

Haskell Free

Shortcomings in our daily long about going.

Men who think about generally do it material.

Old proverbs are for use in driving crazy.

Few men are best without a encouragement.

The most with people on earth who really do not know what they want.

If we were all governed by our feelings, most of the work done in the world would be the result of spite.

Most young women act as though the main business of life was to fight men, but there comes a change later on.

It would not be so hard to die if we thought only of remembering that life is a great extent merely a preparation for a rest.

Political human nature seeks to make believe that it is making a sacrifice in accepting what it has begged and schemed to get.

We are all apt to consider others stupid if they do not detect and correct our errors in such a way that we do not know that they occurred.

Chicago cast 46,000 votes more than New York did in fact, 18,000 more than Gotham had registered. Will New York now please take a back seat?

A peddler in Boston, Ind., is said to have sneezed so hard that he broke his nose. This is simply another illustration of the fact that the hoosier is not up to snuff.

The old store that the world's coal is near exhaustion is now pretty well exploded. New coal areas are constantly being uncovered, and the old ones are by no means near exhausted.

Carney & Co's. New Year coming literature will not picture schoolboy on his way to his soldier, with a slate under his arm.

Messrs W. P. Voe there he banished his sources from the store, and forgoes the privilege of improved machinery without the slate.

A nice line of vases, china, cups and saucers, dolls and sale very cheap at McLemore's store.

Mr. Tom Griffin, who has been in the store for some months, is leaving for his home in Iowa.

Full how you buy goods at T. G. Carney & Co. Buy a year Back in a year.

Who will be the victor in the election? The tide is running in favor of the Democrats.

Yoe and W. are the best of the I. T. M. party.

Leave your watch work at the McLemore Drug Store. Promptness and satisfaction guaranteed.

O. NICHOLSON, Wichita Falls, Tex.

Judge Hamner and family left on Tuesday to spend the holidays with the parents of Mrs. Hamner at Austin and the Judge's at Galveston.

Judge J. M. Baldwin and wife left last Sunday to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in Fannin county.

To arrive at W. W. Fields & Bros next week: The nicest line of Christmas candies ever brought to this town. Be sure and see them before you buy your candies.

More weddings are talked of every heard of at one time in a place. Are we to have a diminution of leap year propositions?

Can get cranberries, oranges, raisins, apples, nuts of all varieties at Fields & Bros.—all choice goods.

Mr. M. S. Pierson rec. about 70 head of cattle on his place this week from Raines county. Understand there is some fine stock in the herd.

I am receiving and will receive every week fresh dried fruits, green apples, onions, rolled oats, flour, bacon, sugar, coffee, canned goods, candies and all other groceries that go to make up a first-class stock, and my body will sell them cheaper than S. L. ROBINSON.

WORK OF ROBBERS

BURGLARS MAKE A RAID ON A RESIDENCE.

They are supposed to have secured between \$100 and \$200 in Old Coins and Jewelry. Officers are at Work on the Case.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 21.—The residence of Mr. Alex Sanger, on South Erway street, was entered by burglars Saturday night, who took a collection of old coins, a breastpin belonging to Mrs. Sanger, and quite a number of knickknacks, the total value of which is said to have been between \$100 and \$200. An entrance was effected by prying one of the parlor windows open. Nearly every room in the house was visited, but as nearly all of Mrs. Sanger's jewelry and other valuables had been removed to a safe deposit vault, the thieves secured but little of any great value. Mr. Sanger says that he neglected to set his burglar alarm Saturday night for the first time in years. The officers are working on the case.

The Governor Makes a Statement.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 21.—Gov. Culbertson returned yesterday morning, and gave out the following statement: "I will thank the press to give notice that no application for pardon will be considered until after the meeting of the legislature. Already the full share of time the past year has been given to this business. The short time between now and the meeting of the legislature is absolutely necessary for the consideration of matters that have accumulated in my absence and the preparation of a message to the legislature. Parties will save time by not visiting Austin for the present on pardon business, for it can not and will not be considered. Applications for pardon should be sent by mail to the governor's office, where they will be filed and taken up in their order after the time named and not before."

No Interesting Scene

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 21.—A scene somewhat out of the usual order was presented here last night, corner Fourth and Main streets. In one window sleeping in full view is the subject, hypnotized by the Lees Saturday night, and which is to sleep until 1929 tonight. About the window is one curious people gazing at the subject, who has across the way is the entire hotel. The mission delegation holding religious services to a crowd of similar size. Some of the comments heard in both through upon each other are decidedly interesting. That the hypnotized subject of Prof. Lee has not moved or changed position in twenty-four hours can be testified to by hundreds of the curious. That the sleeper is expected to do duty a day longer is also a fact. The sleeper's breathing continues perfectly natural.

Stipulation Not Good

Denison, Tex., Dec. 21.—Considerable some is being shipped into Denison from the Indian Territory. Thirty dozen live-quail traps, which have been set out over the prairie, are being shipped into Denison. It is reported that the traps are being used to catch quail for the market.

Attempt at Train Wreck

Plattsmouth, Tex., Dec. 21.—An attempt was made yesterday to wreck the north-bound Aransas Pass passenger train at a trestle bridge about three miles north of Moulton by placing several spikes and fish plates on the rails. The engineer discovered the obstructions in time to prevent a wreck and loss of life. There is a clew to the guilty parties, which will be followed up.

Capt. Ginnet Drowned

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 21.—Capt. E. Ginnet of the schooner Hannat was drowned yesterday morning in the bay while coming to Galveston. He fell overboard and, being paralyzed, was unable to help himself. The body was recovered. Capt. Ginnet lived at Old River and has a wife but no children.

Killed an Eccentric

Marlin, Tex., Dec. 21.—Ex-Capt. W. S. Grady, of Roswell, eighteen miles southwest of here, was shot and killed there Saturday night. The killing was the result of an old feud. His wife came to Marlin and gave him self up.

Complaints Made

Sherman, Tex., Dec. 21.—The streets laid by his honor, District Judge Bess upon enforcement of laws touching upon elections has had the effect in the last day or two of an avalanche of complaints, charging a number of law violators with selling liquor on general election day. There are also complaints charging the sale of liquor in the city of June, primary election day, which was also the day upon which general county elections for school trustees were held.

Charged With Murder

Bryan, Tex., Dec. 21.—A young man named C. H. Hargrove was lodged in jail here early yesterday morning, charged with the killing of a negro named Sam Rowden near Thompson's creek Saturday night. Both parties were in town Saturday evening, and the negro was killed on the way home. Parties came in Saturday night and notified Sheriff Nunn, who went out and investigated. Hargrove is about 25 years old, and came from Fort Bend county.

