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FARMING METHODS ARE DISCUSSED

MEETING CONDUCTED BY GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES VERY SUCCESSFUL.

PLAN BOYS' CORN CLUB

Seed Selection, Seed Bed Preparation, Deeper Plowing Among the Features Discussed.

From Wednesday's Daily. A goodly gathering of farmers, not as large as the occasion deserved, but large enough to accomplish some material good along the new lines of farming discussed, was at the city hall yesterday afternoon to hear the representatives of the Department of Agriculture in their discussion of intensified and diversified farming.

Better seed selection, better seed bed preparation, deeper plowing, more diversification and the organization of a boy's corn club—these were among the recommendations of the speakers, who were heard with attention and interest by the farmers.

The meeting was called to order by F. H. Gohlke of this city, who made a brief talk, speaking of farming methods in his home state, Washington, and telling of the progressive methods adopted by the farmers in that section. He was followed by William Ganzer of the Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Ganzer urged, first, more careful selection of seed, and second, better preparation of the seed bed. With these as fundamentals, he told very interestingly of numerous instances where care along these lines had been amply rewarded. Exercising care along these lines, he pointed out, brought out good crops even in dry years.

J. L. Quicksall, also of the Department of Agriculture, spoke next. He recommended the organization of a boy's corn club, such as had been formed in Grayson and other counties, with good results. The boys, he said, became enthusiasts when once interested, and the resultant good to the corn crop of the country would be material. He also spoke of deep plowing and its advantages, citing instances where deeper plowing had been followed, in some cases by double the crop production that attended shallow plowing. Many of the disagreeable features of a dry season, he said, might be obviated by deep plowing.

Mr. Quicksall incidentally mentioned that Wichita county was more than likely to have a fair next year and that he hoped to see a good start made in a new era of agricultural development in this county.

During the meeting, N. W. Self of the Crescent Candy Company of this city, spoke briefly, urging those present to plant peanuts. His factory, he said, had bought this year's entire crop at ninety cents and could use eighty thousand bushels next year.

Messrs. Quicksall and Ganzer will be at Iowa Park today and extensive preparations have been made for a big meeting at that point this afternoon. It is probable that Mr. Quicksall will be able to return to Wichita Falls early next year, when the organization of the corn club will probably be taken up.

Real Estate Transfers.

Chas. W. Bean et al to Mrs. J. E. J. E. J. block 141; \$2300.

R. H. Comfort and wife to J. W. Morgan, lot 15, block 'C,' Iowa Park; \$100.

A. J. Bells and H. E. Stiff to J. A. Scrogins, lot 1, block 23, Burkburnett; \$250.

H. D. Creath and wife to J. G. Hardin lot 21, block 27, Burkburnett; \$400.

Q. V. Wingham and wife to J. G. Hardin, five acres of the W. P. DuBose survey; \$708.

R. A. Morton and wife to Mrs. Willie Roberts, lot 11, block 184; \$1150.

J. H. Roberts to Herman Willen, lot 11, block 109; \$100.

Trustees of Electra to J. A. Winfrey, lot 3, block 149, Electra; \$50.

Money to Succeed Culberson.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—In their caucus this afternoon the democrats elected Senator Money of Mississippi, as minority leader in the senate to succeed Senator Chas. A. Culberson of Texas, whose resignation was presented today. Culberson resigned on account of ill health.

KILLED UNDER ENGINE.

Engineer Started Up While Fireman Was at Work.

Texas News Service Special. Denison, Tex., Dec. 9.—R. Nemic, a fireman on a southbound freight train of the M. K. & T., late last night near Whitesboro, was fatally injured beneath the engine, when Engineer T. J. Cox started the locomotive. In the absence of Cox, Nemic crawled under the engine to clean the ash pan. The engineer returned and started to move the train onto a switch. Nemic was dragged through the hot cinders and crushed. A brother lives at Hillsboro.

COLD IN FORT WORTH.

Temperature There is Eighteen Degrees Above Today.

Texas News Service Special. Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 9.—The temperature here this morning registered eighteen degrees above zero, three degrees lower than yesterday. This is the coldest of the season. Fair conditions continue.

FREIGHTER BURNED.

Two Members of Crew Perished—Others Adrift.

By Associated Press. Cleveland, O., Dec. 9.—Information was received here today that the freighter Clarion, was burned in Lake Erie last night. The first mate and one of the crew perished, while the captain and eleven of the crew are adrift on the lake in a life boat.

CONGRESSMAN AT WORK FOR ADDITIONAL MONEY

Congressman Stephens of this district will introduce a bill increasing the appropriation for the Wichita Falls postoffice from fifty thousand to one hundred thousand, according to private advices received from him here recently. The sum of fifty thousand dollars is available for the work already, but it is felt that twice that sum is needed to erect a building compatible with the needs of the city. The Chamber of Commerce has long been at work for the increased appropriation and both the Senators from this state are lined up for it. The introduction of the bill is the first move and it is possible that it will go through this session.

POWDER EXPLOSION.

Lighted Pipe Believed Caused of Fatal Accident.

By Associated Press. Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 9.—By an explosion in a dynamite and powder magazine at Bulls Gap, Tenn., today, Isaac Buchanan was killed and two others were probably fatally injured. It is claimed that Buchanan entered the magazine with a lighted pipe.

COPENHAGEN'S FAITH IN COOK IS STRENGTHENED

By Associated Press. Copenhagen, Dec. 9.—A summary of the affidavits of persons claiming to have aided Dr. Cook in the preparation of his polar data published in London and New York, was read here with amazement. Scientific circles are inclined to be incredulous regarding the charges and consider them so improbable that the effect is to strengthen confidence in Cook.

MORE RECORDS BROKEN.

Wonderful Showing Being Made in Six-Day Bicycle Event.

Texas News Service Special. New York, Dec. 9.—Records continue to be broken in the six-day bicycle race here today. At the end of the seventy-eighth hour, seven of the thirteen surviving teams had covered fifteen hundred and forty-three miles, which is fifteen miles ahead of the record.

FIVE ARE DROWNED.

Crew of Sinking Freighter Went Down With Her.

By Associated Press. Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 9.—The steel freighter Richardson sank early today five miles up the lake from here, and five members of the crew went down with the ship. The life-saving crew saved the other members of the crew, who jumped into the water.

is Cold at Galveston.

Texas News Service Special. Galveston, Tex., Dec. 9.—The temperature here this morning registered thirty-five degrees, the coldest of the season.

LARGER ACREAGE PLANTED IN WHEAT

BELIEVED TO BE FULLY TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT MORE THAN FOR SEASON 1909.

OUTLOOK IS EXCELLENT

Fall Rains Have Already Materially Benefitted the Crop—Other Crops Smaller.

From Thursday's Daily. While it is rather early to make any sort of accurate forecast of the '10 wheat crop in this county, present indications point to one of the best wheat years this section has experienced in some years. The fall rains are believed to have proven immensely beneficial and the prospects for further wet weather are considered good.

Last season the wheat acreage in this county was, approximately seventy-five thousand acres, the smallest since the country began to be developed. To judge from estimates from various parts of the county, the acreage planted for 1910 is fully twenty-five per cent larger and will doubtless easily reach the one hundred thousand mark. The good prices paid for wheat last season are believed to be responsible for the increase in acreage.

Yesterday's snow is thought to have been very helpful to the wheat crop, as the moisture soaks in and is absorbed more thoroughly than when it rains. While the snow was a light one, it was heavy enough and general enough to help the wheat crop materially.

The acreage in other small grain crops is believed to be less than last year. The local oat crop was not very successful last season and very few farmers will try it again this year. The corn acreage will be somewhat larger, according to estimates.

INVENTORY SHOWING VALUES.

Of Water Pierce Property Filed By Receiver.

Austin, Dec. 7.—In accordance with the direction of the court a supplemental inventory showing the total value of property in his hands as of inventory December 6, was filed to-day by Receiver Robert J. Eckhardt of the Water Pierce Oil company.

The report shows figures slightly in excess of those in the last inventory filed early in November. The total value of the real estate, is placed at \$185,861. This includes a recent addition of San Antonio property valued at \$7876 to the realty holdings, and also a concrete warehouse valued at \$3457.

The total value of the personal property is placed at \$1,172,516. This includes cash on hand and in bank, \$108,371; accounts, bills receivable, notes, and judgments October 31, 1909, \$502,795; stock in trade December 6 (estimated), \$403,820; less accounts and bills payable December 6 (estimated), \$367,596.

The 480 steel storage tanks are valued at \$253,194, the office furniture at \$13,194, horses, mules, wagons, harness, etc., \$89,360.

PEN BOARD MEETS.

May Take Action on Committee's Recommendations.

Rusk, Tex., Dec. 8.—The members of the Texas Penitentiary Board arrived here this morning in a special train from Palestine over the State railroad. They convened at 9 o'clock and after hour's conference adjourned to examine the ore bed near-by. They will meet at the prison at 1 o'clock this afternoon. Important business in connection with the recent sensational investigations of the Texas penitentiaries will be considered. Governor Campbell did not arrive as expected.

IS STILL MISSING.

No News Heard Yet of Tug Jimmy at Galveston.

Texas News Service Special. Galveston, Tex., Dec. 9.—The tug Jimmy, due here last Saturday night from Sabine, is still missing today and marine men fear the craft was driven on the rocks and sunk during Saturday's storm.

