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JUSTICE TO BE DEMANDED IN CASE OF COOK

REPRESENTATIVE HINSHAW WILL INTRODUCE RESOLUTION ASKING FOR INFORMATION.

CONGRESS IS ASKED TO AID CONDUCTOR

National Order Exerting Every Influence In Behalf of American Situation In Nicaragua Bad as Ever.

Publishers' Press. Washington, Dec. 30.—Immediately upon congress reconvening Representative Hinshaw of Nebraska will introduce a resolution calling upon the state department to furnish information to congress upon the subject of whether or not James Cook, the American railroad conductor, now in jail in Mexico, is to receive a fair trial. The draft of the resolution that has been prepared by Mr. Hinshaw asks the department specifically if the Mexican government has made any promise or has given any assurance to this end.

Department Takes Steps.
The Order of Railroad Conductors of this country, to which order Cook belongs, is making a hard fight to secure congressional action on his case. It is learned unofficially that the state department has already taken steps just as far as the proprieties of the case will permit in behalf of Cook, and that the information now with the department is that Cook is being accorded the same treatment that is accorded to citizens of Mexico under similar conditions. The matter can easily, in the opinion of diplomats, be fanned into an ugly condition and a vigorous fight may be made against the passage of the resolution.

LOOKS LIKE MORE TROUBLE.
Washington, Dec. 30.—The state department is almost ready to admit the way things do move in Nicaragua "do beat the Dutch." It was thought that when Zelaya made his getaway that a sort of denaturalized trail of blood, easily removed, would follow. But this hasn't been the case by a long shot.

It now appears, according to advices that have been received at the state department, there has been no abatement of military activities in the storm-tossed republic, and that there is real bustle and stir, especially at Managua.

Has Ammunition Ready.
Today's dispatches announce that General Toledo, who conducted Zelaya's campaign in the Greystown section, and who is supposed to have possession of the ten thousand stands of arms that Zelaya left in the country when he had a real exit, is not at Managua, and in the capacity of minister of war under the Madrid administration, is planting these guns where he can use them—when he gets his army whipped into shape.

This state of affairs is causing some wryness in the American department of state, and it is given out straight 'st out' the Madrid regime ousts Toledo this country will not recognize the new president of Nicaragua.

Madrid Recognized?
Despite real efforts made to get the information this country is still in the dark as to whether Mexico or any of the other Latin-American countries have formally recognized the Madrid government. Ministers and diplomatic agents representing America are gravitatingly economical in the use of cables.

Zelaya Calls on Diaz.
Mexico City, Dec. 30.—Senor Zelaya, who still claims to be the only blow-in-the-bottle president that Nicaragua has, today called upon President Diaz at Chapultepec. He was accompanied by a half-score of lackies, and the call was a state function. Wine was served.

Urges Peace Negotiations.
Washington, Dec. 30.—Senor Enrique Clay Creel today issued a statement in which he urges negotiations for a lasting peace in Nicaragua, and he also announces that his government, Mexico, will stand by the Madrid regime. Should Senor Creel be speaking with authority, it may cause a coolness to pervade the diplomatic atmosphere affecting this country and Mexico.

Wade in New York.
Publishers' Press. New York, Dec. 30.—R. J. Wade, of San Angelo, is here on business. He is stopping at the Astor House.

PRESIDENT'S BROTHER IS OWNER OF PIRATES.

Publishers' Press. Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 30.—It developed today that Charles P. Taft, half-brother of the president and a son-in-law of old man Sinton, who made a mint in Texas, is the real owner of the Philadelphia National Baseball team.

The deal whereby there was a change in ownership was made about a month ago, but the name of the purchaser was not revealed until today. Though having a face full of gray whiskers and enough wrinkles on his brow to make it look as if it had been plowed with a disc harrow, Charles P. Taft is a real 18-carat "sport," and he has on more than one occasion demonstrated that he can shout "rotten!" at the umpire in a voice that is vigorous and has none of the childish treble of old age in it. Mr. Taft will not be actively associated with the management of the team, but it has been given out that the "old man" wants an outfit that can win the pennant rag.

President Taft Attends Wedding and Kisses Bride

HIS NIECE MARRIED TO SEATTLE MILLIONAIRE.

Ceremony Takes Place With Much Pomp and Circumstance and Police Guard the Outside.

Publishers' Press. New York, Dec. 30.—With much pomp and circumstance and in the presence of a select but distinguished gathering, including the president himself, Miss Louise Taft, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Taft, and a niece of William Howard Taft, president, at 4 o'clock this afternoon was married to George H. Snowden, a millionaire of Seattle, Washington. The ceremony took place at the Taft home here.

While there was plenty of plush and sparkles seen at the wedding and everything possible that a plumb up-to-now society could suggest was done to make the occasion a rather brilliant function, at the same time, owing to a recent death in the Taft family, the number of guests was quite limited. There was a perfect crush outside, however, and the throng collected through curiosity was disappointed in not getting to more than catch a glimpse of the bridal pair. Fifty extra policemen kept a passage-way in front of the mansion.

It is stated that this is a genuine love match. The bride and her new husband have known each other for years and for years. Snowden is in the lumber business in Washington and occupies about the same position in that section that John Henry Kirby occupies in Texas.

President Taft is said to have kissed the bride five times, after the ceremony.

Receipts 7,447 Bales.

PASSENGER SHIP ADRIFT.

Southern Pacific Liner is Reported Disabled at Sea.

Publishers' Press. New York, Dec. 30.—The Southern Pacific line passenger steamship, Excelsior, plying between here and New Orleans, is reported disabled at sea, word being brought here today by wireless. She is drifting off the North Carolina coast.

EARTHQUAKE IN OREGON.

Felt at Portland at 5 O'Clock in the Afternoon.

Fire at Galveston.

Publishers' Press. Galveston, Tex., Dec. 30.—Fire on the wharf front today destroyed 2500 bales of cotton, a warehouse and scorched the paint off two tramp steamers here. Lots of insurance protects every one except the underwriters.

Temporary Injunction Restrains Commission

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 30.—The Illinois Central and the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley railroads today obtained a temporary injunction against the Mississippi Railroad Commission restraining that body from enforcing its recent order reducing the cotton rate between intrastate points in Mississippi approximately one-third. This order was to have become effective January 1.

The petition for the injunction sets forth that the proposed rates are confiscatory and would not permit a fair return to be made on the investments in railroads in this state. The petition further cites that unless relief from the order could be obtained the petitioners would be forced to sustain a reduction of not less than a million dollars annually.

Sensational Finish to the Cotton Market

New York, Dec. 30.—The sensational finish of the cotton market today have the same bears on the glum proper.

With May selling at 16.46 in the last hour of trading the bulls demonstrated that they had an organization that is bear-proof at every corner and there is no telling to what point cotton will eventually be forced. Cotton brokers make no bones about predicting that this year will close with the highest prices for the staple that have been paid in 30 years. And it is generally agreed that not more than 60 per cent of this year's crop has left the farmers' hands.

BEASTLY WEATHER IN NEW YORK; GIVES PEARY A BAD COLD

EXPLORER IS WHEEZY AND VERY UNCOMFORTABLE.

Even Old-Fashioned Remedy of Mustard Won't Do—This Is the Worst Ever; Worse Than Arctic.

Publishers' Press. New York, Dec. 30.—After having braved the Arctic circle and having sniffed air so cold that it could almost be broken with the hands, Commander Peary is today sneezing like a pet Daschund pup and is wowing in three languages, including Esquimo—which ought to be elastic enough to fit the case—that New York has the most beastly weather right now that any place in the world ever had.

Commander Peary has a cold for fair. It is a sort of combination of rhinitis, laryngitis and tonsillitis. He is wheezy and thoroughly uncomfortable. Even the old-fashioned remedy of a hot mustard bath has failed thus far to break up the cold. Every friend that Commander Peary has, and he has a sight more than was the case this time a month ago, has a remedy that is offered the snow-walker, with a trial he would be until next fall testing them out. He coughs in a basso profundo key, but he wheezes in a lyric tenor voice.

BATTLE OVER FOOTBALL.

Chinese and Japanese After International Game Break Skulls.

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—The Emergency hospital is filled with battered Chinese and Japanese as a result of a fight between the two nationalities at the football grounds.

Last year the Chinese won the football game, so this year the Japanese gathered good players from various cities of the coast and won easily by 10 to 0.

Then trouble began. When the result was finally announced one of the Chinese players seized the ball, which was to be given to the winning team as a trophy, and tried to escape. Instantly the Japanese raised a warning cry and the two nationalities were at arms. The Chinese player was knocked down and in a few seconds a score of men on both sides were knocked out.

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The moving picture man caught the entire picture, and he announced before he left here that he would pay Mrs. Mulhall's family an additional royalty on the receipts of the film, on account of the tragic ending. This is the first time in the history of moving picture shows that a real death has ever been caught on the films.

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Texas Buyers Have Secured Much Seed From That State, Says A. D. Allen.

