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Around the Capitol Legislative Letter

Austin, Texas, Dec. 12-The capital city is putting on gala attire preparing to ring out the old and ring in the new administration. There is always a touch of gladness and a touch of sadness in these occasions. The gladness of crowning the people's annointed and the sadness of dismissing their usefulness.

felt the first joy of power in ap. to office and likewise in choosing between friends has felt the grief than of those who deal out political fortunes of individuals. In these days of glorious uncertainty A Beautifu many a Royal Lion from the Democratic den is hobnobbing in Austin and during the past week many a political scout has come galloping up with his saddle bags filled with recommendations but there is a hungry horde of disappointed applicants returning home glaring at each other over gulfs of misunderstanding. There has been enough patriotism spilt on the capital grounds quite a number of during the past ten days by disa a foreign nation.

Members of the present administration are discussing with owllike seriou dess the wisdom of the Governor elect in appointing their successors before their term of office expires and there are others who have been so accustomed to eating out of the public crib that they feel they have acquired the divine right of office. The transition of the old administration reads like the story of a cat that swallowed a tape line If you didn't get and died by inches but it is human te complain and politicians always murmer when they face the plow handle.

The appointments will soon be filled and new blood, new ideas. new energy and new life will soon be pulsing through the viens of the state. It is one of the results of our form of government that authority gravitates to those best able to wield it.

Reviewing the appointments made by the incoming administration we find the departments headed by some of the strongest business men in Texas, and they are men who know the state and

how to build it up. The thirty-second legislature has among its number some of the brainiest men in the state and the majority of the law makers are in sympathy with the business policy of the next administration. Out of the 133 members in the legislature, 87 of them served in either the thirtieth or thirty-first legislature and have stood up for Texas on roll calls that tested their patriotism.

The old administration has made its mistakes and so will the new one, but if the incoming administration can profit by the mistakes of the past what a glorious reign we will have in Texas during the next four years.

Sethmoreland Gray spent Sunday in Paleetine with his mother, who is there undergoing treat-

Nothing nicer or ters. the old guards who have outlived M O r e appropriate recognition in the senate to pre-Governor Elect Colquitt has for an Xmas prespointing a number of his friends ent for the home

Rocking Chair

We are showing chairs, Rockers and Straight Chairs, in upholstered and quartered oak, all to go at

Uunloadina

Many other things day will be common place in the in our stock are sensible Xmas Gifts, this world happier and better useful as well ornamental.

Whitley

"The Price is the Thing." Telephone No. 34.

Townsend's Views on Legislation.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 9 .- Hon. W. J. Townsend Jr. of Lufkin, Angelina County, recently elected senator to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator C. C. Stokes of Houston County, was here today on departmental mat-

Senator Townsend desires first sent the joint resolution provid. ing for the submission of the prohibition constitutional amendwill present it as soon as possible and push it to a conclusion in order that the people of Texas may vote on the question of statewide prohibition, which he is advocating.

Senator Townsend stands for the retention of the International & Great Northern bill and will oppose its repeal and he is for a reformation of the pentitary system. He thinks the iron deal at Rusk has gotton the worst of it and believes that if given fair consideration will prove its worth and will be more than self-sustaining. Mr. Townsend points out that there are only about for you until called for. pointed office seekers to conquer styles in Morris seventy-five convicts now at Rusk prison and says that the penitentiary can not be self-sustaining when thus conducted. He thinks there should be some changes in its operation.

Dr. Robertson's Philosophy.

The man in love with himself is not bothered much by rivals.

True happiness comes only as a reward for duty well and faith fully performed.

It's not whats in a business but what we get out of it that counts in life's battle.

The things that astound us todays of our children's children. Verily the world moves.

A religion that does not make will serve a very poor purpose as a fire protector in the world to

ready to reap a harvest during and extracts are as good and the holidays. If the Lord is the prices as low as you will good to his anointed, this will be find them any where. their last feast.

A drunken man run amuck at Witchita Falls Monday and killed two inoffensive men. Yet, they say whiskey won't hurt you if you let it alone. It's a lie.

The low down cowardly biped who wilfully abuses an inoffensive dumb brute that's in his for. Respectfully, power is ten degrees lower in the scale of creation than a dog-nol we'll take that back. There's several good dogs in Oakhurst and we don't want to insult them by comparison.—San Jacinto County News.

The kidneys ache when they are overworked and the trouble gets serious unless promptly removed. Prickly Ash Bitters is a reliable kidney tonic and bowel regulator.

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Holiday Gifts

The time is at hand when many people are bothered ment. He gives notice that he about what to buy for their Holiday Gifts.

Did it it ever occur to you that it is better to give some thing both ornamental and useful than to give something that can't be used?

If this meets with your approval you may find in our store many things that are suitable and that you would like, and we extend you an invitation to visit both of our stores and we will be glad to show you what we have and quote you prices. Any selections you might make will be set aside

In our Grocery, Furniture and Hardware departments you will find quite an assortment to select from in Dining Tables, Side Boards, Book Cases, Rocking Chairs, Dining and Parlor Chairs, Bureaus, Dressers; Bedsteads, Bed Room Snits, Matting, Mattresses, bed springs, cooking stoves, Chinaware in dining sets, or just as you want them, Table cutlery, lamps, clocks, sewing machines, boys wagons, shot guns, loaded shells, Saddles, bridles, buggy harness, and hundreds of other nice and suitable things that you might like.

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George E. Darsey.

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That Will Interest You_

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1 loc men's heavy blue-over- alls, good as the best, regular 75c	shoes, as good as can be bought for the price, 1.75, now
1 lot men's work vests, regu- ular price 25c, now	good as can be bought, regular 90c price 1 00, now90c
1 lot men's wool sweaters, reg ular price 1.00 now	All men's novelty hats, not 2.50 felt, regular price 3.00 now 2.50

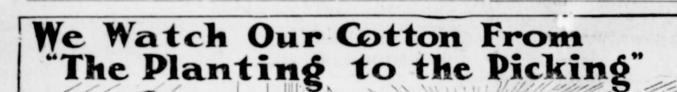
We ask that you call and take advantage of these prices. We are ready at all times to make you prices on anything as cheap as the cheapest. We also thank you for your past patronage and solicit a continuance of same.