The crew was composed of Captain Allen, W. E. Nelson, engineer; G. S. Townsley, steward; John Olson, fireman; John Whalen and one other, an unknown deck hand. The 'Jimmy' was seaworthy.

DENVER SEEKING OUTLET AT GULF

OFFICIALS OF COLORADO AND SOUTHERN VISIT GALVESTON WITH THAT INTENTION.

MAY PURCHASE T. & B. V.

Severance of Rock Island and Frisco Systems May be Followed By This Development.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 9.—It is believed in railroad circles here that the visit of W. A. Webb, assistant to the vice president of the Colorado Southern; J. D. Welsh, general superintendent, and other Colorado and Southern officials here Tuesday was of much significance. The gist of the matter is there is reason to believe that these officials came here and looked over the Trinity and Brazos Valley terminals, in connection with a proposition which if consummated, will give the Colorado and Southern control of the Trinity and Brazos Valley.

With the severance of the Frisco and Rock Island systems it is believed that the Colorado and Southern plans to secure the Rock Island, Trinity and Brazos Valley Galveston terminals and that the Rock Island figures upon getting a Gulf outlet by the Galveston, Houston and Henderson Railroad tracks here. If these beliefs are well-founded, it remains to be seen what Mr. Yoakum and the Frisco will do.

It is said that Mr. Yoakum holds terminal property both in the east and west ends of Galveston. This can not be stated as a fact, but railroad men say that Mr. Yoakum can build all the terminals he wants at Galveston any time he desires, so far as the land is concerned. Accordingly, it is figured that Mr. Yoakum, if he can secure a Gulf outlet no other way, will build his own terminals here.

Rumors of all kinds are in the air these days regarding the Trinity and Brazos Valley and nothing really authoritative will be stated by any railroad man directly interested; perhaps for the very simple reason that none of them know which way the cat will jump.

On the occasion of the trip of the Colorado and Southern officials Tuesday nothing whatever would be said for publication and to questions regarding the real import of the trip the officials were silent.

IS CLOSELY WATCHED.

Freedom of Banker Walsh is Only Nominal.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 6.—It was stated last night that John R. Walsh, former millionaire, but now a prisoner of the federal court, in special custody of two United States deputy marshals, is breaking down under the strain of being constantly shadowed by the federal officials.

After a day of unceasing surveillance Walsh retired early last night. A deputy marshal stood outside the door of his bedroom as he slept and another slept in a room adjoining, with the door between the two rooms open. Walsh did not make a move yesterday that a deputy was not standing at his elbow.

They allowed him the widest freedom possible, but not once did they let him get out of their sight or hearing. When the aged ex-banker sat down to his meals, a deputy sat with him; when he went to buy Christmas presents for relatives, the deputy stood at his side. The deputies will be with him tomorrow and will sit in his pew on each side of him when he goes to mass.

Walsh is almost as closely guarded as he would be if he were already in the federal prison at Leavenworth. The surveillance will continue until the supreme court of the United States passes on his petition for a writ of certioraria and supersedeas which his attorney will file. If the writ is sustained the case will be disposed of for at least two years, it is believed here. If the supreme court refuses to intervene, Walsh must go to the penitentiary at once.

Attorney John S. Miller is working night and day preparing his petition for this writ of certioraria.

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LAND CASES AGAIN.

Haskell and Co-Defendants Conferring With Attorneys.

Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 6.—Governor C. N. Haskell, with the five other Oklahomans, who are defendants in the suits charging them with defrauding the government out of lands, are conferring here today with their attorneys. They are examining the records of the federal officers who brought about the indictments.

It is reported that the defendants will ask the federal court to set the cases for trial at Muskogee during January.

It is believed that Gov. Haskell has given up his efforts to avoid trial.

Parks-Sullivan.

From Thursday's Daily. Mr. B. V. Parks and Miss Beulah Sullivan were married in this city last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Shaw, 1403 Austin street, Rev. R. E. Farley performing the ceremony in the presence of about fifteen invited guests.

The bride's former home is at Sulphur Springs, Ark., but for the past eleven months she has been visiting her cousin, Mrs. Shaw in this city.

The groom is a locomotive firmer in the employ of the Fort Worth and Denver railroad and is very popular with his fellow workmen, and he is receiving his congratulations today on his good fortune.

The newly-married couple will make this city their home.

COLQUITT COMES BACK AT CANDIDATE BROOKS

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 7.—O. B. Colquitt, candidate for governor of Texas, warmly replied to the criticisms against him by Judge M. M. Brooks, also a gubernatorial candidate, before leaving here for Waco late yesterday. Brooks had rapped Colquitt for holding the office of railroad commissioner and running for governor at the same time.

Colquitt today replied: 'It is strange that my opponents who fought Hogg and his policies should now rely on his policies to bolster up their cause. I am the only candidate for governor who made Hogg's fight my own when he needed friends.'

BOILER EXPLODES.

Engineer and Fireman on Santa Fe Train Are Killed.

Amarillo, Tex., Dec. 6.—Engineer H. F. Ellis and Fireman J. J. Saunders were instantly killed yesterday at Gerloch, Okla., when the boiler of the engine drawing a Santa Fe freight at full speed exploded. Ellis' body was thrown three hundred feet and Saunders' body seventy-five feet.

DISASTROUS FIRE LAST NIGHT AT KALAMAZOO

By Associated Press. Kalamazoo, Mich., Dec. 9.—One life was probably lost, many firemen overcome by smoke, three hundred guests driven scantly clad into the icy streets and property valued at approximately a million dollars, was destroyed by fire, which started last night at 10 o'clock and was only extinguished after an all night struggle by the combined fire fighting forces of Kalamazoo, Battle Creek and Grand Rapids.

RAILROADERS FIGHT.

Round House Employee Fatally Stabbed at Fort Worth.

Texas News Service Special. Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 9.—Lewis Young, aged 27, employed at the M. K. & T. round house here this afternoon was stabbed to death in an altercation with Frank Clark, a brakeman on the train bound for Hillsboro. Clark attempted to eject Young from the train and it is alleged drew a knife, which Young resented. Young was unarmed. He was going to Hillsboro to visit his mother.

MISTAKE IS FATAL.

Each of Two Flat Dwellers Thinks the Other is Burglar.

Texas News Service Special. New York, Dec. 6.—The mutual mistake of two apartment dwellers, each taking the other for a burglar, resulted in the instant death of one today. James Allen killed Charles Cuthing, when the latter through mistake entered Allen's apartments instead of his own.

DEMAND IS ISSUED FOR RESIGNATION

UNITED STATES HAS NOTIFIED ZELAYA HE MUST STEP DOWN AND OUT.

STILL VERY VINDICTIVE

Zelaya Said to Have Ordered That All American Prisoners Be Executed at Once.

By Associated Press. London, Dec. 9.—The United States has formerly demanded the resignation of President Zelaya, according to a cablegram from Nicaragua received by a business house here today. The message adds that this information was communicated by President Zelaya himself who said that his resignation from the Presidency would probably take effect late in December.

Texas News Service Special. New Orleans, Dec. 9.—A cablegram from Panama says:

'Death to all Americans' is the order issued to the Army of the Government by Zelaya. Some of Zelaya's officers protested and warned him that trouble with the United States would result. 'To hell with the gringos' Zelaya is said to have replied, 'shoot every one you capture.'

There are now four American warships in the Corinto harbor.

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—The statement telegraphed from London to the effect that the United States has demanded the resignation of Zelaya and that he indicated his purpose to retire by the end of the present month, is declared at the state department to be without foundation.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—The report in circulation today that the United States Government has demanded the resignation of Zelaya, president of Nicaragua, is unfounded, according to officials of the state department. A special message from the president dealing with the Nicaraguan situation is looked for tomorrow when congress re-convenes.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—President Zelaya of Nicaragua, has ordered his troops to shoot every American fighting with Estrada's revolutionists and to kill immediately every American captured, according to advices received early today by the state department from Panama. Decisive action by the State Department is expected hourly in view of the arrival yesterday of additional American battleships in Nicaraguan waters.

WATERWAYS CONGRESS.

Stirring Speeches Are Being Heard at Today's Session.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—Words that rang true to the cause of waterway improvements and that came from speakers representing every section of the United States, stirred up enthusiasm in the National Rivers and Harbors Congress today.

That there is no reason for delay in formulating a policy making effective for navigation the water courses of the nation, is the opinion of many delegates.

Among the speakers were Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel and Frank Gates Allen.

FORGER SURRENDERS.

Man Wanted at Fort Worth Gives Up in New Orleans.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 8.—Charles M. Kimberg, wanted at Fort Worth on charges of forgery, preferred by the First National Bank of that city, surrendered to the police here this morning. He confessed to forging the signature of W. B. Scribner, a Fort Worth real estate dealer and four others, to checks aggregating two hundred dollars.

Death of Mrs. James.

Mrs. S. P. James, a widow, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Chandler, at 1 o'clock this morning, of pneumonia, after an illness of only about one week.

At her death, deceased was in her sixty-fourth year and was a consistent member of the Methodist church.

The remains are to be taken to Childress for interment and will be shipped to that place on tonight's northbound train.

