Haskell, Haskell County, Texas, Saturday, Dec.

No. 49.

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The Vernon Guard's special illustrated edition reflects much credit upon the publisher and the town. It is an excellent specimen of the prin- all feel the results in loss of appetite, ters art and, besides well written descriptive articles of the county and town shows up the leading business less, run-down feeling. But there's men and enterprises of the town in no need to feel like that. J. W. Gar- tack. Following this hoarseness is an attractive manner. No doubt dner, of Idaville, Ind., says: "Elec-Vernon and Wilbarger county will tric Bitters are just the thing for a berlain's Cough Remedy is given as reap good results from it.

#### Just Saved Mis Life.

Davis of Bowerston, O., lately had B. Baker's drug store. Every bottle from a frightful death. For two years a severe lung trouble constantly grew worse until it seemed he must die of Consumption. Then he began to use Dr. King's New Discovery and lately wrote: "It gave instant relief and effected a permanent cure." Such wonderful cures have for 25 years, proven it's power to cure all Throat, Chest and Lung troubles. Price 50c and \$1.00. to unite all the sugar refineries into failure of the mail back to make the Every bottle guaranteed. Trial bot- a mammoth combination or trust, trip in vesterday nipped our entertles free at J. B. Baker's drug store. Thus the octobes grows.

#### Something of the Conditions in Mexi- The C. T. & M. R'y Charter Granted. co and the United States. A Contrast.

The report of the Mexican minis- ican Railroad company was filed in ter of finance made to the recently the secretary of state's office to-day. assembled Mexican congress, shows The capital stock of the company is a most prosperous condition of Mex- \$200,000, being \$1000 per mile for ico's finances. A steady increase is each mile to be constructed. The shown in the cash revenues, giving principal office is at Abilene. The the treasury a surplus instead of a road is to begin at Haskell, in Hasdeficit, as has been the case with our kell county, passing through Hasgovernment for several years. With kell, Jones, Taylor, Callaghan, Runthis surplus it is proposed to take up nels, Coleman, McCulloch, San Saba, and retire some of the government Mason and Llano counties. bonds bearing the highest rate of The board of directors consists of interest. And this surplus is not George R. Carr of Baltimore, Md., SAPTIST, (Missionary) Preaching 1, 3 and 4th on the other hand, the minister of county, Pennsylvania, Justin S. Doe bank checks, life insurance policies, Texas.

> organized enterprises. Thus is poor, benighted, free silver Africa evidently is not in sympathy Mexico, with resources and capabil- with the position taken by our govities infinitely smaller than those of ernment with reference to the Engthe United States, outstripping us in lish war on the Boers, as he has for governmental finances, lightening the the second time represented to the tax burden on her people and re- president that he desires to relinmoving the license barrier to new quish his position. enterprises.

What need is there of a more condemnatory argument against our financial system and its manipulators, who are pocketing the spoils, than is contained in this brief state- He irrigated one fourth of an acre of ment of facts? If the masses of the American people do not cease their 11/2 bales per acre. His other cotton, petty party bickerings and get together and down the looters, it is only a question of time-and no great time-when they will find themselves the peons of American ments, the Review of Reviews for dons, as the Mexican masses were Decemder contains an illustrated once the peons of the rich class in review of the season's new books, Mexico (and are yet to some extent, devoting special attention to literabut from which, happily, they are ture for the young. It is a valuable gradually emerging.) When that article for those who desire to select condition comes and is realized, then the best literature for their children will come bloody civil revolution, for -such as will give their minds a the American people will not tamely wholesome and profitable direction. submit. But then we will have a great standing army and it will be ed to check and subdue the uprisings of the people who will have scant munitions of war and will be at great disadvantage in getting an army together. Still they may win, but at what a cost. This may sound pessimistic to some, but it is the tendency of the times, and all that is needed to bring it is the continued apathy or partisan wrangling of the people. In the face of this impending condition, note the advice of the big newspapers that are the advocates and mouthpieces of the dominant party to the country papers to have less to say about politics and turn their attention to the industrial development of the country-and purporse and natural result of great Silk, Velvet and Trimthey have a few little satelites or combinations of capital in productive echoes without the perception or the enterprises is to reduce the cost of

#### Brave Men Fall.

share in looking out for and advanc-

and county.

Victims to stomach, liver and kidney troubles as well as women, and poisons in the blood, backache, nervousness, headache and tired, listman when he don't care whether he soon as the child becomes hoarse, or lives or dies. It gave me new strength anp good appetite. I can it will prevent the attack. It is used now eat anything and have a new in many thousands of homes in this a thrilling escape that Chas lease on life." Only 50 cents, at J. guaranteed.

> ing money to secure the establishment there of a cotton factory. We without a failure. For sale by J. B. should like to see Navasota's effort Baker druggist. become a contagion that would set Texas humming from the Gulf to Red River.

There is said to be a plan on foot

Austin, Tex., Dec. 4.-The charter of the Colorado, Texas and Mex-

the result of increased taxation, but William C. Merritt of Wyoming finance recommends to congress to of Columbus, O., Morris R. Locke take off the export duty on coffee J. M. Daugherty, J. H. Parramore, and to reduce a lot of the internal R. C. Anderson, C. N. Merchant revenue taxes, such as the tax on and Fred Cockrell of Taylor county, etc., and the license tax on newly

Our consul at Pretoria in South

A little experiment in irrigation was made near Seymour this year by Mr. Michael Hilti that furnishes the best of evidence of the value of irrigation to this section of the state. cotton which yielded at the rate of not irrigated, yielded barely 1/3 bale per acre.

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Notwithstanding the claim that the brains to see the point, that say yes, production and the price to the conthat's right, let politics go to grass. sumer, we notice that the combine, No doubt it would make it easier monopoly, trust, or whatever you work for the big papers if all the lit- please to call it, generally accomplitle home papers would go to sleep shes the first and invariably forgets on politics and allow them to have the latter part of the engagement it all their own way. For one the and puts the price up, pocketing both the west can equal us. FREE PRESS will continue to talk benefits-that derived from the repolitics a little, meantime it believes duced cost as well as from the adthat it has done and will do its full vanced price.

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Sole Manufacturer, St. Louis, Mo., formerly of Waco, Texas. For sale by A. P. McLemore, Haskell, Texas.

#### READ THIS.

Dallas, Texas, October 14, 1888. -This is to certify that I have been considered incurable by two good physicians, both saying I had Bright's kidney disease. After using one and one-half bottles of Hall's Great Discovery, of Waco, I think my troubles are at an end. H. W. BROWN,

St. George Hotel

In the Review of Reviews for December Dr. Albert Shaw writes on 'The School City-A Method of system now in operation in many public schools throughout the coun try by which training is given in the practical duties of citizenship. Dr. For full information and mega-Shaw sets forth the working princi- ly illustrated literature, write ples on which the system is based and gives many interesting facts of actual experience in the schools which have developed these princi-TABLETS. All druggists refund the with slight intermissions up to Friday ples in practice. The article is illus-

are in any way connected with edu-

#### Paid Dear for His Leg.

B. D. Blanton of Thackerville, One small bottle of Hall's Great Tex., in two years paid over \$300.00 Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Guaranteed cure for Piles. 25cts a box. Sold by J. B. Baker druggist.

Since the combine got hold of most of the oil wells at Corsicana treatment, and will cure any case crude oil has gone from 65 cents to E. W. HALL, & per barrel, which puts the neat sum of \$600 more per day into the pockets of the oil people.

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The secret of true wisdom is to know your ignorance.

All men are made of dust-but some dust is about two-thirds sand.

According to our measure, John the Baptist made a miserable fizzle. Some men cut acquaintances while

craping them-barbers, for example. To triumph over a temptation is to

build a temple out of the devil's stumbling blocks.

A woman's idea of a serviceable hat is one she looks well in after the novelty has ceased to excite remark.

A suicide club has been discovered in Frankfort, Ind., and the police are now endeavoring to prevent the club's curviving members from following the example of several of their number. who have already shot or poisoned themselves. Taken as a general rule, the man who joins a suicide club is a full brother to the man who fools with an 'unloaded" gun, with the one pleasing difference that his victim is himself, and not some innocent friend or bystander.

Even that view of the juvenile court which one may get from reading the newspapers is enough to show that the court's highest efficacy may consist in suggesting its terrors to the youthful defendants rather than in applying them. The boy of 12 charged with truancy, for example, who went and pleaded when confronted with the court, will never be so much afraid of it again. Perhaps he will never be so much afraid of any other court, Indiscriminate leniency would, of course, in time destroy the usefulness of the institution. But there is no other court in which the chance to try again may be extended with so large a probability of good results to so great a num-

At the Sanitary Institute at Southampton Dr. Manby stated that several outbreaks of typhoid fever in Liverpool had been traced to contaminated ice cream. Since 1898 319 persons had applied to the Liverpool health authorities for permission to sell ice cream, and 56 had been told that owing to unsultability of premises they must make other arrangements. There had been two convictions, and in one case the stipendiary magistrate re- and perfected machinery might, in the marked that the best punishment for remote future, enable the people to the defendant would be to make him move a car upon a railroad at the rate live on his own ice cream for a time. of five or six miles per hour, he did not Dr. Manby stated that Glasgow had believe that they could ever be made adopted a similar policy to Liverpool, of material advantage, and that any and advised local authorities to apply attempt to transport passengers and for parliamentary powers on the lines freight by railroad, from one part of of those granted by the Liverpool act the country to another, must result in of 1898.

extensive estates to a hygienic society a great commerce. in that kingdom on condition that a dying out.

original properties. Hence vessels of to 242,140,396 bushels in 1897. stehoue readily allow carbonic acid etion is much slower in the case of clothing to the starving people of Kanaygen and is slight with nitrogen. sas, Thanks to the facilities afforded ral suggests that bicyclists should in- sas this year is three hundred and their tires with nitrogen. This, forty million bushels, It seems but a owever, would not seem to be necesrding to Invention, for after he tires have been repeatedly deflated way at the home of Buffalo Bill. at

Wireless telegraphy and horseless es, it is announced, will soon at in the shade by the practical tion of inkless printing. When inventors succeed in devising a of foodless eating the world will d seem like millennium days to man who cannot pay the price the

late wife murderer, Becker, rein a philosophical manner that project to capital punishment.

In Austria publishers of illustrate: atic population as to the prophe-ad of the world into a jest by deof the publishers of the postals humor are about as peculiar as of the rustics as to nearness of

playing Hamlet this see

UNITED STATES LEADS ALL OTHER COUNTRIES.

Civilization Follows the Locomotive and Vast Wildernesses Are Transformed Into Gardens, Villages and Cities by Its Influence.

