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NO OSTENTATION AT INAUGURATION

JEFFERSONIAN SIMPLICITY TO MARK WILSON'S INDUCTION INTO PRESIDENCY

WILL BE NO DISPLAY

Greatest Outpouring of People That Ever Attended an Inauguration Expected

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 26.—Jeffersonian simplicity is to mark the coming inauguration of President-elect Wilson. There will probably be the greatest outpouring of people that has ever marked the inauguration of any President, but according to Chairman William C. Eustis of the committee, there will be no ostentation.

He contends that true democracy demands that there be no display and he is upheld by Thomas Nelson Page, who is quoted as saying:

"President Jefferson's act of riding up Pennsylvania avenue on horseback has been derided, but people who have studied history have realized he did it in a dignified manner, and his inauguration had at least as much real dignity and true simplicity as that of any president."

The subscription to the \$150,000 fund for the inaugural is growing fast, notwithstanding the Christmas season. It undoubtedly will be over-subscribed.

TAFT VISITS RUINS OF PANAMA CITY

Place was Sacked and Razed by Buccaneer Morgan in 1671

By Associated Press. Panama, Dec. 26.—President Taft has decided not to nominate the civil governor or subordinate officials of the zone until he returns. It is however, generally considered probable that Col. George W. Goethals will be appointed civil governor.

Today's program included a visit by the President to the Culebra cut on the canal and an automobile trip to the ruins of old Panama city, which was sacked and then razed in 1671 by the notorious buccaner, Henry Morgan, who was afterward made a knight by King Charles II.

SUBMARINES CAN BE SEEN FROM AIRCRAFT

Investigations May Lead to Aeroplanes being Installed on all Battleships

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 26.—The Navy Department has received a report from corps which has announced that aeroplanes can be used for the purpose of discovering the whereabouts and movements of submarines.

It is said experiments at Annapolis have developed the fact that the operators in the air craft can discover the presence of the underwater terraces without glasses, although they may be at considerable depth. This, in the opinion of naval officers, may advance the plan of having aeroplanes as a part of the equipment of all the fighting craft in the United States navy.

NARROW ESCAPE FOR PENTECOST

Automobile Skidded and Crashed into Telephone Pole—Breaking Pole in Two Places

In attempting to pass a delivery wagon near the corner of Ninth and Travis, an automobile driven by W. W. Pentecost Tuesday afternoon, skidded in the mud and plunged across the street, hitting a telephone pole and breaking it in two places. The delivery wagon was struck a glancing blow by the machine as it passed, damaging it somewhat and throwing the driver several feet into the air. He landed on his feet, unhurt. The radiator and lights of Mr. Pentecost's machine were damaged, but he was unhurt. His auto hit the post at full speed, but the force of the blow was broken by the curb, which probably prevented injury to Mr. Pentecost.

Suffragette Band Marches Ankle Deep in Slush

By Associated Press. Hudson, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Ankle deep in slushy snow the suffragette army today with only 32 miles remaining of their journey from New York to Albany. The marchers decided to walk but five miles today to Stockport. The remainder of the journey will be divided into equally short marches. The crusaders report themselves refreshed by the Christmas day rest and expressed regret that the day's march could not be longer.

The suffragette army will carry its fight from New York to Washington. The march will be started early in February.

PRESIDENT-ELECT SICK WITH GRIP

His Physician Says He is Much Improved but Prescribes Diet of Broth and Eggs

By Associated Press. Princeton, N. J., Dec. 26.—Dr. Carnochan, shortly before noon today pronounced the condition of Governor Wilson, who has been suffering from an attack of la grippe very much improved. However, he prescribed as a diet today only broth and eggs and suggested that the governor rest as much as possible.

All engagements, therefore, except the one with Representative Glass of Virginia, were set for a day next week, and the governor sat up in bed reading letters and newspapers. He was somewhat disturbed by exaggerated accounts of his illness.

MANY CHRISTMAS WEDDINGS HERE

Total of Twenty-nine Licenses Issued Since Last Saturday Morning

Christmas weddings were much more numerous than usual in Wichita Falls this year, a total of twenty-nine licenses being issued by County Clerk Walsh from Saturday morning up to noon today. This is far ahead of the number for former years. The following were issued since noon Tuesday:

- H. M. Duff of Electra, and Mrs. Jane Conlin of Houston.
- Warren Robinson and Daisy Darling.
- Guy Roberts and Miss Sammie Campbell.
- Ed Pointer of city, and Miss Clara Bronson of Gainesville.
- Arthur Blackmore and Miss Beatrice Underwood, both of Fort Smith, Arkansas.
- Will Gatewood of Wilbarger county, and Miss Nora Singleton.
- B. A. Boswell and Miss Calla Hughes.
- R. J. Crawford and Miss Nettie King.
- M. A. Williamson of Paris, and Miss Edna Helm of Gainesville.

THE SALVATION ARMY'S CHRISTMAS TREE

Hall Filled With Expectant Children All of Whom Were Sent Away Happy

A spectacle that dimmed the eye, while it gladdened the heart, was presented to those present at the Salvation Army's Christmas tree at the army headquarters on Ohio avenue last night. The quarters were filled with children and grown-ups, and no one was allowed to go away empty-handed.

Presents which included fruit, candy, dolls, horns, caps and other articles, were presented to the little ones, and their joy at the gifts was good to look upon. There was a real live Santa Claus, also; none other than W. G. Long, oil man and poet, all arrayed like a picture-book Christmas. Captain and Mrs. Robb of the Army assisted in dispensing the gifts and to their untiring and unselfish efforts for the children is due the gladness that filled many a youthful heart last night.

A number of visitors attended to witness the scene, among them being several oil men and their wives, including Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Straus, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Rowe and Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Cole; these were not overlooked in the distribution of toys, dolls, tin alligators being their share of the spoils.

Springfield, Mo., is to have a farmers' agricultural study institute, to last a month. All branches of farming will be studied.

DYNAMITE CASES TO JURY TODAY

ARGUMENTS IN NOTED TRIAL AT INDIANAPOLIS CLOSE THIS AFTERNOON

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Concerning Some of the Forty Defendants Will be Given by Judge Anderson

By Associated Press. Indianapolis, Dec. 26.—It is expected the "dynamite conspiracy" case will go to the jury late today. At 4 o'clock Federal Attorney Miller is to end the argument for the government. Judge Anderson will then deliver his instructions to the jurors, preparatory to their withdrawal to consider the verdict.

With the forty men accused, Judge Anderson will give specific instructions as to certain defendants.

"The court will not see punished any man whom it knows to be innocent," said Judge Anderson, in open court, "but the others must take the consequences, whether or not they are officials of labor unions. This is not a trial of labor unions, but of labor union officials accused of wrong doing."

During the deliberation the jury will be locked in rooms on the top floor of the federal building, thus precluding any possibility of truthful reports of its progress.

The jury will be asked to return a separate verdict for each defendant and is composed of farmers or merchants from rural districts of Indiana.

The fact that the jury must vote on each defendant after considering the testimony, the court holds applicable to him, is the basis for a belief that verdicts will not be returned in less than a day. There are twenty-six counts against each, twenty-five of which provide a maximum penalty of eighteen months' imprisonment and one which provides a maximum imprisonment of two years. The government contends that the penalties for the offenses charged are cumulative in the discretion of the court or a total possible penalty of thirty-nine and one half years.

The room in the federal building in which the jurors have been kept under guard for three months today was made ready for the mass of exhibits to be turned over for reference during the jury deliberations.

These exhibits include revolvers, shotguns, pieces of infernal machines and colicwork attachments used by Ortie E. McManigal and the McNamara brothers on the dynamiting expeditions; letters written by Olaf A. Tvetmore and Eugene A. Clancy of Salt Lake City, who are charged with complicity in the Los Angeles Times explosion. Bundles of other letters in which Frank C. Webb of New York, Phillip A. Cooley of New Orleans, J. T. Butler of Buffalo, and business agents of the Iron Workers' union are accused of directing explosions on non-union jobs, are also to be placed with the jury.

Nearing the close of his argument, District Attorney Miller charged that all of the officials of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers on trial, knowingly entered into this nefarious conspiracy.

"Attended by riot, assault and even by attempt to kill, this great conspiracy against employers who refused to recognize the union grew until it reached the murder stage at Los Angeles," said the district attorney.

"At the head of the conspiracy was McNamara, but behind him was President Frank M. Ryan, directing explosions by writing letters from New York and other cities. On the Pacific coast were Olaf A. Tvetmore and Eugene A. Clancy, directing the work of destruction from San Francisco, and showing by their letters and movements that they had full knowledge of the Los Angeles explosion.

"At New Orleans was Phillip A. Cooley, formulating the dynamite campaign to be carried to Southern States, but disappointed because the men he retained to do the work got frightened."

Oil Leases and Transfers. C Birk to Corsicana Petroleum Co., 120 acres of B. W. Hansman survey; \$600 cash, drilling to start in year.

E W A McKinney and wife to J T Carter, all rights under lease to L C Heydrick on 100 acres and 160 acres out of Cherokee county school lands; \$100 and other consideration.

A L Staples to J B Winfrey, one one-sixteenth interest on Staples lease on Winfrey tract; \$150.

R. W. Pierce, 92 years old, of Milwaukee, claims he made matches in 1843, and was the first man in the United States to do so.

Boarding House Keepers Jubilant Prune Rate Cut

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 26.—Boarding housekeepers all over the country today may celebrate, for the express companies have been compelled by the government to cut down the rate on prunes. It was brought about through the agency of the parcels post. Dr. Charles T. Grandfield, first assistant postmaster general, recently received from San Diego, California growers the announcement that the later proposed to send, by parcels post, two carloads of prunes to New York.

It was "freak shipments" and was to be sent in eight pound boxes. The rate should have been 96 cents; the express companies promptly cut their rate to 25 cents.

Dr. Grandfield believes the parcels post effectively will force express rates down "to rock bottom."

PUBLICITY FOR WICHITA FALLS

Texas Realty Journal Devotes Section to this City—Contains Illustrations

An illustrated article about Wichita Falls, her industries and her people, appears in the December issue of the Texas Realty Journal, published at Houston and San Antonio. The article was written by F. H. Gohlke, former secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, and is a concise and comprehensive presentation of Wichita Falls' advantages, reference being made to the gas and oil fields, the factories, the educational and residential benefits and the general progressive spirit of the community.

Several photographs illustrate the article, a picture of the oil fields appearing on the front cover of the magazine. Other illustrations include pen-and-ink sketches of a number of prominent citizens. Some of the likenesses are excellent, others flatter the originals and some do not.

CHRISTMAS GENEROUSLY PASSED AROUND IN CITY

Christmas was passed around in generous measure yesterday to the needy families of the city, through the Sunday schools, the Salvation Army and other agencies. The number of families supplied was smaller than for many years, owing to work having been plentiful most of the year, and there were supplies sufficient for a much larger number than were visited.

The Salvation Army supplied a large number of families and if any were overlooked it was because of modesty or pride which prevented their necessity being known. The committees and individuals which prepared the lists of places to be visited found very few, and the work was light. At many of the places visited there were evidences that Santa Claus had already been around, and there were only one or two cases at all destitute.

"Who do I thank for that?" asked a woman when groceries for her and candy and fruit for the children were delivered.

"Thank Santa Claus," was the reply. In some of the homes the gifts were received silently and thanklessly; in some, the joy of the children was ample gratitude for the workers; in some, tears told more eloquently than words how the gifts were appreciated.

A young man in one of the homes visited offered to pay for the supplies from Santa Claus, and one or two folks "swelled up" at the thought of being objects of charity, but such cases were rare. The Presbyterian Church, which had the "Phillipine" section of the city, found only six homes to visit and had a surplus of fruit which went to gladden the hearts of the prisoners in the county jail.

The work was done systematically and thoroughly, so that very few, if any needy families were overlooked and not many undeserving ones provided, each case being investigated as carefully as possible before hand.

The Salvation Army's Christmas tree and distribution of supplies was also a very considerable factor in "passing Christmas around," mention of this organization's activities for the day will be found in another column.

