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THE MARKETS

NORTH FORT WORTH, Dec. 19.—As usual, the opening day of the week was a big one at the stock yards.

Cattle receipts were estimated at 5,000 head, as against 6,425 for last Monday, 7,983 for Monday a month ago, and 1,140 for the corresponding day last year.

TODAY'S RECEIPTS

Table listing receipts for cattle, hogs, sheep, and various farm products.

TOP PRICES TODAY

Table showing top prices for various commodities like steers, hogs, and sheep.

TODAY'S SHIPPERS

Table listing names of shippers and their respective commodity counts.

Table of Representative Sales for Cows, Hogs, and Bulls, listing prices and quantities.

Table of Representative Sales for Calves and Hogs, listing prices and quantities.

Table of Representative Sales for Sheep and Pigs, listing prices and quantities.

FOREIGN MARKETS

Table showing foreign market prices for various commodities like wheat, corn, and sugar.

GRAINS

Table of grain prices for various types of wheat, corn, and other cereals.

LIVERPOOL SPOTS STEADY

Table of Liverpool spot prices for various commodities.

COTTON

Table of cotton prices for various grades and origins.

confirmation of the government's recent crop estimate and strengthen their opinion that the actual yield is over 12,500,000 or 13,000,000 bales.

The strength at Liverpool during the last three or four days has been mainly on covering of shorts and efforts of some of the local and Egyptian mill operators to rally that market.

LIVERPOOL GRAIN MARKET (By Private Wire to M. H. Thomas & Co.) LIVERPOOL, Dec. 19.—The following changes were noted today in the corn and wheat markets:

NEW ORLEANS FUTURES (By Private Wire to M. H. Thomas & Co.) NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 19.—The market in cotton futures was steady.

NEW YORK FUTURES (By Private Wire to M. H. Thomas & Co.) NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The market in cotton futures was barely steady.

NEW YORK SPOTS (By Private Wire to M. H. Thomas & Co.) NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The spot cotton market was quiet today.

PORT RECEIPTS (By Private Wire to M. H. Thomas & Co.) Receipts of cotton at the leading accumulative centers, compared with the receipts of the same time last year:

ESTIMATED TOMORROW (By Private Wire to M. H. Thomas & Co.) CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—The grain and provision markets ranged in prices today as follows:

STOCKS (By Private Wire to M. H. Thomas & Co.) NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The stock market was steady, with a limited demand.

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STRIKERS TO HOLD MEETING

C. Elliptote of Baton, N. M., a representative of the International Machinists' organization, is in the city in the interest of the striking machinists on the Santa Fe.

MARKET TIPS

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 19.—Southern spot offerings lighter. Fair demand for Bombay cotton. The sentiment is bearish.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 19.—Spots are 1-16 to 1-8 lower.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 19.—All cotton is being held until after the holidays, with no demand.

GALVESTON, Texas, Dec. 19.—Exports today 38,956 bales of cotton.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Indications point to 2,000,000 increase in wheat.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The Pacific coast clears 2,400 bales of cotton today for Japan.

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Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure.

DEATHS

OLLIE L. BLAIR. The body of Ollie L. Blair, whose death occurred here, has been brought to this city, his former home, for interment.

RAILROAD NEWS

KATY'S COTTON MOVEMENT. J. F. Doland, commercial agent of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas in Fort Worth, today received from General Freight Agent Allen his report of the cotton movement from along the line in Texas and the Indian and Oklahoma countries for the period from Sept. 1 to Dec. 3.

CONSTRUCTION WORK DULL

"There is a decided dullness in railroad work at the present time and interest by the railroad companies."

OPENING OF NEW LINE

Announcement is made by the St. Louis, Brownsville and Mexico railway of the opening of its Hidalgo branch, effective Monday, Dec. 19.

PERMISSION GRANTED TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES

Permission to issue certificates to the amount of \$25,000 was granted the Texas Cotton Products Company this morning by Judge Meek on the application of Receiver G. P. Meade.

RAILWAY PERSONALS AND NOTES

W. S. Keenan, general passenger agent of the Santa Fe, will be in the city tomorrow.

AUTOMATIC COUPLERS NECESSARY SAYS COURT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19.—In a decision handed down by Chief Justice Fuller in the case of Johnson vs. the Southern Pacific Railway Company, the

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THE DEMOCRATIC MOSES

Now that the smoke of the recent great political battle has entirely cleared away, and the crushing defeat received by the democracy is fully understood and appreciated, there is a turning about for some hope on which to hang the future of the party, and instinctively the seeker after comfort turns to William J. Bryan, illustrative of that fact one has but to consider the position of Rev. Sam P. Jones, the noted Georgia evangelist.

Brother Jones has not been evoked for his democracy for many years, was opposed to Mr. Bryan in 1896 and again in 1900, making him the subject of ridicule and burlesque wherever he appeared. Brother Jones was present at the St. Louis convention which nominated Alton B. Parker, and saw and heard Mr. Bryan make his earnest and futile protest against the rape of democracy. Brother Jones has been converted. He now speaks of Mr. Bryan as follows:

"There must be a reorganization and readjustment of things. Mr. Bryan is not only the greatest personality on this continent, but, I believe, he is, all in all, the greatest statesman on this continent. If he is wise and judicious he can, and I believe he will lead a victorious party four years hence. After such a victory as the republicans have had they are going to wind up in four years with a Belshazzar's feast, and Bryan will be the Daniel who will read the handwriting on the wall. Then art weighed in the balance and found wanting. When the democrats claimed to come back to safety and sanity, and adopt pretty much all the principles of the republican party platform they pulled off from Bryan and Bryanism, yet Bryan threw himself in the breach, and not only spoke with sincerity and honesty, but he spoke to more people everywhere than when he was running for the presidency himself.

"There is magic in his name. He has something to say to the common people, and the common people hear him, not only gladly, but by the millions. I am not a free silver man, but I am a Bryan man from this time on, and I verily believe that he will be the next president following Roosevelt. Teddy says he don't want it any more after next term."

It can not be denied that the sentiments expressed by the noted Georgia preacher in the above very nearly represent the rank and file of the democratic party, and William J. Bryan is today stronger in the hearts and affections of the masses of his party than he was even four years ago. The reason for this is plain. Mr. Bryan protested against the action taken at St. Louis with all the force of his nature, and told the self-constituted leaders of his party that they were paying too great a price for harmony. Mr. Bryan had his enemies at a disadvantage in at least one respect. He was fresh from contact with the masses of the people. In his campaign tours of the country he had learned that the masses were standing solidly for what was believed to be necessary reforms, and he knew that they would not stand for the unrighteous combination that was entered into at St. Louis.

