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ALL LONDON HAS ITS EYES ON ROOSEVELT

AWAITS HIS DECISION ON ARBITRATION

HOPE HE WILL ACCEPT

NEWSPAPERS EXPRESS A SINCERE PREFERENCE FOR THE AMERICAN

ADMIRE HIS CHARACTER

A Recognition of the President's Unique Fitness for the Difficult Task Leads to the Belief That He Will Accept

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, Dec. 24.—The decision of President Roosevelt respecting the Venezuelan arbitration has been awaited with keen interest in England. The cozeny of the objections urged by the leading American journals is not denied, but there has been a sincere preference for Mr. Roosevelt as the arbitrator.

The old Tory Morning Post proposed the president's name in advance of even the quick-witted German emperor, and the suggestion has been received with a chorus of acclamations by the English press. There are no ulterior motives.

This English preference is based upon respect for the president's character and recognition of his unique fitness for the duties of an arbitrator in a case where a guarantee for payment of an award is urgently needed, but may be dispensed with if he consents to act.

The English press is regaining its sobriety of judgment respecting Germany. Mr. Kipling's outbreak is generally condemned and the German emperor is beginning to have something like justice for his evident desire to maintain the friendliest possible relations with the United States.

The British solicitude for the maintenance and preservation of the Monroe doctrine seems overwrought when the two powerful European governments have virtually recognized it and deliberately nominated the American president as arbitrator.

Formal Proposals Here

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The British and German formal proposals to President Roosevelt to arbitrate the Venezuelan difficulty have been received here. They are in such shape that the president can accept or decline the proposition, but so far he has reached no decision, not having had an opportunity to carefully consider them.

THE POPE IS NOT ILL

Aged Pontiff Is in Good Health and Excellent Spirits
ROME, Dec. 24.—There is no foundation for the report that the pope is ill. The pontiff is in good health and excellent spirits.

GERMANY IS TURNED OVER TO SANTA CLAUS

(Telegraph Special Service.) BERLIN, Dec. 24.—Christmas eve, which is the principal festival of Christmas in Germany, was celebrated in the usual lively manner by Christians and Hebrews alike, the latter having trees on which were lights, apples, nuts, ginger cakes, etc. There were Christmas trees not only in every



NATIVES ARE "SHOWN HOW"

BRILLIANT RECEPTION GIVEN AT SAN JUAN

DEBUT OF MISS HUNTER

American Governor of Porto Rico Puts All Other Affairs in the Shade—Admirals Dewey, Taylor, Crowninshield and Coghlan Present

SAN JUAN, Dec. 24.—A reception given last night at the executive mansion by Governor and Mrs. Hunter, formally introducing their eldest daughter, Miss Elizabeth, to society, was the most brilliant since the American occupation.

STRETCHED HIS NECK AND THE MAN DIES

A Strenuous Effort to Restore a Dying Man at Detroit Results in Quick Death

(By Associated Press.) DETROIT, Dec. 24.—In an attempt to relieve the pressure on the brain and restore a dying man to consciousness in order to procure an ante-mortem statement, physicians last night stretched the neck of W. F. Harker, whose throat had been slashed by his stepson in a quarrel at his home. The last effort failed and Harker died.

BACK TO WORK ON OLD SCALE

Settlement of Strike of Illinois Central Freight Handlers
CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—A special to the Chronicle from New Orleans says: The strike of the Illinois Central railroad freight handlers was declared off last night and the men will go back to work today on the old conditions, but without discrimination. They were receiving 16 cents an hour for a ten-hour day, and 25 cents for all overtime. They struck for 20 cents an hour for a ten-hour day, 20 cents overtime and 40 cents an hour for Sundays and holidays. In the contract signed the strikers agree not to bring up the question of wages for at least one year.

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tree this year, Princesschen's being the smallest, as usual, but it was the one on whose decoration the kaiser had spent the most pains. No one was forgotten in the distribution of gifts, the kaiser, especially, making a point of providing surprise presents for everyone. It is understood that the kaiser's present to his wife was a magnificent necklace of diamonds, which will form a considerable addition to the kaiserin's fine collection of jewels.

Christmas in Rome
ROME, Dec. 24.—According to the old custom in the court of Italy the queen spent the past week in purchasing the best and newest toys and Christmas gifts that could be procured. The result was that two entire rooms of the Quirinal palace were filled with them. Some of these toys are to be hung on the Christmas trees of Princes Volanda and the baby princess, while others have been sent to all the children's institutions which bear the names of the infant princesses or that of Queen Helene. Every child, also, of everyone connected with the court and the royal household is to receive a present from the royal infants. The court ladies and gentlemen receive the usual presents of jewelry, tea services, coffee services, etc., according to their position.

20,000 MEN GET AN INCREASE OF WAGES
PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 24.—The Frick Coke company post-poned a vote today, granting an increase of wages to 20,000 employees, dating from Jan. 1. The increase means that the company will disburse in wages \$1,600,000 more than this year to the same number of men.

SAFE ROBBERS BOLD IN ILLINOIS

THEY TERRORIZE THE CENTRAL PART OF THE STATE

Burglarize a Postoffice at Leroy, Batter Open the Saybrook Jail and Then Clean Out the Office at Tawanda.

(By Associated Press.) BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 24.—A gang of safe robbers who have been terrorizing Central Illinois robbed the postoffice at Leroy of \$100,000 in money, stamps and registered letters. They then proceeded in Saybrook, eight miles north, where they demolished the jail, using a telephone pole as a battering ram. The gang escaped with a stolen horse and buggy.

ROBBERS BLOW UP THE HOUSE WHICH THEY ROB

One Is Dead, Two Are Seriously Injured, the Home Demolished and \$1,000 Is Missing

(By Associated Press.) MINNINGTON, W. Va., Dec. 24.—The residence of Robert Floyd was blown up last night with dynamite by robbers. Floyd was instantly killed and his wife and servant seriously injured. The house was completely demolished. One thousand dollars, which it is said Floyd had in the house, is missing.

COLLISION IN A SNOW STORM

RAILROAD ACCIDENT IN FAR OFF MICHIGAN

One Passenger Train Crashes Into Another and Numbers of People Are Seriously Hurt—Rear Lights Hid by Storm

(By Associated Press.) GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 24.—During a heavy snow storm this morning train No. 2 on the Pere and Marquette road, crashed into the rear end of the Saginaw passenger train at McCords station.

WELL KNOWN EDUCATOR DEAD

Prof. Forney Accidentally Kills Himself While Shooting Sparrows

(By Associated Press.) SPRINGFIELD, Ala., Dec. 24.—Prof. Jacob Forney was out in the garden shooting sparrows with a rifle when the weapon went off accidentally, killing him instantly. He was one of the best known educators in the south. He was professor of pedagogy at the State university in Tuscaloosa.

TEN YEARS FOR MANSLAUGHTER

Thomas J. Sharkey Is Sentenced for the Killing of Banker Fish
NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Thomas J. Sharkey, private detective, who was convicted of manslaughter in the second degree, for having killed Nicholas Fish, the banker, last September, was today sentenced to ten years in state's prison.

IS IDENTIFIED AS WELL KNOWN HORSEMAN

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Horsemen interested in harness racing were shocked to learn that the unidentified man accidentally killed by a horse while crossing Broadway at Spring street on Monday evening was E. C. Walker, a trainer, driver, starting judge and writer, who was known to followers of trotting all over the United States.

CASTRO IS IN A PERILOUS POSITION

KEROSENE GOES UP HIGHER

PRICE OF BOTH FUEL AND LUMINATING OIL ADVANCES

POOR PEOPLE WILL SUFFER

Many Who Depend on Crude Petroleum for Heating Purposes Now Find it More Expensive Than it Has Ever Been Since Introduced and Better Grades of Oil are Also Higher

Users of kerosene, crude petroleum, fuel oil, and the many products of Texas oil wells, are beginning to seriously feel the effects of the Standard Oil trust at a time, too, when it is likely to be most serious.

A local grocer said last night that within the last two weeks kerosene and kindred products have advanced 1 1/2 cents per gallon and a higher price is still predicted. As a consequence, the grocermen and other local dealers have been forced to raise the prices correspondingly and there have been many complaints and queries about the sudden advance.

Local Situation
Kerosene has advanced here 1 cent per gallon within the past four days. This advance has been followed up by a similar one by the retailers, and many purchasers of kerosene have wondered at the change.

SANTA FE LOSES ITS ALBUQUERQUE HOSPITAL

(By Associated Press.) ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Dec. 24.—The Atchison, Topoka and Santa Fe hospital was totally destroyed last night by fire. The physician in charge succeeded in getting out two hundred patients. One patient died from exposure. The railway company had just completed an addition costing \$8,000. The total loss is \$15,000.

PASTOR DESERTS HIS PULPIT TO SELL LIQUOR OVER THE BAR

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—A saloon owned and practically conducted by a clergyman is the latest novelty in the Bronx. Rev. Dr. George K. McDonald, the former pastor of the East Avenue Baptist church in Long Island City, has given up his active connection with the ministry and is now engaged in handing out liquid joy to the good and bad alike of his new and rapidly growing congregation.

SHE GETS MONEY AFTER WAITING 105 YEARS

Uncle Sam Finally Settles Up An Account that Has Been Outstanding Since the Year 1798

(By Associated Press.) OGDEN, Utah, Dec. 24.—Mrs. George A. Graves of Ogden has just received a check from the United States government for \$250 in settlement of a claim that had been pending for 105 years. The claim was for the capture and destruction by the french of the year 1798 of a schooner belonging to Captain Robert Patton of Gardiner, Maine. The claim was for \$1,850 and there are seven heirs.

A TRAGEDY AT CORDELL, O. T.

(By Associated Press.) WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 24.—At Cordell, Okla., J. A. White, editor of the Cordell Beacon, fatally shot A. J. Johnson, a prominent town man. The cause of the tragedy was an old quarrel.

VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT IS BETWEEN TWO FIRES

REBELS STAND FIRM

THEY DAILY WITH REQUEST FOR HELP TO FIGHT A FOREIGN FOE

PLAN MARCH ON CARACAS

Ten-Day Armistice Expires Today With the Revolutionists, Who Since Destruction of Gunboats, Have Gained in Boldness and Courage

(By Associated Press.) WILLEMSTAD, Island of Curacao, Dec. 24.—(By boat from La Guayra.)—The revolutionists strengthened by the impossibility of the government's suppressing the smuggling of arms and ammunition into the country and by the fact that it has no longer any fleet at its disposal, have made answer to President Castro's proposition that they turn their arms against the foreigners who have attacked Venezuela by referring him to Gen. Matos, their only chief capable of dealing with the matter.

The revolutionists have planned a march on Caracas by three roads: The leaders, Kanoos, Antonio Guayara, Urbaneza and Penabazaz with 2,500 men will march via Guatiro; Antonio Fernandez, Osio and Crespo Torres, with 2,500 more, have left Camanar, and Gen. Bolando, with 2,500 troops will go from Alta Gracia. Ammunition is expected to arrive every day near Tucacas.

The situation for President Castro is considered to be again perilous; attacked by foreigners and his own countrymen, he can with difficulty resist the shocks, as the government's resources have vanished. The president's departure for La Victoria is for the purpose of trying to check the near advance to the capitol of the revolutionists.

HAVE HAD NO WORD FROM DIEHL

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—No word up to noon today had been received from Commander Diehl of the Marietta, concerning his reported protest against the action of the blockading squadron at Caracas in refusing to allow the steamer "Caracas" to remain inside the harbor long enough to discharge her cargo. Officials have entire confidence in Commander Diehl to handle the situation.

PARKER-LOWE HAS IT FOR LESS.

SUBSCRIBERS NOTICE
The Telegram will not be issued on Christmas day. This decision is somewhat of a new departure on the part of The Telegram. Heretofore a paper has been issued in diminutive form. Even this broke into the printers' day and the intended aim of such an issue was really defeated. A man employed in a newspaper office has few opportunities for holiday purposes. Most other people will, tomorrow, take a day off from the cares of commercialism. This year The Telegram management proposes that its employees may do so also, taking it for granted that the readers of the paper will not begrudge the printers a holiday nor feel greatly the loss of the only one omitted issue of the whole year.

CHRISTMAS AS SPENT BY ENGLAND'S KING

(Telegraph Special Service.) LONDON, Dec. 24.—Surrounded by a small but lively party of their children and grandchildren, King Edward and Queen Alexandra will spend their Christmas at Sandringham, their majesties' favorite abode. Sandringham has been the real home of their majesties



have been invited also to enjoy the festivities. During the past few days the king and queen have been actively engaged in personally directing the dispatch of Christmas presents to their relatives and other friends. King Edward's gifts this year run largely to pen and pencil holders, cigarette cases and delicate enamel work set with a

WILL FIND \$2,000,000 GIFT IN HER STOCKING

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Andrew Carnegie's little daughter, Margaret, is going to receive tomorrow the most costly Christmas gift ever received by a child so young in the United States, and perhaps in the world. The present is nothing less than the \$2,000,000 residence which Mr. Carnegie has just completed at Ninety-first street and Fifth avenue, and which is said to be the most magnificent house in America. The formal presentation of the house by Mr. Carnegie to his daughter



"CHRISTMAS EVE"

Visit us tonight after 6 o'clock. Everything in HOLIDAY GOODS at Great Reductions to Close Out
OPEN UNTIL MIDNIGHT

CHRISTMAS IS TO BE OBSERVED

PLANS FOR THE HOLIDAYS IN CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS

Will Be Given By The Little Folks in Commemoration of Annual Festival—Kindergarten of the First Ward Has Program This Morning and Other Schools Observe Day

The usual number of Christmas entertainments are being held this year at the different churches and schools of the city. Some of the events will be given tonight and some tomorrow.

