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TO DEVELOP THIS COUNTRY AND BRING PROSPERITY.

We Must Do Something.
A Suggestion.

The Free Press has several times said that more population is the great need of this section of country — of Haskell county in fact. All admit this in a way, but it does not seem to us that hardly any one among our various business and professional men has given the matter that serious and careful consideration that has led to a full realization of all that it means. The matter has been talked from time to time and some futile efforts have been made to attract immigration, but no systematic and continuous effort calculated to command attention and produce satisfactory results has been made. If our people would take up the question and come to a full realization of all that is involved in it we think active work in the right direction would follow. To remain inactive means stagnation if not retrogression — and the last year or so looks very much like retrogression. Owing to the unrest and dissatisfaction resulting from the money stringency, which has affected our population in common with the whole country, and to short crops and to the lack of effort to attract attention to this section, immigration has hardly kept pace with emigration. As a consequence business ventures projected and entered upon with the expectation of an increasing population and larger field have suffered, and for the same reason a number of professional men have found it to their interest to seek other localities. We have lost one of our national banks, there are fewer stores than there once was and most of those remaining are doing a smaller volume of business than they did heretofore. This is a sufficient enumeration of ills for the present. It is not a pleasant picture or a reassuring one for the future, but our desire is that it will awaken our people to a realization of the situation and result in a rekindling of the old time energy that will mark the turning point toward the improvement that we confidently believe can be brought about. We repeat that an increase of population is our greatest need; with it most other things desirable will come. Some will say that from the experience of the last year or two they feel a reluctance in soliciting farmers to come to this section. As to the small farmer without means to establish himself in a home, even on our cheap lands, and properly stock it, we admit they have some grounds for their reluctance, although quite a number of such farmers have prospered here. But there need be no hesitation in inviting the man who is able to acquire a home and gather around him a little good stock with supplies to go through the first year. There is another class we may invite with every assurance of success, and it is for this class that our country is especially adapted by nature, and to which it must look for its highest development and greatest prosperity — we mean the experienced, up-to-date stock-farmer. There is no section of country in the world more healthy for every class and kind of live stock, and when we look to the past and see the tens of thousands of cattle, horses and sheep that have grown to maturity on its open prairies and gone to market fat and sleek without a morsel of food or an iota of protection from the weather ever being given them by man, we are forced to conclude that a marvelous improvement would result from a higher breeding and some such attention and handling as is given to their animals by the stock-farmers of Missouri, Ohio, Illinois and other northern states.

While corn and some of the staple crops sometimes make too low a yield to be profitable, there is never a year so bad that fair forage crops can not be raised, and a good grain crop from Milo maize, Kafrir corn, Jerusalem corn etc., is practically a sure thing, so that the stock-farmer can count with certainty on an abundance of feed of good growing and fattening qualities, and of a kind more easily and cheaply produced than are foods of equal value in the

northern states. Then owing to the much shorter and milder winters here less feed and less expensive shelter will be required to produce the same results. Another point in favor of our country as against the northern states, in the ratio of about twenty to one, is the cheapness of our lands. The northern man reading this would probably ask why our local stock men do not go into stock-farming. We confess that the question has been a puzzler to us, but we realize that the "know how" is lacking and that people are very slow to get out of the ruts in which they were raised. Some have made a little effort in that direction, but it has fallen far short of the scientific perfection which the business has reached in the northern states. They need an object lesson. The location in their midst of a few thorough-going stock-farmers from the states mentioned, who would carry on the business properly, would furnish a guide that would lead them into it in a fraction of the time that all the newspaper articles or arguments that could be preached to them in a year would do it.

Believing as before stated that the only sure road to prosperity for this county is its development into an essentially stock-farming country, we arrive at the conclusion that the best — if not the only, way to inaugurate the business on a proper and successful basis is to place its peculiar advantages for that business before the people of some of the northern states mentioned in so convincing a manner as to induce men of experience to come and embark in it. It also occurs to us that now is an opportune time to bring the matter before them. They are just in the midst of a long and expensive feeding season and are experiencing the rigors of winter so that they should readily appreciate the line of advantages which we have to offer in alleviation of those hardships.

We have presented the matter in a very imperfect way but we hope that our people will take the question up and discuss it. We believe in a thorough discussion with both good and bad results. Our column is open to any citizen or other party who will contribute his views.

The free silver movement is motionless save in Colorado. Slowly and sadly it climbs the Rocky mountains and reads its doom in the setting sun. — Dallas News.

It strikes us we have heard you sing that song in many keys aforetime, in fact it is a wormy chestnut.

We give place this week to an article in regard to the arbitration treaty about to be consummated between this country and England, by the terms of which all differences arising between these two great governments shall be submitted to an international court of arbitration and all chances of a war between them eliminated, during the treaty period of five years at least. It is sincerely to be hoped that its working will be satisfactory to both countries and that at the end of the five years it will be made perpetual. Should it prove satisfactory it will doubtless have a great influence toward bringing other governments into the scheme, hence it may be the forerunner of universal peace and quietude among all the great nations. With honest and well directed effort we see no reason why the disputes arising between nations should not be settled by arbitration as well as those between individuals. Could this be accomplished, it seems to us it would be a great step toward a higher civilization and christianity, and that it would result in a material lightening of the burdens of the great masses of the world who are oppressed by taxation and enforced military service to maintain the great navies and standing armies, for with international differences settled by arbitration, the navies and large standing armies would become, in a large measure, useless adjuncts to government and the money and human energies now consumed by them could be turned into industrial channels. The world we think it is to be congratulated on the initiatory step to be taken by England and this country.

BETWEEN ENGLAND AND THE UNITED STATES PEACE SHALL REIGN.

Arbitration Treaty About Agreed Upon.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The negotiations between the United States and Great Britain for a treaty of general arbitration, covering all subjects of difference between the two English-speaking nations, present and prospective, has advanced to a stage of completeness far beyond what the public has had reason to believe. The purpose of Secretary Olney and Sir Julian Pauncefote is to conclude the negotiations within the next three weeks. All of the substantial features of the treaty have been agreed on. From the present status of the negotiations it is believed the following will be the important terms of the treaty:

1. A term of five years from the date of the exchange of ratification within which the treaty shall be operative.
2. A court of arbitration of six members to be drawn three from the judiciary of the United States and three from the judiciary of Great Britain.
3. The submission to this tribunal of all differences between the two nations now pending or to arise within the period of five years, this is not to include the Bering sea question or the Venezuelan question now before independent commissions, but to include the boundary between Alaska and British North America.

The completion of this treaty will mark an important epoch in the relations between the two English-speaking nations, and in the judgment of those who have been most identified with its consummation, it will be the most important document of a peaceful character in the history of their mutual dealings.

The negotiations have proceeded with surprising unanimity, so that those engaged in the work confidently believe that it will be fully agreed upon and the signatures of the contracting parties placed to the documents within three weeks.

This will give fully two months for consideration and ratification of the treaty at the present session of the United States senate, and unless some unexpected obstacle should arise in that quarter, there is every reason to believe that the treaty may be made effective before the close of the present administration. At least this is the confident hope and expectation of those most concerned in the negotiations.

Aside from the previously referred to points it can be stated in a general way that the terms of the treaty are such as to "clear the board" of all vexatious questions which have arisen between the United States and Great Britain. These have been numerous in recent years and some of them have threatened serious consequences. But those familiar with the exact terms of the negotiations say that not one of these causes of friction will remain. Some of them are withdrawn from the operation of the treaty from the fact that other methods of settlement already have been agreed upon. That is the case with the Venezuelan question, which, by the recent agreement pertaining to that subject alone, is committed to a special court of arbitration. The Bering sea claims are now before a commission created by special treaty so that this, too, will not fall within the scope of the new treaty. Other questions have been similarly disposed of, and considering them all, it is said by those familiar with them that the Alaskan boundary will be the only pending controversy likely to come within the scope of the new treaty.

The main purpose of the treaty, however, is to guard against future differences threatening a rupture and in this the negotiators believe that the terms of the instrument will be such as to avoid all possibility of international conflict for the future. This is regarded as the main achievement. It is said to be particularly advantageous to the commercial interests of both countries, assuring them against rumors of war or the serious prospect of war. As one of those concerned in the negotiations sums up the result: When



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A serious difference arises between the two countries, instead of a public feeling that may result in consequence unsettling of commercial interests, such as occurred during the Venezuelan crisis, the public will know beyond all possibility of rumor or report that the difference is one which will be settled by arbitration instead of a possible resort to arms. This public sentiment against alarm is felt to be no less beneficial as one of the features assured by the treaty than the plan of arbitration itself.