Publishers' Press. Little Rock, Dec. 30.—Col. A. D. Allen, president of the Interstate Cotton Seed Crushers' Association, which he vigorously denies is any part of a thing that resembles a trust, declares, in an interview here, that all the cotton seed mills in Arkansas will be closed by the middle of January and he sets forth that the scarcity of cotton seed and the high prices being demanded for the seed by the owners is the cause of this prospective step. Col. Allen says he is not speaking officially for all the mills, but that he is speaking by the cards, just the same. Several Texas mills have had buyers in Arkansas this season and the presence of these outside purchasers has greatly perturbed the market for seed, besides drawing off a big portion of the supply for the mills in this state.

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Taft Definition of Booze Doesn't Suit Mr. Abbott

CONFERENCE TO BE HELD WITH ATTORNEY HOUGH.

"Poison Squad" for Making Tests of Whiskey is Among the Things That May Be.

Publishers' Press. Austin, Dec. 30.—According to advices received here today by State Pure Food Commissioner Abbott, W. M. Hough, attorney for the rectifiers, whose headquarters are in St. Louis, is coming to Austin to argue and the like with Mr. Abbott over the latter's ruling relative to when is whiskey whiskey. Commissioner Abbott has held that whiskey isn't whiskey when it is made in a barrel instead of in a distillery, and this ruling is not only squarely against the one made by President Taft, but it is also calculated to put the people who sell a combination of high spirits, licorice and molasses under the name "Velvet Dew," and other euphonious titles, plumb out of business in grand old Texas.

WARSHIP LAUNCHES OVERTURNED BY ICE; 20 SAILORS DUCKED

GOT GOOD WETTING, BUT NONE ARE DROWNED.

Hudson Waters Closed and Shipping is Greatly Handicapped by Cold Snap.

Publishers' Press. New York, Dec. 30.—This city is in the grip of the coldest weather of this winter, and there is shivering and shaking in wholesale lots all over town. The janitors who quit their jobs this morning before they had the furnaces roaring got enough "curses upon you" thrown at them to send them a million years in the regions dim.

During the day four launches belonging to the battleship Wisconsin, Minnesota and Kansas, anchored in the harbor here, were overturned by floating fresh ice in the Hudson and twenty sailors got a ducking that was thoroughly wetting. None of the men were drowned, and more's the wonder, for five of them had to get thawed out before they could get their clothes off, after they had reached ship. The wet garments had turned to ice.

The river is filled with floating ice, and shipping is greatly handicapped. The professional alder of the poor folks is in a seventh heaven.

Six Freeze in Pittsburg.

Wife Shot While Reading.

THE WEATHER.

Washington, Dec. 30.—For Texas: Warmer, except in extreme north portion. A general abatement of the cold wave will take place in Georgia, Mississippi and Alabama.

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FRIDAY MORNING, DEC. 31, 1909.

MISGUIDED.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram by means of a not altogether unselfish scheme, made arrangements to be the host of a big theater party at the Greenwall opera house in Fort Worth when "The Servant in the House" was the bill. With a streak of "yellow choleraism" worthy of Mr. "Hoirst," the Star-Telegram extended invitations to the various ministers of Fort Worth to witness this great moral play. The following are excerpts from replies made to the invitations by two ministers of that city:

Dr. William Caldwell, pastor First Presbyterian church: "I cannot go. Every one goes to the theaters, but public sentiment does not permit ministers to go." Rev. H. D. Knickerbocker, pastor First Methodist church: "It's against the rules of our church and I couldn't think of going. I have never heard of 'The Servant in the House,' but I am sure it is wicked, because the devil is in all plays."

The Press-News cites these two ministers, both clean lived, honorable and worthy men, merely to draw a little lesson.

Dr. Caldwell shackles his opinion in deference to an unnatural public sentiment, or at least to what he believes to be a public sentiment. Dr. Caldwell evidently wants to see "The Servant in the House," but Dr. Caldwell lacks the courage to fly in the face of mock proprieties.

Dr. Caldwell is to be pitied. Dr. Knickerbocker confesses ignorance of the lessons taught in the great play, but this ignorance finds reflection in condemnation.

Dr. Knickerbocker is to be condemned, or at least censured. Theaters know no defenders. Theaters are good or bad as plays are good or bad. It is just as unjust to condemn all plays as it is to condemn the marriage alliance, because forsooth one can cite the alarming increase in the number of divorces.

Dr. Caldwell, you are wrong. The public is honest. Being honest, the public wants nothing more of the ministers of the land than honesty. Be frank with your church members. But you cannot be frank with them unless you are honest with yourself. If you think any given action is proper, how to the line of rectitude. To do less is at least not honest. To do more will not be asked of you.

Dr. Knickerbocker, you are wrong; you are very wrong. All plays are not wicked. Some of the great lessons of life are seen in plays and can only be learned in plays. "The Servant in the House" is a play of clean plot, of elevating thought and of inspirational tone and color. Take some of the old favorites, Dr. Knickerbocker, and declare them wicked. Take "The Young Mrs. Winthrop," and say that you find the lesson learned in that play the agency of the devil. Take "Sweet Lavender" and make the same charge. Take "The Climax," "M'liss," "The Christian," "The Gladiator," "Quo Vadis" and scores of others and dare say they are agencies of hell!

Let us go further, Dr. Knickerbocker. Take "Hamlet," the greatest description of human tragedy to be found outside of Holy Writ. Take "Romeo and Juliet," the greatest love story in the world, other than the vicarious offering on Calvary's hill. Take "The Tempest," the most lyrical of all plays, and "Herod," Stephen Phillips' masterpiece, and say these are lures to burn human brands! You should remember, Dr. Knickerbocker, that these great contributions to literature were made via the theaters. They are teachers of lessons and as such they teach lessons that ring as true to the Divine scheme of things entire as you preach from your pulpit!

The world is tired and is tiring of aimless tirades against things that can be corrupted. The Press-News would welcome the day when the church feels strong enough to pass

judgment without condemning the innocent in order that the guilty may be punished. It is an axiomatic fact of law that it is better that nine guilty men should escape than one innocent man should be punished. The Press-News declines to permit any one to interpret the word of God so that He is less merciful, less charitable than the word of those carved in His image.

Let us season our actions with common sense. Let us temper our thoughts with rationality. Because a play is bad is no sign the theater in toto is given over to the devil. Good plays are not plentiful enough. When we do get a good one, don't let us besmirch our characters by branding it as the work of the hosts of hell. It's not only foolish, but it is also puerile.

Plant trees. Pay your poll tax. Pave Chadbourne street. How would Don Louis J. Wortham do for governor? He lives in Fort Worth.

The mercury at St. Louis got below zero. Gee, ain't this balmy air just great down this way!

The way Col. Lee Russell buys steers would indicate that he has gotten an inside tip the duty on hides will stay put.

Zelaya says that Knox is not his judge. No, it would appear at this distance Knox is a sort of bete noir, to dive in the back of a dictionary for an expression.

The present rivers and harbors committee will ask congress to appropriate \$60,000,000 for rivers and harbors. My, my, how our national drink bill is getting bigger and bigger.

Now comes the report that the United States never set a price on the head of Col. Gordon, recently appointed senator from Mississippi. Aw, what's the dif, anyhow? If the reward ever was offered it was never claimed.

It is now said there's no hope for Morse, the convicted thief who was caught with a bulgy bag full of money. Neither is there any hope of the people he robbed getting back any of the swag.

Representative W. O. Stamps, who just happened to be on the penitentiary investigating committee, lambasts Judge Gill for daring to differ with that committee. Oh, very well. Stamps is a "lasses seller and he usually sells a "gill" at a time.

Judge Grubbs of the Grubbs Self Help, Moral Elevating and Sound Denoting College of Campbell, has been presented with a charm. Here's hoping that he will "charm" away his hallucinations about the Texas Conference of Education with this gift.

Gov. Campbell is upholding State Pure Foodist Abbott in the latter's ruling as to what it takes to make whiskey whiskey. Pure Foodist Abbott in his ruling holds that what Taft doesn't know about whiskey will fill a volume, or something more appreciative. The Press-News is not in a position to decide the merits of this heated and liquid controversy. We trust that Gov. Campbell is, but we fear if he undertakes to elevate the brand of stuff served at Austin he will endeavor to use such an act as the basis for running for the third term for governor.

THE KAISER'S MERRY PALM.

Czar Ferdinand's Expanse of White Uniform Provokes War Cloud.

Berlin, Dec. 30.—An amusing story is being circulated in court circles for the authenticity of which the authors profess ability to vouch.

Among the guests at the castle of Brunswick for the Duke Regent's wedding were the Kaiser and Czar Ferdinand of Bulgaria. After dinner, when everybody was in the best of spirits, an orchestra began a serenade in front of the palace.

Ferdinand, to see the crowd, leaned well out of a window. Being anything but a small man, he presented such a large expanse of white uniform that the Kaiser was unable to resist the temptation and brought down his unmuffled fist thereon with none too gentle application.

Ferdinand, far from joining in the Kaiser's burst of laughter, looked grave and murmured something like, "I must ask your majesty to abstain from such practical jokes."