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The Philosophers and the frog. By a Staff Correspondent

Dr. Safford, for many years professor of chemistry in the Medical College of the University of Nashville used to tell his students a fable-the moral of which was "prove it." Certain wise men were gathered together to ascertain the explanation of a statement that when two glasses of water of equal weight are balanced on the beams of a balance scale and a frog is then put in one of the vessels the balance remains the same, thus attempting to prove the assertion that a frog has no weight when immersed in water. Each wise man had his own explanation, and there was much heated argument and discussion. At length one of the wise men said: "But is your statement true? Let's prove it." Of course when it came to proving it they couldn't.

So when you hear people say that Coco-Cola is injurious, just ask them to prove it They can't. Nobody can, because it is; not injurious. But on the other hand it can be proved that it is not injurious by chemical analysis. Or if you are not a chemist yourself, why not accept the verdict of every competent chemist who analized it. Eminent College and University Chemists, Commercial Chemists, Government, State and City Chemists-all have analized Coca Cola and not one has been able to find anything injurious in it. The next time you hear anyone say that Coca-Cola contains deleterious ingredients tell him to write the Cola-Cola Co., Atlanta, Ga., for a free copy of their booklet, "The Truth About Coca-Cola." In the meantime write for a copy for yourself-you will find it very interesting.

A Simple Safeguard for Mothers.

Mrs. D. Gilkson, 326 Ingles Ave., Youngston, gained wisdom by experience. "My girl had a severe cold and coughed almost continuously. My sister recommended Foley's Honey and Tar. The first dose that I gave her relieved the inflammation in her throat and after using only one bottle her throat and lungs were entirely free from inflammation. Since then I always keep a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar in the house." Accept no substitute.

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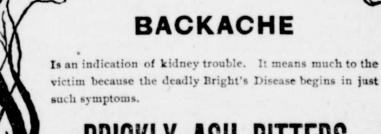
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THURSDAY, DEC. 15, 1910

The trouble with early Christmas shopping is to get the wherewith to begin the perform-

The concensus of opinion on the president's message seems to be that it is a very lengthy one.

Texas needs factories and large industrial enterprises to ing one at least, if not not more give employment to labor and boys and young men may stop furnish home markets for our and ask themselves this question: products

of employes 30 per cent. his kind. Wouldn't that give you a pane?

Doc Cook has made a confess. ion that he does not know whether he discovered the North Pole or not. Now let Peary farm, but it is the county poor come across with the truth about his dash into the frozen north.

The stork got busy around Grapeland too late to help swell the census returns, but if this wonderful bird keeps up the pace it has started we will be in the swim ten years hence.

A London physician declares that men should smoke less in winter. Wise husbands will cut this out and show it to their wives before the Christmas cigars are bought.

If any impression ever existed that the new rules were going to rob football of its most striking feature it has been fairly dissipated. Fourteen were killed and forty injured during the football season just ended.

It will be comforting to the fellow starting out to buy his Christmas turkey that he is 13 cents richer than he was last year, that being the per capita increase in the wealth of the country, according to the government statistics.

The Texas census returns are a disappointment, however the increase compares favorably with other states. The increase the past ten years shows the growth to be 27.8 per cent, and the exact number of people in Texas is 3,896,542. We hoped the result of the count would show upward of 4,000,000. Following are the census reports of Houston County from 1850 to the present: 1850, 2,721; 1860, 8,058; 1870, 8, 147; 1880, 16,702; 1890, 19,360; 1900, 25,452; 1910, 29,564.

vice to Boys.

Symerton, Ill., Dec. 7 .- If you will allow me space in your paper I would like to say a few words to the boys who read the Messen-

First of all, boys, I would say improve your time. Next I would say, save what you earn. I do not mean be "stingy" nor deny yourselves the necessities of life, but do not waste your time and earings. As I go about from place to place I see many things from which we could get good lessons. I will tell you one that came under my observation a few days ago.

I was in the lobby of the Victoria Hotel in Chicago and it was a cold raw day, and there came in an old man, fairly well dressed, and sat near me. By way of opening a conversation he made a remark about the weather. I answered him and he told me this story: He said he was seyenty-six years old and had walked eighteen miles the day before looking for work. He also said he had not eaten anything for two days for he had no money to buy anything to eat, and had to walk about the city looking for work as he could not pay car tare. I thought to myself, old gentleman, you are a good object lesson for the boys who are growing up. So I write this hop-"How will it be with me when I am old if I continue as I am now The glass trust said to be doing, spending all I make or earning 400 per cent on its in- nearly so?" The man I mention vestment, has reduced the wages is only one of many thousands of

> Near Ottawa, in LaSalle County, I see there is a farm with fine buildings made of brick and covered with slate. I do not know how many acres is in the farm. I passed there a few days ago and saw quite a few old men. Of course I appreciate the fact that adversities overtake a great many people and they spend their ed and respected.

Yours truly,

Many persons find themselves affected with a presistent cough after an attack of influenza. As this cough can be promptly cured by the use of Chamberlasn's Cough Remedy, it should not be allowed to run on until it become troublesom. Sold by all druggist.

Darsey is showing the best line of sweater coats in town.

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Only a few days from now until Christmas. If you are troubled about what to give in any instance, look over our magnficent assortment of superb gift goods which will suggest an appropriate gift. We think our holiday line affords a better selection of gift goods than any stock ever before shown here. It includes more novelties, goods that combine usefulness, beauty and intrinsic worth than any other assortment at your command. Every item is of worthy quality and our prices are the lowest for that kind. May we not have the pleasure of showing you?

D. N. Leaverton

Druggist

Grapeland, Texas

Hays Spring News.