The reasons for limiting the treaty to five years are doubtless to place a measure of this extent on fair trial, after which, if the results are as good as anticipated, the treaty can be renewed or be made permanent.

A LARGE and enthusiastic meeting of citizens of Dallas was held at the city hall in Dallas on last Sunday afternoon to express their sentiments in regard to the Cuban revolution. Col. A. J. Houston, son of Sam Houston, presided over the meeting. Several rousing speeches were made expressing sympathy for the Cuban patriots and advocating intervention in their behalf by this country.

The meeting resulted in the organization of a permanent society for aid and assistance to the Cubans. Resolutions were adopted with enthusiasm endorsing the resolution offered in the United States senate last week by Hon. R. Q. Mills, and requesting the entire Texas delegation to support the resolution, and pledging men and money in the event of its leading to war with Spain. The Mills resolution referred to is as follows: "Resolved that the president of the United States is hereby directed to take possession of the island of Cuba with the military and naval forces of the United States and hold the same until the people of Cuba can organize a government deriving its powers from the consent of the governed, and arm and equip such military and naval forces as may be necessary to secure them against foreign invasion."

There is a man in Tarrant county who always pays for his paper in advance. He never has been sick a day in his life, never had any corns or toothache, his potatoes never rot, the weevil never eat his wheat, the frost never kills his corn or beans, his babies never cry at night and his wife never scolds, says an exchange, and when he dies he will get a free pass to the new Jerusalem.

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Interview on Bryan.
El Paso, Tex., Nov. 23.—Col. Charles D. Lane, the wealthy gold mine owner of California, who offers to put up the money for Bryan to make an educational campaign in the interest of the free coinage of silver, arrived in El Paso to night and to The News reporter said: "The fight for free coinage of silver is on stronger than ever and we will win in 1900. McKinley's administration will convince the people that we can not prosper under the single standard. It will convince them too, that England is dictating the financial policy of the United States and that England is doing it in her own interests. The silver people who are in favor of Americans controlling America must keep up their organization. Bryan was defeated, but he is the greatest American in the United States today and will be elected president in 1900. Our congressmen should not agree to any compromise of silver legislation."

TWO LIVES SAVED.
Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City, Ill. was told by her doctors she had consumption and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it saved her life. Mr. Thos Eggers, 139 Florida St., San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching Consumption, tried without result everything else then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results of which these are samples that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in Coughs and Colds. Free trial bottles at A. P. McLemore's Drugstore. Regular size bottles 50 cents.

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It is always easy to see where others could do better.

Fortunately for men, few women really care to manage them.

Never make an agreement in which anything is left to the imagination.

What a dry time some of us would have if we got nothing but our deserts.

Those who never watched a man while he was at work often wonder why he is successful.

One of the sure roads to success is always to consider your own business of paramount importance.

People who tell the public of their intentions generally get no further on the road to accomplishment.

People who want to keep out of trouble generally wait until called on before offering their help or advice.

If the weather man keeps on trying he is bound to predict a cold wave at the right time between now and spring.

A great deal of repentance reaches a man about the time that he discovers that people whom he had injured are in a condition to retaliate.

Those who devote all the present to building for the future generally die before reaching what they consider a satisfactory condition of things.

The public man who thinks he can get along without a stage manager generally plays to empty houses before he learns that his season is closed.

People who have tried to keep the strap of a silk tie beneath a shirt-neck collar button will not be surprised to hear that the cotton tie trust is going up.

Corinne was perfectly safe in offering to build a home for aged actresses. There are no such actresses when they become superannuated; they enter the ballet.

There is a considerable amount of inconceivable about being on friendly terms with people who have no acquaintance with you.

In Roseberg, Oregon, a curfew law has recently been passed which applies to boys only. It will work all right. Does anyone imagine for a moment that the girls will ever roam the streets alone?

With all due respect to the New York Journal, David Blapham—one of the greatest barytones living—is not an Englishman. He is a good, old-fashioned American from Philadelphia. We have produced so few men who have become great singers—despite our long list of successful prima donnas—that it is a pity for an American newspaper to take the lead in denying the birthright of the best masculine singer that America ever put forward.

Rev. Madison C. Peters of New York is aroused on the divorce question. He insists that they come too easily and demands a uniform law for every state. He wants Oklahoma wiped off the map. Wonder if it ever occurred to Mr. Peters that possibly marriage sometimes comes too easily? While we are about it, it might be well to have certain uniform restrictions thrown around Cupid. As it is now, anybody who wants to can get married.

There is positive uproar among the New York clergy by the stand taken by President Roosevelt of the police commission, in supporting prizefighting and the support given him by the Rev. Dr. Parkhurst. The prominent preachers of the metropolis all say that they are simply amazed that Mr. Roosevelt should have been present at such an exhibition as the Maher-Choyinski fight, and allowed it to go on, and they have no words for their astonishment at the additional support of Dr. Parkhurst.

It appears that charming Miss Fitzgerald is suffering from a peculiar trouble which may damage her financial value professionally. It is well known that her wink was one of her great charms, and she used it in a most lavish manner. But now the tail wags the dog, so to speak. She has winked so persistently that instead of having control of her wink the wink controls her, in fact she winks all the time. To be frank and plain about it, she has begun to squint horribly. Naturally her managers are indignant at her failure to control her wink, for if it is habitual its charm is gone. Poor Missy is greatly troubled about it and does not know what to do.

A Kansas man is somewhere in the far unknown laughing at the authorities. Two men were sentenced the same day, one to eighteen months and the other to two years penal servitude. The clerk of court mixed up the verdicts in making out the reports and the two-year man was released Thursday and quickly betook himself to some place where, in the real eighteen-month man's eyes, he was a free man. The other man also demanded his release and thus the error was discovered. He was also released, of course, and the other man is just six months ahead of the game, and consequently happy.

A Maryland man has sued a steamboat company for \$5,000 damages because one of its boats was so late that as late as the last election. This is about \$1,998 above the current rates for votes throughout the doubtful western states.

The women in Idaho are said to be militant not because they are happier than other women, but because the suffrage amendment to the constitution was passed by a large majority. All of the politicians will want to stamp Idaho a warren.



OUT OF THE DEPTHS

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CHAPTER XIV.—(Continued)

The slips of paper were examined—one of the marriage of Julian Lorraine and Margaret, the other of the birth of Viola.

Now I know all I need still and pictured my poor old grandfather's horror when she read that fatal telegram and learned that her husband was her father's son by what she supposed was a former wife. I agreed to see her struck down in the dead flush of the wedded happiness, even as I had been struck down. I seemed to enter into her thoughts, to feel that it was impossible she could meet me again. I could hear her agonized entreaties to Grant to bear her away and hide her from me. I could understand now why she took no steps to clear her name in my eyes. How she even wished me to think she had perjured and faithless, so long as the secret could be kept from me—so long as I did not suffer as she suffered. Yes! I could understand what, rightly or wrongly, she and Grant had striven to do for my sake!

On what a chance life turns! Why had I never told Viola the story of my birth and strange adoption? Why had I never told Grant? It would have cleared matters in a second.

Strange to say, it had never occurred to me to mention it to either of them. After I had succeeded to my reputed father's wealth my position was so assured—it seemed to me so natural to be thought and called the dead man's son—that in sober truth my real origin had all but faded from my mind. For years I had scarcely given it a thought. But I grant my teeth now, as I reflected how a simple chance might have made me speak, and so saved my wife and myself from more than two years of misery!

Then the idea came to me that every moment which elapsed before Viola learned the news was one of sorrow to her. I sprang to my feet and went in search of Grant.

"Good fellow," I found he had already packed his portmanteau and was busily engaged on mine.

"If you make haste we shall just catch the Southampton train," he said. I thanked him by a look. I crossed things into my portmanteau hastily, and in three minutes we were on our way back to France.

In Rosberg, Oregon, a curfew law has recently been passed which applies to boys only. It will work all right. Does anyone imagine for a moment that the girls will ever roam the streets alone?

CHAPTER XV.

WE WERE in plenty of time. Indeed, as the boat did not leave Southampton until nearly midnight, we might have waited for a later train. It was better as it was.

Although starting for London at once meant pacing for hours the quay at Southampton, I had the satisfaction of being so many miles nearer to Viola.

