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BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS CANDIES AND FRUITS FROM JOHN COTULLA'S STORE ON CENTER STREET.

WEATHER DELAYS ROADWAY WORK.

Party Establishing Meridian Highway May Log this Division the Coming Week.

In a letter to the RECORD, Mr. D. E. Colp, of the Bexar county Highway Division, states that if the weather permits the party establishing and logging the Meridian Highway will cover the San Antonio-Laredo division the coming week. It is his intention to leave San Antonio next Friday morning and make Cotulla that night, spending the night here. This program will be carried out unless more rain falls and the roads are made practically impassable. He states that there is a strip of road in the Medina valley that is very bad and more rain would make the trip impracticable at that time.

It is very essential that this work be done before the first of the year or as soon after as possible in order to get this log and road advertised in the Blue Books for 1913, which will be issued in January. This will be worth much to this division from an advertising standpoint.

WOODWARD NOTES

Woodward, Texas, Dec. 20—Born Dec. 11, 1912, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Newt Winters. The boy has been named Jasper Darnell Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. McGehee, Father and Mother of J. H. McGehee have returned to their home in San Marcos after a few weeks visit here.

Among those who registered at the hotel this week, were: Jas. Green of San Antonio, Geo. C. Watson of Washington, D. C., David Daughan of San Antonio, G. C. Raihburn of San Antonio and N. A. McCaleb of Carrizo Springs.

It has been decided to have a Christmas tree here at the school house in connection with a program that is to be rendered by the school children.

Old Santa in all his glory will be there.

M. P. Misenhimer made a business trip to San Antonio this week.



We are Continually Rounding Up The Best Cattle to be found in the country for patrons of the PALACE MARKET.

There's consolation in knowing that when you want a Good Steak or Roast, there's a place to get it.

How Do You Spend Christmas.

By Rev. T. N. Barton, in Cotulla Methodist.

That Christmas is often celebrated, with wrong ceremonies, is very evident to those who have a true conception of its meaning.

Why such inappropriate customs and conduct should have ever become a part of the occasion, with anyone, we can give but one answer; the sinful condition of sinful men.

We have known men, who never made a regular habit of drink, buy their "Christmas jugs," so called, invite in the neighbors and have a hilarious time, winding up with a few "drinks." This must be a relic of heathenism. When heathen people have reason for expression of joy or disappointment, they give vent to their emotions in reveling, sometimes slashing themselves with knives. Some American men take the Christmas occasion as a time to get drunk and under such conditions draw guns or other deadly weapons, killing themselves or others. There is certainly nothing appropriate in this to celebrate the coming of the Prince of Peace, the Saviour of men.

We have often wondered why Christmas should be made a fourth of July occasion. There is nothing in the shooting of guns and fireworks in keeping the coming Christ. He never came as temporal king, never fought or won any political wars, for that is the kind men fight. We admire the fourth of July patriot, let him shoot his gun and fire cracker, but, Why, O why celebrate the advent of a Spiritual King in such manner? We are glad both of these customs are dying out.

Then, again, we have seen the young life of communities indulging in those past times and revelings, detrimental both physically and spiritually to the participant, and in no way commemorative of the God's gift unto the children of men.

Christmas ought to bring us closer to our Father above. It ought not be a time when anyone would lay down the bars and do the sinful things. Joy should fill every heart, that holy joy for spiritual blessings from above. Be joyous not giddy; be happy not revelous; be spiritual not worldly.

Boys Read This.

Cotulla can boast of a real live Boy Scouts organization. The Scout Master, Mr. Frank Rock is much interested in his work with 12 or 14 of Cotulla's Boys, and asks the help and co-operation of other parents, in this movement for the welfare of boys of the town and country.

The Boy Scout movement is a matter that all parents should be interested in as it is the purpose of the organization to promote, mental, moral, and physical development of boys over 12 years of age.

This careful training if carried out as it will be in Cotulla, will fit a boy for the activities of life, the emergencies of ways and means and a moral responsibility that develops the character, and fits the boy for good citizenship.

The movement while of the highest moral nature is in no sense a religious organization (yet a boy who could not be taught reverence for God would not be eligible as a member.) It is entirely non-sectarian and was organized for the good of any boy who wishes to join and abide by the rules and regulation laws.

Mr. Rock wishes the boys to know that he has ordered all suits and equipments for the boys already enrolled and will order further for any boy wishing to join, he also requests that the parents take an interest and send their boys to join the organization of Rock's Boy Scouts who have come to stay and be physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight. X

Proper attention given all orders for Coffins, Caskets or Burial Robes, day or night, H. B. Stedham.

SKIES OVERCAST AND MORE RAIN.

The clear weather was short lived. This morning the skies were overcast and shortly after laylight a slow drizzle set in. The wind is in the North and the temperature has dropped several degrees.

The first few days of the week were bright and pleasant, and after a wet spell of nearly half a month it was welcomed. The present spell is unwelcomed by Christmas shoppers.

Methodist Church.

Morning services at 11:00 a. m. Evening service at 7:15 p. m. Sermons by the Pastor.

Sunday School at 9:50 a. m. We have classes for all. You need the Sunday School and that school needs you. Come.

Let all the officers of the W. M. Society be present Sunday morning for the installation of officers.

T. N. Barton, Pastor.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

To the W. M. and Wardens of Cotulla Lodge A. F. & A. M. No. 2.

We your committee appointed draft resolutions on the death of brother J. B. Trice beg leave report as follows:

Whereas: The grim monster, death, has again invaded our ranks and removed from our midst our brother, J. B. Trice, that bourn from which no weler returns.

