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OIL RIGS GOING UP AT ELECTRA

BOOM FOLLOWING RECENT DISCOVERY ASSUMES LARGE PROPORTIONS.

PUTTING UP BUILDINGS

Texas Company Now Largely Interested There and Many Leases Have Been Filed.

From Thursday's Daily. Electra is now beginning to present the appearance of a real oil town and the activity in the oil field since the recent discovery continues unabated. The Texas Company is now interested in the field to a considerable extent and is installing several rigs on the ground, getting ready to sink several additional wells.

The rush for oil leases in the vicinity of the strike has about ended, practically all the available ground in that part of the county having been secured in this manner by interested parties. Some of the leases are two miles from the spot where the first strike was made.

The town of Electra is beginning to feel the effects of the boom in a most substantial way and this is evidenced by the construction of a large number of new residences and several new business buildings, including a new hotel.

J. J. Black Dead.

By Associated Press. Carthage, Dec. 23.—J. J. Black, ninety years old and a resident here for fifty years, died late yesterday. He was formerly immensely rich. He was the oldest person in Panola county.

FOUR ASSASSINATIONS.

Prominent Officials Attacked in Various Parts of World.

New York, Dec. 22.—Cablegrams received here today give startling news of assassinations of prominent persons over the world.

The Prime Minister of the Korean Cabinet was stabbed to death in Seoul; Karpos, chief of the secret service of Russia, was killed by a bomb at St. Petersburg; Arthur Jackson, prominent in Indian politics, was killed by natives in Bombay, and the Prime Minister of Roumania was killed in Bucharest.

FIGHT FOLLOWS ARGUMENT.

Two Men Could Not Agree on Christmas Presents.

Waxahachie, Tex., Dec. 23.—Geo. Carpenter was seriously injured today five miles south of here in an altercation with J. K. Fuller. The men disagreed on the practice of giving Christmas presents and the discussion led to blows. Carpenter was struck on the head with a rock, but it is believed that he will recover. Fuller is being sought by officers.

LUTHER RE-APPOINTED.

Will Again Be the State Penitentiary Agent After First.

Sulphur Springs, Tex., Dec. 23.—John L. Luther, formerly of this city, received information from Austin today that he had been appointed state penitentiary agent and he will resume his duties on the first of January.

Luther was agent for ten years, but was removed when Campbell became governor the first time.

IS ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.

Discharge of Shot Gun Results in Death at Lubbock.

Lubbock, Tex., Dec. 21.—George Edward, the little son of C. C. Edward of this city, was instantly killed late yesterday afternoon by the accidental discharge of a shot gun held in the hands of his brother. Part of his head was torn off. The boy was receiving the weapon when the barrel pointed toward his body when it was discharged.

WHAT PETROLIA WANTS FROM OLD SANTA CLAUS

The following letter was received in the regular 'Santa Claus' mail which comes to the Times office this week, and the Times reproduces it to show the neighborly amenities exchanged by our Clay county friends: Petrolia, Tex., Dec. 17, 1909. Dear Old Santa Claus:—I want you

to bring Henrietta an oil and gas field so she won't have to claim ours all the time, and, Santa, don't you think it is too bad to bring good folks out here 15 miles in a 'norther' like today and while they are cold, tell them this is their oil and gas fields? I do, and I know you will, too, so please bring them one for they want one so bad. Byers wants one, too, Santa, so if you have two, give her one, but if you only have one, give it to Henrietta, as she needs it most, 'cause 15 miles is a long way to bring strangers against a 'norther' to show them an oil and gas field. Santa, as this is my first letter, I won't ask for anything more for this Xmas. We have really everything we need, but please, dear Santa, don't forget Miss Henrietta.

Your little friend,
PETROLIA.

Slush at Fort Worth.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 23.—Rain is falling here today, following the recent thaw, and the slush is causing a great inconvenience to Christmas shoppers.

COUNTY PRISONERS WILL GET CHRISTMAS DINNER

From Thursday's Daily.

The prisoners at the county jail will not be neglected this Christmas, if the plans of the Salvation Army are carried out. Adjutant Gassaway of the local corps announced this morning that a generous dinner would be provided for the inmates of the jail, including fruit and other luxuries. This is the Army's first Christmas in Wichita Falls and through their efforts on behalf of the needy many who would otherwise have suffered will be well provided for. The Christmas dinner which will be provided for the poor promises to be well-attended and there is no doubt that many will be made much happier.

McLAURIN FUNERAL.

Burial of Mississippi Senator Takes Place Tomorrow.

By Associated Press. Brandon, Miss., Dec. 23.—The funeral of the late Senator McLaurin, who died suddenly at his home here on Wednesday night, will take place from the Methodist church Friday at 10:30 a. m. The obsequies will be without ostentation. The family today decided not to accept the offer of a state funeral or await the arrival of the congressional delegation. The services will be conducted by Rev. Emery, pastor of the Methodist church.

COURT'S DECISION IS IN FAVOR OF THE BARONESS

By Associated Press. Pontotoc, France, Dec. 23.—The court here today decided in favor of Baroness Vaughan and ordered the removal of the seals which have been placed upon her property at Ballin Court.

WANTED CONFESSION.

Sheriff Admits He Offered Money to Brownsville Negro.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—Sheriff Arnold of Monroe, Ga., a witness before the military court that is investigating the Brownsville affair, today admitted that he once said to Boyd Conyers that there was great money in the case if Conyers would confess and that he would take care of him. He acknowledged this might be interpreted as an offer of money, but was not so intended.

WELCOME CHRISTMAS GIFT.

Sherman City Employees Get Salary Increases.

Texas News Service Special. Sherman, Tex., Dec. 23.—Sherman policemen and Sherman firemen received welcome Christmas gifts today when the city council raised their salaries five dollars per month each, and the heads of all departments, ten dollars per month. It was in response to a business men's petition.

NO NEW TRIALS.

Alleged Bigamists at Dallas Sentenced to Five Years Each.

Texas News Service Special. Dallas, Tex., Dec. 23.—District Judge Seay today overruled the motions for a new trial in the cases of Henry Knapp and Philip Bryant, both convicted and under sentences of five years each on the charges of bigamy. Appeals will be taken.

ESTRADA PLANS TO MARCH ON MANAGUA

HE CONSIDERS MADRIZ IS NOW HIS CHIEF ENEMY AND WILL SOON ATTACK HIM.

ABDICACION IS RUMORED

State Department Hears That Madriz May Withdraw From Chair for Estrada.

By Associated Press. Bluefields, Dec. 23.—General Estrada, it is said, intends to at once assume the aggressive against President Madriz. The insurgent leader considers that the Zelayan forces may be eliminated from further consideration by his sweeping victory at Managua and that Madriz and his associates now represent the enemy. The march on Managua is believed imminent.

It is understood that Estrada's movements on Managua will be by way of Greytown, which, it is expected, will fall without resistance. The exact number of dead, injured and captured during the two days' fighting near Ramau, is either not yet determined, or is being purposely withheld. Wounded men fill the hospitals and dead lie in many homes.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—Your correspondent was informed by the State Department today that advice had been received from Nicaragua that President Madriz, who was recently elected to succeed Zelaya, will abdicate the chair in favor of Estrada, who has been defeating the government forces at every turn.

The abdication of Madriz would please the United States government and would mean the resumption of friendly relations between this country and Nicaragua.

McAbee-Walkup.

From Thursday's Daily. W. H. McAbee and Miss Ola Lee Walkup, two highly esteemed young people of this city, were united in marriage last evening at the home of the bride's parents, Sheriff and Mrs. J. W. Walkup, Rev. R. R. Hamlin, pastor of the Christian church, performing the ceremony. The bride was attired in a handsome wedding gown of satin and carried a bouquet of carnations.

Following the ceremony a wedding supper was served, the decoration scheme being appropriate to the Christmas season.

The groom is a promising young contractor and has been a resident of this city for the past three years. The bride is the handsome daughter of Sheriff and Mrs. J. W. Walkup and is one of Wichita Falls' fairest girls. Mr. and Mrs. McAbee will be at home at the residence of the groom's father, at 1509 9th street.

LAND SALE UNLIMITED.

U. S. Attorney-General Overrules Filipino Legislation.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—Attorney-General Wickersham has rendered an opinion for the war department to the effect that any number of acres of the Friar lands in the Philippines may be sold, notwithstanding the organic act of the Philippine government, which limited the sale of unapportioned public lands obtained by the treaty with Spain to forty acres.

TEXAS AND OKLAHOMA SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN TO WORK FOR NEW P. O.

If Wichita Falls does not get an additional appropriation of \$75,000 for her government building, making a total of \$125,000, it will not be for lack of support of Congressman Stephens or Senator Bailey. Both have written strong letters saying they will do everything in their power to get the additional appropriation.

Mr. Stephens' letter, to Mr. J. A. Kemp, reads as follows: Washington, Dec. 18, 1909. Hon. J. A. Kemp, Wichita Falls, Texas.

