURY HATCHET

Pleads That Agitation May Come to an End and Christmas Celebrated in Peace.

There will be no local option election in Wichita county. Chairman Bullock of the prohibition committee issued a statement last Thursday that his side would not call one, and today Chairman Scurry of the anti-prohibition committee issued a statement, which appears below, that the anti's will not call for one either.

This definitely puts an end to the agitation on this subject. There will be no election, both sides have buried the hatchet and the city can now resume the even tenor of its way without interruption or agitation of any kind.

Judge Scurry's statement follows: From articles appearing in the Times, there seems to be some agitation about a prohibition election in the county. The prohibitionists have said that they will not call an election and as chairman of the anti executive committee, I write this to say that the anti's will not ask for any election. That should settle all agitation on the subject.

If there has been any bad feeling engendered or any hard words spoken, let us forget them, and remember them no more, forever, but as friends and neighbors celebrate the Christmas season at peace and with good will toward all our neighbors, whether they be pro's or anti's. Let us begin the New Year all pulling together for the good of Wichita Falls and Wichita county. Signed,

EDGAR SCURRY.

Wichita Falls, Texas, Dec. 18, 1909. Chairman Bullock's statement appeared in the Times last Thursday. With both chairmen on record that their side will not call an election the matter may now be brought to a definite close.

BLOCK SYSTEM MAY BE INSTALLED ON DENVER

The Fort Worth and Denver is contemplating the installation of a station-to-station block system between Wichita Falls and Fort Worth, according to an announcement given out at the Fort Worth offices of the road, and it is probable that the work will be started early next year.

Under this system, after a passenger train has left one station, no other train is permitted to enter the next station, thus obviating all possibility of rear end collisions.

The system will be installed first between Fort Worth and this city and later extended over the entire system if its workings prove satisfactory.

With the Sick.

Mrs. N. H. Redding is reported very ill at her home on 10th street.

Mrs. M. F. Yeager is on the sick list and is confined at her home.

M. M. Murray, auditor for the Wichita Falls and Northwestern, is back at his desk again after a lengthy siege with pneumonia.

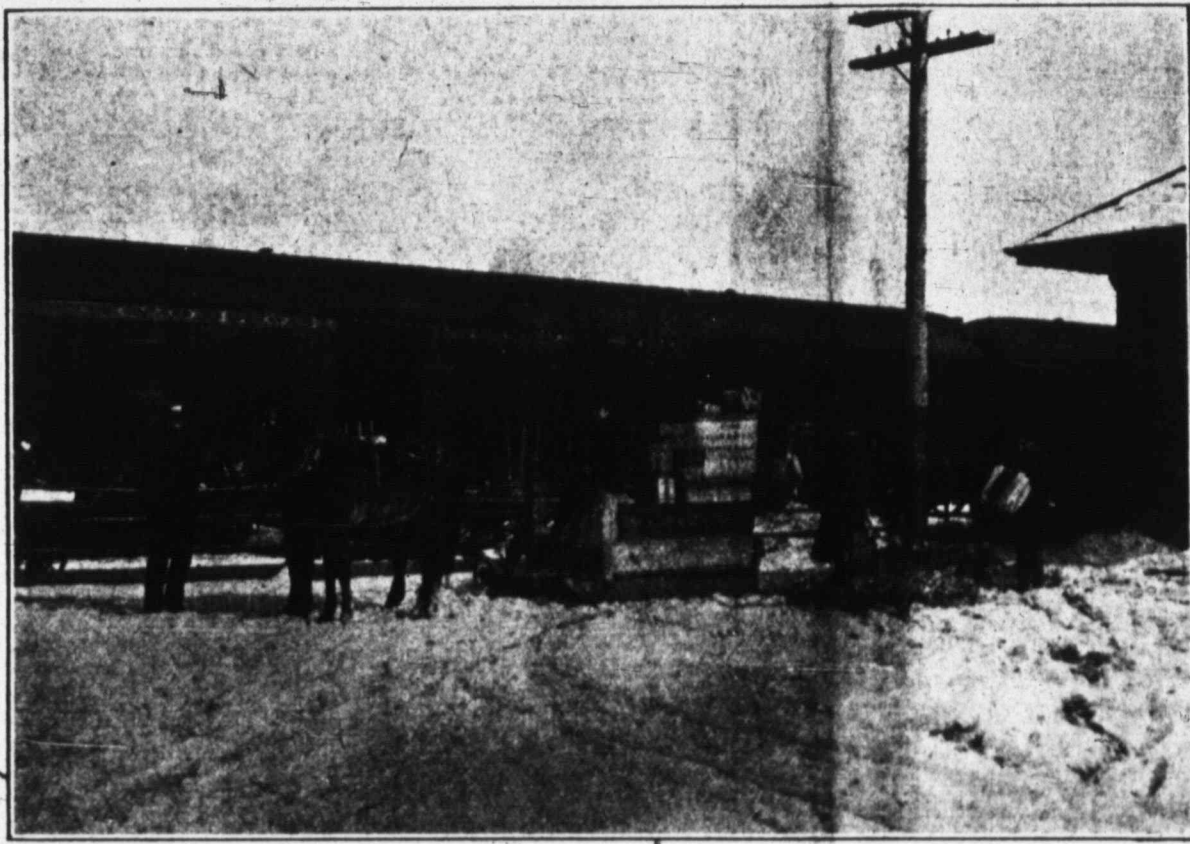
CANNOT REACH VERDICT IN NIGHT RIDER CASES

By Associated Press. Union City, Tenn., Dec. 19.—The jury in the case of Johnson and Clear, the alleged night riders, charged with the murder of Quentin Rankin, came into court this morning and announced that they were unable to agree upon a verdict. The court directed the jury to retire for further deliberation.

STATEMENT FROM ROME.

Vatican Had Nothing to Do With the Leopold-Vaughan Wedding.

By Associated Press. Rome, Dec. 18.—It was stated officially today that the Vatican had nothing to do with the morgatic marriage of the late King Leopold and Baroness Vaughan.



SCENE AT DEPOT DURING WICHITA FALLS' LAST BIG SNOW.

BURNETT WRITES REPLY TO TIMES

REBUKES INSINUATIONS HE ALLEGES APPEARED REGARDING HIS CONDUCT WEDNESDAY.

ANOTHER LETTER SHOWN

Commissioner Wrote to Judge Yeager on December 14th Regarding His Attitude.

Burkburnett, Texas, Dec. 16, 1909. The Times Publishing Co., Wichita Falls, Texas.

Sirs: I read your article in the issue of the 15th inst., regarding my absence at the call meeting of the Commissioner's Court for December 15th, and in view of the unwarranted insinuations cast at me in this article, I feel in justification to my friends and myself that it is my duty to reply:

I wish to state that I was at the Court House on the morning of the 15th inst., at the time the Court was supposed to convene. Mr. Dale and myself were there together, and did not leave the Court House until about the usual time for dinner.

I was not requested to meet in the afternoon of that day, and supposed that Mr. Dale was going to leave on the 1:30 Denver train. I did not see Mr. McClesky or Mr. Thomas, but in the afternoon I heard they were in town.

Now, I wish to state that I was on the streets of Wichita Falls and in various business houses in the heart of the business district, all the time until about 2:30 o'clock when I left for home.

Relative to my being 'captured by the opposing forces' and taken for a spin out of the city' there is not one word of truth in that statement.

It appears from this article that I am the only commissioner that did not request this call for December 15th, and it is a fact that I did not, and if any one wishes to know my reasons, WHICH ARE GOOD ONES, as I see the proposition, if they will apply to me I will cheerfully explain.

Yours respectfully,
W. S. BURNETT,

County Com. Precinct No. 2.

The Times will state in its own defence, that if did not say that Mr. Burnett was 'captured by the opposing forces' and taken for a spin in the country.' It only stated that there were rumors to that effect, and that after a diligent search he nor Commissioner Thomas could be found.

But why beat around the bush? If you, as a county commissioner, came to Wichita Falls on the 15th with the intention of attending a special meeting of the commissioners' court, why was it you wrote the following letter to Judge Yeager, under date of the 14th?

Wichita Falls, Tex., Dec. 14th, 1909. Hon. M. F. Yeager, County Judge, Wichita Falls, Texas.

Dear Sir:—I think it would be inadvisable to have any special election called that would distract the minds of the people during the holidays, and, if it is possible to do so, I would like to have the special meeting of the

Commissioners' Court postponed until the middle of January, or near that time.

If any of the other Commissioners' withdraw their request for the meeting tomorrow, I would like to have you withdraw the call for the 15th of December and substitute a call for the 15th of January. Yours truly,
W. S. BURNETT.