WEATHER FORECAST
Tonight fair, colder and freezing; Friday fair.

AN EXPLOSION NEAR PRESIDENT

RIVALRY BETWEEN MERCHANTS CAUSES SENSATION IN CANAL ZONE

NO HARM WAS INTENDED

Explosion Occurred Outside the Line of Police Which Guarded President's Passage

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 26.—An explosion in the park opposite the Trivoli Hotel, which occurred while President Taft was attending a dance given in his honor at the National Theatre at Panama last night, is reported in dispatches to the Panama legation here today, as having been the outgrowth of rivalry between two merchants in the vicinity.

The dispatches state the explosion occurred outside the district traversed by President Taft, which was guarded by a line of police from the station to the National Theatre.

Minister Valdez gave out at the legation here today official reports from his government stating the minister of foreign affairs had reported the matter to President Taft, who was convinced the explosion had been in no way connected with his presence in the city.

CASE OF MOST PITABLE DESTITUTION

A mother in the last stages of consumption living and sleeping in a bare and cheerless, not to say unkept and unsanitary room, with three or four small children, in a house near the river in the Philippine addition was a discovery that touched the heart of Mrs. Moellenburg, superintendent of the Wichita Sanitarium, this morning. In less than no time Mrs. Moellenburg was having the room cleaned out and the dirty bedding burned. From her own pocket-book she furnished the funds for new bedding and for supplies to meet the immediate needs of the family.

She considers it nothing short of criminal for these children to remain in the room with their mother under the conditions that prevail and has asked The Times to appeal for aid.

Charitable persons have been providing food for this family for some time but the provision has not been sufficient. Mrs. Moellenburg believes the mother has not long to live and is certain that anything that is done for them will not be amiss. This is a case that should receive the immediate attention of the city and county authorities.

PLANS COMPLETE FOR HARE AND HOUNDS CHASE

Plans have been completed for the Scouts' hare and hound chase tomorrow. The hares and hounds will gather at the Scouts' headquarters at the rear of the First Presbyterian Church at 9 o'clock.

There will be three groups of hares and hounds. For each group there will be two hares and as many hounds as an equal division will make. Ralph Mathis and Laverne Somerville will be hares for one group; Joe Ward and Wayne Somerville, hares for a second group and Jerome Stone and a running partner yet to be named for the third group.

Each group of hares will have a captain, the three captains being LaVelle Childers, Kenneth Bean and Charles Tittle.

Each group of hares will have a eight miles. The start will be made will serve a chill supper to the other Scouts' headquarters where Scoutmaster Rev. J. L. McKee will keep time on the hounds as they come in. The group making the slowest time will serve a chill supper to the other contestants Saturday evening.

UNION OFFICIAL SHOT AND KILLED IN A QUARREL

Chicago, Dec. 26.—James Conway, an official of the United Steamfitters and Helpers Union, was shot and killed today by Thomas Freer, secretary of the organization. A quarrel growing out of an election of officers which led to a dispute over the possession of an automobile owned by the union was said to have caused the shooting. Freer was arrested.

The police say the shooting really is the outgrowth of a factional dispute of five years' standing, that the same feud led to the murder of Vincent Altman and a few months later, the killing of William, alias "Dutch" Gentleman, who was shot dead in a saloon.

Admiral Dewey Celebrates His 75th Birthday

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 26.—Admiral George Dewey, "the hero of Manila" is 75 years-old today. Two receptions were held for him. The admiral, through his love of outdoor exercise and extreme fondness for driving has retained his jubilant spirits and is as young as the newest ensign. He attends regularly to his duties as president of the general board of the navy.

OIL FIELD NEWS

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Pennsylvania	1.95
Mercer black	1.48
New Castle	1.48
Corning	1.48
Cabel	1.55
North Lima	1.19
South Lima	1.14
Wooster	1.43
Indiana	1.14
Princeton	1.02
Somerset	1.12
Ragland	.65
Illinois, above 30 degrees	1.02
Illinois, below 30 degrees	.59
Corsicana light	.80
Corsicana heavy	.65
Electra	.80
Henrietta	.80
Caddo, 38 degrees	.83
Caddo, 35 degrees	.73
Caddo, 32 degrees	.68
Caddo crude	1.50
Canada	1.66

Water wells are being put down by some of the operators in the Burk Burnett district in an effort to replenish the supply which has gotten so low as to cause considerable inconvenience in that part of the field. Water is being hauled from a considerable distance to some of the wells and pipe lines have been laid from Red River and from distant tanks.

After getting five producers of the first five completions, the Burk Burnett district today has its first dry hole. The Skelly-Crawford (People's Oil Co.) well on the Roberts farm, has been abandoned and the casing is being pulled today, it having failed to find anything of promise. Five producers out of six completions is an average which, if kept up, will keep Burk Burnett on the oil maps for some time to come.

Interstate Oil Company No. 2 Borchardt is showing up at a rate that indicates a good shallow pool in that section. The hole was shot at 460 feet and is making about six barrels today. Mr. Head, says the well cost just about \$900 on the beam and a six barrel well looks like ready money for \$900. The Greaseless-O'Hara No. 2 Reilly may also find some pay sand at the lesser depths encountered by No. 1, which was drilled deeper. The No. 2 is a "grass-hopper" or "star" rig and is going after only the shallow stuff.

TO EXTEND CAMPAIGN FUND INVESTIGATION

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 26.—An effort to extend the Senate campaign fund investigation, to cover the presidential fight of 1912, will be made by Senator Clapp, chairman of the committee, soon after Congress reconvenes. The Senate probably will be asked to pass an additional resolution, enlarging the committee's power, unless it is found possible to go into the recent fight under the authority now possessed by the investigating body.

PARDON THIS MAN'S CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

Houston, Texas, Dec. 26.—When Walter Cook walked into the home of his mother and stepfather at 1007 West street at noon yesterday, he thought that in four shot hours he would have to report to the county jail, there to finish the sentence for contempt of court he has been serving. But Cook was done with the county jail.

A messenger brought the real Christmas present of the day to the household—Cook's pardon. The pardon arrived from Judge Waller T. Burns of the United States district court, who found it necessary to sentence Cook last February to serve a term of one year for contempt of court, as it was proven to the court's satisfaction that Cook had violated an injunction which forbade the interference with employees of the Hariman system.

It was charged Cook assault a man named Charlton, in violation of the injunction.

ANOTHER TRUST SUIT FILED

KELLOGG TOASTED CORN FLAKE CO. CHARGED WITH VIOLATING SHERMAN LAW

VERY IMPORTANT QUESTION

Suit Expected to Determine Extent Manufacturers May Control Prices

By Associated Press. Detroit, Mich., Dec. 26.—The Kellogg Toasted-Corn Flakes Company is alleged to be violating the Sherman law, in a petition in equity filed in the United States district court here today, by order of Attorney General Wickersham; to settle for all time the extent to which a manufacturer may control retail prices.

The company and its officers are charged with fixing prices at which the flakes are sold to retailer and consumer, preventing competition which would reduce the prices to the public and creating a monopoly by concentrating the entire interstate traffic in the hands of the jobbers and retailers who abide by price agreements exacted by the defendants.

It is alleged the company sells only to jobbers, refusing absolutely to deal directly with consumers or the retail trade.

INCIPIENT BLAZE AT CHRISTMAS TREE

Cotton "Snow" Caught Afire on Tree at Home of W. J. Bullock

While a Christmas tree blomed in the home of W. J. Bullock, in Floral Heights, bearing gifts for a number of the children of the neighborhood, the cotton which was hanked at the foot of the tree became ignited in some manner and in a moment there was an incipient blaze. Several of the ladies present hastily seized the burning tree and ruthlessly dragged it outdoors, where it was extinguished.

Several of the toys on its branches were destroyed and damage was also done to the rugs in the Bullock parlor, but the destruction was light compared with what would have ensued had the tree not been carried outside the house.

LANGFORD KNOCKED OUT SAM McVEIGH

England's Negro Champion Defeats Negro Heavyweight Champion of Australia

By Associated Press. Sydney, Australia, Dec. 26.—Sam Langford knocked out Sam McVeigh in the thirteenth round today in one of the fiercest heavyweight battles seen in Australia in years.

Today's fight between Langford and McVeigh the two heavyweight negro boxers, was the sixth time they had met. Langford has now defeated McVeigh on four occasions. Once he was beaten and once their fight ended in a draw.

Five of these matches were fought in Australia and the remaining one in Paris. Langford holds the title of heavyweight champion of England and McVeigh is heavyweight of Australia.

GOETHALS'S CONSENT ONLY UNCERTAINTY

Taft Was Fully Determined to Offer Him Panama Zone Governorship

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 26.—It was understood before President Taft left Washington on his present trip to Panama that the only element of uncertainty in the appointment of Col. Goethals as governor of the Canal Zone, was the consent of that officer himself. The salary of the new office is to be \$5000 less than the compensation he is now receiving as commander of the canal.

Deeds Filed For Record. C E Brown to H Cramer, undivided half interest in lot 3, block 55, Electra; \$625.

H Sonnamaker and wife to J T Carter, 50x166 feet in block 248; \$1250.

Frank Tilford has purchased near Lakewood, N. J., the largest poultry farm in the world—45,000 chickens—and his daughter, Miss Julia, society girl, will run it.

TURKEY PLAYING HER OLD GAME

OFT DELAYED PEACE CONFERENCE FURTHER POSTPONED SATURDAY

ALLIES ARE IMPATIENT

Openly Hint Diliatory Tactics Must End—Adrianope Stumbling Block

By Associated Press. London, Dec. 21.—Turkey is playing the old game of delay and has caused a further postponement of the oft-delayed peace conference which adjourned to Monday after a brief and fruitless session this afternoon. It is evident that the Turkish delegates are trying to gain the right to provision Adrianope by consenting to include Greece in the conference.

The allies are anxious to proceed with the negotiations and have openly hinted that these delays must come to an end.

Today's sitting was the most important since the beginning of the conference, as it was the first time the opposite party had come into a serious engagement which is preliminary to the crucial question over the possession of Adrianope.

The Montegrin premier, Krevitch, who presided, seemed on account of his rather severe and imperious aspect, to be the best president. After a stormy session when the president asked Reitha Pasha to communicate in confidence the answer which he had received from Constantinople, there was a moment of breathless silence.

Reitha Pasha rose and outlined the instructions he had received to the effect that Turkey should treat with Greece as the latter state had put herself out of the negotiations by refusing to adhere to the armistice, but he added, wishing to show a lenient spirit and a conciliatory disposition, and also out of regard for Europe, Turkey was willing to treat on condition that the allies in return granted the privilege of revivulating Adrianope.

This, he pointed out, was simply a humanitarian request, as there were more than 150,000 people suffering from lack of food, besides the belligerents. Revivulating this fortress, he argued, would not change the situation as it existed when the armistice was concluded, at which time the Bulgarians declared they could seize Adrianope whenever they wished to make an attack.

France Sees Favorable Progress

Paris, Dec. 2.—A semi-official statement tonight reports: "The improvement in the international situation has become more marked, and there is now complete agreement among the powers in favor of moderation. Austria, which heretofore has maintained an attitude of reserve has decided to come into line with the other powers and urge prudence and moderation toward Turkey. The cause of peace has made great strides in the last 48 hours."

Premier Pontier, speaking in the Senate today, said: "When peace is signed, it will rest on a solid basis, permitting Balkan states to develop themselves. Turkey will retain a considerable empire and she will act wisely in listening to the wishes of the population still subject to her."

"For our part, we insist that our interests in Lebanon and Syria generally shall be represented. There is no foundation in the report that any discord has arisen between France and Great Britain concerning these. On the contrary, the latter has assured us that she has no political aspirations in these regions."

"We are resolved to maintain the integrity of the Caucasus in Asia, but without allowing our interests to suffer. If peace, unfortunately, is not concluded, we will resume our efforts at conciliation in an attempt to restrict the spread of the conflagration, while ready to defend our influence in the East and the prestige of the French name."