Dec. 13.—Our community has "sun set" of life in poverty, but just been saddened by the death I see so many making no prep- of Mrs. Mary Price, wife of John aration for a rainy day that I am Price. She was seriously and of the opinion that more and very suddenly taken ill last more people will be objects of Thursday morning. Two phypity and dependent on charity as sicians, Drs. W. D. McCarty and the years go by. So often do we F. C. Woodard, were called to see see men and boys spending their her, but in spite of all they could time in worse than useless ways, do the patient grew worse and at and one of the worst things a an early hour Fridey morning young man can do is to spend his the death angel knocked at the money for strong drink. Then door and her spirit took its deas a closing remark I would say parture to a better land. The deto the young man especially, if ceased was a daughter of Mr. you are a user of whiskey quit it; and Mrs. J. M. Coatney and was for your sake quit it; for your principally reared in the Wesley mother's sake quit it; for the Chapple community, and her resake of those who are now or will mains were carried to the Wesley be dependent upon you quit it; Chapple Cemetery for interment. for the country's sake quit it. The deceased leaves a husband, To you who do not drink I wish father, mother, one brother, two to say you are commendable and sisters and a host of relatives and Phillips and Joe Lacy and carare on the right track at least in friends who are grieved to give ried to Crockett and placed in one way, and you will be honor- her up. But only a few months jail. The arrest was made at his May the Messenger and its Methodist church and believing is that he is connected with the many readers live long and enjoy her to be prepared to meet her robbery of the F. & M. State the blessings of this life is the Good Master in peace, we can Bank on the night of October ly lives and be prepared to meet authorities have, or what clue

We are having a right nice a week. rain this morning, though it is

unpleasantly cool. We are glad scence from Grapeland he has

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for good work.

Shade Trees.

I have for sale a lot of nice Sycamore shade trees, and will set them out for you at 50 cents Geo. Chaffin.

Strayed-Reward.

One bay horse, known as the Geo. Calhoun horse; branded figure 1 on each jaw. Liberal paid for return to J. W. Keeland at Grapeland.

John Johnston Arrested.

John Johnston was arrested late Saturday evening by Sheriff ago she united herself with the father's home, and the charge is only say to friends and loved 31. Thus far we have been unones to grieve not, but live God- able to learn what evidence the her in that sweet by and by where they are working upon. Johnthe toils, trials and tribulations of ston is a printer and was working anything in jewelry, goods guarthis life will molest us no more. in the Messenger office at the anteed at Howard's. Little Lorena, daughter of Mr. time of his arrest. About two and Mrs. W. M. Brown, has weeks prior to the bank robbery been on the puny list for several he came to Grapeland to see his days, but we are glad to note she parents, having been absent from is improving and we hope she Grapeland about ten years. will soon be able to attend school During his stay here at that time he worked in the Messenger office

It is said that during his ab-

to see the rain as the earth needs led a pretty rough life, but he made the remark to friends here Some have been plowing out that he was done and was going this way, but the land is too dry to settle down. However, some Julius. suspected him of having knowledge of the robbery, and this probably led to his arrest.

John has lots of friends here who believe he is innocent of the affair and hope he will soon be released.

To Our Friends and Customers.

After next Saturday, Dec. 17, we will gin only when there is enough cotton in the house to justify it. In this connection we wish to thank each and everyone for their liberal patronage this season and solicit your business and good will in the future. Wishing you a merry Christmas and a prosperous new year, we Yours truly,

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We are making a special price on all WUNDER-HOSE in stock for Men, Ladies and Children.

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4 pair warrented to last 4 months if worn alternately without mending alew comes from Jewett where in heel or toe. Sell regularly at 4 pair for \$1.00. Our price

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LOCAL NEWS

Notice to Advertises.

Copy for all display advertisements must be in the office by Tuesday at noon of each week to insure insertion.

Trade with Lively.

Pretty line of silk scarfs at Darsey's.

Alton Murchison spent Sunday in Crockett.

For post and Xmas cards, call at Howard's.

Lively has Marshmallow for cake filling.

Ladies, misses and boys union suits at Darsey's.

Bob Traylor of New Wayerly spent Sunday here.

Full line of men's sweater coats at 50c to \$2.50. Darsey.

Arthur Owens went to Houston Saturday night.

Men's and boy's bootees for work and hunting at Darsey's.

J. H. Dickey is a new subscriber on the Percilla list.

Men's and boy's underwear at Darsey's.

Pure Ribbon Cane Syrup 50c per gallon at the old reliable W. R. Wherry's.

Buy the children a pair of jersey leggings for 50c at Darsey's.

R. F. Lively of Waneta was transacting business in Grapeland Monday.

We are still giving a piece of goods. handsomely decorated china with every \$3.00 cash purchase. Ask for your tickets. W. H. Lively.

A nice white blanket will make an appropriate and useful Xmas present. Darsey is showing some beautiful ones at \$4.00 and \$5.00.

chine in Houston County for the best money. Kennedy Bros.

If you want the services of a competent, reliable, experienced dentist call on C. L. Moore, D. D. S. Office at Denton hotel. Teeth extracted without pain.

Pure ribbon cane syrup in any size package you want at

Kennedy Bros.

Mr. E. O. Buckalew has purchased the bankrupt stock of goods of Nathan Guice and has opened for business. Mr. Buckhe has been in business the past year. The Messenger entends a welcome.

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Our toys are all new stock and as we do not permit the free handling of same, you get toys that are clean and perfect in every respect. Remember you can buy now while the selection is complete. Avoid the last days rush, and we will store your goods sway and deliver them THE ARK. when wanted.

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We want our stock as low possible Jan. 1st and do to this we willingto make prices that the move

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Lively sells good shoes.

Rubber shoes for men, women and children at Darsey's.

Bill Johnson was down from Palestine Sunday to see the homefolk.

Old fashion jeans pants at Darsey's.

Lively is making special prices for the holidays.

Try a sack of our Daily Bread flour, none better. Lively sells

Dr. McCarty reports the birth of a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Luther Whitaker.

Buy your Christmas goods from W. H. Lively.

Some beautiful decorated lamps for Xmas presents at Howard's.

Miss Lena Traylor of New Waverly is here on a visit to rel-

Some very special prices for

Whip cord pants and coats at \$4.00 per suit at Darsey's-the

Mrs. W. L. Holloway and little baby left Monday for a visit to On relatives at Willis.

Knee length rubber boots at entire Darsey's special price 2.00 per

> WANTED-Ten acres of land cleared; will give wood to any

one who will clear it. See

Ladies' Persian and patent leather belts 25c to 50c at Dar-

Walter Ingram and Miss Sallie Belle Neel were married last Sunday, Rev. W. N. Warlick officiating.

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Kennedy Bros.

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Call around and let's get acquainted

E. O. Buckalew

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NOTICE.

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> Don't overlook the fact that we are headquarters for your Xmas fruits. Kennedy Bros.