At the recent International Commercial Congress, held in Philadelphia, George H. Daniels general passenger agent of the New York Central and Hudson River railroad and president of the American Association of General Passenger Agents, delivered a notable address on our railroads and their relation to commercial, incustrial and agricultural interests. Among other things he said:

"One of our great writers has said of this closing period of the nineteenth century, that it is an age of transportation. Transportation underlies material prosperity in every department of commerce, Without transportation commerce would be impossible. Those states and nations are rich, powerful and enlightened whose transportation facilities are best and most extended. The dying nations are those with little

or no transportation facilities. "In this connection it will be interesting to note in passing that the second American locomotive was built at the West Point foundry, near Cold Spring, on the Hudson river, and was called the "Best Friend," and from that day to this the locomotive has been one of the best friends of this republic. But it is not alone our locomotives that have attracted the attention of foreigners who have visited our shores, our railway equipment generally has commanded admiration and is now receiving the highest compliment, namely, imitation by many of

our sister nations. "Prince Michel Hilkoff, imperial minister of railways of Russia, has since his visit to the United States a few years ago, constructed a train on much the same lines as the "Limited Trains" of the New York Central and

the Pennsylvania. "At times there have been periods of legislation in the United States adverse to the great transportation interests of the country, almost invariably the result of a misunderstanding of the real situation, and the hasty legislation of such times has usually been repealed upon the sober second thought of the people, for in the language of our great Lincoln: 'You can fool all the people some of the time, some of the people all the time, but you can't fool all the people all the time.'

"One hundred years ago the governor of the great state of New York advised his friends not to invest their money or waste their time in aiding the building of railroads, expressing the opinion, that while it was possible that improved methods of construction An Italian countess has given her was the only means of conveyance for

"Notwithstanding his prediction, the hospital for consumptives be built on railroads have grown to such vast prothem. The act of philanthrophy is portions, that today the world's entire an incident in the world movement to stock of money, gold, silver and paper, do more than ever for persons threat- would not purchase one-third of its ened with the terrible malady, or act- railroads. The building of the Erie ually in its deadly grasp. The methods canal, extending from Buffalo to Alof prevention and of aid rob the dis- bany, a distance of 363 miles, was ease of some of its power to destroy, commenced July 4, 1817. It was comand promise larger gains in the sav- pleted in 1825 at a cost of \$7,602,000. ing work. "Resist the beginnings" is In 1896 the state of New York appromotto which has peculiar force in priated \$9,000,000 for enlarging and dealing with phthisis; while the later improving this canal, and a few figures theory, justified by scientific investi- from the state report on canals may be gation, that a degree of isolation will of interest in this connection: Reprevent the spread of the infection, is liable statistics of its traffic are not re-enforcement to medication and obtainable for the earlier years of its other healing measures. The old fa- operation, but in accordance with the talism, which expressed itself in folded last annual report of the superintendhands and a despairing heart, when ent of public works of the state of New consumption knocked at the door, is York, we find that the tonnage of all the property carried on all the canals in both directions, in 1827, was 1,171,-In a paper read before the Paris 296 tons, valued at \$55,809,288. The Academy of Sciences entitled "Action tonnage and the value increased until of Some Gases on Caoutchouc," M. 1872, when it amounted to 6,673,370 D'Arsonval showed that at pressures tons, valued at \$220.913,321. From varying from one to five atmospheres 1872, the tonnage and the value of the utchouc absorbs large quantities property carried decreased, until in of carbonic acid gas and at the same 1897 there was only 3,617,804 tons carne increases in volume and becomes ried, with a value of \$96,063,338. This more gelatinous and less elastic. On in face of the fact that the receipts of sure to air the gas is gradually grain and flour at Buffalo had inand the caoutchouc resumes its creased from 1.184,685 bushels in 1837

"In 1875 the states east of the Misto pass through their walls. The souri river were sending food and m these experiments M. D'Arson- by the railroads the corn crop of Kanvery few years since I made my fire. trip to Colorado, and stopped on my gh loss of oxygen and then North Platte, Neb., on the Union Paed up with ordinary air the pro-cific. At Ogalalla, fifty-one miles on of oxygen inside the tire by west of North Platte, the Sioux Insmall and practically pure nits - dians were roaming over the prairies and making more or less trouble for the early settlers who ventured so far out of the beaten paths of civilization. The Nebraska corn crop this year covers eight million acres, and the yield s two hundred and ninety million bushels. Previous to the construcion of the Northern Pacific, the Great Northern, Northwestern, St. Paul, Burington, and other railways that traverse that wonderful region known as he 'wheat belt,' there was nothing to e seen but prairie grass and an occaional band of untamed savages. Minnesota this year will ship ninety million bushels of wheat, South Dakota forty-five million bushels, North Dakota sixty-five million bushels and

Montana four million bushels. "In 1849 there came across the continent reports of the discovery of gold in California, but the only means of reaching its Golden Gate was by sea around Cape Horn, or the long and rilous journey, with ox teams, across the plains, including what was then styled in our geographies the American desert, and through the hazardous mountain passes of the western part of the continent.

"The completion of the Pacific rallroads changed all this, and opened new

GROWTHOF RAILROAD fields for all kinds of enterprises, in an unexplored territory stretching over more than two thousand miles to the west, northwest and southwest of the Mississippi river, the products of which region were practically valueless until the means of transporting them were provided by the railroads.

"The wheat crop of California this year is 37,000,000 bushels. The largest crop ever produced in California was in 1880, when owing to exceptionally favorable weather conditions that state produced 63,000,000 bushels. The gold output of California for the year 1899 is estimated at \$16,000,000. The vineyards and orange groves of California were it not for the fact that the railand ventilated fruit cars, make it posfertile valleys to all sections of the country. It seems but yesterday that the railroads were completed into Portland, Oregon, Tacoma and Seattle, chorus, Washington, and it is marvelous that for the year ended June 30, 1899, there was exported from the Columbia River valley 16,000,000 bushels of wheat and from the Puget Sound region, 10,000,-000 bushels. Oregon and Washington form the northwest corner of the territory of the United States, south of directly on the route to our extreme | tions from Bernard. northwest possession. Alaska. The wheat crop of the states of Oregon and Washington for the year 1899 is 48,-600,000 bushels. There was exported during the year ended June 30, 1899. from the Columbia river direct to foreign ports, 1.100.000 barrels of flour and from Puget sound points 800,000 barrels. Colorado, which, with its inexhaustible mines of gold, silver, lead. iron and coal, forms almost an empire in itself, will produce this year of 1899 of gold, \$24,000,000; of silver, \$14.-200,000; of lead, \$4,400,000, in addition to a magnificent crop of wheat, fruit, and vegetables. Thanks to her railroad facilities Montana is today the richest mineral region of its size in the world. The latest published statistics-those of 1897-give the mineral output of Montana as \$54,000,000. Without railroads, Kansas, Nebraska, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, and Washington would still be the

"Our passenger service is the finest on earth. In the United States last year the first-class rates averaged 2.98 cents per mile, although on some large railways the average was several mills less than two cents per mile; in England the first-class fare is four cents per mile; third-class fare for vastly inferior service is two cents per mile, but only on certain parliamentary

"In Prussia, the fare is three cents per mile; in Austria, 3.05 cents per mile, and in France, 3.36 cents per mile

"Our passenger cars excel those of foreign countries in all that goes to make up the comfort and convenience of a journey. Our sleeping and parlor car system is vastly superior to theirs; our baggage system is infinitely better than theirs and arranged upon a much more liberal basis. American railroads carry 150 pounds of baggage free, while the German railroads carry endless confusion and loss. The gov. only 55 pounds free. The lighting of ernor died in the belief that the canal our trains is superb, while the lighting of trains on most foreign lines is wretched."

> Is the Bee a Dipsomaniae? "The bee's alleged perfection of policy and government has been the theme of laudation for centuries," said a well-known California aplarist, "but truth compels me to say that this insect is not the paragon of virtue and industry she is universally supposed to be, and many are her tumbles from the lofty moral perch. I use the female gender advisedly. The drone is the male of the bee tribe. The favor- ter part of the time I think he really the earliest opportunity into her own ite relaxation of the bee is to abandon was interested." her moral attitude altogether and go off on a spree. I have seen bees so don, Viscount Thornheath," said Mary, drunk that they could not fly, and in "there's another letter from him for a condition of mental and physical you on the mantelpiece, Bernard." paralysis due to their copious imbibing which would have killed any toper go! You must go!" cried Marguerite. this-it lifts him out of our reach alwith envy. It is a very common thing on a California bee farm to find the ter," said Bernard. transgressing honey-makers staggering about on the tops of flowers or writhing about in the dust of roads and performing all the absurd antics of a rum-dazed man."-New York Jour- bill-it makes me feel faint!" said

What She Must Know. In a little book of social chatter, comment and advice, which can hardly "Messrs. Blade and Skinner, solicitors, be called a book of etiquette, says the New York Commercial Advertiser, but contains many sly reproaches and admonitions to those who consider themselves "the elect," the author says of the modern girl: "What about accomplishments? Well, thank goodness, the piano is going out of fashion for girls in the best circles. They are taught just enough of it to let them find out whether or not they have a taste for it; if not, it is given up, to the great easement of humanity. In the same way drawing and painting face. are no longer considered indispensable to the equipment of a girl living her cry. life. Her chief accomplishments are walzing and tennis playing. To speak French is not exactly regarded as an accomplishment nowadays any more than gloves are considered a luxury. Fluent French has become a necessity

An Active Youngster. The moment that a young crocodile breaks its shell it is to all intents and purposes as active as at any time ouring its life. It will make straight for the water, even if it be out of sight and a good distance off, and it will pursue its prey with eagerness and agility during the first hour of its free exist-

in social life of any status."

Weary Willie-He says he was once an actor and got fifty a week! Do yer believe it? Frosted Feeter-Naw! If he'd ever been an actor he'd have said he got two hundred and fifty per!-

Miss Mercedes De Laski, one of the latest London debutantes, is six feet three inches tall.



CHAPTER VI.

From the drawing room as they ascended the stairs came a pleasant clatwould be of practically little value ter of teacups, and when they entered they found the family assembled. roads, by their trains of refrigerator Mary was pouring out tea; Dr. Stelling, wonderful to relate, had found sible to transport the products of her time to join the cosy circle; Mrs. Stelling sat with her usual pile of clothing for the poor beside her. There was a cheerful little family

"Oh, here you are!"-"Well?"

"Well? What have you done, Madge?" "A cup of tea first, in mercy!" cried

Marguerite, sinking on to the hearthrug and tossing aside her hat. Five o'clock tea is the time for chatting. All Marguerite's adventures were the line of British Co'umbia, and are related, with comments and annota-

> "And so Mr. Martineau will let me know when he finds the will," she concluded. "And now I must tell you the bright suggestion which Bruno has just made. One does occasionally get flashes of inspiration, even from a

> great bear." "Do you want a flash of hot tea on your nose?" demanded Bernard, who was towering above her. She laughingly averted her face,

holding up her little hands, The suggestion of advertising in the local papers met with general approval and it was decided that Bernard should insert the advertisement without consulting Mr. Marteau.

"By the way," he said, "what sort of a fellow is Martineau? Laurie used to know a Martineau-a tall fellow with a fair complexion, and slow way of talking."