CHOATE ELECTED HEAD OF PEACE SOCIETY

Washington, Dec. 21.—Joseph H. Choate, of New York, was elected president and Dr. Charles W. Elliott, president emeritus of Harvard University, vice president of the American Society for Judicial Settlement of International Disputes at today's meeting of that body.

Dr. James Brown Scott of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace was chosen secretary. Prof. Paul S. Reinsch of the University of Wisconsin declared in an address that "a state is internationally responsible for injuries which may be inflicted upon the subjects of other states within its territory."

A motion that the supreme court of the United States might offer to act as arbitrator in international disputes made at today's session, was promptly rejected. The motion was by Bert Russell, of Forest Glen, Md.

Frederick R. Coe, of New York, who immediately took up the subject after the motion, declared it would be the height of impropriety for a society whose basic principle was respect for law, to suggest or recommend something which would be contrary to the Constitution of the United States. The motion was not seconded and was dropped.

No action was taken by the society today on the resolution offered last night by Everett T. Wheeler of New York, to the effect that the United States should declare its willingness to submit to arbitration the Panama Canal controversy between Great Britain and this country.

PRISONER GONE ONLY CERTAINTY

CITY COUNCIL'S INQUIRY INTO ESCAPE OF JEWELRY ROBBER SUSPECT NOT FRUITFUL

IS COMPLETE MYSTERY

Inefficacy of Writ of Habeas Corpus When There is No Corpus Demonstrated

The young man arrested in connection with the receipt of a suit case full of jewelry, disappeared Friday afternoon, and last night the city council after holding a special session to investigate the matter, agreed upon only one thing—that he was gone.

The young man's name was Beecher or Vinton, or something else. He was put in the jail Friday morning and Friday afternoon he was gone; how, or where, is not on record. It is one of the most complete mysteries the city has yet had and might furnish material for those who contend that there is a fourth dimension.

The arrested man secured counsel in the persons of City Attorney Bonner and Attorney Martin, early Friday afternoon, and these sued out a writ of habeas corpus before Judge Martin. When they returned to the city hall for the prisoner, he was gone, and the inefficacy of a writ of habeas corpus, when there is no corpus to habeas, was demonstrated.

It has been determined, that the property was that of W. H. Fulton, a druggist at Blackwell, Nolan county, who arrived here yesterday with Sheriff Bond of that county.

"The council heard a number of witnesses last night in an effort to fix the blame for the escape but was unsuccessful. Mayor Bell questioned the course of City Attorney Bonner in taking the case of a man who was in the city jail, and the city attorney insisted upon his right to defend a man in a case where the city was without jurisdiction.

Just how Vinton or Beecher, or whoever he is, got away will probably never be known. The only theory advanced is that he mixed with the street gang when the latter was brought in to dinner, and made his escape in that manner, but the evidence adduced does not support this view of the case.

Mayor Bell explained the purpose of the meeting saying he felt that the escape was a very grave reflection on Wichita Falls' officers. Chief Gwinn was first sworn and detailed the arrest of the prisoner and the effort made to learn where the jewelry came from. He said the cell door fastened on the outside and that he was sure he locked it after putting the man in, with two other prisoners; that was about 11 o'clock, he said. The chief did not consider it possible for the man to have escaped by the window route.

The chief of the street gang when it was brought in for dinner. The cell door was locked when the escape of the man was discovered. Eighteen or twenty prisoners were brought in for dinner. It was possible for an outsider to go to the cell door without being detected, said the chief; Allen and Hall had told him that the prisoner did not come out with the others. Mr. Gwinn said all the officers had keys, but that Hall had lost his some time ago. The chief said he had been told that City Attorney Bonner and a lawyer named Martin visited the prisoner.

Will Allen was next sworn. He said he brought the gang back at the jail since seven; there were thirteen in his gang; no one was with him when he put the men back. He did not consider it possible for anyone to have gotten out without his notice; he was positive he found the door locked, also that he locked it again after putting the men in the cell. Mr. Allen could not say whether anyone visited the jail during the dinner hour. Mr. Hall was with him when the men were taken out again and the door was found locked; Hall had warned him, he said, about the man in question so that he would not take him out, too.

Mr. Allen said that he took fifteen men out after dinner and that he brought them all back at night. He did not notice how many were left in the cell, but knew the cell was not empty; he was sure he had again locked the door. Allen said he never examined the windows, but had noticed Saturday that one of them was blanketed. The witness had no idea how the man escaped.

Allen's key was examined and found to be unlike that exhibited by the chief. Several of those present asked questions of Allen, he declaring his certainty that he took fifteen men out in the afternoon and brought as many back at night.

It was brought out that Mack Heck, in charge of the clearing gang had brought in one prisoner during the morning. Allen said one of the prisoners told him Beecher ate dinner with the other prisoners.

Joe McClure, auto engine driver and ex-officio policeman, was next sworn. He testified he was at the city hall all Friday morning, but that he did not see Heck bring a prisoner in; he knew nothing of the escape.

J. B. Nail, policeman, the next witness, testified that he arrested Beecher at the express office; he could not describe him with any accuracy; he was with Allen when the prisoners were taken out after dinner; he was not positive that Beecher did not come out with the others, but said that if he had, he had changed clothes. He did not look in the jail to see if Beecher was still in there.

Mike O'Shea, a prisoner, testified that he was in the cell in the morning when the man was put in. He did not see him change clothes with any other prisoner.

John Ryan, another prisoner, was sick when Beecher was incarcerated

BOMB HURLED FROM ROUSETOP

ATTEMPT TO KILL VICEROY OF INDIA CAME NEAR BEING SUCCESSFUL

ATTENDANT WAS KILLED

Bomb Struck Basket On Elephant in Which Lord Hardinge Was Riding

By Associated Press. Delhi, Dec. 23.—Lord Hardinge, viceroy of India, was wounded, and an attendant of his was killed by a bomb hurled at the viceroy from a house top as he was entering the new capital in state today.

The bomb thrower's attempt to kill Lord Hardinge came with a hair's breadth of being successful. Lord Hardinge was making his entry into Delhi as the last of the ceremonies in connection with the transfer of the capital from Calcutta to Delhi.

The transfer was made in October, but Lord Hardinge was not to take formal possession of his new quarters until today. The splendid elephant procession had just left the railway station when the bomb was thrown from a house top and it struck the basket of the elephant in which Lord and Lady Hardinge were riding.

The attendant, holding a large parasol over the pair, was instantly killed as the bomb exploded. Lord Hardinge was wounded in the shoulder but not seriously. Lady Hardinge was unhurt, but much shaken by the experience.

WILSON CONFERS WITH W. J. BRYAN

NEBRASKAN MEETS PRESIDENT-ELECT AT TRENTON—MEETING SUBJECT OF SPECULATION

ABOUT HIS APPOINTMENTS

Wilson Says Those Who Apply for Offices Will Be Least Likely to Get Them

By Associated Press. Princeton, N. J., Dec. 21.—After a day of lengthy conferences in Trenton, the most important of which was with William J. Bryan, President-elect Woodrow Wilson returned tonight to his home here, tired and ready for a rest.

So far as a shedding light on the gossip as to Mr. Bryan's future relations with the administration the conference between the two men today was productive of nothing more than speculation. Mr. Wilson said very frankly that while he had talked about men for his cabinet with Mr. Bryan, the name of the Nebraskan had not been mentioned.

As to future conferences with Mr. Bryan, none was arranged or talked of, Mr. Wilson said. While discussing tonight the subject of patronage, the President-elect made it evident that those who expect to get political appointments from him had better not try to manifest their ambitions in person, or apply directly to him in any way.

"I have a sort of general principle," he said, "that those who apply for offices will be the least likely to get them."

"Then a great number who have been disqualified already" he was asked. "Yes," was the smiling reply. The question remained the President-elect of a letter he had received from an office-seeker.

"One man wrote me," related Mr. Wilson, "saying he was thinking of applying, and would like to know how to go about it. There was the reply, Mr. Wilson said. He added that he of course expected to take advice about patronage and would be guided in a great many appointments by the recommendation of members of Congress.

The coming of Mr. Bryan to discuss politics and the personnel of the cabinet was, the President-elect indicated, not having been at the jail since seven; there were thirteen in his gang; no one was with him when he put the men back. He did not consider it possible for anyone to have gotten out without his notice; he was positive he found the door locked, also that he locked it again after putting the men in the cell. Mr. Allen could not say whether anyone visited the jail during the dinner hour. Mr. Hall was with him when the men were taken out again and the door was found locked; Hall had warned him, he said, about the man in question so that he would not take him out, too.

JOY OVER SON'S VISIT CAUSES MOTHER'S DEATH

Son Arrives Unexpectedly From Montana Causing Death of Mrs. A. H. Hickman

Joy over an unexpected visit from one of her sons resulted in the death of Mrs. A. H. Hickman of Sherman, mother of T. P. Hickman of this city. She died last night and Mr. Hickman left for Sherman early this morning. The son whose visit resulted in his mother's death was Fitch Hickman from Montana. A few months ago Mr. Hickman lost his wife and two of his children in a fire that destroyed his ranch home. A third child, an infant, was saved by the mother who returned to the burning house to save the other two children and was burned to death with them.

CHRISTMAS TIDE

Anna Hughes Carpenter O would that I had lived when angels fair, On golden wings suspended, rent the air With trumpet blast that told of him who lay Whose cattle fed upon the fragrant hay, Would that I saw the stars that told of him who lay That led the sages o'er the fields afar To Bethlehem town, long since by prophets named, To the babe whose birth eternal peace proclaimed, And yet, the immortal star that lent its light I want to write him to you.

MANY WILL MARRY DURING HOLIDAYS

Sixteen Licenses Issued by County Clerk Since Friday Night

An unusually large number of young men in Wichita Falls and vicinity will have wives for Christmas presents this year, or, if one chooses to look at it the other way, an unusually large number of young ladies will get husbands for Christmas.

All records were broken at the county clerk's office Saturday, when thirteen licenses to wed were issued, this being the largest number for one day on record in the county's history. Since Friday night up to 2 o'clock this afternoon, a total of sixteen had been taken out. They were as follows:

F. S. Stodgill of Wichita Falls, and Miss Ida Morris of Stamford. J. H. Kearns of Clay county and Miss Mayben Walker. C. W. Stearman and Miss Mamie McCall, city. Walter Sparks of Dundee and Miss Lottie Maxwell of Davidson. K. T. Goetze and Miss Della Furrow, city. A. P. Volkman and Miss Leona Kradwig, Alford. Will Talley of Electra, and Miss Dollie Dickson. E. E. Alvord, city and Miss Bessie Seecrest of Muskogee. James Carter and Miss Florence Hill, city. W. B. Foster and Miss Lizzie P. Brannon, city. S. C. Sparks, Electra and Miss Hazel Hawley. Hugh Gober and Miss Zula Neely, city. Louis Bracher and Miss Thalia McQuinn, Decatur. F. M. McAnany of Oklahoma City, and Miss Vera Forgy of Archer City.

HOUSTON MAN IS HELD

F. M. Bradley Tells Remarkable Story in Connection With Death of J. P. Wright

Houston, Texas, Dec. 21.—T. M. Bradley, arrested last night in connection with the mysterious disappearance of J. P. Wright, well known automobile dealer Wednesday night, told the police today he had killed Wright by accident and had sunk his body in a ship channel twenty-three miles below the city.

Bradley says he was a partner of Wright. Wright's son says this is not true, and that Bradley was only an employee. Warrants have been sworn out charging Bradley with murder and robbery. After Wright's disappearance, Bradley at first denied all knowledge of his whereabouts, but police took him into custody last night, after several days of investigation.

According to his statement, he struck Wright with a hammer in the garage, about 7:30 last Monday night, by accident. To his consternation, he says, the blow killed Wright. Thoroughly alarmed, he placed the body in an automobile, according to the indicated, and sunk it. He minutely described his movements.

Wright was one of the best known business men in the city and leaves a family. Bradley formerly resided at Beaumont and in Indianapolis and Kansas City. Bradley's claim of partnership with the dead man is disputed by Wright's son.