Dear Kemp:—Your letter to hand relative to getting the appropriation increased for the federal building at Wichita Falls, and I have already introduced the bill for this purpose, copies enclosed, which are self-explanatory. I have just written Mr. R. E. Huf-

FIRST FAIR PLANS BEING FORMULATED

ARRANGEMENTS ALREADY BEING MADE FOR NEXT FALL ON AN EXTENSIVE SCALE.

BUILDING IS UNDER WAY

Big Premium List is to Be Gotten Up and Fair Made Successful From Its Inception.

From Wednesday's Daily. Extensive preparations have already been made for the first annual Wichita County Fair, which will be held in this city next fall and with the beginning of the New Year, active steps will be taken to make the first event of this kind a notable one. Manager Van Brunt of the Traction Company has had the matter actively in hand and will start to work shortly preparing the premium list. As yet the plans for the fair are indefinite but are rapidly taking definite form. The exhibit building has been in process of construction for some time and will be completed in time for the first fair. In the meantime, a race track, suitable for automobile uses, will be constructed and this will also be a leading feature of the fair.

The Chamber of Commerce plans to take the matter up in earnest early in 1910 and will endeavor to make the fair a success from the very start. An extensive premium list is to be prepared and every encouragement extended agricultural interests to send their farm products there. In addition the local manufacturing concerns will have their goods on display and a carnival company is to be an added feature.

These are the plans as formulated to date and if they are carried out, there is little doubt that the Wichita County Fair will be from its inception one of the leading features of its kind in West Texas.

AUTO BURNED.

Believed To Have Been Set Afire By Vandals.

By Associated Press. Waco, Dec. 23.—The big auto of B. H. Barnard of China Springs was mysteriously burned four miles from the city last night. The car overturned and Barnard left it to secure help. On returning shortly he found the machine destroyed. He was unable to determine whether it was the work of vandals or an explosion of gasoline.

LEAK IN GAS MAIN.

Oklahoma City and Shawnee Are Cold Today.

Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 22.—A big leak was sprung in the natural gas main between Oklahoma City and Edmund this morning and Oklahoma City and Shawnee citizens are shivering in the cold as a result. On account of a break in the water mains, Oklahoma City is also suffering for water.

FIGHT AT CARTHAGE.

Young Man Believed To Be Dying From Wounds Received.

Texas News Service Special. Carthage, Dec. 23.—Ernest Tinson is believed to be dying today from wounds received late last night during an altercation with young Salter. Tinson was stabbed several times.

president of the Wichita State Bank, the following very encouraging letter:

Washington, Dec. 20, 1909. Hon. John C. Tandy, Wichita Falls, Tex.

My dear old friend:—I have your favor of recent date relative to my aiding Mr. Stephens in securing the passage of the bills providing for an increased appropriation for your federal building, and I beg to say that I am on the Public Building Committee in the Senate, and that I will scrap them from Red River to the Rio Grande for this.

The only thing I have against you is that you moved from Oklahoma.

With best wishes for you and yours a happy Christmas, I beg to remain, Truly yours, T. P. GORE.

Sudden Death at Ballinger.

Texas News Service Special. Ballinger, Tex., Dec. 23.—J. N. Bell, a resident of Santa Anna, dropped dead on the streets here today from heart failure. He was en route to Bradshaw to spend the holidays with relatives. He will be buried at Santa Anna.

SWITCHMEN'S STRIKE IS NOW PRACTICALLY OVER

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 23.—That the switchmen's strike will be brought to a close today and the men return to work tomorrow, is the prediction of President Parham of the counsel for the railway department of the American Federation of Labor.

Governor Eberhart, who was largely instrumental in bringing the strikers and railroads together, is of the same opinion.

MOUNT PLEASANT FIRE.

Seven Thousand Dollar Loss in Residence and Barn.

Mount Pleasant, Tex., Dec. 23.—The residence and barn belonging to James F. Bryant were destroyed by fire near this city early this morning, and it is believed that the blaze was of incendiary origin.

Two horses were burned to death in the barn. Bryant, his wife and child escaped the flames by crawling through a window to an adjacent roof. The loss will reach seven thousand dollars.

Real Estate Transfers.

S. E. Trevathan and wife to Carrie L. Burchard, lot 12, block 254; \$1600. Sam D. Lynch to J. L. McConkey, part of lots 1 and 2, block 17, B. & J. Addition; \$311.

ROBBERS GET FIFTEEN HUNDRED FROM BANK

By Associated Press. Mound City, Kas., Dec. 23.—Robbers today blew the safe of the State Bank of Centerville, near here, and escaped with fifteen hundred dollars.

A pistol battle took place between President Brown of the bank and one of the robbers, but neither was injured.

FORGER SENTENCED.

Gets Fourteen Years For Long Series of Crimes.

Texas News Service Special. New Orleans, La., Dec. 23.—John L. Collins, the self-confessed forger, who tried to obtain five hundred dollars by bad checks, and who operated in Dallas, Texas, was today sentenced to fourteen years in the Louisiana penitentiary. Collins was arrested a week ago here. He admitted passing bogus paper in Alabama, Texas, California and Colorado.

OFFICER DIES.

Is Victim of Negro Who Was Lynched Monday.

Texas News Service Special. Waco, Tex., Dec. 22.—Constable Edgar Williams, who was shot by Louis Mills, a negro, at Rosebud, on last Monday night when trying to arrest the latter, died suddenly last night. He was apparently recovering to within an hour of his death.

He will be buried this afternoon. He leaves a wife and three children.

After shooting Williams, the negro, Mills, was seized by a mob and lynched.

Some excitement was caused downtown last night by the appearance of a light rapidly moving across the sky south of town. The information was volunteered that it was an airship, but it was probably some boy's toy balloon.

ESTRADA HAS WON DECIDED VICTORY

OVER 1,000 GOVERNMENT FORCES, INCLUDING GEN. GONZALES, CAPTURED.

CRISIS IS NOW PASSED

Battle Believed to Mark Turning Point in the Nicaraguan Revolution.

Bluefields, Dec. 22.—General Estrada has won a complete victory over the government troops at Ramau and the rout of the Zelayan army was complete, according to news received here.

A total of six hundred men on both sides were killed and wounded, and nineteen hundred of Zelaya's men have surrendered to Estrada, including General Gonzales, who was in command. Two Americans are said to be among the dead.

The fighting occurred outside of the city limits. The wounded are being brought here for treatment and Commander Shipley has landed surgeons from the Des Moines to care for them.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 22.—Cablegrams received here this morning from Bluefields say that Estrada, leading the revolutionists, won a complete victory over the government troops of Zelaya in yesterday's battle.

The dead and wounded number six hundred. Many dead are still unburied on the field near Ramau.

A thousand of Zelaya's soldiers surrendered to Estrada, including General Gonzales, who commanded the army.

Two Americans were killed. This victory will likely result in the overthrow of Zelaya and president Madriz.

Another demonstration took place this morning at Managua when the news of the battle reached there.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—Reports from Captain Shipley say that Zelaya's loss in killed, wounded and captured, is about twenty-six hundred.

BAKER TO RESIGN.

President of T. & B. V. May Join the Yoakum Forces.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 23.—It was authentically reported here this morning that R. H. Baker, president of the T. & B. V. Railroad will retire early after the first of January, and that his resignation already has been tendered. It is understood that Baker will become identified with B. F. Yoakum's West Texas projects and will probably assume the construction of the line from San Antonio to Brownsville.

UTAH IS LAUNCHED.

New Battleship Takes Its Place in American Navy.

Philadelphia, Dec. 23.—The battleship Utah was launched in the New York shipbuilding company's yards at Camden, N. J. today. Miss Spry, the daughter of the Governor of Utah, christened the vessel. The Utah will carry ten 12-inch breechloading guns, and a crew of a thousand men.

Allendale News Notes.

Allendale, Texas, Dec. 21.—Mr. W. A. Guln had his foot severely mashed last week while working on the new bridge by a heavy timber falling on his foot. He was confined to his room several days but is now able to be about.

Mr. J. B. Sisk went to Iowa Park one day last week on business.

Miss Johnnie Coker of Wichita Falls has been visiting her friend Miss Ida Guinn the past week.

Mr. Ed Hardwick returned from Frisco last Thursday where he had been to visit his brother who was seriously ill. He reports his brother much better.

Clarence Guinn of Charley is visiting relatives here.

Miss Cora Guinn returned Sunday from a few days visit with Miss Emma Coker of Wichita Falls.

MAY CONTRACT COTTON AT SIXTEEN CENT MARK

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 23.—The prediction of the bull element that cotton would reach the sixteen-cent mark before the holidays, was made good today, when May contracts went up to that figure on strong cables and stronger buying.

SPECIAL ON

Buggies

That We Have On The Floor

- 2 Jno. Deer cut unders, 7-8 rubber tire, red gear, open, auto seat. \$100.
- 2 Jno. Deer cut unders, 7-8 steel tire, black gear, open, auto seat. \$85.
- 2 Jno. Deer straight bed, 7-8 rubber tire, black gear, open, panel seat. \$75.
- 1 Jno. Deer straight bed, 7-8 steel tire black gear, top, panel seat. \$75.
- 1 Rex 2 and 1 straight bed, 7-8 steel tire, black gear, top, auto seat. \$80.
- 1 Joseph W. Moon straight bed, 7-8 steel tire, black gear, top, auto seat. \$100.
- 1 Joseph W. Moon, straight bed, 7-8 rubber tire, black gear, open, auto seat. \$100.