"Yes, that is very like this man," Montana, Colorado, California, Oregon to. He gave you the idea that he poswas laughing at me or not. The lat-

"Talking of Laurie-I beg his par-

"Oh. Bruno, it's to entreat you to

"Hand it to me, there's a good pa-

"Here's a business-like document as

"Oh, take it away-I know it's a

'Why, to whom do you owe money

"Never heard of them. Give it to

The doctor tossed over the letter. It

missed Bernard, and alighted on Mar-

guerite's lap. Without promonition

of what was to come, she lifted it, and

He was absorbed in the viscount's

letter; but in a minute or two he gave

it to Marguerite, and casually opened

Marguerite, who was watching him.

aw a burning flush spread over his

"My boy!" exclaimed his mother.

The color had left his face now-he

"It must be a hoax-it can't be

true," he said, hurriedly, as if he did

not know what he was saying. Spring-

ing from his seat, he strode to the

window, stood there a minute, reading

the communication once more straight

through. Then the paper fell from his fingers; he turned, leaned his arms

on the window frame, and rested his

head on them. Mary picked up the

letter, and Marguerite read it over her

"Sir-We have to announce to you

the death of Miss Letitia Clara Selwyn

of Selwyn Court, Hants, on the 8th

inst., and to inform you that, with the

exception of several legacies to old

friends and servants, you inherit the

whole of her personal and landed prop-

erty, and all her money, invested in

securities which represent an annual

income of about twenty thousand

ing bequeathed to you on the sole con-

use of Selwyn Court, the whole be-

together with the estate and

Bernard Selwyn Stelling, Esq.:

"Lincoln's Inn, Tuesday.

stupefied, then uttered a smothered

He stared at the paper as if

in Lincoln's Inn?" demanded the doc

tor, turning over the blue envelope.

well," observed the doctor, with his

spectacles on, as he took another en-

velope from the mantelpiece.

Who are they, Bernard?"

laid it on Bernard's knee.

me," said Bernard.

the blue envelope.

looking up.

was pale indeed.

Bernard, feebly.

dition that you add the surname of Selwyn Stelling Selwyn. "We have the honor, sir, to remain

your obedient servants, "Blade & Skinner, Solicitors." The silence in the drawing room

lasted for many minutes. At last Bernard roused himself. "What a coward I am," he said, with a laugh, "to be so upset. Mary, give

me that paper. Pater, do you think

it's a genuine thing?" "It certainly seems so," answered the doctor, glancing at the paper. "I remember now that Blade & Skinner

were Miss Selwyn's solicitors. It must be genuine." "I always said she would do something for you, Bernard, my darling!" said his mother, the tears rolling down

her cheers.

"IT MUST BE A HO AX-IT CAN'T BE TRUE."

little room to cry. She had swiftly

realized what this change would mean.

"It is cruel," she cried, "One thou

sand would have more than contented

him-have made him rich! But this-

together! I know it-I feel it. At

first he will be unchanged-he will

load us all with presents, he will

share his good fortune so generously

with us. But afterwards there will

come a se when he was look upon

all the beautiful distinguished women

who will smile upon him, and he will

think in bitter sadness-"I am bound

less, homeless Marguerite!" He will

wonder whether all his grand friends

will visit his obscure wife. Wife-

oh, that dreadful word! Am I a wife

will never be Bernard's. No; that

money-that fatal money-means our

last good-bye. I will say nothing to him. I would not grieve nim-not for

worlds. But I feel better now that I

She sat up, pushed back her hair,

"Why did I go to the lawyer's to-

day?" she sighed. "If I had only

waited a few short nours I might have

kept my money in my pocket. What

does it matter to me who I am? I

only know that I shall never be Ber-

CHAPTER VII.

guerite Lilbourne, as she left the law-

yer's office in Lance Lane, Valdane

Martineau walked up to it and turned

the key in the lock. Then he went

back to the table, sank down in the

arge armchair, leaned his arms on the

plotting paper which covered the desk, and dropped his head upon them.

What was there it Marguerite's art-

less narrative that could have so deep-

y shaken the habitual composure of

The bowed head did not stir for up-

wards of half an hour. Valdane Mar-

tineau was alone in the company of a

thousand evil thoughts, the phantoms

Presently he raised his head, the

powerful hand which lay on the desk

was clinched, and through his set lips

He pushed back his chair, and began

to pace the room as if rest were im-

"That she should have or

this man of the world?

of a discreditable past.

came one word:

possible to him.

"Traitor!"

When the door closed upon Mar-

and rested her clasped ands on her

have realized it."

nard's wife!"

knee

in honor to Marguerite-poor, name

Twenty thousand a year!

'Mother-my beloved old mater. don't cry," pleaded Bernard, now himself again. "It was a knock-down kind of announcement, wasn't it? But I took it like a fool! There is no need to cry. If this letter be true, this is your last week in this dingy hole! A fortnight more sees uswhere? In El Dorado, I think."

The reaction had come "Marguerite"-he caught her in his arms-"do you hear? Do you understand what has happened to me? Twenty thousand a year! I simply can't believe it." He released her and went over to his mother again. "Oh, they'll discover a later will, or something!" he cried. "I shall wake up to find that this is all a delusion. can't be true! Madge, do you remember what we talked of as we came home today?"

"Yes, Bruno," she said, tremblingly: ber head was reeling with the shock said Marguerite. "He was nice to talk of the news. The words of the letter seemed burnt on her brain. She forced sessed a great deal of character, but I her quivering lips into smiles of con- ter, and there would be nothing to was sometimes not sure whether he gratulation, but could hardly command her voice; and she stole away at

shook it.

she should come to me for her rights." There was a pause. He went to the window and gazed clankly out, then struck the woodwork with a force that

"I can't do it," he muttered between his clenched teeth-"no man could do with two gentlemen on the cars. it! But I'll have my revenge on him." he cried, with a sudden inspiration, and, darting back to the desk, he seized a pen and began to write: Sir-Three years and six months

ago, when I was a penniless adventurer, you tempted me, and I fell. It may be as well that I recal; to your "See that woman yonder," said the a niece-orphan daughter of your only sister. This child was heiress to an enormous fortune, and you were her sole guardian. By the terms of her father's will you were to have entire control over her during her minority, and if she married against your wish before she attained the age of 21, the whole of her money came to you. Your suggestion to me was that I should go through the form of marriage with your niece, apparently without your sanction, in order to enable you to claim the money due to you in that case. You represented to me that your niece was mad-hopelessly out of her mind-and that on that account I should do her no harm by going through this form, as nobody else would ever be likely to marry her. There could be, you represented, no difficulty in the matter, as the young lady in question was to all appearance quite sane and perfectly docile and submissive. At the church door my part of the contract was to cease. You undertook to provide for her future; all I had to do was to go through the marriage ceremony. For this serzled me. I was half mad with dimculties, penniless, in debt. I urged, however, that the step you wished me to take would hamper my future, as I could ask no other woman to be my wife so long as this poor girl lived. This was just what you wanted-to secure my secrecy; so long as I kept secret the fact of the conspiracy, you kept secret the fact of my marriage. I was to sign a false name in the regis-

witness against me-nothing to damage my future career. (To be continued.)

HOW SHE LOST HER PLACE. Peppina Hed Been Growing Rich Out of the Queen's Gowns.

The following story comes from Rome: Queen Margherita has known for a long time that her dress bills were enormously high, but, having an old and trusted maid who did all 'ter shopping or ordered the royal tradesmen to bring their goods to the palace for her majesty to see, supposed that she was not overcharged. But on one dark day for the maid she fell ill, and the queen, having need of a very simple frock, one of her ladies in waiting was desired to undertake the commission. "Go to X.." said the maid, with anxiety; "they always serve her majesty." And accordingly Mme, desty." And accordingly Mme, desty. esty." And, accordingly, Mme. de paid a visit to that establishment. "A thousand francs for a plain pique gown? Impossible!" "I regret very much, madame," said the shopman [SEAL] FRANK J. CHENE FRAN politely, "but 400 francs for the gown is not excessive, and then there are Peppina's dues." "Peppina! Who s Peppina?" interrupted the astonished lady. "What has that person to do with her majesty's affairs?" "Everything; she is the queen's maid, and always insists on having more than 50 night Peppina left the Quirinal a sadder but wiser woman. Her "perks," legitimate and otherwise, while maid to her majesty were enormous, Not least among them was her royal mistress' wardrobe, which passed to her so little used that to the ordinary eye it was without blemish. Twice a year Peppina had a sale, which was large.y attended by Americans, who gave exaggerated prices to possess a gown actually worn by royalty.

SERUM FROM SERPENTS

aid to Be An Absolute Cure for Hitherte Incurable Leprosy. New Orleans Special to New York Tribune: Dr. Isidore Dyar, a wellknown physician and an expert on leprosy, has reached some remarkable results regarding that terrible disease, and has effected two positive cures. The antidote to the leprous poison Dr. Dyar found in a serum compounded by Dr. Calmette, a French chemist. already? It hardly matters now, for I | The serum was made by the Frenchman from the venom of serpants and was designed solely as a cure for snake poison, which it did accomplish. The serum is now in wide use in India. Dr. Dyar visited Dr. Calmettes laboratory in Paris, and brought away some of the serum, having even then a vague clew to his recent discovery. It appears that among the traditions of the leper colony in Louisiana was one that several lepers who had been bitten by venomous snakes were cured. Dr. Dyar applied the serum to five cases of leprosy in New Orleans, and in two of the cases absolute cures were effected. In two other cases there was a marked improvement, and the cases were lost sight of, so that the final result was not known. In the fifth case the man's system proved repellent to the poison. and the change was for the worse rather than the better. Dr. Dyar has been consulted, it is reported, by the United

> second Thought. "Faugh! he is of se canaille! I hate heem. Louce, hear-r-r me-I vill smash hees hat!" "No, Henri, do not do eet. Zey vill send you to ze prisone for four-r-r years!" "Ah, zen I will smash a hat zat ees like hees!"

states will be sent.

Cleveland Plain Dealer.

What the Minister Fald. Jingzo-"What did the minister say when the plate came up?" Hingso-"He said he wouldn't mind so much if the buttons were all alike."-Syracuse

They Didn't Recognize Mrs. Catt. of all men in the world!" he said Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, general organizer of the Woman's Suffrage aloud. "Talk of poetical justice-talk of the irony of fate! Ye gods, that party in this country, is a young and strikingly bandsome woman. She in a brilliant talker, amiable in manners, and is always stylishly dressed. A year or two ago she was on her way to address a state convention in Topolo, Kan., when she got into conversation with two gentlemen on the cars. One of them was a county judge and the other a newspaper editor of the same town. A few seats in front of them sat a spectacled, angular woman, sallew as to complexion and drab as to dress. Her clothes were cut in a fashion severely plain. The talk had turn-

mind the exact terms of the conspir-icy. You informed me that you had that woman's right convention up at Topeka."