Shall I ever forget that crossing! The night was fair. No thought of sleep came to me. I sat on deck all night, gazing out over the sea, looking out for the two great lights on Cape de la Heve; listening to the steady, monotonous thump, thump, thump of the engines, and knowing that every revolution of the paddle-wheels was bearing me nearer to Viola; or I leaned over the side of the boat and watched the hissing water lying behind in a foaming white track. I felt that I was being borne away from all my troubles and that the path to the sturdy ship plied through the moonlighted sea was one which led me to unspoken happiness. I was alone with my thoughts nearly all the time. Grant, like a wise man, had gone below to court sleep. Perhaps in spite of the joy he felt in the approaching happiness of his friends, my ceaseless and repeated questions became a trifle monotonous. He had to answer me a thousand times that one at least of his messages would reach Viola in time to stay her departure. He had telegraphed to the steamer as well as to the Hotel de Europe, at which she knew she was staying. He had simply said, "On no account go tomorrow," and felt certain she would recognize and understand her journey and await explanations.

Would she? Would a few words from him change her plans? What should I do if she reached Havre after the American steamer had sailed and that after all Viola had gone in her?

"Yes," said Grant, "take the next boat and follow her. It will be the delay of a week, and she will say 'I do you good.'"

But I could not consent to such an undertaking without the thought of my spending another week in ignorance of the truth. So Grant had again and again to assure me that she would certainly find her way to Havre with me, who accompanied her father and had promised to see her safely on board the steamer.

I had other questions to ask him, among them, when he first learned the true reason of my wife's sudden flight—how he learned it. She knew that I would know it, and she knew that I would tell her. I asked her when she left you, but because your love had waned. The hate I felt toward you, the passion I felt toward Viola, turned

into the deepest pity. Now you know all."

It was just after saying this that Grant laid his hand on my shoulder and left me. My impulse was to rush in search of my wife, but Grant checked me. As he said, she knew nothing, his message had given no information as to the discovery he had made. Let him see her first and convince her that I was without a shadow of a doubt Julian Lorraine's adopted son. Then I might see her as soon as I liked.

I consented and curbed my impatience. I sat in the court-yard of the hotel counting the minutes. Grant must have told her by now. She must know what joy is awaiting us. She must be longing to throw herself into my arms. Why am I not summoned? Perhaps the joy has killed her! I will wait no longer!

I rose, but at that moment Grant appeared. His face told me that the good tidings had worked no evil. I ran toward him. He grasped my hand. "Stay a few minutes," he said, "she waits!"

"She is well? There is nothing wrong?"

"She is well and happy. In ten minutes you shall see her."

Somehow suddenly I reassured myself. Presently we were joined by the sweet-faced Sister of Charity, who had for the time discarded the spotless linen of her calling and was dressed in simple black. She talked on various subjects, but if I answered at all I did so mechanically, my voice bearing no meaning to my ears. At last she rose, and I understood that she wished me to follow her. Grant swung my hand as I passed him.

With a beating heart I followed his steps up the wide stairs, followed her gently as she passed before a door and placed her hand on the handle. Then, turning to me, she whispered, "Be confident in the ability of Bessie to manage the house in her absence, and do not think of impeding her for her little ones. When the three children retired at night the gas in the cooking stove was turned out and a coal fire in the dining-room adjoining allowed to burn. At 4 o'clock in the morning Bessie was awakened by the odor of the gas. She hastened to the kitchen and found that the rubber tube connecting the stove with the pipe had been forced off by a strong pressure, allowing the gas to escape. Bessie's first thought was to get her sister, aged 4, and her brother, aged 6, out of the building. She opened the door of the dining-room to hasten to them. The gas from the kitchen rushed in and a terrific explosion followed. Bessie's clothing took fire, but, endeavoring to keep the flames down with her hands, she rushed to the bedroom and, wrapping the two children in a blanket, carried them together through the burning building to a place

SOME HEROIC DEEDS.

BRAVE ACTS DONE BY MEN AND WOMEN

An Unknown Man Jumps from a Forty-Foot Bridge to Save a Drowning Fellow Being a Fireman's Brave Act—Aged Heroine Killed.

AN UNKNOWN man dived from the Combs' dam bridge the other afternoon and rescued Henry Muller, who was drowning in the Harlem river, New York city. Muller was out rowing with several companions. When a slight breeze from the westward struck the boat, Muller lost his balance and fell overboard. He could swim only a few strokes, and his companions were not at all. They cried for help, while the man in the water struggled desperately and made a feeble outcry. The crowd on the bridge took up the shouts for help, and just then an unknown man came scrambling along the bridge on his bicycle. He saw the crowd, stopped and eluded his way to the rail from where he saw the man struggling in the water. He threw off his coat, seized the iron rail with both hands, contracted every muscle and then drew himself over like a frog. The diver was doubled up, but it was only for an instant. He threw his hands in before his head touched the water, and then kicked his legs out straight. It was a forty-foot dive. Young Muller and one under twice and disappeared for the third time just as the brave unknown was within a man's length of him. The rescuer disappeared beneath the surface and appeared again, with the drowning man supported on his left arm. The crowd cheered and welled. The men in the boat were pulling the oars, but to no avail. Another boat finally put out and rescued both the stranger and Muller. It was an hour before Muller recovered, and he was taken to Manhattan hospital and then home. Dripping wet, the rescuer jumped on his bicycle and rode at breakneck speed down Seventh avenue. He refused to give his name, apparently from reasons of modesty.

WEDDED BLISS.

Does That Were Small and Happiness That Was Short-lived.

A Vermont clergyman with a sporting strain once offered to trade the unopened envelope containing a wedding fee for a watermelon. The envelope contained a punched 3-cent piece, says the New York Recorder. A clergyman away out in Kansas married a couple and received in payment a barrel of beans. He came from Boston, knew beans all right, but didn't like 'em to eat. However, they proved salable. There are plenty of toll bridges along the upper Connecticut and plenty of "near" people on both sides. One of these no matter whether in New Hampshire or Vermont—recently gave the minister who married him to the best wife in seventeen states an envelope containing one 2-cent toll ticket. The same clergyman performed another ceremony with more satisfactory financial results. After it was over the groom gave him a pair of cheap gloves. He argued over to his wife. She slipped into a drawer in disappointment. The \$5 bill in each finger and thumb. Hymen rules the roost at the Budapest show just now. One of the features is an illustration of peasant wedding customs, and the committee offers a week's entertainment to the couples who submit to a public wedding. The idea has often been used for advertising purposes in this country. An up-country clergyman tells of a couple who came to be married. After the ceremony the groom remarked that he would pay his way of a fee a bushel of potatoes. Later the narrator passed a field where the groom was digging Early Rose tubers and reminded him of his promise. "Squar," said the happy man, ejecting a huge quid of tobacco from his mouth, "squar, she wasn't worth it."

TOOK EVERYTHING.

First Thesplan—Yes. We were playing "Uncle Tom's Cabin" to good houses when the treasurer skipped out and left us stranded with the blood-

SELECTED PLEASANTRIES.

She—John, will you get up and light the fire? He—Maria, don't keep making incendiary speeches.—Pack.

KILLED WHILE SAVING LIFE.

At Hawthorne, N. J., the other day, Mrs. Emma Peterson, 60 years old, lost her life in an attempt to save that of her baby grandson. The lad was on the tracks of the Susquehanna road and the aged woman saw the train thundering down on him. She rushed to the child, but she had hardly grasped hold of him when the train struck her. The horrified people who witnessed the tragedy saw the aged heroine swing the child clear of the locomotive, while her own frail body was broken and crushed. The boy lay beside the track, apparently dead, not far from the mangled body of the grandmother when picked up.

WOMEN AND A DUEL.

A couple of ladies recently fought a duel with pistols in the outskirts of a little town in Hungary. Both fired at the word of command. One sent her ball into a small boy, who was perched on a tree, and the other sent hers into the side of a calf which was grazing in a neighboring field. As there had been some bloodletting, honor was declared satisfied.—To-Day.

RECIPE FOR A COMIC OPERA.

To build a comic opera, lay the scene in some country that is supposed to be inhabited by a happy peasantry, who can afford to spend most of their time dancing on the village green, drinking imaginary wine out of gilded tin goblets, and singing songs with tria-lala-lala chorus. Introduce a lordly villain, and make him play the Old Harry with the daughter of the village pound-keeper until the hero returns from abroad, and armed only with the "priceless heritage of an untarnished name" and a tenor voice, sings him clear off the stage.—Scranton Truth.

LONDON'S GROWTH STOPPED.

Metropolis of the World Expected to Decline in Population.

The result of the recent census shows that during the last five years the population has increased somewhat less rapidly than it did in the previous ten—1881-1891—says the St. James Gazette.