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MEETING IS TO BE ON JANUARY TENTH

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SESSION OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO BE HELD THEN.

DIRECTORS MEET TODAY

Several Matters of Importance Acted Upon at Session Held This Morning.

The annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held at the Wichita Theatre on Monday, January 10, according to plans formulated at the meeting of the directors this morning. A strong program is being prepared for this meeting and it promises to predicate one of the busiest years in the history of the organization. A committee consisting of Messrs. Huff, Bean and Kell has been appointed to prepare a program for the meeting.

The following were present at this morning's meeting: President Huff; Directors Bean, Marlow, Blair, Anderson, O'Reilly, Moore, Noble, Taylor, Kell, and Orth.

A proposition to move a boys' school from another North Texas town to Wichita Falls was received. The representative of the school will be here tomorrow and a committee will see that the advantages of the city are shown him. The proposition seemed an exceptionally desirable one and every effort will be made to secure the school.

The work of the Cemetery Association was endorsed and steps taken to secure a large attendance at the benefit to be given by the Association on December 31.

Cad Allard, secretary of the Commercial Club at Chickasha, Oklahoma, and applicant for the local secretaryship, addressed the directors, telling of the work in Oklahoma and briefly submitting his claims. This matter was ordered to lay over. Adjournment followed.

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 holden 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.

Heretofore Fail 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

Cotton Crop Short.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The Census report shows nine million, three hundred and sixty thousand, two hundred and twenty-two bales of cotton ginned from the growth of nineteen nine up to December thirteenth, as compared with eleven million nine hundred thousand five hundred and sixty-five for nineteen eight.

Ed. B. Gorsline AUCTIONEER

Wichita Falls, Texas.

Thoroughly posted on horses and cattle and all breeds of stock, with ears of experience in the auction business, and will handle your sale right from start to finish. It always pays you to employ the auctioneer who is successful in his business and a good judge of stock.

Satisfaction Guaranteed. Terms, Reasonable. Write or telephone me for dates before Advertising.

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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.

From Saturday's Daily. 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.

Industrial Activity of Frederick.

The little city of Frederick, Okla., about forty-five miles from this city, on the Wichita Falls and Northwestern, is beginning to pick up along industrial lines in a way that is attracting considerable attention.

A big cotton mill proposition has been submitted to the business men of that city, entailing the raising of a large bonus and a stock company has been formed to sell town lots to raise the sum needed. There is every reason to believe that Frederick will make good.

A number of the business men of that city have formed a stock company to drill for oil and gas, which are believed to exist in that section and they will attend to the exploitation of whatever mineral resources are found to exist in that neighborhood.

Frederick is one of the most promising little cities in Southwestern Oklahoma, and seems determined to get all that is coming to her.

Many Nominations by Taft.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—Among the nominations sent to the Senate by President Taft today for District Attorney, were: Joseph Morrison, Territory of Arizona; Marion Erwin, for the Southern District of Georgia; Ernest Cochran, South Carolina.

For United States Marshals: Pope Long, Northern District of Alabama, and Walter Johnson, for the Northern District of Georgia.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—Among the nominations for Ambassadors and Ministers sent to the Senate today, were: Robert Bacon, Ambassador to France; Richard Kerens of Missouri, Ambassador to Austria-Hungary; Wm. Calhoun, Ambassador to China, and Henry Wilson, Ambassador to Mexico. No decision was reached with regards to the post at Great Britain.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—Judge Horace Lurton was today confirmed by the Senate as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. No opposition appeared.

Money loaned on farms, ranches and city property on long time. GUARANTEE ABSTRACT & TITLE COMPANY. 702 7th St. Phone 661.

BUY FURNITURE For Christmas

JUST RECEIVED A carload of Handsome New Furniture bought especially for the Christmas trade. We want you to call at our store on Indiana Avenue and look at our stock before buying elsewhere, as we are sure we can please you, both in quality and price.

New Goods Exchanged for Old

Don't forget our Second-Hand Department. It will save you many dollars. Stoves bought and sold at

McConnell Bros.

NEW FURNITURE STORE Phone 723 814 Indiana Ave.

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 it did not say that Mr. Burnett was 'captured by the oppos-

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POLL TAXES ARE BEING TAKEN OUT VERY SLOWLY

From Tuesday's Daily.

One hundred and fifty poll-taxes have been paid for 1910 in this county, with three boxes yet to be reported. While this is of course far behind last year's total, the taxes are payable up to the first of February and it is believed that a handsome increase will be shown by that time. Burkurnett, Beaver Creek and Electra have not reported the tax receipts taken out there, the other boxes being as follows: City hall, 25; court house, 35; Allendale, 8; Friberg, 13; Iowa Park, 58; Denny, 5; Clara, 11; The two Wichita Falls Boxes report sixty to date, while Iowa Park is close behind with fifty-eight. The total for the county is probably two hundred to date.

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Some Cotton Belt facts to bear in mind when planning your trip: Tickets on sale Dec. 18, 19, 20, 1909. Limit for return, January 16, 1910. Through chair cars and sleeper to Memphis and St. Louis. No changes of cars after leaving Fort Worth. For detailed information, address GUS HOOVER, T. P. A., Fort Worth.

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NORTHWESTERN MAY EXTEND FROM ALTUS TO WELLINGTON

If proper encouragement is extended the Wichita Falls and Northwestern by the towns along the proposed route, work will be started by February 1, 1910 on an extension of the line from Altus, Oklahoma to Wellington, Collingsworth County, Texas, sixty-five miles in length.

terday between Messrs Frank Kell, general manager, R. A. Thompson, chief engineer, and General Attorney, R. E. Huff and C. C. Huff, representing the Northwestern, and representatives of Hollis, Oklahoma, Altus, Oklahoma, Wellington, Texas, and other towns along the proposed route.

The Northwestern has an option on the grades and right of way of the proposed Altus, Roswell and Pacific Railway, which is one of the Kennedy propositions. This option expires on the first of next year and the towns along the route must indicate what they will do by that time if the Northwestern is to build the extension. The line has been graded for the entire distance from Altus to Wellington.

The towns represented expressed themselves as very anxious to secure the road and their representatives were confident that the subsidies and concessions extended Kennedy could all be transferred to the Northwestern. They promised to answer definitely within ten days and by the end of that time the fate of the proposed extension will become known.

If the towns along the route do their parts, work will be started on the extension by February first of next year and the line will be completed and in operation by the first of September, 1910.

It is unnecessary to point out here the benefits that will accrue to Wichita Falls from the building of the extension, but it may be stated that the territory to be traversed by the extension is among the richest and most prosperous in the new state. Wellington is in Texas and is one of the liveliest and most thriving little cities in the Panhandle and all things considered the extension is a most desirable one.

VARIED VIEWS OF POLITICS.

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 homilegating 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.

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE IT AN OFFENSE TO HITCH OR TIE ANY ANIMAL TO ANY LAMP POST IN THE CITY OF WICHITA FALLS.

BE IT ORDAINED, By the City Council of Wichita Falls, Texas:

Section 1. It is hereby declared unlawful for any person to hitch or tie any horse, mule or other animal, to any lamp post within the limits of the city of Wichita Falls.

Section 2. Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance, shall, upon conviction, be fined in any sum not less than \$5.00, nor more than \$25.00.

Section 3. The fact that there is now no ordinance making the hitching of horses, or other animals, to lamp posts in the city in violation of the law, and that the lamp posts recently erected by the city may be greatly damaged creates an emergency and imperative public necessity that the rule requiring ordinances to be read on three several days be suspended and that this ordinance take effect from and after its passage and publication, as required by law.

Passed on the 13th day of December, A. D. 1909.

T. B. NOBLE, Mayor.
(ATTEST):
EDGAR RYE, City Secretary. 53-11

THAW LOSES OUT.

Supreme Court Sustains Decision of Lower Court.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—Justice McKenna of the Supreme Court, has denied the petition of Harry Thaw for a writ of error to the Court of Appeals, New York, in which Thaw made an effort to obtain his release from Mattewan Asylum. As a result, the decision of the Court of Appeals remains undisturbed.

COOK HAS FAILED TO SUBMIT PROOF

UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN COMMITTEE DECLARES HIS PAPERS INSUFFICIENT.

GOTHAM NOT SURPRISED

Explorer Failed to Submit His Calculations and Data is Declared to be Worthless.

Copenhagen, Dec. 21.—The consistency of the University of Copenhagen reported today that Dr. Cook's papers fail to prove his claim that he reached the north pole.

The report of the committee, of which Prof. Stromgren was chairman, declares that the papers presented by Dr. Cook to the consistory are without value. Copies of the note books which he submitted to the committee are said to contain none of his original calculations of his observations, but submit only the results thereof. Accordingly, the committee concludes that he has furnished no proof of having reached the pole.

This finding is not necessarily final, although as matters now stand, Dr. Cook's statements are without foundation. His one remaining chance is to submit all his calculations and figures to the committee, if they are still in his possession.