WICHITA FOUNDRY GETS ANOTHER BIG CONTRACT

The Wichita Foundry and Machine Company's business is growing very rapidly, and on yesterday it closed a contract with the Fort Worth and Denver road to do all its brass work which amounts to approximately \$3000 per month. This concern already has a contract with the Denver for its iron work. In addition to the Denver's work this enterprising concern is doing the brass and iron work for the Gulf, Texas and Western, which runs from Olney to Jacksboro. By the first of January the management will have on its regular pay roll at least forty men.

CREEL SAYS MEXICO IS NOT UPHOLDING ZELAYA

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—Enrique Creel, confidential agent of the Mexican government, in a statement to the Associated Press today, said that Mexico had not made any representations to the state department upholding the Zelaya administration.

The relations between the United States and Mexico, he said, had never been at a higher cordial standard, and the issue of Nicaragua was too small an affair to change the policy of the people of the two great republics.

J. W. WATSON DEAD.

Falls Down Postoffice Steps at Abilene and is Killed.

Abilene, Tex., Dec. 18.—Captain J. W. Watson, for many years government weather observer here, aged sixty-two and next to the oldest man in the service, was instantly killed this morning by falling down the basement steps of the government building. His head struck the cement floor and his skull was fractured. His wife found the body half an hour later.

DR. COOK REPORTED TO HAVE FAILED IN HIS EFFORT TO PRODUCE PROOF

By Associated Press. Copenhagen, Dec. 18.—The Associated Press correspondent is informed by a high authority that the committee of the University of Copenhagen, in looking over the preliminary records of Dr. Cook, failed to discover proof that he had reached the north pole.

The consistency of the university was in executive session this morning and the preliminary report of the committee was received and examined. A heated discussion followed the reading of the report.

While no definite information is available as to the nature of the preliminary report, it is very persistently rumored that so far as showing that

LUMBER RATE CASE POSTPONED TODAY

RAILROAD COMMISSION PUT IT OFF UNTIL COTTON MATTER IS ATTENDED TO.

CONTROVERSY PROMISED

R. A. Thompson of Wichita Falls, Appointed to Investigate Lumber Tap Roads.

By Associated Press. Austin, Tex., Dec. 18.—A big fight which has been on between the Texas sawmill owners, who are seeking a reduction of the freight rates on lumber, and the Farmers' Union of Texas, who are demanding lower freight rates on cotton, was assured today, when the Texas Railroad Commission postponed the lumber rate hearing until February 7th.

This is ten days after the complaint of the Farmers' Union is scheduled to be heard before the commission.

The officials of the union attempted to prevent the commissioners consideration of the proposed emergency rates on lumber, on the grounds of the priority of their claims before the commission.

There is little doubt that the sawmill men will make a fight to have the cotton rate hearing's date advanced until their needs can be given attention first and the controversy is looming up.

R. A. Thompson, formerly chief engineer for the railroad commission, now connected with the Wichita Falls and Northwestern Railway at Wichita Falls, has been appointed to investigate the ownership of the lumber tap lines.

Are Charged With Murder.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 18.—Warrants were issued today against Dr. Doxey and wife, charging them with the death of William Erder, who died here in last July.

Pension Commissioner Dead.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 18.—Green B. Baum, former commissioner of pensions, died at his home in this city today, after an illness of several weeks. He was eighty years of age.

LYNCH IS PRESIDENT.

Chief of Empire State Will Head National League.

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 18.—Thomas Lynch of Cincinnati, was elected president of the National League today. He was former chief of the staff of umpire Heydler was elected secretary-treasurer.

WILL OFFER REWARD.

Texarkana Citizens Want Meagher's Slayer Captured.

By Associated Press. Texarkana, Tex., Dec. 18.—Rewards from the state and citizens of Texarkana will be offered for the capture of the murderers of Mike Meagher, the wealthy banker who was killed in San Antonio, if the request to be forwarded Governor Campbell by the local Board of Trade is granted.

Meagher left an estate of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars to the city for a charity hospital. The citizens are determined to apprehend the murderers and will raise a reward fund to that end.

ARRAIGNED IN COURT.

Mother and Aunt of Bath Tub Mystery Victim Under Arrest.

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 18.—Mrs. Caroline Martin and Mrs. Mary Sneed, mother and aunt, respectively, of the East Orange bath tub victim, were arraigned today in court charged with complicity in the alleged murder.

Mrs. Caroline Martin, mother of Okey Sneed, created a scene in the Toms police court today when she was arraigned on the charge of murder. When denied permission to make a statement, she declared she would have her rights and was led screaming from the court room.

HAVE GIVEN UP HOPE.

Relatives of Kellner Girl Do Not Hope To See Her Again.

By Associated Press. Louisville, Ky., Dec. 18.—The relatives of Alma Kellner, who disappeared on December 7th, as well as the police, have given up hope of seeing her again, dead or alive. Not a clue developed during the night and the case is destined to become one of the many similar unsolved mysteries of crime.

TAFT AT FUNERAL.

Brother's Wife Died Yesterday at Watertown, Conn.

Watertown, Conn., Dec. 18.—President Taft arrived here this morning from Washington and was met at the station by members of his family.

The president went to the home of his brother, Horace Taft. He will attend the funeral of his brother's wife this afternoon and will leave tonight for Washington.

FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND FIRE LOSS AT DUBLIN

By Associated Press. Dublin, Tex., Dec. 18.—An early morning fire of unknown origin today destroyed seven buildings in the heart of the business section of Dublin, causing a total loss of forty-five thousand dollars.

The blaze originated at 4 o'clock in Bower's restaurant, and, fanned by a stiff norther, rapidly spread to the Dublin National Bank building, causing an individual loss of five thousand dollars.

Low water pressure crippled the efforts of the fire department and the entire row of buildings were soon on fire.

The individual losses, all partially insured, were as follows:
Bowers Bros., \$1,500.
Dublin Music Company, \$2,500.
Dublin National Bank, \$5,000.
Dublin Saddlery Company, stock \$10,000.

Loss on building, \$11,000.
M. Cagney, \$6,000.
Higginbotham Hardware and Furniture Company, \$4,000.

COUNTY TEACHERS MEET AND GET DOWN TO WORK.

The Wichita County Teachers' Institute began its work at 1 o'clock this afternoon at the court house, with about twenty-five teachers in attendance on the first day, but a number more are expected in by Monday.

Organization and enrollment occupied most of the institute's time up to 3 o'clock. The welcoming address on behalf of Wichita Falls was delivered by Hon. L. H. Mathis in his usual unctuous style, the response being made by Prof. A. B. Crane of Electra.

The absence of some of the participants will probably necessitate the abridging of this afternoon's program, but many of the papers will be read according to program.

Do not fail to phone us your orders for Xmas trees. Spruce Pine trees for the little ones. 432 and 232. 187-St. Nutt, Stevens & Hardemann.

COLD WEATHER ALL OVER NORTH TEXAS

THE THERMOMETER HOVERS AROUND ZERO, LOWEST IN YEARS AT MANY POINTS.

SNOWFALL IS GENERAL

Winter Wheat Benefitted Through Section Visited—Getting Warmer Toward Noon.

By Associated Press. Fort Worth, Dec. 18.—Three inches of snow, high winds and the temperature at nineteen degrees above zero this morning, combined in breaking all winter records here for the last ten years. Snow was drifted a foot deep in many places by a stiff norther. The temperature is still falling. Wire reports received this morning from the United States Weather Bureau here, show a snow fall and low temperature to be general over the northern half of Texas.

By Associated Press. Amarillo, Tex., Dec. 18.—The upper Panhandle this morning is gripped by the coldest weather of the year, with four inches of snow on the ground. The temperature registered eight above zero this morning. The snowfall drifted, which seriously impedes railroad traffic.

By Associated Press. Childress, Tex., Dec. 18.—Low temperature records for recent years were broken here this morning when the mercury registered seventeen degrees above zero. Three inches of snow fell during the night and light flurries continue today.

By Associated Press. Waco, Tex., Dec. 18.—The ground is covered with fine sleet this morning, following a sudden drop in the temperature to twenty-one degrees during the night.

By Associated Press. Sherman, Tex., Dec. 18.—Four inches of snow fell over Grayson county last night and today, and the blizzard continues. It is a boon to the winter wheat crop.

By Associated Press. Denison, Tex., Dec. 18.—Six inches of snow has fallen over this vicinity since midnight, the heaviest in many years. The downfall commenced at 9 o'clock this morning.

By Associated Press. Waxahatchie, Tex., Dec. 18.—The thermometer registered twenty degrees above zero here this morning. A light snow covers the ground.