The number of people turned out to be some 15,000 below the estimate formed on the basis of 1891. The difference is small, but important, as it shows that the previous fall in the rate of increase is maintained. The population is growing at a less rapid pace. At the beginning of the century it used to increase by more than 20 per cent in the ten years between successive censuses; in 1881-1891 that rate had fallen to 10.4 per cent, the lowest on record, and now it is still less. This movement is not part of a general decline; it is peculiar to London, and seems to indicate that the huge overgrowth of the metropolis has begun to cure itself. No town can go on growing indefinitely, and even London monstrosity as it is—has not fulfilled the expectations of earlier statisticians. Two hundred years ago it appeared to be growing so fast that Sir William Petty, one of the earliest pioneers in demographic research, reckoned that by 1800 the population would reach 10,000,000 supposing it to continue at the same rate. He thought, however, that a natural limit would be reached before then, and placed it in the year 1800, by which time he calculated London would contain something over 5,000,000 inhabitants and the rest of England only 4,500,000. He was very nearly right about the total, which actually was about 9,000,000 but London accounted for only 1,000,000. Since then it has nearly reached its maximum, which, naturally, seems likely to prove a real natural limit. For the four years 1871-74 the average birth rate was 35.2; for the four years 1891-94 it was only 30.9. There has been a gradual and almost continual falloff from year to year, which has not been counterbalanced by the simultaneous but slighter fall in the death rate from 22.7 to 19.9. Fewer people die in proportion to the population, but still fewer are born. This is explained by the increasing disinclination to marry. The marriage rates for the two periods contrasted are 1.96 and 1.73 respectively.

FALSE WITNESSES.

There are knaves now and then met with who represent certain local litters and poisonous stimulants as those of Hoochett's Stomach Bitters. These stimulants succeed in first making their "tricky" competitor's name familiar with the general public, which is much their object as it is to night. Ask and take no substitute for the cure. Remedy for malaria, dyspepsia, constipation, rheumatism and kidney trouble.

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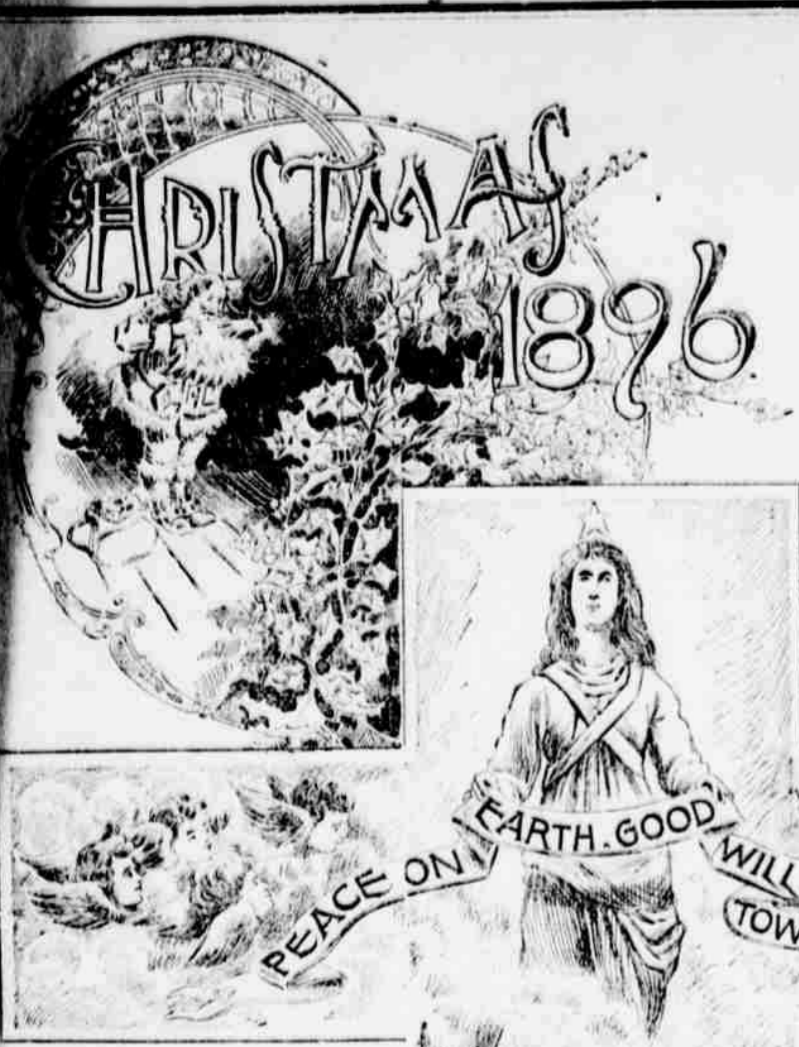
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MISS RHODA'S MEASURE.

Miss Rhoda sat in the west doorway. Her face was turned toward the sweet sky, radiant with its rays of red and golden light. It was nature's "withdrawing season." At Miss Rhoda's right was a field of stubble from which the wheat had been harvested. At her left the corn still stood, like Indian wigwags, all over the field, waiting for the burning time. At her feet the many leaves, so gorgeous in their autumnal plaids, were falling. Here and there the note of a stray bird which had tarried late; then its fellows fell upon her ear. There was a chill in the air; the wind was rising, and it stirred the locks of silvery hair which usually lay with such calm precision about Miss Rhoda's face. She folded her black shawl closer about her shoulders, but still she lingered.

There was no kindly voice to warn her of the dangers that might come from longer exposure. No loved one to come to the door and say, "Come in, now; the air is chill and the fire is burning brightly. It is lonely in the room without you." Miss Rhoda was alone in the world; she had outlived her nearest and dearest to her.

In the afternoon of the lives of those who had belonged to her in the old days, sweet memories lighted up the gloomy day, and as she looked intently at the western sky she seemed to see

the peary graces, behind the red and gold away, and the darkness like Christian, "fell sick" of the glories and could be among them.

There was no notable thing after the fact of her old life. But in some lives, like Miss Rhoda, it is a more deep than in others.

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love, and there was never such a thorough house-warming done in that locality before. A new light came into Miss Rhoda's face that Christmas. It was twilight—she was not alone in the world any longer; she belonged to her good neighbors, and they belonged to her.

CHRISTMAS KINDNESS.

At this season of the year, remember that it is your duty as children, and also your privilege, to glorify God, to promote peace, and to extend good will to those around you. You may promote the blessing of peace on earth by frankly forgiving those who may grieve or annoy you, by persuading enemies to be reconciled to each other, and by daily prayer to God to preserve the nations of the earth from the dead-

ly horrors of war. And you may in a great many ways show good will to men. Are there not poor people within a short walk of your own door who will receive no Christmas cards, no nice presents of food or good clothing, whose children have no nice toys or picture books, of which some of you have such an abundance that you scarcely know where to find room for—

Christian Herald.

What Makes a Happy Christmas. It does not require much money, nor indeed any money, to make a happy home on Christmas. The chief thing is a warm and merry heart. It will devise ways and means for filling the home with cheer, joy and gladness. A little invention, a little effort, and much love will give the day a halo brighter than tinsel and gold.

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THE JOKER'S CORNER.

WIT, HUMOR AND SATIRE ORIGINAL AND SELECTED.

Kleptomaniacs in High Life, or the Misadventures of Miss Bertha Brown—A Logical Conclusion—A Post Attack—Up-to-Date Jokes.

THE lady fair also crimped her hair. And buckled on her bands. And pockets deep she donned to keep. The labor of her hands. For she had vowed to toil all day.

At last she grew so reckless she would give shop-lifting bees. And say, "Come lift a while with me. For oh, I strive to please." At last she grew so reckless she would give shop-lifting bees.

Overwhelmed by Fate. The villain was foiled at last. It was worse by far than the dramatist intended or the audience suspected. Just at the moment when his power seemed unassailable when he was in a position to taunt the heroine with unkind remarks about a lover, his face blanched and his step became unsteady.

Thoughtful for Children. Jimmy—Ed like to be a doctor when I grow up. Tommy—What for? Jimmy—So's when fellers' mothers brought 'em to me I could say to keep 'em home from school a week or two.—Puck.

A Local Trouble. First Westerner—Fete is down with lung trouble again. Second Westerner—What's the matter with his lungs? First Westerner—He's got a bullet in one of 'em.—Puck.

A Logical Conclusion. Moseley Wrags—"Do you think it's so that every man has iron in his blood?" Tuftoff Nut—"Course 'tis." Moseley Wrags—"Then it must be scrap iron that Sharkey has in his blood."