Trust Deed

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 21.—H. Cahn dealer in dry goods, clothing, millinery and notions, fled a deed of trust Saturday night on his store business, naming Post Freeman as trustee. The exact details are not known, but the trustee says they will reach between \$15,000 and \$20,000. Mrs. Myer, of Sherman, is one of the largest creditors. She claims being preferred. The El Paso National bank and P. Freeman are preferred in considerable amounts.

A Mystery

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 18.—The court-house presented a picture of ruin yesterday morning after Wednesday's fire. The county records and criminal district court records were found unharmed in the vaults, the papers and other documents having been saved during the burning of the building. An investigation failed to disclose the origin of the fire. Arrangements are being made for the removal of the courts and offices to various buildings, and all will be housed in temporary quarters by to-day.

A FAMILY CREMATED

FIVE PEOPLE PERISH IN THE FLAMES.

A Whole Family Lost Their Lives by the Explosion of a Piano Lamp in New York—List of Those Who Perished Followed by Whisky.

New York, Dec. 21.—The explosion of a piano lamp on the second floor of the four-story residence, 514 East Fifty-eighth street, resulted in the loss of five lives last night.

The dead are:

Aaron Goldsmith, 45 years old.
Catherine Goldsmith, his wife, 33 years old.
Bertha Goldsmith, 10 years old.
Harry Goldsmith, 8 years old.
Frank Goldsmith, 6 years old.

The only other person in the house at the time of the fire was March Ross, aged 20, a domestic servant, who saved her life by jumping out of the window.

The family was together during the evening, the only member of the household, Mr. Hirsch, brother of Mrs. Goldsmith, having gone out shortly after the evening meal. According to the story told by the servant she was on the third floor of the building in the act of putting Harry and Frank, the two youngest boys, to bed, when she heard the cry of fire coming from the floor beneath, with calls to her to come. She ran out of the bed room and hurried down stairs and the little children followed her. As soon as she looked in the front room on the second floor she saw the whole front end ablaze. She became frightened and ran into a rear room and jumped from a window to the ground. She remembered nothing and does not now know what caused the upsetting of the large piano lamp.

Stirred by Whisky

Silverville, W. Va., Dec. 20.—"Speak easy" whiskey did an awful work in the old fields in Monroe county, Ohio, Saturday evening. Of the sixteen who were involved in and swallowed more or less of the brew three were dead at 10 o'clock Saturday night and another was dying. Three more were set crazy and nine others are very sick indeed, and the lives of several of them are in jeopardy. The dead are: W. H. Price, a wealthy farmer, on whose land the first well in the Benwood pool was discovered; Charles Seibert, a merchant of Sardis, O., who also has a store in the Benwood field; and Thos. Clegg, a farmer on whose farm there are one or more wells.

The man reported as dying is Henry Roth, a farmer in the Benwood neighborhood. The names of the others suffering from the fiery compound could not be ascertained last night, but they are all described as oil men working about the various wells in the Benwood pool. Benwood is situated on the Ohio side of the river about nine miles north of Silverville. The county does not grant liquor license, and to supply the demand for firewater among the oil men who have flocked to the territory several persons have been peddling "speak easy" whiskey on the fields on the quiet. Saturday night was a favorite one for this distribution, as the oil men and laborers then lay in supply for use over Sunday.

The whiskey which caused the trouble was peddled around last night by a man whose identity is yet unknown. It held raw alcohol for a foundation with a dash of some sort of acid, and evidently induced through accident or design a deadly poison. Great excitement prevails and the officers with a posse are scouring the country for the traveling "speak easy."

Wheeling, W. Va., Dec. 21.—Additional details from Benwood, the new oil fields in Monroe county, concerning the poisoning from drinking "essence of cinnamon," a substitute for whiskey, sold at a "speak easy," confirms first reports.

Three well known men are dead, several are seriously ill and three insane. It seems that one of the storekeepers at Benwood got hold of the fact that a Wheeling drug firm was putting up preparations called "essence of cinnamon," which contained a large percentage of alcohol. The merchant laid in a large supply of the stuff and informed the people that he had a good thing. It was only received Saturday and he sold a great deal of it during the afternoon and evening. Several who partook of the "essence" soon became ill and three of them, after terrible suffering, died.

W. H. Price was the first to die, then followed Charles Seibert, a butcher of Sardis, O., and he was quickly followed to eternity by Thos. Clegg, an oil driller. Others were attacked by the same symptoms, but are still alive. are Col. Clegg, Henry Roth, and a cook in a boarding-house. His name can not be learned. About fifteen persons are suffering from the effects of the poison. A number of physicians are on the ground and hope to succeed in saving their lives.

Hermann's Funeral

New York, Dec. 21.—The body of Alexander Hermann, the magician, was laid at rest in a vault at Woodlawn cemetery Saturday, where it will remain until the family decide upon a permanent burial place. Previous to the interment funeral services were held at the Masonic temple, which were attended by a large crowd, including many members of the theatrical profession. The Jewish services were conducted by Rabbi Joseph Silvermann of Temple Emanuel, and were followed by the Masonic rites.

The Cruiser Brooklyn

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 21.—The new United States cruiser Brooklyn, which has been lying at League Island navy yard since going into commission three weeks ago, will start on her first official cruise next Saturday. She will steam first to the naval station at Newport, R. I. After her provisions have been taken on board the cruiser will proceed to Brooklyn, where the citizens will formally present to the ship a handsome silver service. After this ceremony the ship will go to Hampton Roads and join the Atlantic squadron.

Freight Wrecked.

Shreveport, La., Dec. 21.—About a

wreck of a freight train on the Texas and Pacific railroad, near Sodus, La., that scattered things in every direction and delayed both east and west-bound trains. Although east and west-bound trains are given by those in the railroad employ, a party who came in on a freight says three white men were killed and seven badly wounded, four white men and three negroes. It appears as the train was on the grade, the crash splintered several cars. None of the trainmen were injured, as they were back in the caboose. The conductor, assisted by his men, rescued the wounded, and the latter have arrived here and been sent to the Charity hospital. Names of wounded: C. L. Gates, St. Paul; Dave Miller, St. Louis; Frank Terry, Argentine, Col.; Charles Williams, Jerry Henderson and George Brown. Names of the killed not known.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 21.—Assistant General Manager John W. Evermon of the Texas and Pacific was asked last night if he had any news of the affair. He said: "I received an accident report yesterday morning. The train parted and both ends came together. Nobody was killed or injured. The destruction of five or six cars was all the damage done. Had anybody on the train been killed I would have known of it. It was a regular freight, and passengers are not permitted to ride on freights. My reports did not indicate that the affair was of much consequence. Trains were delayed only a short while."