New York, Dec. 21.—News that the University of Copenhagen has refused to accept Dr. Cook's claims that he discovered the north pole came as no surprise here, in scientific circles.

John R. Bradley, who was Cook's backer in his Arctic expedition, said: "He fooled us all, from the King of Denmark, down, and he fooled me with the rest." Bradley added that he had long ago lost interest in Cook, the north pole and everything connected with it.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—In an interview today Commander Peary said:

"Three months ago from the Labrador coast I sounded an explicit and deliberately worded warning to the world, based upon complete and accurate information in regard to the Cook claims. In doing so I accepted the responsibility devolving upon the men and fulfilled my duty to myself and to the world."

New York, Dec. 21.—H. Wellington Mack counsel for Dr. Cook, said today that if the public knew the truth concerning Cook's mental and physical condition, as is known to his close friends, they would take a more charitable view of the present unfortunate situation.

Copenhagen, Dec. 22.—The morning papers generally find comfort for the Cook affair in the thought that the only fault may be charged against the Danes, is that they accepted the explorers word as that of a gentleman. The Koebehaven says, "Cook's abusing of our university is his greatest shame. Fortunately the university itself tells the world of its mistake."

Real Estate Transfers.

S. P. Copeland and wife to B. T. Hewett, about 80 acres of blocks 8 and 106, Red River Valley lands; \$6440.

Herman R. Hilbert and wife to S. P. Copeland, same tract as above; \$5642.

A. J. McDaniel to J. J. Richardson, 1 acre of the J. T. Hardin tract; \$125.

Sam G. Wisdom and wife to G. M. D. Prichard, lots 11 and 12, block 73; \$500.

J. T. Montgomery and Ralph Darnell to Mary Plasek, lots 13 and 14, block 36; \$150.

A. M. Jacks and wife to J. A. D. Smith, lots 7 and 8, block 26, Burk Burnett; \$600.

NEGRO DISCHARGED.

El Paso Jury Finds One Not Guilty of Murder.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 21.—El Paso upheld her record for non-execution of men charged with murder when late last night the jury which tried Oscar King, the negro who was charged with killing his father-in-law, J. D. Peck, returned a verdict of acquittal. King admitted killing Peck, but he claimed self-defense.

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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.

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For Judge 30th Judicial District:
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S. M. FOSTER.

THE FORGOTTEN CHILD.

It would be truly a great Christmas if every child could be remembered. But the knowledge that some children in this city will wake up on Christmas morn to find only empty stockings will mar to a considerable extent the pleasure of this one great gift-bestowing season. While buying presents for your own children, try and think of some child who is likely to meet with disappointment, and to prevent it if in your power.—Wichita Falls Times.

The knowledge that many little bosoms are heavy with disappointment on Christmas morning takes some of the cheer away from the fireside of the thoughtful man of means whose children revel in abundance on the Christy natal day. There should be no empty stockings in any Texas town or city on the morning of Dec. 25. It is so easy to spare a little from the stores of fortune that no right-minded storekeeper can afford, for his own comfort, if for no better reason, to neglect his obligation to his poor brother's little ones.—Dallas News.

Senator H. Bascom Thomas, in a letter to the Times, sets forth his claims as a candidate for lieutenant governor, the burden of which is that he was expelled from the 31st legislature, went back to his district and was re-elected. In the opinion of the Times, Mr. Thomas was treated badly, but his constituents have corrected and condemned that foolish mistake in expelling him from the Thirty First Legislature and he should be satisfied with that. From some of the speeches he has been making since the time he was expelled and re-elected, many of those outside of his district, who were his friends during the fight he was making for "purity in politics" and for exoneration, have about concluded that Mr. Thomas has been highly honored, in fact, entirely beyond his deserts or his capacity to comprehend.

Wichita Falls extends to each and every legitimate enterprise a cordial welcome. The limit in winsome Wichita and every since that time the city has prospered in leaps and bounds. At the present time there are prospects, and good ones, too, of locating a branch of one very large new enterprise with a capital of \$300,000, and if properly encouraged, there is but little doubt that it will locate in Wichita Falls. At least one prominent capitalist and citizen has interested himself to the extent of answering the letter and pledging to subscribe for a good sized block of the stock of the proposed enterprise, and guaranteeing to sell the amount of stock which is necessary to secure it. That is the way to build cities. There is but little fear of overcrowding things. The Times has a welcome for things.

The man or woman who does not believe in making presents on Christmas occasions has very little of the milk of human kindness coursing through his veins, and are ungrateful for the blessings that have been showered upon us during this more than nineteen hundred years. It is far better to give unwisely than not give at all. At times, most of us have been guilty of wishing to run away and hide ourselves in order to avoid this bother of selecting gifts, but the pleasure, after all, is worth the time and trouble. Some of your gifts no doubt will reach unworthy hands, but this should not discourage the impulse of giving. It is not necessary to make expensive gifts. Sometimes it is the most simple things that please the most.

The school-marms who gather in Wichita Falls tomorrow are not from New Hampshire, but they instruct the youth of this land in the fear of the Lord and the glory of the Democratic party, just the same.

DRANK WATER AND DIED.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 13.—"I will drink to my own health with a cup of cold water. This is my 65th birthday and I owe my good health to plenty of water," said Ernest Bossu yesterday, as he took a deep draught from the cup at the Plazo fountain. Bystanders heard the words and were struck with horror as Bossu fell unconscious to the pavement. He was dead when his body reached the hospital.—Associated Press Item.

Time and time again has the Signal warned the people against the cold water cranks and the drinkers of rum, but some people refuse to heed. Rum biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder and water sendeth man to his long home, even while he boasteth of health and strength. In the face of the evils that tend to drinking of intoxicants, and the quick, horrible deaths caused by the imbibing of water Jake Walters and his helpers continue to invite human beings to dash themselves to pieces against the Scylla of alcoholism, while Dr. Rankin and his cold water cohorts point them to the Charibdis of aqua pura. There is but one safe leader, and wise people have already learned who this leader is; there is but one beverage that can be taken into the innards with perfect safety, and he is not wise who has not formed the acquaintance of that health-giving, life-prolonging beverage (buttermilk).—Honey Grove Signal.

WILL THE TEXAS UNION SECEDE?

Complications have arisen in connection with the management of the National affairs of the Farmers Union, which it is believed will result in the Texas state union withdrawing its affiliation. Conferences have been held in Fort Worth during the past few days, which it is reported have resulted in some kind of a truce being patched up until next August, but those on the inside of the situation freely predict that the parting of the ways has come between the Texas union and the National organization. The following circular has been sent out to the Texas unions, from Fort Worth:

IMPORTANT.

Call your local together and act. To the local secretary: Do not imagine that because this is printed it is of no importance. It is the most important document ever sent out to our people. See to it that the members of your local hold a meeting at once and take action, and at once mail out application for charter in the Farmers' Union of Texas and send in old charter.

To the membership: The National Educational and Co-operative Union of America, (the circular should read Farmers Educational, etc.) met in convention at Birmingham, Ala., in September last, and at that meeting a number of amendments to the national constitution were passed, among them being a proposed raise in the national dues from 8 to 16 cents per annum, a raise in the salary of the president of the national union from \$600 to \$2,000 per annum, a raise in the salary of the national secretary from \$1,200 to \$1,800 per annum, a donation of \$1,000 was voted to C. S. Barrett (Barrett is national president,) a donation of \$600 was voted to R. H. McCullough (national secretary,) on salary, notwithstanding the fact that the membership had last year voted down the proposition to raise either the salary of the president or secretary. The national convention thus usurped the authority to appropriate money, contrary to the constitution and against the expressed will of the membership.

Instead of submitting these amendments as such, an entirely new constitution was written up, printed and sent out to be passed upon as a whole, it being the evident intention in our opinion, of those responsible to procure the ratification of such amendments, thus embodied in the proposed new constitution without a proper understanding of them by the membership. The president, C. S. Barrett, has declared said constitution to have been ratified and now in full force and effect. There has been sent to state headquarters, almost a unanimous vote against said amendments by the membership in Texas and there has been registered almost as earnest a protest in a number of other states. We, the undersigned, desiring to promote the interests of the farmers of Texas, after having earnestly considered the matter, came to the conclusion that in order to protect our people in the possession of their property and to enable them to carry forward to a successful termination the great work so necessary to their prosperity and happiness, it was necessary to apply for and procure from the State of Texas a charter for the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of America. The application was duly granted by the secretary of state. The effect of this action on our part will be:

1. It will enable the Farmers Union of Texas to keep money sent in as dues by its members at home for use in behalf of our people instead of having it squandered in the payment of exorbitant salaries and unnecessary expenses.
2. It will make it possible to form a

national council, composed of those selected by the various state unions, thus eliminating the great expense of maintaining a national union.

3. Since the organization of the National Educational and Co-operative Union of America, the state union of Texas has not been able to get any information as to what the membership in other states were doing, thus preventing co-operation between the various state unions, the result of this being that instead of the membership coming closer together, they have drifted farther and farther apart, while we believe that a national council, composed of those selected by various states, will bring about and promote a spirit of co-operation instead of strife and discord.