Police Chief Noble says Bradley came to the station Wednesday and reported the disappearance of Wright. Blood stains found in an automobile gave the police their first clue. Bradley took the officer to League City and pointed out where he had sunk the body and it was recovered with little difficulty. Wounds upon it were found to be exactly as he had described them.

The two men with their families occupied a two-story residence. The Bradleys resided below and the Wrights above. Bradley has continued to report at home as usual since Wright's disappearance. He has seen and talked with the children of the dead man daily.

Sheriff Found Negro's Body Floating From Pole. Baton Rouge, La., Dec. 23.—When Sheriff Parker went to the court house of West Baton Rouge this morning he found the body of Norm Cadore, a negro, swinging from a telegraph pole a short distance from the jail. Cadore was convicted three weeks ago of the killing of James Norman, a plantation manager. Cadore's attorneys had taken steps to file a motion for appeal.

Plumbers' and Steamfitters' International Union has increased its membership by about six thousand within a year. The total membership is now about thirty thousand.

TAFT BOARDS SHIP FOR PANAMA

PRESIDENT AND PARTY LEFT KEY WEST SATURDAY AFTERNOON

TRIP FOR INVESTIGATION

Purpose of Visit at Panama to Learn Whether Zone Ready to Govern Itself

By Associated Press. Key West, Dec. 21.—With the guns of the United States Battleships, Delaware and Arkansas roaring a welcome, President Taft and his party late this afternoon boarded the latter vessel and set out for the Panama canal zone. It was shortly after 7 o'clock when the president after making a short speech here boarded one of the launches of the Arkansas, together with Mrs. Taft and the remainder of the presidential party, and was taken to the big ship.

A few minutes later both the Arkansas with the presidential flag flying and the Delaware which will act as convoy, had weighed anchor and were steaming slowly out of the harbor to the waters of the Atlantic.

TWO ACCIDENTS ON SATURDAY

MRS. C. E. BLAND STRUCK BY AUTO AND MRS. J. C. STRAUS KNOCKED DOWN BY BICYCLE

BOTH ARE PAINFULLY HURT

Driver of Automobile Was Boy as Was Also Rider of the Wheel

Small boys were responsible for two accidents yesterday, ladies being the victims in each case. About 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon an automobile driven by the young son of Reese S. Allen, an oil man, struck Mrs. C. E. Bland, inflicting painful injuries. The accident occurred directly in front of Thornberry & Shaw's drug store, while the boy was attempting to avoid a collision with a street car. Mrs. Bland, who was crossing the street with some friends, found herself almost in the direct path of the machine and was knocked down. It is believed that one of the wheels passed over her head and chest. No bones were broken, but her ankle was sprained and there were severe bruises.

Mrs. Bland was taken into the drug store, where Dr. J. E. Daniels gave medical attention. Later she was removed to her home. Her injuries are quite painful but are not considered serious.

Shortly after 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon a small boy on a bicycle darted out of the alley back of the Kemp and Kell building, in pursuit of a dog. The wheel struck Mrs. J. C. Straus, wife of the local manager of the J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company, knocking her flat on the pavement. She was taken to the Palace Drug Store and given medical attention, being taken home shortly afterward. The extent of her injuries was not ascertained at night.

The identity of the small boy who was riding the wheel could not be ascertained.

REVOLUTIONISTS GROWING BOLDER

REPORTS TO STATE DEPARTMENT I CAN REBEL ACTIVITIES

Washington, Dec. 23.—Revolutionists appear to be growing bolder as they see the ease of evading pursuit and capture by the Mexican government. Reports to the State Department indicate the renewal of rebel activities in the States of Morelos, Puebla and Mexico, while the situation in Zacatecas and Durango is rapidly growing worse.

Great damage has been done to the Northwestern Railroad south of Juarez. The strikers at the Cananea mines are growing bolder, and now number 1800.

WRECK VICTIM WAS WICHITA FALLS BOY

Publication of Letter in Times Leads to Identification of Body of Tom Walker

The young man killed in the wreck of a Rock Island passenger train near Chickasha, about two weeks ago has been identified as Tom Walker of this city. The body was identified by his father, Sam Walker who brought the remains here today for burial. The funeral was held from the Walker home, 1500 Bluff street at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The deceased was about twenty years of age. He had been away from home several years going from place to place in the hope of improving his health. Relatives here received their first intimation of his death through the reproduction of a letter in the Times passed by Postmaster Bacon from a passenger on the wrecked train who had talked with young Walker at a station near where the wreck took place. The description given in the letter aroused the fears of relatives and his father went to Chickasha last week and was able to identify the body positively through the initials "T. W." tattooed on one of the young man's arms.

Saloons At Texarkana, Ark. Texarkana, Texas, Dec. 21.—After a hearing lasting a week, the Miller County, Arkansas circuit court today held that a majority of the voters of Texarkana were in favor of licensing saloons.

Under the ruling licensed saloons may open in this city on January 1. The hearing of the case was on the legality of signatures appearing on a petition asking for the licensing of saloons. Prohibitionists had challenged about one thousand signatures, but the court ruled enough were legal to give the saloons to Texarkana, Ark., ending three years of "growth." The pros will appeal.

IF YOU HAVE A SURPLUS OF HAPPINESS

During the holiday season why not telephone a part of it to some one who has less?

The Telephone is the great limitless pathway over which the CHRISTMAS SPIRIT can travel and cheer the hearts of loved ones from whom you are widely separated.

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BUGSCUFFLE BUDGET

Editor Daily Times: Since writing you last we have had some stirring times out here at Bugscuffle. Our people got so stirred up about the postoffice matter, that it was finally agreed to refer it to the citizens and let them vote on it. This was the suggestion of Old Bro. Bugle and Col. Jim Jawsmith said it was the very trick. These two worthies then hunted up Dr. Pellet, Prof. Von Bungs and Mr. Bunker, and they all said it was the right and only thing to do. For, you see, there were not a few candidates, whose friends were circulating petitions among the people for signatures of endorsement, and the matter got to be embarrassing. Squire Yukes, who is always a safe advisor in public matters could not come in on this, though, he said it was the thing to do.

Well, a mass meeting was called, and each candidate had a friend present to nominate him. Trav Skates, editor of the Weekly Bug, was represented by Col. Jim Jawsmith, and the people all said that the Colonel just simply covered himself with glory on that occasion. I give here an excerpt from that speech, all of which appeared in the last issue of the Bug.

Col. Jawsmith said in part: "Gentlemen and Fellow-citizens: There come times in the history of all men and of all towns, when private and personal friendship must be subordinated for the general good. Among many who are eminently worthy, there is always one who has the best claim to distinction and preference. With malice toward none and with charity for all; the people are sometimes called upon to take the bits in their teeth, so to speak, and go to it with might and main."

"The present is a case in point. Out of several—all of whom might serve with credit as postmasters in New York or Chicago—we are entitled to only one; and it will not be disputed that the right one is the man who is the choice of the majority of the people among whom the office is located. Now, while I am a friend to every man in this race, I do believe that Trav Skates is the man who ought to have the place. And I give my reasons. First, Mr. Skates can fill the place. This, of course, can be said of all in the race; but I maintain that he can fill it fuller than any other man whose name has been mentioned in the connection. For, in the second place, he is well educated and can read all kinds of writing, since he is a printer; and all know that a printer can read anything. Then he is a married man, and will not be interested in the postal cards and other matter addressed to the several young people of the town. Again, being an editor, he gets all the papers and magazines he can read, on exchange. He does not have to use, in order to gratify his literary tastes, the publications sent through his office to the public. In the next place, it may be truly said of him, that he is always Johnny on the spot—never behind time. Punctuality is really his long suit. In the language of a modern poet, 'he gets there just the same.' But, fellow-citizens, he has a higher—a more lofty—a decidedly more altitudinous claim to your suffrage. Shall I mention that in this connection? Will every other citizen in this town forgive me, when I say that, in the face of the whole world I know him to be the original Wilson man. He has a copy of the Bug on file in his office, in which he said editorially, more than three days before Mr. Wilson's nomination, that he was for him—first in war, first in peace, and first in—in—the whole town of Bugscuffle. 'Put that in your pipe and smoke it. Lay not the flattering unction to your soul, that any other man can prove this is false; it is true. Trav Skates was the original—the only original, dyed in the wool, Wilson man. And Woodrow Wilson will know it. Yes, gentlemen, he will find it out. I will write him to that effect; and Old Man Seets says he will do the same. And, fellow-citizens, there are others. And now, in conclusion, let me say, that when mind mounted upon its straight iron pathway, outspeeding the wind, and leaving the booming tempest in the rear; mind, that dives—following its wire still—into the bottom of the deep, below the place where the sea-serpent sleeps; mind, which flashes from pole to pole at the touch of the button, fellow-citizens; mind, the mind of Woodrow Wilson, will scoot athwart the length and breadth of this land of the free and this home of the brave; this mind of our forth-coming President, will express itself and declare itself in favor of the honorable, the noble, the gifted Trav Skates, for postmaster at the growing, the leaping, the flying town of Bugscuffle, Texas."

The wisest cheering followed the Colonel's address; and when it was ended, many gathered round him to give him the glad hand. Very much worked up was the orator, and his face was all aglow when he retired to the cold drink stand of Tony Bensine, where he swallowed, without inquiring, a full quart of red lemonade. The Colonel is truly a great man.

Well, the upshot of it all, was that the people elected Trav and now he is looking for some one to buy out the Bug—be being ready to give possession about March the 5th—that being the earliest moment Mr. Wilson can likely spare to matters of appointment. Trav Skates has made a good editor, and will make a good postmaster. Just who will succeed him as pencil pusher at the editorial desk of

the Weekly Bug, remains to be seen. Our Musical Conservatory has gone to pieces. Prof. Caskowiskey got off between suns, though Slob Stiggins had a letter from him, saying he would return sometime between now and 2012. There are several who would like to see him sooner. He was a fine music man; and several who took lessons of him on the accordion, are almost wailing the dead in our grave yard, every evening of the world. Miss Tibby Tut is the most proficient, but she had taken lessons before she came here.

By the way, Miss Tibby and Prof. Von Bungs are to be married soon. The professor has already spoken to Old Bro. Bugle about it; and Miss Tibby went to Wichita Falls twice in the last week to buy up stuff for her outfit. If there ever was a happy woman she is one. Von Bungs looks a little out of step since the announcement in the columns of the Bug. But Miss Tutin speaking of the matter, remarked that the professor "was just too happy to talk much." Whereupon Dutch Bunker remarked that the fellow needed a dose of salts. Dutch is a sassy kind of chap, and is always getting off something on somebody.

Our oil well is not panning out as we had hoped. It is just about dry, as a matter of fact. It is a pity; for several of our people put money in that hole who need it now to pay for their Christmas doings.

Speaking of Christmas matters makes me think of our plans out here. We learned from Bro. Bugle, that the good people at the Falls, instead of receiving gifts, were in the habit of making them to others on Christmas tree occasions; and at the church, a few nights ago, it was decided to do the same thing here. We have only a few who are really in need; but it is good for the children to learn the Christian lesson of helping others less fortunate than themselves. That is the way Bro. Bugle put it, and everybody agreed with him. I know several things that are to be sent to the sad home of Mrs. Sime Stiggins. By the way, have any of your people at the Falls seen anything of Sime lately? He has been gone nearly a week, and the last that was heard of him was that he was drunk and down somewhere across the railroad from the flour mill.

JOSH BAGGS.

DEGREE CONFERRED BANQUET ENJOYED

Large Number of Out of Town Masons Guest of Local Lodge Last Night

Following the conferring of the third degree in Masonry upon three candidates by Wichita Falls Lodge No. 635 A. F. & A. M., at a called meeting at their hall last night an elegant banquet was spread which was enjoyed by members of the local lodge and a large number of visitors including many Masons from nearby towns to whom special invitations had been extended.

The candidates upon whom the degrees were conferred were E. G. Hill, Clint G. Wood and W. Y. Hammock.

Following the conferring of the degrees the banquet was spread and after full justice had been done the excellent menu, an informal program of toasts in which visiting Masons and local members took part concluded a most enjoyable evening.