And Whereas, Masonry has done its brilliant jewels the

devoted husband, and the children a beloved father. Therefore,

Resolved, that the removal of such a man from our associations leaves a vacancy that will be deeply realized by this Lodge and the community.

Resolved: That we extend to the bereaved wife and children our heartfelt sympathy and express and earnest hope that when the Supreme Architect calls the Grand Lodge to order, that our lives may be so ordered that we will meet Bro. Trice.

That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family; the Cotulla Record for publication and spread upon the minutes of this Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. Miller
L. W. Gaddis,
P. A. Kerr.

Committee.

In Xmas goods we offer you the happy combination of a superior stock, a larger assortment and the fairest prices.—Gaddis Pharmacy.

HOLIDAY EXCURSION RATES.

The I. & G. N. RY. will sell Holiday Excursion Tickets at 1-3 fare to Texas and Louisiana, Dec. 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, & Jan. 1; limit Jan. 6; to Arkansas and Oklahoma, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and Jan. 1; limit Jan. 6; to Mexico, Dec. 21, 22, and 23; Limit Jan. 18; and to St. Louis, Kansas City, Chicago, Washington, D. C., all points in the SOUTH-EAST, and to Colorado, Dec. 21, 22, and 23; limit Jan. 19, 1913. For further information see Ticket agent.

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DIES, EXPOSED AS CONVICT

Texas, Well Known for Years, Was Escaped Prisoner.

DENTON, Tex., Dec. 17.—The death of John Ellis, well known here for thirty-five years, resulted in the revelation that Ellis really was Joseph G. Addison, who was convicted of voluntary manslaughter in Buchanan county, Georgia, in 1873. He escaped after serving three years of the fifteen year sentence and came here.

Nobody suspected the secret of Ellis' identity until it was announced by J. C. Brock, a friend, to whom Ellis told it five years ago with the request that it be given to the world after his death. Addison asserts that he shot in self-defense a man who intended to kill him for revealing Kuklux Klan secrets to the Federal grand jury at Atlanta in reconstruction days.

WHICH SIDE OF THE BED?

Young Couple Interrupt an Officer's Sleep With Demand That He Settle Their Dispute.

FT. COLLINS, Col., Dec. 17.—Chief of Police Strahan is peeved. He does not mind being called out of bed to run down criminals but does object to being asked to determine whether a husband or wife is entitled to the right side of the bed. Called by an anxious voice over the telephone, he rushed to an address in the eastern part of town. The chief found a couple in the midst of a lively debate. The 19-year-old wife informed him that her husband in two months of married life has been in the habit of going to bed first and appropriating the choicest side, to which she claimed an equal right.

When Chief Strahan and two officers left the house, after spending an hour in an attempt to settle the dispute, the wife occupied the coveted place.

MUTE WITNESSES CONVICT

Circumstantial Evidence Moves Jury Which Finds Man Killed Partner for Money.

BALDWIN, Mich., Dec. 17.—Circumstantial evidence—two silent witnesses, a rifle and a stump of a tree—convicted Oscar M. Auerbach, Chicago business man, who has been found guilty of the murder of Harry W. Fisher, his partner. Fisher was shot to death near here on Sept. 20. Auerbach and Fisher had gone hunting and Auerbach returned with the story that his companion had been accidentally killed, his rifle having fallen from a stump and having been discharged. The jury took the view that Auerbach killed Fisher because he wished to take the \$50,000 life insurance carried by the man slain. The rifle and the tree stump were introduced in evidence.

FEAT KILLS NOTED ACROBAT

Constant Repetition Produces Affliction Fatal to Walter Porter

BRIDGEPORT, Conn.—Suffering man affliction due to the repeated shocks received in an acrobatic feat, Walter Porter, for a lifetime connected with the Barnum & Bailey circus, died here. He was the originator of the double somersault over elephants and creator of the famous Melrose troupe of acrobats. His death is ascribed to the continued feat of catching upon his shoulders the uppermost in a human pyramid. The repeated blows on the spinal column developed paralysis.

OWE LIVES TO WARNING

Bystanders Hurry Away but Boss and Workman Die.

KEOKUK, Iowa, Dec. 17.—You had better keep away from here. We're thawing dynamite sticks over this fire," warned Louis Zenner, boss of a construction gang working five miles north of here. The bystanders heeded the warning and hurried away just in time for the dynamite exploded, killing Zenner and Charles Anderson, one of the gang.

GOOSE HUNTS FOR GOLD

Dig Up Farm After Finding Precious Metal in Bird.

STELLA, Neb., Dec. 17.—Prospecting for gold has been going on at the farm of Casmer Barnes, north of Stella. The finding of gold worth nearly \$50 in the crop of a goose led to the hunt. It is thought that the goose fed in a gulch on the farm and this gulch is filled with sand. Small quantities of loose gold have been found in the gulch.