PRELIMINARY REPORT.

University of Copenhagen Still Busy On Cook Records.

By Associated Press. Copenhagen, Dec. 18.—The Consistory of the University of Copenhagen at a secret session today received the preliminary report covering the first stage of the work of the committee which is examining the North Pole records of Dr. Frederick Cook. An excited discussion followed. The committee has not completed its investigation.

Real Estate Transfers.

J. M. Witte and wife to W. H. Childson and A. W. Racht, 320 acres of section 6, Tarrant County school lands; \$8,000.

W. E. Brothers and wife to J. C. Hunt, part of lots 1, 2 and 3, block 279; \$2900.

VASSAR GIRLS HEROINES IN LAKE SHORE WRECK

By Associated Press. Cleveland, Dec. 18.—Five persons are dead as a result of a collision between a Lake Shore passenger train and a switch engine here early today. Ten passengers were bruised, but were able to continue their journey. The dead and injured were half members of the crews of the two trains.

A party of Vassar College girls on their way home for the holidays were among the passengers and they at once plunged into the work of aiding the injured, the crew of the switch engine being pinned beneath the wreckage. The passenger train was overturned, carrying the crew underneath. Engineer Burns and an unknown man died this morning.

WICHITA THEATRE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 8:30 P. M.

Here's the biggest bargain of the season. That phenomenal musical comedy success of all time. :: :: :: ::

LITTLE JOHNNY JONES

PLAY AND ALL THE MUSIC BY GEO. M. COHAN

50—Singing and Dancing Players—50
The Jim Dandy Chorus—Oh, Sponge Cake, Sing Too

Watch for the Famous

AMERICAN GIRLS MUSIC, LAUGHTER, GIRLS

Seats on Sale at **BEAN & HUEY'S** TELEPHONE 358

PRICES—Parquet, 1st 10 rows \$1.50; last 8, \$1; Balcony, 1st 3 rows \$1; next 3, 75c; last 5, 50c; Gallery, 25c. :: :: :: :: :: :: ::

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 8:30 P. M.

THE MERRIEST OF ALL MUSICAL FANTASIES

The GINGERBREAD Man

59 In The Matchless Company 59

Including such well known artists as Ross Snow, Carrick Major, Wally Helston, Emmet O'Connor, Rose Murray, Helen Keers, Inez Girard, Lute Vrohman and others. Scenery, Costumes and Electrical effects of the utmost splendor. A multitude of emphatic Song Hits; they will linger in your memory. A Medley of Mirth, Melody and Magnificence.



SEATS ON SALE MONDAY

PRICES — Parquet, 1st 10 rows, \$1.50; last 8 rows, \$1; Balcony, 1st 6 rows \$1; last 5 rows, 75c; Gallery, 25c. Don't fail to see the Little Gingerbread Men at the Cream Bakery.

SOME SIDELIGHTS ON THE LATE KING LEOPOLD OF BELGIUM

Restrospect Not Pleasing But Dead King Had Many Good Traits--Business Ability Placed Nation in Lead Financially

The death of King Leopold II, of Belgium, marks the close of one of the most picturesque careers in the history of European royalty. In this eccentric monarch the cruel traits, the love of sensual pleasures and insane extravagances of the rulers of ancient Rome were combined with the shrewd business tactics of the modern financier.

Leopold was the son of King Leopold I, and Princess Louise, and grandson of Louis Philippe, citizen king of the French.

He was born in 1835 and at the age of 11 was created Duke of Brabant. In 1853, when he was but 18 years of age, he married Maria Henrietta, of Austria, daughter of Emperor Joseph. But the match was an unhappy one. His wife was of a religious turn of mind, while the young prince was very fond of the pleasures of life. The indignities which he heaped upon the woman, following his ascension to the throne in 1865, broke her heart, and indirectly caused her death in September, 1902.

The royal couple had one son, Leopold, who died at the age of 10, and three daughters, Princess Stephanie, Princess Louise and Princess Clementine.

The first two mentioned of the daughters inherited something of their father's nature, and their escapades have been matters of public knowledge for a decade.

Princess Disowned.

Princess Stephanie, who married Count Lonjay, following the tragic death of her first husband, Crown Prince Rudolph of Austria, was disowned and driven from the palace by her father.

Louise, his second daughter, who had been shamefully treated by her husband, Prince Philip of Saxe-Coburg, ran away with a Hungarian officer and was later incarcerated in a lunatic asylum. She is now eking out a miserable existence in Paris.

Princess Clementine, the youngest, was her father's favorite. She is an extremely pious girl and was her mother's constant companion. When Leopold, after Queen Marie's death married the Baroness de Vaughan, his morganatic wife, and established her in a magnificent residence opposite the royal palace it was too much for the

Princess. She left home and went to live with friends at Spa.

His Earlier Days.

Leopold's earlier days, however, were comparatively tame, but his cold-blooded selfishness and neglect of his wife so disgusted his father, Leopold I, that on his death in 1865, he divided the greater part of his vast estate between his younger son, Philip, Count of Flanders, and his daughter, Charlotte, empress of Mexico, and wife of the ill-fated Maximilian.

The accession of the throne of Leopold II, was the signal for the realization of his avaricious ambitions and sensual pleasures.

His political sagacity and recognized business ability soon placed Belgium far ahead of any other nation of its size, financially. But the question of state did not by any means monopolize his attention, and his frequent escapades in Paris and London soon won for him the title of Europe's merriest monarch.

He was the acknowledged friend of female companions who were well-known figures in the Parisian cafes. Several of them attained world-wide notoriety owing to their association with this pleasure-loving monarch, who lavished money upon them and covered them with expensive jewels.

His Lifelong Axiom.

One of the first of these was Clara Ward, then Princess Chimay and an American girl. Leopold became smitten with her in Paris and invited her to his palace. But Queen Marie was at that time vigorous enough to protest and she drove the king's fair companion from the door.

But one of Leopold's favorite axioms was, 'variety is the spice of life,' and he was soon madly in love with Cleo de Merode, a famous danseuse. He even went so far as to present her with a string of the queen's pearls, which caused her majesty to grieve so deeply that she attempted suicide. A servant, who chanced to enter the royal apartment at an unexpected moment took the halter from the queen's hands and prevented her from hanging herself.

But after that episode the queen was never herself again. Her spirit was broken and she became melancholy.

Worry to Officials.

The king's prolonged pleasure trips were at times the cause of grave concern among the government officials. In one instance, when his majesty had been absent for some time and the Brussels cabinet was beginning to despair of ever seeing him again, a dispatch appeared in a newspaper to the effect that the king and his three daughters had arrived in a Mediterranean port aboard the royal yacht, where they were received with all the honor due their rank.

The real daughters, however, happened to be at the Palace Laeken at the time, and they were forced to remain indoors until the return of their father. The women masquerading as the king's daughters were three Parisian ballet girls.

These escapades were the cause of constant sorrow on the part of the pious queen, and resulted in numerous estrangements. She finally died on Sept. 19, 1902, following an attack of syncope. At the time of her death King Leopold was in France and had to be sent for.

The Baroness Vaughan.

Soon after his wife's death, Leopold became entangled in another love affair, which has been the most severely criticized of his many amours.

The woman in the case was Caroline Lacroix, whose parents were janitors in Paris. She was known as the Baroness Vaughan, and so infatuated did the king become with her that he established her in a beautiful home called the Villa Flora, directly opposite his palace and compelled the state to legalize their marriage.

This woman exercised a greater control over the fickle king than any of her predecessors, and she was treated with far more consideration than any member of the royal family. She bore him two sons, and the question as to whether the oldest of these would be Leopold's successor instead of his nephew, Count Flanders, has been the cause for grave concern.

Showered Priceless Gifts.

The priceless gifts which Leopold showered on this woman and the magnificence of her surroundings, have been severely criticized by the Belgium press, and it has been rumored many times that the king would be forced to

abdicate, if he persisted in his mad infatuation. Protests from several of his ministers proved of no avail, but only resulted in more extravagance. So great was the power of this woman that she had her brother created a baron by the king.

She is now about 31 years old, plump, but graceful, with a beautiful complexion and skin, and has quantities of chestnut hair. In character, it is said, she is haughty, sharp, irritable and fantastic. Her choice of words is small, for she has no education to speak of. She is exigent, however, about being treated with respect, and anyone in his majesty's entourage who failed in this, felt his displeasure.

Congo Horrors.

But Leopold's escapades with the denizens of the Parisian cafes, and the indignations which he heaped upon the several members of his family fell into insignificance when compared with the horrible atrocities committed at his instigation in the Congo Free State. The former revealed him as a selfish person without an atom of self-respect or decency, but the latter stamped him as the most inhuman and barbarous ruler of modern times.