The visitors included: J. H. Green, Electric J. W. Blackstock, Petrolia; J. S. McCleary, Iowa Park; C. E. Naylor, Tishomingo, Okla.; J. A. Tanner, Iowa Park; C. V. Harris, Waxahachie; G. G. Goodrich, Monroe, La.; B. V. Magee, Electric; T. W. Parker, Iowa Park; C. McFadyen, Iowa Park; L. S. Dowdell, Erick, Okla.; J. J. Cobb, Iowa Park; S. R. Menden, Iowa Park; J. P. Blair, Cleburne; Ambrose Gibson, Hereford; C. A. Dowdell, Erick, Okla.

The local members present were: M. J. Gardner, P. B. Cox, J. W. Walker, R. C. Smith, Chas. R. Fuller, J. O. Smith, Z. A. Jeter, W. A. McCarty, Ralph Rylands, H. C. Dakan, G. E. Friberg, R. T. Holsby, S. J. Ashmore, E. J. Gardner, A. F. Kerr, Sam Buchard, George Iawort, T. J. Taylor, Ed. Howard, W. W. Gardner, S. W. Jonte, J. M. Bell, H. G. McCleary, J. I. Ferguson, W. E. Hoard, Pless Brown, George Ray, Duane Meredith, Thos. H. Peery, Prof. Toland, Vic Stampfl.

O. J. PICKLE WILL GO TO HONOLULU

O. J. Pickle, formerly manager for the Western Union Telegraph Company here, has accepted a position with the Federal Cable Company in its Honolulu office and will leave with his family for that place the first of the year. Information to this effect was received in a letter from Mr. Pickle received here this morning. Mr. Pickle had received the offer to go to Honolulu before leaving Wichita Falls, but did not decide to accept until after going to Kansas, where he is visiting with relatives. Mr. Pickle was manager of the local office of the Western Union for over eight years and he and his wife have many friends here who wish them success in their faraway new home.

POOR TALKER BUT GOOD LISTENER

THIS WAS NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR'S COMMENT AFTER VISIT TO WILSON

IN DANIELS' INTEREST

He urged Virginian for Post Master Generalship—Wilson Gave No Promise

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 20.—"I found Governor Wilson a good listener and a poor talker," said Governor Lee Overman of North Carolina who returned today from Trenton, with the expressed hope that Josephus Daniels of North Carolina will be given the postmaster generalship in the new cabinet. Senator Overman said he received no promises from Gov. Wilson, but he believed Mr. Daniels would be brought into the cabinet.

Many senators and members of the House are expected to visit Governor Wilson during the holidays. Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia and Senator Gore of Oklahoma are two democrats who will see him within a few days. Cabinet discussion has brought a number of members of both houses into the range of rumor since the return of Gov. Wilson. These include Representatives Underwood, Burleson and Henry, Senators O'Gorman, Hoke Smith, Gore and others.

SANTA RETURNS FROM EXILE

BELLEFONTAINE AFTER A XMAS WITHOUT SANTA WANTS HIM BACK

WARM WELCOME FOR HIM

Last Year School Went On As Usual and Christmas Trees Were Missing

Bellefontaine, O., Dec. 23.—Santa Claus again has recorded the names of Bellefontaine's little boys and girls in his big visiting-book.

Last year Bellefontaine got its name in the papers by boycotting Santa. It was announced that Santa was a myth and filled the curly heads of children with false conceptions of real life. Not a Sunday school had a Christmas tree and Santa was ignored in the school exercises.

Santa was kindly but firmly requested to stay away and, being a polite saint, he did so. While every other city, town and village in the Christian world welcomed Santa last Christmas and the little ones hung up their stockings to be filled by the jolly old reindeer driver, the churches of Bellefontaine were darkened, for the first time, and there was no Santa Claus with rotund figure and white whiskers handing out presents from the Christmas trees and climbing down chimneys to surprise his favored children with tokens of remembrance.

My! but Santa Claus was missed! "This doesn't seem like a real Christmas to me," was the oft-repeated assertions of our fathers and mothers who had bowed to the ultimatum of the church and school authorities.

They then and there declared that they'd never stand for another like it. That is why this year things are different. The highbrows and theorists have taken a seat way to the rear. There will be Christmas exercises in all the churches and the school pupils will enjoy a two-weeks' Christmas vacation. School went on as usual last year. Verily, there is a revulsion of sentiment.

Already are the pastors of the local churches and Sunday school superintendents hinting of the good things they expect to do during Christmas. The small boy, with his clean collar, has been attending Sunday school right conscientiously for several weeks and the pleasant asides of the teachers and superintendents are being received with delighted giggles.

Last year, some of the pastors and Sunday school teachers got cold feet on their practical Christmas at the last minute, and with sleds and automobiles, delivered presents to members of the Sunday schools at the pupils' homes. But it's different this year, and everybody looks happy. Every temple of worship will have an old-fashioned Christmas tree, hung with tinsel, popcorn and all the other decorations appropriate to the season. Bright lights will shine from the church windows, the Christmas bells will ring out joyfully, and everyone is to be accorded a warm welcome.

It would be worth a man's life to proclaim today in Bellefontaine that there is no Santa Claus. "We fell for that once," said a leading Sunday school superintendent, but will never stoop to such folly again. Bellefontaine is his headquarters this year.

Gainesville—Natural gas has reached this city from the Petrolia field and will be turned into the local gas mains before the first of the New Year.

BRYAN IN SYMPATHY WITH WILSON'S VIEWS

Nebraskan Said to be Enthused Over Policies of President-Elect

Washington, Dec. 23.—Col. William J. Bryan spent Sunday in Washington with the family of his son, William Bryan Jr. He met a few friends in the course of his stay, among them Senator Gore of Oklahoma, and yesterday afternoon, with his son, he was the dinner guest of Representative Henry of Texas, where he met National Committeeman Cato Sells of Texas, who was also the guest of Mr. Henry.

From none of the sources was it possible to learn anything definite about the three and a half hour interview which Col. Bryan would not volunteer to discuss in detail and about which he was not pressed by his friends. The impression that the men who spoke with Col. Bryan gathered as to the net results of that conference is based largely on the views which the Nebraskan expressed freely on the whole Democratic situation and those expressions were of the most optimistic character.

On the subject of the Cabinet, Democrats who talked with Col. Bryan gathered that the constitution of the Cabinet has not reached the stage of definitely determining the selections, and that the President-elect still has an open mind on that subject. What impressed those who spoke with Mr. Bryan was his enthusiastic accord with Gov. Wilson's views of men as well as of politics. They say that Mr. Bryan's sentiments in regard to the next Administration gave them no ground to change their belief that Col. Bryan will not only be invited into the Cabinet, but that he will accept, if invited.

It appears that at this stage of the developments—Gov. Wilson and Col. Bryan both are more particularly interested in the general policy of ushering in an era of progressive legislation and progressive control within the dominant party. That appears to have been the chief burden of the interview between Col. Bryan and Gov. Wilson on Saturday.

It was enough for the Democrats who saw Col. Bryan that this steadfast progressive was in enthusiastic accord with the views of the President-elect and when the Nebraskan failed to follow the leads for details that were put out they did not press him.

One report is that the details for working out the scheme for complete control by progressive Democrats of the machinery for legislation are still to be worked out, both as to the House and the Senate, although the solution as regards the Senate appears to be nearer at hand than as regards the House. Here the element of a large number of new members must be taken into account. The settlement of this problem is to be a peaceable and harmonious one, if it can be made so, but it is stated that it is the plan of the leaders of the progressive wing of the party that the line will be sharply drawn and that every man who expects power and preference at the hands of the party will have to be progressive, not only on the tariff, but on all legislation affecting the interests of the people.

Attempts to draw from Col. Bryan expressions for publication also failed. Speaking with newspaper men he scouted the credibility of the report printed in the East that he is to be Secretary of the Treasury. This report was based on an alleged letter said to have been received here by an unnamed friend.

"I do not intend to be annoyed any more with rumors," said Mr. Bryan. "Whenever you have any written statement made by anyone that is worth answering I shall answer it. But you need not come with rumors."

MEXICO NOT UNEASY OVER U. S. ATTITUDE

Mexico City, Dec. 21.—Neither the officials, the newspapers, nor the Mexican people are manifesting any great uneasiness regarding the document which is now being drafted at Washington, with the object of calling attention to the demands of the United States for the better protection of American interests in Mexico.

Eleven thousand soldiers are now engaged in the campaign in Chihuahua, according to an official statement. Concerning the situation at Cananea, Sonora, where the employees of the American mines are on a strike, the government says the garrison there is sufficient to give protection. Four hundred troops left here today for the north, and seven hundred from Terec have been dispatched to carry out a campaign in Morelos.

Gen. Blanquet has not begun an active campaign in the State of Mexico because of lack of troops. The rebels have concentrated on the state line between Morelos and Mexico and near Atlixco in the state of Puebla, where they have destroyed five bridges on the inter-oceanic railway.

Chechemcamos is operating in the state of Durango and Zacatecas and has destroyed several bridges. He is said to have 1500 men divided into small bands which are raiding and levying ransom.

Castro Persons Non Grata. By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 23.—Whether Cipriano Castro, former president of Venezuela, will be permitted to land in the United States is being considered by government officials. It is reported he has started from Paris to New York.

NINE SUSPECTS HELD FOR MURDER

CHICAGO POLICE MAKE MANY ARRESTS IN CONNECTION WITH KILLING OF JEWELER

A TORN SKIRT IS FOUND

Gag Found in Dead Man's Mouth Fits Hole—Mystery Being Unraveled

By Associated Press. Chicago, Dec. 21.—Nine suspects, four women and five men, are held in connection with the murder of J. H. Logue, a diamond merchant, in his office in the McVicker theatre building yesterday. The police profess to believe at least two of the men have been connected with a series of daring automobile hold-ups and other robberies here recently.

Search of the apartments occupied by Clyde Stratton and H. D. Hampton and some of the woman under arrest today, revealed a skirt from which a piece was torn. The police say the piece of cloth used to gag Logue was torn from a woman's undershirt, and that it fits the torn skirt found.

Ten pistols and a quantity of nitroglycerin and much jewelry, besides two human skeletons, were also found in the apartment. While it is said \$3000 worth of jewelry is missing from the Logue offices and that robbery must have been the motive for the murder, the police are closely following every clue that might develop the "woman in the case" theory.

In the north side block where the suspects live, were found dynamite, nitro-glycerin, fulminating caps, burglar's tools, a dozen automatic revolvers and a thousand cartridges. In a closet were found two human skeletons, such as are used in medical schools. A wagon load of loot was taken from the flat.

Immediately beneath the apartment of the suspects lives G. R. Worsley, a private detective. Wednesday night burglars gained entrance to his flat and although there was considerable jewelry in the bed rooms, the intruders took only two magazine revolvers. This is regarded by the police as having significance.

The police today volunteered information about the history of Logue. According to Lieut. Larkin, Logue figured in police affairs ten years ago, when a New York jewelry salesman suddenly disappeared with a satchel full of valuable gems. Subsequently the gems were found in Logue's possession, according to the lieutenant.

The police are working on a theory that the persons who killed Logue came to his store to dispose of stolen jewelry and became involved in a quarrel with the jeweler and killed him.

FARMERS' UNION STATE CONVENTION

Special Session Called at Fort Worth On January The 14th

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 23.—A special state convention of the Texas Farmers Union will be held here January 14 for the purpose of reviewing the past cotton season and the success in the warehouse cotton marketing system. The convention will have from the one to four delegates from each of the 150 county unions. The number to be sent will be left to each county.

At Farmers' Union headquarters here it is said no figures have been compiled on the average profit received for cotton by Texas farmers this year and this will likely be one of the matters taken up.

COTTON SEED CAKE SAVES LIVESTOCK

Snows No Longer Mean Starvation For Cattle in the Panhandle

The entire cotton seed cake output of the cotton oil mills of Northwest Texas is being taken this year by Panhandle and West Texas stockmen, to feed their cattle during the heavy snows such as now cover the Panhandle. In former years, a heavy snow meant the death of thousands of head of cattle, owing to the pasture being covered with snow and ice, but in the past winter or two the feeding of cottonseed cake has been tried, with marked success.