It is true that his banner was trailed in the dust of defeat at the national democratic convention, and he was roundly abused by the men who were there more to accomplish his political overthrow than any other purpose. But it was a fruitless victory won by the anti-Bryan people. They had their way and unhorsed the Knight of the Crown of Thorns, but at the same time, they wrecked the grand old ship of democracy. And out of that wreck has emerged the striking personality of the former democratic leader, who has at least been true to his honest convictions, and who today towers proudly above the wreck of his party. William J. Bryan towers today so far above the pygmies who have been so long barking at his heels that there is no form of comparison that can do the subject justice. He has regained his former position as the great democratic leader through the fact that none of his enemies have demonstrated one iota of his matchless abilities.

It is true that Mr. Bryan has twice led the democratic party to defeat, but in neither instance was there such a crushing and overwhelming defeat as that sustained in the November election. It is true that he spoke bitterly of the democ-

fact nor indicate that Mr. Bryan does not measure up to all the requirements of a safe and sane democracy. Mr. Bryan is an advanced thinker, and in consequence of that fact, is very often misconstrued and misunderstood. He is standing today for what he believes to be the fundamental principles of the democratic party, and judging from the result of the recent election, there are thousands of good democrats all over this broad land of ours who are of the same opinion.

That the future of democracy is very largely in the hands of Mr. Bryan is clearly evident at this time. Suffering the sting of the most complete defeat in all its history, it is but natural that the party should again turn to its former idol. There is a winning something about the very name of William J. Bryan that appeals to the democratic heart in like proportion with his matchless eloquence. The people are turning to him in the hour of their sore travail with the idea that he at least has been true to them and that he still stands for those great principles which in former years served to fire the democratic heart and carry fear into the camp of the enemy. Under these circumstances, those who know Mr. Bryan best are confident that he will again measure up to the full requirements of the situation. Conscious as he must be, of the efforts that were made to overthrow him and eradicate him from the situation in the future, it is believed that the greatness of the man will be sufficient to insure the fact that there will be no recrimination and no real effort to reorganize the party on too radical lines.

The general opinion seems to be that Mr. Bryan must again essay the duties of the democratic Moses, for there is none other so well qualified to assume the role. But at the same time, it is also believed that he will not attempt to force any new issues that may not be strictly orthodox, or that will cause any real democrat to eschew his former party affiliation. In other words, it is believed that the man of the moment will be in every respect equal to the coming emergency.

The plan devised by Congressman Crumpacker for a reduction of southern representation in congress has been abandoned, according to late Washington advices, and it is well. The southern people believe that in the disfranchisement of the negro they have only acted for their own protection and retaliation through national legislation could only add fuel to the flames of southern resentment and provoke more radical and drastic action through which the negro would be the chief sufferer.

Apostle Dowle says that the story of Santa Claus is doing much to corrupt American children, and his remarks are but in line with those of some others who would banish this patron saint of early childhood from American firesides. It is gratifying to be able to announce, however, that Santa Claus will be with us again in a few days with a bigger pack than usual. If there is no snow for his reindeers, he will come in an automobile.

One fact brought out by the Chadwick swindle is that Andrew Carnegie is not seeking any outside assistance in distributing the millions he is anxious to leave on the side of eternity. There is nothing in the situation that can be construed into a semblance of encouragement for imitators of Chadwick methods. The carry over is not including paper or giving personal notes for the accommodation of any of his friends or admirers.

The Louisville Courier-Journal suggests that there is something very strange about the fact that Mrs. Chadwick has not been offered the position of secretary of the treasury, in recognition of her splendid abilities as a financier. No doubt if she was at the head of the national finances she could devise some method of raising the wind without resorting to the common practice of issuing bonds. Smiles are her collateral.

The Smoot investigation that has been resumed at Washington serves to again forcibly remind the country what a festering sore Mormonism is on the body politic. The revelations made in that investigation suggest in the strongest terms that this evil must be dealt with in no compromising or half-hearted manner. It is one of the greatest menaces that confronts this government of ours today.

The next legislature is going to be brought face to face with the divorce problem in this state in such a manner as will prevent any successful effort to keep the divorce law in its present shape. The thinking people have become thoroughly aroused to the necessity of some remedial legislation, and they are going to have it or know the reason why.

It is rumored that the whipping post will be established in the District of Columbia for the benefit of wife-beaters, in accordance with the recommendations of President Roosevelt. It would also be a good idea to include a perfect fitting suit of tar and feathers with each castigation so administered. The wife-beater is neither man nor animal, and should be decorated accordingly.

The official plurality of President Roosevelt in the state of New York was 175,552, and New York was a state that was promised to democracy in return for its birthright. All during the campaign it was published to the world as a very close state, when the truth of the business was it was too distant to even be seriously considered.

The Colorado courts are still digging up a whole lot of election frauds and the democrats of that state appear to have been apt pupils of their republican predecessors. There is no question but that gross frauds were perpetrated in that state by both parties during the recent election.

Tom Lawson has agreed to let up in his war against frozen finance, according to late press dispatches, and Wall street people are feeling greatly relieved. Mr. Lawson has printed a whole lot of things that has given the stock market gamblers a regular case of buck ache.

Mr. Bryan is not talking much these days, but it may be safely assumed that he is busy sawing wood to be used in the next national democratic platform, of which he will be the chief architect.

Gleanings From the Exchanges

John W. Baker of McLennan county believes in rotation in office and has himself rotated most of the fat positions in the public administration of his county. Baker was for twelve years county clerk, voluntarily retiring; he was appointed county treasurer by the commissioners' court and held the office one term, not being a candidate for re-election; then he went after the sheriff's position and got it; this he held ten years and at the last election was chosen county judge. Judge Baker should write a book and the title of it should be "Two Dozen Years in County Office."—Cleburne Enterprise.

It is by uniform courtesy and close attention to duty that John Baker has succeeded in perpetuating himself in office. There is never a time when he is too busy to shake hands with a friend or constituent, never a favor but he will willingly grant it and never a time he has a cross word for any one. He is thoroughly honest and there are mothers in the county who tell husband and sons to vote for him because as baby girls they were kissed by him at the picnics when he first began campaigning more than a quarter of a century ago. It is a long time to spend in a court house.