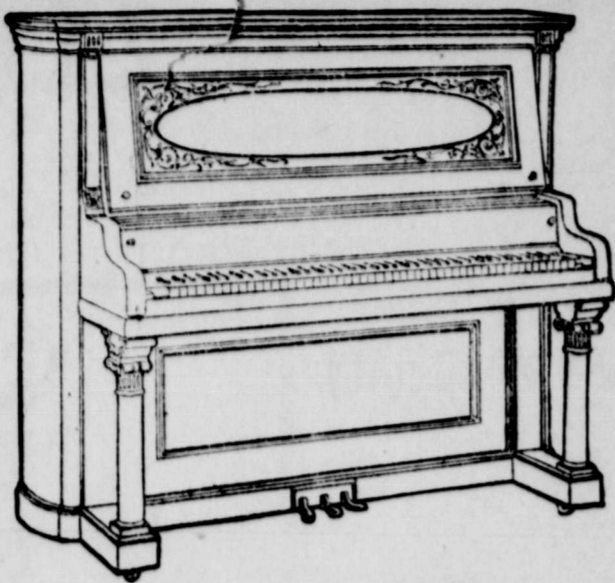
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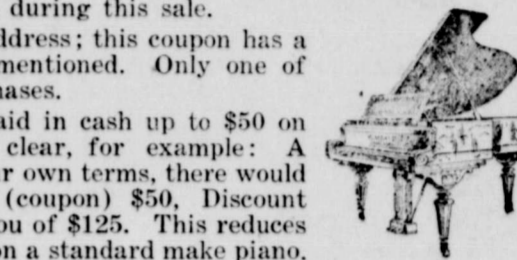
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A S	Payment	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$30.00	\$105.00
A S	Cash Payment	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$10.00	\$115.00
A S	Cash Payment	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$125.00
A S	Cash Payment	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$135.00
A S	Cash Payment	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$70.00	\$145.00
A S	Cash Payment	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$80.00	\$155.00
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ENGLAND SENDS IN HER CANAL PROTEST

Says Exemption of American Ships From Panama Tolls Is Violation of Treaty.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—Great Britain's formal note of protest against that section of the Panama canal act which exempts American vessels from the tolls...

That, while it was clearly in violation of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty either to remit or refund tolls on all American shipping using the canal, the same objection probably would apply to the coastwise trade shipping in view of the probable impossibility of framing regulations that would not result in a preference to American shipping.

In addition to supporting these points by long arguments, Sir Edward Grey, British minister for foreign affairs, in brief, the objections are:

The note winds up with a proposal that the issues should be settled by arbitration, provided that they cannot be adjusted by mutual agreement, for which a way remains open.

CAN STEAL 100 MILLION

This Feat Possible at United States Treasury, He Says.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 17.—"It is physically possible to steal \$100,000,000 from the treasury of the United States," said Lee McClung, retiring treasurer of the United States, in an informal speech at a dinner in his honor given by the Pittsburgh chapter, American Institute of Banking.

GOLD STRIKE IN ALASKA

"Pay Dirt" Four Feet Thick on Claim Near Nome.

NOME, Alaska, Dec. 17.—Another rich gold strike on the newly found continuation of the third beach line has been made on the Koffa claim. The "pay dirt" is four feet thick and runs 4 cents to the pan. Pay is running better as the drifts are extended. The Bay State group, where pay was struck Nov. 16, shows increasing results and several claims are taking out big dumps. Recent discoveries of gold have awakened interest in the winter camps and the activity around Nome looks like a revival of the early days of the camp.

Itching Piles

I want you to know how much good your Hunt's Cure has done. I had suffered with Itching Piles fifteen years, and when I was traveling through Texas a man told me of your Hunt's Cure. I got a 50c box and it cured me.

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BONE HOUSE FOUND IN ALASKAN CLIFF

Stone Knives and Axes in Dwelling Which Was Built Thousands of Years Ago.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 17.—A house built 3000 to 14,000 years ago with stone utensils, stone knives and axes has been found in the vicinity of Point Barrow, Alaska, according to a government geologist.

At a point where the action of the waves had washed away gravel the frame work of the primitive house was partly uncovered. The dwelling was well preserved in the gravel. The roof is composed of the rib bone of an immense whale or of some mammoth beast long ago extinct. The twenty to thirty feet high bones were set to a center column of rocks in the manner that an umbrella is made. Over this bone framework skins evidently had been stretched. The gravel was washed in so rapidly that many of the ribs were scarcely moved.

Convinced of the primitive nature of the dwelling, the men began digging. They were successful in unearthing a stone hatchet weighing twenty-seven pounds, a stone knife or skinning knife, fashioned after the modern draw knife of the woodworker, and a bodaka, or boat hauler, a hollow rock shaped like a trough.

The utensils and tools were carried to Point Barrow and brought here by Maxwell, but the bones were too large and bulky to be removed. They are in a well protected spot and an expedition will attempt next summer to bring them and other articles to be unearthed to Seattle with the avowed purpose of installing the house as it stood in the primitive ages, in the university museum.

"LYNCH HIM" -- VARDAMAN

Mississippi Senator-Elect Discusses Blease Speech.

JACKSON, Miss., Dec. 17.—Condoning in a measure the remarks of Governor Blease before the Governor's Conference at Richmond, Va., United States Senator-Elect James K. Vardaman of Mississippi said that he would lynch a negro if the black had attacked a member of his family.

"Governor Blease's unfortunate speech was only a symptom, scarcely deserving passing notice," said Vardaman, "but the Governors of Alabama and Virginia overlooked the serious problem beneath it and were content with denouncing the individual. In the heart of every true southern man there is a feeling that would lead him to override the law, defy courts and disregard all restraints of civilization when it comes to wrecking vengeance or inflicting punishment on the beast in human form who had committed a crime more horrible than death against his family."

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J. M. Dobie was in the city from his ranch Tuesday.

John Winslow was here from Artesia during the week.

Colorado Fancy Winesaps 15c per dozen at Baine's Store.

Mrs. Bettie Atlee of Laredo arrived Tuesday on a visit to her sister, Mrs. W. A. Kerr.

It pays to get the cash and buy at Baine's, at Artesia.

Mrs. T. R. Keck has returned from a week's visit to relatives at San Marcos.