Now, therefore, in view of the foregoing, we request that your local union be called together at once, have your officers to fill out the blank application herewith inclosed and mail same to Miss Nellie Horton, Fort Worth, Texas, so a charter can be issued to your local by the Farmers' Union of Texas. No charges will be made for issuing new charters, but the sum of 10 cents must accompany application to pay expense of printing and mailing same. Your old charter should be sent in together with application for new charter and a new charter will be issued and sent out at once. Do not delay.

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M. C. FIELDS,
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JOE E. EDMONSON.

That it takes "eternal vigilance," along with great effort to build cities, has been proven so long that it has come to be accepted without proof or argument. That Wichita Falls fully realizes the truth of the axiom, is shown by the way in which they go after various enterprises. To illustrate: At the last session of congress an appropriation of \$50,000 was made for the construction of a federal building in that city. They are now before their congressmen and senators asking for an additional sum of \$75,000 and they will get it, too, at least the Record hopes they will. A community that gets up and moves along as Wichita Falls has these past few years deserved a \$200,000 building.—Vernon Record.

This is the season to write letters to Santa Claus. Wichita Falls and Wichita county should hang up their stockings—both if them—and ask that he fill them with street paving bonds and road improvement bonds. If there is room enough left, he might chuck in a packing plant or a cotton factory.—Wichita Falls Times.

Wonder if Editor Howard couldn't think of something else Wichita Falls would like to have. The Favorite does not believe in acting the hog about this Santa Claus business, and we would be perfectly willing to let the old gentleman off if he would drop us a few street paving bonds.—Bonham Favorite.

A large percent of Wichita Falls' young men go away every fall to attend schools elsewhere for the simple reason that there is no higher educational institution in this city. The Chamber of Commerce has just received a proposition to establish such a school in this city and necessary to our welfare as factories and new industries are, there are precious few things needed worse here than such an institution. The Times sincerely hopes the Chamber of Commerce will leave no stone unturned to give Wichitans the opportunity to educate their boys at home.

George Bailey, of the Houston Post, has read Dr. Cook out of the democratic party, to the relief of a lot of Texas editors who heretofore have lined up on Cook's side of the north pole question. The Post says:

"We are compelled to declare Dr. Cook no longer a member of the party. The charge of absence from the pole is a sufficient justification of his removal. The party can not thrive by the membership of men who are absent from the polls in a time of emergency."

The meeting of the Associated Commercial clubs of Northwest Texas and Southwest Oklahoma at Henrietta was a marked success in point of attendance and enthusiasm. The people of Henrietta did the handsome thing in the way of entertaining the delegates, and everyone of them was made to feel easy and at home.

Uncle Sam must have had his fingers crossed when Zelaya made all that talk about how good he was going to be. One is inclined to be suspicious of reform at this time of the year, anyhow.

Dr. Cook cleaned up about one hundred thousand dollars as a result of his monumental fake. It ought to take more than that, however, for him to square himself with his conscience.

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Our store will be open every evening until 10 p. m. until Xmas

PENNINGTON'S

In a south Texas town, a sixteen year old boy, weighing 175 pounds, over six feet tall and with a healthy virate adornment on his face, purchased some beer in a saloon, but the judge refused to revoke the license. The last legislature refused to pass a law punishing the minor in such cases along with the saloon keeper.

Some people who profess to be sensible, failed to take our advice about yearly shopping, but the man who fails to take out his poll tax relegates himself to the same class with Chinamen, infants and lunatics.

A woman in Oyster Bay shot one burglar, captured another and routed a third. Oyster Bay, you may remember, is the summer home of former President Roosevelt.

One hundred additional letter boxes for the Wichita Falls postoffice, to supply the increasing demand. It won't take a United States census to show that we are growing.

The Times hopes that the "Santa Claus" letters it prints will be answered, especially those who ask the old saint not to forget the poor children around the corner.

Denmark seems to be trying to console herself with the thought that she wasn't the only one stung. It's small consolation, but it's something.

Warriner got six years in the pen for embezzling \$600,000. If he had to be sent to the Texas penitentiary, he would earn the money.

Of course, we are all glad that Zelaya was defeated, but we rise to remark again that we would lots rather it was Joe Cannon.

The increase in poll tax receipts is a criterion of a town's progress since last year. Don't fail to get yours, and get it early.

We must warn King Alfonso not to go too near the Wichita Falls record. We are a little touchy about such matters.

Four attempted assassinations in one day was Tuesday's record, and yet this is supposed to be a civilized age.

Let's cinch things on that boys' school proposition and give it to ourselves for a Christmas present.

We suppose it is useless, at this late date, to remind our readers that Explorer Cook is a democrat.

Zelaya tortured his prisoners by injecting salt water and chili sauce into them. That's a new wrinkle in the torturing line that the Texas penitentiaries ought to adopt at the earliest possible moment.

All of us are, of course, stung, but we don't feel as much that way as those that dug up their dollar to hear Dr. Cook lecture on how he done it.

The announcement that congress adjourned for Christmas was the first a good many people knew of that body's being in session, at all.

While the gas flows through the pipes moderately strong, Wichita Falls can laugh in the face of any threatened coal famine.

No, Clarice, that satisfied-looking gentleman does not own any railroads; he has merely done his Christmas shopping early.

It's beginning to look like the citizens of Wellington will be able to do next year's Christmas shopping in Wichita Falls.

With the sun shining and the mercury comfortably high, we can afford to feel sorry for poor snow-bound, sleet covered South Texas.

Madrid does not seem to be making much of a hit as the star performer in the Nicaraguan comic opera.

About the only thing left to do is to offer Cook the nomination for vice-president.

It's a pity all the scandals about Leopold couldn't have been buried when he was.

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

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| 1 Jersey cow and calf | 1 cook stove |
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| 1 carriage, pole and shafts | |
| 3 sets of work harness | |
| 1 corn-cotton lister | |

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TEACHERS FINISH INSTITUTE WORK

STEPS TAKEN TO SECURE SUMMER NORMAL INSTITUTE FOR THIS SECTION.

ADJOURNMENT IS TAKEN

Addresses Made Today by Prof. Fairchild, Judge Carrigan, Prof. Clark and Prof. Toland.

From Thursday's Daily. The Wichita County Teachers' Institute closed its sessions at noon today and adjourned, many of the teachers leaving for their home this afternoon. The last session opened at the usual hour. After the opening formalities, Superintendent Fairchild made a short address, paying the teachers some very pleasing compliments for their energy and co-operation in making the institute such a success. Judge A. H. Carrigan made a few timely remarks, that were heartily appreciated. Prof. Lee Clark of Iowa Park, spoke, discussing the work of the educational conference of the state and a collection was taken up for that organization.

Superintendent T. L. Toland of Wichita Falls, spoke very interestingly on the general needs of the public schools. A motion was adopted providing that the series of books known as the Primary, Intermediate and Grammar Methods, be generally adopted for technical use.

Prof. Lee Clark was elected to represent Wichita county among the normal teachers next summer, and steps were taken to secure a summer normal for this and the adjacent counties, Mr. Morrow, Mr. Robbins and Miss Ellis were appointed to take this work in charge.

After the adoption of the following resolution, sine die adjournment was taken:

We, the teachers of the County Institute of Wichita county, having completed the work of our annual institute, have adopted the following resolutions:

First, That the work of this institute has been very ably conducted and that we have profited by our attendance.

Second, That we heartily endorse the work of the Conference of Education.

Third, That we wish to express our thanks to the city teachers and other citizens who have assisted up in the program.

Fourth, That we extend to our County Superintendent our hearty appreciation of his able management of the institute and our endorsement of his work as County Superintendent.

Fifth, That we are grateful for the courtesies extended to the institute by the daily paper in reporting the program and proceedings of the institute.

GEORGE W. ALEXANDER,
JOHN FINNEY,
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EMMA CHILDERS.

Knight-Bateman.

At the residence of the bride, corner 10th and Scott avenues, this afternoon at 1 o'clock Mr. C. C. Knight of Ennis, Texas, and Mrs. Mattie Bateman were married, Rev. W. T. Morrow, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, South, officiating.

Quite a few intimate friends witnessed the ceremony. Mr. Knight is a prominent capitalist at Ennis, Texas, but has large property interests in this city, and after a month's honeymoon, which will be spent in Ennis, Texas, the newly married couple will make this city their home. Mr. and Mrs. Knight left this afternoon for Ennis.

The bride was raised in this county and was educated in the schools of Wichita Falls. It is the wish of her many friends here that every happiness shall attend her in her wedded estate.

BROTHERS IN FIGHT.

Indian Men Have Altercation With a Fatal Ending. Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 22.—Dan and Joe Chiers, Creek Indians and brothers, engaged in an altercation at Broken Arrow, near here, last night, in which Joe was struck on the head and died from the injury today. His brother was arrested.

KANSAS CITY FIPE.

Quarter of a Million Loss in Blaze There Today. Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 23.—The Riata building at Ninth street and Grand avenue was burned today. The loss was a quarter of a million. The new postoffice building was threatened for a while, but the flames were confined to the Riata.