The local cotton oil mill has disposed of all of its cake output in this manner, as have the mills at other points along the Denver, and the Panhandle ranchmen are evidently prepared to feed their stock in this manner throughout the winter if necessary. While the expense of this feeding is heavy, the present prices for beef cattle enable the cattlemen to profit by it.

Hickey Sentenced. By Associated Press. Buffalo, Dec. 23.—J. Frank Hickey, convicted of murder in the second degree for the killing of Joseph Joseph, the seven year old Lackawanna boy October 12, 1911, was sentenced this morning to the state prison for an indeterminate period, the minimum of which is twenty years, and the maximum, life.

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Official Statement as made to the Comptroller of Currency, November 26th, 1912. Condensed.

City National Bank

Wichita Falls, Texas

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GOOD FOR UNCLE WILLIUM.

They were talking politics at the Biggs office the other day, and some one remarked that civil service was the proper thing for all offices, more especially that of postmaster. Uncle "Willium" agreed, much to the surprise of some of the crowd, as he was known to be a "fierce Democrat," the kind that argue that the "best proof of a Democrat is a votin' of the ticket."

"Sair, I'll live in it; they order hev a list of questions for 'em to answer, an' if they couldn't answer the furst question right, then no offis."

"What do you think that furst question or be, Uncle Bill?" asked one of the interested listeners.

"O, that's easy. Be you, and how long hev you bin a Dimocrat?"

THE TIMES REMEMBERED

Among those who, so far have remembered the Times are Trevaughn Hoge, the enterprising grocer, who sent with their Christmas greetings a box of the famous "ome Beauty" apples, wishing us a merry Christmas and a most prosperous 1913. The Times appreciates both the good wishes and the apples.

The manager of the Times is indebted to the Times force for a most comfortable revolving chair which he found at his desk today at noon. The boys have labored steady and most faithfully to make the Times the success it is. Without such co-operation on the part of the force to carry out plans, success could not have been possible. When there was work to be done, the night has never been too long for a single member on the force to work as long as there was a piece of copy on the hook or a form to fill. Such loyalty to duty is fully appre-

PRASE FOR A TEXAN

In the January American Magazine appears in the "Interesting People" department of J. J. Pastoriza, tax commissioner of Houston, Texas, who has cut the rate in his city from \$1.70 to \$1.30, by taxing land at its full valuation, and by letting all personal property go free. Following is an extract from the article:

"It happened thus: Pastoriza took an early gamble in some real estate that turned out good, netting him enough to jog on comfortably for the rest of his days. Pastoriza has no illusions about himself, so he knew he hadn't earned the profit of a rise in land values. If he had been plous, like the English dukes or Mr. Baer, he might have decided that the Almighty in His wisdom had committed the guardianship of that real estate to him, with the increased increment as a perquisite for holding the job. But Pastoriza isn't plous, so that didn't occur to him. All his one-track Texas mind could think of was that since he had absorbed public property as a private take-off—the land values created by the public—he was a social parasite and thief."

"But did that worry him? Not a minute—you don't know Pastoriza. He owned up with a cheerfulness that would surprise you, and promptly went on the war-path after more. Like Joseph Fels, Congressman Kent, and other good single-taxers, he said to himself, 'Here's richness,' reinvested in land, and stung the public again and yet again. While thus profiting by the industry and enterprise by going up and down the state of Texas with his thumbs in his vest, telling the public what 'suckers' they were to let him do it. Pastoriza has command of a fine line of picturesque language. Some of it won't parse without stimulants, and he doesn't always spell straight, but it blisters where it lights."

"You bet!" cried Pastoriza in his snafu slangy way. "I'll be tax commissioner—hellere me! I'll be the kind of tax commissioner you read about. Stand back and give me room according to my strength, and when the kiddies grow up they'll find all records dating from the year when Pastoriza was commissioner!"

"One must make a long story short for this department. The beauty and chivalry gasped and stood pat, waiting to hear that Pastoriza, having bankrupted the town, was in the insane asylum. But, behold! he shows the biggest assessment roll of any city in the state—\$120,000,000—and a rate cut from \$1.70 to \$1.30. The city has plenty of money, the newspapers are crowing, everybody who used to swear at Pastoriza now swears by him, and other cities like Beaumont, Galveston, Austin, Waco there's a healthy rivalry among those Texas towns), are inquiring why and wherefore. All because one raw-boned Texan had the gumption to shift the burden off the products of labor and put it on land values where it belongs."

There are just thirteen letters in the name of Woodrow Wilson; he was elected president of Princeton after having served thirteen years as professor and was the thirteenth president of that famous educational institution, and now in 1912 he is to be inaugurated president of the United States. Thirteen has not been an unlucky number for the president-elect.

During the campaign the Taft literature distributed throughout the United States invariably referred to Gov. Wilson as "the professor." Instead of the more dignified title which properly was his after having been elected to the governorship of New Jersey. Now that President Taft has been referred a professorship in Yale, and according to what dispatches will accept it after retiring or being retired from the more dignified position now

HELD BY HIM, WILL BE WRONG FOR THE

Democrats to refer to him as "Professor" Taft?

A growing city—like Wichita Falls, for instance—needs all the revenue it can get to keep its streets and alleys in proper condition, and therefore should lose no opportunity to demand and receive for its franchises covering use of its alleys and streets by public service corporations a reasonable and fair compensation. All the prosperous cities are demanding this and are leaving but little trouble in getting it that is asked. The more the city gets for its franchises, the less the property tax will be.

The people, it would seem, have done their Christmas shopping earlier this year than ever before. The weather conditions, which for the past week or more have been ideal, may account for this to some extent, but the agitation of "do your shopping early" probably played its part. While the stores are yet crowded with shoppers, that rush and scramble for position at the counters in order to be waited on is not near so great as in former years, notwithstanding the fact that many goods have been sold, and the shopkeepers are pleased, their sales exceeding by far their expectations.

"And 'Bleeding Kansas' is to have a Democratic governor," remarks the Wichita Times, which, though a glorious thing for any state, can only partially atone for the manifold sins of that turbulent commonwealth."

Houston Post.

What are the "manifold sins" of Kansas, anyhow? According to exchanges from Kansas that reach our exchange table, that state has made most wonderful progress during the past twenty years. There are fewer inmates of her prisons and asylums than ever before; there is more money per capita than ever before; indicating that her people are more prosperous; illiteracy has decreased from 48 to 2 per cent, and the sale of booze has decreased from about \$30 per capita to less than \$2. Perhaps this is "the manifold sin" to which the esteemed Post alludes. If so, tell us about it.

It pays some people to smile and look pleasant. Manly M. Rice, hat rack attendant at the Jefferson hotel, St. Louis for eight years, has resigned his position and bought a swell hotel of his own. He drew no salary, but says he never refused a tip, no matter how small, nor scowled at the customer if no tip was offered. He merely smiled and looked pleasant. So, you fellows, who never smile and never look pleasant can never expect to get rich through receiving tips.

A VISION

Sometimes in my daytime dreaming
A wonderful vision I see
A church so tall and stately
As every church should be.

The columns and walls and ceilings
Were wonderful to behold,
But a closer inspection proved
They were not made of gold.

The columns, so tall and gleaming
Were cakes of glistening white
And the walls were made of loaves of
of bread.

So soft and brown and light
The floor was a dainty mosaic,
And on coming closer still
I found it was made of cookies
Turned from the housekeepers mill.

The hangings were checkered but lovely
In blue and brown and green,
I found they were bonnets and aprons
The nicest I'd ever seen.

Thus it is the work of the women,
The things that our hands can do,
That is helping to build this temple,
This church we are working to.

—Mrs. J. L. Downing.

The money so far secured by land owners of Wichita county for all leases during the past year has more than equaled a good crop and the work of development is yet in its infancy.

Our city officials have about concluded that the city hall, constructed about four or five years ago at a cost of about \$25,000, is now entirely too small and are prospecting for a new location. This is only another evidence of the substantial growth and prosperity of Wichita Falls. At the time it was determined to construct

the present city hall, it was the opinion of the most optimistic that the new hall would be large and roomy for the needs of this city for the next ten or fifteen years, but now it is found to be too small and it is being proposed to sell the present property and buy lots on which to erect a new city hall—one that will be sufficient to accommodate the needs of a city of 20,000 to 30,000 population.

Governor Wilson says distributing the offices is the hateful part of the presidential task to him. It is easy for a man who is in to talk that way, but the poor devil who has hungered for sixteen years—Oh, Lord, show him with blessings and loving kindness—Houston Post.

If Mr. Wilson is the kind of Democrat that 99 Democrats out of about every 100 thought he was when they shucked their coats and voted to make him President of these United States, and after the victory shouted themselves hoarse, it will not only be not hateful or distasteful for him to put a Democrat into every office now held by a Republican, but a pleasure. That's the kind of a Democrat most of us were lead to believe Mr. Wilson was. Of course, it will not be possible for him to reward all those who want office, but it would be showing the basest ingratitude for him to not reward as many as possible. This paper believes he will do that. It would dislike to believe anything else. The Democrats have won this victory, and without their aid and assistance the victory would have been impossible.

The best way to make this a pleasant Christmas is to be a Good Fellow. They are the fellows who are not so busy with money-making that they cannot spare a little time to discover some poor and friendless child who will awake on Christmas morning only to find an empty stocking unless he makes of himself a Santa Claus that will prevent such a disappointment on the part of that child.

The next Congress is pledged to pass an income tax on all incomes over and above five thousand per annum. Doubtless this will relieve to some extent the minds of some of our very rich people who, during the presidential campaign, were having conniptions for fear the revision of the tariff would result in great loss of revenue to the National government. The tariff, of course, needs to be revised and the Democratic party is pledged to revise it downward, but all the government losses in revenue will be more than made up by the tax on incomes. This will merely shift some of the burden from the shoulders of the masses to where it ought to be—on those who can well afford it pay it.

HERE'S THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.

(Honey Grove Signal)
A poor workman went into a store at Fort Worth.

There were many pretty things there and many fond parents were buying the painted wagons and horns for the children at home.

This poor workman had a half dozen kiddies at home, and he thought of them as he gazed upon the pretty toys. But he had no money.

"I'll take a chance," he said. He purchased \$2.50 worth of trains and dolls and drums and horns. He gave his check for the amount. He had no money in the bank and had never had an account there.

An officer arrested the workman and headed for the jail.

The proprietor of the store intervened, looked into the package and saw the trains and dolls and drums.

"Why did you do this?" the proprietor asked of the laborer.

"I had to have something to keep the kiddies from crying," was the laborer's reply.

"There'll be no charge against this man," said the proprietor to the officer. And he tore up the worthless check.

"I'll charge these things to you," he said to the laborer, whose face lighted up with a sunny smile. "If you ever get the money you owe pay me. Take these things and be a good Santa Claus to the kiddies."

Here, dear reader, was the true Christmas spirit—the forgiving spirit, the gentle spirit, the spirit of good will and gladness toward others.

Christmas of 1912 will bless the keeper of the Fort Worth store. It has already blessed him.

INAUGURAL FLUB-DUB.

Governor-elect Sulzer of New York says that he wants a plain inauguration without any flub-dub. We commend his sensible course to governor-elect throughout the country.

Coronery is not an ornament to our government, national or state. Simplicity alone comports with democracy. Elaborate forms are borrowed from inferior models of government. History has recorded that the most pompous pageantry have marked the worst systems of government the world ever, and the prime purpose of coronations has been to awe the populace. The motive behind the impressiveness of the Durbar in India is obvious and it makes the natives the laughing stock of the civilized world.

There is nothing barbaric either in the nature of the American government or in the people. There is no purpose to awe the people into keeping their hands off their own institutions. Rather they are, and they should be, encouraged to lay their hands on.