At the Schools The city schools closed this afternoon from today until January 5 and appropriate holiday exercises were held in the rooms of the different buildings.

Entertainments Tonight There will be a Christmas tree and entertainment tonight at the First Presbyterian church, Fourth and Calhoun streets.

There will also be a Christmas entertainment at the First Methodist church, South, tonight, and gifts for several hundred children will be distributed.

Tomorrow's Services The first service tomorrow to greet the Christmas morning will be that of the choir boys of St. Andrew's Parish house, who will sing Christmas carols from the belfry of the Central Fire station hall tomorrow morning at 4:30 o'clock.

Trinity Church Following is the program for the day at Trinity Episcopal church, corner Pennsylvania avenue and Hemp-hill streets.

Morning prayer and holy communion, 11 a. m. Processional, "Christians, Awake, Salute the Happy Morn."

From Heaven, "O, Bread of Life Amen." From Greer Liturgy, "Benedic Anima Mea."

Recessional, "Shout the Glad Tidings, Exultingly Sing." Christian Tabernacle

The Christian Tabernacle will have one of the most elaborate and interesting Christmas programs. It will be given tomorrow evening at the Tabernacle, under the direction of Mrs. J. E. Cummings, and is as follows:

Chorus, "The Happiest Time." Solo and chorus, "He Will Be Here." Solo, "The Letter to Santa Claus."

Chorus of Jolly Boys. Recitation—Roy Thomas. Solo, "The Waifs of the City"—Maud Bridges.

Solo, "Who'll Buy My Flowers"—Bessie Redford. Chorus of Little Mothers and Doll Drill.

Chorus, "Merry Christmas." Solo, "Santa's Dream"—Cecil Calhoun.

Chorus, "Santa, Dear Santa." PART II Duet, "O, Silent Night"—Mrs. Clark and Mr. Jones.

Solo and quartet, "Can I Be Dreaming?" Solo, (Ange) "Fear Not"—Miss Pearl Calhoun.

Solo, "The New-Born King"—W. A. Jones. Solo, "Let Us Now Go to Bethlehem"—Miss Louise Millican.

Recitation, "The Star"—Harry Thomas. Solo, "In the Lonely Manger"—Mrs. Clark.

LINEMAN JOHN CONE HAS NARROW ESCAPE

John Cone, a lineman employed by the Northern Texas Traction company, was shocked by a live trolley wire early making repairs on Main street

rendered him unconscious. He fell to the ground and at first it was believed that he had been killed, but he soon recovered and was able to report for duty again today.

CITY PRISONERS ARE TO BE FREED TONIGHT

The annual custom of releasing city prisoners the night before Christmas will be observed at the city hall tonight with due ceremony.

unlocked and forty prisoners will regain their freedom. The city jail will be scrubbed and thoroughly cleaned tonight and everything will be put in readiness for the next set of visitors at the basement of the city hall.

MARRIAGE LICENSE RUSH IS ON

Clerks Kept Busy Today Issuing Certificates to Prospective Swains. Many to Get Christmas Gifts

There was an air of activity around the marriage license window at the county clerk's office today, which augured well for Christmas weddings.

W. E. Lunsford and Carrie Tribble. J. L. De Witt and Nellie Danner. A. E. Humphries and Miss E. A. Harding.

Robert Jones and Lou Nickels. T. T. Thompson and Miss M. M. Mock. Claude Watson and Lillie Woods.

S. B. Drake and Bertie Copeland. W. E. Shea and Mattie Whitten. Pearl Bearden and Hattie Doyal.

Joe Crouch and Bessie Hardin. Carl Paxton and Bertha Belle Bradley.

W. A. Woods and Mrs. C. J. Johnson. N. B. Deely and Mrs. Augusta McIntire.

A New Preparation Which Everyone Will Need Sooner or Later Almost everybody's digestion is disordered more or less, and the commonest thing they do for it is to take some one of the many so-called blood purifiers.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets do this perfectly. They partly digest what is eaten and give the stomach just the help it needs.

It's a common sense medicine and a common sense treatment and it will cure every time. Not only cure the disease but cure the cause.

We have testimonials enough to fill a book, but we don't publish many of them. However—Mrs. E. M. Faith, of Byrd's Creek, Wis., says:

"I have taken all the Tablets I got of you and they have done their work well in my case, for I feel like a different person altogether. I don't doubt if I had not got them I should have been at rest by this time."

It will cost 50c to find out just how much Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets will help you. Try them—that's the best way to decide.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

UNEVENTFUL DAY IN THE COURTS

Most of the Business Is Transacted in Judge Milam's Tribunal—District Court Adjourns for Holidays

This is a quiet day at the court house. Evidence is still being taken in the \$50,000 damage suit of Oran Hoskins against the town of Fort Worth and Rio Grande railway in the forty-eighth district court, which will adjourn until Jan. 22, tonight.

There was more business transacted at the county court than in any other department. James Oenbaum began suit against James Williams to recover \$275 for the death by fire of a horse, mule and colt lost October.

Jack Nader, a foreman at Armour's, entered pleas of guilty on two charges of compelling men employed under him to work on Sunday, and was fined \$10 and costs on each count.

A BOY'S PRANK ENDS FATALLY Sad Result of One Lad Interfering With Another On a Sled

HAMPTONBURG, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Twelve-year-old Rudolph Romse is dead through a companion's prank.

Young Romse was coasting down a hill when John Houston, a schoolmate of his own age, seized him by the leg with the intention of rolling him off the sled and seating him in the snow.

Will Give Away Lincoln Busts Action of Anonymous Admirer of Martyred President

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—An anonymous admirer of Abraham Lincoln is going to place busts of the great war president in every public school in the boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx.

The turkey shoot at Sisk's gravel pit southwest of the city, will last all the afternoon and will prove attractive to lovers of good rifle shooting.

At Greenwall's opera house there will be a matinee performance of the laughable comedy, "The Man From Mexico." The same play will be repeated in the evening.

Mrs. Lulu Rogers Returns Has Been in Large Cities for Some Months, But Will Resume Here

Mrs. Lulu Rogers, who conducted a series of successful revival meetings in this city last winter, and who has been conducting services in Chicago, St. Louis and other large cities, has returned to Fort Worth and is now at home on Weatherford street.

Body Still Unclaimed The body of Joseph Miller, who was killed by falling down a hatchway at Armour's packing house yesterday morning still lies at Robertson's undertaking rooms unclaimed by relatives.

North in the Throes of a Great Blizzard La Crosse, Wis., Dec. 24.—Wisconsin is in the throes of a great blizzard. The storm is general in Dakota, Minnesota and Iowa. Railway traffic is considerably delayed.

THIS MAN GOT JUST DESERTS Mrs. Edward Burdick Instantly Kills John Ryan in Honor's Defense

At Sisk's gravel pit, three-quarters of a mile southwest of Fort Worth university, there will be a Christmas turkey shoot. Range, fifty yards off-hand at turkey's head; blood wings; any caliber rifle; smokeless powder guns excluded.

Also a target shoot, thirty-six feet; 22-caliber guns. Highest score wins the turkey.

The following directions are given to find the place: Pass under the trestle on the Rio Grande railroad, one-fourth mile south of the university, thence up the hill to the left, by the nearest house in sight; from there you will see Mr. Sisk's house. The gravel pit is just south of the house.

One may expect some snappy remarks when a man shows his teeth.

\$7,500,000 IS TO GO TO CLERKS FROM BANKERS

(Special to The Telegram.) NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Old Santa Claus visited Wall street today and called at Uncle Sam's subtreasury, where he filled his sack.

He took out over \$1,000,000 in bright, shining silver coins of the latest vintage and the brightest of yellow eagles and double eagles. Only the newest and crispest dollar bills and certificates would suit him.

It is estimated that over \$2,500,000 will be distributed by the rich bankers and brokers of Wall street to their business associates and clerks during the Christmas holiday week.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR MAYOR POWELL

Mayor Powell was in an unusually happy mood today and his usual urbanity was even more manifest than common. His honor's happiness was the source of much wondering comment until it was learned that the cause was a Christmas gift, which arrived at his home, 901 West Weatherford street, this morning.

TOMORROW'S SPORTS PROMISE ENJOYMENT

Entertainments Announced for Pleasure-loving Public Tomorrow Afternoon and Night There will be plenty of different kinds of amusement tomorrow for pleasure lovers who will not dine till 6 or 7, and who may wish to pass the time before or after that hour at some place other than their own homes.

For tomorrow afternoon are announced a program of races at Prospect park, a football game at Haine's park, a turkey shoot at Sisk's gravel pit, and a matinee performance at Greenwall's opera house.

The race program at Prospect park begins at 1:30 p. m. and includes a 2:30 pace in which are entered horses from Cleburne and San Antonio.

The loss on buildings was only \$28,068.75, on contents but \$17,462.96; a total of \$45,531.69. That on buildings was less than the salary paid to members of the department.

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MARKETS BY WIRE

LIVE STOCK MARKETS The following report of the live stock markets is prepared daily for the Telegram by the Fort Worth office of the Evans-Sluder-Buel Commission Company, from special reports received by wire.

Chicago Live Stock Market Chicago, Ill., Dec. 24.—CATTLE—Receipts, 2,500; market slow, prospects strong to higher.

Beaves \$3.25 to \$6.75 Cows and heifers 1.25 to 5.00 Texas Steers 3.40 to 5.00 Stockers and feeders 2.25 to 4.50

HOGS—Receipts, 25,000; light hogs, \$5.75@6.30; mixed, \$6.00@6.57 1/2; heavy shipping grades, \$5.10@6.60; rough, \$6.10@6.35.

SHEEP—Receipts, 13,000; market strong to higher; native sheep, \$2.25@4.65; western sheep, \$2.50@4.40; native lambs, \$3.50@5.75; western lambs \$3.75@5.50.

Kansas City Live Stock Market Kansas City, Dec. 24.—CATTLE—Receipts, 5,000, including 500 Texas and westerns; market strong.

HOGS—Receipts, 5,000; market steady; light hogs, \$5.95@6.15; mixed, \$6.15@6.30; shipping grades, \$6.20@6.40; rough, \$6.05@6.15.

SHEEP—Receipts, 1,000; market firm. St. Louis Live Stock Market St. Louis, Dec. 24.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1,500, including 1,100 Texans; market strong.

HOGS—Receipts, 2,500; market 5c to 10c higher; pigs and light, \$6.10@6.35; packers, \$6.25@6.50; butchers, \$6.35@6.60.

SHEEP—Receipts, 300; the market steady. During the Holidays For holiday excursionists to the usual territory in the southeast—the old states—to a number of points in Old Mexico, to Colorado (kool in summer and delightful all the year) also to all points in Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

"THE DENVER ROAD" has on sale first-class limited round-trip tickets at the rate of one fare plus \$2. Dates of sale: Dec. 13, 17, 22, 23 and 26, allowing thirty days for return.

A number of people are interested in those rates who want to investigate the splendid conditions in Northwest Texas, where the prospects are magnificent now for fine crops.

Those who wish to make a longer stay buy the Homeseekers' Tickets "THE DENVER ROAD" sells.

COTTON BELT FINE SERVICES To accommodate holiday excursionists leaving Fort Worth, December 13, 17 and 21, on their morning trains, the Cotton Belt route will place in service on these dates elegant parlor cars, with ladies lounge room, gentlemen's smoking room and observation room.

Meals will be served a la carte at reasonable prices. The safe service on these cars is justly renowned for superior excellence.

Further information regarding rates, through service, sleepers, free seats in chair cars, etc., may be had from any railroad ticket agent or through correspondence with H. P. HUGHES, T. P. A. Fort Worth, Texas, or E. P. THURNEER, G. P. & T. A. for T. & P. Ry. Co., Dallas, Texas.

SPECIAL RATES VIA M. K. & T. RY. \$10.00 to Galveston and return, account Sea Wall Carnival Tickets, on sale December 14 to 19, final limit for return, December 21.

Rates to points in Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, to important points in Old Mexico and points in Southeast, one fare plus \$2.00 for round trip. Tickets on sale December 13, 17, 21, 22, 23 and 26, limited thirty days from date of sale for return.

To points in Texas, rate of one and one-third fare to stations within distance of 100 miles and rate of one fare plus ten per cent for points beyond. Tickets on sale December 23, 24, 25, 26 and 21, 1902, and January 1, 1903, final limit for return January 3, 1903.