Left comparatively poor, as a result of the wealth of his father, and realizing the limitations of a constitutional government, he conceived the idea of establishing an empire in Central Africa, where his word would be law.

At the conference of the world's powers held in Berlin in 1884 the charter of the Congo Free State was issued and Leopold was made emperor with the understanding that he would abolish slavery and cannibalism and defend the rights and property of the natives and open the heart of Central Africa to the commerce of the world.

Saw Great Wealth.

With his keen insight into commercial affairs he soon realized the enormous wealth that would result from the development of the rubber and ivory trade of his new domain. He immediately issued a proclamation, which took the land out of the hands of the natives and placed it in his own. In order to increase his revenues he then

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 duces the most milk and butter.
 Also, we keep the best grades
 of the Colorado coal, the coal that
 makes the least soot, and no cin-
 ders. Once tried always used.

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Xmas Goods!

Come to our store, let us show the
 nice Chinaware at prices lower
 than ever known, also have the
 White China for painting. These
 are beauties.

Get the little boys an Air Gun, we
 have them.

DO NOT FORGET OUR BUGGIES FROM \$50.00 UP
Implements in Proportion.

In fact, we are giving genuine bar-
 gains in everything.
 Come see for yourself.

Wilson Hardware Company

The Reznor and Wilson
GAS HEATING STOVES

The stove that heats the
 floor first, gives the
 most and best heat for
 the smallest consump-
 tion of gas. The Reznor
 is the stove to buy.
 We have them.

Kerr & Hursh

AMUSEMENTS

'Little Johnny Jones.'
 The next attraction at the Wichita
 Theatre will be 'Little Johnny Jones,'
 on December 21st.

An advance notice says:
 'The coming of 'Little Johnny
 Jones' to the Wichita Theatre, on
 Tuesday, December 21st is construed
 as an event by the legion of followers
 of that favorite playhouse. 'Little
 Johnny Jones' is one of the most suc-
 cessful musical comedies that has yet
 emanated from the pen of the gifted
 author-actor-playwright, Geo. M. Cohan
 and its success all over the country
 has been phenomenal. Its engage-
 ment at the Wichita Theatre bids fair
 to be a record breaker.'

This is the Number One 'Little
 Johnny Jones' Company, with a big
 cast of principals. Then, there is the
 chorus, the dear, delightful, bewitch-
 ing Cohan chorus, who are always
 good to look upon, who can really sing
 and who work with all the vim and fer-
 vor that ever characterizes a produc-
 tion presented under the Cohan ban-
 ner. Then, there are two car loads
 of elaborate and exquisite scenic, elec-
 trical and costume effects. In fact, it
 is quite within the bounds of reason
 to say that 'Little Johnny Jones' is
 the most thoroughly equipped, care-
 fully produced up-to-date musical comedy
 now en tour, numbering, all together,
 seventy-five singing and dancing co-
 medians and comediennees, and, in-
 cluding many of the names and play-
 ers who have assisted in its produc-
 tion since its initial production.
 Seats on sale.

'The Gingerbread Man.'
 Sloane & Ranken's pretty comic
 opera, 'The Gingerbread Man',
 which created such a vogue last season



'Candy Cads' in the GINGER BREAD MAN.

will be presented at The Wichita The-
 atre, Wednesday, December 22nd, with
 the same admirable cast, the same
 charming ensemble, and the same fine
 production that embellished it on its
 previous visit. 'The Gingerbread
 Man' made a lasting impression on
 our theatre goers, and many there are
 that will be glad to see it again. Too
 much of a good thing is never a sur-
 feit, and who shall say that we will
 get too much of 'The Gingerbread
 Man'? Good musical plays seem to
 be a little scarce this year, and as mu-
 sical shows are the most expensive
 entangling as they do, a large number
 of people, and more expense than the
 ordinary dramatic show, it leads man-
 agers of this class of production to think
 twice before sending them en tour;
 hence, their scarcity. Probably there
 is no form of amusement that has a
 better appealing quality than comic
 opera. It is acceptable to all classes
 and has the faculty of pleasing by
 virtue of its variety where things dra-
 matic fail. Music at all times has
 charms, especially such music as A.
 Baldwin Sloane furnishes, and his mel-
 odies have a quality that are undeni-
 able. He is probably one of our most
 successful composers and according to
 the public his works are always in de-
 mand. The cast this year includes
 such clever people as Ross Snow, Wm.
 Cameron, Wally Helsted, Garrick Ma-
 jor, Lute Vrohman, Inez Girard, Rose
 Murry and Helen Keers. Many of
 these were in the company last season
 and will no doubt be remembered for
 their excellent work. Messrs. Sloane
 & Ranken have added a few numbers
 to the piece, and some interpolations
 have been made that have greatly ad-
 ded to the performance; the produc-
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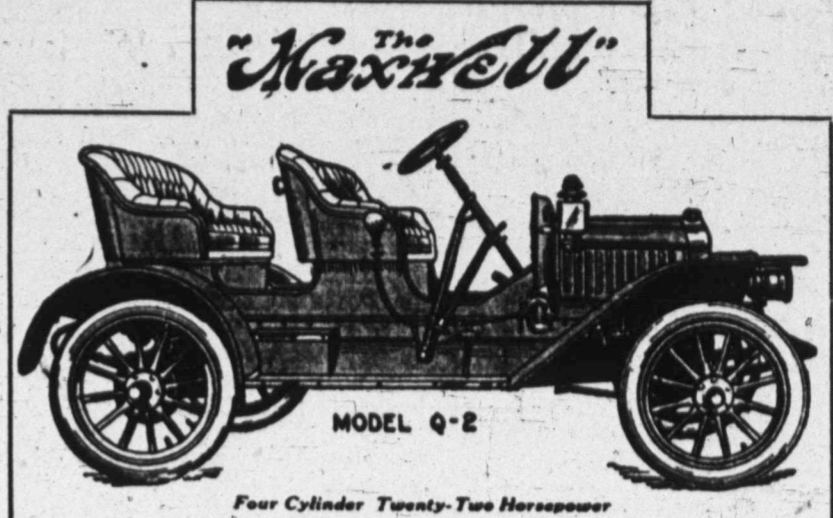
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Condition of Bank at Close of Business November 16, 1909

RESOURCES	
Bills Receivable	\$271,767.50
U. S. Bonds and Stocks	79,375.10
Banking House	16,600.00
Cash and Exchange	124,391.47
Total	\$592,133.87
LIABILITIES	
Capital	\$ 75,000.00
Surplus and Profits	74,153.28
National Bank Notes	75,000.00
Deposits	367,980.61
Total	\$592,133.87

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John Gould City Editor

Wichita Falls, Texas, Dec. 18th, 1909.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For Wichita Falls and vicinity.
—Tonight, fair. Sunday, fair, not so cold.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For Judge 30th Judicial District
P. A. MARTIN.

For District Attorney, 30th Judicial District.
S. M. FOSTER.

Some of the papers of this senatorial district advocate J. A. Kemp of Wichita Falls as the proper person to succeed Veale in the State Senate.—Vernon Call.

Well, what do you think of the suggestion? Wichita Falls has never had the honor of furnishing this district with its representative in the State Senate, and she is beginning to think it is her time.

Let's start to work in 1910 to make 1911 the biggest convention year ever. Lots of state meetings are being held at way stations that could accomplish something if held in a good town.

And next Christmas we'll be eating our own vegetables from that two thousand acre irrigated truck patch they are fixing in Wichita Falls' back yard.

It looks like adding insult to injury for the January magazines, with "New Year" covers, to arrive in the middle of the Christmas shopping season.

There is just enough snow today to make life miserable for the man who failed to do his Christmas shopping early, and we are glad of it.

Zelaya's recent utterances, straightforward and clean cut as they seem to be, would best be taken with a good deal of something else as a chaser.

When a live bunch gets together in a live town, its more than likely that the results are to be of a pretty lively order, too.

Maybe it would pay the legislature to take the courts into confidence a little before passing any more laws.

How'll you have your snowballs this afternoon.

Mrs. S. M. Ramsey.

Mrs. S. M. Ramsey died at her home in Lakewood addition at 8 o'clock this morning, aged 33 years.

She is survived by a husband and three small children, in destitute circumstances, the husband being confined to his room with tuberculosis, the same disease which resulted in the death of his wife.

The deceased was a member of the Presbyterian church. The funeral services will be held from the family residence tomorrow morning at 10:30, by Rev. J. L. McKee.

Notice.

Dr. C. Y. Murff, late of Dallas, will have charge of my office during my absence. All work entrusted to him will be cared for promptly.