Two Dallas young ladies invite Kris Kringle to place two young men in their stockings—but the aforesaid young men must come well supplied with money. The young ladies sent their request to the wrong god. The petition should have ascended to the throne of grace, on which Dan Cupid sits enthroned. Kris Kringle has never posed as a matrimonial agent.—Dallas Times-Herald.

It is just like Dallas to be mercenary, even in a matter of sentiment.

Kuropatkin will not eat his Christmas dinner in Tokio, as he once said he would. He will be mighty well satisfied if he can eat it at Mukden. Great men often change their minds—especially when they run up against an army like that of the Japanese.—Bonham News.

Are you really certain he will get a Christian dinner at all?

The republicans have found that the time has come when another of their pets must be made an example of and Judge Swayne is being led to the slaughter.—Corsicana Sun.

If there are any Federal judges turning in \$10 expense accounts on \$2 disbursements, they ought to be called up.

Since the cold wave Jud Lewis of the Houston Post sings no more of southern breezes, summer skies, etc. We are looking for an ode to the coal man.—McKinney Gazette.

Possibly Jud does not remember what he owed to the coal man.

The New York Times' canvas of the popular vote of the last election is complete with the exception of one county in Tennessee and four in Michigan, for which estimates are given, showing that President Roosevelt defeated Judge Parker by 2,346,168. He polled the largest vote ever given for a president of the United States—7,240,550. This is more than 400,000 in excess of the vote polled for McKinley.—Honey Grove Citizen.

It is said that President Roosevelt's first action when assured of his election was to walk over to his wife and gravely inform her he was no longer an accident. With the largest vote behind him ever given to a president of the United States, Mr. Roosevelt has reason to be proud of the endorsement he has received.

If the small stock farmer will look to quality in his herds, quality will take care of itself. While any kind of stock may pay to some extent, the better the grade, the better will be the cash returns. It costs just as much to raise a scrub as it does a thoroughbred.—Bonham Favorite.

All of which is as true as gospel. The time has passed when it is profitable to raise the cheap kind of scrub stock in Texas. The men who make money out of the business in the future will be those who produce only the best.

With plenty of oil, rice and cotton Texas is not complaining about hard times. Next year will show the good judgment of the farming class, and diversification will be in evidence. Don't get in the way of the man who diversifies. He is the coming success of grand old Texas.—Gainesville Messenger.

The diversification idea is a good one, as the Texas farmers will find and appreciate more fully as they practice it. Diversification in this instance is the true road to independence.

The Japanese have succeeded in sinking the balance of the tubs which the Russians had in Port Arthur harbor, and it is no wonder that the czar has given hurry orders to stop the lunatic fleet.

There was awe undisguised in the look he gave her, and it had crept into his voice when he said:

"Portia, are you really a flesh-and-blood woman?"

"Meaning that your ancestors would have burned me for a witch? Perhaps they would; I think likely they burned women who made better martyrs. But I didn't have to call in Philadelphia. The program is a carefully guarded secret, to be sure; but it is known—it had to be known—to a number of people outside of our friends the enemy. You've heard the story of the inventor and his secret, haven't you?"

"No." "Well, the man had invented something, and he told the secret of it to his son. After a little the son wanted to tell it to a friend. The old man said, 'Hold on; I know it—that's one'—holding up one finger—you know it—that's eleven—holding up another finger beside the first; 'and now if you tell this other fellow, that'll be one hundred and eleven—holding up three fingers. That is the case with this program. One of the one hundred and eleven—he is a person high up in the management of the Overland Short Line—dropped a few words in my hearing and I picked them up. That's all."

AN ENTIRE MEDICINE CHEST SLOAN'S LINIMENT QUICKLY RELIEVES PAINS AND ACHES Kills Germs FOR MAN OR BEAST

Advertisement for Nabisco Sugar Wafers. Text: 'Let This Be An ORIGINAL Christmas The choosing of the little gift troubles everybody. The more you think and study, the more puzzling it becomes. How weary you grow of the same old shop suggestions year after year—a handkerchief—a necktie—candy—some useless trifle. But here is a new idea: give your friends, instead of the conventional gift, holiday packages of Nabisco Sugar Wafers—the most delightfully original little gift ever conceived. These exquisite confections, in their glorious coverings of white and red and gold, are, for Christmas giving, further adorned with dainty holly ribbons, under which are beautifully illuminated cards to convey your compliments and good wishes. Nothing quite so pleasing as Nabisco for the little Christmas gift has ever before been seen. Why not surprise your friends with this new expression of warmth and cheer—this charmingly original thought for Christmas? NATIONAL BISCUIT COMPANY'

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SYNOPSIS The scene of the story is in the new west and has to do with its development and its politics. David Kent, a brilliant young lawyer with a conscience, casts his lot with the new people. Hawks, a shrewd politician, works for election of Bucks for governor. Bucks is supple to Hawks' will. Loring and Ormsby, two easterners play a pretty part in the story. (Continued from Yesterday.)

He took other minutes for reflection. "I can't tell," he said doubtfully. "If I could only know how much time we have." Her eyes grew luminous. "David, what would you do without me?" she asked. "Tomorrow night, in Stephen Hawk's office in Gaston, you will lose your railroad. MacFarlane is there, or if he isn't he'll be there in the morning. Bucks, Guilford and Hawk will go down from here tomorrow evening; and the Overland people are to come up from Midland City to meet them." There was awe undisguised in the look he gave her, and it had crept into his voice when he said: "Portia, are you really a flesh-and-blood woman?" "Meaning that your ancestors would have burned me for a witch? Perhaps they would; I think likely they burned women who made better martyrs. But I didn't have to call in Philadelphia. The program is a carefully guarded secret, to be sure; but it is known—it had to be known—to a number of people outside of our friends the enemy. You've heard the story of the inventor and his secret, haven't you?" "No." "Well, the man had invented something, and he told the secret of it to his son. After a little the son wanted to tell it to a friend. The old man said, 'Hold on; I know it—that's one'—holding up one finger—you know it—that's eleven—holding up another finger beside the first; 'and now if you tell this other fellow, that'll be one hundred and eleven—holding up three fingers. That is the case with this program. One of the one hundred and eleven—he is a person high up in the management of the Overland Short Line—dropped a few words in my hearing and I picked them up. That's all."