The dignity of the government is the dignity of the people, and in installing their public servants the majesty of the people should be celebrated if at all, by the people themselves and not by their servants in empty ceremonies. No inauguration

THE NATIONAL PETROLEUM NEWS

December comes to our exchange table this week with five pages of snappy news devoted to the Wichita and Okay county oil fields and the men who are helping develop them. An interesting feature is a sketch of "Plummer" Boyd and another is "Not Ben, But Arby Bold." The latter sounds like "Bill" Long might have been courting the Muse.

The Wichita Times wonders if it would or would not be a compliment to President Taft should President-elect Wilson, after he is inaugurated, remove from Federal office all Republicans for "petitions political activity." Apparently, President Taft intends "wedding out" all of the office holders who were not in sympathy with his efforts to succeed himself, which, bet, in itself, is setting a mighty good precedent for his democratic successor. As to any compliments being bestowed, the only ones which we could see would be those to the democrats who would succeed the "ousted" republicans.—Houston Post.

CHRISTMAS IS OVER. SWEAR OFF, NOW, UNTIL NEXT CHRISTMAS.

The happiest persons on this, the day after, are those who have reasons to believe others have been made happy at their expense.

And now for 1913—what wonderful possibilities are in store for Wichita Falls. We can secure most of them if we only work together during the coming New Year as we have done for the five or six years in the past.

The distributors of charity found fewer cases of distress in Wichita Falls yesterday than on any previous occasion. There were a few, and these few were made happy and comfortable for the time.

The returns from the count of the vote for President are now all in and show the total to be 15,841,665. Of the total votes cast for the three leading candidates was: Wilson 6,803,603, Taft, 3,439,529, Roosevelt 4,168,564. This also shows that Wilson received 42 per cent of all votes cast.

The Texas legislature will convene Tuesday, January 7th, and so far as the Times is aware the committee appointed at the mass meeting two months ago to draft a new city charter has not yet completed its work, or if so, the fact has not been made known.

It would be difficult for Gov. Wilson to make a greater mistake in the selection of his secretary of state than President Taft made when he selected Mr. Knox. Though a great lawyer, and a very brilliant man, his record as secretary of state is full of blunders.

Possibly the incoming president may, without violating his civil service ideas, at least modify the order so as to compel the fourth class postmasters to stand civil service examinations. That would create a good many vacancies and open the way for the recognition of the democratic vote. If he were to go further and revoke the order entirely, and give the 36,000 postoffices to the democrats, it would suit the democratic politicians better and not excite the country very much. The idea that the victors are entitled to the spoils is strong among both republicans and democrats. Good party men care very little for the so-called merit system as a matter of fact. Unless the new president does take some sort of action, no doubt the democrats will find some other way to "turn the rascals out."—Shriner Gazette.

EVER MORE BECAME THE TRUE CHARACTER

of a people's government than Andrew Jackson's. It was celebrated by the people as such. Jefferson's inauguration was properly celebrated as a people's holiday; soldiers marched, church bells rang, orations were delivered, and some of the newspapers printed the Declaration of Independence in full, but there was no state formality to characterize the occasion. Jefferson rode to the White House on a horse and modestly took the oath of office; and it was he who promptly abolished the weekly levee at the White House, as well as the system of precedence that had been copied from the court etiquette of Europe.

As for state governments, there is less reason for them to wear monarchial coats or engage in the stumpy, flunkys and outward form of principalities. There was occasion to admire last year the good sense of Gov. Hunt of Arizona who walked to his inaugural ceremonies, and declined to participate in a formal parade. Mr. Sulzer's sensible example in New York will be more valuable only because more conspicuous.

It is only by preserving its simplicity that American government can retain its strength.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

RAILROADS CONTROL STEAMSHIP LINES

Little Competition to Railroad Companies by Water Transportation Says Report
By Associated Press
Washington, Dec. 23.—Railroad companies and steamship combinations control the regular steamship lines of the United States and have destroyed competition on many of the water highways of commerce, declares Luther Conant Jr., commissioner of corporations, in a report to President Taft today.

The revelations of the report, based upon an extensive investigation, force upon the federal government, says the commissioner, the consideration of further regulation of joint rail and water traffic.

In practically all the coast waters of the country, it is declared, railroad or steamship consolidations dominate water transportation. Their control of both through passenger and package freight trade is especially striking, says Commissioner Conant, on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts and on the Great Lakes. Water lines along the eastern seaboard, he adds, have become to a large extent auxiliaries or subsidiaries of railroads. While competition exists in greater measure on the Pacific coast, the commissioner points out important instances of railroad control there.

It is a striking fact, says Commissioner Conant, that between a number of the midra important ports on the Atlantic and Gulf coast there is only a single regular service.

The New Haven system, it is charged, "has pursued a determined policy of suppressing any effective competition on Long Island Sound and several, at least, of its recent acquisitions must be charged as due to this policy." Elimination of competition also

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was an important factor, says Commissioner Conant, in the New Haven's purchase of a majority interest in the Merchants and Miners Transportation Company.

The extensive water traffic between New York City and New England ports is almost completely controlled, the report adds, by the New Haven road or by the Eastern Steamship Company in which the New Haven is a considerable stockholder, though claiming to have no voice in the management.

The Southern Pacific likewise is declared to have shown a disposition to restrict competition, on the Atlantic coast although its steamship lines are really a water extension of that company's rail lines. In addition, the report says, the control of the Southern Pacific by the Union Pacific (recently dissolved by the United States Supreme Court) obviously tended to limit the importance of competition by the Southern Pacific's rail and water route.

The railroads controlling the greatest tonnage of steamship lines, according to Mr. Conant, are the New Haven system, Union Pacific, Southern Pacific, the Pennsylvania, New York Central and Central of Georgia.

Nearly all the important anthracite fleets on the North Atlantic coasts, the commissioner says, are owned by a few great anthracite railroads.

A number of the principal canals of the country have been abandoned or fallen into disuse, the report declares, because of railroad influence.

"The conditions here set forth," says Mr. Conant, "can not fail to command attention. So far as the eastern part of the country is concerned, water lines have to a large extent become auxiliaries or subsidiaries of railroads. These conditions force consideration of the policy to be adopted toward such water carriers. Since water competition has in considerable measure been restricted by railroad control of water lines, this fact must be taken account of. The Interstate Commerce Commission has by recent legislation secured a considerable increase in jurisdiction over joint rail and water traffic, particularly with respect to the establishment of joint rail and water rates and the equitable division of such rates between the co-carriers. This is a matter of vital importance. If there is to be any successful attempt to increase competition in domestic water traffic, it seems certain that such joint rate arrangements should be far more generally established than at present. Since joint through rates are almost invariably less than the sum of the local rates, a steamship line deprived of the advantage of a joint rate arrangement with railroads on an equitable basis is practically unable to compete with a rival enjoying it."

English Airman Lost at Sea

By Associated Press
London, Dec. 24.—Edward Tetter, a well known English airman, was killed today near Scarborough, while undertaking a flight from miles Brickland, aerodrome to Edinburgh. He intended to cover the distance without stopping but his monoplane was into a heavy gale and his machine was dashed to earth.

12,424,853 Bales of Cotton Ginned up to December 13

Table showing cotton ginning statistics for various states including Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, and Georgia. Columns include Year, Ginnings, and Per Ct.

Table showing the ginnings of Sea Island cotton prior to December 13 by states for the years 1912, 1911, 1910, 1909, and 1908.

The Christmas Tree at Our Sunday School

TIME—About Christmas Eve. PLACE—Almost any Sunday school, almost anywhere. 'Maw.' 'Sh-h-h-h.' 'Maw.' 'Hush, Jimmy, don't you hear the minister praying?' 'Well, I just wish you'd look at the nerve of them Smith kids. They ain't been to Sunday school since the picnic last spring, and here they come buttin' in just 'cause there's a tree.'

make a talk, was there? The tree may stand back there and wither and rot and its branches fall to the floor; the teachers may yawn behind their hands and forget to scold the restless children; the parents may sigh hopelessly and wish they hadn't come; the children may fret and fume and the babies cry; but the superintendent must make his talk. O, well; there are no roses without some thorns.

What Do You Mean By Christmas?

By Rev. Chester Wood, Rector Church of the Good Shepherd. 'The light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. As many as received him, to them he gave the power to become the son of God.'

MORE RAILROAD MEN INDICTED

BILLS FOUND AGAINST OFFICIALS OF NEW HAVEN AND GRAND TRUNK LINES. SHERMAN LAW INDICTED. Indictments Charge Monopoly Agreement Between Two Roads.

GOV. WILSON SITS ON PARDONS' BOARD JACK COUNTY JUDGE'S PLAN

Gov. Wilson sits on pardons' board. Jack County Judge's plan. No Work on Roads Unless Community Will Agree to Drag Them Regularly. An innovation in road improvement has been adopted by the county commissioners of Jack county, announcement of which was made recently by County Judge Simpson of that county.

HOW ONE WOMAN WON BODY OF RAILROAD SPECIAL AGENT FOUND

Her Health and Strength Back Again by the Use of Cardui. Tampa, Fla.—In a letter from this city, Mrs. E. C. Corum writes: 'I was all weakened and worn out with womanly troubles. My husband brought me some Cardui as a tonic, and, from the first day, it seemed to help. I had almost lost my reason, but thanks to Cardui, I did not. Soon, I felt as lively as a new woman. I think the remedy is wonderful. I recommend it to my friends, for I have received great benefit from it.'

COMPULSORY LAW FAVORED HERE

COUNTY TEACHERS ALSO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS FAVORING EXTENSION SCHOLASTIC AGE. INSTITUTE IS CLOSED. Was One of Most Successful and Beneficial Meetings in History. Adoption of resolutions favoring compulsory education laws, extension of the age limit and other measures featured the closing session of the Wichita County Teachers Institute Friday afternoon, and the sessions came to an end after what is considered one of the most beneficial and successful meetings in its history.

BETHLEHEM

By Rev. F. F. Walters, Pastor of the Christian Church. On the summit of a long, narrow, white chalkstone ridge; confined to the limits of three thousand years ago, the houses probably the same in appearance as those in King David's time or even earlier; two thousand five hundred feet above sea level and six miles from the Jewish capital, is Bethlehem. Abrupt surrounding ridges are somewhat graded and now cultivated. Broad terraces are covered with gardens, vineyards and evergreen olive yards. It is picturesque in the highest degree. Approaching from the north, the encircling walls, terraced heights, steep ascent to the gate and the long line of snowy white, flat roofed, limestone houses, present to the traveler a picture of rare beauty and attractiveness.

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Bethlehem Inn was located. Helen, mother of Constantine in A. D. 306, erected a basilica. With aspirations has ever since been preserved. day it stands, 'The Church of Nativity.' Thousands make annual pilgrimages here. The body of this sacred building one hundred and ten by one hundred and twenty feet, with a nave one hundred and seventy feet long. It is divided by double rows of columns. These marble columns are ninety feet high with Corinthian capitals are said to have belonged to the Temple in Jerusalem. The east end, separated by a wall and divided into chapels. Here is a decent by thirties steps into the grotto said to be the birth place of our Saviour. This grotto cave is now paved and well lighted by thirty-two lamps. Three huge candle sticks rise above a man's head at the back and in front between two marble pillars in a large picture of The Nativity. Underneath these are small pictures resting on projecting shelf of marble, forming an altar. Below all of these is a shrine, speakably sacred to millions of fellow Christians. It is a semicircle arching outward above only four feet high. Fifteen silver lamps burn at night and day. In the center of a small floor is a silver Star marking the spot, it is believed, over which the Star of the East once rested. Around this is the well known inscription: 'Hic de Virginitate Maria Jesus Christus natus est.' 'Here Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary.' A Turkish soldier stands a few steps behind, gun in hand, feet a head. But he is forgotten by devotees standing silently in tears. Pilgrims kneel down and kiss the silver star which speaks a story so infinite (touching). Can it be a mere accident that the hearts and minds of humanity fondly revert to the birth scenes of The Redeemers life? If kings, nobles and ministers of the gospel, in the place where shepherds were born, or died, or were buried; and there weep and tremble should we wonder that the less cultivated will do the same at the shrine of the holy seed? We should not participate in or even tolerate the of and condemn the other. Be not inconsistent and unjust. There is a hunger and thirst, a craving in the human spirit, which can be satisfied only by the revelation of the fact that 'the word was made of flesh. The mind of the young child old, turning toward the birth of Christ. His hallowed presence is affecting all mankind. Devout hearts are interested and Wagner, who would not bow the knee to the Babe of Bethlehem, have soared higher and sang more sweetly because the heavenly host on the Christmas night, under the Syrian sky, praised God and said: 'Glory to God in the highest. 'And on earth peace among men.'