Tickets will also be sold on same dates and same basis, as authorized to Texas points, to Indian Territory and Oklahoma points within two hundred miles from selling station.

For further information, call on or address, T. T. McDONALD, City Tkt. Agt., 506 Main street.

AT THE LOCAL STOCKYARDS

FORT WORTH STOCK YARDS, Dec. 24.—Business was quiet today and the markets showed little change.

The highest price paid for steers was \$3.25. Receipts were light. Tomorrow everything will be closed down except the packing houses, which will run on Sunday time.

Receipts today of cattle, hogs and sheep were as follows: Thirty cattle from J. F. Gupling of Lemure; 25 cattle from A. G. Parrell of Kaufman;

4 cattle from E. J. Kellum of Valley Mills; 252 cattle, from Garland & Cable of Brownwood; 20 cattle, from Foster & Lee of Beaverville; 26 hogs, from E. J. Kellum of Valley Mills; 99 hogs, from J. Morris of Detroit; 11 hogs, from J. Bros. of Minco; 100 hogs, from J. R. Joy of Oakwood; 87 hogs, from Haas & Health of Caddo, I. T., and 51 sheep, from E. J. Kellum of Valley Mills.

Representative Sales 49 sheep total weight, 3880, at \$3.25; 34 hogs, total weight 3880 lbs., at \$5.00; 1 hog weighing 190 lbs., \$4.00; 64 hogs, total weight 7270 lbs., at \$5.65; 72 hogs, total weight, 12,010 lbs., at \$5.40; 28 hogs, total weight, 3,511 lbs., at \$4.50; 31 hogs, total weight 5,610 lbs., at \$5.75; 49 hogs, total weight 5,310 lbs., at \$5.10; 29 hogs, total weight, 6,450 lbs., at \$5.80; 7 hogs, total weight, 1,260 lbs., at \$5.80; 24 hogs, total weight 5,200 lbs., at \$5.85; 1 cow, weight, 650, at \$1.85; 2 steers, total weight 1,370 lbs., at \$3.00; 12 cattle, total weight, 10,550 lbs., at \$3.25; 20 cattle, total weight, 20,150 lbs., at \$1.50; 30 feeders, total weight, 15,150 lbs., at \$3 per head; 30 cattle, total weight, 21,710 lbs., at \$2.25; 23 cattle, total weight, 2,450 lbs., at \$3.40; 1 cattle, total weight, 860 lbs., at \$2.00; 28 cattle, total weight, 22,250 lbs., at \$2.25; 3 cows, total weight, 3,500 lbs., at \$2.50.

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IS ABSORBING TOPIC

Flight of Crown Princess of Saxony Causes Much Talk.

MAN IN THE MATTER

It Is Alleged the Husband Discovered That His Wife Corresponded Secretly With a French Tutor For Some Time.

Vienna, Dec. 24.—The flight of the crown princess of Saxony is the absorbing topic of the day here. All kinds of sensational reports are in circulation. When she left Salzburg accompanied by her brother, Archduke Leopold Ferdinand, the princess went to Munich, where a French tutor awaited her. Her brother was also joined there by a beautiful Viennese woman and the two couples proceeded to Brussels and thence to Geneva.

It appears that when the crown prince returned recently to Dresden after his hunting accident in the Tyrol he discovered the secret correspondence between the princess and the French tutor, whose former relations with her had created a scandal resulting in the tutor's expulsion from Saxony. Besides disclosing the couple's relations, the letter revealed another scandal. Immediately afterward the princess left her home and went to Salzburg. The fact that she took a trunk filled with jewelry and other valuables indicates that she was prepared for an emergency.

It is reported that Archduke Leopold Ferdinand has written to Emperor Francis Joseph renouncing his rank and dignities as a member of the imperial house, and saying he will become a civil subject. The whole of the archduke's career is replete with scandal, dating from the time when he started to accompany the heir to the throne on a tour of the world. He only got so far as Colombo, where he was obliged to leave the ship on account of his scandalous behavior. The archduke since has been mixed up in a number of affairs and was confined for some months in an asylum.

FARMER KILLED.

Thomas Barker Shot While in a Buggy With His Wife.

Sherman, Tex., Dec. 24.—Thomas Barker, aged fifty-six years, a farmer residing six miles northwest of the city, was shot and instantly killed while riding with his wife in an open-top road wagon shortly before noon Tuesday in northwest Sherman.

Mrs. Barker says they met Everett Fairless, sixteen years old, and she was afraid her husband would be killed; that he followed the buggy and began to shoot. Her husband fell.

"When the first shot was fired," she said, "I begged the boy not to fire again, but his only answer was a shot—the second and last one. He then turned his horse and fled along the road. We had just come, leaving me drenched in the blood of my husband and supporting his lifeless body, and in this condition I awaited the arrival of the police officers who were called at once, and who arrived in a short while."

Byrd Payne and his son and a colored woman by the name of Georgia Black, also eye-witnesses, voluntarily gave their names to Chief of Police Blain and made statements which, so far as the actual act of shooting is concerned, corroborate the statement of Mrs. Barker, that the shots that killed Barker were fired from behind.

Man Stabbed, Negress Shot.

Dallas, Dec. 24.—Charles Peterson, white, was stabbed in the neck by a negress. The woman made several lunges at Policeman Brown. He shot her. Peterson may recover. The woman, named Jane Allen, may die. The affair caused great excitement among the negroes.

CASTRO'S ACCEPTANCE.

Says France Will Receive Equal Treatment With Other Nation.

Paris, Dec. 24.—The foreign office has received President Castro's acceptance of the condition of the French note. The president says France will receive equal treatment with the other powers in the settlement and payment of claims. The purpose of the French negotiation was as previously pointed out to safeguard French claims against being subordinated to those of the powers which are adopting forcible means for their collection. It is expected here that the United States and other powers which are not resorting to force will receive a similar assurance to that given to France. The official view here favors arbitration; second, the appointment of an international commission to execute the decision of the arbitrator, similar to the committees appointed in the cases of Egypt and Greece. In case the commission is appointed it is probable that the French claims which it had been decided to submit to arbitration will be included in those to be considered by the commission.

AFTER CLAYTON AGAIN.

More Charges Have Been Preferred Against Minister to Mexico.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania forwarded to President Roosevelt some evidence bearing upon the charges made last winter against Ambassador Clayton, the representative of the United States in Mexico. The new evidence is in the form of affidavits that Ambassador Clayton is the owner of certain specified shares in the Carmen Mining company, a Philadelphia corporation doing a mining business in Mexico. The charges were received at the executive office, but as in the case with all matters they were transmitted at once to the state department. Whether the additional evidence submitted by Senator Penrose will result in the reopening of the case, which attracted considerable attention in and out of congress last winter, is not known.

TWO HOURS' CONFAB.

The Cabinet Was in Session on Tuesday That Length of Time.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The meeting of the cabinet was prolonged to more than two hours, the discussion Tuesday of the Venezuelan situation and the proposed plans for settlement of the trouble by arbitration consuming practically the time.

The president denied himself to all callers and remained in consultation with the secretary of war until the arrival of other members. Secretary Hay brought to the meeting nothing new relating to the situation. No response had been received to the president's original suggestion to the powers that they consent to the reference of the Venezuelan controversy to the arbitration of The Hague tribunal, and no formal request has been received for the president to act as arbitrator of the difficulty. That such a request will be received formally and officially is now practically assured.

BOILER BLEW UP.

One Man Hurled Fifty Feet in the Air and Another Torn to Pieces.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 24.—Two men were killed and another fatally injured in an explosion of the boiler of the tow-boat Lizzie Massey on the southern branch of the Elizabeth river at 6 o'clock Tuesday evening. The dead: George H. Williams, captain, and William Byman fireman. Engineer Dunn was fatally injured. Captain Williams who with Dunn owned the boat, was thrown fifty feet into the air and horribly mangled. Byman was blown to pieces. It is reported that an unknown man was also killed.

NO LOADING.

Vessels Are Not Permitted to Take on Cargoes at La Guayra.

La Guayra, Dec. 24.—The allies have advised the foreign consuls here that steamers all reaching La Guayra before Dec. 30 will be allowed to enter port and discharge their cargo during the day, but they will not be allowed to take cargoes on board. This ruling has created general dissatisfaction here. As there is no export duty on goods shipped from Venezuela the ruling does not affect the government. Only the ship workers are affected.

All the mail steamers reaching here after Dec. 30 will be boarded from the blockading squadron and neutral passengers and the mails will be sent ashore under a flag of truce. No exceptions to this ruling in the matter of nationality will be made.

A schooner which attempted to enter port at half past 9 o'clock Tuesday night was captured.

Must Leave Every Night.

La Guayra, Dec. 24.—The captain of the British cruiser Tribune notified the commander of the Caracas that throughout her stay at La Guayra she must leave the harbor every night. This measure is regarded as vexatious and causes great expense to the owners of the steamer. There were five newspaper correspondents on board the Caracas.

Elba Starts.

Spezzi, Italy, Dec. 24.—The Italian cruiser Elba sailed for Venezuela.

Ex-Chief Hurt.

Beggs, I. T., Dec. 24.—Insparcherker, ex-chief of the Creek Indians, fell from a wagon and sustained injuries from which he may not recover.

Schley Has Lumbago.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Rear Admiral Winfield S. Schley is ill, suffering from an acute attack of lumbago.

IS ALLOWED ENTRANCE

American Steamer Caracas Permitted to Reach La Guayra.

AN ITALIAN OBJECTS.

Commander of the Giovanni Bausan Opposed the Red D Line Vessel Entering the Harbor, but Finally Yielded.

Caracas, Dec. 24.—The Red Line steamer Caracas, Captain Woodrick, from New York Dec. 13 via San Juan and Willemstad, expected from Caracas, was allowed free entrance to La Guayra harbor by the blockading vessels. This decision, however, was not arrived at without some difficulty, due to it is claimed here, to the lack of unity of action on the part of the allies.

The commander of the British cruiser Tribune Monday notified Mr. Shuck, consul of Great Britain, that the Caracas could enter the port of La Guayra. The Tribune then sailed from La Guayra leaving the Italian cruiser Giovanni Bausan in charge of the blockade. First act of the commander of the Bausan was to notify agents of the Red D line steamer Caracas would not be allowed to land her passengers, mail or freight. The commander of the United States gunboat Marietta, Lieutenant Commander Diehl; the commander of the French cruiser Troude and the United States consul were immediately informed of the stand taken by the Italian commander, whose decision was regarded as violating the terms of the decrees establishing the blockade, which allowed all steamers coming from the United States ten days' grace from the date of the establishment of the blockade Dec. 20, in which to reach Venezuelan ports.

Mr. Boulton of Boulton Co., agents of the line, and all foreign merchants entered protests against the Italian commander's decision, and the commander of the Marietta and the United States consul cabled to Washington for instructions. Meanwhile Lieutenant Commander Diehl, after an hour's conference with the Italian commander, succeeded in convincing him he was wrong in his interpretation of the blockade decrees, and finally the captain of the Giovanni Bausan assured Lieutenant Commander Diehl that the Caracas would have free entrance, and he cabled to Willemstad, where she awaited orders, instructing Captain Woodrick to proceed to La Guayra.

The Caracas safely entered the harbor at 8 o'clock yesterday morning.

Prizes Captured.

La Guayra, Dec. 24.—The Bausan and Tribune captured the following prizes Monday: The schooner Castor, loaded with salt, from Araya; the schooner Maria Luisa, with a cargo of cocoa, from Caronemro; the sloop Josefa Carman de Vega, loaded with a general cargo, from Caronero; sloop Carrella, from Guanta.

A German warship which passed here Sunday towing with two large schooners was the Panther. She captured the vessels near Maracaibo.

Touching Scene.

Austin, Dec. 24.—When the 375 children of the deaf and dumb asylum learned that Superintendent McNulty had been reappointed they were at breakfast. They rushed to the dining room of Mr. McNulty and literally dragged him from the table, making the noise peculiar to mutes. Some of them had fire crackers and shot them off.

Candidate Kills Candidate.

Austin, Dec. 24.—As a result of a quarrel James Holt, a well known citizen of the Manchaca community, in county, was Thursday morning shot and instantly killed by J. B. Jones, constable of that precinct. Jones came to Austin and surrendered to the sheriff. Both men were candidates for constable.

Another Apportionment.

Austin, Dec. 24.—The state board of education made another apportionment out of the available school fund for the current scholastic year adding 10c per capita to the two previous apportionments and making a total of \$5 per capita for 1902-03.

Three Men Injured.

Wichita Falls, Tex., Dec. 24.—Fuel oil gas exploded at the Wichita Falls Mill and Elevator company's plant. Engineer Sells, Fireman Diggs and Will Yates were injured.

Conductor Badly Injured.

Brenham, Tex., Dec. 24.—A Central mixed train collided with a horse. Conductor Lallier fell under the train and had his skull fractured, a leg broken and his back injured.