clean. But the wage-people are muttonous and ripe for anything. I'll go and find out where we stand. And he groped on the floor of the veranda for his hat. "No, wait a minute," she interposed. "We are not quite ready to adjourn yet. There remains a little matter of compensation—your compensation—to be considered. You are still on the company's pay-rolls?" "In a way, yes; as its legal representative on the ground." "That won't do. If you carry this thing through successfully it must be on your own account, and not as the company's paid servant. You must resign and make terms with Boston beforehand; and that, too without telling Boston what you propose to do." He haggled a little at that. "The company is entitled to my services," he asserted. "It is entitled to what it pays for—four legal services. But this is entirely different. You will be acting upon your own initiative, and you'll have to spend money like water at your own risk. You must be free to deal with Boston as an outsider." "But I have no money to spend," he objected. Again the brown eyes grew luminous; and again she said: "What would you do without me? Happily, my information came early enough to enable me to get a letter to Mr. Ormsby. He answered promptly by wire this morning. Here is his telegram."

She had been winding a tightly folded slip of paper around her fingers and she smoothed it out and gave it to him. He held it in a patch of electric light between the dancing leaf shadows and read: "Plot Number Two approved. Have wired one hundred thousand to Kent's order Security Bank. Have him draw as he needs." "So now you see," she went on, "you have the sinews of war. But you must regard it as an advance and name your fee to the Boston folk so you can pay it back." He protested again, rather weakly. "It looks like extortion; like another graft," he said; and now she lost patience with him. "Of all the Puritan fanatics!" she cried. "If it were a simple commer-

"No; certainly not." "Well, then; you go and tell Mr. Loring to wire his Advisory Board, and to do it tonight." "But I'll have to name a figure," said Kent. "Of course," she replied. Kent thought about it for a long minute. Then he said: "I wonder if ten thousand dollars, and expenses, would paralyze them?" "Miss Van Brock's comment was a little shriek of derision. "I knew you'd make difficulties when it came to the paying part of it, and since I didn't know, myself, I wired Mr. Ormsby again. Here is what he says," and she untwisted a second telegram and read it to him. "Fee should not be less than five per cent of bonded indebtedness; four-fifths in stock at par; one-fifth cash; no cure, no pay." "Three million five hundred thousand dollars!" gasped Kent. "It's only nominally that much," she laughed. "The stock part of it is merely your guaranty of good faith; it is worth next to nothing now, and it will be many a long day before it goes to par, even if you are successful in saving its life. So your magnificent fee shrinks to seven hundred thousand dollars, less your expenses." "But heavens and earth! that's awful!" said Kent. "Not when you consider it as a surgeon's risk. You happen to be the

one man who has the idea, and if it isn't carried out, the patient is going to die tomorrow night, permanently. You are the specialist in this case, and specialists come high. Now you may go and attend to the preliminary details, if you like. He found his hat and stood up. She stood with him; but when he took her hand she made him sit down again. "You have at least three degrees of fever!" she exclaimed; "or is it only the three-million-five-hundred thousand-dollar shock? What have you been doing to yourself?" "Nothing, I assure you. I haven't been sleeping very well for a few nights. But that is only natural." "And I said you must have a cool head! Will you do exactly as I tell you to?" "If you don't make it too hard." "Take the car downtown—don't walk—and after you have made Mr. Loring send his message to Boston, you go straight to Doctor Biddle. Tell him what is the matter with you, and that you need to sleep the clock around." "But the time!" he protested. "I shall need every hour between now and tomorrow night!" "One clear-headed hour is worth a dozen muddled ones. You do as I say." "I hate drugs," he said, rising again. "So do I; but there is a time for everything under the sun. It is a crying necessity that you go into this fight perfectly fit and with all your wits about you. If you don't, somebody—several somebodies—will land in the penitentiary. Will you mind me?" "Yes," he promised; and this time he got away. (Continued Tomorrow.) Dr. Ray, Osteopath, telephone 553.

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WAR'S END NOT YET IN SIGHT SAY EUROPEANS

General Belief Prevails That No Course Remains for Russia But Attempt to Wear Out Adversary by Prolonging the Struggle

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Speculation is rife in London and ris as to the probable course of events in the Far East, now that the war has entered upon the second stage. That the end of the struggle is in sight not even the most sanguine suggest.

Several versions of the contents of the note of Nicholas to the powers at the outset are in circulation—all doubtless purely fictitious—but none of them pretends to represent the mind of the Russian autocrat as any less resolute than six months ago to destroy the Mutsuhito regime and reduce Japan to the rank of a third-rate power. It is widely assumed that the statement of the French ambassador, Bonnard, who bore the note from St. Petersburg to Paris, reflects the final purpose of Russia, a purpose entirely consistent with the views of the party led by Lamsdorff, Mirski and Avelan.

The only difference looked for now that the grand ducaul cabal is wanting in influence is one of methods. In a word, Russia will endeavor to overwhelm her adversary, not by swift blows on land and sea, but by the slow deadly process of exhaustion. Such is the theory propounded on the banks of the Seine and it is regarded as not absurd on the banks of the Thames.

Paris goes one step further. "If Togo should defeat the Baltic squadron," asks a French naval writer, "would the Mikado send a powerful detachment of swift cruisers to European waters to the Gulf of Finland? If the Russian squadron eastbound can get coal at Dakar, Djibouti and other French ports without impairing the much vaunted obligation of neutrality, why could a Japanese squadron westbound not get coal at British ports. It is a game at which two may play.

British military experts now frankly advise Oyama to do all in his power to spare the lives of his veterans, pointing out that his army is at the maximum of efficiency possible, of which Russia is limited only by the temporary exigencies of commissary.

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LORD Optician, 713 Main St. Includes image of a person wearing glasses.

"X" Means Xceptional Very good work. Beautiful Holiday Goods for Xmas gifts—you will find them at GREER'S, Jeweler 511 MAIN STREET.

HELP WANTED—MALE

WANTED—\$8 to \$12 weekly easily earned by either sex knitting seamless hosiery for the western market...

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WANTED—All the second-hand furniture I can get. Will pay best prices...

WANTED—Every body to smoke Pride of Reidsville Smoking Tobacco. The best in the world...

WANTED—By young couple, a nicely furnished room with board. References J. H. care Telegram.

PHRENOLOGY PROF. H. H. HINMAN, the expert phrenologist, is still giving readings at 121 1/2 Main street...