Destructive Fire

New Brunswick, N. J., Dec. 21.—One of the most destructive fires that has occurred in this place for many years broke out at 12:30 a. m. yesterday in Allen's theater building, which is situated at the corner of George and Albany streets. The building is 50 feet long and contains Allen's theater, the common council chamber of New Brunswick and the Traction company's office, also the Masonic hall's stage. The fire started in the rear of the stage and quickly gutted the building, forcing John O'Brien, stage manager of the theater, was found lying on his back in an unconscious condition. He was taken out by firemen.

Joseph Cator and wife, janitors of the building, were found on the fourth floor of the burning building running from one room to another. They were also rescued by firemen.

The whole fire department was summoned to the scene. The fire was extinguished by 11 o'clock. The burned building, which has been built in 1872 at a cost of \$10,000, and it is said to be the largest in the city. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Old Suit Settled

Washington, Dec. 20.—The litigation which has been proceeding for several years between the American Graphophone company of Washington and Thomas A. Edison and the Edison Graphophone works relative to the talking machine patents has been brought to an amicable conclusion. Edison, it is stated by counsel for the graphophone company, admits the fundamental character of the Edison patents, and that they control the commercial art of sound receiving and reproducing as it is practiced to-day, and agrees to a decree of injunction in the principal case pending in the United States circuit court for the district of New Jersey. The American Graphophone company on the other hand admits the validity of patents for various improvements of the Edison patents and consents to a decree in favor of Edison on those patents. The entering of the decree has been followed by the change of licenses between the parties and a satisfactory adjustment of all other differences.

100,000 Fire

Uxbridge, Mass., Dec. 21.—One of the greatest conflagrations that has occurred in Worcester county for many years broke out in the heart of the business section at an early hour yesterday, and before it could be controlled four large business blocks and three other buildings had been reduced to ashes, entailing a loss of over \$100,000, upon which there is an insurance in various companies of \$65,000. It is known that the fire, but flames were first caused in two different places in the big three-story wooden block owned by H. E. Gunn.

First Rate

"I think I will change my name to Solomon and write proverbs," said Lawson. "How is this for one: 'Better be bent on economy than broke on extra expense?'"

Married an Indian

Guthrie, Ok., Dec. 21.—Miss Jennie DeHart, a young school teacher from North Eastern Kansas, who lately began teaching a country school just as the Osage reservation, was married Friday night to Stanislaus Duchoit, an educated Osage Indian, and will be a member of the Osage tribe. By her marriage she becomes entitled to an allotment of over 700 acres of land and a share of the public moneys of the tribe, which amount to \$15,000 for every individual member.

James M. Glover committed suicide at St. Louis, Mo., the other day.

The postoffice at Cranford, N. J., was robbed the other morning of \$2300.

Bicyclists and Carriage Fugitives

The gymnastic society of Rome has been making experiments with a combination of the bicyclist and the carriage pigeon for transmitting dispatches. The wheelman has a small cage containing the birds attached to his machine. The birds freed from this cage have always returned promptly to headquarters.

WEYLER IN DISFAVOR.

IT IS REPORTED THAT GEN. MARIN MAY SUCCEED HIM.

A bad Impression Has Been Created by Weyler's Surprising Dispatches Referring to Operations in Spain in Honor of Major Cirujeda

Madrid, Dec. 16.—The report that Capt. Gen. Weyler has ordered proceedings to be taken against Major Cirujeda because the major after the death of Antonio Maceo went to Havana without the permission of his superior officers, is causing discontent here owing to the popularity of Cirujeda. Although the ministers maintain reserve on the subject, it is stated that the cabinet may consider this question, and it is further stated that the ministers may also discuss the execution of Gen. Weyler's plan of campaign, which is criticized in certain quarters.

According to surface indications Capt. Gen. Weyler will soon be relieved of his command in Cuba. This discontent with Weyler is noticeable even in the government organs. They say that instead of going to Havana to receive an unmerited ovation he ought to have continued the military operations in the province of Pinar del Rio.

A bad impression also has been created here by the dispatches of the Spanish correspondents at Havana announcing that Gen. Weyler has suppressed all dispatches referring to the operations in Spain in honor of Major Cirujeda. It is supposed the captain general's action was due to jealousy and it is currently reported that the government is disposed to replace Weyler by Gen. Marin, now governor of the Cuban province of Porto Rico.

Gen. Marin has seen considerable military service in the cause of Spain, having participated in the last Cuban war. At that time he had among his forces some of the men who figure conspicuously to-day. Gen. Marin came to Cuba permanently with Martinez Campos, when the latter was appointed captain general of the island. He acted as captain general when Campos was in the field against the insurgents, and while Campos was recalled as the result of the dissatisfaction of the Spanish government with his campaign, Gen. Marin took his place during the interim of the departure of Campos and the arrival of Weyler. With the advent of Weyler, Marin was appointed governor of Porto Rico. Gen. Marin is about 50 years of age.

House and Senate

Washington, Dec. 16.—Senator Morone's bill for the relief of the senate has been passed by the senate for an hour. The bill is an earnest advocacy of doing their duty in dealing with the Cuban situation. The prominence of the Cuban debate in the Cuban debate of the Cuban resolutions reported from the committee on foreign relations, gave special interest to his speech yesterday. He spoke in a dispassionate style, although his words had a direct and severe effect in picturing the horrors existing in Cuba such as is seldom heard in the senate.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The house yesterday entered upon the consideration of the Loud bill to amend the law relating to the transmission of second-class mail matter. The bill has been widely discussed in the public press, and has met with the most intense opposition from certain quarters. It denies the right of serial novels to admission to the mails at the newspaper (1 cent per pound) rates, denies to newspapers the return of unsold publications at pound rates and makes some other changes in the present law designed to correct existing abuses. A change in the second-class matter law has been repeatedly urged by successive postmaster generals. It is estimated that the abuses of the law has cost the government \$240,000,000 in the last ten years.

The exact status of the bill is questionable. To-day the appropriation bills will be brought forward to disposition.

Before this bill was brought up the bill to reorganize the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad company was allowed up and passed, with some amendments, after an hour's debate.

Arrested on Suspicion

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 16.—Walter Jackson, a cigarmaker, has been arrested on suspicion of being one of the men who held up and attempted to rob the Iron Mountain train in this city on the night of Dec. 9. Police officials claim that it is an important capture, and will lead to the clearing up of the mystery and to the identification of the other robbers. The prisoner admits that he was about the yards the night of the hold-up, and the police have a witness who saw him at Tower Grove station a short time before the train was held up, and who also claims that he saw in Jackson's possession some sticks of dynamite.

Business Men's Meeting

Hot Springs, Ark., Dec. 16.—A mass-meeting of business men was held here to protest against closing the United States army and navy hospital, as recommended in the report of Secretary of War Lamont. It was decided to send a committee to Washington. Mrs. John A. Logan, Senator Voorhees and others are expected to take interest in the matter. The hospital has treated over 1,000 officers and privates of the regular army, and has cured 90 percent of them. The annual expense of maintenance is less than \$10,000.