Bad Weather at El Paso.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 23.—Rain and sleet are falling thickly here today, following a snowfall.

THE MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Cotton—Liverpool Spots. Liverpool, Dec. 23.—Spot cotton 8.26. Sales, 9,000 bales. Receipts 6,000 bales.

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

	Open	High	Close
Dec-Jan	8.04	8.08	8.08
Jan-Feb	8.02½	8.09	8.09
Feb-Mch	8.06½	8.14½	8.14½
Mch-Apr	8.08	8.16½	8.16½

Cotton—New York Spots. New York, Dec. 23.—The market for spot cotton opened quiet, with price unchanged. Middling, 15.75. Sales, on contract, 900 bales.

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

	Open	High	Close
Jan	15.35	15.41	15.38-a 40
Mch	15.70	15.72	15.71-a 72
May	15.96	16.00	15.99-a 16

Cotton—New Orleans Spots. New Orleans, Dec. 23.—The market for spot cotton opened firm, with price unchanged. Middling, 15.5-16. Sales, 1,100 bales.

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

	Open	High	Close
Jan	15.51	15.63	15.63-a 65
Mch	15.96	16.07	16.07-a 10
May	16.32	16.46	16.46-a 49

Chicago Grain Market.

	Open	High	Close
Wheat—			
Dec	114½	115½	115½
May	110½	111½	111½
July	101½	102½	102½

Corn— Open High Close
Dec 61½ 63½ 63½
May 65¾ 66¾ 66¾

Oats— Open High Close
Dec 43½ 43½ 43½
May 45½ 45½ 45½

Fort Worth Cattle Market.

Fort Worth, Dec. 23.—Cattle, 2,000; hogs, 4,000. Steers selling steady, tops \$4.60; cows, steady, tops \$3.60; calves, steady, tops \$5.00; hogs, lower, tops \$8.15.

THE GROWING DIVORCE HABIT.

Reflective Suggestions by the Attitude of a Nevada Justice.

District Judge Pike, of Reno, Nev., is a sensitive man with a nice comprehension of the fitness of things. He declined to officiate at the wedding of a lady to whom he had granted a divorce three days before, on the ground that it would not look well. Naturally one asks: 'Look well to whom?' To a very large number of the inhabitants of the various States of the Union divorce under any circumstances is repugnant, and to many others who believe in divorce under certain circumstances remarriage of divorced persons under any circumstances seems wrong. These are the people who hold that marriage is a sacrament. Presumably they do not constitute the majority in any state. The quick remarriage of a lady quickly divorced, ought to look well to people who derive profit from the quick divorce business.

Reno, Nev., is a thriving divorce center. The facilities for getting quick divorces there are unsurpassed, and they have greatly increased the prosperity of the town. A well-defined demand for quick and easy divorces is the justification of Reno and its judges. Many, if not most ladies who want divorces desire to marry again. Wherefore the sense of fitness displayed by the Reno divorce judge is remarkable. He draws the line sharply. 'I'll divorce you,' he says, 'with neatness and dispatch, but I won't perform the marriage ceremony for you within three days, because it wouldn't look right.'

The incident serves newly to illustrate the strange complexity of contemporary social life. Marriages are performed with all the ancient solemnity. The married woman is still the type of respectability. But divorce for any reason or none grows commoner every day, and it is getting so that one hesitates politely to ask an acquaintance about the health of the wife one knows he had within the year.—New York Times.

FIRE AT ASPERMONT.

Ten Thousand Dollar Loss There This Morning.

Aspermont, Tex., Dec. 22.—Fire, originating in the Busy Bee Restaurant, at 4 o'clock this morning destroyed the entire business section of the east side of the square, causing a loss of nearly ten thousand dollars. The fire spread slowly, enabling the removal of the contents and avoiding a big loss. The heaviest losses are: Busy Bee Restaurant, \$400. Harvey building, \$1,600. Holtz Restaurant, \$1,200. W. S. Abbott, building, \$2,000. Riddle Saddle Shop, \$800.

The funeral of N. P. Russell, whose death occurred at Handley yesterday, will take place tomorrow at 9 o'clock a. m. from the M. E. Church, South.

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MUCH UNDERTAKEN BY ASSOCIATION

DISTRICT ORGANIZATION ADDED SEVERAL FEATURES TO ITS WORK YESTERDAY.

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Will Send Representative North and East—Legislative Work—Headquarters Stay Here.

From Friday's Daily. The meeting of the District Association at Henrietta yesterday was a notable one in several ways and the delegates managed to get a good deal of real business sandwiched in between the entertainment features that Henrietta provided.

The features of the Association's work were: The sending of an advertising representative into Northwestern and the Eastern states.

The appointment of legislative committees for Texas and Oklahoma. The enlargement of the Association's scope and the extension of its workings.

The locating of the headquarters in Wichita Falls until the March meeting at least.

The selection of Childress as the March meeting place. President M. H. Kerrigan of Quanah, presided at the meeting and J. C. Mytinger of this city officiated as secretary.

The meeting was opened with the invocation by Rev. Philip Cline of Henrietta, following which H. A. Allen, vice president of the Henrietta Board of Trade, extended Henrietta's welcome in hearty style. Judge A. H. Carrigan of this city, responded on behalf of the visitors.

Homer D. Wade of the Stamford Commercial Club and chairman of the executive committee of the Texas Commercial Secretaries Association, delivered an address on "Commercial Club Work," which introduced some commercial organizations. A. A. Glisson, new features of the duties of con-general passenger agent for the Fort Worth and Denver, delivered a very interesting talk on industrial co-operation and the need of "pulling together."

The speech-making over, the association got down to business. The exhibit car matter was brought up and deferred until the next meeting, Secretary Mytinger being instructed in the meantime to take the matter up with the members and see what support could be secured for the enterprise. It was decided that it was hardly feasible to undertake it at this time.

A resolution providing for the employing a man to go as advertising agent into the northern and eastern states, was introduced and adopted. This representative is to be selected by the board of directors of the association and is to be well equipped with literature and every means for giving this section all the publicity possible in these states.

It was decided that the scope of the association's work must be enlarged and there was quite a little discussion along these lines. The secretary was instructed to endeavor to secure the membership of the commercial organizations at Seymour, Memphis and Clarendon, in Texas, and Hollis and Elk City, in Oklahoma.

Dr. Bell of Iowa Park, introduced a resolution providing for a legislative committee to work for the association along that line. The resolution was adopted and a committee will be appointed from each club to perfect the organization. Dr. Bell was appointed chairman of the Texas section of the committee and Judge Clay of Mangum was appointed for the Oklahoma section.

R. E. Huff of Wichita Falls, introduced a resolution thanking Henrietta for her good entertainment of the visitors and it was carried by a rising vote.

The selection of the next place of meeting was next and Paducah and Childress were placed in nomination. The contest waxed quite warm, but Childress was victorious by a safe majority and the next meeting will be held in that city.

Mr. Vance of Petrolia, extended an invitation to all the visitors who remain over until today to take dinner at Petrolia as guests of the Commercial Club of that city, which invitation was accepted.

The resignation of Secretary Gohlke was submitted, but action was delayed until the next meeting. The board of directors recommended that no change be made for the present and this recommendation was adopted. One of the Quanah delegates moved that Wichita Falls be made the permanent headquarters of the association, but this was ruled out of order, as action had already been taken.

Adjournment of the business session was then taken.

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BRUSSELS IN MOURNING

Regency Council Will Conduct Affairs Until Prince Albert can Ascend Throne.

Brussels, Dec. 17.—King Leopold died at 2:35 o'clock this morning, following several weeks' illness with intestinal trouble.

All Brussels mourns today. The flags on all the public buildings are at half mast and private houses are draped in the crepe of mourning.

The body of the departed king, clothed in the uniform of a lieutenant-general, remains in the chamber of "The Palms," where death occurred last night. It is surrounded only by those who in life won and retained the king's close friendship.

The expression on the face of the

dead monarch is peaceful and serene, as though the end came without any haunting memory of the scandals and suffering to which the king had been subjected.

The body will be placed in its casket this evening and then the period of mourning will officially begin. Death occurred at 2:35 this morning.

The regency council, composed of the regular council and ministers, will be formed today and it will nominally hold the reins of government until Prince Albert, the heir to the throne, has taken the oath of ascension.

Brussels, Dec. 17.—King Leopold leaves his daughters, it is said, personal property valued at three million dollars, inherited from his father.

Sensational rumors the Baroness Vaughan has fled from Belgium, are believed unfounded. It is stated that if she refuses to leave the country she will be expelled.

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.

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TO BUILD BIG CHURCH.

All Southern Methodists Unite For Washington Edifice.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 17.—The personnel of the national building committee to form plans for a monumental edifice of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Washington, D. C., was announced here this morning by Geo. S. Sexton, secretary of the Church Extension Board.

Jesse H. Jones and B. W. Slaughter will represent the Texas churches.

Members from other states are: Arkansas, Governor Geo. W. Donaghy; Alabama, R. S. Munger; Florida, Col. J. E. Wall; Georgia, Asa Chandler; Louisiana, Dr. John P. Scott; Missouri, Murray Carlton; West Virginia, John C. Mayo; Tennessee, John P. Pepper and A. R. Davenport.