TO EXCHANGE LET US MAKE your face. We can add charms to your winning ways and you will be delighted with your photos...

ARTISTIC WIREWORK ARTISTIC WIREWORK—Texas Anchor Fence Co. catalogue. Ft. Worth.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—On South Side, two car lines, 8-room two-story house, all modern conveniences. C. T. Hedge, 508 Houston street.

TWO NICE NEW MODERN FLATS, with all modern improvements; first and second stories five rooms each...

FOR RENT—Five-room flats; brickflat building, corner Lamar and Jackson; steam heated. Frank H. Sanguntat.

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HELP WANTED—FEMALE BOUND ELECTRIC CO. FOR GAS MANTLES. WANTED—A girl for general housework. Apply at corner Cooper and Lake. Mrs. J. R. Card. WANTED—A woman cook for small hotel, \$6 per week. Fort Worth Employment Office, 1561 Main street.

TRUNKS AND SUIT CASES

Suit cases from \$12.50 up. Trunks for \$15.00 up. Henry Pollock Trunk Co., 65 Main Street. Phone 525.

BANK FIXTURES

IF ITS bank railing, counter railing or any kind of office fixtures we make them. Texas Fixture Co., Fort Worth.

PHOTOS

QUALITY stands first at our place. Studio High grade portrait work a specialty. Phone 1523 3-rings.

RESTAURANTS

THE O. K. RESTAURANT is now serving the best meals in the city for 25c. We boast by the week. We send out trays. New phone 901, 308 Houston street.

OFFICE FIXTURES

SHOW cases, display cases, jewelry cases or any old thing in the fixture line. Texas Fixture Co., Fort Worth, Texas.

SAFES

FIRE PROOF SAFES—We have on hand at all times several sizes and sizes, upon your inquiries and orders. Nash Hardware Co., Fort Worth.

AGENTS WANTED

GO TO GOLD FIELD—Shipping \$200 to \$500 per car. Goldfield Box Co. owns 180 acres, assay office, chemical laboratory. Sworn statements every fifteen days. Installation payments taken. Agents wanted. Lansford F. Butler, secretary, 505 Mack block, Denver, Col.

KEY FITTING

BOUND ELECTRIC CO. FOR KEY FITTING. THE J. J. LANGEVER CO., opposite city hall, varnishes, stains, enamels.

WANTED—TO BUY

WE WANT YOUR FURNITURE—Win highest price in cash or trade. Both phones. Furniture Exchange, 308 Houston street.

WIRE FENCES

IRON AND WIRE FENCES—Texas Anchor Fence Co. catalogue. Ft. Worth.

MISCELLANEOUS

FOR ALL KINDS of scavenger work, phone 918. Leo Taylor.

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Hill & Hill Sayings I claim My name Is known To fame.

Hill & Hill (Bottled in Bond)

For sale by all first-class Hotels, Cafes and Bars.

fire protection except by special permission of the Water Works Department, and where there is a connection for fire protection...

Art. 15. Any person intending to follow the business of occupation of plumber in relation to or in any way connected with the city water mains, pipes, fixtures, etc., shall, before undertaking any work in connection therewith, first apply to the Water Works Department, in writing, for a license...

Art. 16. The Water Works Committee, with the consent of the City Council, shall have the power to grant to contractors, engaged in street sprinkling, the right to erect at points designated by the Superintendent of Water Works, standpipes for the use of water for fire protection...

Art. 17. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in street sprinkling to draw water from the city water mains for the progress of a fire. It shall be unlawful for any person, except a member of the fire department, or employe of the fire department, to open or use water from a fire hydrant, or to take off the cap of the hydrant, or to use any machinery without permission of the Water Department.

Art. 18. The city water department shall make all taps or connections to the street mains and extend service pipes to one foot inside curb line, and there place a stop cock and stop box, that shall be under the exclusive control of the Water Department, and the same tap and service pipe shall be paid for by the plumber ordering the work done before the work is commenced, according to the schedule of prices adopted by the water works committee from time to time on file in the city clerk's office.

Art. 19-A. All iron service pipes shall be placed with extra strong lead pipe prior to the paving of the street on which said pipe or pipes are located, and any owner or agent of said services failing or refusing to do so shall be fined five dollars, and in addition any plumber so convicted may have his license forfeited for the period of thirty days after conviction.

Sec. 2. All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in conflict with this ordinance shall be, and the same is hereby repealed, and be in force from and after its passage and publication as required by law. Filed November 19, 1904.

JNO. T. MONTGOMERY, City Secretary. Passed Dec. 2, 1904. JNO. T. MONTGOMERY, City Secretary.

Recorded in Ordinance Book E, page 113, 114, 115, December 6, 1904. JNO. T. MONTGOMERY, City Secretary.

This ordinance not having been approved nor disapproved by the Mayor within thirty days after its passage as required by the charter, takes effect the same as if approved. JNO. T. MONTGOMERY, City Secretary.

Fort Worth Humane Society The society requests that all cases of cruelty to children, dumb animals and birds be reported immediately to its secretary, J. C. Miller, Natatorium Building. Unsigned communications will receive no attention.

EPWORTH LIQUORS EPPSTEIN & SON - FORT WORTH, TEXAS

MEN AND WOMEN. Use Big G for unsanitary discharges, inflammations, irritations or ulcerations of mucous membranes. Painful, and not distressing or poisonous. Sold by Druggists, or sent in plain wrapper, by express, prepaid, for \$1.00 or 2 bottles \$2.25. Circular sent on request.

Handled by all Dealers

White Swan Cotton Felt Mattress advertisement featuring a swan logo and 'ANTI-GERM' text.

WRINKLEINE FOR WRINKLES

Nature's only rival. Wrinkles don't come in one night and can't be removed in one day. But by the use of Wrinkleine the tissues are built up, the face becomes full and round, and the wrinkles disappear.

IF YOU WANT

A So-called \$400 New Piano that Others Offer

Advertisement for a piano, including an image of the instrument and descriptive text.

State Agents for the "ANGELUS," the greatest Piano Player in the world. State Distributors for the VICTOR TALKING MACHINES AND RECORDS.

Thos. Goggan & Bro. DALLAS, TEXAS

REAL ESTATE BARGAINS

FOR SALE—Four-room house on South-east Side, with porch, closets, hydrant, shades, barn and shed, east front, lot 50-x100 feet. Price \$700, \$100 cash and \$15 monthly.