Going to Cuba

Butte, Mont., Dec. 16.—One hundred and six able-bodied men of Butte have signed the roll which calls on them to add the insurgents. Resolutions were adopted condemning the methods of Spain in the war, and pledges co-operation of the Cuba Libre club and calls on representatives in congress to do all in their power to have the belligerency of Cuba recognized.

C. F. Grant, the recruiting officer at Denver, has been telegraphed to for instructions, and the command is ready to move at a moment's notice.

Mexico News.

City of Mexico, Dec. 16.—The

unconfirmed reports circulating here last night that a mob in Barcelona has assaulted the Mexican consul on account of his Cuban sympathies. Considerable ill feeling has been aroused against Spaniards here by anonymous circulars signed "Son of Pelasgo" and containing phrases insulting to the Mexican nation and government. The Spaniards say the mob got it up to further inflame the mind against them. Telegrams from San Luis Potosi last night say this document, together with identical articles in Correo de Espana, had contributed to bring about a state of tension there, and fears are expressed that the police will have to be called in to prevent a collision between the populace and the resident Spaniards. The governor has given orders to protect the Spaniards.

A further cause of the irritation is an attack made on a laboring man in this city, who, having shouted "Viva Cuba," was set upon by two Spaniards and beaten. The newspapers last night printed an account of the case. Popular sympathy is especially enthusiastic with the Cubans, and their cause is immensely popular since it has come to be believed that Maceo was betrayed to his death.

The Mexican people cannot understand why the United States does not recognize Cuban belligerency. The epidemic of smallpox in Yucatan has disappeared.

Italian Orange Crop

Washington, Dec. 16.—An estimate of the coming Italian orange crop is supplied to the state department by United States Commercial Agent Zentini at Castellammare. He says the outlook for the crop of Sorrento oranges promises well as to keeping quality, size and color. The quantity will be about two-thirds of an average crop. The first cut commenced Nov. 15. Prices opened at from \$1.15 to \$1.55 per box, and the first shipments will reach New York in time for Christmas trade. The new crop of lemons exceeds that of last year, and the quality is very fine. Gathering will begin in May. The importation of oranges from America to make orange boxes has developed enormously and to prevent loss to the Maine producers Mr. Huntington suggests that a duty be imposed on boxes made of foreign wood. A duty on the fruit itself, oranges and lemons, however, would destroy the trade entirely and deprive the masses in the United States of healthful, cheap fruit. The walnut and fibrot crops are short in quantity, but excellent in quality.

Mr. Huntington says at some length on the evils that have resulted from the system of making orange boxes from foreign wood. He says that the large amount of money to Mexican fruit exporters, to Mexican shippers, to American and to American agents, is a source of great concern to him. He says that the Cuban resolutions reported from the committee on foreign relations, gave special interest to his speech yesterday. He spoke in a dispassionate style, although his words had a direct and severe effect in picturing the horrors existing in Cuba such as is seldom heard in the senate.

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Christmas in the Confederate White House.

Mrs. Jefferson Davis.

While looking over the advertisements of the toys and everything else intended to make the children joyful in the columns of the great city papers, I have been impressed with the contrast between the present time and the condition of the Southern country thirty-one years ago, but notwithstanding the great facilities of the present time, have been unable to decide whether to the young it was not as gay then as now.

That Christmas season was ushered in under the thickest clouds; every one felt the cataclysm which impended, but the rosy, expectant faces of our little children were a constant reminder that self-sacrifice must be the personal offering of each mother of the family. How to satisfy the children that nothing better could be done than the little makeshifts attainable in the Confederacy was the problem of the older members of each household. There were no currants, raisins, or other ingredients to fill the old Virginia recipe for mince pie, and the children considered that at least a slice of that much-coveted dainty was their right, and the price of indignation paid for it was a debt of honor due from them to the season's exactions. Apple trees grew and bore in spite of war's alarms, so the foundation of the mixture was assured. The many exquisite housekeepers in Richmond had preserved all the fruits attainable, and these were submitted for the time-honored raising and currants. The brandy required for seasoning at one hundred dollars a bottle was forthcoming, the cider was obtained, the suet at a dollar a pound was ordered—and the pies seemed a blessed certainty—but the egg-nog—now where were the eggs and liquors to be procured? without which Christmas would be a failure to the negroes.

"If it's only a little wineglass," said the little dusty-looking negro scrubber in the stables who brought in the back log (our substitute for the yule log), "I dunno how we gwine git along without no egg-nog." So, after redoubled efforts, eggs and other ingredients were procured in advance. The little remaining "bits" of the cloth were turned by the tailors, were issued to the children of the soldiers, and the remnant of the mothers that the pattern of them "wasn't worth a cent." The flour, molasses and tiny pieces of most of them sent to the President's household to be distributed to the orphans of the Episcopal Home had been promised a Christmas tree, and the toys, candy and cakes must be provided, as well as one pretty prize for the most orderly girl among the orphans. The kind-hearted confectioner was interviewed but our committee of managers, and he promised a certain amount of his stumper kinds of candy, which he sold easily at a dollar and a half a pound, but he drew the line at cornucopias to hold it, as sugared fruits to hang on the tree, and all the other vestiges of Christmas creations which had lain on his hands for years. The ladies dispersed in anxious squads of toy-hunters, and each one turned over the store of her children's treasures for a contribution to the orphans' tree, my little ones rushed over the great house looking up at their treasures—eyeless dolls, three-legged horses, tops with the upper peg broken off, rubber tops, monkeys with all the squeak gone silent and all the ruck of children's toys that gather in a nursery closet.

Some small feathered chickens and parrots which nodded their heads in obedience to weight beneath them were furnished with new tail feathers, lambs minus much of their wool were supplied with a cotton wool substitute, rag dolls were plumped out and recovered with clean cloth, and the young ladies painted their faces in bright colors and washed them with heads for eyes. The tug of war was how to get the tree, our man servant, Robert Brown, was much interested and wanted to make the prize toy. He consulted a "sure enough house," with a "sure enough" man, who was delegated to another and himself over in silence and to the labors of an architect. Water painted mantel shelves, panels, pictures and frames for the tree, and finished with black paint, which there blazed a roaring fire, and pronounced marvelous. We all made furniture and cushions, pillows, mattresses, sheets and covers for the two little beds.

Christmas Eve a number of young boys were invited to come and string nuts and popcorn for the tree; a neighbor very deft in domestic arts had made candle moulds made and furnished the candles for the tree. However, the puzzle and triumph of all was the construction of a large number of cornucopias. At last some one suggested a block of wood, about which wrapping paper could be wound and cut into small, highly colored pictures cut ready to apply were unearthed, and an old confectioner friend, Mr. Jones, consented, with a broad smile, to "all the love verses the young boys wanted to roll with the candy."