All the stores have had extra clerks this week on account of Holiday trade.

Baine's the store, Xmas week the time, 16 lbs. of sugar for \$1.00 cash.

Atty. J. Albert Strawn spent a few days of last week in Waco on legal business.

Mrs. G. E. Tarver returned Thursday from a several days visit to San Antonio.

For useful Xmas presents go to Browns.

D. A. Walker came out from San Antonio Monday, and left Tuesday for Asherton.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Preston returned to Kenedy Wednesday after a week's visit here.

The Holland-Texas Farm shipped several hundred crates of beets this week. They went principally to Texas markets.

Where did you do your Xmas shopping? At Browns.

Mrs. Hattie Reed spent a few days of this week in San Antonio visiting friends.

Three packages gold bar seeded raisins for 25 cents at M. H. Baine's.

J. W. Magill, representative of the Cummer Crate Company was in the city this week soliciting business.

All kinds of fresh dried fruits, first quality and reasonable prices at Baine's Artesia Store.

John J. Burris and bride have returned from Monterey, and went up to San Antonio Wednesday to spend a few days.

Thomas extra fine sliced Hawaiian pineapple regular, 25c value, 20 cents a can at M. H. Baine's.

The ladies Civic League is having a clay walk put around the square, which will help the looks of things very much.

Mrs. C. F. Beyer, in company with her brother, B. F. Anderson left Wednesday for Taft. Mrs. Anderson will make her home with her brother.

The skating rink appears to be doing a thriving business. It is open three nights out of the week and good crowds are in attendance each night.

C. B. Jones returned Wednesday from Lee Hendrichson ranch where he had a contract painting and papering the new ranch house.

"Say Tom I can't make any presents this year, the cost of living is so high." Pshaw! "Trade at Baine's and you can make all you want next year."

Work was started Monday on the Stockmans bank building on Front street. The work will be pushed to completion, and it is expected to be ready for occupancy by February 1st.

If we haven't got it, it's pleasure to get it for at Baine's store.

The express and postoffice departments are swamped with Christmas packages. After this season the greater part of this business will be handled by the postoffice under the Parcels Post system.

R. L. Henrichson, Tax Assessor of La Salle county, was up from Artesia Wednesday. Mr. Henrichson has been busy the past month moving his residence from Artesia to his ranch. The work has about been completed and he will soon feel "at home" once more.

The damp, cloudy weather for so long duration produced considerable sickness about town, although there was none of serious nature. Lagrippe and colds were the principle ailments.

Geo. B. Wiltse of Artesia Wells, accompanied by his wife were in the city Christmas shopping Tuesday and while here Mr. Wiltse called and had his subscription advanced. He says conditions are excellent in the Artesia country, and prospects good for crop the coming season.

M. H. Baine, Artesia, will have a nice fresh line of figs, date raisins, Oranges, almonds, pecans, peanuts, coconuts, cranberries, etc., for the Holiday Trade.

Geo. W. Baker of Lockhart was out looking after his interests during the week. While he made a deal with J. M. Robbins to superintend his cotton farm West of town another year. Last year Mr. Baker had about one thousand acres in cotton.

Dr. W. R. Newton and B. Johnson of Buckholts, J. Hoke of Marlin and J. Z. Balla of Whitney, Texas, were here Thursday on a prospecting tour. These gentlemen were members of the Southwest Texas section of Southwest Texas.

Three More Days to Fill Your Christmas Wants.

Xmas Suggestions at Brown's:

"He can't get too many" is an expression we often hear. At our store you will find ties, hosiery, fancy silk and plain, shirts, sweaters and handkerchiefs. It is so easy to decide on what you want to get for the male members of your family at Brown's. There so many appropriate and useful things: Gloves, hats shoes, mufflers, caps, suspenders, cuff buttons, tie pins, and many other articles to be found at Brown's. We forgot to suggest that an overcoat or a suit of clothes would make a fine Xmas gift.

Suggestions at Brown's for Ladies

Our list of fine gifts for Ladies is more complete than ever. A pretty hand-bag, would be a sensible remembrance. Sweater coats, kimonas, slippers. Make the girl pretty—buy her ribbons and necklaces. Come in and look at our pretty collars in novelty styles. Gloves are always useful to the ladies. Handkerchiefs, hose, mufflers, are all to your choice.

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MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 17.—"The most charitable, the most humane thing to do is to find some way of putting hopeless idiots to death."

Advocating a State board to pass on the condition and end the lives of hopeless imbeciles, William C. Spindler, superintendent of the Milwaukee poor, asserted this procedure would be an act of charity. Spindler has just returned from an inspection of the Wisconsin State Home for the Feeble Minded. He is convinced that ending the lives of idiots would be a kindness to them as well as a good move for the state.

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GIRLS VICTIMS OF MEXICAN CRUELTY

REBELS DESTROY TOWN WHEN WOMEN ARE REFUSED

Report of Special Committee of U. S. Senate Borne Out by News Dispatches Describing Acts.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—News dispatches from Mexico telling of atrocities committed by bandits and rebels bear out the confidential report of the special committee of the United States Senate, prepared by Senator Smith of Michigan and Senator Fall of New Mexico. One of the latest dispatches tells of the destruction of the town of Valle Del Bravo, in the State of Mexico, by rebels who were maddened by the refusal of inhabitants to deliver over to them nineteen young women residents.

The inhabitants, anticipating that the rebels would wreck vengeance on them, fled to the surrounding hills, leaving the town entirely deserted.

They are said to be suffering from cold and hunger.