FOR SALE—Three lots, 150 each; cheapest in town. Four and five-room houses, \$50 to \$200 cash, balance easy.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE—Houses for rent, 6 per cent money to loan on business property; 9 per cent money to loan on residence property.

FOR SALE—At Big Bargain, if sold at once, 16-room flat, clearing several hundred dollars monthly.

FOR SALE—Desirable corner, 95x100 feet, three houses, three, four and six rooms, close in, one block from car line.

U-Need-A

Three room house, one and one-half acres of ground; well, barn, etc., \$1,000.00. We can suit you in the terms, monthly payments.

Four-room house, fence, barn, chicken house and yard, \$700. Come quick.

Money to loan on city property. If you are contemplating building, we will make it to your interest to see us.

Haggard & Duff advertisement for cigars, located at 706 1/2 Main Street.

Ready Reference Directory

NELSON & DRAUGHON COLLEGE Bookkeeping, Shorthand, etc., 6th & Main. ATTORNEYS AT LAW Beckham & Beckham, 207 Ft. W. Nat. Bk.

REAL ESTATE GEORGE H. CHASE CO., 613 Main St. TICKET BROKERS B. F. EUNN, member A. F. B. A., 1620 Main street.

Put your money in a home where it will make you happiness and more money. What's a Christmas, anyhow, in another man's house?

ROOMS FOR RENT THE J. J. LANGEVER CO., opposite city hall, leading sign painters.

IDEAL APARTMENT ROOMS with or without board; room and board \$4.00 per week.

FOR RENT—Two nice rooms, furnished or unfurnished, bath in house, 311 N. Harding.

FOR RENT—The most elegantly furnished rooms in the city at reasonable prices; everything new and up-to-date.

SPECIAL NOTICES

WE REPAIR FURNITURE and stoves. Why NOT buy your fuel at 'Feed from H. H. Hager & Co? They will treat you right. Phone 2322.

FOR CHANGE IN SAFE COMBINATIONS PHONE 837. BOUND ELECTRIC COMPANY.

ANNOUNCEMENT—The Telegram is authorized to announce that W. J. Gilvin is a candidate for re-election as City Assessor and Collector of the city of Fort Worth.

BUGGIES AND WAGONS DO you want the best? If you are thinking of buying a new buggy, surrey, phaeton or anything in the vehicle line, see others, then see us.

BANK RAILING BANKING—TEXAS ANCHOR Fence Co.; catalogue, Fort Worth.

ANOTHER GOOD YARN ABOUT TIM HURST

WHEN "SPIKE" SHANNON BROKE INTO PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL—CLARKSON'S FAMOUS HANDKERCHIEF TRICK

"I never witted before the language of but one baseball captain," said Tim Hurst. "The man who had me all a-tremble was Patsy Tebeau. It happened in a game at Boston. A very involved and confusing play came up and it took me a few seconds to straighten out all the tangles.

Archie Latham's versatility was illustrated at League park, Cleveland, one afternoon not many years ago. A few days before Latham and McAleer had been in a mix-up on the Cincinnati diamond and Archie used his fists on the great outfielder's head.

"Spike" Shannon's debut into professional baseball was in a game between Indianapolis and Milwaukee. Shannon was at first only a spectator. In the second inning the Hoosiers' pitcher was hurt. Manager Watkins offered \$10 to any amateur who would take the disabled player's place.

"Tom Loftus, who was then Chicago's manager, began to laugh with all his might. He roared and shrieked until he attracted the attention of everybody—players, spectators and umpire.

Mellin's Food advertisement for infants and invalids, including an image of the product.

Swift's Silver Leaf Lard advertisement with a logo and text: 'Held in High Regard... is the popular household lard among all families...

GAS HEATERS advertisement featuring an image of a gas heater and text: 'The Kind You Have Always Bought... BEARS THE SIGNATURE OF...'

The Fort Worth Light & Power Co. advertisement with text: 'John, you don't have to worry these cold mornings splitting kindling...'

THE DELAWARE HOTEL advertisement: 'Modern, European. M. D. WATSON, Propr. C. R. EVANS, Mgr.'

HOTEL WORTH advertisement: 'FORT WORTH, TEXAS. First-class, Modern, American plan. Conveniently located in business center.'

Zenda Bar advertisement: '1402 Main St., Fort Worth. Has been thoroughly replenished with the finest Wines and Liquors in the city.'

New Schedule Through Sleepers advertisement for Santa Fe, including a logo and departure times.

PURVIS & COLP advertisement: 'Stylish right-up-to-the-minute LIVERY and CARRIAGES. Finest single drivers in North Texas.'

Mellin's Food advertisement: 'No more wakeful nights if you give your baby Mellin's Food. Mellin's Food babies sleep well.'

JAM'S A. MAY advertisement: 'Unionist of every organization. I have been maliciously belied to you by my enemies to destroy my business.'

THE SENTAL-PEPSIN CO. advertisement: 'A POSITIVE CURE. For information or order of the Sental and Pepsin Pills, see our circular. Price \$1.00 per box, 50 cents per box, 25 cents per box.'

**CITY BRIEFS**

Queen Quality Starch. All Grocers. Crouch Hardware Co., 1907 Main St. Cut flowers at Drumm's. Phone 191. Boaz's Book Store, 402 Main street. For a fine overcoat at a low price, go to Friedman, 912 Main street.

J. W. Adams & Co., feed, produce, fuel and fat kindling. Phone 530. The Christmas Telegram will be issued Dec. 18. Watch for it.

Brown & Vera have moved to 1103 Main, between Tenth and Eleventh. The Christmas Telegram will be issued Dec. 18. Watch for it.

Good kidding at the Rock Island Coal company. Jewelry Gifts, Greer, Jeweler, Main st. Curran's Laundry, 6th and Burnett sts. Both phones 37.

Picture frames and wall paper at Brown & Vera's, 1103 Main street.

It will always be found a little better and perhaps a little cheaper at the William Henry & R. E. Bell Hardware Co., 415-17 Main.

If you are looking for anything or any place see our Ready Reference Directory in Classified page and you will find it here.

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In everybody's mouth. Eagle Bread for sale by all grocers.

List your property with us; let us collect your rents. Hubbard Bros. Unredeemed notes and goods watches or sale at half price at Friedman's, 912 Main street, the reliable pawnbroker.

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Watches. Greer, Jeweler, 511 Main. Modern Steam Laundry, headquarters for high-grade Christmas work. Both homes, 787. Fort Worth.