Died at Confederate Home.

Austin, Dec. 24.—The death of Captain J. A. Bayne, sixty-seven years old, an inmate of the state Confederate home, occurred at that institution. He was from Dallas.

Judge Durant Dead.

Paris, Tex., Dec. 24.—Judge A. R. Durant died at his home at Grant, I. T., of consumption. The deceased was about 60 years old and was one of the most prominent citizens in the Choctaw nation.

To Study Silver Question.

Laredo, Tex., Dec. 24.—Colonel W. J. Bryan while here said he was going to Mexico to study the silver question. He will be several days at Monterey.



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Fort Worth, Tex., December 24. For tomorrow is Christmas. Fill up, of course, on turkey. Put pies and cakes to rout.

Santa's Coming. Tonight's the night that Santa Claus comes round with brimming measure. And every lucky youngster draws a stockingful of treasure.

Amusements. "The Man From Mexico." "The Man From Mexico" will be presented at Greenwall's opera house Thursday (Christmas) matinee and night, December 25.

Books. Rings O' Smoke. So modest a title, while delicate in its suggestion as to the moods in which the verses were created, gives no just idea as to the lasting quality of a little volume of verses written by Clarence Ousley.

Real Estate Transfers. Record of Deeds Filed With County Clerk Since Last Report. W. A. Williamson and wife to George W. Kee, 100 3/4 acres on Rush creek, 10 miles south by 30 miles east of Fort Worth, \$900.

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duce the Pennsylvania anthracite barons to consent to a compromise should not be overlooked. There are conflicting stories about King Alfonso. Some of the European correspondents, when short of "copy" send out reports to the effect that he is a naughty, sacrilegious youth, while others picture him as the personification of virtue.

Another Christmas. There are excellent reasons why the Christmas greetings which will be exchanged throughout our big country this year should reflect the Christmas generosity and lightness of spirit at its best and kindest.

If there are any who refuse to let themselves fall into the spirit of the day they needlessly deprive themselves. The strong hold which Christmas has upon the civilized peoples is attributable, among other reasons, to the fact that it is so thoroughly woven into home and family life.

Holiday Home-Comings. What Saturday night is to the close of the week, the Christmas period is to the close of the year, only its reunions are on a broader scale and its celebration is marked with special observances and festivities.

Kate Claxton Here Soon. One of the most popular of stage favorites, Miss Kate Claxton, will be a visitor here on Monday matinee and night, December 29, at Greenwall's opera house.

The Belle of New York. It may be hard for some people to believe it, but it is a fact that "The Belle of New York," which comes to Greenwall's opera house Tuesday night, December 30, has pleased more people than any other musical comedy or comic opera ever written.

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Lewis Morrison Coming

The elaborate quality and massive character of Lewis Morrison's new production of "Faust," in which he himself this season appears as Mephisto, is attracting crowded houses here and throughout the country.

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HEAVY SHIPMENTS PRODUCE SLUMP IN PRICES

ST. LOUIS IS OVERSTOCKED

25,812 More Shipped This November Than Last—Texas Sends Greatest Shipment—Feed High and Ranchmen Eager to Unload Stock

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23.—These are bovine bargain days in St. Louis. Cattle are going at sweeping reductions. Cow merchants are overstocked, and the goods have been marked down in unprecedented fashion.

Feed is High. There are many reasons for the unprecedented shipments. Leases have been expiring in the Indian Territory and there is uncertainty about them being renewed.

Tables compiled by O. H. Brown, the general traffic manager at the yards, show that the total receipts in November were 101,863, against 76,651 in November, 1901, an increase of 25,812.

From Jan. 1 to Dec. 1, the receipts were 1,019,456, against \$19,411 for the corresponding time last year.

From Missouri, the receipts increased from 20,634 in November, 1901, to 21,915 last month.

From the eleven months ending Nov. 30, 1901, the receipts from Texas were 196,877. For the corresponding time this year the receipts were 350,124.

Indian Territory sent 146,894 in 1891 and 263,337 in 1902.

The market can only be restored by cattlemen holding their cattle. All the commission houses have been discouraging the shipment of cattle.

At this little human voice, born of sorrow and sin, born to suffering and to knowledge, born to life in all its wonders and to death in its mystery—the elements perchance repented and averted their fury. Not yet was there to be punished sin or wrong, or doubt, or weakness.

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"I wish I would long ago have been in my grave," writes Mrs. S. H. Newson, of Decatur, Ala. "If it had not been for Electric Bitters, for three years I suffered untold agony from the worst forms of indigestion, Water-brash, Stomach and Bowel Dyspepsia.

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Synopsis.

John Law, an adventurer and financier of Louis XVI's reign, and his brothers are attacked by English robbers and are succored on the road by Lady Catherine Knollys, a famous beauty, and Mary Conynge. Law and Lady Catherine are mutually infatuated, while Mary Conynge admires Law without response.

(Continued from yesterday.)

And now, suddenly, all grew still again. The sky took on a lighter, livid tone, one of pure venom. There came a whisper, a murmur, a rush as of mighty waters, a sighing as of an army of the condemned, a shrieking as of legions of the lost, a roaring as of all the soul-felt tortures of a world.

There passed out over the black sea of Michigan a vast black wraith; a thing horrible, tremendous, titanic in organic power. It howled, execrated, menaced, missed its aim and passed. The little swaying house still stood! Under the sheltered log some tiny sparks of fire still burned, omen of the unquenchable hearthstones which the land was yet to know!

"Holy God! what was it? What was that which passed?" cried Jean Breboeuf, crawling out from beneath his snelter. "Saint Mary defend us all this night! 'Twas the great Canoe of the Damned, running a large across the sky! Mary, Mother of God, hear my vow! From this time Jean Breboeuf shall lead a better life!"

The storm, baffled, passed on. The rain, unsatisfied, sullenly ceased in its attack. The waves, hopeless but still indictive, began to call back their legions from the narrow shore. The lightning, unsated in their wrath, flared and flickered on and out across the eastward sea. With wild laughter and shrieks and imprecations the spirit of the tempest wailed on its furious way. The red West had raised its hand to smite, but it had not smitten sure.

In the silence of the night, in the hush following the uproar of the storm, there came a little wailing cry; so faint, so feeble, yet so mighty, so conquering, this sign of the coming generation, the voice of the new-born babe. At this little human voice, born of sorrow and sin, born to suffering and to knowledge, born to life in all its wonders and to death in its mystery—the elements perchance repented and averted their fury.

CHAPTER III Au Large

It was weeks after the night of the great storm, and the camp of the voyageurs still held its place on the shore of the great Green Bay. The wild game and the abundant fishes of the lake gave ample provender for the party, and the little bivouac had been rendered more comfortable in many ways best known to those dwellers of the forest. The light jest, the burst of laughter, the careless ease of attitude showed the light-hearted voyageurs content with this, their last abode, nor for the time did any word issue which threatened to end their tarrying.

One morning strolled out from the lodge and seated himself on a bit of driftwood at the edge of the forest's fringe of cedars, where, seemingly half forgetting himself in the witchery of the scene, he gazed out idly over the wide prospect which lay before him. He was the same young man as ever. Surely, this increased gauntness was but the result of long hours at the paddle, the hollow cheeks but betokened

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THE CITY IN BRIEF

THE WEATHER

The forecast until 8 p. m. Thursday for Fort Worth and vicinity: Tonight, generally fair weather and moderately cold.

Nash Hardware Co.

A donation of \$25 for the Firemen's Relief Association was received yesterday from Swift & Co.

Call and see our Mexican curios, 102 Front street.

The Telegram will not issue a paper on Christmas day. See notice on first page.

Dr. T. L. Ray, Osteopath, Phone 553. Attorney Canteley of the firm of Capps & Canteley, is back from a business trip to Little Rock, Ark.

Roy & Leffer, practical jewelers, 602 Main street. Work called for and delivered. Phone 1526.

Arrivals at the Delaware: Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Martin, Austin; A. T. Johnson, Austin; L. B. Roberts, Thornton, and M. D. Slaton, Llano.

Blessing's Studio, 6th and Houston.

A turkey shoot of the old-fashioned kind will be held Christmas day at the Sisk gravel pit, three-fourths of a mile south of the Fort Worth university. The range will be fifty yards.

Dr. Abdill, Dentist, has moved to Columbia building. He tightens loose teeth.

E. W. Tempel purchased yesterday afternoon from Hyde Jennings a lot at the corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Ballinger street, 10x225 feet, for \$1,000.

W. S. Matney, the tailor, Metropolitan block.

Frank Clark, a colored man thirty years of age, died this morning at the city hall hospital. He had been afflicted with consumption for several months. The remains were interred this afternoon.

G. W. Owens, Lumber Co. Phone 753.

There will be a short session of the corporation court tomorrow morning to dispose of a number of cases set for disposition, but Judge Stewart has announced that no cases will be tried.

J. W. Adams & Co., Feed, Fuel and Produce, 400 W. Weatherford. Phone 520.

Mrs. Olive B. Crowe of Omaha, Neb., and Fred W. Rhodes, a business man of Shawnee, Ok., were married last evening at 5:30 in the parsonage of the First M. E. church, Rev. S. H. Werlein officiating.

The American National bank has issued a souvenir memorandum book handsomely bound in Russia leather, containing the calendar for 1903, an identification blank, the population of the principal cities of the United States and much other useful information.

Mrs. W. R. Smith, wife of the city ticket agent of the H. & T. C. railway, left last night with her son, W. R. Smith, Jr., to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Colonel J. A. Wilson, live stock agent of the Chicago and Alton, left last night on a business trip to San Antonio.

Mrs. O. A. Carr, president of Carr-Burdette College, at Sherman, departed for home last evening, after a visit with Mrs. W. P. Lane of 910 West First street.

Arrivals at the Worth: F. G. Oxshier, Jr., Stanton; Mr. and Mrs. T. Sanford Gidd, Chillicothe; William Neal, St. Louis; Mrs. J. Crotty and John Crotty, Stephenville; Walter A. Barlow, Amarillo; H. H. Neill, San Antonio, and Cecil Young, Stephenville.

Midland County Reporter.—Jim Goff returned Wednesday from Fort Worth to which he accompanied a shipment of thirteen cars of cows shipped by H. E. Crowley to the Fort Worth Live Stock Commission company. They sold at a price that made it an inducement to ship to Fort Worth.

Elmon Armstrong, Southern traveling representative of the Cable Company of Chicago, has just returned home for the holidays after a very successful trip through Louisiana, Alabama, Tennessee and Kentucky.

Workmen are putting heavier rails at the curves of the city belt line at Tenth and Houston streets. The old light rails have done service many years and were not replaced at the time heavier rails were laid on other portions of the line.

GREENWALL'S OPERA HOUSE

Xmas Matinee and Night Thursday Dec. 25. Willie Collier's laughing success, presented by Mr. Leslie Morosco and Miss Leila Shaw, presenting

"THE MAN FROM MEXICO"

An established laughing success from Maine to California. Cast of superior merit.

Matinee prices—Lower floor, 75c; balcony, 50c; night prices \$1.00, 75c, 50c and 25c.

Coming Saturday matinee and night, December 27, Lewis Morrison in

"FAUST."

Seats on sale for above attractions.

THE LAST OF THE LETTERS

FINAL INSTALLMENT OF MESSAGES FROM THE CHILDREN

SOME TOUCHING APPEALS

Special Effort Will Be Made to Get Them to Santa Claus Before He Reaches Texas, So That He Will Be Prepared to Answer Them and Prevent Disappointment

The Telegram announced Sunday that the last Santa Claus letters would be printed Tuesday night, but since then some letters have come in which must be sent to Santa Claus by all means, so they are given this evening.

Santa's Telegram

Here is a telegram received from Santa Claus this afternoon: Dear Telegram,

I send you this telegram to let you know I believe I'll keep on taking The Telegram as I've already gotten more than the worth of a year's subscription out of the children's letters.

My wife Katrina finished fixing my fur suit last night, and I start at 18 minutes to 7 o'clock tonight from Kriskringle Land for the United States. If you have any late messages for me, or any more letters in The Telegram send them to Boston for me, as that is the oldest place I know of, and I will stop there for five minutes to let the reindeer get cooled off; they'll be so warm with their long run. I have a whole lot of extra toys for the boys and girls whose letters got in late, and will be all ready for them. I expect to leave Boston about 11:48 tonight, and will reach Fort Worth about the time all good little boys and girls turn over and go to sleep on the other side without knowing it.

Tell the little folks if at that time they needn't be too sure, for I wear three grains of fern seed in each of my arctic shoes, and that makes me invisible whenever I want to be. Wishing you a merry Christmas, I'm yours on

SANTA CLAUS.

A copy of tonight's Telegram will be hurried to catch Santa Claus at Boston, and so the last letters, it is hoped, will reach him all right. The Telegram wishes all the little writers who have sent letters to Santa Claus in its care a merry Christmas and all kinds of good things. Here are the last letters:

An Invalid's Plea

Dear Santa Claus, I am a little boy, 8 years old. I have to sit all my life, and can't go to school, so please bring me a pair of rubber boots and a suit of clothes and a sword, and a pistol and drum. Well, Santa, I am so nervous I will quit; so please send these things to: JIM SHIELDS, 707 Stella street, Glenwood.