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CONGRESS OPENS FOR TERM'S WORK

CROWDED GALLERIES WITNESS OPENING SESSION OF THE SIXTY-FIRST.

WORK BEGINS TOMORROW

Early Adjournment Taken Today Out of Respect to Recently Deceased Members.

Washington Dec. 6.—Before crowded galleries, representing the official and social life of the Nation's capitol, was the commencement of the regular session of the Sixty-first Congress today, at noon.

When Vice-president Sharman in the Senate, and Speaker Cannon in the House, brought down their respective gavels promptly at noon today, there were but few empty seats in either of the two legislative chambers and the opening was viewed by the usual crowd.

In the house, a great mass of bills was introduced, but the members of the upper body will wait until tomorrow before laying any measures before that body.

Owing to the death of several members of both bodies, adjournment was taken in each house shortly after the opening exercises were concluded.

The swearing in of the new members will take place tomorrow, just before the president's message is submitted.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—On the stroke of the noon hour today, the sixty-first congress commenced. The galleries were filled with crowds of the curious, while on the floors of the house and senate scenes attending former openings were today re-enacted.

Owing to the deaths of Congressmen Lassiter of Virginia, DeArmond of Missouri and Senator Johnson of North Dakota, congress adjourned at 12:40 until tomorrow. The only business accomplished was the appointment of the house and senate committees to wait on the president and inform him that congress is in session and ready to receive the message, which is expected tomorrow. It is believed that congress will leave the Nicaraguan affair in the hands of Taft and the cabinet.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—Senator Bailey attempted to hold up the usual resolution by which congress convenes at noon, today by suggesting that the body hold night sessions, beginning at 2 o'clock, p. m., the mornings to be used by the senators for their individual business. He withdrew his objection, saying he would renew his request later.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—The Senate was in session only thirteen minutes and the house session was also brief.

YOUNG FARMER IS SUCKER.

Fort Worth Confidence Men Get \$15 From Him.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 6.—A. W. Gary, a young farmer of Mississippi, who remained here over Sunday on his way to West Texas, today is searching for two confidence men who represented the postoffice to be a pool betting hall and fleeced him of fifteen dollars. Gary formed the new acquaintances in the railroad station and accompanied them to the postoffice. He was told the clerks in the mailing rooms were handling bets and racing returns. Gary entrusted his money with the fake book-makers, who hurried to the rear corridor to place the bet. He appealed to the police, when they failed to return.

CLYDE SMITH GETS JOB.

Wichita Falls Boy Will Be Health Department Registrar.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 4.—Clyde D. Smith of Wichita Falls, was today appointed registrar for the State Board of Health, succeeding Dr. E. H. Lancaster, resigned. He will have charge of the vital statistics records.

Clyde Smith, mentioned in the above dispatch, is well known to practically every one here, having spent much of his life in this city and being connected with several local concerns. Since moving to Austin, he has been connected with the comptroller's department and has been secretary of the state senate for the past several terms.

WRIT IS GRANTED.

Officers of Labor Federation Have a Chance for Liberty.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—The Supreme Court has granted the petition for writ of certiorari in the contempt cases of Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison, officers of the American Federation of Labor. The effect is to bring the records of the Buck Stove and Range Company against the men to the Supreme Court for review.

Real Estate Transfers.

- J. H. Harris and wife to C. R. Williamson, part of lot 13, block 26, Burk Burnett; \$150.
- J. G. Hardin to C. R. Williamson part of lot 13, block 36, Burk Burnett; \$75.
- J. Wesley Young and wife, to J. G. and Nora Griffin, lots 7 and 8, block 10, of Burk Burnett; \$210.
- J. M. Kirkpatrick and wife, to H. D. Creath, block 47, Red River Valley lands; \$4,333.
- Mrs. Lelia M. Boyd, to S. H. Burnside, part of lots 8 and 9, block 151, Wichita Falls; \$675.
- J. P. McPherson and wife to L. F. Lee, 277 acres of the Cowher Brothers land on Buffalo Head Creek; \$10,000.
- C. E. Carter and wife to W. S. Lawrence, 100 acres of Section 27, Tarrant County School land; \$2750.
- Trustees of Electra to H. A. Leach, lot 71, block 96; \$50.
- W. L. Swager to T. J. Taylor, lots 8 and 9, block 135; \$660.
- W. O. Blackshear to R. H. Cook, lot 11, block 45, Electra; \$115.

SOME POLITICAL DOPE; CANDIDATES CROPPING

Local political matters are beginning to show signs of life and before long the announcements of the early crop of candidates may be expected. It is probable, from present indications that there will be several changes in the official family of the county after the next election.

District Attorney P. A. Martin will probably be a candidate for the district judgeship. Judge Carrigan does not intend to run again and Mr. Martin may enter the race. He has already been endorsed for the position by the Henrietta bar and no opposition has developed. This would leave the district attorneyship vacant, and while several names have been suggested for the position, nothing definite along that line has been heard.

Several of the county officers will not be candidates for re-election, according to rumors.

There will be two new offices to vote on next July, county school superintendent and county tax collector. Sheriff Walkup now holds the latter position, with his other duties. One candidate is already in the field for sheriff and others are promised.

This section of the state will probably be again represented in the legislature by Hamilton of Childress, who served his first term in the thirty-first and will again be a candidate. No opposition to him has developed as yet.

Mabledean News Items.

Mabledean, Texas, Dec. 4.—Mr. Lellers will move to their new home at Thornberry next week.

Mr. McGuire is having two new houses put up on his place.

Quite a number of the Mabledean people attended the dedication of the M. E. Church last Sunday.

Mrs. Sarah Clark and Abram were down to Henrietta Wednesday, to hear the lawyers pleas in the Crowell case. There has been no school at Kemp this week on account of the illness of the teacher.

Kathryn Clark spent several days visiting friends in Henrietta last week.

Mr. J. P. Price has completed a new house on his farm where Mr. Kentral will move soon.

The new phone line is finished as far out as Mr. Rills.

MASONS AT WACO.

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas Convenes There.

Waco, Tex., Dec. 6.—The sixtieth annual convention of the Masonic Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, convened here this morning, with several hundred officers and members attending.

Ed R. Ryan of Midland, Grand High Priest of the Royal Arch Chapter, delivered his annual address, which reviewed the Masonic achievements of the current year.

The Grand Council opened its session this afternoon, with an address by Charles F. Smith of McGregor, Grand Master. The work of the Grand Lodge is scheduled for tomorrow.

CONDUCTORS ALSO STRIKE.

Were Ordered Out this Morning by the President of Their Order.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 6.—The conductors who have been acting as trainmasters in charge of the non-union switchmen on both the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern, were ordered out by President Shepherd, of the Order of Railway Conductors.

FARMER SUICIDES.

Despondency Over Business Trouble Believed to be Cause.

Terrell, Tex., Dec. 6.—Joe Bennett, a farmer, aged thirty-seven years, residing three miles south of Terrell, shot himself to death with a shot gun at 8 o'clock this morning. He leaves a wife and several children. Despondency over business troubles led to the deed, it is supposed.

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TAFT'S MESSAGE WAS READ TODAY

NUMEROUS TOPICS RECOMMENDED TO CONGRESS FOR LEGISLATION.

FEATURES OF INTEREST

Dosen't Want Sugar Investigation—No Tariff Tinkering—Ship Subsidy, Higher Postage.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—The president's message was read to both houses of congress this morning.

Opposition of the proposed immediate congressional investigations of the sugar import scandals in the New York customs house and likewise to any further revision of the tariff at present; absence of any specific recommendation regarding the crisis in Nicaragua and actual recommendation of legislation to forbid the issuance of judicial injunction without notice in labor controversies and for the establishment of a system of postal saving banks, may be considered the most striking features of the first annual message of President Taft to Congress.

The Nicaraguan question, in conservation of the nation's natural resources, needed amendments to the anti-trust and interstate commerce acts, and the contemplated revision of the federal statutes governing the organization of the armed forces of the nation in time of war are all reserved for possible treatment later in special messages.

In his message, which bulks some 17,000 words, Mr. Taft reports the country to be "in a high state of prosperity," and he adds that "there is every reason to believe that we are on the eve of a substantial business expansion and we have just garnered a harvest unexampled in the market of value of our agricultural products."

The president expresses entire satisfaction that the duty imposed upon the executive of enforcing the maximum rate of the tariff law against nations unduly discriminating against the United States will not provoke any tariff war and he favors no further tariff tinkering, at least, until the commission shall have completed its work of gathering information as to the relative cost of producing dutiable articles in this country and abroad. This task he expects will occupy two or three years.

Projects recommended by the president, in addition to those mentioned above, include:

- A ship subsidy to encourage American shipping,
- Publicity of political contributions in elections of members of congress,
- Civil pensions,
- A higher rate of postage on periodicals and magazines,
- A fund of \$50,000 to aid in suppressing the "white slave" trade,
- A commission to evolve a plan to expedite legal procedure and mitigate the "laws of delay."

Construction of an artificial island and fortification in the entrance to Chesapeake Bay, two battleships and one repair ship for the navy and the establishment of an extensive naval base at Pearl Island, Hawaii.

A national bureau of health, Statehood for New Mexico and Arizona and an appointive governor and executive council for Alaska.

Civil control of the lighthouse board and separation of the national astronomical observatory from naval control.