"Sure," chimed in the editor, "Funpy, ain't it? There's a woman that hasno rusband,never could get get one,has all the rights she needs, and she gallivants around the country asking for more. Funny, ain't it? I'll bet she's irs. Catt. Well named, ain't she?" Mrs. Catt smiled and changed the ubject. When they reached Topeka

the said to the judge: "I am very glad to have met you, I am Mrs. Catt. The lady in front is the wife of a banker in Chicago. She s going out to visit her married daughter. I know her very well. She is op-posed to women's suffrage. Good-by."

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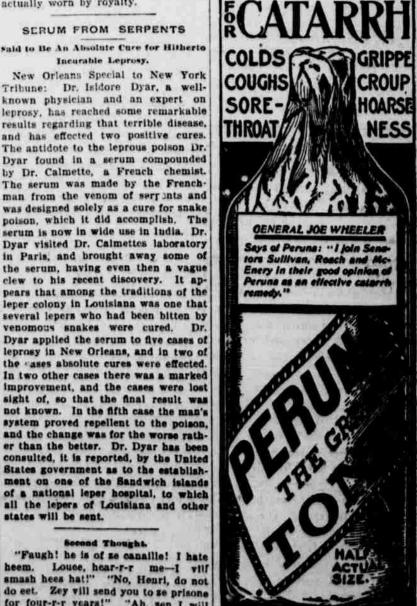
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Alleged Uncleanness of the Bible Only the Uncleanness of the Hearts and Minds of the Would-Be Ex-

In his sermon Sunday Rev. Dr. Talmage deals with a subject that is agitating the entire Christian church at the present moment, viz., "Expurgation of the Scriptures." The text chosen was, "Let God be true, but every man a liar," Romans iii., 4. The Bible needs reconstruction ac-

cording to some inside and outside the pulpit. It is no surprise that the world bombards the Scriptures, but it is amazing to find Christian ministers picking at this in the Bible and denying that until many good people are left in the fog about what parts of the Bible they ought to believe, and what parts reject. The heinousness of finding fault with the Bible at this time is most evident. In our day the Bible is assailed by scurrility, by misrepresentation, by infidel scientists, by all the vice of earth and all the venom of perdition, and at this particular time even preachers of the Gospel fall into line of criticism of the word of God. Why, it makes me think of a ship in a September equinox, the waves dashing to the top of the smoke stack, and the hatches fastened down, and many prophesying the foundering of the steamer, and at that time some of the crew with axes and saws go down into the hold of the ship, and they try to saw off some of the planks and pry out some of the timbers because the timber did not come from the right forest! It does not seem to me a commendable business for the crew to be helping the winds and storms outside with their axes and saws inside. Now, this old Gospel ship, what with the roaring of earth and hell around the stem and stern, and mutiny on deck, is having a very rough voyage, but I have noticed that not one of the timbers has started, and the captain says he will see it through. And I have noticed that keelson and counter-timber-knee are built of Lebanon cedar, and she is going to weather the gale, but no credit to those who make mutiny on deck.

When I see professed Christians in this particular day finding fault with the Scriptures it makes me think of a fortress terrifically bombarded, and the men on the ramparts, instead of swabbing out and loading the guns, and helping fetch up the ammunition from the magazine, are trying with crowbars to pry out from the wall certain blocks of stone, because they did not come from the right quarry. Oh, men on the ramparts, better fight back, and | been erased by lead pencil or pen, and fight down the common enemy, instead of trying to make breaches in the wall.

While I oppose this expurgation of

the Scriptures, I shall give you my reasons for such opposition. "What!" say some of the theological evolutionists, whose brains have been addled by too long brooding over them by Darwin and Spencer, "you don't now really be-Eden, do you?" Yes, as much as I believe there were roses in my garden last summer. "But," say they, "you don't really believe that the sun and moon stood still?" Yes, and if I had strength enough to create a sun and moon I could make them stand still, or cause the refraction of the cun's rays so it would appear to stand still. "But," they say, "you don't believe that the whale swallowed Jonah?" Yes, and if I were strong enough to make a whale I could have made very easy ingress for the refractory prophet, leaving to evolution to eject him, if he were an unworthy tenant! "But," say they, "you don't really believe that the water was turned into wine?" Yes, just as easily as water now is often turned into wine with an admixture of strychnine and logwood! "But," they say, "you don't really believe that Sampson slew a thousand with the jawbone of an ass?" Yes, and I think that the man who in this day assaults the Bible is wielding the same weapon!

I am opposed to the expurgation of the Scriptures in the first place, because the Bible in its present shape has been so miraculously preserved. Fitteen hundred years after Herodotus wrote his history, there was only one manuscript copy of it. Twelve hundred years after Plato wrote his book, there was only one manuscript copy of it. God was so careful to have us have the Bible in just the right shape that we have fifty manuscript copies of the New Testament a thousand years old, and some of them fifteen hundred years old. This book, handed down from the time of Christ, or just after the time of Christ, by the hand of such men as Origen in the second century and Tertullian in the third century, and by men of different ages who died for their principles. The three best copies of the New Testament in manuscript in the post of the three great churches—the Prot estant church of England, the Greek church of St. Petersburg, and the Ro-

mish church of Italy. It is a plain matter of history that Tischendorf went to a convent in the sinsula of Sinal and was by ropes lifted over the wall into the convent, that being the only mode of admission, and that he saw there in the waste basket for kindling for the fires, a manuscript of the Holy Scriptures. That night he copied many of the passages of that Bible, but it was not until fifteen years had passed of earnest entreaty and prayer and coaxing and purchase on his part that that copy of the Holy Scriptures was put into the hand of the emperor of Russia-that one copy so marvelously protected.

Do you not know that the catalogu oks of the Old and New Tes ments as we have it, is the same catalogue that has been coming on down through the ages? Thirty-nine books of the Old Testament thousands of years ago. Thirty-nine now. Twen--seven books of the New Testament steen hundred years ago. Twentybooks of the New Tostament Marcion, for wickedness, was out of the church in the second stury, and in his assault on the Bi-

talogue of the books of the

the enemy of the Bible and the enemy of Christianity. The catalogue is now just like the catalogue then. Assaulted and spit on and torn to pieces and burned, yet adhering. The book today, in three hundred languages, confronting four-fifths of the human race in their own tongue. Four hundred million copies of it in existence. Does not that look as if this book had been divinely protected, as if God had guarded it all through the centuries?

Nearly all the other old books are mumified and are lying in the tombs of old libraries, and perhaps once in 20 years some man comes along and picks up one of them and blows the dust off, and opens it, and finds it the book he does not want. But this old book, much of it forty centuries old, stands today more discussed than any other book, and it challenges the admiration of all the good and the spite and the venom and the animosity and the hyper-criticism of earth and hell. I appeal to your common sense, if a book so divinely guarded and protected in its present shape, must not be in just the way that God wants it to come to us, and If it pleases God, ought it not to please

Not only have all the attempts to detract from the book failed, but all the attempts to add to it. Many attempts were made to add the apochryphal books to the Old Testament. The Council of Trent, the Synod of Jerusalem, the bishops of Hippo, all decided that the apochryphal books must be added to the Old Testament. "They must stay in," said those learned men; but they stayed out. There is not an intelligent Christian man that today will put the Book of Maccabees or the Book of Judith beside the Book of Isaiah or Romans. Then a great many said: "We must have books added to the New Testament" and there were epistles and gospels and apocalypses written and added to the New Testament, but they have all fallen out. You cannot add anything. You cannot subtract anything to the divinely protected book in the present shape. Let no man dare to lay his hands on it with the intention of detracting from the book, or casting out any of these holy pages.

I am also opposed to this proposed expurgation of the Scriptures for the fact that in proportion as people become self-sacrificing and good and holy and consecrated, they like the book as of Abrahamic faith, or Edenic beauty, it is. I have yet to find a man or a woman distinguished for self-sacrifice. for consecration to God, for holiness of life, who wants the Bible changed. Many of us have inherited family Bibles. Those Bibles were in use twenty. forty, fifty, perhaps a hundred years in the generation. Today take down these family Bibles, and find out if there are any chapters which have if in any margins you can find the words, "This chapter not fit to read." There has been plenty of opportunity during the last half century privately to expurgate the Bible. Do you know any case of such expurgation? Did not your grandfather give it to your fatner, and did not your father give it to you?

Beside that, I am opposed to the ex-

the Bible have demonstrated no evil result. A cruel book will produce cruelty-an unclean book will produce uncleanness. Fetch me a victim. Out of all Christendom and out of all the ages, fetch me a victim whose heart has been hardened to cruelty, or whose life has been made impure by this book. Show me one. One of the best families I ever knew, for thirty or forty years, morning and evening, had all the members gathered together, and the servants of the household, and the strangers that happened to be within the gates-twice a day, and without leaving out a chapter or a verse, they read this holy book, morning by morning, night by night. Not only the elder children, but the little child who could just spell her way through the verse while her mother helped her. The father beginning and reading one verse, then all the members of the family in turn reading a verse. The father maintained his integrity, the mother maintained her integrity, the sons grew up and entered professions and commercial life, adorning every sphere in the life in which they lived, and the daughters went into families where Christ was honored, and all that was good and pure and righteous reigned perpetually. For thirty years that family endured the Scriptures. Not one of them ruined by them.

Now, if you will tell me of a family where the Bible has been read twice a day for thirty years, and the children have been brought up in that habit, and the father went to ruin, and the mother went to ruin, and the sons and daughters were destroyed by it-if you will tell me of one such incident, I will throw away my Bible, or I will doubt your veracity. I tell you, if a man is shocked with what he calls the indelicacles of the Word of God, he is prurient in his taste and imagination. If a man cannot read Solomon's Song, without impure suggestion, he is either in his heart or in his life, a libertine.

The Old Testament description of wickedness, uncleanness of all sorts, is purposely and righteously a disgusting account, instead of the Byronic and the Parisian vernacular which makes sin attractive instead of appalling Wnen these old prophets point you to a lazaretto you understand it is a lazaretto. When a man having begun to do right falls back into wickedness and gives up his integrity, the Bible does not say he was overcome by the fascinations of the festive board, or that he surrendered to convivialities or that he became a little fast in his habits. I will tell you what the Bible snys: "The dog is turned to his own vomit again, and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire." No gilding of iniquity. No garlands on a death's-head. No pounding away with silver mallet at iniquity when

needs an iron sledge hammer. I can easily understand how people brooding over the description of uncleanness in the Bible, may get morbic in mind until they are as full of it as the wings and beak and the nostril and the claw of a buszard are full of the odors of a carcass; but what is wanted is not that the Bible be disinfected. but that you, the critic, have your

acid!

I tell you at this point in my dis course that a man who does not like this book and who is critical as to its contents, and who is shocked and outraged with its descriptions, has never been soundly converted. The laying on of the hands of Presbytery or Episcopacy does not always change a man's heart, and men sometimes get into the pulpit as well as into the pew, never having been changed radically by the sovereign grace of God. Get your heart right and the Bible will be right. The trouble is men's natures are not brought into harmony with the Word of God. Ah! my friends, expurga-

tion of the heart is what is wanted. You cannot make me believe that the Scriptures, which this moment lie on the table of the purest and best men and women of the age, and which were the dying solace of your kindred passed ato the skies, have in them a taint which the strongest microscope of honest criticism could make visible. If mer are uncontrollable in their indignation when the integrity of wife or child is assailed, and judges and jurors as far as possible excuse violence under such provocation, what ought to be the overwhelming and long resounding thunders of condemnation for any man who will stand in a Christian pulpit and assail the more than virgin purity of inspiration, the well beloved daughter of God?