The Kaiser, after a moment's hesitation, left the room. The relations between the two monarchs remained strained for the remainder of the visit, Ferdinand leaving Brunswick without bidding farewell to the Kaiser.

Teacher—When water becomes ice, what is the great change that takes place? Bright Pupil—The change in price.—Red Hen.

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WEIGHING OF MAIL ON TEXAS ROADS

WORK DONE EVERY FOUR YEARS BEGINS IN FEBRUARY.

Formerly Sundays Were Omitted From Weighing, But Paid for on Basis of Week Days.

Now that the heavy rush is over for the holidays, the men in the mail department will have to make ready for the quadrennial weighing of mail, which will be started all over Texas on every train carrying mail, in February or March. It is thought that it will begin in February. Mail weighing is going on in some state all the time, and it is weighed in each state once every four years. To do this work a large number of men are employed.

Mail weighing takes up a period of about ninety days unless the railroad company is dissatisfied; then more time is given, until they are satisfied. The weighing takes place on every regulation mail train and that which arrives on mixed trains or those that have no weigher is weighed at the depot on the baggage room scales.

The weights of the different days will be added together and the total divided by ninety, to secure the average weight carried on one day. On the basis of this average the railways will be paid for the next four years. Under the old order of things the ninety day total would have been divided by seventy-five, to give the average. Sundays always were omitted in securing the average and then the railroads were paid for carrying

mail on Sunday the same as for other days. That was before Congressman Victor Murdock of the Eighth Kansas District, took hold of the matter. Mr. Murdock demonstrated that it was palpably unfair to the government for the postoffice department to omit Sundays in adding up the total and then allow the railroads credit for carrying the average amount of mail on Sunday the same as other days. He could not induce Congress to take any action, however, and finally went directly to former President Roosevelt with the matter. Mr. Roosevelt took it up with the postoffice department and the system was changed. In this way it is estimated the government saves \$6,000,000 a year.

The old system of mail weighing originated at a time when the railways operated trains six days a week, only. Originally the system was fair, but after the railways commenced the seven day service they were paid for carrying the mail on seven days a week, while the average weight still was estimated on a six day basis.

REALTY DEALS.

Sales of Land and Sheep Reported From Irion County.

Bob Campbell, of the firm of Wood & Campbell, real estate dealers of Mertzon, who is in the city on business, reports the sale of 2400 sheep by his firm for Will Noelke to Dick Carruthers, at \$4 around. The same firm also sold to John Carruthers nine sections of land in Pecos county for \$3500.

Mr. Campbell also reports the sale of two acres of land adjoining Mertzon to a Mr. Beasley for \$500. The purchaser says he intends erecting a planing mill on the ground.

Returns From Trip.

J. R. Schmidt has resumed his duties in the offices of M. F. Temple, chief of construction of the Santa Fe City-San Angelo Santa Fe extension, following a brief visit to Tensile, Texas.

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BRIGHTMANS ARE IN REVOLUTION ZONE

TWO BROTHERS OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN NICARAGUA.

Each is at the Head of a Mining Company—No Fears for Their Safety.

Although it has been several weeks since he heard from them, Prosecuting Attorney L. H. Brightman has little fear for the safety of his two brothers, R. E. and L. R. Brightman, who are engaged in the mining business in Nicaragua.

"It is hardly possible that they will become involved in any of Nicaragua's political troubles and their lives are therefore not endangered as I understand it," answered Mr. Brightman, to The Press-News' inquiry.

Mr. Brightman is perhaps interested in the Nicaraguan situation more so than any other in San Angelo, and he reads thoroughly all the newspaper reports. He was asked if he could not get some country's affairs concerning that country's affairs through one of his brothers.

"Not a word about the revolution or other political movements in Nicaragua has ever reached me through my brothers," he said. "They dare not mention those facts in their letters to the United States, for it would doubtless arouse suspicion in case the mail was intercepted, and trouble would result."

R. E. Brightman has been a resident of Nicaragua for more than five years. He is at the head of the Comanche Gold Mining and Milling company, which is located about 150 miles from Bluefields, on the Wawa river.

L. R. Brightman, the other brother, has been in Nicaragua but a few months. He is at the head of the Texas and Nicaragua Gold company, whose plant will begin operations within the next few months. It is a new concern.

READY FOR FOOD LAW FIGHT.

Indiana Officials Say They Have Evidence Against Benzene of Soda.

Indianapolis, Dec. 30.—James Bingham, attorney general, and H. E. Barnard, State Food and Drug Commissioner, have virtually completed taking depositions preparatory to the trial of the suits filed in the federal

court, Indiana district, by the Williams Brothers Company of Detroit, and the Curtice Brothers Company of Rochester, N. Y., to prevent the State Board of Health from enforcing that provision of the state food law directed against the sale in the state of goods preserved with benzoate of soda in any amount.

Virtually all of the last four weeks has been given by these officials to this work, including depositions in Maine, Connecticut, New York, Washington, D. C. and Chicago. Mr. Bingham says that he is ready for the trial, which he believes will be held in January.

The latest depositions were taken in Chicago this week from helpers who assisted the referee board under Prof. Long, in experiments, on the results of which the board declared that there were no grounds for the declaration that the use of benzoate in the amount allowed by the federal authorities, one-tenth of 1 per cent, is harmful. Mr. Bingham will contest the finding of the board on the ground that the experiments were not properly made.

"You say it was your 'double' that stole the chickens?" "Yassah." "You know I gave you thirty days once for chicken stealing." "Ah remembah, sah." "Well, this time you got sixty. That's the court's double."—Philadelphia Ledger.

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OUT FOR EARLY WALK; THINK HIM WILD MAN

Prof. Smithsonian Crazy? Not If He Knows It—Takes Morning Constitutionals.

According to several—and several means a few more than a mere few—people in this vicinity, there's a wild man in these parts. He is known to be wild by his queer actions and this belief is intensified by means that if followed to the last analysis would call for the service of a snake charmer. That wild man is Prof. Smithsonian who is a wrestler of some pumpkins and who takes his training wherever the morning finds him.

"I have had all sorts of queer experiences since I have been in San Angelo," said Prof. Smithsonian, the professional athlete, in speaking of his stunts, "and I have a hard time; in fact, a time so hard that I dodge tackling it, to convince the good people who see me keep in trim that I'm not an escaped bughouse inmate."

"For instance, every morning I take a little constitutional of some four or ten miles. I must make this distance in an hour or so. This requirement forces me to jog along at a reasonably good clip. Well, I start jogging out in the country. I meet a man riding. He offers me a lift and I refuse. 'Crazy, crazy as a loon,' is what he thinks."

"The other morning I was about five miles out, going at an easy gait. 'Anybody sick?' a good farmer asked."

"No, I said. 'In a hurry?' was the next question."

"Oh, no, I replied as nicely as I could, and kept trotting along. 'Locoed, by gum!' I heard him say. 'On my way back I met a gentleman in a buggy.'"

"Going for a doctor?" he asked. "No; just a-going," I said.

"Don't you want to ride?" he next shot at me.

"No, I thank you; I prefer to run."

"Crazy, by heck!" he said.

"And thus I get it, coming and going. I catch it because I can't stop and tell the good people why. I haven't time. But, honest, fore goodness, I'm not crazy. I'm not a wild man. I'm merely keeping in good trim, and let me tell you something, too, if you will run ten miles every morning and stay off the stuff for keeps, and don't make your heart pump any more than Nature intended it should, you will never have any need for a doctor."

"But you are certain to be called a crazy man."

Wigwag—Hardupps is quite a philosopher. Henpeckke—Yes; he says he would rather be happy than married. —Philadelphia Record.

"The old poets know about the automobile." How now?" "Macaulay speaks of Lars Porsena and his ivory car." "Well?" "And Poe cities an instance of the air growing denser. Evidently an auto had just passed." —Louisville Courier-Journal.

"What did your wife do when you complained of the dinner being cold?" "She made it hot for me."

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T. W. WRIGHT OF STAMFORD, BUYS ONE LOT.

W. J. Bolken of Temple, Another Buyer—Mules Are Product of Tom Green County.

A drove of thirty-three young mules between three and four years of age sold in San Angelo Thursday morning at \$125 each. T. W. Wright of Stamford, purchased the lot from McNeil & Wilson, local dealers. The price aggregated \$4,015. The animals will be taken to Stamford.

Jim Henderson also sold 65 young mule colts to W. J. Bolken of Temple, for \$3250, of \$50 each. Mr. Bolken will leave Friday with the mules for Temple.

These mules are products of Tom Green county, and prominent stockmen claim that the lot purchased by Mr. Wright are the finest sold in San Angelo in several months.

DETROIT RIVER ICE BOUND.

Blockade Prevents Freight Movement. Boats Held Fast.

Detroit, Dec. 30.—Freight traffic between Detroit and Canada is almost at a standstill because of one of the worst ice blockades ever seen in the Detroit river.