A Little Doll Buggy

Dear Santa Claus, Bring me a little doll buggy, please, and a doll. Also bring me a set of dishes and a story book. Your friend, ALIE BOWERS, 412 Cherry street.

"Keep A-Bringing"

Dear Santa Claus, Bring me a doll; bring me a stove, and bring me a set of dishes. ANNE BOWERS, 412 Cherry street.

Lives on Poverty Hill

Dear Old Santa, Marine, Tex.—I am a little boy, 8

Tapped 14 Times

Edwin W. Joy's Test Case of Bright's Disease.

WHEN THE SAN FRANCISCO BUSINESS men who incorporated the Jno. J. Fulton Co. were putting the Fulton Compound to practical tests in cases of Bright's Disease and Diabetes, Edwin W. Joy, the Kearny street druggist, stopped one of the investigators and said he had a friend who had an advanced case of Bright's Disease and was beyond human aid.

Holiday travel is still heavy, though not over normal. At the Union station this morning there were good crowds at all trains but they were composed mostly of local people either going away or coming home for the holidays. The through passenger traffic was not heavy.

CHRISTMAS DAY TO BE GENERALLY OBSERVED

In so far as it is possible for them to do so, the business men of Fort Worth will lay aside their cares tomorrow and enjoy a period of rest at home with their families. The groceries will be kept open only long enough to fill the early morning orders, while the market proprietors have agreed to close their establishments at 12 o'clock.

The railroad ticket offices are to open at 9 o'clock and will close at noon, but the distributors of transportation at the stations will be on duty all day. Business is still booming at the express offices and there seems to be scant prospect that the hard worked employees will be able to celebrate Christmas according to time honored custom. They hope to "knock off" for a short time in the afternoon, but are not certain that they will do so.

All banks will, as usual, remain closed the entire day. Barber shops generally will remain open until 1 o'clock in the afternoon. Restaurants will continue to do business day and night, as usual. It is a noticeable fact, however, that there are few guests at the hotels. Few registered at the Worth, Delaware and Manhattan today, which indicates that traveling men are ready to strain a point to get home for the holidays, whenever possible.

All the big department stores, such as the Columbia and the Parker-Lowe establishments will be closed the entire day. A. & L. August, Washer Bros., and other large clothing houses all entered into an agreement to transact no business on Christmas. Pawn shops belong to the "never sleep" class and the proprietors of these places will maintain their reputation for business enterprise by accepting collateral in exchange for cash as usual.

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Smith's Dandruff Pomade

Cures dandruff, eczema, itching scalp, and stops falling hair. Price 50 cents, at Brashear & Hill's pharmacy.

Frisco Holiday Excursions

Dec. 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 31 and Jan. 1 the Frisco will sell round-trip excursion tickets to local points with in 200 miles. Tickets good to return until Jan. 3.

Sidewalks

Good sidewalks enhance values. Call on us for prices on all kinds. L. S. LEVERSEDGE & SON, Columbia Building. Phone 1010.

Used by Millions of Mothers

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

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NOTHING IS MORE SUITABLE For Christmas Present than a nice piece of furniture or a nice rug, and when thinking of making your purchases for Christmas remember we are giving 20 per cent discount on Rugs, Mattings, Lace Curtains, Portieres. Also a large number of pieces of furniture marked with red tags, will go in this discount sale. Call and see what we are offering. FAKES & COMPANY, 1619-21-23 MAIN STREET

TRAIN SCHEDULE TEXAS AND PACIFIC PASSENGER STATION Corner Main and Front Streets. TEXAS AND PACIFIC. (East Bound.) Leave 6:30 am. Cannon Ball. 7:45 am. 10:15 am. W. Ft. and Dal. local. 10:30 am. 4:15 pm. Abilene M. and Ex. 5:30 pm. (West Bound.) 5:20 am. Dallas local. 7:45 am. Abilene M. and Ex. 8:40 am. 11:30 am. W. Ft. and Ft. W. 1:30 pm. Dallas and W. Ft. 3:00 pm. 6:30 pm. St. Louis Express 7:50 pm. Cannon Ball 9:20 pm. TRANSCONTINENTAL. (Texarkana, Sherman and Paris.) Leave 6:10 pm. Passenger daily 8:35 am. MISSOURI, KANSAS AND TEXAS. (North Bound.) Leave 8:10 am. Katy Flyer 8:30 am. 10:50 am. Passenger Daily 11:45 am. 10:50 pm. Passenger Daily 11:20 pm. (South Bound.) 7:45 pm. Katy Flyer 8:15 pm. 7:10 pm. Passenger Daily 7:30 pm. 6:10 pm. Passenger Daily 6:30 pm. FORT WORTH AND DUNVER. Arrive. 5:10 pm. Colorado Express 9:45 am. 9:55 am. W. Falls local 6:00 pm. 6:00 am. Colorado M. and Ex. 11:10 pm. FORT WORTH AND RIO GRANDE. Arrive. (El Paso System.) Leave 10:55 am. Mail and Ex. 3:15 pm. 9:55 am. Mixed Ac. Adm'tion 5:30 pm. RED RIVER, TEXAS AND SOUTHERN. Arrive. 2:55 pm. World's Fair Spl. 11:05 am. 7:35 pm. Mixed Ac. Adm'tion 6:00 am. ROCK ISLAND. Arrive. 7:10 am. Past Express 8:30 pm. 7:30 pm. Mo. River local 8:30 am. SANTA FE UNION STATION. Corner Fifteenth and Jones Streets. GULF, COLORADO AND SANTA FE. Arrive. (North Bound.) Leave 7:05 am. Limited 7:52 am. 8:20 pm. Day Express 8:27 pm. (South Bound.) 7:40 am. Lay Express 7:50 am. 8:55 pm. Limited 9:10 pm. HOUSTON AND TEXAS CENTRAL. Arrive. 9:30 am. Daily Passenger 9:20 am. 12:15 pm. Daily Ac. Adm'tion 1:30 pm. 8:20 pm. Daily Passenger 6:50 pm. DALLAS-FORT WORTH INTERURBAN. Cars leave Fort Worth for Dallas and intermediate points on the hour, beginning at 6 o'clock a. m. and continuing until 11 o'clock p. m. The car, however, leaving at 10 o'clock p. m. goes no farther than Handley. All cars arrive at Dallas 1 hour and 35 minutes after leaving Fort Worth. Schedule between Dallas and Fort Worth the same as that applying between Fort Worth and Dallas.

AMONG GOOD THINGS FOR CHRISTMAS. "Upper Crust" Flour is an absolute essential, as good Flour enters more or less into everything cooked. Better Flour cannot be had, and if you want your cakes, pies, bread and pastry to be as good as your turkey, this is the Flour you should use. Cameron Mill and Elevator Co., Fort Worth, Texas.

CHRISTMAS EXCURSIONS VIA Santa Fe ONE FARE PLUS \$2.00 TICKETS ON SALE DECEMBER 13, 17, 21, 22, 23 AND 26, LIMIT TO RETURN 30 DAYS FROM DATE OF SALE. SANTA FE TICKET AGENTS WILL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT RATES, ROUTES AND TERRITORY, ASK THEM. W. S. KEENAN, G. P. A., GALVESTON, TEXAS. Christmas Excursion SOUTHERN RAILWAY Tickets on Sale DECEMBER 13, 17, 21, 22, 23 and 26; limited to 30 days for return, to all points in Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, North and South Carolina and Southern Kentucky. Rate one fare plus \$2.00. For further information relative to your trip, write to M. H. BONE, W. P. A., Houston, Tex.

The Wife's Health

Has much to do with the attractiveness and happiness of home. If she is physically harassed and distressed she would do more than man to never complain, never get peevish and cross. Men do not want angry, but wives who are

"Not too bright or good For husband nature's daily food, Homely pleasures, simple joys, Prizes, blame, love, kisses, tears and smiles."

To keep husbands loyal, affectionate and home-loving, wives must be companionable, must have part in the joys and pleasures of their mates. Any woman can be simply a wife—the marriage ceremony settles that—but to secure loyal and enduring affection she must be more than mere wife, she must be friend, partner, comrade, charm. To do this she must be healthy, strong and able to "keep the pace" with him. Her greatest danger lies in her liability to special derangements from which he is exempt and wise to know it in the house.

G. F. F. Gerber's Female Syrup, cures irregular, scanty, too frequent and painful monthly periods; uterine and ovarian irritations; nervous debility; and restores the womb, white and all unsteady discharges; acidity, indigestion and all impurities to maternity; also all associated ailments of the female system. It is a safe and reliable remedy after the changes that attend womanly functions. It is a health-giving and refreshing tonic for women. It is sold at drug stores all over the world. Beware of cheap imitations. All these statements are true, for it is reliable and will not disappoint.

All ladies who are not perfectly right and well in a womanly way should write to this lady's Health Club, care of G. F. F. Gerber, Co., Chattanooga, Tenn., for free medical advice and literature.

EAGLES' CARNIVAL WELL PATRONIZED

The success of the Eagles' carnival from a financial standpoint seems assured. It is the most pretentious outdoor exhibition of the kind ever held in Fort Worth and the patronage which it has thus far enjoyed demonstrates that a good outdoor show of this character need not play to empty seats.

At the afternoon performance yesterday there was a large attendance of ladies and children. At night the grounds presented an animated scene. Over 2,000 paid admissions were recorded at the gate. Tonight a delegation of Eagles from Dallas will swell the throngs and it is expected that nearly 3,000 will be present. The weather has modified somewhat, and the tented enclosures are quite comfortable.

Amice continues to draw large crowds. Her dances are a decided novelty in this city and the spectacular effects of costuming are enhanced by colored electric light effects.

"Dare Devil" Johnson repeated his sensational dive without mishap, and the acrobats in the Streets of India did a creditable turn.

The Streets of Cairo were more frequented than on the opening night. A performing bear excited considerable amusement, and not a few indulged in the novelty of a camel ride. It was noticeable that there were few ladies in

the audience, and most of them left before the oriental dances were inaugurated. These had been toned down even more than previously, and contained very little that was objectionable.

In an adjoining tent Luirine, presumably under hypnotic influence, floated through the air very gracefully, and the fire eater from Cape Colony repeated his turn. The Old Plantation and several other attractions drew good crowds.

It was noticeable that the confetti peddlers did a good business, and those who escaped being pelted with it were few and far between. The carnival grounds are literally paved with gaily colored fragments of tissue paper, pleasing to the eye.

Since the opening night the management has adopted strict rules relative to the use of free admission badges by other than to whom they were assigned and several who attempted to get in on borrowed ones suffered the double humiliation of having them confiscated and being denied admission.

This evening, commencing at 7 o'clock, the Eagles will hold a carnival parade on Main and Houston streets. All the available horses in the city have been hired for the occasion and some, it is said, will ride the camels in the Streets of Cairo show.

Fireworks will be an attractive feature of the procession.

DISCUSS PLANS FOR HORSE SHOW

BOARD OF TRADE TALKS OF THE MATTER AT ITS MEETING

OTHER BUSINESS DONE

Resolution Relative to the Board's Position on Unions and Trusts is Passed—Various Propositions From Outside Concerns Are Received and Filed.

At a meeting of the directors of the Fort Worth Board of Trade yesterday afternoon plans for having Fort Worth enter the Western Horse Show Association circuit were discussed and a committee composed of Marion Sanson, C. L. Ware and Burke Burnett was appointed to confer with representatives of the Stock Yards company today and report this afternoon at a special meeting of the directors.

The proposition for a horse show for Fort Worth was presented in the form of a letter which was published in The Telegram Tuesday evening signed by O. W. Matthews, V. S. Wardlaw, Ireland Hampton, Stuart Harrison.

The plans of this committee which were presented yesterday by Mr. Harrison will be further acted on. The plans include the entrance of Fort Worth into the association and holding a horse show here some time next spring. The proposition from Messrs. Matthews, Wardlaw, Hampton and Harrison was a request for \$2,500 as a nucleus for a fund which could be raised to erect a suitable building for holding such a show. In the general discussion yesterday afternoon only general conclusions were reached and all showed that the board regards the idea favorably.

Other Resolutions
A resolution prepared by the committee appointed to act in the matter of the local cigar makers and the trust, reported suggesting the adoption of a resolution stating that it was incompatible with the board's policy to assume a position relative to the different merits of trusts and unions; they, however, reaffirm their friendship to home labor and home manufacturers, as opposed to outside goods. The resolution was adopted.

Regular Business
A letter from the Dallas Commercial club conveying greetings of friendship and assurance of support at all times was read and filed. Two letters from Rev. W. H. Claggett, promoter of the Texas Presbyterian university, were read and filed. A proposition from a firm which is getting up a year book of Texas, to write up Fort Worth for \$100 was received and filed. Two letters from a hosiery manufacturing concern were received and referred to the committee on manufactures.