OIL LANDS OF VAST VALUE INVOLVED

Expected Lands Valued at Over \$100 Million Dollars Will be Subject of Litigation. Los Angeles, Dec. 21.—One billion dollars worth of California oil-bearing land, it was said, would eventually be involved in the government's recovery litigation which was begun here yesterday in the filing of the \$250,000,000 action in equity against the Southern Pacific Railway and its subsidiaries. The Standard Oil Company, through its subsidiaries, is expected by federal officers finally to be involved, as well as the McConaughy-Mason interests, the British Columbia Oil syndicate, which is said to be also interested extensively in California. Three or more years probably will elapse before it is determined whether the Southern Pacific and other interests wrongfully obtained the mineral lands specified in the action, which are of enormous value. The suit already involves the largest amount ever sought in an equity action in the history of the United States. The present suit was prepared by B. D. Townsend and T. J. Butler, special assistants to Attorney General Wickensham.

WEDDING GIFT FROM SAILORS

New York, Dec. 21.—A unique wedding gift for Miss Helen, whose engagement to Finley J. Sheppard recently was announced, will come from the more than 20,000 men of the warships of the Atlantic fleet. It became known today that Rear Admiral Osterhaus in a letter which he wrote at the request of a number of chief petty officers suggested to the men of the fleet that they unite in subscriptions to purchase a gift which would convey 'their appreciation of what Miss Gould has done for the service.' The limit of an individual subscription was placed at 25 cents. Miss Gould, who is a daughter of the late Jay Gould, has long been interested in the welfare of the enlisted men of the Navy, and has done many things for them. San Angelo—The city council has instructed the city engineer to ask for bids for the paving of approximately 40,000 square yard of residence streets.

Buy Him a Box of VICAR CIGARS

THEY'LL TOUCH THE SPOT

LIFE GIVEN UP TO SAVE PACKAGE

ATTEMPT TO RECOVER GIFT FOR AGED MOTHER COST YOUNG VIRGINIAN HIS LIFE

FELL BENEATH WHEELS

Young Man Decapitated in View of Throng of Christmas Shoppers

By Associated Press. Alexandria, Va., Dec. 2.—Allighting from a moving train to recover a Christmas gift he had bought for his aged mother, Subin Ennis, a young planter of Heflin, Virginia, fell beneath the wheels and was decapitated.

The accident occurred in view of a throng of Christmas shoppers who were awaiting their train, and several women fainted.

SALVATION ARMY'S CHRISTMAS CHEER

Baskets of Supplies for Needy Families and Toys For The Children

Forty sacks of flour, twenty cases of canned goods, two dozen chickens, four boxes of oranges, a hundred pounds of candy, five bushels of apples, twenty sides of bacon, and other provisions in proportion that will be distributed tonight and tomorrow morning by the Salvation Army and will bring a gleam of Christmas cheer to homes in Wichita Falls that might otherwise not know Santa Claus.

Captain Robb and his good wife have been busy today making up baskets of these provisions and for every basket that they will have there will be a home that needs it. They believe that they will have something for every family that will not otherwise be taken care of but any contributions that may be offered today or tomorrow will be placed where they will be appreciated.

Christmas tree presents will be distributed at the Salvation Army hall tomorrow night. Santa Claus has left a great number and variety of presents with Captain Robb including fifty dolls, dozens of horns, handkerchiefs and other articles to please young hearts.

The hall will be crowded tomorrow night with happy riotous youngsters but any who drop in will see a sight that will make their hearts glad.

For Next Few Days

I will offer my home at a bargain, 5-room house, all modern.

Otto Stehlik

Phone 692

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Best equipped office in west Texas
First National Bank Building
We Know How

Captain Robb is in close touch with the needs of the persons among whom the supplies will be distributed and the children to whom the toys will be given and nothing that is given through the Salvation Army will be amiss.

Notice.
Notice is hereby given to all persons that during the next regular session of the Legislature of the State of Texas, which is to convene in Austin, Texas, January 14th, 1913, I will apply for and request the passage by said legislature of a special law or laws for the purpose of validating the locations of valid land certificates made through the Jack land district surveyor's office upon all public school, university and the several asylum lands situated in Wichita County, Texas, and surveyed through said office during the year of 1874.

PRESIDENT'S PARTY LANDS AT COLON

2,000 Blue Jackets From Battleships Given Opportunity to Inspect the Canal

By Associated Press. Colon, Dec. 24.—President Taft and his party landed here today from the United States warship Arkansas. The trip from Key West was an uneventful one. The weather was fine and the sea smooth.

Just before landing President Taft sent a wireless dispatch to Col. Goethals, asking him to have special trains in readiness as 2,000 blue jackets and all on board the battleships Arkansas and Delaware except the prisoners, are to be given the opportunity of inspecting the canal during their visit.

COMING TO CLOSE UP FRUIT JAR FACTORY DEAL

Rate and Other Concessions Agreed to by Railroad—Ball Brothers Representative Coming

To close up the contract which will bring their Coffeyville jar plant to Wichita Falls, members of the firm of Ball Brothers will be in Wichita Falls shortly, according to advices received by J. A. Kemp.

"Everything is ready to close up finally," said Mr. Kemp, "we have perfected the arrangements with the railroads for the switching facilities and practically everything else required. I hope to see the deal definitely closed without delay."

The exact date of Ball Brothers' visit is not known.

REBUILT CARS ON THE BYERS BRANCH

The patrons of the Byers branch of the Wichita Valley will get a nice Christmas present from the management of that road, in the shape of nicely repainted and rebuilt cars for service on the line.

The passenger car and the mail and baggage car which handle the business of the line have been in the Denver shops at Childress for several days and look brand new now. While the former condition of these cars was the subject of much complaint on the part of the passengers, the responsibility for that state of affairs did not rest upon Superintendent R. G. Fitzpatrick, whose efforts to secure better equipment at last met with success.

FOR SALE—Famous east Texas pure ribbon cane syrup. Our syrup is delicious and contains all sugar. Eight one gallon buckets in case, freight prepaid. \$6. E. M. Woods, Gladewater, Texas, Route 1, box 42. 70 6tc

ATTEMPT ON LIFE PRINCE YAMAGATA

FAILING IN EFFORTS TO REACH ICTIM WOULD BE ASSASSIN—ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

WAS NOT SUCCESSFUL

Intended Victim Was President of Japanese Privy Council and Supreme Military Councillor

By Associated Press. Tokio, Dec. 24.—An attempt was made early today to assassinate Prince Aritomo Yamagata, president of the Japanese privy council, and supreme military councillor of Japan.

The prince was unhurt. His assailant tried to commit suicide. The would be assassin broke into the prince's residence just after midnight and endeavored to approach the prince. He was, however, observed by some attendants and he then tried to commit suicide by stabbing himself. He was arrested and an investigation is being made.

The prince was the chief of general staff during the Russo-Japanese war. He is well known in all European countries.

DIDN'T WANT TO BE FUGITIVE ON CHRISTMAS

Atlanta Man Charged With Forgery Gives Himself Up in New Orleans

By Associated Press. New Orleans, Dec. 24.—Declaring he could not let another Christmas go by feeling that he was a fugitive from justice, John F. Snyder of Atlanta, Georgia, surrendered to the police here. He was wanted, he told the police, on a charge of having forged a check, using the name of a friend, four years ago. Although the amount was small, Snyder said he wanted to return home for trial.

BLEASE GIVES FREEDOM TO EIGHTY CONVICTS

All Pardon Records in South Carolina Broken in Today's Order

By Associated Press. Columbia, S. C., Dec. 24.—All records in this State for pardons granted in one day were broken today, when by order of Gov. Coal L. Blease, eighty convicts confined in the state penitentiary and serving on chain gangs throughout the State were liberated, their pardons being granted as Christmas presents.

REAL BUFFALO MEAT IN WICHITA FALLS

E. B. Carver Receives Hind Quarter of Young Buffalo From His Friend Col. Goodnight

Genuine buffalo steaks will be served at the Christmas dinners of a few of friends of E. B. Carver, live stock agent for the Wichita Falls Route and all-around good fellow. Through Mr. Carver's generosity, a number of his friends received cuts of the meat, which needless to say were thoroughly appreciated.

The reason no more of Mr. Carver's many friends were supplied is that the supply was limited to one hind-quarter of a fat young buffalo, presented to him by his old friend, Col. C. C. Goodnight of the Goodnight

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The robber had forced the express messengers to open a small safe, and was trying to force them to open the larger safe, when Daniels who had obtained a revolver from a passenger, shot him in the back. W. S. Gordon, a private detective, reinforced the porter and eighteen shots were fired. Eighteen shots were fired before the negro lay still.

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SHEPPARD WILLING TO TAKE BAILEY'S SEAT

Would Gladly Fill Unexpired Term in Upper House Should Contingency Arise

Washington, Dec. 24.—Representative Morris Sheppard in a telegram and a letter to C. D. Spann of Glen Rose, Representative of the Ninety-Seventh District in the State Legislature, announces his willingness to accept an election to the United States Senate to fill the unexpired term of Senator Bailey, should Mr. Bailey resign before March 4. This expression was brought out by the following telegram from Mr. Spann:

"Hon. Morris Sheppard, Washington, D. C.: In event of Senator Bailey's resignation we want to elect you for unexpired term if acceptable."

To the message representative Sheppard replied by wire and later by letter, in which he said:

"I do not believe that it would be wise for me to make an active campaign for the unexpired term in the event that there should be one, still I, the Legislature, under the circumstances, should decide to elect me, I would gladly accept."

Mr. Sheppard has received a number of tenders of support, but the telegram from Mr. Spann implied a question to which he replied as above.

The Legislature to assemble on Jan. 14. It is expected to elect Representative Sheppard to the United States Senate for the term beginning March 4, and unless the Legislature succeeds in electing a senator to fill the unexpired term of Senator Bailey, should such a contingency arise, during the first two weeks of the session, it will have the job of two Senatorial elections on its hands at the same period.

A Federal statute requires the Legislature to elect a United States Senator for the regular term "on the second Tuesday after the meeting and organization of the Legislature." The Thirty-Third Texas Legislature will, therefore, vote on Jan. 28, 1913, to fill the term beginning March 4 following. Each house will vote separately on that day. On the following day they will meet in joint session to compare the vote, and the result will then be announced.

To fill the unexpired portion of the present term, in the event Senator Bailey should resign, the Legislature may vote at any time after organization and after the resignation has been tendered.

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ANOTHER ADVANCE AT BARTLESVILLE

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FOR SALE—Firewood \$1.09 per load. Call on A. F. Stephens, Wichita River Bridge. Charlie and Petrolia road.

OIL LAND TO LEASE—Land is proven territory. Phone 231 or 185.

FOR SALE—I will be in Wichita Falls Dec. 27th with a car load of calves, at the Texas Feed Yards and will be there until all are sold. Ed Town.

ANSWER IT HONESTLY.

Are the Statements of Wichita Falls Citizens Not More Reliable Than Strangers.

This is a vital question. It is fraught with interest to Wichita Falls people.

It permits of only one answer. It cannot be evaded or ignored. A Wichita Falls citizen speaks.

Speaks for the welfare of Wichita Falls.

A citizen's statement is reliable. An utter stranger's doubtful. Home proof is the best proof. H. T. Cummings, 708 Burnett St., Wichita Falls, Texas, says: "I can still highly recommend Doan's Kidney Pills for whenever I have occasion to use them excellent results follow. You are at liberty to continue using my previous endorsement of this preparation."

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MARRIAGE FEE OF 25 CENTS TENDERED RECTOR

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