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A bowl of egg-nog was sent to the servants and a part of everything they coveted of the dainties. At last quiet settled on the household and the older members of the family began to stuff stockings with molasses candy, red apples, an orange, small whips plaited by the family with high-colored crackers, worsted reins knitted at home, paper dolls, testaments made of large horn buttons and a match which could spin indefinitely, balls of worsted rags wound hard and covered with old kid gloves, a pair of pretty woolen gloves for each, either cut of cloth and embroidered of the back or knitted by some deft hand out of homespun wool. For the orphans of the Episcopal Home, the children of the soldiers, and the remnant of the mothers that the pattern of them "wasn't worth a cent." The flour, molasses and tiny pieces of most of them sent to the President's household to be distributed to the orphans of the Episcopal Home had been promised a Christmas tree, and the toys, candy and cakes must be provided, as well as one pretty prize for the most orderly girl among the orphans. The kind-hearted confectioner was interviewed but our committee of managers, and he promised a certain amount of his stumper kinds of candy, which he sold easily at a dollar and a half a pound, but he drew the line at cornucopias to hold it, as sugared fruits to hang on the tree, and all the other vestiges of Christmas creations which had lain on his hands for years. The ladies dispersed in anxious squads of toy-hunters, and each one turned over the store of her children's treasures for a contribution to the orphans' tree, my little ones rushed over the great house looking up at their treasures—eyeless dolls, three-legged horses, tops with the upper peg broken off, rubber tops, monkeys with all the squeak gone silent and all the ruck of children's toys that gather in a nursery closet.

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When at last we reached the basement of St. Paul's Church the trees burst upon their view like the realization of Aladdin's subterranean orchard, and they were used by its grandeur. The orphans sat mute with astonishment until the opening hymn and prayer and the last anthem had been said, and then they at a signal warily and slowly gathered around the tree to receive from a lovely young girl their allotted presents. The different gradations from joy to ecstasy which illuminated their faces was "worth two years of peaceful life" to see. The President became so enthusiastic that he undertook to help in the distribution, but worked such wild confusion giving everything asked for into their outstretched hands, that we called a halt, so he contented himself with unwinding one or two tops from a network of string upon which they had become entangled and taking off all apples he could when unobserved, and presenting them to the smaller children. When at last the house was given to the "honorable girl" she moved her lips without emitting a sound, but held it close to her breast and went off in a corner to look and be glad without witnesses.

"When the lights were fled, the garlands dead, and all but we departed," we also went home to find that Gen. Lee had called in our absence, and many other people. Gen. Lee had left word that he had received a barrel of sweet potatoes for us, which had been sent to him by mistake. He did not discover the mistake until he had taken his share (a dishful) and given the rest to the soldiers! We wished it had been much more for them and him. The night closed with a "starvation" party, where there were no refreshments at a neighboring house. The rooms lighted as well as practicable, some one willing to play dance music on the piano and plenty of young men and girls comprised the entertainment. Sam Weller's story, consisting of boiled mutton and eggs, would have been at least in the confederacy. The words "republic of" being inserted. Instead of declaring that the United States "should" use its friendly offices, it makes it read the United States "will" do so. The resolution as modified and agreed upon in the foreign relations committee, is as follows:

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Largest Tobacco Warehouse.
Louisville, Ky., has the largest tobacco warehouse in the world. It can store 7,000 hogheads. It has also the greatest handle factory, where handles of axes, hammers and all sorts of tools are made of the best hickory, and are shipped by millions to all parts of the world.

A TRIPLE LYNCHING.

TWO WERE HANGED AND ONE SHOT TO DEATH.
A Kentucky Mob Breaks into a Jail and Make Quick Work of Three Prisoners. They Were Charged With Murder and Had Had Three Trials.

Russellville, Ky., Dec. 19.—The mob that broke into the jail last night, early yesterday morning took Arch, Dink and Bill Proctor out lynched two of them and shot the other to death. Arch killed two men, Doc and Aaron Croft, at Adamsville this country, Nov. 21, 1895, and the lynchings were acknowledged. All have had three trials.

Saying to and fro in the breeze a half mile south, hanging to a little cedar tree, are the bodies of Dink and Arch Proctor, and lying in the county jail here is the dead body of Will Proctor, half-bruised to death. At 2 o'clock yesterday morning the mob visited the county jail and, after battering down the front door and forcing the latter to give up the keys, went to the cells of the Proctors. The oldest, Will Proctor, cursed the mob and was shot dead in his cell. The other two were taken out and hanged. The mob numbered about 100 men did their work quietly and with great dispatch. The bodies of the three Proctors were removed to the courthouse yesterday afternoon and a partial inquest held by the coroner, an adjournment being taken to Monday. There seems to be a general feeling of censure for the mob in hanging Dink Proctor. While he was always regarded as a worthless sort of a fellow he has never been accused of any serious crime. It is thought that he should have been allowed a trial.

He leaves a wife and three children. Bill, his half-brother, and his son, Arch, were both unmarried. Bill Proctor was conceded by everybody to be the worst man in the county and was recognized as the leader of a gang of desperadoes who have kept the Adamsville district in a state of terror for twenty years. He was known to have killed several men and four times has been on trial for his life, but each time has managed to escape punishment at the hands of the jury.

Cameron Cuban Resolution.
Washington, Dec. 19.—The foreign relations committee of the senate yesterday agreed to report the Cameron Cuban resolution, after changing its wording to make it more emphatic. The title was changed to read "Joint resolution acknowledging the independence of the republic of Cuba," the words "republic of" being inserted. Instead of declaring that the United States "should" use its friendly offices, it makes it read the United States "will" do so. The resolution as modified and agreed upon in the foreign relations committee, is as follows:

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Robbers Held Up at 4 o'clock.
The train which left here Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock, was held up at 7 o'clock Thursday night between Berry and Hankston, in Fayette county, six or seven miles from here, by two masked men. The men flagged the train to stop on a bridge, and one got on the train and covered Engineer Jones and his man with pistols, while the other boarded the express and bagged the engineer and fireman to assist in breaking the door of the baggage car down. Messenger A. L. Burlington was covered, and one of the safes in the car was broken into. The large combination safe was also tampered with.

The robbers got very little for their trouble. The exact amount is not stated. Superintendent Frazier of the Southern, with bloodhounds from the Conlaw penitentiary, went to the scene of the robbery on a special train, and every effort is being made to catch the robbers.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 19.—Assistant General Manager T. W. Leary of the Southern Express company confirms the report of the train robbery that occurred on the Southern railway west of Birmingham Thursday night. He says the robbers secured about \$500.