The directors will hold another meeting this afternoon.



THE CHILDREN ENJOY

Life out of doors and out of the games which they play and the enjoyment which they receive and the efforts which they make, comes the greater part of that healthful development which is so essential to their happiness when grown. When a laxative is needed the remedy which is given to them to cleanse and strengthen the internal organs on which it acts, should be such as physicians would sanction, because its component parts are known to be wholesome and the remedy itself free from every objectionable quality. The one remedy which physicians and parents, well-informed, approve and recommend and which the little ones enjoy, because of its pleasant flavor, its gentle action and its beneficial effects, is—Syrup of Figs—and for the same reason it is the only laxative which should be used by fathers and mothers.

Syrup of Figs is the only remedy which acts gently, pleasantly and naturally without griping, irritating, or nauseating and which cleanses the system effectually, without producing that constipated habit which results from the use of the old-time cathartics and modern imitations, and against which the children should be so carefully guarded. If you would have them grow to manhood and womanhood, strong, healthy and happy, do not give them medicines, when medicines are not needed, and when nature needs assistance in the way of a laxative, give them only the simple, pleasant and gentle—Syrup of Figs.

Its quality is due not only to the excellence of the combination of the laxative principles of plants with pleasant aromatic syrups and juices, but also to our original method of manufacture and as you value the health of the little ones, do not accept any of the substitutes which unscrupulous dealers sometimes offer to increase their profits. The genuine article may be bought anywhere of all reliable druggists at fifty cents per bottle. Please to remember, the full name of the Company—**CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO.**—is printed on the front of every package. In order to get its beneficial effects it is always necessary to buy the genuine only.

DAY OF BIG CATTLE KING IS CLOSING

Settlement of West Texas by the Small Land Holder Now Seems to Be An Assured Fact

The settlement of Western Texas by the small land holder seems now to be assured, and the day of the big cattle king seems to be drawing to a close. Of course, there will be individuals and companies with large holdings for many years to come, but the majority of the lands will be held in comparatively small bodies. This will really be to the advantage of the stock in-

dustry, as well as to the agricultural industry. The large population means more farm laborers and the small stock raiser will plant feed stuffs and cause a section of land to sustain many more cattle than the barons do. The cattle will be better cared for and provided for than now, and not only will the number raised be increased, but the quality will most likely be improved. Then, hall to the actual settler. He will redeem the West from the domination of the prairie dog and coyote. He will devote brain and brawn to the upbuilding of the vast imperial expense of territory hitherto but imperfectly utilized by man. Let heaven smile upon his efforts.—Wise County Messenger.

Boy's Life Saved From Membranous Croup

C. W. Lynch, a prominent citizen of Winchester, Ind., writes: "My little boy had a severe attack of membranous croup, and only got relief after taking Foley's Honey and Tar. He got relief after one dose and I feel that it saved the life of my boy." Refuse substitutes. Sold by Reeves' Pharmacy.

Shade trees. Plant now. DRUMM SEED CO., 507 Houston St.

A kidney or bladder trouble can always be cured by using Foley's Kidney Cure in time. Sold by Reeves' Pharmacy, Ward Pharmacy and Arlington Drug Co.

CHEER OF CHRISTMAS IN THE WHITE HOUSE

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Express wagons, mail carriers and messengers bore numerous packages to the White House today—presents to the Roosevelt family from friends and admirers throughout the country. With the president and his family it will be a home celebration in the strictest sense of the word. The offices will be closed and no business whatsoever will be transacted. In the morning, bright and early it is safe to predict, the youngsters of the family will arise and visit their stockings to see what Santa Claus has left for them. Later the family will assemble in the library for the general distribution of gifts. The Christmas dinner will be served in the evening and only the family will be present.

First White House Christmas
The first dinner at Christmas time given in the White House was that which took place in the year 1800, when John Adams was president and thrifty Abigail, his wife, sat at the head of the table as hostess. It was not a comfortable meal, although a splendid haunch of venison, the gift of Mrs. Washington, graced the board, and the country people of what Mrs. Adams called "the city in the wilderness" had generously contributed gifts of all sorts to make the feast as toothsome as might be. The discomfort lay in the fact that the occupants of the White House found reflected in their residence evidence of the same haste that characterized the new government.

Among the gifts received at the executive mansion during the past few days were not less than 100 turkeys, sent from all parts. Today these plump birds were distributed to the white house policemen, ushers, messengers, servants, gardeners and stablemen with the compliments of the president. Each turkey had on it a card bearing the season's compliments. To the older employes and family servants there were also gifts of money and little keepsakes.

The reception after dinner took place in the oval room, which at that time was barely habitable. The surroundings of the executive mansion were about as desolate as could be imagined. On all sides was a deep morass covered with alder bushes. The sidewalks were laid with chips from the stones with which the capitol was built. A wooden bridge spanned Black Tiber creek, and low two-story houses, also built of wood, were the residences of the congressmen.

CHRISTMAS EVE IN COUNTRIES OF EUROPE

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Dec. 24.—Christmas for the first time in four years finds the country free from war and the editorials in the London papers this morning reflect the general satisfaction felt throughout England. While the masses, it is true, might be enjoying a larger measure of prosperity than at present, altogether there is every indication that this will be the cheeriest Christmas that Great Britain has had for several years.

Among the great capitals of the world New York is regarded as having the greatest cause to rejoice for material prosperity. Rome and Paris are fairly prosperous, but St. Petersburg, Berlin and Vienna are all suffering from bad trade conditions.

TO RAISE BEEF CATTLE ON EXTENSIVE SCALE

A company with a capital of \$1,000,000 has been incorporated by J. J. Hagerman for the purpose of raising beef cattle on an immense scale near Roswell, N. M. The organization was perfected under the laws of Wyoming. The company will be known as the South Spring Ranch and Cattle company.

It will own the South Spring ranch of Mr. Hagerman's, which embraces the ranch improvements, artesian wells and 7,000 acres of fertile land in cultivation lying on the Pecos valley, and between 200,000 and 300,000 acres of grazing lands, 180,000 acres of which have already been entered in the land office at Roswell. The grazing land extends over what is known as the Long Arroyo country, and comprises the largest body of thoroughly watered grazing land in New Mexico. The grazing land will be under fence within two months, 42,000 acres being already enclosed and fencing the remainder is being done rapidly.

The South Spring Ranch and Cattle company will start with a breeding herd of 7,000 head. The company has

bought, with a big cut back privilege, the noted LE herd of Herefords in Reynolds Land and Cattle company of Colorado, who, it is reported, have sold their holdings of lands in Texas in order to devote their attention to their extensive interests in Colorado. About 3,000 of the LE's have been moved to the South Spring ranch, and 2,800 more will be shifted there in the spring. William Atkinson is now engaged in picking the tops of the balance of the LE herd for the South Spring company.

The management of the interests of the new company will be in charge of J. F. Hinkle, a man of long experience in the cattle business, and for several terms representative in the New Mexico legislature from Chaves and Lincoln counties.

Only thoroughbred and high grade cattle will be raised on the ranch. The principal part of the supply will be sold to eastern buyers. The pasture at present will support from 13,000 to 15,000 head, but after the ranch is fully developed it will support a greater number.—Drovers Telegram.

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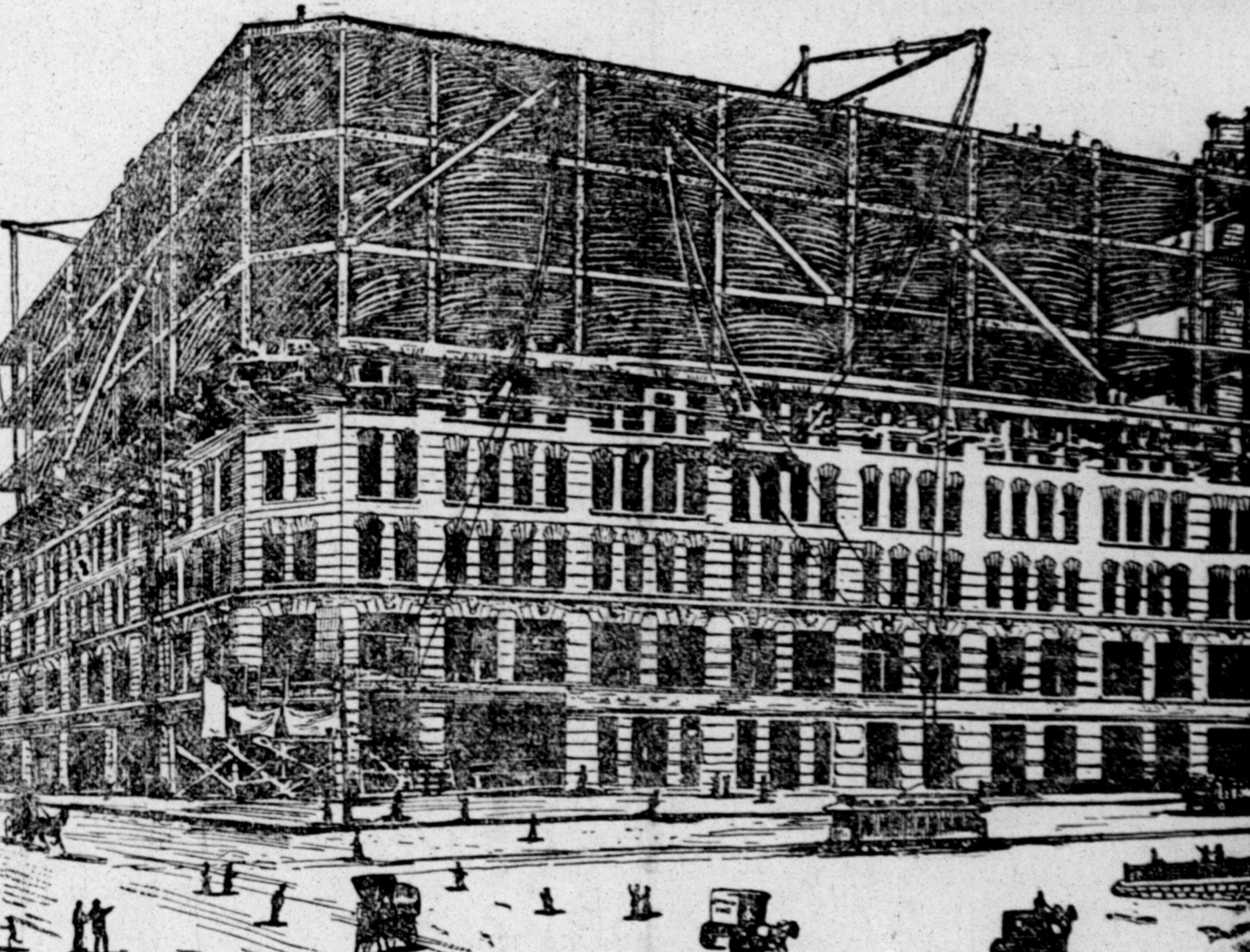
To the men who have tried every known remedy to revive their waning power or lost manhood, and have given up in despair, the following message comes as a most blessed promise. This new discovery restores all



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men who suffer with any form of sexual weakness, resulting from youthful folly, premature loss of strength and memory, weak back, varicocele or emaciation of parts. It gives the warmth, strength and development just where it is needed, and cures at once all the ills and troubles that come of all the ills and troubles that come of years of misuse of the functions, for it has been an absolute success in all cases. A simple request to the States Medical Institute, 1725 Elektron Building, Ft. Wayne, Ind., will bring you one of these free trial packages, in a plain wrapper, without any marks to identify its contents or where it comes from. The Institute has had so many inquiries from men who are unable to leave home or their business to be treated, that it has perfected this splendid home treatment and sends it in free trial packages to all parts of the world to show just how easy and simple it is to be cured at home of any sexual weakness when this marvelous new sexual discovery is employed. The Institute makes no restrictions and any man who writes will receive by mail a free trial of this wonderful remedy absolutely free. Those who write need have no fear of any publicity, as the State Medical Institute is an old established institution, incorporated by the State for 50 years.

THE LARGEST AND MOST COMPLETE LABORATORY IN THE WORLD



THE NEW FIRE PROOF SWAMP ROOT LABORATORY NOW NEARING COMPLETION. (Sketched Expressly for The Telegram.)

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Whoever goes to Binghamton, as I did, will find a much alive, brisk city, with beautiful, wide, asphalted streets and charming residential sections. Its business streets are decked with handsome business buildings and public institutions, but none of them can compare in magnitude and beauty with the new Swamp-Root Laboratory now nearing completion. This tall, towering building is the first object that confronts the eye upon alighting from the train at the railway stations.

The building itself is remarkable, because, when finished, it will be the finest, most scientifically built, and best equipped medical laboratory in the world.

It was the pleasure of The Telegram to send a representative to inspect this building, and from the standpoint of an architect, scientist and searcher after the beautiful, I can say, with warmest, that the trip from Fort Worth was well worth while.