187-3a DR. J. S. NELSON.

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF	
First State Bank & Trust Company	
Wichita Falls, Texas.	
At the close of business Nov. 16, 1909.	
RESOURCES.	
Loans and Discounts	\$172,415.87
Bills of Exchange, Cotton	23,246.48
Furniture and Fixtures	4,437.13
Cash, on hand	19,495.32
Due from Banks (4,290.25)	60,800.78
	\$280,895.58
LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock	\$ 75,000.00
Surplus	5,000.00
Undivided Profits	4,868.26
Deposits	175,927.32
	\$260,895.58
The above statement is correct	
T. C. THATCHER, Cashier.	

VARIED VIEWS OF POLITICS.

It was downright, mean in Davidson and Brooks to resign. It is not expected of Mr. Colquitt; the prospects will hardly warrant it.—Liberty Hill Index.

Johnson is an out and out State-wider, Colquitt is an out and out anti, and Davidson is a submissionist with anti leanings. Pick your choice, gentlemen.—Palestine Herald.

The boosting of Attorney General Davidson as candidate for Governor by the Campbell administration proceeds in due form, and Cone Johnson begins to feel a little nervous.—Shiner Gazette.

An east Texas exchange asks: Does a man know when he is dead? Too previous; wait until the close of the campaign and ask some of the gubernatorial candidates.—San Angelo Standard.

From all indications at this time the pros and antipros are going to have one of the hottest political fights ever pulled off in this State before the conventions begin to assemble next summer.—Laredo Times.

Judge Brooks is now catching it from the organs. We knew he would stir up the hornets' nests when he jumped on their candidates. Judge they don't seem to think as much of you now as when you were all homologating together up at Denver.—Waxahachie Light.

Governor Campbell will go down in history as the greatest appointive executive Texas ever had. Besides the many new jobs created under his administration, all the holders of big jobs seem determined to resign their office. If Governor Campbell's administration is a failure it surely is his fault.—Garland News.

There is little doubt that there was too much fanaticism in the State-wide prohibition campaign in Alabama, and hence the rebuke from the people who are, no doubt many of them, against the liquor traffic. In the history of the world, fanaticism has caused almost as much bloodshed as has red liquor.—Devine News.

Mr. Colquitt says he was Hogg's friend when Hogg needed friends. Regardless of whether Mr. Colquitt's candidacy be looked on with favor or disfavor, it may be pertinent to remark that the statement that James Hogg ever lacked friends in Texas is something new under the sun, even if Solomon could find nothing of that nature. Mr. Colquitt should revise his interviews before allowing them to go to the printer.—Amarillo Panhandle.

See W. F. Jourdan for any and all kinds of city, farm and ranch property.

TWO-INCH SNOW IS COVERING GROUND

HEAVIEST FALL SINCE 1904 CAME LAST NIGHT IN THIS SECTION OF THE STATE.

LARGE SECTION VISITED

Extends From Panhandle Well Down into North Texas—Fall Ceased This Morning.

Beginning last night at 11:20 and continuing almost without intermission until 7:40 this morning, snow fell through this section of the state and today the world is white from Amarillo to Fort Worth. The snow is the heaviest in this city since 1904 and is probably the most general in territory that ever visited this section.

When the snow ceased falling this morning, its depth ranged from two to two and a half inches. The fall was not accompanied by wind and was packed hard, making sleighing enjoyable for those who were equipped for it.

The Denver southbound No. 8 was delayed by the snow and did not reach here until 8 o'clock this morning. The heating apparatus on the cars was not working and the passengers were glad to get out and snowball each other to get some warm blood back into their systems. The street car traffic also suffered and the first few cars around this morning had a difficult time of it. The Lake car had to plow through several miniature drifts and looked like Santa Claus' sleigh when it finally got back from its trip.

The thermometer registered twelve above zero at six o'clock this morning, but by nine o'clock had climbed to twenty-five, the weather getting warmer quite rapidly.

This is Wichita Falls second snow in the past two weeks. On Wednesday of last week, there was about three-quarters of an inch of snow, which was dissipated, however, under the influence of the sun. A snow this early in the year is decidedly unusual for this section and two of them were never registered in December before.

Today's snow is the heaviest since 1904, when enough snow fell to make sleighing good for over a week. Some of the experiences enjoyed during that time are still fresh in the minds of Wichitans and the photograph reproduced on this page shows an improvised sleigh getting baggage from the Denver train at the depot.

C. A. Winfrey headquarters for Xmas cards. 186-tfc

TWO POEMS THAT HAVE AROUSED TWO NATIONS

This is the Poem that Stirred All England.

"The Woman With the Serpent's Tongue."
She is not old, she is not young,
The Woman with the Serpent's tongue
The haggard cheek, the hungering eye,
The poisoned words that wildly fly,
The famished face, the fevered hand—
Who slights the worthiest of the land,
Sneers at the just, contemns the brave,
And blackens goodness in its grave.

In truthful numbers be she sung,
The Woman with the Serpent's tongue
Concerning whom, Fate hints at things
Told but in shrugs and whisperings:
Ambitious from her natal hour,
And scheming all her life for power;
With little left of seemly pride;
With venomous fangs she cannot hide;
Who half makes love to you today,
Tomorrow gives her guest away.
Burnt up within by that strange-soul
She cannot slake, or yet control;
Malignant lipp'd, unkind, unsweet;
Past all example indiscreet;
Hectic, and always overstrung—
The Woman with the Serpent's tongue.

To think that such as she can mar
Names that among the nobles are,
That hands like hers can touch the
springs
That moves who knows what men and
things?
That on her will their fates have
hung!—
The Woman with the Serpent's tongue.
—William Watson.

This is the Poem that Aroused Watson to Fight.

Was it a woman bore this thing,
Made out of words, to sneer and sing?
A thing of words to scan and scan,
Yet dares to sign himself a man!
He's growing old, he is not young—
The Poet with the Coward's Tongue.
Was it a woman long ago
Went through the fires of her young
womb

To bear this man who sings this song,
The Poet with the Coward's Tongue?
In truthful numbers he be sung!
The Poet with the Coward's Tongue—
Made out of words to sneer and sing!
A thing of words, a paper thing,
A little book of classic song—
The Poet with the Coward's Song.
Think not the woman he betrayed—
Name all unknown—is thus portrayed;
Poor poet starved for her strange eyes,
Despair tells all of us strange lies,
But there's an answer to his song—
O, Woman with the Serpent's Tongue
O Poet with the Coward's Tongue
Come to New York, and you shall know
O, Singer of the Coward's Song—
His fate who sings a woman so!
Come to New York and face the men
Who sing not, yet whose life is song,
Because they love their women and
would die—

Rather than tell a William Watson lie
About a woman—even in a song—
O, Poet with the Coward's Tongue!
Envoil.
Was he a 'guest' who dares to wrong
His hostess in so foul a song?
O, Poet with the Coward's Tongue.
—Richard Le Gallienne.

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SOME SIDELIGHTS ON LEOPOLD OF BELGIUM

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established the famous concessionaire system. This consisted of a number of companies, all of which the king was interested in, being granted the sole right to "purchase" rubber, ivory and other products from the natives.

This step, it is claimed has been responsible for all the inhuman cruelties practiced in that section of the dark continent, and the idea was conceived by one of his fair Parisian companions, in order that her royal lover could supply her with more jewels. It won for her the appellation of the "Queen of Congo."

Worked for Quick Results.
In order to obtain quicker results, Leopold called a conference in Brussels in 1889 and secured permission to raise an army of 18,000 under the pretext of putting down the arab slave trade. The army was recruited from the most ferocious tribes of Africa, many of them being cannibals.

The natives were then compelled to bring in a certain amount of rubber and ivory every day, and when they failed, they were beaten and tortured and very often murdered. A favorite system of torture was the cutting off of the hands of boys and girls who failed to do the work prescribed.

Revenue in Millions.
In this way the revenue increased at an astonishing rate and was estimated as high as \$10,000,000 a year. But at what a horrible cost! The population was decreased from 25,000,000 to 15,000,000, the missing 10,000,000 having been burned or tortured to death or otherwise extinguished.

A well organized press bureau with headquarters in the principal cities of the world kept these facts a secret for many years, and the only inkling of the horrible crimes that were being perpetrated leaked out from time to time through some missionaries.

Like Nero's Persecution.

These tales read like the stories of Nero's persecution of the Christians, and were almost too horrible to be credited. One told of the case of a young native girl, who was flogged almost to death. The welts on her body were then smeared with honey and she was left to the mercy of the ants and other insects, which swarmed over her body, while the intense heat of the tropical sun added to her torture.