Expurgate the Bible! You might as well go to the old picture galleries in Dresden and in Venice and in Rome and expurgate the old paintings. Perhaps you could find a foot of Michael Angelo's "Last Judgment" that might be improved. Perhaps you could throw more expression into Raphael's "Madonna." Perhaps you could put more pathos in Rubens' "Descent from the Cross." Perhaps you could change the crests of the waves in Turner's "Slave Ship." Perhaps you might go into the old galleries of sculpture and change the forms and the posture of the statues of Phidias and Praxiteles. Such an iconoclast would very soon find himse! in the penitentiary. But it is worse vandalism when a man proposes to refashion these masterpieces of inspiration, and to remodel the moral giants

of this gallery of God. Of all the works of Dore, the great artist, there was nothing so impressive as his illustrated Bible. What scene of dominion Davidic, or Solomonia, or miracle, or parable, of nativity or 52 crucifixion, or of last judgment but he thought leaped from the great orain to the skillful pencil, and from the skillful pencil to immortal canvas. The Louvre, the Luxembourg, the National Gallery of London compressed within two volumes of Dore's illustrated Bible. But the Bible will come to better illustration than that, my friends, when all the deserts have become gardens, and all the armories have become academies, and all the lakes have become Gennesarets with Christ walking them, and all the cities have become Jerusalems with hovering Shekinah; and the two hemispheres will be clapping symbols of divine praise, and the round earth a footlight to Emanuel's throne-that, to all lands, and all ages, and all centuries, and all cycles will be he best specimen of Bible illustrate

300 MILES TO SEE A PATIENT. Difficulties Encountered by Physicians in Making Calls in India.

The long-distance record for a medical call seems to have been established by a young man in India, says Golden Penny. He says: "I have just returned from a 300-mile walk into the very heart of the Himalayas. I had to set off at a day's notice to look after a Mr. Blank of the India civil service, who was said to be lying dangerously ill at a place called Skardu. He had gone there this year to settle the revenue, and in the winter was the only white man in the country. I had sixteen days' march to get there, most of the way through snow and all the way over the most impassable road I have yet seen. The road, or rather pass, lies along the Indus, and so bad is it that it is quite impossible to ride any of the way, which is saying much in this country, where we ride almost anywhere a goat could go. But on every march to Skardu there are obstacles. The path winds up and down the rocky mountains on either side of the Indus; in places along narrow ledges of rock, galleries of very rickety stone and wood built out from the face of cliffs, and even up and down ladders and notched poles. One march is over a snow mountain, a climb of 45,000 feet, up one side and down the other. Several of my coolies got frost-bitten, as the cold was extreme. My water-bottle, which I carried with mo. froze solid as I walked along. I had to sleep on the ground with lots of blankets, all my clothes on, two thick overcoats, fur-lined stockings and gloves."

Vagaries of Mrs. MacCormick. The vagaries of Mrs. MacCormick, as disclosed the other day to the Divorce Court at Dublin, Ireland-the Queen's Proctor intervening—are remarkable In 1896 the lady left her husband sud denly, and disappeared. The next year Mr. MacCormick went through a form of marriage with a young woman, whose brother later on prosecuted him for bigamy. Mr. Justice Pantimore heard the case, and Mr. MacCormick was sentenced to a long term of imprisonment. But in the meantime the lady, as it turned out afterward, had married and became a widow, and drawn her husband's insurance money. Not satisfied with her position even then, the widow brought an action for divorce against her imprisoned husband, and secured a decree. It is a bewildering story, and it is not surprising that the decree has been re-

From the Detroit Journal: Romance and chivalry are not what they were. aiss! Once, the hero, having rescued the maiden from the tower, paused in his flight to exclaim: "Hark! The hoofbeats of pursuers!" But now-"Smell! The odor of thy father's au-

tomobile!" It is terrible, this sordid

SOME GOOD STORIES FOR OUR JUNIOR READERS. Where the Leaves Went-Which Was Colonel Brooks-Louisa Alcott's Freak -The Town Crier's Arrival Terminated

a Runaway Adventure.

Send Them to Bed with a Kiss. oh, mothers, so weary, discouraged, Worn out with the cares of the day, You often grow cross and impatient, Combiain of the noise and the play; For the day brings so many vexations So many things going amiss; But, mothers, whatever may vex you. Send the children to bed with a kis

The dear little feet wander often. Perhaps, from the pathway of right; The dear little hands find new mischie To try you from morn until night; But think of the desolate mothers

Who'd give all the world for your bliss, And, as thanks for your infinite blessings, Send the children to bed with a kiss! For some day their noise will not yex you

The silence will hurt you far more. You will long for the sweet children For a sweet childish face at the door, And to press a child's face to your bosom. You'd give all the world for just this; For the comfort 'twill bring you in sor-

Send the children to bed with a kiss! -New Orleans Picayune.

Where the Leaves Went.

"It's a perfect shame," said Madeline, She was curled up at the foot of a great oak tree, her lap full of crimson and yellow maple leaves, which she sorted carefully. "They die so soon, and they're too lovely to live-die, I mean," she corrected.

"They're beauties," said Donald. "and a little pressing and parathn keeps them rather well."

"I had a box up-garret all last winter," said Madeline. "You can spread out lovely things, wreaths and borders-

"I have it!" cried Elsie, clapping her hands. "Aunt Bet's lame child. Let's send her some." "Aunt Bet's lame child?" said Made-

line, mystified. "Oh, do you mean little Gladys Kane. Aunt Bat met in Cowes, England?"

"Surely," said Elsie, who never forgot anything. "Poor little ill thing! And one day when Aunt Bet was amusing her, she described American autumn leaves and wished Gladys could see some. English leaves do not glow with color like ours."

"She shall then," shouted Donald. I'm a packer from Packerville." "And my pressed leaves are sweet, declared Madeline, while Elsie ran for the stack of old books in which they

usually pressed their trophies. "Exquisite," said Aunt Bet, when the box, inside a wooden case, was presented for her inspection. The leaves lay between layers of paraffin paper. and on the top were the children's cards and a little note, such a merry little note that Gladys in her big chair loved it even better than the marvelous treasure of lovely leaves which had come to her from across the ocean. At Christmas-tide the expressman delivered a box into Donald's astonished hands. It was for Misses Madeline and Elsie and Master Donald Carroll, and it had traveled from far-off Cowes, In its depths lay English holly and mistletoe, and sprays of the dark green dipped it in water, which took the insects. ivy which grows there, curiously pre served. In tiny boxes were an agate penholder for Donald, cuff buttons for Madeline, and a quaint carnelian heart for Elsie. Then in Gladys' straight

hand this letter: "Briarvale House, Cowes, England, "Dear Friends-Your leaves came at the end of a dull, dull day when I had been so ill! I never saw anything prettler. Such pleasure as they have been to me. I had a tea party and mother garnished the table with them, on Guy Fawkes night. So many callers are charmed to see my leaves, and I have made water color drawings of them. and an album, besides planning crewe designs and laying patterns as Madeline does. My Christmas box cannot possibly bring you such joy, but let it bring you my love. Thank you, dears, one and all. Merry Christmas,

Your little friend, Gladys Kane.' "I'm going to answer that letter myself, even if she is a girl," declared Donald. Aunt Bet, just arriving, laughed. "Don's letters will do little Gladys good. Mrs. Kane has written me of Gladys' pleasure, and says she has heard of our wonderful American winds, but never believed before that one could blow a lapful of autumn leaves all the way to the Isle of

'And bring back English holly for Yankee Christmas," sald papa. "I call it sort of an international cyclone." And they all laughed happily.-Lillian L. Price.

Which Was Colonel Brooks?

In a big, sunny barn-chamber stood basket filled with hay. In this soft est a proud mother cat was purring her four babies off to sleep. One was Maltese, with sky-blue eyes. Two were black and white. But one was black all over; not a white sock to his foot. not even a white necktie under the dear little chin. He was the one I chose, I named him Col. Brooks. A pretty big name for a kitty baby wasn't it? Well, he was a darling from the very start. He loved and trusted every body You should have seen him step up to our big dog. Rufus, without one sign of fear, coaxing him to be friendly with the sweetest of love-makng. And old Rufus, who up to that time had hated the very sight of a cat, fell in love with the little colonel on the spot. Col. Brooks had never slept by himself, so he would have been very homesick if Rufus had not shared his bed with him. Uncle Will made it his business to see that they went to bed early. But one night when Uncle Will was very late in coming home. he found a black kitty on the front door step, crying to be let in. He supposed, of course, it was Col. Brooks so he picked him up, put him on the cel-lar stairs, and told him to go straight down to bed. Then Uncle Will seated himself to read the evening paper. But no sooner was he settled in the easy chair than a black kitty, for all the world like the colonel, jumped into his on, purring like a small steam envine. "Is this you, Col. Brooks?" cried Uncle "Didn't I just put you down cellar? How did you get up here?" Uncle Will hardly could believe his

exactly with ours testimony given by mind and heart washed with carbolic FOR BOYS AND GIRLS. our eyes; so he took the cat under his FARM AND GARDEN. that in time the sheep are absolutely

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO But when Uncle Will reached the foot of the stairs the queerest thing hap-AGRICULTURISTS. pened. Another black cat came out to

arm and went down the cellar stairs

to have this strange matter explained.

meet him! And what was the most

puzzling of all, the cat on the ceilar

floor was just like the cat in Uncle

Will's arms; and the cat in Uncle

Will's arms was just like the cat on

the cellar floor. Not a white hair on

Oh, dear me! How was Uncle Will

ever to know which was his own dear

kitty? Just then a snore came from

the box where Rufus lay asleep.

"Oho!" cried Uncle Will, "I'll take

both cats over to Rufus. He'll know

which is Col. Brooks inside of two min-

utes." Inside of two minutes! I

should say so! In just one tail-war

Rufus knew what to do. He gave a

growl that sounded like a small clap

of thunder. And lo and behold! the

kitty under Uncle Will's right arm

leaped to the top of the wood pile, hiss-

ing with anger and fright. But the lit-

tle black kitty under Uncle Will's other

arm gave a spring straight into the

heart of Rufus' warm bed, and began

to rub noses with his big friend. Then

Uncle Will knew that this one was

Col. Broks. But if it hadn't been for

that wise old Rufus, he might never

have found out to this very day .- Em-

Louisa Alcott's Frenk.

"Running away" was one of the

chief pleasures of the noted authoress.