Heard in the Barnyard. "I will admit that he is dressed to kill." It was the old hen turkey who spoke these words in her efforts to console her progeny, who were crying with envy at beholding the gay plumage of the peacock. "But in a few days, my children, we'll all be killed to dress."

HAD HIS THROAT CUT

J. W. BARKER FOUND DEAD IN AUSTIN.

He was found in a wagon yard in a cotton seed house. It is supposed that he committed suicide—A Mexican Murderer His Fellow Countryman.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 14.—Yesterday morning at 7 o'clock a prominent farmer of this county, named J. W. Barker, was found lying in a cotton-seed house in a wagon yard in the lower part of the city with his throat cut from ear to ear. He lived about two hours after being found. Saturday afternoon he sold his team and wagon for upward of \$50. No money was found on him yesterday. While it is supposed that it is a case of suicide the grand jury, which is in session, will look into the matter to-day. No cause is known why he should have killed himself.

Teachers Institute Adjourns.

Gainesville, Tex., Dec. 14.—The teachers' institute which adjourned Saturday, was an interesting and intelligent body of educators. They were zealous and showed clearly during the two days that they were in session that their hearts were in their work. Saturday fully fifty teachers, men and women, were enrolled, and after the regular program of the day was concluded they cast an eye to the future, and decided to hold the next institute Jan. 1 and 2.

A Motion was carried making the election of Mr. J. H. Nutting and P. W. Dashi, president and secretary respectively permanent.

The chair was instructed by resolution to appoint a committee to draft resolutions to be submitted to the next teachers' institute memorializing the state legislature to enact laws providing a system for holding teachers' institutes in the county. The following teachers were appointed on the committee: G. W. Dayton, G. J. Clements and E. N. Blackburn.

A motion prevailed creating a plenary committee, composed of G. W. Dayton, F. W. Davis, E. N. Blackburn, W. H. Hembrey and J. W. Adamson, whose duty it is to correspond with teachers, trustees and patrons in behalf of maintaining a teachers' institute.

New Railroad.

Mineral Wells, Tex., Dec. 14.—Ed C. Baker, assistant general manager of the Gulf and Brazos Valley railroad, A. McCallum, superintendent, attended an enthusiastic railroad meeting at Millsap Saturday night at which time a contract was closed for the immediate construction of the Brazos Valley road from Millsap to Henrietta. Parker county people have subscribed \$5,000 in cash, supplies, material, labor and right of way to the Palo Pinto county line, and lots in Millsap. One thousand dollars is to be paid to the railroad company at once. Work commences at Millsap to-day.

Hotel Burned.

Bryan, Tex., Dec. 14.—At 6 o'clock yesterday morning a large two-story building, owned by Mrs. Garth and occupied as a boarding house by a man named Ringdahl, was burned. There were seven lodgers in the house, all of whom escaped, with the loss of a part of their effects. A large amount of Ringdahl's furniture, covered by insurance, was burned. There was \$1,000 insurance on the building, which was twenty-five years old, but in good repair. The fire started from a kitchen fire. A big wind full of cotton was close to the flames, and it took hard work to protect it.

An Interesting Meeting.

Grenville, Tex., Dec. 14.—The Hunt County Teachers' institute met here Friday and Saturday, Dec. 11 and 12. Prof. J. D. Warren, of Caddo Mills, was elected president and Mrs. Willie De Feo secretary. Sixty-eight members were enrolled during the session. Among outside visitors were Prof. Fred Eastman, of Sulphur Springs, and Prof. Bowman, of Campbell County. Superintendent Priest made some excellent remarks at different times. The program was carried out with much interest. The association adjourned to meet again Jan. 9, 1917.

Made a Chattel Mortgage.

Denham, Tex., Dec. 14.—R. M. Beville made a chattel mortgage, naming S. G. Tankersley as trustee, conveying his entire stock of harness and saddlery. The mortgage prefers Spencer & Barham for \$200, Bullback & Tankersley for \$200, R. M. Beville for \$500. Assets about \$1,000; liabilities unknown.

Negro Girl Burned to Death.

Goodrich, Tex., Dec. 13.—Anna McCordell, a negro girl about 10 years old, took a spasm Friday when the rest of the family were away and fell in the fire. She was in the fire when the rest of the family came home. She was horribly burned and died during the night. She had been demerolled for several years.

Boy Disappeared.

Sherman, Tex., Dec. 14.—Jimmie Arnold, aged 17 years, left his home, 512 South Maxey street, at 8:25 a. m. Friday last for school. He has not returned home, and the family has made fruitless searches for him, both in this city and adjoining towns. The missing boy is rather small for his age, light complexion, black eyes and hair. He wore when he left home blue pants, gray coat and a small blue cap. His grandfather, 307 North Travis street, will be grateful for information of the child's whereabouts.

Flowers, Tex., Dec. 14.—At a Mexican show at Graytown, Wilson county, Saturday night in a difficulty between Alberto Garcia and M. Yertree, Garcia was shot and killed. Yertree was doorkeeper, and Garcia forced an entrance without pay, and when the doorkeeper demanded Garcia beat the doorkeeper over the head with a squirt. Yertree was jailed here.

His Dark Design.

"Wonder why that man next door takes his wife's poll parrot out on his 'every day'?" "He probably hopes that he will fall off on it."—Chicago Record.

GEN. MACEO'S DEATH.

HE FELL AT THE FIRST VOLLEY FIRED.

He mistook the force of General Otero's shot for Sanchez's Vanguard. Reports Deny Gen. Maceo's Death Sauntered Arrested.

Havana, Dec. 11.—Further inquiry by correspondents have elicited the following additional details, which are positively reliable, of the manner in which Antonio Maceo met his death. It is known that Maceo expected the insurgent brigadier general, Sanchez, to concentrate his forces in Havana province in readiness for Maceo when he should pass the trocha. It happened, however, that in passing the Spanish column, commanded by Major Cirujeda, Maceo mistook the force of guerrillas under Peral for Sanchez's vanguard and found himself among them before he discovered his mistake. At the first volley from the Spanish Maceo fell wounded. The insurgents taken by surprise, commenced a general fire as they retreated and abandoned Maceo in a dying condition. Col. Feljoo has had an engagement at Campo Florida, near Havana, with the concentrated forces of the insurgents which were with Maceo at the time he was killed, and which are following the leaders, Aguirre Castillo, Arranguren, Cardenas, Gallo and Loro, and which number 1300 horsemen.

Katy Blacksmith Shop Burned.

Denison, Tex., Dec. 11.—Yesterday morning at 1 o'clock fire was discovered in the roof of the blacksmith shop in the locomotive department of the Katy shops. An alarm was turned in and the company's fire department at the shops went to work with what facilities they could command, but the fire company did not get water quickly enough to do much good. The blacksmith shop and contents were a total loss, valued at \$6,000, with insurance to the extent of \$4,500 in the Royal of Liverpool in a general policy covering all the shops and depot buildings of the entire Katy system. By hard work and application of water to surrounding buildings the fire was confined to the blacksmith shop and did no serious damage to surrounding buildings. The burning of the shop will throw about eighteen men out of work till the building can be replaced, which will be done at once, as this is the busy season of that department.

Meeting of Lumbermen.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 11.—A well attended meeting of the Texas and Louisiana Lumber Manufacturers' association was held yesterday. It was called for the purpose of considering a number of important matters in the lumber trade, but the meeting was behind closed doors. It is understood, however, that the relations of the export and domestic trade as influencing each other were talked of a good deal. W. E. Ramsey, W. E. Barnes and G. H. Mallan were elected delegates to the lumber trade convention at Cincinnati, which meets Dec. 15. They heard reports from all over the state, showing improved condition of trade. The association adjourned to meet here the third Tuesday in January.

Whitewash Frustrated.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 11.—Whitewash visited the premises of Howard Flint, on the Lewis place, two miles south of Oak Cliff, Tuesday night, to order him to leave the neighborhood within ten days or suffer consequences. Flint has a bull dog, and the maskers, four in number, were put to flight. Instead of an oral command a written order was tacked on the post. The whitecaps also served notice on Mr. W. Moore, manager of the place, that he must not rent land to or employ colored labor. The matter will be investigated by the grand jury.

Safe Blown Open.

Denham, Tex., Dec. 11.—The safe of H. R. Tubbson at Argyle was blown open Tuesday night and about \$50 worth of valuables and cash extracted. The job was done in the most modern style and proves the cracksmen to be an expert in his line. The combination was tried off with a crowbar, the lock drilled out and the hole therewith filled with powder and exploded, the discharge tearing the safe door almost entirely in two and stopping several clocks on the shelves around at 12:19 a. m. The thieves got about \$20 cash, five or six rings and a gold watch. No arrests.