The rebels appeared before the town and sent a demand to the civil prefect for the delivery of the girls, declaring that in case of refusal they would sack the place.

After consulting with the leading citizens the prefect advised them to refuse the rebels' demand, and told them they had better take to flight. Few of them, when they left, took any food with them.

Graphic descriptions of atrocities in Mexico, as horrible as any committed in Persia or Macedonia within the past few years, are contained in the confidential report of the senate's special committee.

Senators Smith and Fall spent weeks on the Mexican border taking testimony of both Mexicans and Americans as to the condition in Mexico. They were empowered to do this by the Senate, which appointed a special committee to inquire into the causes of the Mexican revolution, and determine the truth of the charge that American interests had fomented it. These are some of the things described in the confidential report.

Responsible witnesses testified that in a certain section of Mexico every girl or woman, from the age of seven years up, had been attacked by the hordes of bandits. Fortunately the white women had all escaped from this section of the country before the bandits descended on it.

Girls Attacked in Cathedral.

In the town of Milta, left unprotected by reason of the absence of the able-bodied fighting men, the women and old men fought so hard against the attacks on their daughters by the bandits that the latter took them all into the plaza, tied the helpless aged men and the women to posts, and repeated their attacks on the girls before the eyes of the agonized townspeople.

In one town the defenseless women and children took refuge in a cathedral, believing the bandits would respect the sanctity of the religious edifice. The bandits broke in and attacked the girls and women, who fought desperately to save themselves. Two beautiful full-blooded Spanish girls were conspicuous for the desperation with which they fought. Their magnificent example gave courage to the others. Seeing this, the bandits cut the throats of the two Spanish girls and the other women, hysterical with fear, were easily overcome.

In addition to the criticism he is entitled to, every man gets a lot that he can't account for.

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Beekeepers Notes

The State fair of Texas handled at Dallas and the Texas Palace of Waco have been liberal in the encouragement of the beekeeping industry. The fair of premium lists have been referred to the Texas Beekeepers' Association, and superintendents and judges chosen by the body have been recognized.

The exhibits have been representative of the Beekeeping of Texas. This year's was the best that has been seen. T. P. Robinson of Bartlett is superintendent of the bee and honey exhibit at the fair, and Mr. W. H. Laws of Waco holds a like position at the Cotton Palace.

Mr. Wilmon Newell, Stationologist, kindly loaned a mounted specimen of the wax moth.

All grades of Texas honey shown most attractively and operation of modern beekeeping constantly being explained to visiting crowds. This educational work was carried on without objection by a committee of beekeepers who gladly gave their time and paid their own expenses the entire fair. This committee was: Mr. T. P. Robinson, Bartlett, Texas; Mr. F. L. L. San Antonio, Texas; Mr. J. J. Morns, Sabinal, Texas; Mr. Carraway, Mathis, Texas; Mr. LeStourgeon, San Antonio, Texas.

At Waco the committee was: W. H. Laws, Beeville, Texas; B. M. Carraway, Mathis, Texas; F. L. Lamont, San Antonio; G. LeStourgeon, San Antonio.

The spirit shown by the exhibitors and their painstaking work and reward, in explaining the principles of beekeeping to farmers cannot be given too much credit. It is a great and immediate benefit.

The octogenarian retiree

keeper, Major W. P. Hough of Floresville added a touch of real art to the exhibit by displaying some of his wonderful creations in bees wax. Major Hough owned the first factory for the manufacture of beehives in Texas and is well known to the fraternity of thirty years ago. The advancing years have made necessary a cessation of active work he still loves bees and insists that the true medium of art is beeswax. He had on exhibition two large models of the Alamo, one showing the fall massacre in 1836 and the other as it appears today. These were in bas-relief on a background of wax. Wax of different shades and colors is used for trees and figures in a manner surprising to one who has never seen the decorative possibilities of pure beeswax.

Another of Major Hough's creations was a curio hive made entirely of beeswax with glass paneled sides in the shape of the bust of a prominent Texas beekeeper, containing a full colony of bees.

Mr. L. W. Avant of Atascosa exhibited at the Cotton Palace a section of comb in which the cells were made of paper which had been filled and capped by the bees. This was wonderful to visiting beekeepers as showing what bees can be forced to do by intelligent management.

A large and complete exhibit of beekeepers supplies are always displayed by the Southwestern Bee Company of San Antonio. This enterprising firm has been awarded Diplomas by the Texas Fairs for four successive years and by their efforts have done more than any other agency to make these annual exhibitions a success.

These exhibitions are doing great good for the development of Texas' beekeeping and just now are of great value because work on a new appropriation at the next session of the legislature is the "order of business" and anything that will place our industry prominently before the people will be of assistance to us.

FARM NOTES

HOW FEED SHOULD BE

Farmers as a rule have more than their share of feed at any rate a vegetable product which is an unfortunate feature is the fact that the manure could be saved, applied to the farm and the yield of crops greatly increased as a result of keeping animals on the farm.

Farmers have thought of consuming their feed on the farm. With animals to convert the feed into meat, milk, butterfat, etc. the cost of marketing the feed would be saved and profit made upon it. In flesh of the animals. But this is the manure could be saved, applied to the farm and the yield of crops greatly increased as a result of keeping animals on the farm.

SOY BEAN FOR FOOD.

It is interesting to note in connection with the awakening of China that a Chinese article of food, a vegetable product which grows most profusely in Manchuria, is attracting the serious attention of Europe and America. Authorities say that the soy bean contains more of the ingredients of a perfect food than any other known product, and an important experiment is being tried in France to substitute for linsed oil in exterior painting, in interior painting it is entirely satisfactory and for some sorts of finishings, like "baking japans." It is even better than linseed oil.—Christian Science Monitor.