Another described the slaughter of the population of an entire village for failing to comply with the demands of the Belgium officials.

The men and women were slaughtered like sheep and the butchers feasted on the remains of their victims. Then to prove that he had accomplished his work, the chief cut off the right hands of the victims and took them to headquarters.

Civilization Awakens.

These gruesome tales finally reached civilization and at the beginning of the present century a movement was started to bring this notorious monarch's reign to an end. Since then blood curdling tales of the horrible conditions in Congo have been written by travelers, journalists and missionaries, and finally public opinion became so inflamed that a movement was made to appoint an international commission.

The wily Leopold objected to this and appointed a commission to his own liking. The members of this body reached Congo in October, 1904, and made a five months' tour of the interior. Their report, however, was not issued until a year later, as the facts were so obvious and were given such wide publicity, the commission was compelled, to a certain extent, to describe the existing conditions.

World Horrified.

The civilized world was horrified at the bare facts and vigorous efforts were made to have resolutions passed by the congress of the United States and the English parliament, calling for a further inquiry.

This step revealed another scandal, for it developed that the crafty monarch had a well paid lobby in Washington who were doing their utmost to prevent congressional action.

It was also learned that Leopold had granted valuable concession to a number of American capitalists in the rubber territory of the Congo.

Through the efforts of the Congo Reform Association, however, Leopold's rule was finally brought to an end in August, 1908, and the Congo was annexed as a Belgian colony.

According to present reports, the improvement under the new regime had not been as great as was expected, but it is vastly better than that of Leopold, who used it solely to obtain money at the cost of millions of human lives.

Leopold's rule of his own state, however, has been rather creditable. He has beautified the city of Brussels and made Belgium a financial power. Possessing a highly artistic temperament, his residence at Laeken, Spa, Brussels and Villefranche are

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Favorite Hobby.

One of his favorite hobbies was the collection of rare plants from all over the world and the conservatories at Laeken are famous all over Europe. Another was the collection of Japanese pagodas. He gathered them of all shapes and sizes from the miniature creations of the beautiful Japanese art to the great structure, which stands in the park at Laeken.

But while Leopold indulged in all sorts of extravagances to satisfy his own desires, he was extremely miserly

in providing even the necessities of life for his family. The queen was compelled to live on a miserable pittance, her royal spouse having seized her fortune when they were married. He took over the estates of his children on the death of the queen, and they were compelled to resort to the courts to obtain even a part of their fortune.

But in his last days this despot reaped the harvest he had so willingly sown. Deserted by his friends, he was left to his own sad and bitter reflections. He sold most of his magnificent estates and made many attempts to sell his palatial yachts.

The scathing articles that have appeared in the American and English press, as a result of the Congo investigation, caused the few royal personages who used to tolerate him, to

shun his society altogether. Thus perished Europe's "merriest monarch." And nothing remains to mark his reign except the ghastly monument of skeletons and maimed human beings in the Congo Free State.

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If we made this Christmas the children's day in America we would not need to give the elaborate gifts we had planned. Those fifty dollars that were to go for a gift to some one, who perhaps already had more than they had thought of this world's goods, would make fifty children happy. And then, if we begin giving our gifts just to make people happy and not because we ought, we will find the spirit of Santa Claus coming into our hearts. Then when the children ask us, "Is there a Santa Claus?" we can answer with all the feeling of strong conviction, "There is a Santa Claus." We may not see him for he steals through the tiniest crevices, this "Spirit of Goodwill" that travels the whole world at Christmas tide. And for our imaginative realists, the children, we say, "Yes, he must be jolly for he makes every one happy and the joy that comes shining through our eyes. He must be 'lively and quick,' for, how else could he fill all the stockings in one short night. In fact, when we try to give form and personality to this 'Spirit of Goodwill,' we find in our hearts and begin to give to the children the Santa Claus of song and story. We find ourselves growing in love with the old traditional Santa Claus and he has more meaning for us as we try to look at him with the children's eyes.

"His eyes, how they twinkled,
His dimples, how merry,
His cheeks were like roses,
His nose like a cherry;
His droll little mouth
Was drawn like a bow
And the beard on his chin
Was as white as the snow."
He was jolly and plump, a right jolly old elf;
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself.

But we must not stop with the Santa Claus idea. To make the Christmas a real children's Christmas we must go back to the very first Christmas and watch with the simple shepherd folk, the coming of the light beyond the silent hills and hear the angel's song. We may sing with the children:
"Oh, little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie,
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight."
And the hope and fear of all the years will come into our hearts.
The climax comes on Christmas day or Christmas eve when we give the children the glory of the Christmas tree and tell them all the story of its symbolism. And even in the excitement of the gifts they receive, if we but see it ourselves, we can help the children to see the beauty of the shining tapers and the star on the very tip-top of the topmost branch.

To make this Christmas tide a children's Christmas, we must live with our children. Let them help us in hanging up our wreaths and greens, planning the goodies and in making everything bright and clean for this glad some day.

If we would we could and shall we not? And then even, if our bodies are tired, our hearts will not be, and who cares for an ache or a pain when the heart is light and we are brimming over with the sentiment—God bless us every one.

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'There has been an increase of perhaps 500,000,000 in the earth's population since 1750. This increase was not due to an increased birth rate, but rather, to the decreased death rate, secured by the progress of science and government. Under earlier conditions a famine, pestilence or war killed many persons and at the same time prevented many births.

'During the last half century this reciprocal relation has given place to a decrease in both death rate and in birth rate. The decline of the birth rate in the United States has probably been as rapid as in any country of Europe, and if it should continue unchecked for a century and a half, at the end of that time no births would take place.

'This sharp decrease was necessary in order to grip firmly and retain the benefits secured by the decline in the death rate. As no one believes that mankind will become immortal and so that births will not be needed, no one believes that birth will cease to occur within a century and a half.

'It is not the decrease in the birth rate that is disturbing, but, rather, the fact that the decrease is greater among the classes whose children would probably inherit most social worth and capacity for leadership. Thus, figures from Harvard college indicate that each 100 graduates produce in the next generation only seventy-three sons. The native American population, at least in New England and New York, loses more by deaths than it gains by births.

'These changes are due mainly to direct volitional control of the birth rate, a phenomenon of the last half century. It calls for an adjustment of our ethical standards to the new conditions, and more social approval and support of those who serve society by contributing to the number and quality of the next generation.

'The new science of eugenics seeks to hasten this change and to show how society may recruit itself more largely from its best lines of descent. It is too soon yet to decide whether its aims are more than Utopian, but its claims deserve serious examination.'

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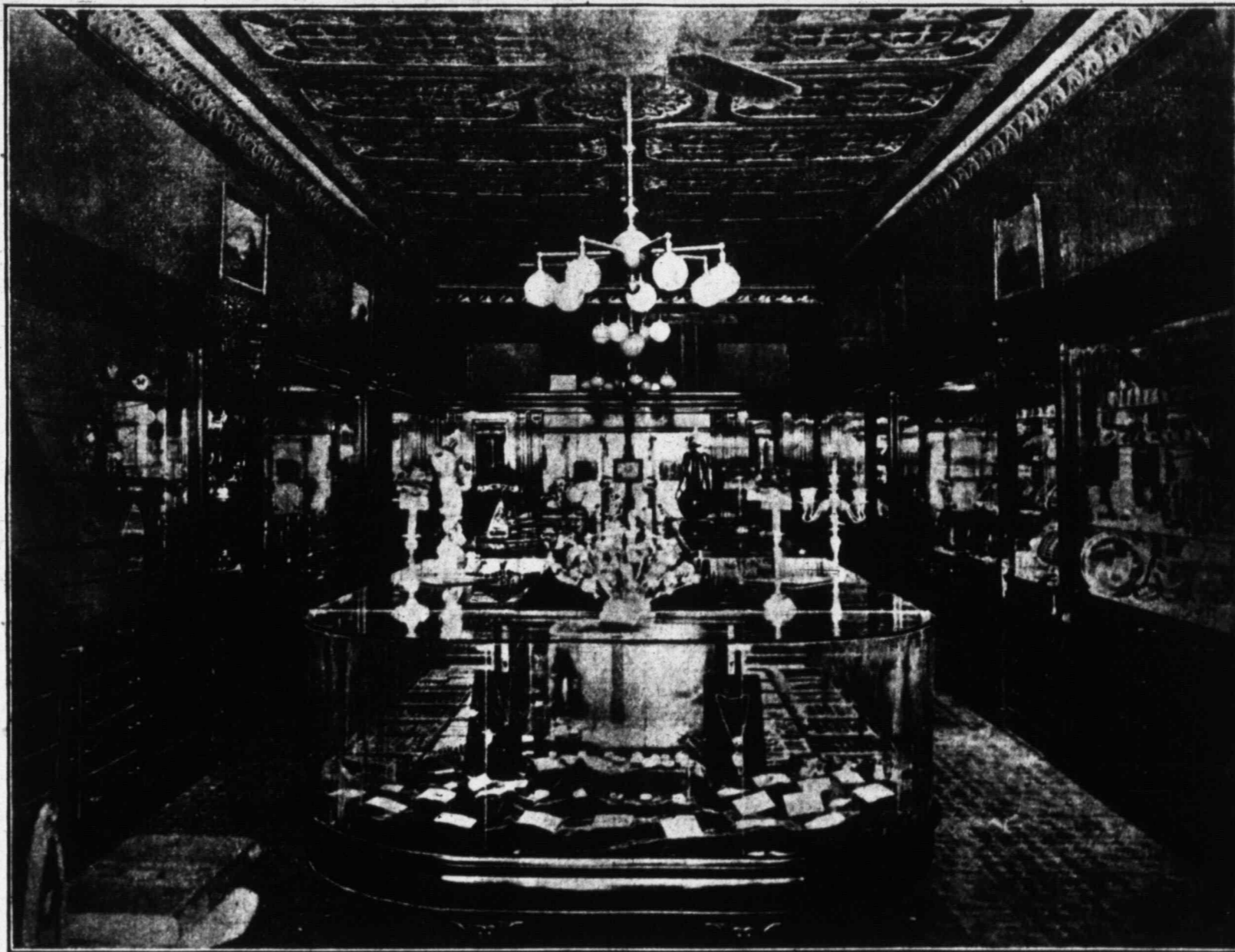
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In Society