Hundreds upon hundreds of the readers of The Telegram owe their restored health, and the restored health of their friends, to Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy, and I am sure they will be inter-

ested in my brief description and the photograph of the new laboratory, where, beginning with the new year, Swamp-Root will be compounded.

The magnitude of the building is not all. It will stand for centuries. It has the finest of modern steel construction, with fire proof masonry and cement arches, not a piece of wood is used in its structure. It is situated on the most central and commanding site in the city, and has a frontage of 231 feet on Lewis street, 345 feet on Chenango street and 407 feet on Lackawanna avenue; its floor space amounts to an astonishing area of four and one-half acres, and is to be devoted exclusively to the Swamp-Root business.

The building is eight stories high, built of steel, granite and light colored brick, and its architecture is of the most pleasing style.

As is the present laboratory, so will the new one be equipped with the very latest scientific apparatus for the compounding of Swamp-Root, the demand for which has so greatly increased that the mammoth new laboratory became an absolute necessity.

A convenient switch, connecting with the main lines of all railroads entering the city runs direct to the doors of the

shipping department.

After going through this new structure as well as the present laboratory, the writer was surprised to see the immense scale on which Swamp-Root is prepared.

But when an hour later, I sat in the office of Dr. Kilmer & Co., and had the pleasure of seeing many hundreds of the thousands of unsolicited testimonials letters, from all parts of the world—letters written by grateful men and women cured by Swamp-Root, I thought these people did just as you and I would do. They sat down and wrote their thanks for what Swamp-Root had done for them and asked that their testimonials be published in order that all might know of this wonderful medical discovery.

Having seen a little mountain of these letters, each bearing the imprint of sincerity, no one would wonder that this business has increased as it has, and that the largest and finest laboratory in the world is needed and forthcoming.

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Dr. Re is an Italian physician, a graduate of the University of Naples. He came to Chicago eighteen years ago.

"I have become habituated to one

meal a day," continued Dr. Re. "I eat at 5 o'clock every afternoon. My diet consists of one pound of macaroni, cooked in the Italian style, with tomatoes, Parmesan cheese and meat gravy. I eat no meat. That is my meal every day.

"No man needs more than one meal a day. Eating frequently is purely a habit, but a body should be nourished sufficiently and regularly. If a person eats too much he brings on indigestion. Eat enough to sustain life and no more, and indigestion and many other troubles will pass away."

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FOR SALE—Nine-room frame, two-story dwelling, Lamar-st., halls, porches, closets, bath and toilet, servants' house and barn, corner lot, south and east fronts; fine four rooms. Price \$4,500, one-third cash; balance easy payments.

NEW MODERN five-room frame cottage, close in, west side, hall, porches, bath and toilet, mantel and grate, brick foundation and chimneys, electric lights, lot 50x100. Price \$2,500, one-half cash, balance easy payments.

FOR RENT—Five-room two-story frame dwelling, close in, south side, two bedrooms, bath, reception hall, porch, bathroom and toilet, corner, 50 x 100. Price \$1,700. Rents for \$20.

CLOSE TO ROCK ISLAND roundhouse, five-room cottage, two porches, south front, lot 42x140 to 20-foot alley. Price \$1,500. Rents for \$15 per month.

HOUSTON-ST., two-story brick building; large show windows, 60-foot front, inside stairway, large elevator, water and sewer connections; lot 50x100 to alley. Price \$5,000; one-third cash, balance to suit.

VACANT LOTS Houston and Main sts. and all parts of city from \$200 and up and can furnish money to build either residence or store building; monthly payments and prompt.

NEAR SLAUGHTER HOME, new modern five-room cottage, two porches, south bathroom, porcelain tub, gas and electric lights, stables and buggy shed, lawn with flowers and shrubs, corner lot 50 x 140 to alley; a bargain at \$2,400, \$1,600 cash, balance \$15 per month. \$150 down. If you wish to sell, buy, rent or insure your property or want money to build houses or take up vendors' notes, see us.

ALLISON & BURGER, 601 Main-st., Rock Island Ticket Office. Phone 1800.

Why Not Write

Or Come to See me. I might have just what you want. I am satisfied I have.

C. L. SMITH, Real Estate and Loans, Fort Worth, Tex. Phone 1567, 610 Main St.

Coughs, Colds and Constipation

Few people realize when taking cough medicines other than Foley's Honey and Tar, that they contain opiates which are constipating besides being unsafe, particularly for children. Foley's Honey and Tar contains no opiates, is safe and sure and will not constipate. Sold by Reeves' Pharmacy, Ward Pharmacy and Arlington Drug Co.

The Pride of Heroes

Many soldiers in the last war wrote to say that for Scratches, Bruises, Cuts, Wounds, Corns, Sore Feet and Stiff Joints, Bucklen's Arnica Salve is the best in the world. Same for Burns, Scalds, Boils, Ulcers, Skin Eruptions and Piles. It cures or no pain. Only 25c at W. J. Fisher's, 502 Main street and 413 Houston street.

W. A. Herren of Finch, Ark., writes, "I wish to report that Foley's Kidney Cure has cured a terrible case of kidney and bladder trouble that two doctors had given up." Sold by Reeves' Pharmacy, Ward Pharmacy and Arlington Drug Co.

For Unnatural Discharges, Stricture,

Especially in old cases where doctors fail, use

REAL ESTATE—INVESTMENTS

GILLILAND, SANDIDGE & HARWOOD, Real Estate Loans and Investment Securities.

On Hemphill-st., a six-room house on lot 50x150 feet, good barn, city water, nice trees and lawn. The price for a few days only will be \$1,500, 1-3 cash, balance to suit.

On the south side, a corner lot, east front, very desirable neighborhood, close in, lot 100x100 to alley, modern two-story eight-room frame and plastered house, with bath, sewerage, gas, electric lights, city water, fine shrubbery, nice lawn, good barn and outbuildings and is worth at least a third more than the price asked. Better see us at once too. Price \$4,000, and can arrange terms.

A little cash will go a long way toward buying a nice four-room cottage on the south side near the Southern Oil Company's warehouse, water, good barn, shrubbery, etc. This property is very desirably situated for the T. & P. employees and others who want to live near their work. Price \$1,100, half cash, balance arranged.

On car line, south side, lots 100x154 to alley, splendid two-story, eight-room residence, with bath, city water, good barn, picket fences. Price \$2,500; terms given. Note the size of this lot. It's a bargain.

Close in on east side, a nice six-room house, with bath, sewerage, city water, good barn and outhouses, lot 60x120 to alley. A nice home and very modestly priced at \$1,700. Terms arranged.

On the north side and on the south side we have a few nice residence lots, east and west fronts, near car line, splendid elevation that we can build nice homes on at very reasonable prices with private money at 8 per cent interest, with a small cash payment down and the balance monthly—just like paying rent. Bring us your own plan and we will do the rest.

Six-room house on lot 50x100, well shaded, good barn, sheds, on Grove-st. Price \$1,700. Reasonable terms.

On Samuels-ave., east front, lot 50 x 500 feet, good four-room frame house, on car line, shed, barn, picket fence. Price \$1,200. Terms easy.

A beautiful home on Quality Hill, with every convenience the city affords, large lot, east front, lovely lawn, fine barn, servant's house. This house has eight large rooms, extra large reception hall, fine mantels and throughout finely finished. This is one of the best constructed homes in the city, and for good reasons the owner will sell at less than third less than worth. Price \$6,500, and good terms can be had.

On Hemphill-st., opposite Chase property, we have a new and modern cottage of six rooms and hall, large veranda front and extending round on side, bathroom, waterworks and good barn. Lot 125x210 feet to alley, on brick wall foundation, three-quarter oak mantels, sliding doors, screened porch in rear. An ideal home unexcelled location. Cost more than price we ask. This beautiful home can be had at a bargain. Only \$4,250, \$1,500 cash, balance easy terms. GILLILAND, SANDIDGE & HARWOOD, 611 Main. Phone 1788.

A Good Cough Medicine

From the Gazette, Toowoomba, Australia. I find Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to be an excellent medicine. I have been suffering from a severe cough for the last two months and it has effected a cure. I have great pleasure in recommending it.—W. C. Wockner. This is the opinion of one of our oldest and most respected residents, and has been voluntarily given in good faith that others may try the remedy and be benefited, as was Mr. Wockner. This remedy is sold by N. E. Grammer, Druggist.

To the Public.

Allow me to say a few words in praise of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I had a very severe cough and cold and feared I would get pneumonia, but after taking the second dose of this medicine I felt better, three bottles of it cured my cold and the pains in my chest disappeared entirely. I am most respectfully yours for health, Ralph S. Meyers, 64 Thirtieth street, Wheeling, W. Va. For sale by N. E. Grammer, Druggist.

Favorite Family Remedy.

Frequently accidents occur in the household, which cause burns, sprains and bruises; for use in such cases, Ballard's Snow Liniment has for many years been the constant favorite family remedy. 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by H. T. Pangburn & Co.

"Harry Duckwell, aged 25 years, choked to death early yesterday morning at his home, in the presence of his wife and child. He contracted a slight cold a few days ago and paid but little attention to it. Yesterday morning he was seized with a fit of coughing which continued for some time. His wife sent for a physician but before he could arrive, another coughing spell came on and Duckwell died from suffocation.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat, Dec. 1, 1901." Ballard's Horehound Syrup would have saved him. 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold

ROCK ISLAND WELL STARTED

WORK ON THE DALLAS BRANCH IS RAPIDLY PROGRESSING

GRADING HEAVY IN PLACES

Army of Men Employed in Work Along Line—Storage Yard Soon to Be Established Near City—With Good Weather Road Will Be Completed in March

No time is being lost in the construction of the Rock Island railway between Fort Worth and Dallas. Up to a few days ago the work progressed slowly on account of wet weather, but between 800 and 1,000 teams are now at work along the right of way. The bridge over the Trinity river, three-quarters of a mile distant from town, is nearly completed. It is a temporary wooden structure nearly 1,200 feet in length and was put up to admit of the passage of construction trains. Before the road is placed in operation a steel span will be built. There will be thirty-four bridges built over creeks and ditches—an average of one to the mile. A. C. Craney of the contracting firm of Lee, Creech & Craney, is personally directing the work on which 1,500 men are employed.

Unless there is another protracted delay caused by wet weather the road will probably be completed by the first of March. A storage yard where the ties, steel and other materials will be unloaded and kept until needed is soon to be established about three miles east of the city.

News For Morning Marketers

The Christmas markets are worth visiting this week, especially if one has had a good dinner before making the visit. Cherubic little pigs with seraphic smiles, lie on marble slabs and through ready for the oven, seem so delighted at the prospect that for ecstasy they are unable to eat the apples they hold in their mouths.

Sides of mutton, fancifully tattooed with the clever knife work of the butcher's helper, hang at the doors of the butcher shops, duck, quail and prairie chickens festoon the doorway and the entire appearance of that usually grewsome place, looks even gay.

Plump, yellow-skinned geese lie on their backs, with red roses on their chests, just as if it were a horse show instead of a funeral they were attending. Chickens and turkeys are content to hang from cords like little boys on lamp-posts watching a carnival parade. In fact, the butcher's shops are all so cheerful that even the sight of the platters of sausage and hamburger can not drive one's pleasant feelings away.

The prices of all meats for Christmas are unusually high, but are no worse than they have been for the past few weeks. The offering is excellent, and if one have the money, what does it matter so long as Christmas comes but once?

In the grocery and vegetable markets, everything is bustle and rush, and there is little time for fancy decorations or profuse Christmas greetings. The usual offering of vegetables is present and white stockings are better, nothing new appears.

Table with market prices for various goods like tomatoes, cranberries, etc.

COUGHS AND COLDS IN CHILDREN

Recommendation of a Well Known Chicago Physician I use and prescribe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for almost all obstinate, contracted coughs, with direct results. I prescribe it to children of all ages. Am glad to recommend it to all in need and seeking relief from colds and coughs and bronchial affections. It is non-narcotic and safe in the hands of the most unprofessional. A universal panacea for all mankind.—Mrs. Mary R. Melendy, M. D., Ph. D., Chicago, Ill. This remedy is for sale by E. Grammer, Druggist

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

By Phillips Brooks. O little town of Bethlehem How still we see thee lie, Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, The silent stars go by; Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light; The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, And gathered all above, While mortals sleep the angels keep Their watch of wondering love. O morning stars together Proclaim the holy birth; And praises sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently, The wondrous gift is given; So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of His heaven. No ear may hear His coming, But in this world of sin, Where meek souls will receive Him The dear Christ enters in.

O Holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sins and enter in, Be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell, O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel!