Defaulter Confesses.
Boston, Mass., Dec. 19.—Frank C. Miles, for more than twenty years the trusted treasurer of the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust company, one of the oldest and most conservative of Boston banks, is a defaulter for at least \$100,000. The default was discovered late yesterday afternoon by the president, and a meeting of the directors was called. After their hurried consultation the following statement was given out:

"The examining committee of the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust company, finding a deficit in their securities, called upon the treasurer, Frank C. Miles, for an explanation, when he confessed that he had misappropriated securities which may involve a loss to the company of some \$50,000 to \$100,000. The company holds a responsible bond indemnity in the sum of \$20,000."

"Mr. Miles had no connection with the safe deposit vaults of the company. WILLIAM F. STONE, President."

Insurgents Have a Battle.
Havana, Dec. 19.—It is now established beyond a doubt that the insurgents are concentrating their forces in the province of Santa Clara, with the intention, apparently, of moving westward to the province of Matanzas, and probably Havana province. The Saragossa battalion at St. Nobe and Manzanillo, a province of Santa Clara, has been engaged with a band of 500 insurgents, under the leadership of Ramon Alvarez. The enemy had fifteen killed and the countrymen carried away thirty wounded. The troops had one captain and five soldiers wounded. The insurgent colonel, Pena, has been wounded in the Manzanillo district.

Dr. Zertucha has arrived here, and will visit his brother, who is imprisoned in the Cabanas fortress. The Official Gazette publishes a notice announcing the disappearance of Prof. Frias of the university of Havana.

Groceries for Cuba.
New York, Dec. 19.—During the coming week large quantities of provisions, principally lard, hams and bacon, will be shipped from this city to Cuba in order to be entered before Jan. 1. On that date Gen. Weyler's order raising the tariff on imports 50 per cent goes into effect, and it is to avoid this increase that Cuban merchants have hurried their orders. Thousands of steers of lard and hams and boxes of bacon are being hurried off. This rush began immediately after Weyler's order a month ago and has increased steadily to the present time.

Volunteers Going to Cuba.
Omaha, Neb., Dec. 19.—Omaha railroad headquarters have been asked to figure on transportation from Colorado points to the Gulf for 200 men, who are willing to join the insurgents. Most of the men are at Denver now. One of the Omaha roads refused to give a rate, stating that it is a business that it does not care to handle, for the reason that it might lead to trouble with the government.

Postal Clerk Wester of Greensburg, O., was killed in a wreck a few days ago.

EARTHQUAKE'S WORK.

GREAT BRITAIN WAS SEVERELY SHAKEN AND DAMAGE DONE.
The shocks were followed by a tremor of earth and accompanied by a rumbling sound thought the minimum had arrived.

London, Dec. 18.—Great Britain is in the throes of a big and unprecedented sensation. An earthquake, the most violent ever experienced in this city, has shaken every spire from London to the Welsh coast. The subterranean disturbance was first noticed at about 5:30 o'clock yesterday morning and lasted from four to thirty seconds. At many points two distinct shocks were experienced.

The most severe shocks were felt at Cheltenham, Leamington and Danbury Forest. The earth-shaking was accompanied by a loud, rushing sound. Buildings were violently shaken, furniture was shifted, doors were thrown open and pictures and other ornaments were upset. The inhabitants were panic-stricken and fled from the houses. The earthquake also visited Birmingham and various points in Shropshire and was violent in Worcester and the country surrounding that city. Houses rocked and furniture was overturned. The shocks were followed by a tremor of earth and were accompanied by a rumbling sound. The greatest excitement prevailed everywhere. Chimneys were overthrown, and windows, etc., were smashed.

At some points persons on the country roads were thrown down and a number of people were thrown out of beds. Hereford cathedral was injured. There the dull rumbling beneath the earth's surface was followed by two loud crashes and a terrible lifting and rocking. The panic at Hereford was so great that one woman died of fright. People rushed wildly into the streets. Many chimneys fell crashing into the thoroughfares and all the pinnacles of St. Nicholas church toppled over and part of the pinnacles of the cathedral fell to the ground.

At Liverpool the earthquake was preceded by heavy thunder and a fearful storm. In London the earthquake was only slightly felt. A singular phenomenon was seen at Bridgechester, near Shrewsbury, previous to the disturbance. The steamer Sydney seemed to be on fire and there was a violent report, accompanied by a shaking of the earth. People who were in the vicinity say they were for a time unable to walk owing to the vibrations.

Senate and House.
Washington, Dec. 18.—The senate yesterday passed the immigration bill, known as the Lodge bill, with a new section providing that the exclusion shall not apply to persons arriving from Cuba during the continuance of the disorder there. The strength of the bill was greater than had been expected the final vote being 52 to 19. As passed the bill amends the immigration law so as to exclude persons of the following age who are unable to speak some other language than English, or whose parents, or grandparent, child, or grandchild, notwithstanding the inability to read and write.

Hermann, the Magician, Dead.
Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Hermann the magician, died yesterday in his private car at Great Valley, near Salamanca, Pa. He was on his way to Buffalo. The remains will be forwarded to New York. Hermann completed an engagement at the Lyceum theater in this city Wednesday night and was later entertained at the Geneva Valley club by a number of friends. Death was caused by heart disease. Prof. Hermann, whose father was a president, made his debut as a magician when he was but eight years of age.

Deep Water Harbor.
Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 18.—The board locating a deep water harbor in southern California, in session at the Westminster hotel, has arranged a systematic plan for work. The board determined to commence its public hearing on Monday next, the 21st, in the meeting room of the Chamber of Commerce. The hearings will begin Monday at 10 a. m., and close at 1 p. m., and will be devoted solely to the consideration of matters bearing upon the merits of San Pedro and Santa Monica as harbors.

A Severe Storm.
Boston, Mass., Dec. 18.—The big storm which rushed up from Cape Hatteras Monday night and was central off the southern New England coast Wednesday morning wrought great havoc among shipping. The storm was particularly severe from Martha's Vineyard to Cape Ann and vessels had the hardest kind of a time getting into port; in fact, many are still unaccounted for. Among the latter is the Norfolk steamer Essex, three days overdue. Six European steamers were over-

Mount Ararat.
Mount Ararat, the resting place of the scriptural ark, is in reality two mountains separated by a valley. The higher peak is 17,210 feet and he is over 13,930 feet above sea level.

you are taking in money all day, and drop it into a pocket with holes; you will find yourself a loser instead of a gainer by the day's business. Some day—some day. You

at county on Saturday night by a mob of white mill hands on the camp occupied by the colored laborers. The negroes were employed by the Canfield Lumber company, and notice was served on them Saturday afternoon by the white men that they must leave the mill or suffer the consequences. No attention was paid by the negroes to the threats of the whites and they retired Saturday night to their shanties near the mill. During the night these shanties were surrounded by a mob of white men and a volley of shots fired into them. The negroes jumped from their bunks and ran for the woods, another volley being fired into them as they ran. Twelve negroes were brought down wounded, some of whom will die. The mob then dispersed and the negroes were left without medical attention until morning. The mob of the negroes who escaped have