For twenty-four hours the Pere Marquette road has been completely tied up, while the Grand Trunk has been blocked for nearly as long, and the Michigan Central and the Wabash roads for shorter periods.

Early last evening Pere Marquette steamer No. 14 was gripped by the heavy ice when not over two hundred yards from shore and is still fast.

With the aid of an ice crusher an effort is being made to get near enough to have some provisions put aboard.

The Pere Marquette is transporting passengers by the Windsor ferries, which are ice crushers, but freight is immovable.

The Grand Trunk ferry Huron became stuck shortly after midnight and was in the ice about sixteen hours, causing a bad congestion on that road.

Fred Raymond's famous comedy, "The Missouri Girl," will be the attraction at the Yale New Year's matinee and night. The fact that this is the fifteenth season for this play is a most conclusive proof that good, clean, wholesome theatrical productions are always welcome and generously patronized by the theater-going public. The comedy is so closely interwoven with bits of pathos and such sensational incidents as would actually occur in the lives of such people as exist in "The Missouri Girl" that the entirety is a revelation in simplicity and interest in play-building.

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EVIDENCE OF CITY'S PROSPERITY SHOWN IN P. O. BUSINESS.

Is 41 Per Cent Increase Over Previous Year, According to Statement of Postmaster Blanchard.

If any one has entertained the least doubt that San Angelo is growing and growing fast, such doubt should be dispelled by the statement of Postmaster E. Blanchard regarding the business of his office during the holidays this year as compared with that of a similar period last year.

"The volume of mail handled by the San Angelo postoffice from December 20 to December 29 of this year was just 41 per cent greater than it was for the same period in 1908," said Mr. Blanchard.

That is a very brief statement, but a very significant one. For the volume of holiday mail to show an increase of 41 per cent in one year is of far more importance than the mere bald statement would indicate. It means that San Angelo's population and business has grown wonderfully during the past twelve months. It means that an era of prosperity is on in this section, and that an epoch of development is well begun.

There is no better barometer of a town's growth and prosperity than the receipts of the local postoffice, and the wonderful increase in business noted by Postmaster Blanchard shows conclusively that San Angelo is on the up-grade and hitting the road at a lively clip.

"The receipts of the San Angelo postoffice have shown a fairly steady increase since 1898," added Mr. Blanchard. "But the increase in the holiday business this year over that of last year is something of a record-breaker."

Mr. Blanchard became postmaster in 1897, and during his administration he has seen the office grow from a very small affair to a far more pretentious one. The increasing receipts of the office have caused the postmaster's salary to be boosted several times during Mr. Blanchard's administration, and if the growth keeps up, as it surely will, another boost will be due in the very near future.

CAN VOTE, BUT DO NOT.

How Massachusetts Women Neglect the Ballot Box.

Boston, Dec. 30.—Of the seven hundred thousand women in this state who are entitled to vote for members of the school board, less than 14,000 exercised their privilege at the last elections—a falling off of over 3,000 from the vote of 1908.

To the masculine mind the educational interests of the community would seem to be the special province of the wives and mothers, and that only four out of each hundred women votes were cast, is to much of a problem to be solved off-hand.

Princess Louise's \$3,000,000.

Vienna, Dec. 30.—Prince Philip of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha has had a long interview with the Emperor Francis Joseph regarding the course he should pursue in the matter of the debts of his divorced wife, the Princess Louise of Belgium, which in Vienna alone amount to \$3,000,000.

SURPRISED.

William Putt Thought San Angelo Little More Than Village.

The surprise which Wm. Putt, superintendent of the San Angelo government building, had on the first day of his arrival in San Angelo from Lynchburg, Va., can only be imag-

ined, as he tells it himself. He found this city to be three times larger than he expected.

Before he left his Lynchburg home Mr. Putt gathered up all the maps and official data he could relative to the size of San Angelo, and left expecting to see a mere border town, which was in exact accordance with the data he got. In some way he had secured an old pla' of the city of San Angelo, which showed the city to be less than a third its present size.

"It's the most growing city I have ever seen," he remarks. Mr. Putt is in the employ of the King Lumber company of Charlottesville, Va., which has the contract to erect the government building.

COAST FREIGHTER AGROUND.

Thurmond, Coal Laden, Hits the Toms River Bar—Crew Taken Off.

Point Pleasant, N. J., Dec. 30.—The freight coaster, Thurmond, loaded with soft coal from Newport News to Providence, is off Toms river. She lies hard and fast on the bar. Her officers and crew, twenty-two men in all, were taken off by the life savers of the Toms river and Chadwick stations with the breeches buoy.

The Thurmond had a barge in tow. It was similarly loaded. Coming up the coast the barge, which had five men on board, broke loose. The air was thick with the driving snow. As soon as the barge broke loose warning was given and the Thurmond put about to stand by the barge. In the thick weather the steamer failed to pick up the barge and began hunting for it. It was while thus engaged that the Thurmond hit the bar.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BANQUETED.

Delicious Menu Served—Some Toasts Were Responded To.

The Sunday school of the First Baptist church was banqueted Thursday night by the Philaetha class of that congregation, and nearly a hundred participated in the pleasantry of the evening.

Rev. W. E. Foster acted as toastmaster at the banquet, where the following delicious menu was served: Turkey Dressing, White Sauce Cranberries Celery Olives Pickles Saratoga Chips, Peas, a la Philaetha Tea Coffee Cake.

Toasts were made by D. Leon Harp, who used as a subject, "Women," and Miss Brown, who honored the Agoga class.

Most interesting among the events of the evening which followed the banquet was a recitation by Miss Clem Brown, renditions by the female quartette of the Philaetha class, and a duet by Misses Bates and Jones.

Mysterious.

"Oh, dear," sighed her husband's wife, "I can't find a pin anywhere. I wonder where all the pins go to, anyway."

"That's a difficult question to answer," replied his wife's husband, "because they are always pointed in one direction and headed another."—Leslie's.

Dickinson at San Juan.

San Juan, P. I., Dec. 30.—The naval yacht Mayflower arrived here, having on board Secretary of War Dickinson and Gen. Edwards, chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs. Gov. Colton, Col. Howze, Commander Rohrer and several prominent Porto Ricans received them at the landing.

Greeks in Fatal Quarrel.

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—As the result of a shooting affray between two Greeks, John Nichols and James Sires, at Fourth and Howard streets tonight, one lies in the French hospital probably fatally wounded, and the other has been arrested pending the outcome of the injured man's wounds. Sires, the injured man, was shot in the abdomen. No cause for the shooting was learned.

Classified ads are result getters.

SUPERINTENDENT IS PRAISED FOR WORK

Teachers' Institute Passes Resolutions Commending W. L. Hughes. Meeting Closes Friday.

The Tom Green County Teachers' Institute, which has been in session at the Central school building since Monday, had another busy day Thursday. A number of problems with which the teachers have to deal in their daily work were discussed, and the day proved one of the most interesting of the entire meeting.

The Institute passed resolutions indorsing the work of Superintendent W. L. Hughes and testifying to his zeal and faithfulness in the discharge of his duties.

With a short session today, the Institute will close its work and the teachers will return to their homes to resume the school work Monday morning.

Rich Aunt (as her nephew, who has come to meet her, kisses her profusely)—Leave of, Karl. I haven't that much with me.—Fliegende Blatter.

"Forget all your love troubles, old man."

"Why?"

"I want you to listen to mine."

Christmas Fairies.

An old English tradition has it that at Christmas-tide, elves and fairies may mingle with humankind in the festivities, and the holly, bay and ivy are hung that the fays may find hiding places. They are also hung to afford a refuge to the woodland sprites who, at this season, are half-frozen in the frosts.—Ex.

"No, sir," said the recruiting officer. "I'm sorry to say your boy won't do at all for the navy."

"Why not?" asked the lad's father.

"He cross eyed."

"Yes, I know that, but his eyes are crossed at such a peculiar angle that I thought you might be able to use him as a range finder."—Ex.

Oil Fells Bloodhounds.

The utility of hunting fugitives with bloodhounds when the trails of those sought lead across the modern oiled thoroughfares was demonstrated recently in Oak Park, a suburb of Chicago. Tests were made of the dogs' ability to follow trails, and all proved successful until the person making the trail took to an oiled street. The scent was immediately lost, according to the police, and the dogs were unable to pick it up again.—Popular Mechanics.

Ten Months for a Reckless Chauffeur.

Pittsburg, Dec. 30.—Saying that pedestrians have an equal right with automobiles and other conveyances to the use of street crossings, and condemning the reckless speed at which machines often are driven, Judge Marshall Brown in the criminal court imposed a ten months' jail sentence on William Cavell, a negro chauffeur, who on September 8 ran down and killed James S. Blakeley. Cavell had been convicted of involuntary manslaughter.

A Mean Man.

Irate Barber (to customer, as he seats him in the chair)—You see that guy going out the door?

Customer—Yes. What of it?

Irate Barber—He's the meanest man on earth.

Customer—What has he done?

Irate Barber—Why, the scoundrel sat in my chair for half an hour and never told me he was dead.—Everybody's Magazine.