Caterpillar Nests in Winter.

In early autumn the tent caterpillar moth lays a cluster of 200 or 300 eggs in a circle around the twigs of apple and other trees and covers them with a glue-like secretion that protects them until they hatch in the following spring. In the bright days of winter, while the branches are bare, these clusters can be easily seen and should be removed and destroyed. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Sherman, Tex., Dec. 11.—An alleged burglar from Castles' grocery store, in East Brockett street, the proceeds of which if divided among the three men alleged to have been guilty would not have purchased either a respectable meal, has landed all of them in the county jail and will arraign them for trial for felony, the least penalty for which is two years' imprisonment. Alfred Lines, his son, Marshall Lines, and stepson, George Pledger, were all indicted under instructions of the grand jury, charged by complaint with burglarizing Castles' store and taking therefrom a bale of hay, worth about 50 cents. The parties all deny the guilt.

Waco, Tex., Dec. 11.—The United States government recovered a judgment of \$2,600 against C. M. Norton, postmaster of Calico, yesterday on account of a shortage occasioned by embezzlements perpetrated by A. C. Love, who pleaded guilty at the previous term of court and is in the penitentiary. The postmaster's defense was that Love was not his bonded clerk and stole money under blanks in furtherance of his embezzlements. The jury returned a verdict against the defendant under instructions of the court and taxed the costs against Postmaster Norton.

THE OVERMAN CASE.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Mrs. Kate Weller Barrett, who has been closely allied here with the work of the Crittenton Rescue League, spoke yesterday of Mattie Overman, whose name was connected with Dr. Brown in the San Francisco church scandal, and of whom it was stated that she was coming to this city.

"Mr. Crittenton gave me a check for \$50," said Mrs. Barrett, "and I sent it to Miss Overman to come here, but since the press has announced the fact that she was coming here she will go elsewhere, and when her tormentors find out where she is we will take her somewhere else."

The meeting destroyed Mattie Overman's plans to come here. She is traveling in disguise, under the name of Sister Martha, and will continue to work with the "Crittenton band." She was not coming here to join Mrs. Barrett, as was commonly announced, but she intended to live here in the national Crittenton home. Mr. Crittenton has taken an interest in her case, and will doubtless provide for her.

Took Poison.

New York, Dec. 14.—Josephine S. Jercho, a niece of the general, Putnam, who fought in the war of the American revolution and was killed at Savannah, Ga., committed suicide by poisoning at her home in Brooklyn. Mrs. Jercho was a claimant for \$200,000, which it is said, her family grand uncle advanced to the United States government to aid in prosecuting the war of independence. She had, according to her story, been robbed of the papers which established her claims, and was obliged to take a government clerkship in Washington from where, however, she was dismissed by Cleveland in his first term. Since then she has had a terrible struggle with poverty and was finally reduced to selling papers. For some time she had been entirely dependent upon charity.

Swindler Arrested.

Altoona, Pa., Dec. 14.—A stranger calling himself P. H. Bradley is under arrest here as a check swindler and it is said he is wanted by several western railroad companies for forged passes. It was first thought that he might be Dyer, the absconding New York bookkeeper, but that theory was set aside yesterday by the arrival from that city of a detective, who failed to identify him. Bradley deposited in the First National bank of this city a check for \$500 drawn on a bank in Dayton, O. A bank book in which the deposit was credited was given him, but he was told not to draw against it until information from Dayton had been received.

Elkhonkian in San Francisco.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 14.—Wm. L. the publisher, has received a dispatch from San Francisco which reads as follows: "Arrived here. Expect to reach Boston within a fortnight. Will telegraph exact date later."

LILOUKALANI.

She is a cousin of the late John Dinnon, husband of Lilooukalanani. "I have no further information on this subject," said Mr. Lee, "than what is contained in the dispatch. A member of the family is in constant correspondence with the queen in a friendly way, but in none of her letters has she given any reason to believe that she contemplates a journey to this country. I have no idea what her object is in coming here."

Failed to Get the Money.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 14.—The name of Judge E. T. Hamilton, of Cleveland, was forged to a \$75,000 check Saturday. Early in the afternoon a man appeared at the Loraine Street bank and presented an order for that amount on the Dime Savings and Building company, payable to C. N. Cunningham. The treasurer offered an excuse for not paying at once, and Cunningham departed. Meanwhile the signature had been pronounced a forgery by Judge Hamilton. At 3 o'clock Cunningham again appeared. He was told that the bank had failed to get the money, and was requested to return at 5 o'clock. He agreed to do so, and has not been seen since.

Burglars Frustrated.

Wooster, O., Dec. 14.—At an early hour yesterday morning three masked burglars battered down the door of the farm house of Perry Bristow, an aged man living near here. Just as they entered the house Mrs. Alice Baxter, Bristow's housekeeper, met them with a lamp in her hand. As one of the burglars attempted to grab her by the throat she hit him in the face with the lamp, breaking it. She continued to hammer him with the glass handle of the lamp until he beat a retreat, and the other two robbers ran away. One of the three was afterward arrested.

Near Marshalltown, Ia., recently.

Andrew Hart, was shot and killed by a burglar.

Put Into Commission.

New York, Dec. 11.—One more formidable addition to the navy of the United States was made yesterday when the monitor ram Puritan was formally put in commission at the Brooklyn navy yards. It is thirty-two years since the keel of the Puritan was laid and four years since she was launched. Now that she is ready for service she is regarded as a defensive purpose superior to any naval vessel of the first class, while for offensive warfare she is little inferior to first class.

Two Failures.

Toledo, O., Dec. 12.—The failures of two firms occurred here yesterday. Leavitt Smith & Co., a prominent firm of wholesale tobacconists, and E. M. Harley, dealer in hats and furnishings, J. G. Gould, vice-president of Leavitt Smith & Co., disappeared last Wednesday morning and has not been seen since, but it is not thought his absence has anything to do with the firm's difficulty. The assets of the firm are about \$60,000 and liabilities \$30,000. The assets and liabilities of E. M. Harley each sum up about \$3,000.

No Inducement to Hiss.

Smith—"I see that a bullet from one of those new rifles will kill six men, standing one behind another?" Thompson—"You don't say? In that case a man might just as well go to the front."—Puck.

Killed Himself.

Toledo, O., Dec. 14.—Edmund E. Wright, the son of Thomas H. Wright, a prominent insurance man of this city, committed suicide yesterday by shooting himself in the heart over the grave of a Mrs. Osborne, supposed to be a sweetheart of his. He had the crucifix in one hand and the rosary in the other, and blessing himself and reciting the Lord's prayer, fired the bullet into his heart. He prepared for death by going to communion yesterday morning.

WANTS AN APOLOGY.

THE SULTAN OF TURKEY DEMANDS SATISFACTION.

President Cleveland Called to Account for the Language He Used in His Message About the Massacre of the Armenians. Suicide by Gas.

Low York, Dec. 12.—A Washington special says: President Cleveland has been called to account by the sultan of Turkey. This protest was made Thursday by the Turkish government against the language used in the president's message to congress respecting the massacre of the Armenians and the general conduct of the government toward the Christians in the empire.

The situation is said to threaten trouble in the diplomatic relations between the United States and Turkey. Moustapha Bey, the Turkish minister, has intimated that if some amendments are not made by the president he will be obliged to ask for his passports and return to Constantinople.

The deep displeasure of the sultan was made known to Secretary of State Olney by the Turkish minister in accordance with a cablegram received by him from his home government.

The interview between the minister and secretary of state is described as exceedingly interesting and somewhat exciting. Moustapha Bey began by stating that his government had instructed him to make an immediate and emphatic protest against the harsh and unjust language used by the president in his public utterances concerning a power with which the United States sustained friendly diplomatic relations.

This was accusing President Cleveland of a diplomatic discourtesy, but the minister made it still more serious by stating that the sultan regarded President's Cleveland message as the argument of an advocate, in that he presented only one side of the case, although he possessed complete information regarding the other, or Turkish side, which had been officially communicated to him.

The minister also called attention to various grievances that his government entertains against citizens of the United States. He said that they had libeled the sultan and abused the Turkish government and been allowed to do so unreprieved by the president, although some of them were public officers.

Complaint was also made against American missionaries in Turkey who were charged with inciting the Armenians against the Turkish government and with aiding them by assisting in concealing the manufacture of dynamite bombs in Christian churches.