The committeemen from Mississippi, North and South Carolina, Oklahoma and Virginia will be named immediately.

Secretary of State "Caned."

Austin, Tex., Dec. 21.—Secretary of State W. B. Townsend, was "Caned" today by his associates in his department. They presented him with a gold headed ebony walking stick; Miss Nellie Atkinson made the presentation speech.

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TEXAS IN THROES OF COLD WEATHER

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WEATHER IS MILD HERE

Wichita Falls Seems to Fare Better Today Than Other Points in Texas.

With cold weather all around here, Wichita Falls is experiencing comparative mildness this morning, with the thermometer close to the thirty-five degree mark. At 6 o'clock this morning the mercury registered only twelve degrees, but the weather has been getting milder all through the morning. The snow which has covered the ground since Friday night is being rapidly melted by the sun.

Reports from other towns in this section of the state are of cold weather today and especially at points northward is the cold wave still being felt. Fort Worth and towns in that part of Texas are also suffering today, if telegraphic reports are correct.

Fort Worth, Dec. 20.—Following two days of heavy snow, the coldest day in five years broke here this morning, the temperature going down to seven above zero. In the exposed parts of the city the thermometers registered six above at seven o'clock, while the coldest last year was 15 above. Reports received here from all over Texas show the day to be the coldest of the year and in many cases the coldest in many years. Flurries of sleet and snow were reported as far south as Floresville yesterday. The coldest point in Texas today is Abilene, where it is only two above.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 20.—Southern Oklahoma and the Panhandle of Texas are experiencing the coldest weather of the season today. Ardmore, Oklahoma, and Abilene, Texas, reported four degrees above zero, and Fort Worth eight above. In Kansas the temperature ranged from ten above at Wichita, to zero at Concordia.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 20.—The following temperature reports have been received from various parts of the state today: Dallas, 9 above; Childress, 10; San Antonio, 24; Fort Worth, 7; Abilene, 2; El Paso, 10; Waxahachie, 9; Paris, 10; Galveston, 31; Texarkana, 9, and Big Springs, 6.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 20.—Charles Work of San Antonio, aged seventeen, who was found frozen and face downward in a snow drift here late last night, died early today at the hospital without regaining consciousness. The physicians worked several hours over the body.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 20.—The temperature here this morning is ten above zero, the coldest weather recorded for December since 1889. The snow covers the ranges and the intense cold is causing great suffering among the live stock.

Galveston, Dec. 20.—Galveston last night and today experienced the coldest for the season. The thermometer registered thirty-one degrees.

Norfolk, Neb. Dec. 20.—The thermometer here registers sixteen degrees below zero today.

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Two-inch Snow.

From Saturday's Daily. 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.

Mabledean News Items.

Mabledean, Texas, Dec. 18.—Rev. Finley from Byers preached here last Sunday morning and evening.

The Sunday school is preparing for an Xmas tree and other Christmas exercises.

The store at Mabledean is doing a good business and they will soon build a new store across the street.

The new phone line is all ready now for the boxes.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Walker returned Wednesday after a visit in Fort Worth.

Mr. Roy Boger took a party of young people over to the gas well last Tuesday in their new auto.

Mrs. Sarah Clark spent a very pleasant day with Mrs. Johnston last week.

Mr. Lester Johnston took Misses Price and Clark to the gas well last Tuesday.

Motorman Clark called at his home between trains last Wednesday.

It is nearing the first of the year so a number of the people are moving out and new ones coming in.

Rev. Owens moved last week, he will be missed in the church and Sunday school very much.

PAY YOUR POLL TAX.

Be a Man and Not a Mouse—Vote for Good Men for Offices.

The Times:

Because the prohibition election is for the present indefinitely postponed, is all the more reason why the friends of prohibition and civic righteousness should pay their poll tax and pay it now. Shall the saloon or shall the people rule? is the issue in the election next year in Texas, just as it is the issue in Wichita county. We want to elect men to state, district, county and precinct offices who are not straddlers and fence riders, but who openly declare how they stand on all questions, and who will enforce the laws. We want no wishey-washy, namby, pamby office holders, but men of courage and convictions, who boldly stand for law enforcement. Let every citizen who loves Texas and Wichita county pay his poll tax.

W. J. BULLOCK.

Real Estate Transfers.

W. G. Williams and wife to C. J. Sherar, south half of lots 1 to 6, block 35, Burk Burnett; \$305.

Cicero Smith to W. G. Williams, south half of lots 1 to 6, block 35, Burk Burnett; \$193.70.

C. J. Sherar and wife to J. D. Day, south half of lots 1 to 6, block 35, Burk Burnett; \$500.

J. B. Marlow and W. M. McGregor to F. F. Yoder, 160 acres of James Walker survey; \$4400.

J. W. Crain to J. A. Kemp, lots 1 and 2, block 1, B. & J. addition; \$137.50.

KNOCKED IN THE HEAD.

San Antonio Man Assaulted By Burglar at His Home.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 21.—Awakened by a noise at his home early this morning, J. C. Hughes arose and turned on a light to investigate, when he was struck on the head by a burglar. The intruder escaped with one hundred and twenty-five dollars.

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Makes the Biscuit and Cake lighter, finer flavored, more nutritious and wholesome

Its active principle, cream of tartar, a pure, health-giving fruit acid, is derived solely from grapes



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COMPLIMENTS THE TIMES.

Secretary of Henrietta's Board of Trade Thors Us a Boquet.

The following letter from the Secretary of Henrietta's Board of Trade, Mr. James T. Denton, explains itself:

Henrietta Tex., Dec. 19, 1909.

Editor Times, Wichita Falls, Texas,

My Dear Sir: On behalf of the Board of Trade and the people of Henrietta generally, I desire to thank you for the very complimentary report in the Times of the meeting of the district association of commercial clubs, held here on the 16th inst. I assure you we appreciate the good opinion of the citizens of Wichita Falls, and it is the wish of our citizenship that the present cordial relations shall continue between us indefinitely.

We feel confident that the year 1910 will witness many substantial improvements in the material affairs of both Wichita Falls and Henrietta, and I again assure you that whenever it is within the power of the people of this town to render your city assistance in any undertaking of a developing nature—or of any other character—we shall do so gladly.

With the compliments of the season, I remain,
 Yours sincerely,
 JAMES T. DENTON,
 Secretary.

Real Estate Transfers.
 W. W. Jackson and wife to J. E. Lee, part of lot 13, block 177; \$4500.
 Charles T. Wood and wife to J. R. Jourdan, lot 1, block 10, Lakewood Place; \$1600.

The First National Bank
 of Wichita Falls, Texas

Condition of Bank at Close of Business November 16, 1909

RESOURCES	
Bills Receivable	\$371,767.30
U. S. Bonds and Stocks	79,375.10
Banking House	16,600.90
Cash and Exchange	124,391.47
Total	\$592,133.87

LIABILITIES	
Capital	\$ 75,000.00
Surplus and Profits	74,153.26
National Bank Notes	75,000.00
Deposits	367,980.61
Total	\$592,133.87

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK
 R. E. HUFF, President. W. M. MCGREGOR, Cashier.

JOSEPH A. KEMP, President P. P. LANGFORD, Cashier.
 A. NEWBY, Vice President. W. L. ROBERTSON, Ass't Cashier.

City National Bank

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 Surplus and Undivided Profits 115,000.00

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Letters to Old Santa Claus

Burkburnett, Tex., Dec. 20, 1909.
Dear Santa Claus:—Christmas is almost here and how glad I will be to see you again, Santa. Please bring me a little gun, a train and a knife and bring Reed a gun, an automobile like papa's and anything else you like. Don't forget baby sister. Bring her something nice. I guess she would like a bottle as it is her best friend now. Don't forget the fruit and nuts and candy, and, Oh! I forgot my little sister, Rubie—she is three years old. You will know best what to bring her and I know she will like a doll. Don't forget little children who have no papa's and mama's, and I will close. With much love, your little friends,
JACK and REED WIGHAM.

Wichita Falls, Tex., Dec. 16, 1909.
Dear Santa Claus:—Please bring me a little toy bank, a tablet, a pencil, some new story books, a doll, a little kitchen table, a little horse and saddle, which you will find at Morris'—for my doll a little wagon, a little grocery store, which you will find at the Nickle store; a little tub and wash basin, a little waiter and anything else you want to bring me, including candies and fruits. Don't forget poor little boys and girls. As ever,
Your little friend,
POSEY MILLER.
Age 4 years; 1109 8th street.

P. S.—We haven't any chimney, but we will leave the door unfastened. I have been a good little girl.

Wichita Falls, Tex., Dec. 17, 1909.
Dear Santa Claus:—I have written you two letters, but I shall write you another one, which will be in the paper. I want a tool chest with an auger in it, a leather football, some baby gowns and roman candles, but not sky rockets; I also want a turn-over clown for little Flow Bruce Greenwood and one for myself, some story books, nuts, candy and an Xmas tree like the one they had last year. I will try to be a good boy. Your little friend,
JOSEPH ANDERSON KEMP.