Mr. and Mrs. Will J. Nogue arrived Thursday evening from Sonora for a brief stay. Mr Nogue is a well-known rancher.

RAY LAMPHERE DIES IN THE PENITENTIARY

CONVICTED MURDERER SUCCEUMS TO CONSUMPTION.

Found Guilty of Burning Arch-Murderess in Her Farm Home Near La Porte, Ind.

Publishers Press. Chicago, Dec. 30.—Ray Lamphere is dead. The convicted murderer of Mrs. Belle Gueness, who had been serving his sentence in the Michigan City penitentiary, succumbed to consumption today, after months of suffering. Tuberculosis developed in Lamphere after his imprisonment and he had been in a critical condition for some weeks.

Lamphere, it will be remembered, was convicted at La Porte in April, 1908, for the murder of the arch-murderess upon whose hands was the blood of more than a dozen persons. Lamphere burned her to death in her home on her farm, near La Porte. He was charged with having been implicated with the murderess, and his trial was one of the most sensational in criminal annals.

"What do you suppose that umbrella manufacturer selected as the motto of his business?"

"What?"

"Put up or shut up."—Baltimore American.

The Mayor—Just think, admiral, I've married twenty people in two hours.

Admiral—Well, that's only ten knots an hour.—Pall Mall.

Produce the Motive.

President Zelaya's resignation, which he seeks to make the world believe was due to his patriotism, was prompted by his conviction that the rule of the ruthless and brutal dictator has assumed such proportions that Zelaya has decided to quit office and to leave the country. Not patriotism but produce is the motive which inspired the resignation.—Hartford Times.

Hookworm Case in California.

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—Dr. Wellman, professor of surgery in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and an expert on tropical diseases, confirms a diagnosis of hookworm in the case of Mrs. Marie Fanececa, a native of the Azores, who was taken to the county infirmary from San Leandro, where she has lived eight years.

Not Qualified.

Two men were getting warm over a simple difference of opinion.

"They turned to the third man.

"Isn't a homemade strawberry shortcake better than a cherry pie?" demanded one of them.

"Isn't a homemade cherry pie better than any 'shortcake'?" inquired the other.

"I don't know," he said. "I board."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Reflections of a Bachelor.

Save your pennies and your family will take care of the pounds.

Children show great wisdom in not having the delusions about their parents that their parents have about them.

A man has a natural tendency to fall in love with women older than himself till he is 30; after that he can't find any older than he is.

What a man likes about breaking his neck chasing after a public office is how he wants to be able to say, if he gets it, that he accepted it.

One of the nicest things to a girl about being engaged to a fellow is how he can act like a crazy man about it, just the way they do on the stage.—New York Press.

HE MET NICE ROBBERS.

Feels Quite Confident They Will Return the Property "Lifted."

Chicago, Dec. 30.—"The nicest robbers we ever had dealings with," is the verdict in Oak Park on the thieves who moved a safe from the store of C. A. Scales last Saturday forenoon. Mr. Scales received the same yesterday by express, the charges being prepaid.

"There were a few marks on the door," said Mr. Scales, "but otherwise the safe was all right." It was published in the papers that the safe contained keepsakes and paper of value to me, but worthless to any other person, so I think the thieves were polite enough to send my property back when they found they got nothing for it."

Weather Freakish.

London, Dec. 30.—A meteorological phenomenon which, it is said, has not been known in 150 years, is being experienced in parts of Western and Southern Europe. The temperature has risen with astonishing suddenness, under the influence of a southerly wind, to a summer level. The contrast has been most marvel in Spain, France and Switzerland, but has been great farther north.

Applause Real and Artificial.

New York, Dec. 30.—"I hate to give up baseball for the stage," said Mike Donlin to a crowd of fans in the Waldorf one day last week. "The applause one gets on the stage is artificial. The cheers one gets on the diamond are genuine."

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GUS SCHNELL SHOOTS HIMSELF IN EL PASO.

Was Despondent Over Ill Health. Gives His Body Over to Medical College.

Publishers Press. El Paso, Dec. 30.—Gus Schnell, government meat inspector at the Nelson-Morris Packing Company, and well known throughout Texas, in a fit of despondency today shot and killed himself.

The report of the pistol attracted persons near by to the scene, but he was dead when found. Death had been instantaneous. He left a note explaining that ill health had led him to his rash act, and directing that his body be given to any medical college which may want it.

Ladybugs From Humbug.

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 30.—One hundred and fourteen pounds of ladybugs, representing millions of insects, were received at the state insectary from Humbug Canyon, in Placer county. In this section bugs hibernate on moss beds. They were collected by Field Agent Whitew and carried on burros to the railroad. They will be sent to melon and cabbage growers of Imperial Valley, whose vines have been attacked by the aphid pest.

Balloon With Four Missing.

Berlin, Dec. 30.—The balloon Hilde the evening of December 21, carrying four aeronauts. It has not been reported since. There is considerable anxiety regarding the safety of the aeronauts. It is thought likely the wind has carried them into the North Sea.

All Travel Records Broken.

New York, Dec. 30.—Holiday travel on Eastern railroads is this year the heaviest on record. Traffic officials say that the railroads will have carried to New York a total of passengers 15 per cent above that of last year.

San Angelo People Healthy.

"Business is poor," say San Angelo undertakers. That is a peculiar assertion to make just at this time of the year, inasmuch as a somewhat New Year's rush is on and other lines of business are doing a sort of a Christmas "landslide" business.

San Angelo is in such a healthy state that there is simply nothing doing in the undertaking line, and consequently they complain of dull business. Physicians say there is very little pneumonia or typhoid fever in the city.

Concrete Work Resumed.

Work has been resumed on all concrete and cement projects in San Angelo, following a delay of two weeks or more caused by cold weather.

Buys Splendid Car.

San Angelo's number of whiz wagons has increased considerably during the past few days. The latest acquisition is Tom Pulliam's big white four cylinder five-passenger Speedwell.

Travel Heavy.

Railway traveling is at its height in and out of San Angelo now, a follow to the Christmas home-coming. Beginning Saturday, San Angelo young men and ladies who have spent Christmas at home will begin to return to school.

Repairing Street.

Chadbourne street received a little repairing from the city Thursday at points between Harris avenue and the Santa Fe tracks, where chuck holes of more or less size were left as a result of the recent snow. A dozen or more loads of gravel was used to fill them.

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THE QUEEN TO THE VERY POOR.

Alexandra Said to Be Giver of Alms to Thames Embankment Walks.

London, Dec. 30.—Unknown names have collected for the last two nights the homeless destitute people who frequent the Victoria Embankment and have given to each man a knitted jacket, gloves, a scarf, a shilling, and to each woman a shawl, gloves and a shilling.

They refuse to tell who the donor of the articles is. The Daily Mail says that the Queen, stirred by the newspaper stories of the wanderers, has taken this means of providing them with Christmas presents.

Took a Dare and Killed Companion.

St. Louis, Dec. 30.—James Hayes is under arrest charged with the murder of Patrick Hurley, a teamster, who died here. The police say Hayes and Hurley were drinking together when Hayes drew a revolver and Hurley dared him to shoot him. Hayes pulled the trigger and Hurley fell fatally wounded. Hayes says he didn't know the gun was loaded.

Oddly Named.

A Mr. Hudson, who had made a large fortune as a dentist, had built a very expensive country house near Dublin, but of such an extraordinary construction as to bid defiance to the criticism of the architect.

One day after dinner at Curran's this singular mansion became a subject of merriment for his guests. The question for their satirical inquiry was, "What was its order of architecture?" One said it certainly was Grecian, another contended it was Saxon and a third that it was oriental, when their host thus interposed:

"Excuse me, gentlemen, you are all wrong. It is Tuscan. From the irregularities of the mansion and from its proprietor being a dentist the Irish call it Suaggietooth Hall."—London Answers.

Not Worth a Rush.

"Not worth a rush" is, as a popular saying, the predecessor of the now more common simile "not worth a straw." In precramp days it was the custom to strew the floors of dwelling houses. When guests of rank were entertained fresh rushes were spread for them, but folk of lower degree had to be content with rushes that had already been used, while still humbler persons had none, as not even being "worth a rush."—London Standard.

The Benefit of the Doubt.

Horrid Citizen—Hey, there! What are you pouncing that man for? Man on Top—He says he can't remember whether he ever called me a liar or not. I'm bliff giving him (bliff) the benefit of the doubt.—Chicago Tribune.

The Producer.

"Does your husband play cards for money?" "Judging from practical results," answered young Mrs. Torkins, "I should say not. But all the other men in the game do."—Washington Star.

The man who loves home best and loves it most unselfishly loves his country best.—J. G. Holland.

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About a Dozen Passengers Returned on Train, Reaching San Angelo Thursday Night.

A dozen people were passengers on the Concho, San Saba & Llano Valley passenger which made its initial trip out of San Angelo Thursday morning at 11:30, but double that number rode on the return trip. The train arrived at the Santa Fe station from Paint Rock Thursday night shortly after 8 o'clock.