It is said that Moustapha Bey presented what the Turkish government regards as proof of these charges and that they are now on file in the department. Among those accused are Dr. Cyrus Hamlin, the well-known Congregational minister, and Drs. Dwight and Washburn of Roberts' college, in Constantinople.

Subsided by Gas.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 12.—Mrs. Sarah B. Cooper and her daughter, Harriet Cooper, were found dead in their home in this city yesterday morning with the gas turned on and every evidence of suicide. Mrs. Cooper was president of the Kindergarten association and her daughter was deputy superintendent. Mrs. Cooper had lived here thirty years, and was widely known as an educator, philanthropist and writer. She was president of the Woman's Press association and the Woman's Suffrage association and prominent as an officer in the Woman's Christian Temperance union. For many years she taught the largest Bible class in the city in the First Congregational church. She was also assistant pastor of the church under the pastorate of Rev. Dr. C. O. Brown. At the time of Rev. Brown's trial she and her daughter were very bitter against him. This action estranged many old friends, and the suicide of the mother and daughter is ascribed to brooding over the coldness and snubs from former friends. No woman on the Pacific coast has been so prominent for a generation as Mrs. Cooper, who often preached in Congregational pulpits, and has been engaged in all the departments of Christian work. She formerly resided in New Orleans, and acted as nurse during the war. Her husband and other children died in New Orleans. Her tragic death caused an immense sensation in this city.

Gold in the Ocean.

Prof. Liveridge of the Sydney (Australia) university has made chemical experiments which, he says, show that there are over 100,000,000 tons of gold dissolved in the ocean water of the world, if the rate of one grain per ton, which he found on the Australian coast, holds everywhere.—New York Tribune.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 11.—The steamer Cuna Wednesday brought advices concerning the progress of the rebellion in the Philippine islands. It is stated that the rebels are daily gaining in strength and practically control the districts outside of Manila, although the Spanish government strives to create the impression that the rebellion is practically subdued. The origin of the uprising is ascribed to excessive taxation and despotic rule, and the statement of the Spanish government that the native priests urged the rebellion for religious purposes, is denied.

Made a Confession.

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 12.—George Erb, aged 45 years, confessed to the murder yesterday afternoon to the murderer of a man named Edward Nutter last February in Port Smith, Ark. Erb was driven to the confession by his conscience worrying him so he could not rest. Immediately after having confessed it he was sent to jail.

Erb has been in Harrisburg several days, and yesterday afternoon he proceeded to the mayor's office and gave himself up. He originally came from Mechanicsburg, Cumberland county, and went west some years ago, where he lived some time and met Miss Ella Hicks. Erb and Miss Hicks soon drifted to Fort Smith, Ark., and while boarding at a hotel met Edward Nutter. It did not take them long to ascertain that the stranger had over \$100 in his possession. This Erb and Miss Hicks resolved to secure and a dose of poison was given to Nutter.

With the money secured, they then immediately left for Memphis, where they lived together, and shortly afterwards learned that Nutter had died from the effects of the poison. This information caused Erb much uneasiness, and he found it impossible to remain with the woman, who had assisted him in the poisoning. Accordingly, he left Memphis and wandered about the country, finally arriving in Harrisburg.

District Attorney Detwiler will investigate the case. Mayor Patterson first thought possibly the man was only trying to secure transportation to Memphis, but it was soon discovered that he was plotting in what he told. Worry compelled him to confess, and he declares that he wants to be punished for his wrong-doing.

Erb is a Stone Cold by Trade.

He says he only intended to give Nutter "knock-out drops," and never thought for a moment of killing him.

Miss Hicks is Still in Memphis.

Having recently written to Erb's brother in Springfield, O.

Deny Maceo's Death.

New York, Dec. 12.—A Key West special says: Private Havana advices flatly deny the Spanish report that Maceo is dead. They say the Spanish troops under Cirujeda were subjected to humiliating defeat and lost one-third of his force. Rebels pursued him to the outskirts of the town.

Neighboring pacifists seen said the insurgents were commanded by Serafin Sanchez, whom Spanish reports killed last month in Santa Clara province adding that if Maceo were with the party the fact was kept quiet.

The most important Cubans in Havana, sympathizing, aiding or abetting the revolution, disbelieve the story of Maceo's death. They admit his entry into Havana province and believe that he forced the trocha in response to an order from Gomez to assume command of the operations in the center and reorganize the insurgent force in Havana, Mantanzas and Santa Clara provinces.

Another fact proving that the truth is not in the Spanish dispatches about Maceo is that a correspondent who refused all information as to his body.

A subordinate Spaniard explained it in this way: "Maceo is seriously wounded; he is being conducted probably to the principle hospital in the Colons in Cienega de Zapata for safety. The escort was attacked by Spanish forces under Major Cienays and the wounded chief was captured and killed."

Corrujo attempted to return to Punta Brava with the corpse where rebel reinforcements attacked them or the road, rescuing the body.

This Explanation Sounds More Probable than the Story Given out at the Palace.

The Dauntless Seized. Cincinnati, O., Dec. 12.—A special from Jacksonville, Fla., says: The steamer Dauntless, that has achieved such a reputation as filibuster, was seized by government officials Thursday night on complaints of the Spanish consul general that she was contemplating another trip to Cuba. Her papers were taken away and an officer from the Boutwell was placed on board. Yesterday, on demand of Owner Bibbee's lawyer, her papers were returned, but she was informed that she could not leave the harbor until affidavit was made that she was not going on any expedition save with a revenue officer on board. As he wished to leave port to go to New Smyrna after a wrecked schooner, he consented that an officer from the Boutwell should be placed on board. This was done, and the Dauntless left yesterday evening. Collector Hixbee had instructions from Washington not to allow the tug leave port unless satisfactory assurances should be given that a filibustering expedition would not be engaged in. Bibbee intimates that the collector here will be sued for seizure.

At Seaside, Ala., recently, Miss Minnie Martin, an invalid, was assaulted.

\$65,000 for Drought Sufferers.

Shreveport, La., Dec. 10.—The committee on the purchase and distribution of corn for the drought sufferers, having received \$65,000 from the state to aid them, the representatives of the drought-stricken parishes in the state legislature are invited to take special supervision of the appointments of suitable committees in their respective parishes to see that the bounty of the state is properly applied and no imposition practiced. Bienville parish estimates that it will require 10,000 bushels of corn to supply the destitute.

Rebels Gaining Ground.

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LOCAL DOTS.

School tablets cheap at T. G. Carney & Co's. Mr. T. J. Lemmon is off on a business trip to Seymour. Go to the drug store for your Christmas toys. Mr. M. Smith and wife visited at Albany this week. To S. L. Robertson's is the place to go for something fresh to eat. Mr. Will Sherrill made a business trip to Abilene the first of the week. Get your Xmas presents at Mc Lemore's. Mr. J. E. Ellis has purchased Judge McConnell's present residence. Ladies and misses trimmed hats, latest style and cheap enough at T. G. Carney & Co's. Mr. C. C. Riddell has moved his saddlery shop into the Johnson Bro. building. Take in the "Social Leaf," have a good time and help the orphans a dime's worth. Toys and other Christmas trinkets at the drug store very cheap. Mr. T. A. Witten has purchased and moved out to his farm the shop recently occupied by Mr. Riddell. A choice line of fresh groceries—something good for Xmas at T. G. Carney & Co's. N. B. Don't forget the place: price before you buy. Messrs. W. P. Whitman and W. L. Cason have gone to Jack county to buy up a lot of yearling cattle. Rev. M. L. Moody was called to Stonewall county this week to perform a marriage ceremony. A nice line of vases, china mugs, cups and saucers, dolls and toys for sale very cheap at McLemore's drug store. Mr. Tom Griffin, who has been in Gillespie for some months past, must have been here a few days ago. A. Long and family and the latest last Sunday in the county and by Capt. Donahoe and Mrs. O. H. Jones. Of the how you buy goods cost YOU until you see and plow it, at T. G. Carney & Co. Now at fall crop of sorghum, who is at may be able to condition at Abilene, along at the home with the home. Voe and W. H. a few days ago. Mr. Voe says the Territory is a very dull country now. Leave your watch work at the McLemore Drug store. Promptness had 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 we ever heard of at one time in all a place. Are we to have a termination of leap year prop- can get cranberries, cocoa oranges, raisins, apples, candied nuts of all varieties at W. W. Fields & Bros—all choice goods. Mr. M. S. Pierson received about 75 head of cattle on his farm this week from Raines county. We understand there is some fine blooded stock in the herd. I am receiving and will continue to receive every week fresh stock of dried fruits, green apples, potatoes onions, rolled oats, flour, bacon, lard sugar, coffee, canned goods, candies and all other groceries that go to make up a first-class stock, and nobody will sell them cheaper than I will. S. L. ROBERTSON.