Louisa M. Alcott, when she was a

youngster, and brought the little cul-

prit many strange experiences. Once

she passed the day with some Irish

children, who generously shared their

cold potatoes, salt fish and crusts

with her as they reveled in the ash

heaps on some waste ground. When

dusk set in the little adventuress was

deserted by ner friends to sit forlorn-

ly on a doorstep, feeling that home

was, after all, a very nice place, if

she could only find it. A big dog al-

lowed her to pillow her tired head on

his back and have a nap, from which

she was awakened by the town crier,

whom her parents had sent in search

of her. His bell and the description

of the loss of "a little girl, six years

old, in a pink frock, white hat and new

green shoes," woke up the truant, and

a small voice out of the darkness an-

swered: "Why dat's me!" She was

carried to the crier's house, and feasted

sumptuously on bread and molasses

while her parents were fetched, but

the fun ended next day when she was

tied to the arm of the sofa and left to

To Make a Cat Respect a Bird.

There is a very simple and effective

ple who are fond of pets will be inter-

ested, perhaps, in the experience of the

writer. He had a pretty little canary

bird which he kept in his own room.

One day he entered the apartment

crouching before the cage. He decided

red glow out of it, after which the

pin was placed on the bottom of the

bird cage, one end protruding a little

bit. Picking up the cat, he pressed

one of its paws down on the hot wire,

and the cat squealed with pain and

bolted from the room. Never afterward

where near a bird cage, it having rea-

the cage hurt, any part of it might be

Chinese Cricket-Fighting.

ing. At every street corner these lit-

tle insects are for sale in tiny cages

of split bamboo. The care of them

and training is quite an elaborate busi-

ness. Fish, honey, boiled chestnuts,

are ill they are dosed with all sorts

terflies; for fever, young shoots of

green pea. On the great day of battle

two crickets are placed on a tray with

a deep rim, and fight furiously with

shrill chirps of defiance. The Budd-

hist priests pay large sums for cham-

pion crickets, and hundreds of dollars

change hands over a fight. These

crickets are often buried in little sil-

ver coffins; this is done secretly at

night, for their owners believe that

then the spirits of dead crickets will

Japanese Spaniels

Over in Japan, where the people are

fond of everything in miniature, the

smallest breed of dogs in the world has

its home. They belong to the family

of spaniels, and are black and white

or yellow and white in color, and the

smaller they are the more money they

will bring. A pup of one year weigh

ing five pounds is worth \$200. If the

breeder is fortunate enough to raise

a spaniel weighing only three pounds

or less he can get almost any price he

wants for it. Sales have been made to

the sum of \$500. One of these queer

little dogs can easily lie on a man's

hand or find a comfortable nook for

sleeping in a bootleg. They are very

delicate and tender, and they have to

be watched and cared for like a baby

If given proper attention they will

sometimes live to the age of 10 years.

Some of the anecdotes told of Queen

Wilhelmina, the young queen of the

Netherlands, are interesting. One day

the little queen was busily occupied in

bringing up her dolls in the way they

should go. One of them, however, was

particularly obstinate, and the queen

Look here, if you don't behave your-

self I'll make you a queen, and then

About 400,000 tourists visited Swit

serland during the past summer, and

their expenditures are estimated at

thief and go to polishing its face

ok at a child and its mother will ediately take out her handber-

you'll have no one to play with.

120,000,000 francs.

was seen to shake it violently and say

some back to animate new ones.

expected to give pain,

repent at leisure.

Ily J. Langley.

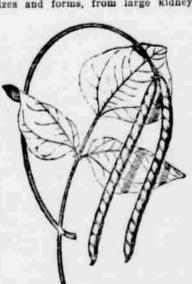
either of them, and just the same size

Up-to-Date Hints About Cultivation of the Soil and Yields Thereof-Bortleulture, Viticulture and Floriculture.

The Cow Pea.

Herewith we illustrate the cow-pea. As will be seen, it is more of a bean than a pea. Bulletin 102 of the U. S. Department of Agriculture says of it: The cow-pea has been cultivated in the South for at least 150 years, It was probably first introduced on plantations in South Carolina, the seeds having been brought from India or China. From this original introduction and from subsequent importations its cultivation has spread to almost every farm and plantation in the southern states. Cow-peas are, in their relationship and habit of growth, really beans and not peas as the name indicates. They are annuals and are closely related to the lablab, lima and haricot beans of our gardens.

Varieties .- Cow-peas occur in every gradation of habit, from a compact, stocky upright bush having stems a foot high with very short lateral branches to those with trailing runners growing as flat upon the ground as sweet potato or melon vines, the prostrate stems 15 to 20 feet in length. The pods vary from 4 to 16 inches in length, and the peas are of every imaginable shade of white, yellow. green, pink, gray, brown, red, purple and black, of solid colors or variously mottled and speckled, and of varying sizes and forms, from large kidney-



shaped to little round ones smaller Very few people who keep birds care than the garden pea. There is a like to have a cat in the house, lest some variation in the length of time the difday Miss Pussy do some mischief. ferent forms require to ripen seed. some requiring eight or nine months. means of teaching a cat to keep away a few ripening in 60 days from the from the bird's cage, and young peo- time of planting.

Hortleultural Observations.

Massachusetts has again this year appropriated \$200,000 for the extermination of the gypsy moth. This makes just in time to see the family cat over half a million dollars that have been so expended. It should point a that something should be done to teach | moral, and that is that there ought to the cat a lesson. He got a long hat- be a branch of the general government pin and heated it red hot; then he whose duty it is to keep out injurious with authority, could not only in many instances prevent the introduction of insect pests, but they could attack and destroy the pests that did get a foothold before they could spread.

California has profited greatly by the would that four-footed pet go any- short crop of peaches this year in all of the states east of the Rocky moun soned with itself that if one portion of tains where peaches are grown, Ever the merchants of Georgia have been buying California peaches by the carload and selling them at a good price to local consumers. This can but stim-The most popular and exciting form ulate the planting of peach orchards in of gambling in China is cricket fight- California and we look to see great activity in that state the coming season New orchards will doubtless go in by the thousands of acres. On the other hand the growers of peaches in the states where the crop was this year and rice form their food, and if they a failure seem not to be discouraged and promise to put in large areas of of remedies. For a chill a mosquito is new trees. The high prices of this administered; for asthma, bamboo but- year seem to have more effect than the failure of the crop. As a consequence in a few years we may expect to see the supply of peaches enormously increased.

It is reported from France that the Lombardy poplars, which have so long been a decoration of roads in that country, are being cut away and their places taken by plum trees. The process of supplanting the poplars by the fruit trees has been going on for several years, and it is said that already the fruit from some of the plum trees is being sold for the benefit of the districts through which the roads pass. It seems that the public does not hesitate in those countries to derive all the revenue possible from sales of fruit even though it does come into competition with the private producers of fruit. In Belgium it is said that this revenue amounts to ove: \$2,000,000 per year. The planting of fruit trees by the roadside is not a thing to be encouraged unless the fruit is to be carefully looked after and be the property either of the government or of the man on the side of whose land it is. Fruit trees left to take care of themselves soon become objects that are anything but adornments to the highways.

We are hearing many complaints of the loss of sheep by injuries from that very injurious grass known as porcupine grass, also called Stipa Spartee by botanists, says American Sheep Breedor. It is found from Illinois and Indiana, and northwest into the Canadian territories. It is most noted for its feathery head made up of long awns which are twisted as a corkscrew, and covered with short plumy fibers, making it much like a feather. The sheep, feeding among this grass when the heads are about ripe, take up in their fleece many of these awas, which are easily loosened from the head. These awas entangled in the wool untwist in the wet or damp weather, or even in a dewy night, but in the warm dry duys they twist again; in this manner they force the sharp into of the awne into the Sesh an ery exposure to alternate dampass d dryness forces the barbed awn

Sheep Killed by Porcupine Gra

transfixed by these sharp screws like needles. The result is that the sheep become affected in the same way as by serious disorders of the stomach and bowels, but of course no treatment suggested by this belief has any effect in relieving them. There have been so many instances of this kind the past month, and so many every year later in the season, that attention is called to this injurious grass so that all concerned may take suitable precautions. It is difficult to suggest any practical means to get rid of this grass, as it is perennial, and plowing and cultivating of the land only will eradicate it. Doubtless the most satisfactory means will be to watch the sheep and gather from the fleece all the awns which have been taken up by the wool, or keep the flocks from pastures on waich this grass grows.

American vs. Canadian Horses.

It seems that a well-known British. horse buyer, Mr. Dollar by name, in the course of an after-dinner speech at Toronto lately, took occasion to say, 'that the Canadian horses are tougher and better wearers than the Americans. The latter suffer much from splints and from lameness, and if they wear on a few years are apt to become sluggish." We wonder what would have been the effects of an American dinner upon Mr. Dollar! Possibly he would have said that the Canadian horses are too small as a rule and perhaps too lively and liable to run away! It is news to learn that our horses have any special liability to throw out splints unless it be that foreign buyers purchase immature horses and work them too hard upon granite pavements. Just recently we published the fact that European buyers prized' American horses on account of their, wearing qualities as compared with their own horses, and certainly the remarkable demand for our horses at the Union Stock Yards, Chicago, goes to show that they must stand the test of wear and tear abroad. The experience of the writer in the daily examination of country horses is that they are remarkably sound and free from lameness, but then it depends a good deal, through what eyes a horse is seen, and possibly, too, after which dinner one speaks. It is kind of mean, you know, to look a gift horse in the mouth!

Reduction in Cattle Receipts. The Drovers Journal has gathered from official sources the combined receipts of cattle at Chicago, Kansas City, St. Louis and Omaha for the last eight years, and gives them as fol-

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١	Years				larketed.
ł	1892	 	 		6,459,270
١	1893	 	 		6,403,154
١	1894	 	 		.6,156,384
ı	1895	 	 		.5,537.691
i	1896	 	 		.5,677,830
i	1897	 	 		.5,985,817
1	1898	 	 		.5,846,716
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very much from those of 1898 With the unprecedentedly large demand for beef at home and abroad considered in cornection with the above figures it would be strange indeed if cattle were worth no more on the market than during the preceding years.

Wasted Corn Fodder.

Each year as the seasons come and go, we note the major portion of the country's corn crop is allowed stand until the "cold chilly winds of November" have blown hundreds of tons of the very best of our corn plant away.

And yet many farmers who suffer this practice on their farms find their young cattle, cows and horses sorely in need of just such feed as they have willingly allowed to go to waste, says W. D. Wode in Rural World. In the corn belt of the Mississippi valley there is enough corn fodder allowed to go to the waste places to winter well three times as many cattle and sheep as are maintained within this territory. It's true this crop cannot be properly saved without some labor and expense, but with the modern corn harvester, which cuts and binds in convenient form this valuable crop, no reasonable excuse can be offered for allowing it to be carried to the fence corners and ditches by the fall winds. Let us note these things in time this year.