An almost exactly similar assault was made on Sunday night on a party of negroes at Frostville in the same county in which nine negroes were shot with bird shot and badly wounded. The only cause for the shooting so far as is known, is the determination of the part of the whites to run the negroes out of the country and prevent them from working around the

Robbed the Passengers.
Sedalia, Mo., Dec. 22.—While Missouri, Kansas and Texas was approaching Sedalia at an early hour yesterday morning three men who boarded the train first up the train commenced to rob the passengers in the chair car, relieving them of their watches, jewelry and money. A wild scene followed, some of the awakened passengers making a shot of flight and the women screaming with fright. C. H. Hopwood of Finnegan, who had lost his watch, grabbed time piece from one of the robbers a scuffle ensued. Other passengers came to their assistance, but fought their way to the jumping off the train to the city. The securing three gold small amount of money. Not a shot was fired or passengers and their over inside of five m

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OUR XMAS DINNER.

By Mary Kyle Dallas.

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Transferring the Catfish from Its Case in the Fair to the State Fisheries to Be Kept in a Tank and Used for a White.

There were only three men in the boat and a pretty big fish was in the water. The more the fish struggled...

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Widower Lehrs Carries the Remains of His Wife Wherever He Goes.

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AN ABLE PRACTICAL JOKE.

It Created Considerable Excitement in a University City.

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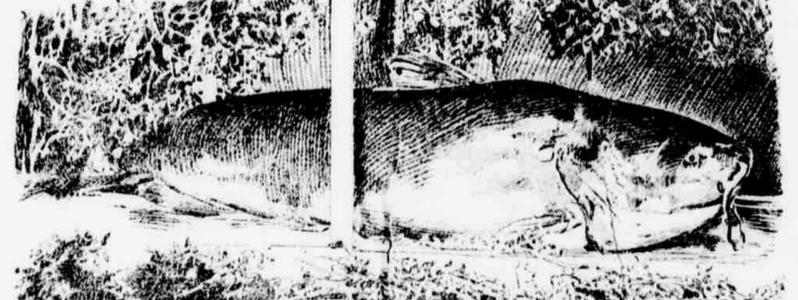
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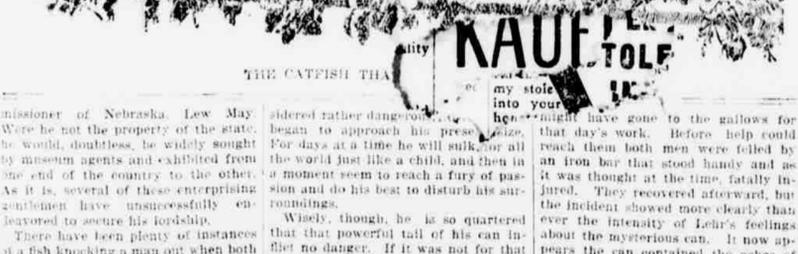
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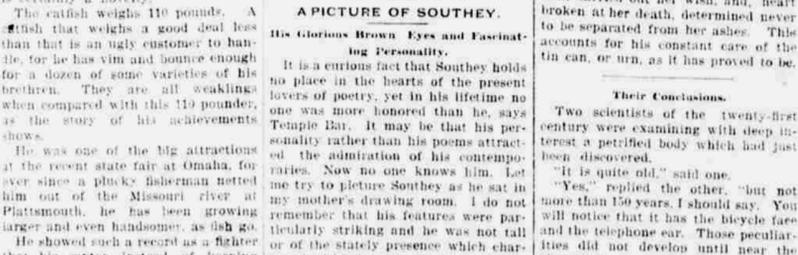
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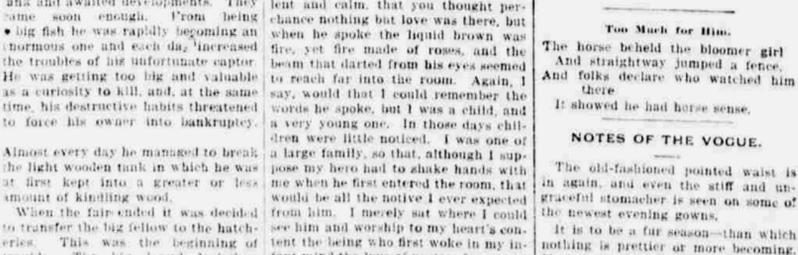
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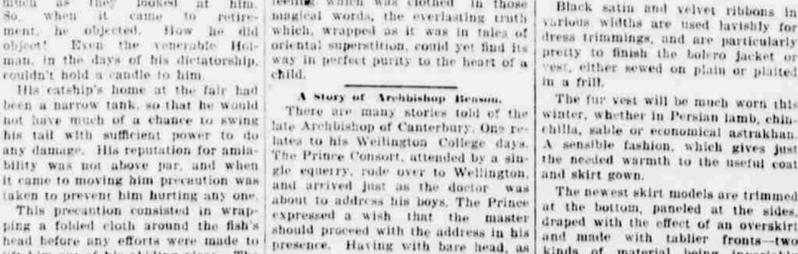
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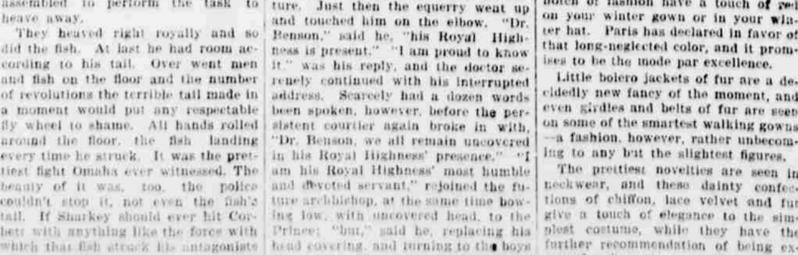
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Cupid Plays a Prank

There was something of a genuine surprise in town Wednesday morning when the news passed from one to another that Mr. Will Hills and Miss Brockman were married at 10 o'clock the previous evening.

It had been known for some time that a wedding would take place, but the general understanding was that it would be celebrated at Miss Brockman's home at Granberry during the holidays, hence the surprise when it was learned that they had stolen a march on their friends, even the most intimate ones, and gone to the Methodist parsonage, at the time mentioned, where they were united by Rev. M. L. Moody.

The bride and groom rank among our best and most respected young people and have many friends who wish them a happy and prosperous life and who the Free Press heartily joins in that wish.

—We have just opened up a nice lot of new dry goods, dress goods, trimmings, notions, etc., etc.—cheap—CHEAPER—CHEAPEST—nuff said—call at T. G. Carney & Co's.