On Monday evening of last week fire destroyed the residence A pair of Buster Brown shoes and contents of Alfred Luce and and a watch and fob will delight Jim Turner, who were living toany boy for a Christmas present. gether three miles north of Daly. Darsey. No one was at home and it is not known how the fire started. On Colorado pea Sunday before the little baby of green alfalfa hay, the best Mr. Luce died, which make his misfortune doubly hard.

Today just as we go press we learn that F. A. Faris & Son have closed their doors in banknuts, a general assortment of ruptcy. We cannot give any

> W. R. Wherry has received the invoice for a lot of men's, women's and children's overcoats. They will arrive in a few days. Call around and see

The COURAGE of CAPTAIN PLUM

BY JAMES OHVER CURWOOD HUISTRATIONS & MAGNUS G.KETINER



SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I.-Capt. Nathaniel Plum of CHAPTER I.—Capt. Nathaniel Flum of the sloop Typhoon, lands secretly on Beaver island. Lake Michigan, stronghold of the Mormons. Obadiah Price, an ec-centric old man, and councilor of the Mormons, who has been spying on him, suddenly confronts Nat and tells him he is expected. Plum insists he has got the wrong man, but Price ignores his protes-tations and bargains for the ammunition on board the sloop. He binds Nat by a tations and bargains for the ammunition on board the sloop. He binds Nat by a solemn oath to deliver a package to Franklin Pierce, president of the United States. He agrees to show Plum the Mormon town, St. James.

CHAPTER II.—Plum sees the frightened face of a young woman in the darkness near Price's cabin. She disappears,
leaving an odor of litacs. It develops
that Plum's visit to Beaver island is to
demand settlement from the king. Strang,
for the looting of his ship some time previously, by men whom he suspected of
being Mormons. Casey, his mate, has
been left in charge of the sloop with orders to bombard St. James if the captain
does not return within a certain to be.
Price takes Nat secretly in the darkness to the king's house, and through a
window he sees Strang and his seven
wives, among whom is the lady of the
lilacs, who, Price says, is the seventh
wife.

CHAPTER III.—Price's actions lead Plum to believe that he is jealous of Strang. Plum calls at the king's office where a young woman warns him that his life is in danger, and urges him to return to his ship. He refuses.

CHAPTER IV. Strang receives Plum ordially, professes great indignation CHAPTER IV.—Strang receives Plum cordially, professes great indignation when he hears the captain's grievance, and promises to investigate and punish the guilty. Plum again receives warning that his life is in danger. He rescues Nell, who is being publicly whipped. The king orders Arbor Croche, his sheriff, and father of Winnsome, the girl who warned Plum of his danger, to pursue the two men and kill them.

CHAPTER V.—Plum and Neil pian to escape on the Typhoon. Plum learns that Jarion, the girl of the Illacs, is Neil's sister. She is not yet married to Strang, but some mysterious influence seems to be forcing her into the union.

CHAPTER VL—Pium suggests carry-ing Marion off to the ship at midnight, and sailing away with her. Neil approves of the idea and they plan to include Winnsome, with whom Neil is in love, in Winnsome, with whom Neil is in love, in the enterprise. Plum discovers that the Typhoon is some. He meets Marion and relieves her anxiety by telling her that Neil has left the island. The thunder of a gun is heard, and Plum declares Casey a gun is heard, and Fund is bombar ing St. James.

CHAPTER VII.—Marion tells him that his ship has been captured by the Mormons, and that the guns are guns of triumph She pleads with him to leave the island and to prevent her brother from returning. She says nothing can save her from Strang. Plum finds Price raving mad. In a lucid interval he tells Nat that Strang is doomed, that armed men the descending on the island.

CHAPTER VIII .- Nat learns from Ma-Strang in obedience to a summons. He gode to the castle to look for her. On the gode to the castle to look for her. On the gode to the castle to look for her. On the gode to the castle to look for her. On the gode to the castle to look for her. On the gode to the castle to the gode to the stand the gode to the stand. He is confronted by Strang.

CHAPTER IX.—They engage in a des-erate fight. Strang's wife interferes te fight. Strang's wife interferes, believes that he has killed the king finds Arbor Croche barring the door and kills him. The avenging the door the mainland descends on St. James. Nell and Nat take part in the battle and the latter is wounded. Strang, whom he shought he had killed, orders Nat thrown ato a dungeon.

Chapter X

The nervous whiteness left Jeekum's face at this cheerful report and he was about to close the door when Nathaniel exhibited a handful of gold pieces in the candle-light and frantically beckoned the man to come in. The jailer's eyes gilttered understandingly and with a backward glance down the lighted corridor he thrust his head and shoulders inside.

"Five hundred dollars for that note!" he whispered. "Five hundred beside the four you've got!"

"Jeekum's a fooi!" said Neil, as the door closed on them. "I feel sorry for "Why?"

"Because he is accepting the money. Don't you suppose that you have been searched? Of course you have-probably before I came, while you were half dead on the floor. Somebody knows that you have the gold."

"Why hasn't it been taken?" For a full milnute-Neil made no answer. And his answer, when it did come, first of all was a laugh.

"By George, that's good!" he cried exultingly. "Of course you were searched—and by Jeekum! He knows, but he hesn't made a report of it to Strang because he believes that in some way he will get hold of the money. He is taking a big risk-but he's winning! I wonder what his first scheme was?"

"Thought I'd bury it, perhaps," vouchsafed Nathaniel, throwing himself upon the straw. "There's room

for two here, Neil." A long shence fell between them. The action during the last few minutes had been too great an effort for Nathaniel and his wound troubled him again. As the pain and his terrible thoughts of Marion's fate returned to him he regretted that they had not ended it all in one last fight at the door. There, at least, they might have died like men instead of waiting to be shot down like dogs, their hands bound behind them, their breasts the failer's outstretched hand. naked to the Mormon rifles. He did not fear death. In more than one

more often for love of the sport than not, but there was a horror in being penned up and tortured by it. He had come to look upon it as a fair enemy, filled, of course, with subterfuge and treachery, which were the laws of the game; but he had never dreamed of it as anything but merciful in its quickness. It was as if his adversary had broken an inviolable pact with him and he sweated and tossed on his bed of straw while Neil sat cool and silent on the bench against the dungeon wall. Sheer exhaustion brought him relief, and after a time he fell asleep.