Stubble ground should unquestionably be plowed while the moisture is still in the soil. Experiments of the station show that simple plowing is quite as effective for moisture conservation as any tillage yet tested. If time does not permit plowing the speedy work of the disk harrow compares favorably in efficiency. In eithe case, if rain follows sufficient to start the weeds, kill them with a harrow. This will at the same time break up any crust and preserve the soil mulch. This treatment not only insures a perfect seed bed for wheat in respect to: moisture, but the soil has time to settle to the firm conditions so advantaged to wheat, and the bareness, warmth and moisture are most favorable to the formation of nitrates from organic for successful wheat production.-letin Kansas Experiment Station

Argentine Horses in England.-England receives from the Argentine number of horses, varying from 50 to over 1,000 per annum, says the 8 Breeders' Magazine. These bus horses, bred from Clydesdale other heavy-draught breeds, light a horses, and backs. Some Argen polo ponies sold well in England year. They were pronounced starting and turning, but we pace. Exporters do not seem to much business in the remission orses to England. They that they have to pay as my centing for a really good h price he will fetch at home, and string of general animals will see sell for more than the cost of freight and fodder.

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HASKELL, - - TEXAS.

PASTURE AND FARM.

Dattle are doing well.

sutton county cattle are in fine con-

Runnels county farmers have a surplus of corn this year.

Truck farmers in the vicinity of Laredo have excellent gardens. Bridgeport has received 1300 bales of

cotton this season against 4000 last. Col. R. K. Wylie of Runnels county has three mules that cost him \$4000. A number of apple trees in Grayson county have bloomed again this season.

county farmers will assist in building The C. C. C. ranch, near San Angelo, was recently partially burned off by

H. M. Kidwell of Mineral Wells shipped three carloads of beef cattle to St. Louis.

Many Moore county farmers are preparing their sod land for spring sowing of wheat. Reckport and vicinity truck farm-

ers are shipping great quantities of the Chinamen in all trade matters. suap beans. Gordon Stiles of San Angelo sold 500

mixed cattle for spring delivery at \$20 and calves at \$4.50. The Waco poultry and pet stock

show was well attended and was a most gratifying success. Farmers around Midlothian report

that wheat was never better at this season of the year than now.

The seventeen-hour rain which fell in the San Angelo country recently was of vast benefit to stock interests.

George B. Hendriks, an erstwhile resident of Fort Worth, has purchased a 14,000-acre ranch in Runnels county. Farmers around Antelope, Jack county, have put up plenty of feed this year and are well supplied with stock

water. The raising of peanuts is gradually increasing in Texas. This nut is always in fair demand and commands good prices.

So luxuriant is the growth of wheat in some portions of Cooke county that the farmers are turning their stock in on it for pasturage.

purchased a 160-acre farm near Corsi- butcher the wicle of the foreign popucana for \$4000 cash. He will at once move his family on it.

Cane cutting and planting is the orof the day in Fort Bend county. Farm laborers are said to be in great demand there at fair wages.

A Hillsborn roller mill, as shown by Sts books, has paid out \$16,000 for wheat to Hill county farmers since it began operations in August.

A. Laird of Vernon is feeding 500 well bred yearling steers on the grass in Hardeman county. He will feed them until next June and then ship to market.

will be run from Salt Lake City, Utah, | month than Spain had been able to seto Denver, and from thence to Fort Worth in January to attend the stockmen's convention.

Hundreds of fruit trees will be set out by Texas farmers. In a few years it is claimed the raising of fruit will rank as one of the leading industries of the Lone Star state.

John D. Williams, one of the best and most successful farmers in Ellis county, reports that his grain crop this ago 600 miners employed in the mines statement of Senor Luis Cuervo Maryear made him over \$17 per acre gross. of the Diamondville Coal and Coke quez, charge d'affaires of the Colom-He had lots or land in grain, too. He company at Diamondville, Wyo., struck bian legation in Washington, who is to now making ribbon cane molasses.

Harrison county, has recently lost several head of fine cattle. They died within twenty-four hours after the first symptoms were discovered.

already contracted his 1900 yearling mines and compelled the operators to saying that the rebellion was entirely bie 1400 head, coming 2, to G. W. Whitehead & Sons, spring delivery, at

Maj. Scobell, agent for the British vernment, has received cabled intions at New Orleans to buy all the beavy mules he can. They must be 15 to 15.2 hands high and are wanted drag heavy artillery in the South trican campaign.

A Galveston livestock firm handled ment of 100 cars of cattle from to Havana. This is said to be ergent single shipment of cattle adled through a southern port. ed of four trains of fairly

Micaragua wheat should prove to at the maccaroni and paste turers need in their business will be in all probability another aided to Dallas' manufac-Experiments in this direction new, it is asserted, in progress,

automobile plow is the latest in the agricultural implement It is said this invention can do rk of eight old-fashioned plows. ling the vehicle from the imthe farmer can use the motive and go to town or elsewhere.

at the Agricultural and Moe, west to Paris and in-

It flas Been Made Public by the War Department.

Exclusion Act, Declaring it a Matter of Public Policy.

Washington, Dec. 4 .- The report of Gen. Otis on the operations in the civil population in Kimberley, Philippines up to Aug. 31 last has been made public by the war department. large. The report is a chronological Abilene wants a cotton mill. Taylor recapitulatoin of events in the island since Gen. Otis took command. One immense amount of detail involved in Gen. Otis administration of the affairs of the island. Gen. Otis throws some light on his Chinese exclusion act, declaring it a matter of public policy.

He goes at some length into the raclai differences between the Filipinos and the Chinese, explaining that strong prejudice against the Chinese prevailed among the natives because of the successful and unscrupulous dealings of Gen. Otis says that in view of the race hatred between the Chinese and the natives, as well as the factional differences among the Chinamen themselves, which soon broke out into open riot and bloodsbed, he deemed it expedient to apply the American immigration laws to the island. This was done, and arrangements have been made for identifying such Chinamen as have rights of prior residence in the island, so that no unnecessary hardship may be worked.

The correspondence , between Gen. Otis and Gen. Aguinaldo' before the outbreak of active hoscilities receives much space, and more is taken up with the detailed accounts of the various engagements. In connection with the Filipino uprising in the suburbs of Manila on the night of Feb. 22, Gen. Otis prints the translation of one of Aguinaldo's proclamations which incited demonstration. The paper fortuthe plans of the insurgents were checkmated. It called for the assembling of the Manila militia in the rear of the American outposts. At the sound of the attack from the outside the insur-W. B. Perdue of Downsville, La., gents in the city were to fall on and lation, respecting nothing but native Filipino families. . All the jail prisoners were to be released and armed to assist in the massacre. The plan was successful in so far as about 1000 armed insurgents assembled behind the American line. In the fight that night and the following day about 500 of

these were killed. Gen. Otis relates minutely the difficulties encountered in dealing with the foreign merchants whose business was interfered with by the war, the outilning of plans of revenues and customs, the negotiations with the sultan of Sulu, from whom he says Gen. It is said a special stockmen's train Bates secured more concessions in a cure in 300 years; the institution of town governments, the establishment of schools and caring for a large number of prisoners, both Spanish and na-

> The plague patients on Swinburne tsland are reported doing well.

Miners Having Trouble. Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 4 .- A week B. M. Halburt of Sutton county has clubs and stones, marched on the few days ago he received a dispatch are at \$16 per head, everything flee. The men at work were dragged crushed. Such reports are calculated sated. C. T. Purney has also sold from the mines and also driven away. to injure business between this counbeen importing arms and ammunition.

> San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 4.-Mgr. Chappelle, archbishop of New Orleans and apostolic delegate to Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines, arrived here resterday en route to Manila, where he goes to arrange church affairs to conform with the change of government in the Philippines. He will sail on the transport Sherman, which is scheduled to leave next Tuesday. Mgr. Chappelle will be acompanied from this city by Chaplain W. D. McKin-

City of Mexico, Dec. 4 .- The libera party committee has called a national here Feb. 10 to nominate a candidate for president of the republic. The lonmittees report general enthusiasm for the candidacy of President Dias and political meetings and proces sions are being held all over the public. The conservative party the conservative party has ign of putting a candidate in British and Boers.

London, Dec. 4.-The week opens my's borders have been crossed is a county being on hand. A RECAPITULATION OF EVENTS. been woefully underrated.

It is now seen that the attempt to zation and to elect officers. hold a useless position at Mafeking The following officers were the

Perhaps the Brightest spot for Eng- retary; Judge J. M. Lusk, treasurer. lish readers to-day is the announceto succeed Mr. Macrum in Pretoria.

try's interests will be safe in the hands shipped to other points. of the new consul."

nouncing that Lord Methuen is again prospects. struck by a bullet in the neck

ern sections of Cape Colony. The that time. whole border district between Colesburg and Burghersdorp has declared for the Boers. In Venterstad alone for the rebels.

Gen. Clements as brigade command- of rivers becomes general. Gen. Kelley-Kenny has had no South African experience

With regard to Natal, it is still Tugela at Colenso has been destroyed. There is a report that the British drove the Eoers off while attempting to destroy it, but the probability is that the structure was mined and fired afterward.

According to a dispatch from Pitter's Kraal, dated Nov. 28, the Boers were then attempting to turn movements from Steynsburg and the district north of Storkstrem in co-operation with the rebels by way of Maraisburg Tarkastad, against Gen. Gatacre's The wreek of the troopship may result in the loss of 350 horses

Joseph Brown, ex-mayor of St. Louis, is dead.

#### Rebellion Crushed

New York, Dec. 4 .- According to the for an increase in wages. Their de- at present in this city looking after the mands were refused by the company interests of his country's commerce. and after a short shut-down operations the recent dispatches from Jamaica afwere resumed with a small force of firming the continuation of the rebelnon-union men. At an early hour yes- lion in Colombia are false. Marquez is terday morning a mob of 300 women a brother of the minister of foreign and girls, armed with guns and knives, affairs of Colombia, and from him a Several were injured by being struck try and Colombia," said Senor Marwith clubs and one man was shot at, quez. "At no time did the rebellion presumably by one of a number of threaten seriously the government, a strikers concealed near the mine. The faction only of the liberal party being train at 10 o'clock for the scene of small force of deputies guarding the engaged in it. The dispatch was due trouble. He was accompanied by Depproperty of the company was power- to the low price of coffee in the marless. To-day it is expected there will kets of the world. Small exportation be more trouble when the company at- and too much importation have ruined tempts to resume. The miners have the finances of the country. The government is strong and an overwhelming sentiment favors peace."

Troops Arrived.

Cape Town, Dec. 4.-The troopship Bavarian, from Queenstown, Nov. 10. with Col. Ivor Herbert, assistant adjutant general for the home district, and the foreign military attaches, together with the Connaught rangers, the first battalion of the royal Dublin fusileers and a contingent of miscellaneous troops, in all not more than 2000 men arrived here last Friday.

Col. Herbert and the military at-

#### Want a Receiver

New York, Dec. 4-Margaret J. Plant widow of the late Henry B. Plant, has begun action in the supreme court individually and as trustee of her husband's estate against Lynde Harrison, Motron Freeman Plant, George H. Tilley, Robert C. Erwin, individually and as trustees of the will of Henry B. Plant, in which she asks that a receiver for certain properties of ber late husband be appointed.

Truck Farmers Meet.