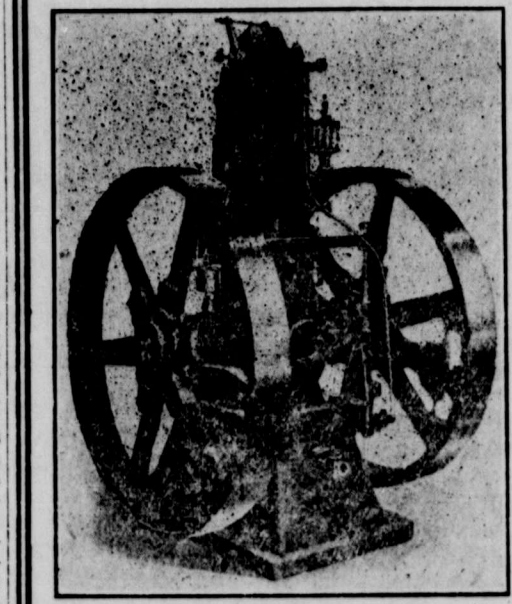
GROWS POOR RAISING COTTON.

The story is being told in the Texas press of two Tennessee farmers who located in East Texas several years ago, one of whom today is one of East Texas' wealthiest citizens, while the other is barely eking out an existence, mortgaging his crop to tide him over from year to year. The reason for the difference in circumstances is obvious: the one who has prospered engaged in the raising of hogs, an occupation that has been sadly neglected in Texas, and as a result the wrong side of the ledger for him is every Texas farmer should profit by and be guided accordingly. We ship out of Texas annually 3,450,000 bales of cotton, while we import 60,000,000 pounds of pork. Does it pay to raise pork or cotton?

RAISE FEED FOR ANIMALS.

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PARIS, France, Dec. 7.—The first military aviator to be killed by an enemy's shots while flying is Dr. Jules Constantin, former assistant to a famous Paris aviator. Constantin was in the service of the Bulgarians and had been given a medal for bravery by King Ferdinand. He flew over the Turkish lines near Constantinople with the object of dropping bombs on the troops. When the biplane descended he was found dead with a wound in his breast, but still holding the steering gear. He had come to a height of 4000 feet, and retained enough strength after being shot to guide his machine back to the Bulgarian camp.

WAR HERO KILLED BY CAR

He Escaped Zulu Perils and the Johnstown Flood.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—With the Victoria cross the British token of recognition for bravery in the Queen's service, pinned upon his breast, J. T. Manley, who served with Lord Roberts in India, and who attempted to save the life of Prince Eugene Bonaparte when he was slain in Zululand in 1879, was killed by a street car here. Six members of Manley's family were victims of the Johnstown flood. He escaped.

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SAYS JUDGES TO BLAME

Practices Permitted in Court Delay Procedure, Declares the Governor.

THE POOR MAN "RAILROADED"

Colquitt Says Man With Influence and Money Usually Goes Free.

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 17.—Governor Colquitt talked candidly to the convention of district judges this morning. He told them they were to blame, in a large measure, for delays. He said the trouble did not lie in the defects in the procedure, but in a great measure to the practice which the trial judges permit. He asked the judges to appoint able counsel to defend the poor man without friends. He asserted that the poor man is railroaded to the penitentiary, while the men with influence and money usually goes scot free after taking up his case to the higher courts two or three times.

The governor called attention to a case where the son of a poor widow and her only support, charged with violating the local option law, was railroaded to the penitentiary for two years, and a man of influence charged with a serious offense, the next case on the docket, was acquitted.

Says Book Full of Defects.
The governor criticised severely the codification of the statutes by the commission appointed during the administration of his predecessor. He said the book as turned out by the codifiers was nothing more than a scrap book, that it was full of defects. When the work of the commission is completed, the governor said, the cost will have reached \$54,000. He said that he would not give 54 cents for the codification.

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"If you can add any to my twenty years, go to it," he added.

Although Jordan refused to testify against the prisoner on trial, even withholding his own given name and sneering at his questioners, the court was helpless, and in the end he was allowed to go back to prison.

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SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 17.—Colonel Oscar Guessaz was indicted on a charge of assault to murder City Detective U. F. Shirar by the grand jury which adjourned yesterday at noon. The captives was lodged with Sheriff John W. Tobin this morning and Colonel Guessaz was notified to appear and give bond in the sum of \$500, this amount being fixed by the sheriff.

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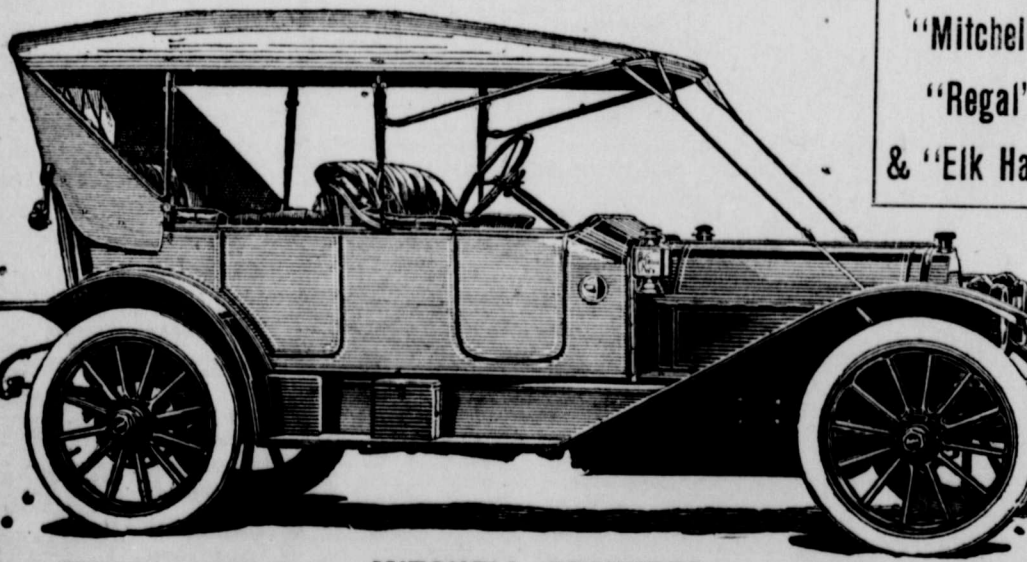
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IOWAN IS ONLY OSSIFIED MAN IN COUNTRY