He was awakened by Neil. The white face of Marion's brother was over him when he opened his eyes and he was shaking him roughly by the shoulder.

"Wake up, Nat!" he cried. "For heaven's sake-wake up!"

He drew back as Nathaniel sleepily roused himself.

"I couldn't help it, Nat," he apologized, laughing nervously. "You've lain there like a dead man for hours. My head is splitting with this damned silence. Come-smoke up! I got some tobacco from our jailer and he loaned

me his pipe." Nathaniel jumped to his feet. fresh candle was burning on the table and in its light he saw that a startling change had come into Neil's face during the hours he had slept. It looked to him thinner and whiter, its lines had deepened, and the young man's eyes were filled with gloomy dejec-

"Why didn't you awaken me sooner?" he exclaimed. "I deserve a good drubbing for leaving you alone here!" He saw fresh food on the table. "It's late-" he began.

"That is our dinner and supper," interrupted Neil. He held his watch close to the candle. "Half past eight!"

"And no word-from-"

"No." The two men looked deeply into

each other's eyes. "Jeekum delivered my note to her at noon when he was relieved," said Neil. "He did not carry it personally, but swears that he saw her receive it. He sent her word that he would call at a certain place for a reply when he was relieved again at five. There was no reply for him-not a word from Winnsome."

Their silence was painful. It was Nathaniel who spoke first, hesitatingly, as though afraid to say what was passing in his mind.

"I killed Winnsome's father, Neil," he said, "and Winnsome has demanded my death. I know that I am condemned to die. But you-" His eyes



"I've Got Word-but No Note!" He Whispered Hoarsely.

Pashed sudden fire. "How do you know that my fate is to be yours? I begin to see the truth. Winnsome has not answered your note because she knows that you are to live and that she will see you soon. Between Winnsome and-Marion you will be saved!"

Neil had taken a piece of meat and was eating it as though he had not heard his companion's words.

"Help yourself, Nat. It's our last opportunity."

"You don't believe-"

"No. Lord, man, do you suppose that Strang is going to let me live to kill him?"

Somebody was fumbling with the

chain at the dungton door. The two men stared as it opened slowly and Jeekum appeared. The

jailer was highly excited. "I've got word-but no note!" he whispered hoarsely. "Quick! Is it

"Yes! Yes!"

Nathaniel dug the gold pieces out of his pockets and dropped them into

T've had my boy watching Winncome Creche's house," continued the game he had played against its hand, sheriff, white with the knowledge of

the risk he was taking. "An hour ago Winnsome came out of the house and went into the woods. My boy followed. She ran to the lake, got into a skiff, and rowed straight out to sea. She is following your instructions!"

In his excitement he betrayed himself. He had read the note.

There came a sound up the corridor, the opening of a door, the echo of voices, and Jeekum leaped back. Nathaniel's foot held the cell door from closing.

"Where is Marion?" he cried softly, his heart standing still with dread. "Great God-what about Marion?"

For an instant the sheriff's ghastly face was pressed against the opening. "Marion has not been seen since morning. The king's officers are searching for her."

The door slammed, the chains clanked loudly, and above the sound of Jeekum's departure Neil's voice rose in a muffled cry of joy.

"They are gone! They are leaving the island!"

Nathaniel stood like one turned into stone. His heart grew cold within him. When he spoke his words were passionless echoes of what had been.

"You are sure that Marion would kill herself as soon as she became the wife of Strang?" he asked.

"Yes-before his vile hands touched more than the dress she wore!" shouted Neil.

"Then Marion is dead," replied Nathaniel, as coldly as though he were talking to the walls about him. "For last night Marion was forced into the harem of the king."

As he revealed the secret whose torture he meant to keep imprisoned in his own breast he dropped upon the pallet of straw and buried his face between his arms, cursing himself that he had weakened in these last hours of their comradeship.

He dared not look to see the effect of his words on Neil. His companion uttered no sound. Instead there was a silence that was terrifying.

At the end of it Neil spoke in a voice so strangely calm that Nathaniel sat up and stared at him through the

"I believe they are coming after us, Nat. Listen!" The tread of many feet came to

them faintly from beyond the corridor wall. Nathaniel had risen. They drew

close together, and their hands clasped.

"Whatever it may bo," whispered Neil, "may God have mercy on our souls!"

"Amen!" breathed Captain Plum.

CHAPTER XI. "The Straight Death."

Hands were fumbling with the chain at the dungeon door.

It opened and Jeekum's ashen face shone in the candle-light. For a moment and for a few moments was in whishis frightened eyes rested on the two pered consultation with the guards his own doom was sealed.

He came in, followed by four men. One of them was MacDougall, the king's whipper. In the corridor were the darkness. Only MacDougall's face was uncovered. The others were hidden behind white masks. The men uttered no sound, but ranged them- a slow negative shake of his head. selves like specters in front of the the crooks of their arms. There was a triumphant leer on MacDougall's lips as he and the jailer approached. As the whipper bound Neil's hands behind his back he hissed in his ear: "This will be a better job than the

whipping, damn you!"

Neil laughed. enough for all in the cell to hear. "MacDougall says this will be a better job than the whipping. He remem- the rear. bers how I thrashed him once when he said something to Marion one day."

Neil was as cool as though acting thaniel's arm. his part in a play. His face was flushed, his eyes gleamed fearlessly defiant. And Nathaniel, looking upon the courage of this man, from under life, felt a twinge of shame at his own nervousness. MacDougall grew black with passion at the taunting reminder of his humiliation and tightened the thongs about Nell's wrists until they cut into the flesh.

"That's enough, you coward!" exclaimed Nathaniel, as he saw the lood start. "Here-take this!"

Like lightning he struck out and his ast fell with crushing force against the side of the man's head. Maclougall toppled back with a hollow roan, blood smurting from his mouth he four piles leveled at his breast. The p

"A pretty puppet to do the king's commands!" he oried. "If there's a man among you let him finish the work!"

Jeekum bad fallen upon his knees beside the whimper. "Great God!" he shricked. "You've

of his head!" There was a sudden commetton in

the corridor. A terrible voice boomed

forth in a roar. "Let me in!" Strang stood in the door. He gave

and bleeding in the mud. Thea he looked at Nathaniel. The eyes of the two men met unflinching. There was no hatred now in the prophet's face.