Leather for hand bags and burnt work. Nobby Harness Company, 600 Houston st. Don't fail to procure one of these handsome china jugs given free with 50c worth of Tea, Coffee, Spices, Extracts or Baking Powder. All week at The Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, 295 Houston street.

French Lick Springs, French Lick, Ind., the Carlsbad of America. Best natural axative waters known. "On the Monon." Judge Head of Sherman is in the city today.

J. Frisbee of Amarillo spent Sunday in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee McGraw of Childress spent Sunday in Fort Worth.

J. P. Lewis of Ballinger spent Sunday in Fort Worth.

Miss Nellie Hollbrook of Dallas spent Sunday in Fort Worth, the guest of friends.

Thomas McNeal, a merchant of Lockhart, was a caller in Fort Worth this morning.

J. D. Read, cashier of the Bank of Commerce, has gone to his old home, Opelika, Ala., to spend the holidays.

Sol Mayer of Sonora, Texas, is at the Metropolitan. Mr. Mayer is one of the most extensively ranchmen in the southwest. He formerly lived in Fort Worth.

W. L. Thomas and family of Greenwood are visiting with friends in Fort Worth today.

During Sunday night a number of tools were stolen from T. P. Vernon, a carpenter, 1303 Holt street.

Walter Blair, a brakeman on the Frisco, returned to Brownwood, is quite sick at the home of his uncle, D. T. Finley, 1112 East Deage avenue.

H. A. Boaz, president of Polytechnic College, returned this morning from Stephenville, where he spent Saturday and Sunday.

John Grim, a section hand on the Houston and Texas Central, a few miles south of Fort Worth, was arrested at 1 o'clock this afternoon by Officer Ab Speight on a charge of assault.

The run on our 25c pound chocolate has not abated. Many are prepared to take care of all. Why pay more? Fort Worth Candy Kitchen.

"Violet Rays" are the newest cure for pulmonary ills; but the "white light of publicity" is still the standard remedy for business debility.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Goldhaber, 315 Henderson street, entertained thirty young people Sunday evening at whist. The event was the house warming of their home.

Invitations are out announcing the approaching nuptials of Miss Bertha Rosenstein, 307 Pecan street, to Abe Tobias of Lockwall, a prominent merchant of that place. The wedding will take place on New Year's day.

Word was received in the city at noon that a seven-horned rhinoceros, five or six miles west had been entered and robbed. The building was occupied by L. W. Checkly, who reported the loss of a grip of clothes, \$1.20 in money and a number of valuable railroad books. The police were asked to watch for the thief.

Many hunters returned this morning from points up and down the river. They report the quail there as plentiful. Several hunters who spent Sunday near Canyon say they never saw so much game of all kinds as at the present time.

Beginning Sunday the local postoffice began mail pouches for the Santa Fe trains, north to Cleburne and north to Ardmore, and other territory points on trains Nos. 29 and 19. These pouches are not worked on the trains. Train No. 29 now arrives in Fort Worth at 1:50 p. m. and leaves five minutes later. The north and train No. 19 arrives at 5:19 and leaves for the south at 5:15 o'clock. The time of the arrival of trains No. 17 and 18 has also been changed so they will leave fifteen minutes later.

The members of the Ahavath Zion met at the Ahavath Sholem synagogue on Taylor street Sunday afternoon to further the arrangements for the visit in Fort Worth, Dec. 25, of Dr. J. D. DeHaas, a Zionist lecturer. Committees reported as to the progress of the work done.

In order to relieve the crush of holiday business at the postoffice, an additional station window has been opened up at the money order department. Seales for weighing packages and full stamp sale equipments were opened in that department this morning.

Invitations have been issued for the marriage of Miss Marie C. Crumley of Baird, Texas, to James M. Ervin, a railway postal clerk on the Denver Road. The wedding will take place at the home of the bride's parents in Baird Wednesday, Dec. 28. Mr. and Mrs. Ervin will be at home in Fort Worth after Jan. 10.

Secretary Calhoun of the city water works announced this morning that owing to the large amount of evening shopping being done in preparation for Christmas, he had decided to postpone cutting off the street lights for repair purposes until next week. It is estimated that the cessation of service for

**Again Tomorrow**

We make the prices to all our customers—to all—on REGULAR ACCOUNT as well as for CASH—that fills our store with intelligent and economical buyers.

- BELE SPRINGS CREAMERY BUTTER, lb. . . . . 30c
- FRUIT CAKES—25c, 35c, 50c lb.—The best it is possible to make.
- Olives, per qt. . . . . 25c
- Stuffed Mangoes, 3 for 10c
- Dil Pickles, gallon. . . . . 50c
- Cucumber Pickles, gal. 35c
- Sweet or Hot Relish, qt. . . 25c
- Chow Chow, qt. . . . . 25c
- Hagerman's Apple Cider, gallon . . . . . 50c

Christmas Trees and Xmas Tree Candles. To get a good Turkey, FOR SURE, place your order with us early. We are making close prices on everything in our store this week. Why not take advantage of the sale?

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but one night will be necessary to make the repairs needed in the furnace rooms.

Invitations have been received in the city announcing the approaching marriage at Baird on the 28th instant of Miss Marie Crumley to James P. Ervin. Miss Crumley was formerly the stenographer in the Metropolitan hotel and has many friends in Fort Worth, where she resided for several years.

Civil service bulletins have been posted at the postoffice telling of examinations to be held on Jan. 18 and 19 for positions in the government service as inspector of mechanical and electrical engineering, salary \$2,100 per annum; assistant to the chief inspector in the quartermaster's department, salary \$1,500, and as aid and laboratory apprentice in the bureau of standards in the department of commerce and labor, salary \$480 per year.

A dog belonging to Mrs. Bessie True, 1046 Louisiana, and a small boy named Mellison late Sunday afternoon. The child is said to have been running past the yard which the dog was in when it bit him four or five times on the calf of the right leg. Fear of hydrophobia caused the parents to have a doctor cauterize the wound at once.

Fire discovered Sunday morning shortly after 8 o'clock destroyed the stable of the parsonage of the North Fort Worth Methodist church and slightly injured the parsonage and church. The loss is about \$100, not covered by insurance. The parsonage was occupied by Rev. J. P. Muzzey, pastor of the church.