Paint Rock turned out in numbers to greet the arrival of the great "iron steed" and the little string of cars. In fact, it was the first real sensation the little Concho county metropolis has had for some time. A dozen of the inhabitants availed themselves of the opportunity to ride on the cars, and consequently bought tickets for San Angelo, contemplating making their return with the second trip of the first scheduled train over the recently completed road. No accidents or other happenings marred the first trip, and it arrived in San Angelo pretty close to the calculated time of Agent Everhart.

WOMEN AS WINTER CAMPERS.

Best Dress and Outfit for a Health Outing in the Snow.

Every winter more and more women are going north to camp in the pine woods and to hunt moose and deer during the snowy season.

This is not so much of a handicap as it sounds. In the first place, the cold, although in some cases 30 degrees below zero, is a dry cold and therefore exhilarating and not depressing; secondly, moose and deer are far easier to track and overtake when the snow is on the ground, as they cannot move so fast. Then, too, camping in a log cabin is a much snuggler arrangement than in a tent, and there are far worse things than eating hearty camp cooking done over a roaring fire when the snow is so cold it sings under your feet and appetites are of the keenest.

Women will not mind the cold any more than men if they dress properly for it, and right here let it be said that skirts are entirely out of place. They are no protection against cold wind or dampness. The proper costume is one of blanketing or chamois or even waterproof wood tweed, but made with loose knickerbockers, and knee or hip boots. These should be lined with fur or felt, and a woolen union suit and stockings should be worn. A great coat lined with squirrel or opossum or a muskrat fur coat is also good for very cold days, but the best thing is to wear a chamois or fur lining to the half fitted jacket or the suit, as a long fur coat is a clumsy thing when hunting.

The woman camper should take plenty of cold cream, but no other adjuncts to beauty except a pair of old gloves to wear at night over her vase-line rubbed hands. She will find a man's fur cap with ear flaps the most comfortable for wear, and she should remember that she is going into the north woods for health and solid man's sport and should dress accordingly and take things as they come cheerfully and like a good fellow.—Duluth News-Tribune.

Weston to Walk From California.
Los Angeles, Dec. 30.—Edward Payson Weston is planning to walk from Los Angeles to New York. He will start January 29, and follow the Santa Fe railroad line to Chicago. Weston hopes to make a new record for the transcontinental trip.

BITE CHRISTMAS AS WELL AS ANY TIME

Mine Host Jim Landon Can Catch 'Em Any Season of the Year, and Lots of Them.

"Fishing's plum fine." With these awful words, Mine Host J. C. Landon of the Landon hostelry grew serious and solemn, while he was ironing some indelible marks right about the beam of a job lot of nine foot sheets Thursday.

"You see, I know," he continued in explanation of his assertion, "I went fishing Wednesday. I had all sorts of luck, except bad luck. It's a poor proverb that has read it into the minds of all honest anglers that fish will not bite during the winter months of the year. Fish are not like bears. They don't spend the winter merely sucking their paws, for one reason, perhaps, they have no paws to suck.

"Fish bite as well during Christmas week as they do when the dog blossoms are falling in the water. Tom Anderson and myself can prove this. We tried them out Wednesday, and they were good, real good, to us.

"Let me inform you that on no less than two occasions when I cast my line I reeled it in with two bass hanging to the hooks. And they were not sickly, puny bass, by a long shot. They were nice and plump, or as the French would say, suite on bonpoint.

"I went near the head of the river, out Christoval way. Had not the dam, where I expected to do my fishing, been washed away, I would have caught an awfully big mess of fish. Even as it was, when I had to do my casting in the water holes I found the sport excellent and the results were amply large."

Mr. Landon also says the ground out Christoval way is nice and oozy like, and that the land owners are wearing smiles as big as the pie the bakers' union of New York sent to President Taft, as a result.

"You want to divorce your husband? You say you cannot agree? What evidence can you give of incompatibility of temper?" "Why, I want a divorce and he doesn't."—Le Riro.

GREAT AMERICAN HUMBUG.

We read that the Red Cross society is to formulate a new scheme to aid those made the victims of multiplied misfortunes. This same fact reminds us that this same Red Cross society in the humble opinion of The Press-News is the biggest humbug and has had a longer lease on life than any other humbug the American people have ever been afflicted with.

The Red Cross society, as such, is but a scheme whereby designing indolents can feed upon the tender sentiments of the American people and wax fat and feast upon fine viands.

The Press-News needs but call attention to two incidents with which The Press-News is familiar, to illustrate the reason for the charge the Red Cross society is a humbug, a delusion and a snare.

The incident at Cherry, Ill., the scene of the great mine disaster, where practically all the money collected in the name of human misery and human suffering by the Red Cross society was spent—for the alleviation of this suffering? Not on your life. It went for organization purposes, which means it went for fat salaries for parasites employed by the society.

At Galveston the official report of the Red Cross society after the great storm in that city showed the society, using the great disaster as a fulcrum, prized something over \$16,000 from the liberal hearted people of America for the relief of the stricken people there. This same report showed also that nearly \$12,000 of the writer well remembers one incident at Galveston after the storm

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that took place before the people had become aware of the humbugery of that amount was spent—for the stricken?—nixie! For organization! the Red Cross. There was a single steam vessel available to take helpless people from Galveston to the mainland. Dan Henderson had charge of getting the helpless out of the city. One morning an agent of the Red Cross was driven rapidly to the pier where the vessel was tied and urged, aye, demanded, that Mr. Henderson hold the boat until a patient he had discovered could be placed aboard. Mr. Henderson was green regarding the Red Cross then. He was lamb-like and innocent. He held the boat. In about four minutes a hack drove to the pier and when it stopped this horribled agent of the Red Cross ran to the door and gallantly opened it. Out stepped as healthy a looking nigger wench as one could care to see.



"Aye, captain," shouted Mr. Henderson, "cut loose and make for Texas City. Return as soon as you can." "But me charge!" exclaimed the agent of the Red Cross, seeing that the nigger woman was left on the pier.

"We'll take care of her all right," said Mr. Henderson. "Here, Mandy, you get busy durn quick and take water to the men working on the debris over yonder, and if you step lively the soldiers won't shoot you before sundown."

That's one sample of the alleged great humanitarian work of this sissy organization. Its other work at Galveston was on a parity with this. Miss Clara Barton, the weazened head of the order, had a suite of four rooms at the Tremont hotel. She had secretaries, maids, molly-coddles and Miss Nancies about her all the time, and made herself a general nuisance.

If you think the Red Cross is a good thing, ask any planter in the lower valley of the Mississippi, or in South Carolina, where floods sometimes come. The Red Cross is not permitted to operate the second time anywhere. It's high time this pale-faced misnomer should be put out of existence.

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AIRSHIP OVER NEW HAVEN.
Member of Fire Company and Others See Machine in Daylight.
New Haven, Dec. 30.—An airship is supposed to have passed over this city at 11:40 a. m. The airship was seen by Capt. George S. Barrons of Fire Engine Company 12, and several of his men. It was going north-east. It was about 1,000 feet high, it seemed, and was under perfect control, apparently.

The fire captain when he first saw the queer object questioned his eyesight for he had just returned from his Christmas dinner. Then he called his men and half a dozen of them ran into the street to take a look at the airship. At the time the airship was over the western part of the city.

Capt. Barrons declared that he could see the planes and the rudder and could also see what to him appeared to be the exhaust from a motor. It was too high up to see the occupants.

Capt. Barrons called a number of citizens besides the firemen to watch the air machine and all kept it in view for from eight to ten minutes, when it passed out of sight. During that time the distance covered was estimated from eight to ten miles. About an hour later a snowstorm struck the city.

Editor Junkin, of the Sterling, Kan., Bulletin, has red hair. Editor Creecher, of the Sedgwick Pantagraph has no hair.

"Mac," said Junkin, "how did you lose your hair?"
"It was red and I pulled it out."
—Everybody's Magazine.

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KILLS WIFE IN HIS SLEEP.

Husband Says He Knew Nothing of Tragedy Till He Awoke.

Peru, Ind., Dec. 30.—Orry Galloway, aged 28, killed his wife, Florence, aged 30 years, and then called the police.

Galloway says he does not know anything about the tragedy, his first intimation of it being when he awoke and found a revolver in his hand. His wife was dead on the floor and there were indications of a struggle, of which he says he knows absolutely nothing.

Galloway is a Lake Erie and Western brakeman, running between Peru and Indianapolis. For several weeks he has been sleeping alone in an upstairs room, shut off from the remainder of the house, because he has had a hypnotic influence over him and

that he had suspected her of desiring to get rid of him, of attempting to poison him by drugging his coffee, and not long ago, he says, she asked him if the police ever imprisoned a woman in her condition.

While he was sleeping on a couch she called him and told him to retire. He was suffering from a severe headache when he awoke and she gave him some medicine to take. The next thing he remembers, he says, he was standing over her body with a finger on the trigger of his revolver.

ARGUMENTS CONTINUED.

No Decision By Court On Motion to Exclude Evidence in Knowles Case.