"Captain Plum, I would give a tenth of my kingdom for a brother like you!" he said calmly. "Here—I will finish the work." He went boldly to the task, and as he tied Nathaniel's arms behind him he added "The vicissitudes of war, Captain Plum, You are a man-and can appreciate what they sometimes mean!"

A few minutes later, gagged and bound, the prisoners fell behind two of the armed guards and at a command from the king, given in a low tone to Jeekum, marched through the corridor and up the short flight of steps that led out of the jail. To Nathaniel's astonishment there was no light to guide them. Candles and lights had been extinguished. What words he heard were spoken in whispers. In the deep shadow of the prison wall a third guard joined the two ahead and like automatons they strode through the gloom with slow, measured step, their rifles held with soldierly precision. Nathaniel glanced over his shoulder and saw three other white masked faces a dozen feet away. The king remained behind.

He shuddered and looked at Neil. His companion's appearance was almost startling. He seemed half a head taller than himself, yet he knew that he was shorter by an inch or two; his shoulders were thrown back, his chin held high, he kept step with the guards ahead. He was marching to his death as coolly as though on parade.

Nathaniel's heart beat excitedly as they came to where the scrub of the forest met the plain. They were taking the path that led to Marion's! Again he looked at Neil. There was no change in the fearless attitude of Marion's brother, no lowering of his head, no faltering in his step. They passed the graves and entered the opening in the forest where lay Marion's home, and as once more the sweet odor of lilac came to him. awakening within his soul all those things that he had tried to stifle that he might meet death like a man, he felt himself weakening, until only the cloth about his mouth restrained the moaning cry that forced itself to his lips. If he had possessed a life to give he would have sacrificed it gladly then for a word with the Mormon king, a last prayer that death might be meted to him here, where eternity would come to him with his glazing eyes fixed to the end upon the home of his beloved, and where the sweetness of the flower that had become a part of Marion herself might soothe the pain of his final moment on earth.

His heart leaped with a hope as a sharp voice from the rear commanded a halt. It was Jeekum. He came up out of the darkness from behind the rear guard, his face still unmasked, men still standing in their last em. ahead. Had Strang, in the virulence brace of friendship. A word of be- of that hatred which he concealed so trayal from them and he knew that well, conceived of this spot to give added torment to death? It was the poetry of vengeance! For the first time Neil turned toward his companion. Each read what the other had other faces, like ghostly shadows in guessed. Neil, who was nearest to the whispering four, turned suddenly toward them and listened. When he looked at Nathaniel again it was with

Jeekum returned quickly and placed door, their cocked rifles swung into himself between them, seizing each by an arm, and the forward guards, pivoting to the left, set off at their steady pace across the clearing. As they entered the denser gloom of the forest on the farther side Nathaniel felt the jailer's fingers tighten about his arm. then relax-and tighten again. A gentle pressure held him back and the "Hear that, Nat?" he asked, loud guards in front gained half a dozen feet. In a low voice Jeekum called for those behind to fall a few paces to

Then came again the mysterious working of the man's fingers on Na-

Was Jeekum signaling to him? He could see Neil's white face still turned stoleally to the front. Evidently nothing had occurred to arouse whose feet had been swept all hope of his suspicions. If the maneuvering of Jeekum's fingers meant anything it was intended for him alone. Action had been the manna of his life. The possibility of new adventure, even in the face of death, thrilled him. He waited, breathless-and the strange pressure o me again, so hard that it hurt bis d

There as no longer a doubt in his mind. king's sheriff wanted to speak to him

And he an afraid of the eyes and

The fins were cautioning him to n the opportunity came. dened and through the The park above their heads the d down upon them. The leading grands were 20 feet away. How far bealing were the others?

A morecut more and they plunged into deap their headn. The figures sheed were more andows. Again the killed him! You've stove in the side | fingers dut into Nathantel's arm, and pressing close to the sheriff he bent

down his hand, A low, quick whisper fell in his ear. "Don't give up hope! Marion-

Winnsome-" The sheriff terked himself erect r a single glance at the man gasping without finishing. Hurried footsteps

had come close to their heels. The rear guards were so near that they could have touched them with their guns. Had some spot of lesser gloom shead betrayed the prisoner's bowed head and Jeekum's white face turned to it? There was a steady pressure on Nathaniel's arm now, a warning, frightened pressure, and the hand that made it trembled. Jeekum feared the worst-but his fear was not greater than the chill of disappointment that came to smother the excited beating of Nathaniel's heart. What had the jailer meant to say? What did he know about Marion and Winnsome, and why had he given birth to new hope in the same breath that he mentioned their names?

His words carried at least one conviction. Marion was alive despite her brother's somber prophecies. If she had killed herself the sheriff would not have coupled her name with Winnsome's in the way he had.

Nathaniel's nerves were breaking with suspense. He stifled his breath to listen, to catch the faintest whisper that might come to him from the white faced man at his side. Each passing moment of silence added to his desperation. He squeezed the sheriff's hand in his arm, but there was no responding signal; in a patch: of thick gloom that almost concealed the figures ahead he pressed near to him and lowered his head againand Jeekum pushed him back fiercely, with a low curse.

They emerged from the forest and the clear starlight shone down upon them. A little distance off lay the lake in shimmering stillness. Nathaniel looked boldly at the sheriff now, and as his glance passed beyond him he was amazed at the change that had come over Neil. The young man's head was bowed heavily upon his breast, his shoulders were hunched forward, and he walked with a listless, uneven step. Was it possible that his magnificent courage had at last given way?

A hundred steps farther they came to the beach and Nathaniel saw a boat at the water's edge with a single figure guarding it. Straight to this Jeekum led his prisoners. For the first time he spoke to them aloud.

"One in front, the other in back," he said.

For an instant Nathaniel found himself close beside Neil and he prodded kim sharply with his knee. His com-



"Don't Give Up Hope-Marion-Winnsome-"

panion did not lift his head. He made no sign, gave no last flashing comradeship with his eyes, but climbed into the bow of the boat and sat down with his chin still on his chest, like a man lost in stupor.

Nathaniel followed him, scarcely believing his eyes, and sat himself in the stern, leaning comfortably against the knees of the man who took the tiller. He felt a curious thrill pass through him when he discovered a moment later that this man was Jeekum. Two men seized the oars amidships. A fourth, with his rifle across his knees, sat facing Neil.