—The Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission society of the M. E. church, announce a novelty for New Year's eve night in the way of a Mexican supper. Chile con carne, hot tamales and other delicacies of a more or less fervid, not to say thjorrid, nature will be served a la Mexicana. There will, however, be some lighter diet for those who can not go the "chile" dishes. But many a young gallant no doubt will swallow the "hot stuff" until the tears flow if it is daintily served by dark eyed, ebullient señoritas in the true style of the "Land of God and Liberty."

—Refreshments were then served at four tables in the spacious dining room, the little girls serving at the tables, as follows:

Table No. 1: Sybil Collins, Hazel Hudson, Nannie Tandy and Eula Poole.

Table No. 2: Fredie Lindsey, Alice Poole, Lizzie Smith and Livinia James.

Table No. 3: Lelia Springer, Ella Springer, Florence Couch and Lizzie Owens.

Table No. 4: Flora Tandy and Ruby Poole.

Then followed a speech by little Essie Gossett and song and accompaniment on piano by Lizzie Owens, "White Apple Blossoms," after which the company was released on their own resources for amusement, and music and singing ad libitum followed.

Public School Examinations.

We have been furnished by the several departments the following report of the examinations had in the Haskell public school prior to its adjournment for the holiday vacation. Some of the grades are extra good and indicate the good work our school is doing. In the examinations 100 signifies perfect, 80 good, and 60 is required:

HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

TENTH GRADE.

May Gillespie, 95; Eta Riddel, 96; Evelyn English, 95; Hattie Sanders, 93; Edna Ellis, 95; Ada Fitzgerald, 95; Marium Clower, 96; Roscoe Rier, 95; Jud Jones, 98; John Robertson, 95; Frank Vernon, 97; Hollis Fields, 97.

DELINQUENTS: Tana Norris, Adie Massey, Maggie Massey and Emmett Robertson.

NINTH GRADE.

Belle Rupe, 94; Dulin Fields, 95; Mary Tandy, 95; Ethel Hills, 91; Henry Alexander, 94.

DELINQUENTS: George Fields, Robbie Lindsey and Sam Pierson.

EIGHTH GRADE.

Nora Norris, 95; Ethel Jones, 94; Booth English, 97; Will Tandy, 95; Thos. Tucker, 78; Bonnie Cummings, 93.

DELINQUENTS: Jerold Hills, Mark Whitman, David McLean and Bertha Fitzgerald.

FIFTH GRADE.

Charley Cummings, 95; Mitle Bennet, 98; Naunie Tandy, 98; Nellie Moody, 96; Stella Dodson, 97; John Carter, 96; Stayton Hamner, 96; Crume Riddell, 72; Eula Poole, 99; Raymon Alexander, 98; Jim Lindsey, 97; Josie Sowers, 96; Lizzie Owens, 99; Mamie Meadors, 97.

FOURTH GRADE.

Dudie Fitzgerald, 62; Joe Moody, 94; Minnie May McKee, 97; Hattie Wilfong, 96; Dacia Winn, 97; Myrtle Parish, 98; Hazle Hudson, 98; Myrtle Baldwin, 97; Lela Middleton, 98; Albert York, 79; Mamie Hamner, 93; George Murfee, 83; May Murfee, 98; Zora Sanders, 89; Maud McLar, 91; Horace Owens, 96; Florence Courtwright, 97; Ida Tucker, 98; Sybil Collins, 98.

DELINQUENT: Bliford Dodson, Emma Bennett, Bessie Gossett and Coleman Towns.

Some of the teachers reports reached us too late to go in this issue—will give them next week.

THE IDEAL PANACEA

James L. Francis, Alderman, Chicago, says: "I regard Dr. King's New Discovery as an Ideal Remedy for Coughs, Colds and Whooping Coughs, having used it in my family for the last five years, to the exclusion of physician's prescriptions or other preparations."

Rev. John Burgess, Keokuk, Iowa, writes: "I have been a Minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church for 50 years or more, and have never found anything so beneficial, or that gave me such speedy relief as Dr. King's New Discovery." Try this Ideal Cough Remedy now. Trial Free at A. P. McLemore's, Drug Store.

Horace Greely once said: "The way to resume is to resume," speaking of again putting gold into circulation after the war. But you may say "resume" any number of times to that torpid liver of yours and it won't budge until you take Simmons' Liver Regulator. Many people seem to forget that Constipation, Biliousness and Sick Headache are all caused by a sluggish liver. Keep the liver active.

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Will remain in Haskell about 30 days. Guarantees all his work to be First-Class.

Works as well in cloudy as in clear weather.

Located at Dr. Neathery's office.

At Haskell, Dec. 19 to Jan. 18th.

WOMEN SHOULD KNOW

That the Disorders commonly called "Female Diseases" are the Foundation of nearly all the Troubles from which they suffer.

Whites, Chlorosis, Falling of the Womb, Painful and Irregular Menstruation, Eruptions of the Skin and Fainting Spells are also symptoms of the same disease. Being only symptoms, their temporary relief does not cure the disease.

WINE OF CARDUI CURES FEMALE DISEASES

by acting directly upon the delicate organs affected. It can be taken in the privacy of home. Thousands of ladies use it. Druggists sell and compound it. One Dollar buys a large bottle.

Pierson's Cry, Lawrence County, Mo. I have been afflicted with Irregular and Painful Menstruation and very severe Cramping Spasms for many years. After the best doctors had failed to benefit me, I tried the Wine of Cardui. It commenced acting at once, and before I had used a full bottle I was better than I had been for twelve months. NETTY WATSON.

SELLING OUT TOO!

Yes, ladies and gentlemen and fellow sufferers, we are selling out just as fast as we can, but not at cost, if we can help it. Our plan is to keep new goods coming all the time, and to keep on selling them out.

We don't propose to miss a sale or lose a customer, and if it becomes necessary to sell at cost to keep a customer with us, why, cost goes. We can afford to do this as well as anybody in Haskell because we have no house rent to pay and our insurance rate is lighter than others get, and our other expenses are light. It is these facts which have enabled us to sell you goods cheaper than any other merchant in town and that will enable us to hold our own in the cost racket. Try 'em all around and then see what about our prices.

Respectfully,
T. G. CARNEY & CO

The Election Is Over

And they say we expect better times, we like some advertisements you see—

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The house of

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In return may we not

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credited our goods? The time of

year is at hand when

all accounts are due, and we will

expect response from

every one who owes us. Please don't

wait for us to call on

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Selling out at cost

seems to attract the attention of some.

Such sales generally

mean what it costs you to get the

goods.

You will find that goods will cost you

as little at our house

as at any other—sometimes less when

quality is considered.

Come and see. Yours truly,

F. G. ALEXANDER & CO

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