George Fields and Jerald Hill have been trapping wolves on the east side of town, and they have caught fourteen in the last few weeks. A full line of ingredients for fruit cakes, mince pies, etc., also a choice line of pickles, sauces, spices, etc., just in at T. C. Carney & Co's. Mr. J. W. Collins is again handling goods over the counter at F. G. Alexander & Co's where he invites his friends to call and see him. We are informed that Mr. Walter Tandy and Miss Una Foster, who are attending the Baylor university at Waco, will come home to spend the holiday vacation. We have just opened up a nice lot of new dry goods, dress goods trimmings, notions, etc., etc.—cheap—CHEAPEER—CHEAPEST—nuff said—call at T. G. Carney & Co's. If Dame Rumor is correct in her prophecies, about half of Haskell's young people will enter into matrimonial partnerships before the old year bids us a final adieu. We sampled the bill of fare at the Lincoln hotel the other day and found it ample in quantity, excellent in quality and style of service—and the dining room angel—well, go yourself, especially if you are a young fellow. A preliminary meeting was held at the Methodist church Thursday night for the organization of an Epworth League. Another meeting will be held on Sunday to complete the organization. Mr. S. P. Miller has moved to Seymour. Having taken an interest with his brother in a livery stable at that place, also in the mail line to Throckmorton as well as to Haskell, the move became necessary to his convenience. Two cars of corn at Seymour for delivery next week at 36 1/2 cents per bushel from car, or 40 1/2 cents at store in Haskell, provided the money is deposited in time to meet the bill of lading. T. G. CARNEY & Co. Mr. Agnew has completed the removal of the W. E. Johnson residence, which was purchased by Judge McConnell, onto the Judge's lots and the carpenters are putting it in trim for occupancy by the Judge. The removal of so large a building for so great a distance without injury to it was quite a feat. The "Social Leaf." Misses Whitman and Garren, who are getting up this unique entertainment, announce that it will be given at the residence of Mr. M. S. Pierson on Wednesday night, 23rd inst., and they solicit a large attendance for the benefit of the orphans of the Buckner Home. Notice of Stockholders Meeting. Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Haskell National Bank will be held Tuesday, January, 12th, 1897, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 4 p. m. at the office of said bank in the town of Haskell, Texas, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year. Also to vote upon the question of whether or not Sec. 3 of the Articles of Association shall be so amended as to require the election of seven directors in stead of five. J. L. JONES, Cashier, Haskell, Texas, Dec. 12, 1896. The old dentist, Dr. Gulliek, from Anson, now has his office here with Dr. Gilbert over the drug store, ten days to work. TEXAS CENTRAL RAILROAD. Holiday Excursion to the Old States. The Texas Central Railroad Company will sell round trip tickets Dec. 21st and 22nd 1896, to points in the Southeast at one fare for round trip, good thirty days from date of sale, for return. Through coaches. No change of cars. Good treatment. A nice time. The old folks are expecting you. Don't disappoint them. W. F. McMELEN, A. G. P. A. PHOTOGRAPHS. Marshal Daugherty, PHOTOGRAPHER. Will remain in Haskell about 30 days. Guarantee all his work to be First-Class. Works as well in cloudy as in clear weather.

Money Treasurer Mitchell has moved up to the Nock Hudson residence to be more conveniently situated to his business. Mr. Marshall Daugherty, a photographer came in yesterday and set up his tent near Dr. Neathers's office. See his ad. Notice to W O W. The members of Elmwood Camp No. 24, Woodmen of the World, are earnestly requested to be present at our next regular meeting to be held Dec. 22, 1896, as there is some important business to come before the camp at said meeting. G. R. COUCH, Clerk. School Examinations. We shall hold next Monday and Tuesday oral examinations in all grades in the Haskell public school and shall be glad to see a good attendance of patrons and others interested in education. We believe it will be a stimulus to greater effort to have the parents come and see what their children are doing. All are respectfully requested to attend. W. W. HENZA, Prin. Estray Notice. Taken up by W. P. Whitman, on his premises about 3 1/2 miles N. W. from Haskell, and estrayed before J. W. Evans, J. P. Prec. No. 1, Haskell Co., Texas. One black mare mule about 13 1/2 hands high, about four years old, branded N153N left thigh and appraised at \$20. Given under my hand and the seal of the county court this the 15th day of Dec. 1896. G. R. COUCH, Clerk Co. Court Haskell Co. Tex. Holiday Rates. On account Xmas holidays will sell round trip tickets to all points on the W. V. and Ft. W. & D. C. Rys at one and one-third fare for the round trip. Selling dates Dec. 23, 24, 25, 30 and 31st 1896, Jan. 1st, limited to return to and including Jan 4th, and to points in the southeast at one fare for round trip. Selling date Dec. 21 and 22nd, good to return within 30 days. I. P. DAVISON, Agt. Seymour, Tex. The death of Maces is now conceded by the Cubans. THERE is in the United States 176,500 miles of railway with 968,000 employes. It is reported that Cuban agents are at work in several states enlisting volunteers to go to Cuba and help the insurgents. It is also stated that they are meeting with considerable success. The report that the sultan of Turkey had demanded an apology from President Cleveland on account of the language used in his message to congress in reference to the Armenian questions proved to be untrue. IN HIS annual report to congress Comptroller of the Currency Eckles strongly urges the retirement of the greenbacks, either by redemption in gold or tending, and the turning over to the banks on more favorable conditions the entire matter of the currency circulation of the country. As the present democratic (D) administration and the republicans are agreed on this scheme we presume it will go through if the little silver majority in the senate don't think it the best policy to stretch it. The death of their best general, Antonio Maceo, was no doubt a severe blow to the Cubans, but to a people engaged in a life and death struggle for homes and freedom the loss of no one man can bring defeat. Such times and such occasions rarely fail to produce men equal to the emergency. Some slumbering genius sees the desperate need of a leader and expands out of his lethargy, undeveloped state to meet the situation, who but for the circumstance would have remained in obscurity. We move that a writ of habeas corpus be prosecuted against Mr. Boatner, congressman from Louisiana. To secure his conviction before any jury of American yeomen it will be necessary only to state to them that he has introduced a bill in congress to raise the salary of the speaker of the house from \$8,000 to \$10,000 a year and that of senators and representatives from \$5,000 to \$7,500. Joking aside, Mr. Boatner must be possessed of monumental cheek to have introduced such a bill, and for congress to pass it would be equivalent to highway robbery.

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 may expect better times; well this may be like some advertisements you see—a sham promise—let them prove it and we will then accept our share of it. BUT TO BUSINESS: The house of F. G. Alexander & Co. continues to be the leading Dry Goods and Grocery establishment of this section of country, and has been ever since its doors were opened. Goods here are always correct in style, reliable in quality and right in price. In a word—values are as they should be in order to obtain the largest share of the people's patronage, for which we have always shown our highest appreciation, both in our cash and credit trade. In return may we not expect a like appreciation from those to whom we have 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 you. 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. NO PEOPLE suffer so much from physical disabilities as those whose business requires little or no muscular exertion. The lack of exercise causes the liver to become sluggish and the result is constant Constipation, Indigestion, Bilioussness, and Sick Headache. To prevent this take Simmons Liver Regulator; it keeps the liver active and makes one's condition as comfortable as those who have much exercise. It is announced by the publishers, W. B. Conkey Company, 341 Dearborn St. Chicago, that Mr. Bryan's book will be ready for sale by January 10th, at \$1.50. The book will contain an account of Mr. Bryan's campaign tour; his biography written by his wife; his most important speeches; a summary of the result of the campaign of 1896 and a review of the political situation. It will contain 600 pages with 32 full page engravings and a portrait of the author. Favorable terms will be given to agents and dealers to place the book on sale. OLD PEOPLE. Old people who require medicine to regulate the bowels and kidneys will find the true remedy in Electric Bitters. This medicine does not stimulate and contains no whiskey nor other intoxicant, but acts as a tonic and alterative. It acts mildly on the stomach and bowels, adding strength and giving tone to the organs, thereby aiding Nature in the performance of the functions. Electric Bitters is an excellent appetizer and aids digestion. Old People find it just exactly what they need. Price fifty cents per bottle at A. P. McLemore's Drug Store.

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