For the first time Nathaniel found himself wondering what this voyage meant. Were they to be rowed far down the shore to some secret fastness where no other ears would hear the sound of the avenging rifles, and where, a few inches under the forest mold, their bodies would never be discovered? Each stroke of the oars added to the remoteness of this possibility. The boat was heading straight out to sea. Perhaps they were to meet a less terrible death by drowning, an end which, though altogether unpleasant, held something comforting in it for Captain Plum. Two hours passed without pause in the steady labor of the men at the oars. In those hours not a word was spoken. The two men amidships held no communication. The guard in the bow moved a little now and then only to relieve his cramped limbs. Nell was absolutely motionless, as though he had ceased to breathe. Jeekum uttered not a whisper.

(To an Continued)

Mr. D. C. Smith, who came to Grapeland a year or two ago from Kansas and purchased land west of town, left Saturday for Arketisas City, Kan , where he will e his home for awhile.

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Augusta News.

Augusta, Texas, Dec. 11 .- On ast Sunday evening we dropped in to get a note of our Sunday school and also to lend a hand in arranging for a Christmas tree. There was a good attendance and the interest manifested in the Sunday school shows that there has been some good work done and that the seed sown has been placed upon good ground and will eventually bring forth good fruit. The singing was really good-a great improvement over what it lowing: Symmetry, proportion, curvwas a year ago. This is evidence of the good work Rev. F. M. Trimble is doing in our midst Allow us to say that we believe he is a good man, his intentions are worthy and are clothed in that spirit that leads to better things in the hereafter. His ideals are founded upon honor and of high character. Give him the moral support he deserves and he will then be able to accomplish something that the country at large will appreciate.

By a unanimous vote it was decided to have a Christmas tree. The different committees were appointed and everything will be pushed forward to make the tree a success. Miss Mary Belle Holcomb, Mrs. W. H. Long and Mrs Walter Newman will act as artists in decorating the tree. These ladies are very fasticious in their tastes, hence we expect something rare and beautiful. A hearty welcome to all who will honor us with their presence.

W. H. Holcomb and daughter, Miss Mary Belle, have returned from Galveston where they have been attending confirence. They report a very splendid time. J. L. Sheridan and W. H. Long, representatives of the Masonic Lodge of this place to the

Grand Lodge at Waco, are at home again, and report the best time of their lives. Nearly a thousand masons were in attendance and the lessons they were taught were highly appreciated and doubtless will prove beneficial in the future.

among the people preparing for your application. the holidays.

Health is fine and all is quiet on the San Pedro to-night.

Old Gray.

Happiness is but another name for perfect health. Use Prickly Ash Bitters and be happy. It keeps the vital organs healthy and well regulated.

A. S. Porter Special Agent.

Negro Accidentally Killed.

Crockett, Texas, December 9. -Earle King, a negro boy about 10 years of age, was shot and instantly killed here last evening. a full charge of shot from a shot gun striking him in the face. The shot was fired by Clifton Collins, another negro boy, who claims the shooting was accidental After a full investigation of the killing no arrests were made.

Keep the bowels active if you would preserve your health. A dose of Prickly Ash Bitters now and then does this to perfection.

A. S. Porter Special Agent.

The Commissioners Court have purchased a road grader for Houston County and same has been shipped from Dallas to Commissioner Murchison at this place. As soon as it arrives the roads around here will be graded.

BEAUTY AND HEALTH ARE ONE

The First Impossible Without the Second-History Proves This to Be the Truth.

Health gives development, says the Herald of the Golden Age, and harmonious development is beauty. Every vegetable and every animal is beautiful after its own type of beauty, when it is most perfectly developed, in man or woman the exact development of every part and function being the highest possible

Ideal beauty must have the folature, color and expression. Especially in woman does one look for these elements. She is the highest type of beauty on earth. Her form is molded and finished in exquisite perfection. Beauty is revealed in her sweet voice; sparkles on herbrow; adorns her maternity; shines in her virtuous life; breathes in her Money pious spirit, and flashes in her loving eyes. No animal on earth has a better proportioned body, features and turves more symmetrical, color more defined, movement more grace-

As long as a woman has health, she can have beauty. Cleopatra, the charming Egyptian, was over thirty years of age when she fascinated Mark Antony. Helen of Troy, whose beauty caused such a long and bloody war, had passed her fortieth year when Paris fell in love with her and carried her from her home. Ah forty Madame Recamier was regarded as the most beautiful woman in Europe.

Yes, beauty is the greatest indication of superb health! All who desire it should study the laws of health, for this is the only way it can be obtained. It is to be sought, admired and loved.

Deep-seated coughs that resist ordinary remedies require both external and internal treatment, If you buy a dollar bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup you get the two remedies you need for the price of one. There is Herrick's Red Pepper Porous Plaster for the chest, free with each bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter.

If you want to your wife, father, mother or sister a nice Xmas present, present Dock Trimble, who has been in them with a W. O. W. policy. Dallas for some time, is again at Only a few more days till the cheap rates will be off. See ST. LOUIS. - MISSOUR. There is a general hustle Clewis at once, and give him

Elected Officers.

At their regular meeting a few nights ago, the K. of Ps. elected the following officers.

W. H. Richards, C. C. C. L. Haltom, V. C. M. L. Clewis, Prelate. J. R. Richards, K. R. & S. Olan Davis, M. A. Jack Spence, I. G. O. W. Shoemaker, O. G. Geo. Calhoun, M. W. A. S. Porter, M. F. D. N. Leaverton, M. E.

IT DIDN'T GO



Freddy-Did you bet on the baseball game, Willie?

Willie-Why, I was going to, but when I offered to bet a husky fellow two ice cream sodas to a box of caramels he just gave me a rude stare.

Sick Headache

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Why suffer with severe headaches, have fainting spells or be fretful? Your liver needs attention. Try Herbine the great liver regulator.

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FINDS IT TO BE A SPLENDID REMEDY. be a splendid remedy.

I heartily recommend it to those suffering from coughs and colds.