Celebration in 1913 of the semi-centennial of negro emancipation and reimbursement of the depositors of the defunct freedmen's Trust and Savings Company.

Consolidation of the Bureau of Manufacturers and statistics in the Department of Commerce and Labor. Appropriation for the remodeling of the District of Columbia jail.

Calling attention to the crisis in Central American affairs brought about by the summary execution in Nicaragua of two Americans, the president announces that this government has terminated diplomatic relations with the Zelayan administration in Nicaragua and intends to take such further steps as may be found most "consistent with its dignity, its duty to American interests and its moral obligation to Central America and to civilization."

In opposing any immediate investigations of the New York customs house scandal the president takes the ground that such investigation "might, by giving immunity and otherwise, prove an embarrassment in securing conviction of the guilty parties."

A proposal submitted to the secretary of the treasury that the executive department's deficit for the current fiscal year, estimated at \$73,075,620, be met by the issuance of Panama bonds, authorized by congress, is approved by the president. He explains that in order to avoid a deficit for the ensuing year ending June 30, 1911, estimates had been cut to the bone and, instead of a deficit, there will be a surplus of \$35,931,000, excluding payments on the Panama canal, which are expected to be taken care by bonds.

The president records with pleasure the satisfactory arrangement made for the arbitration in the present North American fisheries issue with Canada and the successful prosecution of the work of the commissions adjusting other boundary issues and the lake fisheries. He urges an international conference to devise measures for the protection of fur seals. He is hopeful of a happy adjustment of the Congo question and expresses his desire to afford a larger measure of protection to the little negro state of Liberia.

Satisfaction is expressed with the declaration of Japan and Russia in favor of the question "open door" and appropriations are asked for the expenses of the Pan-American Congress to be held in Buenos Ayres and participation in the Belgian exposition, both scheduled for next year.

YOUNG LADY IS FINED.

Dallas Girl Strikes Traffic Policeman With Her Whip.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 7.—Miss Ella Bull, aged sixteen years, a member of a prominent family, was fined twenty-five dollars in the police court here this morning on the charge of striking Policeman Cooper with a buggy whip. The officer was in direction of the traffic on a crowded street when he stopped the horse driven by the young woman. It is alleged that she struck him several blows.

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GRAND JURY CONVENES FOR THE TERM MONDAY

From Saturday's Daily.

The grand jury for the next term of the district court will convene Monday morning to begin its work for the term and will remain in session for probably two weeks.

It is not known what particular matters will be laid before the jurors for their attention at this time, and no special charges on the part of the judge is anticipated.

The grand jury is to consist of the following:

J. D. Avis, merchant; T. H. Barwise, farmer; C. H. Clark, merchant; J. M. Bland, merchant; S. M. Daniel, farmer; J.-L. Downing, nurseryman; G. W. Eagle, grain dealer; J. A. Fisher, farmer; M. J. Gardner, stockman; E. M. Harris, stockman; S. E. Honaker, farmer; J. C. Hunt, grain dealer; J. P. Jones, real estate agent; H. C. Karrenbrock, ginmer; W. Lee Moore, lumberman; J. C. Zeigler, tinner.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION.

The State of Texas, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Wichita County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to Summon Austin Gilliam by making publication of this Citation once each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 30th Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 30th Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the Justice's Court of Precinct No. 1, Wichita County, to be held at Justice's office in said Wichita County, on the 27th day of December A. D. 1909, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 8th day of November A. D. 1909 in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 3467, wherein E. W. Sachse is Plaintiff, and Austin Gilliam is Defendant, and said petition alleging suit upon an account for the sum of \$30. Also for cost of suit.

Herein Fall Not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand this the 1st day of December, 1909.

W. E. BROTHERS, Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1, Wichita County, Texas.

Given under my official signature, at office in Wichita Falls, Texas, this the 1st day of December, A. D. 1909.

W. E. BROTHERS, Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1, Wichita County, Texas. 52-4tc

IS ELECTROCUTED.

American Pays Extreme Penalty for Murder of Merchant.

New York, Dec. 6.—Bedros Hampartsoomian, the American slayer of H. Tavashanjan, a rug merchant, was put to death in the electric chair at Sing Sing today. He was an agent of a revolutionary society, the "Hunchakists."

MORSE LOSES AGAIN.

Supreme Court Denies Writ of Certiorari Applied For.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—The Supreme Court today denied the petition of Charles Morse for a writ of certiorari. The result of the decision sustains the Morse sentence of fifteen years' imprisonment in the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta.

Posted.—Keep Out.

No hunting allowed on my farm. R. E. Moore. 35-8tc

REFUSES TO QUASH IN PIERCE TRIAL

JUDGE CALHOUN OVERRULES DEMURRER AND OBJECTIONS RAISED BY DEFENDANT.

TRIAL IS TO PROCEED

Some of the Objections Believed Valid By Calhoun, But He Rules on Them in Toto.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 6.—Judge George Calhoun this morning in the district court overruled the objections raised by H. Clay Pierce in the perjury trial and at 11:30 the state began the introduction of testimony in the case.

The judge announced that while he was entirely satisfied as to the validity of some of the objections raised, he recognized that in the event the motion to quash was sustained and the prosecution stopped, the state would have no appeal and the merits of the case would be undecided.

He ruled separately that in Texas a woman may exercise the duties of a notary public; that the oath in the indictment is sufficient compliance with the law; that limitation has not operated against the defendant, and that a joint charge of false swearing and perjury may be maintained.

Judge Calhoun expressed some doubt as to whether the charge of perjury could be maintained in this instance, because of the repeal of the act of 1899, upon which it is based. Nevertheless, he brushed aside the objections raised and ordered that the trial proceed.

It is believed that it will take about two weeks to try the case, as there are numerous witnesses on each side.

The first witness introduced by the state was H. A. Muir of Sedalia, Mo., court stenographer at the recent trial of the anti-trust suit against the Standard Oil Company in Missouri, in which Pierce testified. He will be examined regarding Pierce's testimony in that trial.

Pierce Goes Free.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 7.—Henry Clay Pierce walked out of the district court room a free man this morning, acquitted of the charge of perjury, which was preferred against him in connection with his affidavit upon the readmission of the Waters-Pierce Oil Company to the state.

Judge Calhoun directed the jury today to return a verdict of not guilty, holding that under the constitution of the United States, Missouri and Texas, a witness testifying truthfully in any suit is assured that his evidence shall not be used in criminal procedure against him and that, therefore, the state's attorneys could not make use of the evidence against him, which consisted of his testimony in the suits in the oil trust cases in Missouri.

The defendant's plea of immunity on this ground was sustained by the court, leaving the state without further ground to stand on and Judge Calhoun immediately told the jury to return a verdict of "not guilty." Pierce thus won his suit without having to enter into any of its merits.

Pierce's plea of immunity was based on the fact that in the cases against the oil trust in Missouri, he testified truthfully, and that the evidence given by him, although it was incriminating, could not be used against him under the constitution. The state was unable to prove its allegations without making use of Pierce's own evidence and the entire indictment, on the joint charge of false swearing and perjury was knocked out.

The magnate will remain in Austin today to attend the sale of the Waters-Pierce property. He was warmly congratulated by his friends upon his acquittal, which marks the end of one of the most notable cases yet brought to trial in this country.

The sale of the Waters-Pierce property, which was to have taken place at 10 o'clock this morning was postponed until later this afternoon to give Pierce's attorneys an opportunity to intervene in his behalf.

UNABLE TO AGREE.

Jury in W. Y. Ellis Case Sent Back by Judge.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 6.—The jury in the trial of W. Y. Ellis, charged with the murder of N. P. Willis of Indianapolis, reported today as unable to agree upon a verdict. Judge Lea again read the instructions to the jury, stating the trial had been too costly to discharge that body and sent them back for further deliberation.

DIES FROM INJURIES.

Oklahoma City Man Is Killed in Sap Yards at San Antonio.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 6.—J. S. Flake, aged sixty years, of Oklahoma City, died late last night from injuries sustained in a collision in the local yards of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railroad.

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HUMAN VULTURES READY FOR FEAST ON ZELAYA

San Juan, De Sur, Dec. 7.—The rival factions that combined for the overthrow of President Zelaya are now reported to be intriguing for predominance in the prospective spoils and are exerting themselves to gain influence at Washington. It is reported that Costa Rica newspapers are protesting publicly against American intervention in Central America.

LEARNS OF FATHER'S DEATH.

J. H. Aiken, Sr., Died at Waco Yesterday—Left Here in Morning.

After leaving the city in apparently the best of health yesterday morning, J. H. Aiken, Sr., dropped dead at Waco last night of heart failure. He was here as the guest of his son, J. H. Aiken, Jr., of the Palace Drug Store, who was notified of the sad occurrence this morning and left at once for Waco. Mr. Aiken was apparently in perfect health when he left Wichita Falls yesterday morning and the blow was an entirely unexpected one.

Waco, Tex., Dec. 7.—J. H. Aiken of Salado, who arrived yesterday afternoon to attend the meeting of the Texas Grand Lodge of Masons here today, died of heart failure late last night at the Hotel Royal. He was sixty-five years of age and a holder of a certificate in the grand lodge. He is survived by children at Wichita Falls, Quanah, Denton and Salado.