Wichita Falls, Tex., Dec. 20, 1909.
Dear Santa Claus:—Please bring me a little table, a tea set, a trunk and a little cupboard. That is all.
Your little friend,
CRYSTELLE.

Burkburnett, Tex., Dec. 21, 1909.
Dear Old Santa Claus:—
I am a little girl five years old and please old Santa won't you bring me a pretty doll with golden hair, some books, a doll bed and doll dishes. If you will bring these I will be a good girl and won't have any more tantrums. Your little girl,
MIRIAM RIDDELS.
P. S.—Please bring Kitty Kahn a ball.

Wichita Falls, Texas, Dec. 22, 1909.
Dear Santa Claus: I have been a real good little boy all this year and won't you please bring me a little

Dr. J. W. Du Val
General Medicine and Surgery,
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wheelbarrow, a train, a little wagon with a horse to it, a ball, a picture book and plenty of candy and fruit. Say, don't forget my little brother, bring him a rubber doll and some rattlers. Now dear Santa I will close my letter because I don't want to be selfish. Good by,
Your little friend,
RHEA BLAND.

Wichita Falls, Tex., Dec. 22, 1909.
Dear Santa Claus:—As I am here in Texas this Christmas, I thought I had better let you know where to find me, as my old home was Birmingham, Ala. You can bring my things to 307 Lamar. I want a doll, a set of dishes, fruits and nuts, and my little sister, Mable Lee, wants a necklace and a little ring. With best wishes, from
Your little friend,
LILLIAN WOOTEN.

Wichita Falls, Tex., Dec. 17, 1909.
Dear Santa Claus:—Please bring me an Irish mail, story book, a magic lantern, a whistle, some sparklers, some fire works, fruits, candy and a box of pecans. My little brother wants a horn, a story book, some sparklers, some fireworks, fruits and a box of pecans.
Your friends,
T. J. and GOSE WAGGONER.
1408 Travis.

Wichita Falls, Tex., Dec. 20, 1909.
Dear Santa Claus:—I will tell you what I want you to bring me: A doll, a doll buggy and a doll trunk. Bring Marie a rubber ball, a rag doll and a celluloid doll. We don't live on Burnett avenue this year. You will find us in an ugly old house, 1630 on 11th street. I will be a good little girl.
Age 5 years, 5 months.
MAUDE OLENE SOULE.

Wichita Falls, Tex., Dec. 20, 1909.
Dear Santa Claus:—I have been a good little girl all the year and I want you to bring me a doll, a doll buggy and a trunk, and, Santa, don't forget that I like oranges, apples and candy. Now, I'll not ask for too much, for I might not get anything, so don't forget me, Santa.
Your little friend,
DAISY PETERSON.
R. F. D. No. 1.

Wichita Falls, Tex., Dec. 22, 1909.
Dear Santa Claus:—I am going to tell you what I want, but I will not ask for so very many things. I am seven years old. I want a little wagon, a drum and nuts and candies of all kinds. With best wishes for a merry Christmas to all little boys and girls, I am,
ROBERT DOW SPIDLE.
307 Lamar avenue.

Loveland, Okla., Dec. 20, 1909.
Dear Santa Claus:—I am a little boy, ten years old and I am going to tell you what I want for Christmas: I want a slide trombone, a little train and a little horse. I help my papa and mama all I can and am sure I try to be a good little boy.
Your little friend,
WILLIE FORGY.

Wichita Falls, Tex., Dec. 17, 1909.
Dear Santa Claus:—Will you please bring me a big wheelbarrow, a little pop-gun, a wagon, a tool box, some fire crackers and roman candles. That is all.
Your friend,
HORACE LAWLER.

Loveland, Okla., Dec. 20, 1909.
Dear Santa Claus:—I am a little boy, seven years old. I want for Xmas, a little train, a doll, a Teddy bear, some candy and some oranges.
Your little friend,
ERWIN FORGY.

Wichita Falls, Tex., Dec. 19, 1909.
Dear Santa Claus:—I will write and tell you what I want you to bring us: Please bring us a wheelbarrow, a little wagon, a black board, a little hay rake, books, blocks, candy, nuts, oranges and anything else you have to spare.
Your little friends,
LEONARD, ROY and HARROLD WEBB.

Wichita Falls, Tex., Dec. 19, 1909.
Dear Santa Claus:—I want an air gun, some fruits, and don't forget the little children that haven't any mama's and papa's—some candy and nuts, some fire crackers and pistol caps.
Your little friend,
TOLBERT EARL MOORE.

Wichita Falls, Texas, Dec. 22, 1909.
Dear Santa Claus: I am writing for sister and myself. We have been as good as we can be. Sister wants a box of Dorothy Dainty ribbons, a doll and a doll buggy and I would like the same.
Your little friends,
DESSIE and NINA MANLEY.

Wichita Falls, Tex., Dec. 16, 1909.
Dear Santa Claus:—Please bring me a football, a horn and a sled. Don't try to come down the chimney; it's too small for a fat man; we won't lock the door. I am seven years old.
PAUL BUNDY.
1200 8th street.

Wichita Falls, Tex., Dec. 19, 1909.
Dear Old Santa Claus:—Please bring me a doll, a doll buggy, some candy and apples, a bracelet and a ring.
Good by,
From,
JOICE HARDESTY.
Cafe of Academy.

Wichita Falls, Tex., Dec. 21, 1909.
Dear Santa Claus:—Please bring me a fire wagon, a tool box, a little express wagon and a train and track.
Your friend,
AUBREY BACHMAN.

Wichita Falls, Tex., Dec. 21, 1909.
Dear Santa Claus:—Please bring me a doll buggy, a doll dresser and a piano. I guess you will have a good time this Xmas.
Your friend,
JOSEPHINE BACHMAN.

Wichita Falls, Texas, Dec. 22, 1909.
Dear Santa Claus: As it is almost Christmas time I will tell you what I want. A doll buggy is all.
DOLLY GAGE.
Corner of 17th and Austin.

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PERSONAL SAFETY OF COOK NOW FEARED FOR

By Associated Press.
New York, Dec. 23.—William Cook, a brother of Dr. Cook, declared today that he believed his brother had met foul play abroad. "In a letter from him early this week," he said, "he said he was hurrying to Copenhagen with additional proofs of having found the north pole. He should have reached Copenhagen before this and as he has been threatened with violence, I fear that enemies have overtaken him."

POISON IS FOUND.

Wife of George Armstrong Implicated in Wholesale Murder.
By Associated Press.
New Albany, Ind., Dec. 21.—Boxes that contained rat poison and strychnine were found today in a sink hole in the rear of the home of George Armstrong, whose wife is charged with the murder of three persons. Carbolic acid was given Armstrong by his wife, according to the statement of Florence Harris, who lived with the couple.

WARRINER CASE BEGINS.

Trial of Alleged \$600,000 Embezzler Starts Today.
Cincinnati, O., Dec. 22.—The case of Charles L. Warriner, who is alleged to have confessed to a shortage of over six hundred thousand dollars of the accounts of the Big Four Railroad, began in the criminal court today.
The defendant pleaded guilty and was sentenced to six years in the Ohio penitentiary.

Real Estate Transfers.

Chas. Bean and J. W. Stone to F. H. Lair, lots 11 and 12, block 7, Burkburnett; \$100.
Wichita Mill and Elevator Co. to Frank Kell and M. Lasker, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 10, block 196; lot 1 had part of lot 2, block 197; lots 1 to 8 inclusive, block 31, B and J. addition; and all other real estate owned by said Mill in Wichita county; \$25,000.
H. Masterson to Reese S. Allen, about 1116 acres out of subdivisions 81, 82, 89, 90, 94, 95, Red River Valley lands; \$20,000.

Happiness is increased, not by the enlargement of the possessions, but of the heart.—Ruskin.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

Proceedings at Yesterday's Session of County Teachers.
From Thursday's Daily.
Wednesday's session opened at 9:00 o'clock a. m. Roll called and minutes read and approved.
Program was carried out as published as much as possible.
Teachers caught inspiration from last night's session and expressed it in this discussion. A motion was made and carried that the program be varied and that Mr. Robbins give us a reading. Remainder of time was taken by Supt. Fairchild in reading contents of books recommended to teachers.
The afternoon session opened with several visitors. Sunshine put different whims into the expressions from members. Committee on resolutions withdrawn at 3:00 o'clock p. m. to form resolutions to present before institute tomorrow. Supt. Fairchild then showed teachers how to make monthly reports.
The day's work came to a close with an exhortation by Supt.
MISS SELMA CLARK, Secretary.
J. H. BRIDGES, Assistant.

GREEN GOODS

For Your Christmas Dinner—

We have taken a great deal of pains to secure the very best in fresh fruits and vegetables for the Holidays and have secured a nice lot of EXTRA FANCY stuff. Extra fancy Jumbo celery, head lettuce, Cuban Tomatoes, egg plant, Cauliflower, pumpkin yam potatoes, grape fruit, oranges, mandarines, fancy apples, Malaga grapes, quinces, and those fancy cultivated Jumbo cranberries. Every item the very best obtainable. Let us have your order.

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