At the close of Thursday's session of district court Judge Timmins had not passed upon the motion to exclude certain documentary evidence from the trial of H. B. Knowles, charged

with perjury, which was made by his attorneys. The arguments on the motion again took up the whole day's session, and a greater part of Friday will also probably be consumed.

France's Inheritance Law.

According to French law, a certain reserve is established which no testator can bequeath away from his offspring. A Frenchman with one child can dispose of half of his property according to his pleasure; the other half must inevitably pass to the child. Those with two children can dispose of only one-third of their property, those with three children of one-fourth and so on, according to the size of the family. Stern parents occasionally seek to evade the law by subterfuge, but the disposal of property in France is hedged around with so many restrictions that family black sheep are rarely molested of their legal inheritance.—Kansas City Star.

EXAMPLE OF GAME FIGHTER IS KENNEDY

WACO LEGISLATOR PUT UP WITH ALL KINDS OF TREACHERY.

But He Is a Thoroughbred and Has More Than Once Showed His Manly Qualities.

Hon. A. M. Kennedy of Waco is in the city. "The Kid," as his friends all term him, is one of those mortals who always ring true and who has never been known to flinch or to hang fire. Kennedy is a rare mortal. He has tasted of the bitter and the sweets of life and he has drunk to the dregs from both.

Kennedy was left fatherless when he was 8 years of age. He began to battle with the world at that time. He has come to the top by virtue of his indomitable pluck, his unflinching energy and his unflinching devotion. He has been a jack of many trades. The first money he made was peddling garden truck. He made a good peddler. He has been a member of the Texas legislature, all told, 15 years. He has made a splendid legislator.

It was Kennedy who was elected speaker of the Thirty-first house of representatives when the house first organized despite the utmost efforts of the cohorts of the administration. It was Kennedy who trusted too much, if not too wisely, to his subordinates, who was unhorsed from the speaker's chair by the forces that couldn't thwart his election. It was this same Kennedy who drew from the man who made the speech nominating the opponent of Kennedy for speaker the declaration that Kennedy made the best presiding officer who ever ruled over the house.

And what pressure was brought to bear to unhorse Kennedy? Fitzhugh Hill, the black plume from Denton county, who permitted himself to be swayed in the contest declared in a speech on the floor of the house that Governor Campbell had begged him (Hill) for two hours to make a speech urging the unhorsing of Kennedy. And it was this same Hill who also said that in his heart of hearts he couldn't find the strength to do it, for his heart was against the scheme, even though his brain told him to vote for it.

That's just a sample of the things that Kennedy had to go up against. And if any one thinks that the administration, with its pardoning power and other blandishments, is without political power, a second guess is coming. So great indeed was the pressure the administration exerted that one member of the legislature—Cathey of Wood county—spoke in favor of Kennedy one night, and the next day, after receiving telegrams by the score, he voted against the way he spoke.

But "The Kid" is game, is a thoroughbred, and no man who saw the why he took "the game" can have aught but praise for his gameness, his fairness and his faithfulness.

Knowing the inside workings of the cabal at Austin, I have never found it necessary to excuse my support of this square little fighter. I believe that in time all honest Texans will join with me in the denunciations I made when the fight was waxing furious and the fray was at its height, that a covenant had been made with viciousness and an agreement of a hellish nature was consummated to unhorse Kennedy. Truth is mighty. Truth will out, and truth will prevail.

But back to "The Kid." He is out here, as he says, just "looking around." Kennedy likes the climate. He likes the San Angelo way of doing things. He believes in the manifest destiny of this place, and he doesn't mind saying so.

"I know of a place in Texas of almost twice the size of San Angelo, viewed from a population standpoint,

that's not half as big as San Angelo," he said Thursday. "There's a lot of pluck and push and vigor and vim here. One cannot be in this place 24 hours without feeling the virile effects of the enterprising citizenship.

"Politics? No, I can't say that I am out of politics. I have played at the game too long to quit merely because I ought to quit and get down to hard work. But I would like to impress upon the material thinking people one thing, and that is the laws are good or bad just as the people want them. If Mr. Business Man says that he doesn't care anything about platforms or politics, he has no right to raise a howl when he gets the hook.

"To make the case plainer, I will say that had the thinking men of the state interested themselves in the matter of the mutual guarantee of bank deposits would have never been enacted. After this iniquitous thing had been investigated and aired, a very large majority of the legislature was opposed to its passage, but they couldn't face the buck of tackling a platform demand. This is merely an illustration. There are other incidents just as striking and that teach lessons just as strongly."

"If I am ever a member of another legislature," said Mr. Kennedy, "I am going to introduce and support a bill to establish a sanitarium for tuberculosis in the Southwestern country. I do not mean a hospital, but a place where persons suffering from this disease may go for treatment. Colorado has a splendid institution of this class, and Texas could spend the money of the tax payers in no better way than in the establishing of such a sanitarium in some locality in this Western country a few miles removed from any large town."

FELL 150 FEET FROM CAR.

Young Man Who Had Given His Seat to a Woman Loses His Life.

New York, Dec. 30.—As a Summit avenue trolley car, crowded with theater-goers and belated shoppers, was climbing the elevated trestle from Hoboken to Jersey City Heights at 2:45 o'clock yesterday morning, James S. Towney, 21 years old, of Jersey City, accidentally tumbled off the rear platform and fell nearly 150 feet to the ground.

A few minutes before Towney had surrendered his seat in the car near the rear door to an elderly woman and had stepped outside. He carried under his right arm an overcoat which he had bought for himself earlier in the night, and in his left hand he held a package containing a toilet set which he had bought for his mother. He engaged in conversation with two or three young men who were standing on the platform and apparently leaned over the bar which is always lowered across the passageway on the trip over the elevated structure. It is believed that his head struck against a pole alongside the track and he dropped off at the highest point of the trestle at Harrison avenue, Hoboken. A man saw him disappear in the darkness and called aloud what had happened, causing a commotion among the passengers.

As soon as a station was reached a searching party started for Harrison street to look for Towney. He was found dead on the ground alongside his mother's present. The overcoat was picked up on the car platform.

Suicided Christmas Morn.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 30.—Despondent and brooding because he faced a desolate Christmas without his father, who always had been his companion until his death a few weeks ago, Aubrey Brenton, a young dental student, poisoned himself and died in his apartments just as Christmas morn was breaking. Brenton was admitted to the North Pacific Dental College last April, and, according to members of the faculty, was an excellent student.

Unlike the Others.

"Why did you accept George?" "He was so much more original than the other fellows." "In what way?" "He was the only one that asked me to be his wife!"—Puck.

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Prisoners Given Ride.

Leavenworth, Kan., Dec. 30.—Warden Coddling of the Kansas state penitentiary gave rather an unusual Christmas treat to the women prisoners at the penitentiary today. They were permitted to view the world from outside the prison walls. There are thirty-seven women prisoners in the penitentiary, many of whom have spent years inside the great inclosure. Warden Coddling had planned to allow the women a long walk, but the weather was so cold that this was abandoned. Instead, the female prisoners were loaded into wagons and taken for a drive. Although the thermometer was near the zero point, the outing was greatly enjoyed.

An Osculatory Avalanche.

Ardent osculation by members of the fair sex seems to have become a recognized method of giving first aid to the heroic. On his arrival at the pier, Jack Binns, fresh from maritime terrors, was ostentatiously embraced and kissed by an unknown young woman. The courageous wireless operator, however, until a hundred other hero-loving beauties started toward him with an awful intent. Then, trembling in every limb, their prospective victim flashed the "C-Q-D" signal for help!—New York Press.

Low Price for Pig Skins.

There has been trouble in Arcadia, according to the Arcadian Sunlight. Some of the farmers heard that the price of pig skins had gone up and that there was good money in marketing hogs' hides. Consequently a farmer butchered a hog, skinned it and took the hide to a butcher in Arcadia. After a great deal of argument and wrangle over the price of the hide the butcher, in order to satisfy the hog skinner, gave him 5 cents for it.—Kansas City Star.

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ANNEXATION IS PUT IN TANGLE

THIRTY OR MORE EAST SAN ANGELO PEOPLE DO NOT WANT TO BE TAKEN INTO CITY.

PROTEST BY PETITION

Claimed Original Does Not Represent Majority, and Council Is Asked to Rescind Its Action--Aldermen Raise Salaries.

The citizens of East San Angelo included in that territory annexed to the city by the council at the last meeting are engaged in a controversy over the legality of the petition presented and acted upon favorably by the aldermen, and a counter petition, protesting against the action, was presented at the adjourned meeting yesterday afternoon. As a result a complicated condition of affairs confronts the council, and the validity of the ordinance passed providing for this annexation is called in question.

Since the ordinance has shown itself and the question now is, which are in the majority? Twenty-six persons signed the petition for annexation, and a petition of thirty-two voters asked that they be not included in the territory thus added to the city of San Angelo.

It is claimed, however, that persons ineligible to sign attached their signatures to both documents, and until the petitions have been canvassed the council has decided to defer action.