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THICK ICE FORMED IN THIS VICINITY TODAY

Ice, nearly a foot thick on the pools and small lakes in this vicinity this morning gave some evidence of the weather and a glance at the thermometer confirmed one's suspicions, as it registered, at 6:30 this morning, ten degrees above zero. The weather became warmer as the day progressed and still warmer weather is the prediction for tomorrow.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 7.—Fort Worth, North Texas and the Panhandle today experienced the coldest weather of the year, when the temperature ranged from six above at Hereford to twenty-three above zero here. The weather bureau predicts a drop to fourteen degrees here tonight. Fair conditions prevail in this vicinity.

Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 7.—The mercury stood at three above zero here this morning, being the coldest of this winter. It is reported that range cattle are suffering from the wintry blasts.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 7.—The storm which prevailed today caused the death of three persons, and hampered transportation on the steam roads and the urban lines.

(Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 7.—Twelve inches of snow fell here last night, with a minimum temperature of six below zero. Street car traffic is blocked.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 7.—Today is the coldest December weather in thirty-one years. Ten degrees below zero was the mark reached.

STRAYED—One black sow, weighs about 300 pounds. Owner can have same by calling at my farm three miles due south of town on the Windthorst road and paying for this ad and care of hog. S. A. Keller. w-47-1t

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HIGH RENTS IN AMARILLO.

The following editorial taken from Amarillo Daily Panhandle, gives a tolerably clear idea of the rent situation in that city.

"The Daily Panhandle has from time to time touched upon the question of exorbitant rents in Amarillo, showing where such condition is holding back this city from going forward as fast it would were conditions different. Many worthy men with families refuse to come in as citizens when they investigate and others leave Amarillo after a period of sacrifice of this nature.

There is another phase of the matter that has developed a serious situation. A citizen elected to fill one of the official positions of the recently created United Charities Association of Amarillo spoke as follows this morning to the Daily Panhandle:

"Amarillo is decidedly one of the worst places on earth for the indigent. Rents, exorbitant and out of proportion with expenditures, of investment represented, are the hardest items to meet. There are poor families living in miserable shacks the rents on which are higher than charged for first class cottages in good neighborhoods in other cities of similar size. By the time the good people of the city have generously donated food and clothing they feel that they have gone to such limit that they ought not to be expected to pay big rents, and that too, to persons who are living in ease and wrapped in furs.

"Fifteen to twenty-five dollars each month is rather strong for three and four room shacks, for many of them are little more. It is rare, that one may find anything in the guise of a house or hut that may be had for ten dollars a month. This being true, and it is true, it is apparent that once here, persons are compelled to take whatever falls within their hands—rent these places regardless of the price, and hope and pray and work with a desire to in some way make enough to keep the wolf from the door and pay the rents. In many cases neither food nor rent are kept up, and an appeal, often with shamefacedness, is made to some neighbor, or to some one known to be interested in such work.

"It is apparent that this endless chain, this reaching and struggling for the impossible, makes a crushing burden. Food, clothing and medicine are commodities that the people will always supply, but that rent, big and out of proportion for the service received looms as a nightmare before those who have to confront the problem of alleviating the suffering of the unfortunate within the city's gates. This item in its present form is one that causes hesitancy and will doubtless continue to do so, until a rate more equitable and just shall have been established."

The foregoing is expressive in words too conservative to suit the condition. Yet "what are you going to do about it?" will be the insolent reply of the smug individual in furs, as so aptly expressed by the Amarillo citizen. Nothing, it seems, can be done about it but to leave the question to the conscience of the individual who will rob the poor; yet no one has ever yet heard of a wolf relenting when he had a victim run thru with his fangs.

THIRTY YEARS OF SHAME.

A great deal is being written just now regarding the results of the penitentiary investigation, and on this matter Senator Hudspeth, a member of the the investigating committee has the following to say:

"The history of our penitentiaries for the last thirty years shows a terrible treatment of the convicts during all that time. Twenty-six years ago a legislative committee saw forty convicts housed in one board room on the Wynn farm, some of them sick of pneumonia, and with but one stove in the coldest weather ever felt in Texas until then. We saw the farm, and it is still a bad place. At that time, in midsummer, men were confined in box cars at night and some pulled out dead next morning from that Calcutta death-box. A state senator (Mr. Gibbs of Dallas), described the method of housing convicts while working on railroads; a few gum logs across a railroad ditch, under which the men entered by a hole, and over which the sergeant watched, gun in hand, until next morning, as one would watch a den of snakes. Men were lashed into insensibility then, as they are still, by brutal sergeants, and yet the system went on. Seven years ago a committee sent by the legislature revealed

a condition of sickening barbarity. They reported having seen many whose backs were lacerated by the lash. Men were chained up by the head and lashed into unconsciousness; others died under the lash, whose backs they could not see. Still the system went on, and the legislators who reported these conditions were called "the smelling committee," and their report kicked about the legislative halls as though it had been a football. The whole system is devilish and corrupt which permits brutal guards to receive bribes from plants to do it. Texas must support humane state agents who will keep in daily contact with the men, and who will represent the convict side of the question as sincerely as that of the state, and whose only duty should be to look after their physical condition and enforce humane treatment. Unless this is done, the whole system will continue to disgrace our state."

ZELAYA HEARS FROM WASHINGTON.

The vigorous note addressed by Secretary of State Knox to Felix Rodriguez, charge d'affaires of the Nicaraguan legation, returning him his transports and scathingly denouncing the Zelayan administration's government of that country, has but one meaning and that is, the Washington government has determined that the time has come for it to interpose in behalf of the re-establishment of a government of law and order in that republic, and that as a means to the end the further reign of the Zelayan administration will not be longer tolerated.

Whether the situation has become sufficiently acute to demand the landing of the blue jackets and the marching of them to Managua or not, the virtual recognition of the Nicaraguan revolutionists in the note referred to, declaring it to be the conviction of the United States that the revolution represents the sentiments of a majority of the Nicaraguan people, and that there is evidently no responsible government with which the United States can deal, means a degree of moral support to the revolutionary cause of which it will not be slow to take advantage to bring the present struggle for the overthrow of the Zelayan administration to a speedy and victorious conclusion.

As further evidence that the United States is justified in the determination to bring matters to a crisis in the interest not alone of the people of Nicaragua, but of the adjoining states which have suffered through years of turmoil engendered by the intrigues of Zelaya, Mr. Knox's letter makes it plain that the action taken by the Washington government represents the wish and attitude of all the Central American states with the single exception of Honduras, which has long been dominated by Zelaya.

Under the articles of agreement adopted by the Central American states in a convention held in Washington city some years ago, having in view the permanent maintenance of peace in the several states and of a republican form of government in each, the United States and Mexico were asked to see that such agreement by the respective members of the convention, and having acceded to the request and accepted such responsibility as is implied in the premises, the United States is clearly in the line of its duty in its present action, aside from any grounds for interference on account of the torture and execution of the two Americans, Cannon and Groce.—Houston Post.

GOOD ROADS.

Wichita Falls is now a railroad and manufacturing center, but her growth and prosperity is dependent largely upon the development of the country surrounding her on all sides—the best farming country in the state of Texas, and if this fact is properly advertised it will not be a great while until Wichita, Archer, Clay and Wilbarger counties will be thickly settled with thrifty farmers. Good roads will do much toward the development of the agricultural resources of those counties, and Wichita County should not be the last to set the pace by voting bonds for county road improvements. This county, in the judgment of most of her largest tax-payers, can well afford to vote as much as \$100,000 worth of road improvement bonds, and the time for taking a step in this direction is now at hand.

According to figures furnished by the department of commerce and labor at Washington, the increased cost of living during the past ten years has been 4 per cent. In the meantime, the increase in wages has been considerably smaller. On the face of these facts, if indeed, such they are, is the wage earner in a better condition today than he was ten years ago, when his wages were less, but when the cost of living was nearly 50 per cent cheaper?

While we have not yet consulted the oldest inhabitant, we feel safe in saying that this is the coldest weather we have ever had—it almost is.

Reports from the county surrounding Wichita Falls indicate that the acreage planted in wheat this fall is larger by far than for any year during the last five or six, and as the rains have come, putting an excellent season in the ground, the prospects for a bumper wheat crop next year are most promising. The fields are green, furnishing splendid grazing for stock. For several years farmers in this section have been cutting down the acreage to small grain crops and putting in more of other kinds of crops, such as corn and cotton, and the result has been good. The acreage to small grain crops in this section will hardly ever be what it used to be when practically nothing but small grain was raised, and as a result of that kind of farming, when a drouth struck the country the failure of crops was most complete. Now, that diversified farming is the rule, the farmers are growing prosperous, land is advancing in price and the country is settling very rapidly, until now Wichita county is, without a question of a doubt, one among the very best of farming counties in Texas.

GO SLOW, BROTHER JOHNSON

Brother Johnson of the Huston Post seems to be very much agitated because Congressman Hardy did not support the ticket in 1896, and suggests that the "Texas democrats who were loyal to the platform and ticket that year are in no frame of mind to be lectured by Hardy now." Brother Johnson ought to go slow for he will find that a number of his bosom friends did not support the ticket in 1896. There is Brother Kirby, for instance, and others who did not support the ticket in 1896, but with whom the colonel has been able to affiliate in more recent days. He ought not to open up old sores now merely because a protectionist.—The Commoner.