MARKET IS SUFFERING FROM AN OVERSUPPLY

Buyers Forced to Take More Cattle Than They Needed and Have Pulled Prices Down

The only trouble with the cattle market at present is that it is suffering from an excessive supply. The demand is fully equal to the normal from all export sources, but buyers for the past month have been forced to take more than they needed, and, of course, have pulled prices down. Buyers are always anxious to buy their cattle as cheap as they can, and only the force of competition holds values up. Granting that the demand is normal, the strength of the competition is gauged by the supply and the line of prices by the competition. Could shipments be controlled to suit conditions, a fairly high level of prices might be maintained, but such is not possible. Cattle feeders at present seem to have become panicky and are seized with a desire to let go, regardless of prices. This disposition brings about the condition which most stockmen want to avoid, and so, by rushing in, everything suffers. Nearly twice as many cattle were received this week as were needed, and there was no earthly reason why there should have been so many, had feeders been more conservative and had more "sand." There is a strong, healthy market for meat, and packers are finding a good outlet for the usual supply, but when they are forced to take about 40 per cent more than they want they are sure to buy worth the money. The remedy lies in the shippers' hands; for if they will get panicky the other way awhile and check supplies, the market will soon brace up and much of the recent loss will be recovered. It is very unwise, not to say unprofitable, to ship in cattle which are scarcely better than feeders. In the total supply this week a very liberal percentage has been of this kind. Give the market a rest until after the holidays.—Chicago Drovers' Journal.

POLICE BUSINESS IS ACTIVE IN HOLIDAYS

Many Arrests for Drunkenness, Vagrancy and Trespassing During the Past Few Days.

That the holidays are good for causing people to break city ordinances appears evident from the number of cases on hand in corporation court these last few mornings. Yesterday there were nineteen arrests made, the heaviest day's business in many weeks. The charges included vagrancy, drunkenness and trespass. Drunks predominated and \$1 fines were netted in most cases. This morning there were but three new arrests, but there was a large docket. The proceedings against Bessie Bridges, the little girl charged with throwing a rock at Mrs. Lacy, was again continued this morning. It is said Mrs. Lacy is unable to leave her home. Annie Lennon, the colored girl, whose crying broke up her trial yesterday morning, will be given another hearing tomorrow. A case against D. S. Thomas on charge of disturbing the peace, was dismissed.

A BUSY TIME FOR CITY FIREMEN

Several Alarms Sound in Rapid Succession—W. N. Brown Badly Burned in a Gasoline Explosion.

After a period of inactivity which continued for nearly two weeks, the city's fire fighters were kept on the jump late yesterday afternoon and last evening. While W. F. Brown was repairing a gasoline arc light an explosion took place which scattered the burning fluid over his hands and wrists. He sustained severe burns and was removed to the office of a physician who dressed the wounds. Only nominal damage resulted to the building, a one-story fireproof structure owned by S. T. Bibb.

A colored boarding house at 1404 Calhoun street was the scene of a small blaze, caused by a defective flue, three hours later. The building is a two-story frame structure owned by E. M. Daggert and occupied by Mrs. Mary Smith. The flames were kept confined to a small space under the roof and the loss amounted to only \$25. Scarcely had the firemen returned to quarters before they were summoned to 321 South Boaz street, a two-story frame building owned by W. J. Boaz and occupied by Mrs. L. P. Tribble who conducts a boarding house. The blaze was caused by a defect in the chimney and started between the ceiling of the first story and the floor of the second.

SO LADY-LIKE

The Fullback (temporarily out of commission) was out of football was a brutal game. The student of human nature finds much to interest him at the big grant pile which serves Tarrant county as a court house. It is in the county clerk's office, and more particularly at the marriage license desk that the most peculiar things happen. Some approach the big enclosure boldly and even have sufficient nerve to ask for credit, but the terms are strictly C. O. D., and, of course, all such requests are flatly refused. Bashful swains are, however, largely in the majority. A colored man wanted "tick" for a license the other day and was turned down. But he succeeded in inducing Justice Rowland to tie the knot by promising to settle with the magistrate after the next pay day arrived. A little later the bride, an elderly negress, had a will drawn in favor of her liege lord and stood off the attorney very gracefully. Employees around the court house have learned instinctively to detect the loving swain by the "cut of his jib." He has a bashful, sheepish look which distinguishes him from mawkish gentlemen and acts half afraid of the rash act he is about to perform. Instead of boldly inquiring his way to the place where a license may be procured, he begins by peering through the doorways in the hope of discovering somebody in the same plight as himself. Right at this juncture the janitor or one of his assistants comes to the rescue of the fond youth.

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FUNNY THINGS AT COURT HOUSE

HUMAN PECULIARITIES AS EXEMPLIFIED THERE

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REASSURED, THE LOVE LORN SWAIN WENDS HIS WAY TO THE PLACE DESIGNATED AND SOON EMERGES WITH THE PRECIOUS DOCUMENT IN HIS POCKET.

"How can you tell when a man wants a license?" asked a Telegram reporter of the man who wields the broom. "Oh, it's dead easy," he replied, philosophically. "The bravest man who ever faced a cannon will, nine times out of ten, wilt when he is about to take the fatal step, though he may brace up again after the first ordeal is over. He looks for all the world like a whipped dog. Sometimes, when the woman who is to be the bride accompanies him it goes easier, for one of them is certain to let the cat-out of the bag. Often they're both badly muddled, though. It's a great relief for the man to be asked if he wants a license, instead of having to ask for it himself, so I assist him whenever I can." Here the janitor assumed the attitude of a public benefactor and continued, "When I ask him, he always thanks me and I feel as though I had done a good turn. With the ice once broken, he feels more comfortable like."

SOME ARE SADLY MIXED

A negro and the woman who was to be his wife went into the clerk's office the day before they were married. They had gone through the forms of procuring a license. They had held up their hands to swear and had signed the names to the affidavit. When the clerk handed the negro his marriage license a smile passed over his face and he said as he rose from his chair, "Well, I guess it's all over. Come on, 'Lizey, let's be goin'."

"PREACHAH, NOTAH," RETURNED THE NEGRO.

"We's already married. Don't you 'spon'e I knows when 's married?" "No we ain't, honey, we got to go to de preachah," she insisted. "Come on heah, woman, have some sense," said the negro and he looked wisely at the clerk as though matrimonial matters were perfectly familiar to him. His prospective bride now dropped her endeavoring words and began to expostulate. The clerk tried to explain, but it was of no use for the couple had reached the door and left the office quarreling about who "goin' to de preachah."

IT WAS NOT LONG AGO THAT AN EXTREMELY SHY AND EMBARRASSED COUPLE WAS SITTING AT THE CLERK'S TABLE GOING THROUGH THE ORDEAL OF GETTING A LICENSE.

It was with difficulty that they had been able to remember their full names and ages and they were almost on the verge of a panic when the clerk told them to hold up their hands and swear to the affidavit. They had both evidently been at a wedding and had seen the bride and groom join hands, and misconstruing the meaning of the clerk, and instead of holding their hands up to take the oath, they grasped each other's hand as in the celebration of marriage.

HAD NO MONEY TO WASTE

When it became known recently that a certain west Texas cattle king, worth millions, was about to assume the responsibilities of married life by leading a prominent young lady of Fort Worth to the altar, visions of \$200 "tips" and princely gifts began to dance before the eyes of the subalterns at the court house. But, alas, the monarch traveled incog, and none

knew when he came or went, except the hard-working clerk who issued the license and was paid merely the statutory fee.

A striking instance of generosity came to light a few days ago when one of the office attaches revealed the story of a man from the Concho country whom he had directed to the right place and who, after procuring the paper, asked him to have a smoke. From the drowsy appearance of the city's guest one would have assumed him to be an affluent stockman. Anticipating that the weed which he was to receive would not cost less than a quarter at least, the clerk readily enough consented. When they reached the cigar case the stranger plunked down a nickel and called for three stogies. One of these he tendered the surprised clerk, another of them he lit and the third he thrust into his pocket with the air of a man who had been generous to the limit.

PRETTY HOME WEDDING NEAR HANDLEY TODAY

Miss Nellie Danner Becomes the Bride of J. L. De Witt—To Reside in Fort Worth.

There was a pretty home wedding near Handley this morning, the contracting parties being Miss Nellie Danner and J. L. De Witt. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's parents and was performed by Chalmers McPherson, pastor of the First Christian church. Only a few relatives and intimate friends were present. Mr. and Mrs. De Witt left on a trip over the Frisco lines and will return to locate in this city. The groom is employed at the Cameron mills. Both the young people are well known here.

NEWS NOTES

The new plant of the Western Packing Company at Denver was tested with a few cattle and hogs last week and found satisfactory. The concern will be running full blast in a short time.

Chicago packers slaughtered hogs last week as follows: Armour, 41,900; Anglo-American, 14,500; Boyd-Lunham, 8,000; Continental, 15,800; Hammond, 3,300; Lipton, 10,200; Morris, 11,900; Swift, 30,000; Schwarzchild & Sulzberger, 9,100; other packers and city butchers, 21,000, making a total of 171,400, against 229,300 the previous week, 222,200 a year ago and 188,800 two years ago.

The Denver Record-Stockman says: "Hereafter when railroads in Colorado still any stock they must pay for the stock killed or prove that they were not responsible. The stock-killing act became effective June 14, and the railroads had six months within which to fence their lines. That six months has expired and from now on stockmen will be able to force the railroads to pay for the stock they kill. The new law has many provisions to protect stockmen and, among others, requires that unknown animals killed shall be paid for to the stock inspection fund of the state. The executive committee of the state association will take steps to see that the new law, which was passed through the efforts of the association, be strictly enforced. It is not believed that the railroads will fight this act, but if they do the stockmen will meet the issue, believing that the new law will hold water. This law will save to the stockmen of the state many thousands of dollars annually."

WILL NOT MEET JIM JEFFRIES

Jack Munroe Says He Wants to Get Ready First

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 24.—Jack Munroe states that he will not meet champion James J. Jeffries at present. "My condition is wholly unfit at the present time to fight successfully any one, let alone Jeffries or Fitzsimmons," he said. "I propose to devote myself to diligent training and in a short while anyone who wants to can challenge me."

BAPTIST RECEPTION POSTPONED

The Christmas reception to be given by the First Baptist church Sunday school has been postponed from Friday evening until Monday evening, December 29.

"CANTATA, SANTA CLAUS IS COMING."

See program of beautiful entertainment at the Christian Tabernacle on Thursday night, December 25. Admission 10 and 15 cents; benefit of Sunday school.

VALUABLE Christmas Gifts.

Parents, guardians, friends and relatives who wish to present one with a valuable Christmas gift—a gift that one can not lose, thieves can not steal, fires burn, or floods wash away—a gift that costs but little in comparison with its real value—a gift that would be a stepping stone, a firm foundation whereon one may build a successful career, should present one with a scholarship in Draughon's Practical Business College, Board of Trade building. A school that gives a superior course of instruction, that has special facilities for securing positions without means of earning a livelihood. Here is another good opportunity for charitably inclined persons to show their generosity.

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POSTOFFICE DELAYS ARE EXASPERATING

Only One Stamp Clerk Assigned to Task of Serving the Public—Half Hour Waits Frequent

The need of emergency facilities for the sale of stamps in the "rush" season of the year was never more apparent than at present at the Fort Worth postoffice. It would cost the government little to assign an extra clerk to the postoffice during the holiday season, and by no easier method could Uncle Sam gain the everlasting gratitude of the public. All day yesterday and up to a late hour this afternoon men, women and children with packages of all shapes and sizes swarmed the lobby of the federal building. Upon one elderly man devolves the task of trying to serve the vast number who swarm about the window like a colony of bees around the entrance to a hive. Waits of half an hour have been frequent since the early part of the week and business is still brisk. With a mail service perfect in most other respects, it would seem that residents of this city ought to be entitled to better facilities for the purchase of stamps.

FAMILY IN DISTRESS

Ernest Perry and His Wife Need Assistance Promptly

A sad case of destitution and sickness has been discovered in North Fort Worth. Ernest Perry and his wife both lie helpless without any of the necessities of life, and with nothing but a tent to shelter them from the chilling blasts of winter. Their canvas abode is located in the "Printers Addition" on the bank of Marine creek. A physician who has been attending Perry during a long illness says that he is in dire distress. Mrs. Perry became sick a few days ago from the effects of overwork and worry in nursing her husband.

Don't be imposed upon by taking substitutes offered for Foley's Honey and Tar. Sold by Reeves' Pharmacy, Ward Pharmacy and Arlington Drug Co.

Hot soda or hot lemonade will cure your cold, at Parker's drug store.

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SPECIAL NOTICE

Notice of the intention of the St. Louis, San Francisco and Texas railway company, the Red River, Texas and Southern railway company, the Fort Worth and Rio Grande railway company, the Paris and Great Northern railway company, the Blackwell, Enid and Texas railway company and the Oklahoma and Texas railroad company, to apply to the next legislature of Texas for the passage of a special law authorizing the first named company to purchase or lease from the last five named companies, or from either or any of them, their railroads and properties, and authorizing the last five named companies, or either or any of them to sell or lease their railroads and properties to the first named company.

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Prize Ball FOOTE'S ACADEMY ...CHRISTMAS NIGHT...

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If people would drink plenty of water and about twice a week take a good aperient—Red Raven Splits for instance—half the ills of humanity would go flying. That is the opinion of Dr. Dick.