An alarm of fire at 4:30 Sunday morning called the fire department to the residence of Miss Bella Quay, 111 East Oak street, where the fire started in a woodshed. The fire was extinguished after doing about \$75 worth of damage.

The Ellis Sanker Lodge, Independent Order of B'nai Brith, held an election of officers Sunday morning. The following are the officers elected: President, A. E. Levy; vice president, Max K. Mays; secretary, L. P. Shanbloom; treasurer, W. Goldstein; monitor, C. M. Carb; warden, J. J. Jacobs; guardian, C. S. Welsch; representatives to Birmingham, Ala. next year, L. F. Shanbloom and C. M. Carb; trustees, E. M. Simon, D. Brown and Joseph Goldberger.

Members of the Fort Worth Police Benevolent Association met at the city hall Sunday morning and decided to give a benefit ball on Jan. 9. These committees were named as follows: Arrangement, S. S. Potts, H. R. Zimmerman, James Clark, J. A. Allen, John Ruffner, Tom George and John Henderson; printing, H. R. Zimmerman, Tom George and James Clark.

Fifteen men faced Judge Prewett in the corporation court this morning, ten of whom were charged with being drunk. Eight of these were arrested on Sunday while two others were arrested late Saturday night. The fifth Sunday of the closed saloon in Fort Worth has made the poorest showing of any of the five Sundays as far as a decrease of drunkenness is concerned.

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**CHICAGO HAS BIG FIRE**

Sash and Door Factory Burns With \$100,000 Loss  
CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—The sash and door factory of Philip Rinn & Co., located at Crosby and Halstead streets, was destroyed by fire yesterday that for a time threatened to spread to two large gas supply tanks of the Princess Light and Coke Company. Both tanks were full of illuminating gas, and it was only by the hardest kind of work that the firemen kept the flames from overheating the gas tanks and causing an explosion that would have brought death to hundreds of persons and destroyed every building in the vicinity.

**MISSISSIPPI JUDGE TO STOP WHITE-CAPPING**

Says He Will Break Up Practice If Every Woman in County Is Made a Widow  
NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 19.—In requesting the citizens of Lincoln county, Mississippi, to co-operate with the jail authorities in suppressing the negro extermination war, Judge Williamson of Brookhaven said he would personally see that every white-capper would be given the extreme penalty. "The bad effect of this whitecap business is on the lives of those who join," said he. "If you should take a negro or a white man out and hang him it would not make much difference if it stopped there. The negro who is hung or shot is in a much better fix than the man who does the deed. Death is soon over so far as the mortal heart is concerned, but the perpetrator goes along with a black conscience and a seared heart to eke out a miserable existence. There is no way on earth to remove the scar.

**NOTICE TO TEACHERS**

Change Regarding Sale of Tickets to Corsicana Announced  
Notice was given today by railroads handling excursion business to Corsicana for the meeting of the State Teachers' Association there, Dec. 27, 28 and 29, that the selling dates had been changed to Dec. 25, 26 and 27, and for trains reaching Corsicana that day, the morning of Dec. 28. Teachers are asked to enquire of ticket agents for further information, by Superintendent Alex Hogg.

**WEDDINGS**

EASTUP-MEADOWS  
Frederick H. Eastup and Miss Mary Alice Meadows of this city were married this afternoon by Rev. M. P. Lambdin, pastor of the College Avenue Presbyterian church. The ceremony was performed at the residence of Rev. Lambdin.

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J. J. Guest of Lingeville Rendered Unconscious by Falling Scantling

J. J. Guest of Lingeville, Texas, while stepping from an incoming Frisco train this morning at the Texas and Pacific union station, was struck on the head and rendered unconscious by a heavy timber which had fallen from the train shed

**Union Station North Side Notes**

E. P. Reynolds was a visitor in North Fort Worth Friday.

One of the most enjoyable social events of the season was the dinner given at Rosen Inn on Thursday night. A number of young men from Fort Worth were present, among whom were Messrs. Walter Knight, Bert Winfrey, David Boaz and Fritz.

Messrs. J. Douthitt and R. Moore of Sweetwater, Texas, have located in North Fort Worth. Mr. Douthitt has opened a drug store in the McCarthy building in Exchange avenue and Mr. Moore has opened a grocery store in the Thammisch building.

Mrs. Frank Carson has returned from a visit to her sister's home near Azle. Miss Lucille Pearson of Pearson, Miss. will arrive this week to visit relatives in Fort Worth and North Fort Worth.

Miss Mamie Williams was the guest of relatives in Fort Worth last week. The car line which extends on Packers avenue is a great and needed convenience and is very much appreciated by the people of North Fort Worth.

The Tuesday club meets this week with Mrs. G. W. Eastham on Rosen Heights. Miss Emma Vinson gave a party last week which was well attended and very enjoyable.

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**MONEY IN HOG RAISING**

Farmers of Midland County Growing Rich From Investments  
"The hog raisers in Midland county are growing independently rich," said R. D. Benson, the first trick dispatcher of the joint track office at the Texas and Pacific station, on last Saturday morning, "and the time is near at hand when the farmers and ranchmen in that portion of West Texas will devote much more time to the hog raising industry than they will to cattle. I have just returned from my ranch in Midland county, where I have been taking a three week's vacation. I never saw such a prosperous condition there as at the present time and I attribute much of the prosperity to the hogs. The farmers can turn the hogs loose and let them pick up a living on the scrub oak and acorn, which is very plentiful all over the country. At the end of three months they are as healthy as they can be and almost ready for the market. They put on a little more fat by feeding them a little corn for several weeks and then ship them to the Fort Worth market. Here the hogs are sold for the best prices and make for the raisers a fine margin of profit at a cost per head of little more than a dollar. Many of the ranchmen are finding this out and are cutting up the large ranches into farms of a section or less apiece. The hog business has already produced more wealth for the Midland county ranchmen this year than either cattle, cotton or any crop they can raise and is bound to spread a season of prosperity if kept up."

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**GERMANY NOT MIXING IN RUSSO-JAP WAR**

Embassy at London Issues Statement That Government Will Keep Hands Off Until Asked  
LONDON, Dec. 19.—The German embassy informs the Associated Press there is no truth whatever in the renewed reports of an Anglo-German movement looking to mediation in the Russo-Japanese war. The visit of Count Metternich, the German ambassador, to Berlin was purely private. Germany remains determined to do nothing until invited by the belligerents, and up to the present time, adds the embassy, Germany has not been invited.

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