The Times is independent in all things and neutral in nothing. It has opinions and it believes its patrons are entitled to and should know what they are before it solicits or accepts their patronage. It is broad enough to grant to others the same rights which it reserves for itself, and if it cannot succeed along these lines, the sooner its failure is recorded the better. It does not believe in "toting water on both shoulders," and the man or newspaper which pursues such a policy is, to use a slang phrase, "skating on tolerably thin ice," and sooner or later will strike a hole which it will be rather difficult to extricate itself from.

Archer county holds her local option election on next Saturday, the 11th, and the campaign is getting quite warm. The antis are well organized and counting on victory, but that the result will be close is admitted by both sides. At present the county is "dry" and in the event it goes "wet," the result will have its influence on the proposed local option election to be held in this county at an early date.

The Dallas News warns us against starting another scrap with Editor Edwards of Denton, but we cannot forbear calling his attention to the fact that, with a smaller population, Wichita Falls has nearly half a million more bank deposits.

The superintendent of the state insane asylum says that one person in every three hundred is insane, but, of course, one can always console one's self with the thought that one is surely among the two hundred and ninety-nine.

How Jim Hogg must turn over in his grave when he hears himself being quoted as saying a thousand and one things he never said. His views seem to be in perfect accord with those of each candidate.

Collier's Weekly says that if an election were to be held tomorrow any respectable Democrat could beat Taft. That sounds good, but the trouble is that the election isn't tomorrow.

This is the season of the year when the anti-Santa Claus crank begins to get in his work. We suspect, however, that the old gentleman will appear in Wichita homes on schedule time.

The book trust is being used in Arkansas. We hope our sister state will be merciful and administer the inhuman punishment of a ten thousand dollar fine assessed by Texas.

Dispatches say the Pierce-Jury is an exceptionally intelligent one. It might be all of that, according to the Texas standards, without setting the court house on fire.

A machine has been invented to measure telephone talk. The lady who calls up the Times office every afternoon just at press-time, will please take notice.

At any rate, the reading clerks in the house and senate read the president's message through, even if nobody else in the country did.

This month's New Jersey murder mystery is not nearly so interesting as last month's.

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FORDYCE IS BUYER OF OIL PROPERTY

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NOT RELATED TO TRUST

Purchaser May Have to Make Affidavit to That Effect—Other Properties Also Sold.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 8.—Sam. W. Fordyce of St. Louis, who on yesterday afternoon purchased all of the Texas property of the Waters-Pierce Oil Company for over one million, four hundred thousand dollars, today refused to make known his associates, and it is reported that the state will probably require him to make affidavit declaring that he and his associates have no connection with either the Standard Oil Company or the Waters-Pierce Company.

The exact bid of Fordyce was \$1,431,741.78. The Security Oil Company property, which was also under the hammer, was sold for \$85,000 to John Sealy of Galveston, who also purchased the Navarro Refining Company property for \$750,000 and the Union Tank Line Company's cars for \$40,000. The total value of the property that changed hands was over two million, three hundred thousand dollars.

The possible request of the state for an affidavit from Fordyce setting forth that he is not connected with any trust will, it is hinted, lead to a renewal of the fight. Fordyce has been a business associate of Pierce for many years, and is said to be purchasing the property for him.

Pierce is still here and has made no plans for his departure. Fordyce today told Receiver Eckhardt that he would probably make a tour of inspection of the property at an early date. The court has not yet entered the final order of sale.

The attorneys and the court today discussed the point of whether Fordyce shall be required to make a full cash payment or give notes. The claims of the Clem Oil Company of Dallas, which seeks to have six hundred thousand dollars of the purchase money set aside, are yet to be heard. This company has suits pending against the Waters-Pierce Company.

MEXICO GETS INTO NICARAGUA MELEE

ENRIQUE CREEL IS APPOINTED SPECIAL AGENT TO CONFER WITH UNITED STATES.

WHERE SYMPATHY LIES

Hinted That Mexico is Friendly to Zelaya—Magoon to Represent This Country.

By Associated Press. New Orleans, Dec. 8.—According to a special from the City of Mexico, Enrique Creel, formerly Ambassador to Washington, is now on his way to Washington as special Ambassador representing Diaz. He will confer with Charles Magoon, former Governor of Cuba, looking to the adjustment of the Nicaraguan question. Magoon's appointment will be officially announced in a few days as a special envoy. The killing of Groce and Cannon will be the first question considered. The report of Creel and Magoon is to be final.

Panama, Dec. 8.—According to reports from Nicaragua General Vasquez has been court martialed because of the defeat of the government troops in a battle near Rama. The battle is said to have been a desperate one, the government column which entered the fight with a hundred and fifty soldiers, leaving all but four on the field. It is stated here that Mexico will support Nicaragua in any controversy with the United States.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 8.—Reports received here today from Panama say the Nicaraguan revolutionists defeated Zelaya's forces in a bloody battle recently, but the facts are withheld from the public. The government lost many, killed and wounded, and the soldiers are deserting. Zelaya is telling the Nicaraguans Mexico sides with him and against the United States. It is known that Zelaya sent an emissary to confer with Diaz and to seek his aid.

Mrs. Robert Craig, Texas News Service Special. Denton, Tex., Dec. 9.—Mrs. Robert Craig, wife of Robert Craig, president of the Conaway-Craig Lumber Company, died suddenly here this morning. She had been visiting friends here.

THE ALARMING INCREASE OF BRIGHT'S DISEASE.

"He died of Bright's Disease." Hardly a week passes that this statement is not made in reference to some prominent citizen.

The increasing prevalence of this disease makes the present time seem most opportune for discussion in the hope that some who are unconsciously afflicted with this dreaded disease may receive timely warning.

A prominent citizen residing in a nearby town informs us that he suffered for nearly a year from Bright's Disease, but that he recently affected a complete cure.

"What seemed to be the first indications of the trouble," was asked.

"They seemed hardly worth noticing. My digestion bothered me at times, my stomach seemed out of order, and I had occasional backaches, but I thought it was due to too much work."

"Did you take anything?"

"I did not. Later, my strength failed me, I had severe pains in the back and noticed some irregularities of the urine, I couldn't sleep well at night. I then used some simple remedies, but without benefit."

"Did you realize that your trouble was Bright's Disease?"

"I never thought of such a thing. Finally, my condition became serious. My back ached all the time, I had shooting pains in my joints and a weak tired feeling at the knees, a little work played me out completely. I then began doctoring for kidney trouble but did not improve very much."

"Did you have any trouble with your heart?"

"Yes. I had spells of heart throbbing and a nervous faint feeling. I thought I had heart disease and treated awhile for that. Nothing seemed to help me. I had to give up trying to work."

"How did you affect a cure?"

"A friend of mine persuaded me to try Prickly Ash Bitters. I bought a bottle of my druggist. After taking it a week I began to feel some better, my urine became more natural and there was a gradual lessening of my misery. I kept on taking Prickly Ash Bitters for several weeks and I could feel my strength returning—slowly at first—but increasing daily. I am now entirely cured of my trouble and able to do a full day's work without the least fatigue. I consider Prickly Ash Bitters the grandest kidney medicine in the world."

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MASONS ELECT OFFICERS.

J. C. Kidd of Houston Advanced to Grand Master.

Waco, Tex., Dec. 8.—The Grand Council of Texas Masons will conclude its yearly convocation this afternoon after advancing J. C. Kidd of Houston to the office of Grand Master. The principal other officers are W. A. Scott of Floresville, deputy grand master; B. B. Frymier of Waco, treasurer, and John A. Bryan of Cleburne, grand recorder.

COURTS CONVENE.

Appearance Dockets Called—\$600,000 Damage Case Reset.

Appearance dockets were called in both the county and district courts this morning, but no cases have yet come up for trial in either court. In the county court, several default judgments were rendered, the remainder the cases being set for next Tuesday. In the district court, practically all the cases were set for next January. The case of McKay et al vs. J. Swenson et al, for damages aggregating six hundred thousand dollars, was continued until next term of court, by agreement.

J. P. Jones was elected foreman of the district court grand jury at its opening session yesterday and it is today in the midst of its deliberations. No special charge was delivered by Judge Carrigan.

From Thursday's Daily.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Bowen, formerly of this city, but now of Corpus Christi, will learn with regret the death of their baby, Opal, which is announced in a telegram to the editor of the Times this morning. Mr. Bowen was formerly connected with the Times as machinist operator.

Now for the Xmas Rush. We will say it is best for you to come and look over the line I have, as it will give you better selections to get your presents. I have plenty of help-to-wait on you. To all I know I will gladly lay back any goods for future delivery. I Will Engrave All Goods Free. I'm not the only Jeweler in the city but I have the largest stock to select from. Im now Offering Some Bargains in Watches. Get my prices—and compare with others, then buy when you wish. I'm your to please. A. S. Fonville THE JEWELER

When Fall Plowing is Done. Don't do the same as you did last fall and let that expensive plow stand at the end of the last furrow turned. And don't drag it into the barn yard and let it stand there in the winter's storms. Get it under cover. A good shed will cost less than the damage done to the machinery, tools and vehicles left exposed to the elements. Rust and rot will put any machine out of business faster than legitimate use will. We have just the material, needed for sheds, and it is very inexpensive, too. Don't put it off. See us about quality and cost the next time you're in town. MOORE & RICHOLT, Lumber and Building Material

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SPECULATION IN FARM PRODUCTS

BOTH PRODUCERS AND DEALERS SUFFER AS RESULT OF GAMBLING, SAYS REPORT.