Body Like One Big Bone, Jaws Are Held Half an Inch Apart, and He Is Unable to Chew.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 17.—Frank Worden of Colfax, Ia., says he will give \$1000 to anybody who will break his back with anything short of a sledge hammer. Worden spent a week in Omaha and was seen by a number of physicians, but when he left the city he carried his thousand dollars with him.

Worden is an ossified man—the only real one in the country. He is also a farmer and lives near Colfax, Iowa. With the exception of his eyes, his tongue and his arms, Worden is one big piece of bone, without a joint or a hinge of any kind. His body is as hard as stone and as rigid as a piece of steel. Except as noted, he can not move a single muscle of his entire body. All day and all night he lies straight and stiff, motionless. He cannot laugh; he cannot even smile.

One morning eighteen years ago Worden awoke with a stiff neck. There was no pain, but he could not move his head as freely as he had been his custom. He paid no attention to it at first. But the affliction grew worse and he finally consulted the family physician.

"Just a little stiffness," said the doctor. "That'll soon wear off." But the stiffness did not pass away. Worden went back to the doctor. And this time the doctor found something that puzzled him. While making his examination he discovered that Worden had lost practically all feeling in the neck. And then he called in another doctor.

The second physician was also puzzled. "Looks like this fellow is turning into a big bone," said the new doctor. And soon they discovered that in fact, Worden was actually turning to bone. His flesh tissues were hardening.

When Worden felt his jaws becoming set, he placed small wedges of wood between his teeth, and in that position the lower portion of his face became rigid. In time the wedges were removed and the teeth were left about half an inch apart. Through the aperture he is fed liquid foods. He can not masticate, but he can swallow liquids of any kind that are put into his mouth.

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CHANGING INTO A LION
Pittsburg, Pa., Man May Become the Most Remarkable Being of Modern Times.
PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 17.—Dr. Martin Greer is attending a patient whose malady has not been diagnosed by any of the physicians who have observed the case. The man is Charles Yost, a salesman. Gradually the man's head has enlarged, and the features are becoming like those of a lion. Yost's height has increased nearly six inches.

The Renunciation

By Prince Vladimir Vanlatsky.

(Continued from Last Week.)

"Yes," whispered the mother. "I have known the hand brushed away the tears that came suddenly as she thought of the days long dead, of the days that were dead forever, dead with him who was still."

"You know, mother mine, that Alajos of Nothing cannot ask Stephanie of Carlstein to be mistress of the lordly domain of Naught. He who would win her of Carlstein must go to her with an ancient name."

"It is so," said the mother. Then a thought came to her and she asked: "Do you know what day tomorrow is?"

"Yes," he answered, "it is the twenty-first of November, the anniversary of my birth."

Each thinking in silence, the mother and the son heard "Big Ben" toll out the hour of midnight. Then Alajos drew her into his arms, kissed her, and they went to their own rooms. But sleep did not come for Elizabeth Marguerite lay in her bed chamber and remembered the kisses that had lain on her lips from those of him now dead and cold, whom the world thought the last prince of the House of Zargau and Trochenfels. And in his room Alajos lay awake, dreaming of the day when the kisses of Stephanie of Carlstein would lie on the lips of him whom the world would know to be the new prince of the old House of Zargau and Trochenfels. And thus the night passed.

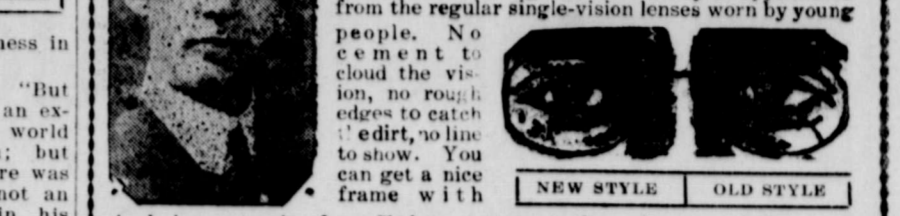
When morning came the thick fog still lay over the city. Yet, with the regularity of years, a carriage drew up at the entrance of the hotel and the Count Karl von Furstmann, ambassador of the Emperor-King of Austria and Hungary, clad in the full uniform of his diplomatic rank, descended and asked that his name be announced to Monsieur Adajos de Nulle. He was immediately shown to the private parlor of the de Nulles, a little chamber hung with old tapestries and adorned with rare paintings, relics of other days.

Alajos alone waited for the count. When Alajos held out his hand he suffered the count to kiss it, a thing that he had never allowed before. Then the count asked for "Madame Elizabeth."