The coming of Christmas means to a thousand small boys and girls the first real struggle with the first real problem of life—is there a Santa Claus? They puzzle over it by themselves; they discuss it in groups, with greater or less temerity, according to the number of their years; they mention it to us, their elders, but not with too much confidence. Already the mischief is working in their souls and they doubt us a bit; they half suspect we are bent on deceiving them.

Suppose on a Christmas morning we call a congress of the babies of Christendom and see whether or not there is a Santa Claus. Here they come, from Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Germany, England, France. How glad they are, how beautiful, and how noisy—their arms full of gifts, their eyes full of love! And what are they all saying? Whose name is on every tongue? It is Santa Claus, Kris Kringle, Father Christmas,—le petit Jesus—one name declared in various tongues, the beautiful giver of the good things with which they are all laden. There you have universal testimony proving there is a Santa Claus. There, also, you have an explanation to dispel the doubt of baby skeptics.

The difficulty is in the name. The American child writes his letter to Santa Claus, hangs up his stocking on Christmas Eve, and, behold! next morning he finds his letter has been received and answered. The English child addresses his letter to Father Christmas, and, no less certain and wonderful, the answer to his letter comes. The French child writes his letter to the "good little Jesus," places his wooden shoes before the chimney, and always the same blessed, sweet mystery working in the same happy way—his wants and his shoes are filled.

Of course there is a Santa Claus, dear, doubting young America. Your parents or your nurse might have succeeded in deceiving you the past five or six years, but do you suppose God would let millions and millions of boys and girls all over the world be deceived year in and year out for nearly two thousand years? Certainly not. Then since such numbers of children all over the world have been made happy by Santa Claus all these many years, any child who can put two and two together must perceive that there is a Santa Claus. As to his coming down

the chimney, can you prove that he does not? And if he does not, you can be sure of this—he accomplishes an even tighter squeeze. He comes down into all sizes and kinds of hearts and makes them do all sorts of charming things, until some persons are a wonder to themselves, beholding how good and generous they become at Christmas time.—Harpers.

Mrs. D. P. Woodward leaves Monday to visit friends in Abilene during the holidays.

Mrs. S. Y. Ferguson and son, Marcum visited friends in Fort Worth a few days this week.

Miss Blanche Slager of Fort Worth is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. W. E. Cobb, 1102 Indiana avenue.

Miss Minnie Ellis, principal of the high school at Iowa Park came down to the city today to visit her friend, Mrs. Ed Howard and to attend the Teachers' Institute.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Babb, formerly of this city, but now of Amarillo, announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Annie Isabel, to Mr. Frank Leslie Kennard on Friday afternoon, Dec. 31st, 1909, at their home, 1001 Hamilton street, Amarillo, Texas.

Miss Margaret Priddy was the honoree at a box party at "Brewster's Millions" Wednesday evening, given by her brother, Mr. Priddy. Those in the party were Misses Margaret Priddy, Ruth Chrystal, Esther Gorsline, Lucille Brooks, Sadie and Willie Kell, Mary Anderson and Sibyl Kemp.

There was a pleasant meeting of the "500" club Thursday afternoon at the home of Misses Cora and Dora Coons. Mrs. Zundelowitz was the winner of the souvenir, a cut glass bonbon dish. Those indebted for a pleasant afternoon were Mesdames Bacon, Allen, McCune, Sherrod, Hooper, DuVal, Tony Maddox, Simpson, Zundelowitz, Hughes, Kemp, McGregor, Miller, Reese, Roberts, Smith, Huff, Gorsline, and Miss Chrystal.

Mesdames Smith and Reedy entertained a few of their friends very informally Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Smith's on Austin St. Five hundred was the game of the afternoon, and Mrs. Allen in a cut, won the souvenir, a beautiful handkerchief. Dainty refreshments were served.

The following guests enjoyed the afternoon, Mesdames Darnell, McCune

Fitzpatrick, Scott, Miller, Allen, Gilliam and Murray.

Mrs. Roberts Entertains.

Mrs. T. W. Roberts entertained a large party of young people last evening with a "bunco" party, in honor of Miss Ruth Christal of Decatur, who is visiting in this city. The game "bunco" proved a most satisfying amusement and was very much enjoyed by the guests. Following the game, a two-course luncheon was served. The guests were: Misses Kemp, Avis, Coffield, Sadie and Willie Mae Kell, Priddy, Gorsline, Brooks, and Christal; Messrs. Johnson, Kinney, Priddy, Durland, Fain, Jones, O. and C. Maer, Brittain, Walker, Avis and Dr. and Mrs. Guest.

Perry Maricle entertained a few of his friends on Friday evening of last week at the home of Mrs. P. C. Maricle, 901 Austin street. Various games furnishing the amusement of the evening. Delicious refreshments were served. Those enjoying the evening were: Annette Coffield, Edith Mathis, Blanche Hardy, Blanche Kahn, Helen Lee, Mena Waits, Ruby Moore, Cora Lee Wagner, Marion Crabtree, Babie Winfrey, Luella Morgan, Clara Maricle, Bana Sidwell, Max Gardner, Clarence White, Alva Avis, Cecil Crowell, Charlie Nolan, Frank Carlson, Carl Valdez, Leonard Smith, Otha Hendricks, Clyde Heath and Luther Wilson.

The ladies of the Cemetery Association have arranged a rare literary treat for the people of Wichita Falls by securing Miss Edith Coburn Noyse, of Boston, Mass., an elocutionist of national reputation to give an entertainment at the Wichita Theatre on the night of December 31st. This talented lady has friends and acquaintances in this city who speak in the highest praise of her as a pleasing entertainer. This will furnish a splendid opportunity for those who wish to round out the old year by helping out a worthy cause, and at the same time taking advantage of an opportunity which does not present itself too often of witnessing a real high class literary entertainment.

Mrs. Charlie Robecke was hostess to the Floral Art Club Tuesday afternoon. The roll call was responded to with feminine philosophy such as "Truth may be stretched but cannot be broken, for it will rise above falsehood like oil above water." The evening was an unusual and pleasing one because of the interesting stories of some of the

nations, and souvenirs and post cards from every country, collected by Mrs. Robecke's son (a naval officer) on his tour around the world. Another interesting feature of the afternoon was a display of violets, which is the club flower, from California. Several interesting papers were read, after which the hostess served delightful refreshments among which was real tea from the Island of Luzon. The club will disband for the holidays and will be further notified as to the next meeting place and program.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kell opened the doors of their beautiful new home on Bluff street to the New Century Club and a few friends on Thursday evening.

United States and Texas flags were artistically arranged in the library where the host and hostess were assisted in receiving by their daughters, Misses Sadie and Willie Mae.