DEALINGS IN FUTURES

Commissioner Herbert Knox Smith is Very Condemnatory of the Market System.

Washington Dec. 6.—Both the producers of cotton and the dealers in that commodity are the victims of the system of trading in futures on the cotton exchanges of the country.

This is the burden of Parts 4 and 5 of the report of Commissioner of Corporations Herbert Knox Smith on the conduct of such exchanges. The practice of dealing in futures, as it is carried on at present, is condemned, although the report does not condemn the existence of the exchange.

"The brief discussion of general speculation in this report," says Mr. Smith, "recognizes the possibilities for good inherent in a great central market line a cotton exchange, and the need that this good be developed and evils eliminated by regulations in line with economic law."

The report is especially condemnatory of the dealings in futures, branding this form of speculation as pure gambling and highly injurious to legitimate trade. In quotations for "future" deliveries of cotton, the market is so uncertain and so many elements of chance enter into the transaction that all bids are made at a much lower figure than those offered for cotton actually in existence.

The effect of these fictitious quotations, the report points out, tends to mislead the cotton planter as to the true value of his crop, honestly grown. In addition, it leads brokers to "play" both sides of the market to protect themselves against loss in such trades, with the result that the producer is forced to pay in the end, while the farmer loses likewise.

The report while recognizing that the exchanges in New Orleans and New York Exchange, after declaring that the New Orleans methods of conducting the transactions in cotton followed natural lines, the report draws attention to the fact that it has been proved that the abnormal depressions in the future price in New York "were almost wholly due to improper artificial conditions now maintained by the New York Cotton Exchange." By maintaining them the New York exchange is responsible for a very real injury to the producer and merchant.

In closing the letter to President Taft which accompanied his report, Commissioner Smith again takes occasion to reprove the New York Exchange. He says:

"After the publication of the earlier parts of this report the New Orleans and New York exchanges established special committees instructed to consider the systems of their exchanges and to cooperate therein with the Commissioner of Corporations. Conferences have been held by the Commissioner with both committees. On the part of the New Orleans this cooperation was very complete, resulting in certain important improvements in the rules of that exchange. After more than a year's investigation, the committee of the New York exchange has not yet made any final report or taken any substantial action."

The Commission touches on the activities of the various organizations of cotton growers all formed with a view of controlling both price and production. He believes, however, that so numerous are the factors of supply and demand in determining the price of cotton that it is impossible to arrive at any satisfactory conclusion as to the extent of influence exerted by such organizations.

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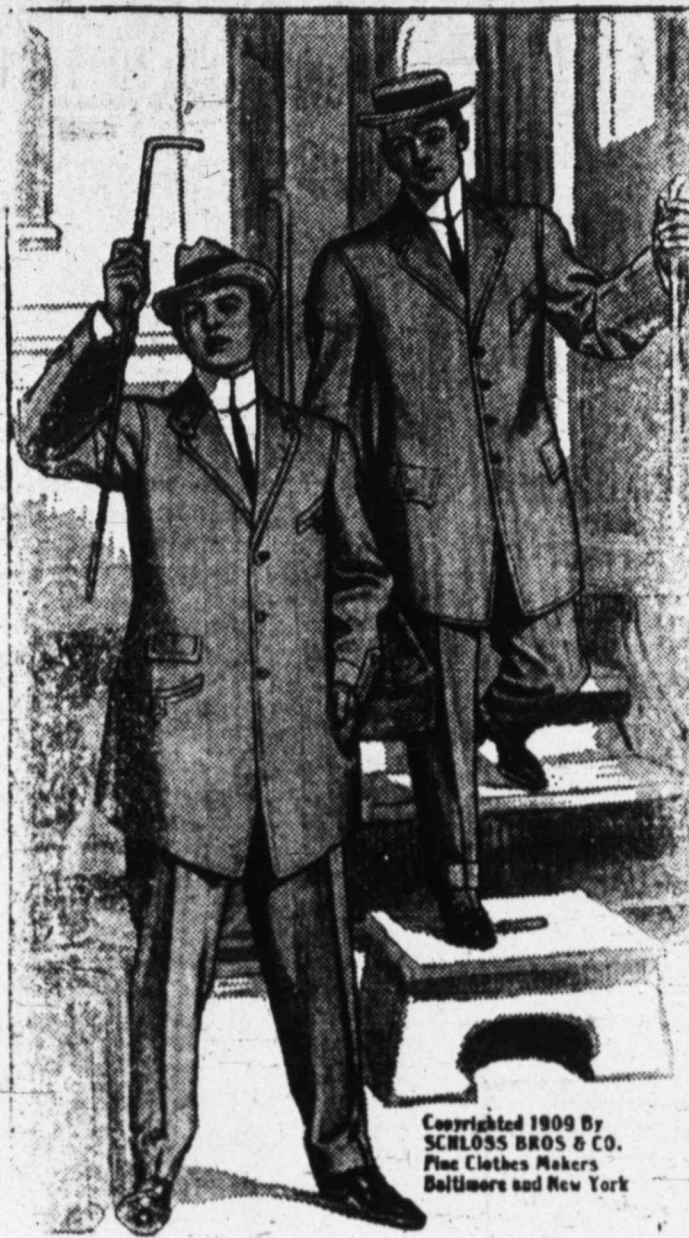
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MISTRIAL RESULTS IN CROWELL CASE

JURY IS UNABLE TO AGREE AFTER BEING OUT ABOUT FORTY HOURS AT HENRIETTA.

EIGHT FOR CONVICTION

Defendant Charged With Murder of His Wife Near This City in November, 1908.

From Friday's Daily. With eight jurors for conviction and four for acquittal, the M. J. Crowell murder case came to an end in a mistrial at Henrietta today and will have to be threshed out once more. The jury came in shortly before noon and announced that it was unable to agree on a verdict. Judge Carrigan ordered the jurymen discharged.

Eight of the jurors, it is learned, were for conviction and four for acquittal. What punishment the eight who were for conviction wished to inflict cannot be learned, as their deliberations did not progress that far.

This was the second trial of Crowell for the murder of his wife. The alleged murder took place in November, 1908, about four miles east of this city, just across the county line. The first trial resulted in a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree, punishment being fixed at fifteen years confinement in the penitentiary. This verdict was reversed and the cause remanded by the Court of Criminal Appeals on a technicality, and the second trial begun at Henrietta on Monday, of last week.

The testimony was in by Tuesday night and after devoting all day last Wednesday to arguments, the case went to the jury on Wednesday night. The jury reported its inability to agree after being out about forty hours.

NEW COAL COMPANY IS CHARTERED RECENTLY

The charter of the Belknap Coal Company, with headquarters in this city, was filed with the secretary of state at Austin yesterday, the incorporators being Frank Kell, J. A. Kemp and J. J. Perkins.

The capital stock of the new concern is two hundred thousand dollars and its purpose is to develop the coal fields at Newcastle, which have already been exploited to a considerable extent by Wichita Falls capital.

J. J. Perkins is a comparatively new resident of this city, having moved here only recently from Decatur. He is interested in numerous local enterprises.

The headquarters of the new coal company will be maintained in this city, though all the active operations will, of course, be carried on in Young county.

SUGAR TRIALS ON.

Deputy Surveyor Parr on Stand in New York Today.

New York, Dec. 6.—The trial of the former employes of the American Sugar Refining Company, charged with conspiracy to defraud the government, was resumed today. Deputy Surveyor of Customs Parr, whose raid on the sugar docks at Williamsburg was the principal feature of the trial, was cross-examined by the defendants' attorneys today.

WANT TO SEE RECORDS.

Haskell and Co-Defendants Still Fighting Hard.

Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 7.—Governor C. N. Haskell and the five other Oklahomans, charged with conspiracy to defraud the government out of Muskogee townsites, today made a new effort to gain access to the Indian land sale records by formal application to Thomas Ryan, assistant secretary of the interior. If this fails the defendants will appeal to Federal Judge Marshall for the records and books.

Wants to Declare War.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—Representative Sulser of New York this afternoon immediately after the convening of congress, introduced a joint resolution urging a declaration of war against Nicaragua by the United States Government. It further demands the arrest, trial and punishment of President Zelaya on the charge of murdering the Americans, Groce and Cannon and an apology and indemnity, also the establishment of a republican government.

Bacon May Succeed Culberson.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—A caucus of democratic senators has been called to meet at 6 o'clock this evening to select a minority leader to succeed Culberson, who retires on account of ill health. The impression prevails that Money will be elected unanimously, but that he will decline and that

BALLINGER MAN SHOWS UP—ENTIRELY ALIVE

J. H. Williams, the Ballinger man who was thought to have been lost in Wichita Falls recently, has turned up safe and sound at his home, and did not know he was lost. It seems that he came to Wichita Falls and liked the town so well that he stayed several days longer than his relatives expected, hence the anxiety in his behalf.