The voters who signed the counter-petition have engaged Attorney Autrey to represent them, and the petition presented to the council by Mr. Autrey reads as follows:

Petition Opposing Action.
"We, the undersigned citizens of Tom Green county, residing within the territory hereinafter described, petition your honorable city council to reject the petition of Dave Augustine and others, asking that the territorial limits of said city of San Angelo be so extended as to include the herein-after described land on which your petitioners reside. That the signers hereto reside on a part of the herein-after described lands, and respectfully ask that they and their property be not included within the limits of said city of San Angelo, without their permission or consent or knowledge."

The property referred to in the petition is described as follows:

"Beginning at a point where the present city limits intersect the east line of Main street near the corner of Florida avenue; thence north with the

said east line of Main street to its intersection with the north line of Maryland avenue; thence west with the said north line of Maryland to its intersection with the south boundary of the Mather 48-acre tract; thence west with the south boundary of the G. W. Heckert 25-acre tract and the W. D. Jones 5-acre tract and the A. R. Johnson 4-acre tract in a direct course to an intersection with the present city limits. The calls and boundaries herein given refer to the map of the city of San Angelo, completed and copyrighted by the Concho Civil Engineering company."

Those That Signed.
The signers of the counter petition are as follows: P. G. Green, T. C. Bell, Soben Bell, Grover Bell, J. T. Heald, C. F. Stoval, A. F. Fairbanks, C. R. Keeton, C. C. Carpenter, T. W. Thomasson, B. C. Robinson, M. C. Carts, Z. C. Carter, Willie Turner, F. M. Carroll, E. T. Carroll, W. M. Smith, J. H. Basham, S. R. Brooks, T. Volland, T. R. Teald, J. H. Hall, J. S. Hall, G. W. Williams, Otto Memeyer, J. Du Kuorth, C. M. Robinson, F. P. Allen, Willie Keeton, E. M. Cheatham, F. E. Harrington.

Affidavits setting forth that all of the signers were qualified voters and residents of the district in question, were executed by P. G. Green, B. C. Robinson and C. C. Carpenter.

Claim Proceeding Was Fair.
C. S. Mills, who circulated the petition, was heard first by the council, when Mayor Paul brought up the matter for consideration. Mr. Mills explained that the claim had been made that he did not see all of the voters when the petition was circulated. He added that it was true that he had not seen all of them, but that every one that could be located was asked to sign. Some eight or ten, he said, declared that they did not wish to take a position one way or the other. "As to the charge that we were trying to work a sham," he continued, "there is not a word of truth in it."

"If the annexation of this new territory was legally done by the council," said Alderman Hassell, "there is no way to bring about a satisfactory solution without the people voting on it. I accepted the petition with the understanding that those who signed it represented a majority of the voters of that district, and I am opposed to doing one thing at one meeting and undoing it at the next. I am in favor of postponing action until both petitions can be canvassed to ascertain which of the two factions are in the majority. I believe that each one of the signers should be required to state whether he is a voter and lives in the district, and then have that statement sworn to. When his done we will be in a position to do something."

Some Signers Ineligible.
"There are a number of names on this petition," said Attorney Autrey, "that are not residents of this district," and then he proceeded to name those signers which he contended were ineligible.

Alderman Hassell—"I move that this matter be deferred until both petitions can be canvassed."

"The proceedings of the last council meeting," said City Attorney Montgomery, who was asked for an opinion, "were absolutely regular. The

petition was properly submitted and the affidavits of three persons residing in the district set forth that the signers were eligible. Now that this counter petition has come up in opposition to the first one, with the signers claiming the first petition does not represent a majority of the voters, it is simply a question of who's right."

Cannot Collect Taxes.
Alderman Hassell—"That's just it. You don't know anything about it, and the only way out of this muddle is to get up two petitions that will be legal and then let the majority rule."

Mr. Autrey—"If this action of the council is allowed to stand you can not collect any taxes. If you attempt it you will have a multitude of suits on your hands."

Alderman Hassell—"We accepted this first petition with the understanding that the signers were in the majority, and the only thing to do is to let it rest until we know better."

Alderman Belfanz wanted a special committee appointed to investigate and make a report. The council, however, did not think that was called for.

Action Is Deferred.
Mayor Paul—"As I understand this controversy, there are mistakes on both the original and counter petitions. If that is true we should wait until these petitions are examined and corrected."

Alderman Hassell then moved that the matter be deferred until this could be done, and the motion prevailed by a unanimous vote.

The counter petition was then taken from the council room by Mr. Autrey with others and the names gone over. Those that were not good were checked off.

Vote on Annexation
Those who voted for the annexation of the district by the petition are: D. Augustine, H. Z. Kendall, W. L. Hook, C. S. Mills, John Loy, D. H. Moore, Fred Rich, Wm. Martin, Z. I. Williams, Emmett R. Rowser, R. A. Yaws, W. T. Spring, C. H. Strahl, J. E. Matlock, W. B. Henton, Henry Greene, C. L. Laswell, A. L. Sawyer, Edgar Hart, G. Entleman, J. W. Wurm, T. W. Thomp-

Two Days More of the Pre-Inventory Sale

Better take advantage of this event. The opportunity will not present itself again soon.

There are many chances to get a few things at low prices, but San Angelo people will not see another sale this season of the magnitude and importance of this one.

Some prices are cut as much as half. Others are not so much, but the reductions are such as to make of each article on sale a genuine bargain.

Come to the store today. The longer you wait the less likelihood there is of your getting the thing you want.

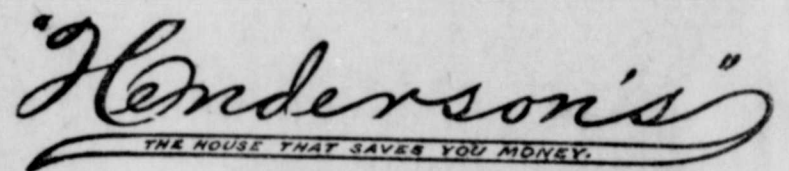
Assortments will be broken, sizes will be gone, the color you want may be gone.

Better attend to the matter without further procrastination.

And especially is this advice good when it is considered that there are dollars to be saved.

Take those dollars and put them in the bank.

We are showing you how to make money by buying now.



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The Dollars will take care of themselves

Take Care of the Lots

The Acres will take care of themselves

You must be able, at least financially, to own a lot before you can own a ranch. Every man must use his own judgment as to Price, Location, and amount of Investment in purchasing real estate. We offer and ask judgment on Lake View.

PRICE

We have only two prices; cash or credit. We give a discount for cash, or sell on easy payments of \$5, \$10 or \$15 down and \$5, \$10 or \$15 per month. We also allow you to make a larger cash payment down and give you one and two years time on the balance. Our prices are lowest and we give the same terms to each purchaser.

LOCATION

You must see it for yourself to appreciate the beautiful lay of the land. Take the street cars out to this addition or call 'phone 355. Our automobiles will take you out any time in seven minutes.

INVESTMENT

We have given much care in pricing our lots, so as to insure the attention of careful investors. You can invest in 1 lot or 12 lots and make your investment according to your means. We make a slight difference in the price of our lots but they work out to the advantage of the buyers. Investigate our plan. The rich or poor can invest here.

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son, Charles Sharpshire and Hugh Rutledge.

Pass Salary Ordinance.
In addition to the annexation matter the council took up and passed finally an ordinance providing for salaries for the various municipal officers. The salaries as provided by the ordinance are as follows:

Mayor—For each regular, called or adjourned meeting, \$5, provided there are not more than two meetings monthly.

City Attorney—An annual salary of \$300, to be paid monthly, in addition to the fees from cases prosecuted in the corporation court. The fees last year amounted to from \$65 to \$75 monthly.

Aldermen—For each regular, called or adjourned meeting, \$2, provided there are not more than two meetings monthly.

City Secretary—An annual salary of \$500, in addition to a commission of 3 per cent on all taxes collected until these commissions aggregate \$1000.

Commissions over that go to the city.

City Recorder—An annual salary of \$150, in addition to fees received in the corporation court.

City Marshal—An annual salary of \$1200, in addition to fees of cases in corporation court.

Deputy City Marshal—A monthly salary of \$60.

Special police—Pay at the rate of \$50 per month.

T. C. Hart Appointed.
The application of T. C. Hart for the position of plumbing inspector was received by the council and he was appointed on condition that his appointment was approved by the board of plumbing inspectors after he takes an examination. This board is to be composed of the city health officer, the city engineer and Henry Oberkamp and Mr. Bowen. The appointment will be good until the first regular council meeting following the annual election in the spring.

Street Is Opened.
City Secretary McDonald read a resolution in which E. D. Herremans and D. Girdwood offered to sell some property for the opening of a part of Harris avenue. The resolution was adopted.

Auto Turns Turtle.
Jacksonville, Dec. 30.—Elmer Lawrence, a clerk at Moncrief Park, his wife and Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Smith and George M. Lane were seriously injured in an automobile accident. The chauffeur was making a turn at Oak and Margaret streets, when the car skidded and turned turtle.