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ng cough. Three Sizes, 25c, 50c and \$1.00

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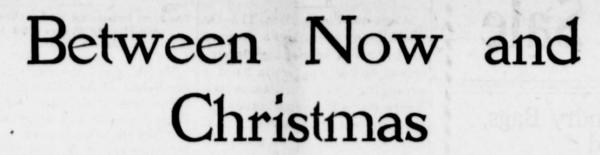
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A S Porter



There is just eight shopping days. To get the most out of you gift buying BEGIN RIGHT NOW! Of course when the rush and haste comes this store will lead in giving the best service that rushed conditions will permit, but it will be better for all concerned to BEGIN NOW. We will put your purchases away and deliver them any time. The tendency is toward useful, practical presents that the recipient will appreciate and which will benefit them through the entire year. We suggest here a list of useful presents for Men, Women and Children:

Shoes

There is nothing that will delight the eceiver more than a pair of shoes, and our line includes fine dressy, classy shoes for

> the entire family. Ladies' patent leather shoes in button and lace, \$2.00, 2.50, 3.00, 3.50

and 4.00 Ladies fine kid shoes in lace \$2.50 Men's dress shoes, kid, gun metal and patent leather at 2 00' 2.50 3 00, 3 50, 4 00 and

Men's fine button shoes in patent \$5.00 Children's shoes all prices, styles and popular leathers.

Men's Clothing

All \$16.50, 17 50 and 18.00 high-grade, hand tailored suits...... \$15.00

At this sharp reduction in prices you can buy a high grade suit at what you commonly pay for an ordinary one. These are strictly high grade hand tailored suits and all of this season's make and in the most approved styles.

Overcoats

Nothing will please a man more nor give him as much real comfort as an overcoat From our line of overcoats and cravenette coats you will find one to suit you. Each

\$7.50 10.00 12.50 AND 15.00 Nobby Neckwear



Whatis moreacceptable for a practical gift than a pretty tie? we are snowing them in a bewild ering as sortment of he latest novelties, put up in pretty X .

mas boxes, 25c 35c 50c AND 75c Half Hose

Big range of plain and fancy colors in beautiful mercerized weaves at a

Silk half hose, line class, red, linen heel and toe, black, navy, red, 50c Silk half hose, fine classy goods with

Men's Sweater Coats

Make exceptional Christmas presents, and our showing includes the very best yalues in light and heavy weaves of wool and wool mixed garments that are warm and dressy, colors whith, gray brown. and white with gray border, 1 00, 1 50, 2 00 and

Suspenders



Presiden t tersus. pend ers on the market in holiday box - 50c

Men's Hats.

The correct shapes and colors. Your hat must be right if you are stylishly dressed. We have the following hats in novelty and staple shapes, black, white and all the new shades:

Our Best 2 00 Hat	\$1.50
Buck's Sun Hat	\$2.00
The Davis Hat	\$3.00
Stetson hats, all styles	\$4.00

Christmas Clothes for Boys

There is nothing more appropriate. Give him a new suit and he will be beaming over with joy, as it is human nature for us to want new clothes. You will find in our line pretty patterns in worsted and casmeres in well tailored, stylish suits, 3 to

\$1.75 2.50 AND 5.00 Boys' and Children's Hats

An attractive showing of pretty shapes in the new color- \$1.00 AND \$1.50

Mufflers for Christmas

For men and ladies in a g d assortment of pretty colors in fancy 25c AND 50c weaves at..... 25c

Christmas Dress Goods

Come here for your Christmas dress, or if you want to purchase a practical gift for a friend or relative you will find our line complete, including a big variety of weaves in wool and cotton fabrics.

Mercerized Pongee at Half wool Panama Hunshed inches wide, black, navy, tan, red 30c Half wool Panama finished cloth, 36 36 inch Mohair, in all colors, a yard 39C AND 5UC

Special dress patterns in all wool plain and fancy serge, colors navy, black, cardinal and mulberry, fine classy goods that will delight the recipient as a Christmas pattern, per \$5.00 5.75 AND 6.50

Zephyr Knit Scarfs



In white. black and fancy color combinations. These warm practical articles make suita ble Christmas pres-

50c, 75c and \$1.00 Silk Scarfs in a wide range of pretty plain and fancy patterns at 50c, 75c, 1.00, 1.25 and up

Coats

While our line of ladies coats is considerably broken, yet we \$3.25 to 5.00 have speciaal values at \$3.25 to

Misses' and Children's Coats and Capes

Our stock is still complete and we are showing some very pretty styles and the prices have been reduced considerably below their real value.

\$2.25, 3.00, 3.25 and up Children's Bear Skin Coats

Children's pretty bear skincoats \$2.00 in navy blue and white, each \$2.00

Ladies Sweaters

Ladies sweaters in red and gray. 1.50 Ladies sweaters 1 navy and red... 1.75 Ladies double breasted, all wool white sweaters 2.50

Ladies Thermo sweaters, 33 inches 2.50 long, red..... 2.50

Misses white sweaters with red bord- 1 ers, 1.00 and...

Petticoats.

Handsome black petticoats with deep embroidered and sheared flounce, full cut and well tailored, made of good f grade cotton taffeta, each

Coronation taffeta petticoats, has the swish and rustle of silk, deep co sheared flounce, each

Same cloth with elaborately \$2.50 embroicered flounce, each..... Black Silk taffeta petticoats, well made flounce, special at. \$3.00 and 5.00

Handkerchiefs

A big assortment of ladies embroid. ered hand. kerchie fs at 5c, 10c, and 25c.

Ladies' pure linen

plain hemstitched handker dhiefs,

Shopping Bags

A great big 10-inch shopping bag, with leather covered frame, looks like a 1.00 bag for

Elegant leather shopping bag with coin purse, leather covered frame,

Others at \$1.50, 2.00 and 2.50

Trunks and Suit Cases

High-grade popular priced trunks that will delight any member of the family as a Christmas present at

\$3.50, 4.00, 4.50 up to 7.00

24 inch leather suit cases made of good cow hide leather, heavy leather corners, brass catches and lock, cloth lined, straps straps all around, light tan color, \$5.00 in body and shirt fold in lid, two leather

Holiday Rugs

Velvetrugs, 27x54 inches, in Oriental and floral designs extra 1 weight Axminster rugs, heavy quality, 27x 60 ins., beautiful Oriental, floral and scroll 2.50 Axminster heavy body wool surfac animal, Or atal floral and roll

patterns, each