The San Angelo Standard makes the following trite comment on the case:

"There is a redeeming trait in the make-up of the Cliffdwellers that is truly refreshing and highly commendable. They look after their own with a solicitude that reaches even to Wichita Falls. Some two weeks ago, a Runnels county man left Ballinger for a visit to Wichita Falls, for the purpose of buying a farm. He left \$5,000 in a Ballinger bank and was otherwise well-to-do. He was to return in four days and his failure to show up at the end of that period afforded grounds for the wildest consternation. 'Man Disappears; Foul Play is Feared,' appeared in big display type at the top of column in the Ballinger papers. The wires were superheated in the endeavor to locate the absent man and men were dispatched to North Texas to locate his whereabouts. While this solicitude was at fever heat and still a heating, the gentleman, wholly oblivious of the prevailing panic his absence had precipitated, sedately stepped off the train at Ballinger and there was rejoicing in the little town over the prodigal's return.

Runnels cannot afford to lose any of her population and hereafter when one of her sovereigns goes abroad on a visit he should be tagged and labeled, with directions: 'After 4 days, if found running around loose, arrest and return to Ballinger.' - Fraernal solicitude is catalogued as one of the cardinal virtues."

TO BEGIN WORK AT ONCE.

No Delay in Construction of the New State Normal.

Austin Texas, Dec. 7.—The positive announcement was made yesterday by Prof. B. B. Cousins, state superintendent of public instruction, and the newly appointed principal of the West Texas Normal to be established at Canyon City, that the new institution will be opened on September 1, 1910, for the reception of students. Prof. Cousins declared that it made no difference whether the buildings was completed or equipped by that time, that he intended to open up for business at the time given above. In the event the building is not completed within the specified time, Professor Cousins said he would open the school in any building obtainable, and would even go so far as to have the classes held in the court house or some other public building. This is an extreme exigency, however, as Professor Cousins said that when the contract for the construction of the building has been awarded, a strong and rigid bond will be required from the successful contractor providing that the building shall be completed by September 1, 1910.

Last Saturday afternoon the state board of education accepted the plans of a Fort Worth firm of architects for the new institution, and those architects will at once get the plans and specifications in shape so that the board may soon award the contract for the construction of the building. It is hoped by Professor Cousins that they will be in shape to award the contract within the next week or so. The contractors will have to work under one great disadvantage and that is the question of transportation. Canyon City being located in the far west and the railroad facilities are not as good as in the more thickly settled portions of the state, which will cause difficulty in getting the material on the ground as fast as it is needed.

AVIATOR IS KILLED.

French Aeroplans Falls Sixteen Hundred Feet After Explosion.

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CHANGES ARE NUMEROUS IN OFFICIAL FAMILY

Austin, Tex., Dec. 6.—M. M. Brooks became a private citizen, Felix J. McCord becomes Associate Justice in the Court of Criminal Appeals and John A. Mobley becomes Assistant Attorney General, as the result of recent changes here.

Judge Brooks resigns to run for governor. Judge McCord, who has been Assistant Attorney General for several years, will succeed him on the bench, and John A. Mobley, representative from Henderson county and near-speaker in the last legislature, will succeed McCord. Mobley was one of the strongest of the administration



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PERSONAL MENTION

From Wednesday's Daily. J. J. Perkins of Decatur, was transacting business here today. Judge A. A. Hughes is in Fort Worth attending to legal business. B. F. Suter, a prominent citizen from Randlett, Okla., is in the city. I. H. Roberts returned yesterday from a business trip to Bartlett, Tex. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Stearnes left this morning for Fort Worth to visit relatives. S. Edwards, a prominent grain dealer from Seymour, was in the city today. City Marshal Harrison Schwend of Henrietta, was a visitor in the city today. Abe Marcus left this morning for Dallas to visit his mother, Mrs. M. Marcus. Mart Roberson, a prominent citizen from Farwell, Tex., is in the city on business. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Helton of Petrolia, were among the local visitors in the city today. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Culver, from Thornberry, are in the city visiting Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Cook. C. H. Clark, a hardware merchant from Iowa Park, was here today looking after business interests. Geo. Byers, one of Byers' influential citizens, was looking after business matters here today. J. C. Winfrey, one of the leading merchants of Iowa Park, was attending to business matters here today. J. W. Pond returned this morning from Lawton, at which place he had been looking after business interests. Mrs. Homer L. McGregor of Petrolia, was in the city today on her return from a visit with relatives at Henrietta. From Thursday's Daily Robert Dickson, a business man from Seymour, is in the city. J. H. Rayborn of Dundee, was transacting business here today. Misses Belle and Mary White of Iowa Park, are in the city. Mrs. B. B. Woodall left this morning for Itasca to visit relatives. Joe Terry, a real estate man from Harrold, was transacting business here today. H. B. Gately, manager for R. C. Dunn and Company of Fort Worth, is in the city. Mrs. F. H. Elice left this evening for a few days visit with friends at Quanah. Mrs. R. E. Clopton returned from Dallas today, where she had been since Tuesday on business. W. H. Siddith was one of a party of ten who left this morning on the excursion to Old Mexico. M. Staude, a popular hardware salesman from Fort Worth, is here today calling on his trade. Mr. and Mrs. N. K. Haggood of Henrietta, are in the city, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Searight. Mrs. A. R. Fain left this morning for Bainbridge, Ga., where she will spend



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the winter with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Robertson returned last night from an extended visit with relatives at Hopkinsville, Ky. E. W. Morgan, manager for the Sun Oil Company at Petrolia, was in the city today en route to Electra on business. Miss Sallie Duan of Iowa Park, and Miss Maggie Jarmon of Norman, Okla., are in the city guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Dunn. Mrs. Isaac Bush of Howe, Tex., arrived in the city last night and will spend the winter with her granddaughter, Mrs. Geo. L. Moore. Mrs. M. C. Napier and her daughters, Mesdames Ballou and McAbee, returned this afternoon from an extended visit with relatives in San Antonio. W. L. Robertson, assistant cashier of the City National Bank, returned today from Fort Worth, where he had been a witness before the federal court. Dr. J. W. DuVal returned last night from Dallas, having been called to St. Paul's Sanitarium at that place to operate on Mrs. John Littken of this city. J. D. Avis, who has been attending the Grand Lodge of Masons' meeting at Waco, returned this morning. He was accompanied on the trip by Mrs. J. D. Avis, Jr., who visited her parents in that city.

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THE MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Table with market data for Cotton (Liverpool, New York, New Orleans), Chicago Grain Market, and Fort Worth Cattle Market. Includes columns for Open, High, and Close prices.

GREAT FRUIT SHOW. Texas Took Many Prizes at Council Bluffs, Iowa. Chicago, Ill., Dec. 7.—The greatest fruit show ever held in the United States, with the exception of the world's fair at St. Louis, has just been held at Council Bluffs, Iowa. In quantity, variety, quality, representation by states and other points going to make a truly national show this exposition was most remarkable. Twenty-three states were represented at this exposition. The leading exhibits were from Texas, Nebraska, Colorado, North Carolina, Maryland and Idaho. All these states had immense exhibits, represented by carloads of fruits, while all states had fine and representative exhibits. Apples, of course, predominated, as they must at this season of the year. The apples from any one of half dozen states exhibiting were enough within themselves to repay a visit to the show. Two hundred and seventy-five varieties were represented in the various exhibits, and there were marked difference in the same varieties as grown in North Carolina and Maryland, in the east and in Colorado and Idaho in the west. Pecans and other nuts formed an interesting feature of the show. Vegetables likewise attracted much attention. Cereals and grasses and forage

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plants from many states were notable exhibits. The railroads of the west, the Harriman lines, all had magnificent exhibits and contributed greatly to the success of the exposition. State horticultural societies from many states, under the direction of the state officers, had splendid exhibits and carried off many prizes. For general collection of citrus and other sub-tropical fruit, the first prize a silver trophy valued at \$300, was won by the Citrus Growers' Association of Houston, Texas. The Texas exhibits, a car of products, attracted more attention than perhaps any other exhibit in the building. Though gotten up in but a short time, and so not with the variety of products that can be had in the gulf coast region even, it was a most notable showing. Bearing trees, with the fruit on them, Satsuma oranges, grapefruits, kumquats, banked with cape jasmmines and rosedale arbor viates, formed the centerpiece of attraction of the whole show. Eighteen varieties of citrus fruits were on display on the table. The collection of photos from the gulf coast country was a most notable one. The sugar cane, the rice and the vegetables like

wise attracted much attention. Pecans, magnolia figs and Japanese persimmons were fine features. The gulf coast country booklet gotten out especially for this exhibit, was in great demand, as well as other literature. Southern Orchards and Homes, especially. One of the most gratifying features of the show to the Texas men, E. S. Stockwell and C. S. Canada, who had direct charge of the exhibit, was the enthusiasm manifested for the Satsuma orange. Everyone who tasted it was delighted with it. This was the first opportunity this orange has had to come before a great number of fruit men who are impartial judges. The judgment they have rendered in its favor is certainly a most gratifying one to all who are interested in its culture. IN SEARCH OF 'JIMMY.' Another Tug Starts Out to Find Missing Boat. Galveston, Tex., Dec. 9.—The Tug Zoe, with Robert P. Clark, one of the owners of the Tug Jimmy on board, cleared at 11 o'clock this morning to search for the missing craft.

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