Alajos smiled gravely and said: "Madame, your mother, cannot see you this morning." Then he waved for von Furstmann to be seated and drew a chair up to the count's side. But the count rose when Alajos was seated. He bowed low.

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Social and Religious.

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MRS. ROWLAND HOSTESS.

A beautiful day it was Tuesday afternoon, when the home of the president of the Baptist Aid, Mrs. Rowland, was hospitably opened to the members and friends. The Christmas thought was first brought to mind by the reading of the advent of our first and most treasured gift, the Christ.

A short program on China drew the attention for a brief space. The "Go Ye into all the world" carries out the commission left to mankind. The regular Bible study held its usual place with unlimited interest.

As the old year goes out the thought for more active work is liberally talked. "That we would do we do not, that we would not we do," is so often the outburst of every heart. Many of the long absentees were noted with pleasure, as they occupied their usual place. For the social hour the Misses Love were added to the number, and the serving of chicken, and chocolate came as a finale to an afternoon well spent.

ORIGIN OF CHRISTMAS RED CROSS SEAL.

Perhaps it will be of interest to some who are not familiar with the history of the Red Cross Seal to know of the Origin. The following is being freely distributed in many circular papers.

"To Jacob Rees, the well known social worker of New York, and Miss Emily P. Bissell, the energetic secretary of the Delaware Red Cross Christmas seal.

In 1900 Mr. Rees received a letter from Norway with a Christmas tuberculosis stamp on it, it aroused his interest so he published an article in a leading journal, and suggested some possible use for it in this country. Miss Bissell at once saw an opportunity, and prepared a stamp from the sale of which her society realized \$3000 for tuberculosis work. So delighted was she with the success, it was then

she induced the American Red Cross to take up the sale in 1908 on a national basis. The results were phenomenal from year to year.

Our Red Cross seal dates back to only four years. "charity stamps" were first used in Boston to secure money for the care of soldiers wounded during the civil war. After the war this method of raising money was discontinued for a generation, although it found vague in many European countries.

There are now hundreds of different types of charity stamps used in all parts of the world, but for present we are indebted to Mr. Rees and Miss Bissell.

Friday afternoon quite an in-

teresting program was presented at the Mexican school from 3 to 4 p. m. Songs and recitations in English and Spanish. The children welcome the visitors by the dialogue. It was enjoyed by all. Miss Rumsey and Miss Merry Christmas a New Year.

NOTES OF THE WEEK.
Mrs. R. A. Taylor will spend Christmas with relatives in Big Foot.

Miss Harris teaches Maltzberger school, her home in Brenham holidays.

Mrs. Coleman and

will visit San Antonio for Xmas.

Miss George goes to Denton to visit her mother for the holidays.

Miss Johnson leaves Thursday for San Antonio where she will spend Christmas.

Mrs. Fisher and children of San Antonio will be the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Copp for the holidays.

Miss Rumsey leaves Saturday for Darwin to visit her father for the holidays.

If there is anything lacking on your Christmas list we can supply it.—Gaddis Pharmacy.

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The usual Christmas dances will be enjoyed by the young people.

Buy your Christmas Candies from Gaddis.

The three Sunday Schools will have their regular Christmas trees and splendidly prepared programs. Santa Claus is expected to be present.

The first few mornings of this week were very foggy and Monday the fog did not clear until in the afternoon. Heavy fogs are of unusual occurrence.

The choicest cigars in Christmas Boxes at Gaddis' Pharmacy.

Mr. O. A. Brown, Center Street dry goods merchant returned Thursday from Natalia, the new town of the Medina Irrigation Company between Devine and Lytle. Mr. Brown is making arrangements to open a branch store at that place and work on his store building will begin immediately after Christmas.

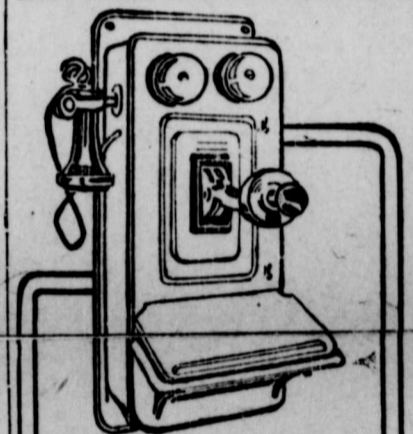
Our calendars for 1913 have not arrived yet, but there will be one for you when they come.—Gaddis' Pharmacy.

Monkeys-Monkeys-Monkeys. If you don't believe it look for the monkey on the box. Three boxes Schepps scredded coconuts for 25 cents. Your patronage is appreciated at M. H. Baine's.

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C. W. Hutchason, druggist of Kansas City and who also is owner of an irrigated farm on the Nueces near Cotulla, is down to spend a few weeks, combining pleasure with business. Mr. Hutchason said he was glad to see the prosperous condition of the country and is very much interested in the winter vegetable crop of the valley this season. He sees no reason why this should not be a money maker.

2 lbs. First grade P. B. candy for 45 cents at M. H. Baine's.

High Grade, strictly modern, fair priced holiday attractions.—Gaddis Pharmacy.

Mrs. A. F. Thompson, of Chicago, who has been visiting her parents at the Chicago Farm for the past month has returned home.

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For Sale—A solid mahogany book case with leaded glass doors. Phone 70.

Misses Stanfield of Warring are visiting Mrs. E. A. Keck, at the Keck farm.

If quality and price appeal to you buy your Xmas presents at Gaddis Pharmacy.

We Thank You:

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We extend to all best wishes for a Merry Christmas, a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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