The regular lesson in Southern literature was carried out with Mrs. McCune as leader. Three very enjoyable features in connection with the lesson were readings: "The Conquered Banners," Mrs. Montgomery; "Music in Camp," Mrs. Smyre; "The Southern

Girl," Mrs. Fleming. Mrs. R. C. Smith also gave a splendid paper on "The South and the Historians and Needs." The old Southern melody, "Darling Nellie-Gray" was charmingly rendered by Mrs. Jno. T. Roberts. Also several musical selections by Miss Lucille Brooks.

Mrs. Roberts and Mr. Durland were greeted with much applause. Mr. Stillwell gave two readings from Shakespeare which were fine and greatly enjoyed.

Ferns and La France roses added to the charms of the lovely dining room where delicious refreshments were served, after which short encouraging talks were made in appreciation of the club by Messrs Kell, Huff and Roberts.

Besides the club members and their husbands, those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Jno. T. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lea, Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Bacon, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Robertson, Mesdames Carrigan, Kemp, Jones, Thompson, C. Huff, Mr. R. E. Huff and Misses Brooks, Priddy, Kemp; Messrs Durland and Stilwell.

Dr. and Mrs. Guest gave a delightful '42' party Monday evening complimentary to Miss Ruth Crystal of Decatur and Dr. Everett Jones of Galveston, who has recently located in the city. After several interesting games a two-course luncheon was served to the following guests: Misses Ruth Crystal, Sibyl Kemp, Katy Lou and Lillian Avis, Icie White, Sadie and Willie Mae Kell, Priddy, Orth, Gorsline, and Cowan; Drs. Everett Jones, L. Mackechney and Messrs. Durland, Priddy, Claude and Newton Maer Blue, Fain, Weeks, Kenny, Smith, Wendel Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Roberts.

Dr. and Mrs. Guest also entertained the following couples in a '42' contest Tuesday evening: Mr. and Mrs. Shumate, Mr. and Mrs. Noble, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Huff, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. Gorsline, Mr. and Mrs. Orlopp, Dr. and Mrs. Burnsides, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Roberts, Mesdames Darnell, Sears of Chicago, and Hall; Dr. Everett Jones and Mr. Avis.

Mrs. Guest closed her series of '42' parties Wednesday afternoon with a large party to which were invited 40 guests. Games were many and the interest high during the afternoon. The hostess was assisted by Mesdames Roberts, Lea, Orlopp and Miss Katy Lou Avis.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Geo. Eagle is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. Milton Erwin at Byers.

Mrs. W. H. Strickland left this afternoon for Fort Worth to visit relatives.

J. E. Harper of Petrolia, was in the city today en route to Electra on business.

Miss Frankie Stine of Henrietta, is in the city, the guest of Miss Sadie Kell.

Frank Wofford and family, from Pauls Valley, Okla., are in the city visiting relatives.

Rev. Adolph Chlamsky of Brenham, is in the city the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Stehlik.

Eugene Logan, a prominent stockman from Archer county, was here today transacting business.

J. B. Elkins of Goodwell, Okla., who has been in the city visiting his cousin, W. P. Collier, left for his home today.

Mrs. R. S. England of Texline, who has been in the city the guest of Mrs. R. A. Hawkins, left for her home this morning.

Mrs. W. P. Bland of Ennis, and Mr. Simon Simmons of Mangum, are in the city to attend the funeral of their sister, Mrs. S. M. Ramsey.

Mrs. W. A. Thompson and little daughter, Lena, left last night for Demings, N. M., to spend the holidays with Mr. Thompson's relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Coble and their son, Mr. Edgar Coble, from Amarillo, are in the city and will spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Phyll Taylor.

Mr. J. B. Grimely, a prominent citizen from Stamford, was in the city today on his return from Fort Worth, where he had been to attend the funeral of his daughter, Mrs. Guy Clark.

J. W. Holt, proprietor of the Model Cloth Store, has rented the building formerly occupied by Murphy & Long, and will in a few days open up a first class line of dry goods to the public.

E. W. Harrison and family, from Hereford were in the city today, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Eagle. They were en route to Seymour, at which place they will visit relatives.

Clifford and Clarence Moore, Carter McGregor, Harry Jourdan and Ransome, five Wichita boys, who are attending Peacock's Military School at San Antonio, returned home this afternoon to spend Christmas and the holidays with their parents.

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SHORT ITEMS OF INTEREST

C. N. Buchanan of Cairo, Ill., for Ducks were plentiful on Lake Wichita yesterday and this morning, but were rather too wary for hunters to approach with any degree of success. Several large bags were brought in, however.

On account of the snow, the football game which was to have been played at Byers today, between Wichita Falls and Byers, was postponed and will probably be played shortly after Christmas.

many years in the music business in that city, has come to Wichita Falls and will engage in business here soon after the first of the year. At present he is the guest of his sister.

After spending about a week in this city, the Mantell Company left yesterday over the Katy for Memphis, where they will reopen their tour on Christmas day.

The Times acknowledges receipt of a neat paper knife and envelope opener with the compliments of the Mayfield Lumber Company.

One or two improvised sleighs were in evidence this morning, but the fall

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THE MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Cotton—Liverpool Spots.
Liverpool, Dec. 18.—Spot cotton, 8.01. Sales, 5,000 bales. Receipts, 4,300 bales.

Cotton—Liverpool Futures.
The market for future cotton opened quiet and steady and closed quiet.

	Open	High	Close
Dec-Jan	7.79 1/2	7.80 1/2	7.80 1/2
Jan-Feb	7.85	7.85	7.83 1/2
Feb-Mch	7.86	7.87	7.87
Mch-Apr	7.91 1/2	7.91 1/2	7.90 1/2

Cotton—New York Spots.
New York, Dec. 18.—The market for spot cotton opened quiet, with prices unchanged. Middling, 15.10. No sales reported.

Cotton—New York Futures.
The market for future cotton opened quiet and closed steady.

	Open	High	Close
Jan	14.98	14.91	14.93-a 94
Mch	15.27	15.36	15.31-a 32
May	15.58	15.66	15.69-a 61

Cotton—New Orleans Spots.
New Orleans, Dec. 18.—The market for spot cotton opened quiet and steady with prices unchanged. Middling, 15 1-16. Sales, 550 bales. To arrive, 4300 bales.

Cotton—New Orleans Futures.
The market for future cotton opened quiet and closed steady.

	Open	High	Close
Jan	15.14	15.22	15.18-a 19
Mch	15.60	15.65	15.60-a 61
May	15.92	15.99	15.93-a 94

Chicago Grain Market.

	Wheat—	Open	High	Close
Dec	117 1/2	119	119	
May	112 1/2	114	114	
July	102	104	104	

Corn—

	Open	High	Close
Dec	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2
May	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2
July	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2

Oats—

	Open	High	Close
Dec	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2
May	45 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2

Fort Worth Cattle Market.
Fort Worth, Dec. 18.—Cattle, 900. Steers, steady, tops \$3.55; calves are steady, tops \$5.25; hogs, higher, tops \$8.15.

was hardly deep enough to make the sport popular.

T. R. Hoffman of Archer City, is on trial in the district court this afternoon, charged with contempt of court.

A marriage license was issued this morning to D. M. Nation and Miss Gertrude L. Mazy, both of Wichita Falls.

Guests at the Hotel St. James.
C. S. Bass, Abilene; E. S. Layne, Dallas; P. E. Ashworth, Electra; J. D. Williams, Dallas; M. V. Taylor, Dallas; Mrs. B. A. Walt, Dallas; Wm. H. McCullough, New York; D. Y. McCarty, Oneida, N. Y.; J. E. Pearson, Cody, Wyoming; T. N. Shaw, Dallas; J. W. Mingus and wife, Austin; E. W. Owen, Kansas City; Harry King, Oklahoma City; C. C. Jennings, Marlow, Okla.; H. Wicher, Fort Worth; F. F. Foye, Kansas City; D. A. Scott, Hobart, Ok.; O. C. Cato and family, Miles City, Mont.; J. H. Butler, Dallas; Browne Cornelson, Oklahoma City; W. H. Chilson, Henrietta; J. A. Pace, Denison; Miss Paul Seamons, Kansas City, Mo.; W. A. Ragland, Fort Worth; T. S. Wren, St. Louis; B. E. Nichols, Dallas; E. O. Wheat, Hale, Mo.; Alan D. Dunlap, Houston; Homer Trout, Ft. Worth; P. C. Cole, Houston; R. D. Golstan, Graham, Tex.; M. Rutledge, Houston; R. C. Pollard, Jr., Dallas; J. E. King, Fort Worth; W. R. Moore, Jr., Benjamin; Mrs. R. C. Lewis, Lubbock; O. Schwart, Amarillo; J. D. McPeherson, Dallas; W. A. Lane, Sherman; E. W. Burke, St. Louis; T. W. Rogers, St.

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