Bonham, Tex., Dec. 4.-The Fannin

serious matter, and, while there is no The meeting was called to order at feeling of despondency as to the even- 3 p. m. by Temporary President High, wood's store, the postoffice, two barber when the distinguished guests, having tual result of the war, it is regretful- and the report of the last meeting was shops, Hicke' saddlery store, Redman's left their apartments early, appeared Wheat is in fine condition around The General Throws Some Light on Mis Chinese strength of the Boer resistance has then got down to business and proly admitted on all sides that the read and approved. The association two-story building, unoccupied; J. M. on the veranda of the State house. The ceeded to effect a permanent organi-

was a serious tactical mistake, as was choice of the association: Charles also the endeavor to keep the large Hill, president; Dr. John Cunningham, Lillard and Rooker's confectionery. vice president; Benjamin Smith, sec-

After the officers had been elected half, It is a volume of 273 pages, with an ap- ment that President McKinley has several pointed talks were made bependix of minor reports almost as designated the son of Secretary Hay fore the association and were well received. The object of this most wor- fire which was raging at Garland. Gar- was spent visiting the education in-The Daily Telegraph says: "This thy association is to encourage the appointment is a graceful concession more extensive raising of fruit and teen miles north of here, in this coun- and next the high school. Col. Bryan of the most interesting features is the on the part of the United States gov- vegetables in this county, and to se- ty, and is generally regarded as one of made short, instructive talks to the ernment to British feeling. Our coun- cure reduced rates on all products

> South African news is now six days received a number of communications in arrears. The censorship does not yet from different railroads and express permit details of the Modder river companies offering to quote the assotreat and established themselves on at farming, and they are very enthu- dwellings, both banks. These details, however, siastic over the meeting and its pros- Mr. J. E. Farnsworth, who returned orator, the greatest man in America are too meager to enable an accurate pects. The meeting Saturday was a last night from Chicago via the Katy, idea of the engagement to be formed. uccided success, and the organization said: A dispatch reached London an- starts out with the most flattering

in the field, and it is also said that The next meeting will be held in Count Gleichen, who was wounded in this city Saturday, Dec. 16, and will be Katy tracks and burned across toward the fighting at Modder river, was extensively advertised all over the the Santa Fe tracks, and from what I county, and a large number of new Serious news comes from the north- members are expected to enroll before ness district."

Water for Irrigation. more than 2000 have joined the rebel- gers of New Mexico has been travel- at 1:30 o'clock. He gave the following lion. The farmers have formed a ing over Texas, looking into the proscommandering committee and talk pect of water for irrigation, and he place last night: confidently of a triumphant march on says opportunities are offered which Cape Town. Gen. Buller's proclama- will make many fortunes in the fution has been torn down and trampled ture, when laws are passed by which thirty buildings, all business houses, upon, and the loyalists are bidden to rights in irrigation will be protected nately was discoverd on the 15th and hurry to Cape Town to prepare coffee and privileges afforded under the state destroyed every business house in law. He found a considerable area al- town. The rebel list shows that a modifi- ready under irrigation, and says prication has been made in the command vate ventures in this line are succeedof the sixth division. Instead of Lieut. ing in all parts of the state. He called supposed to have caught from a cigar Gen. Sir Charles Mansfield Clarke, the attention to the failure of persons stump. At any rate the high wind precommander wil be Major Gen. Thom- making dams across rivers and vailing soon spread the flames to adjaas Kelley-Kenny, inspector general of streams to provide fish-ways, and he cent buildings, and there was nothing auxiliary forces and recruiting of- says that will prove a serious fault un- that could stop them. Bucket brigades

> It is absolutely necessary to let the fish have picans of pasing up and down the streams, and to limit them doubtful whether the bridge over the in that respect would cut off a large amount of young fish and aid in reducing fish life in the state.

Col. Rodgers said: "I think there must be 500,000 acres of land in Texas submerged by the artifical lake makers, and it seems to me that eventually the process of creating large bodies of water must necessarfly influence the climate and cause a larger and more regular rainfall. Instead pors from the distant ocean, mists will be created in the interior of the state will form clouds and produce the moisture which the land needs and which is the only need of Texas soil. It is the richest country I ever saw, considered as a whole, and when the storm water is impounded and the rivers regulated it will be are garden

#### state of the earth." Trouble at Cypresse.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 4.-Yesterday evening a rather meager report was received here from Cypress, twenty five miles from here, to the effect that a fight had occurred there in which whites and blacks were involved, and several persons wounded. So far as obtained last night the wounded are: Bully Gleen, white, in the head; Felix Givens, colored, in the back; F. Colby, in the arm; E. F. Jurgens, deputy sheriff, in the leg.

Sheriff Anderson yesterday received a telegram from Deputy asking for assistance and saying that there was trouble and he was unable to control the parties, and further that he had

been wounded. Sheriff Anderson left on the first uty Jim Wynne. The cause of the trouble was not learned.

Felix Bolt was given a life sentence at Benjamin a few days ago for mur-

#### Hood at Galveston

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 4-William Hood, chief engineer Southern Pacific company, arrived in the city yesterday morning, accompanied by Enginer Boschke, in charge of the Huntington improvements of the West End flats. He went over the ground where preparation work for the three large piers is in progress and expressed himself as well pleased with the work. A large taches landed and the Bavarian pro-torce of men will be put on in a few corded with the troops, presumably to weeks.

Mexican Stabhed.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 4.-Charles Magardus is a Mexican, the police say, and runs a little saloon at the point or triangle at the intersection of Harwood and Young strets, near Turner hall. Yesterday afternoon a negro woman was at his place, and in a difficulty that ensued the woman proceedd to carve Magardus in aprooved style, inflicting several severe, some of them possibly fatal, wounds. The woman es-

Garland, Tex., Dec. 1.-The most dis-

the aggregate amount of perhaps one- background. Dallas, Tex., Dec. 1.—Reports reached this city last night of a disastrous ception accorded him. The morning land is a good-sized town, about fifthe most prosperous places of its size students and endeared himself to them. in the state. The reports had it that They greeted him with rapturous ap-Mr. Smith, secretary, has already the entire business section had been plause. In honor of the opening of the wiped out. The cause of the conflagra-

tion could not be ascertained. Passengers on the Missouri, Kansas battle to be transmitted. Some vague ciation reduced rates on shipments, and Texas train arriving last night statements have been published in the and a number of individuals from dif- said when they passed Garland it parade a mile long. In the afternoon Cape Town papers, and, according to ferent parts of the state have written looked as though the whole town had an immense crowd filled the auditori- ed. these, the Boers numbered 8000 men very encouraging letters, expressing a gone, all they could see standing in um, floor and gallery, and Col. Bryan and were entrenched on both banks of desire to see the movement meet with the business portion of the place being was presented. The applause arose the stream, although mostly on the succes. The farmers of Fannin coun- one brick store house. They said the like thunder, hats, fans, handkerchiefs northern bank. The British, accord- ty have been made to see during the railroad employes at the depot estiing to these accounts, drove the enemy past year or so that the practice of mated that thirty business houses had across the river, compelled them to re- diversification is essential to success been destroyed, besides a number of introducing Col. Bryan, Capt, Shaw re-

"I should judge that the fire had wiped out the business portion of the town. It evidently started near the could see it had burned all of the busi-

Assistant County Attorney Marion Shaw, who spent Thanksgiving day at Garland, drove in from that place last Waco, Tex., Dec. 4.-Col. W. C. Rod- night, arriving in Dallas this morning account of the conflagration at that

"It was the biggert fire I ever saw in a town of that size. Twenty-five or were destroyed. I believe that the fire

"The fire started about 7:10 p. m. in the office of the Garland News. It is ficers, with Major Gen. Knox and Maj. less it is remedied before the damming were former and two wells pumped dry, but nothing could be saved. I cannot make an estimate of the loss It will, however, be very large. Last night there were forty or fifty men guarding the merchandise that was dumped into the streets from the flaming buildings. Two buggies were stolen while I was there. Every drug store, the Garland bank, the livery stable and barber shop were among the buildings destroyed. It was a terrible fire."

#### Legislature to Meet.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 1 .- It was understood authoritatively last night that before leaving for Waco yesterday afternoon Gov. Sayers announced to one of his close friends that he had positively made up his mind to call the extra session to meet on Jan. 20. Besides considering the tax bill, land matters and the double-header question, the governor will likely submit other matters from time to time.

Elmo, Tex., Dec. 1.-John Minton, grocery merchant living at Hiram, a country postoffice seven miles southeast of here, was robbed Wednesday night. The amount secured by the robbers was about \$150.

At midnight Mr. Minton was awakened by some one who, he supposed. wanted something out of the store. and on his appearance the parties, three in number, all masked, covered him with revolvers and ordered him out.

They then marched him to his place of business, where they looted everything in sight, taking the above amount of money as stated.

Mr. Minton was not roughly handled, but was ordered to keep quiet until they made a safe retreat.

The sheriff, with hounds, was telephoned for yesterday morning.

J. N. Johnson's residence burned at Rockwall a few days ago.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 1.-Last night during the performance of "The Sporting Duchess" at the opera-house a negro boy at work among the scenery was pretty badly hurt. The name of the boy could not be learned, though diliinquiry was made. As near as could be ascertained he was on a ladler some distance up among the files when by some mishap or slip he breaking two ribs and bruising himself pretty badly. He was taken to the police station, whence he was sent to his

#### Accidentally Shot.

Sherman, Tex., Dec 1 .- Sam Johnson aged 17 years, was accidentally shot and painfully burt while out hunting west of the city yesterday afternoon. Johnson was sitting down, when a companion near him accidentally discharged a 32-caliber rifle. The ball some birds passed through the calf of the left leg and lodged in the left thigh. He was quite weak from the loss of blood when brought home. The bullet was removed by a surgeon.

without a word of news such as the County Fruit and Vegetable Growers' astrons fire in the history of this town. in charge struggled all day yesterday Waco, Tex., Dec. 2.-The committee British public is so anxiously await- association met in the county cou. t- occurred last night at 7 o'clock. It to keep Col. William Jenni-gs Bryan ing. With a larger army in the field room Saturday afternoon, pursuant to started at the Garland News office and to the front. The city was densely than the country ever before mobil- the agreement at the last meetig. A G. Green's barber shop and literally crowded, and on all the corners yells ized, it can only be said that the loss large attendance was present, farmers gutted the town, burning J. D. Curf- went up. This state of things asserted of 3500 men entailed before the ene- and fruit growers from all over the man, dry goods and groceries; Beaver itself as soon as the party landed at Bros., the Citizens' bank, Crocker's the Katy depot Thursday night, and drug store, Sumner's drug store, Small- was resumed early yesterday morning James' two-story building, unoccupied; farmers arrived in their wagons, Butler's confectionery, Hartsell's res- bringing their families, and lined up taurant, a two-story building of D. B. along the sidewalk. Col. Bryan stood Lillard, a vacant building of Allen bareheaded and Gov. Hogg tried to Bros., a two-story building of D. B. compress himself into the least possible compass, keeping to the rear. Gov. North America has been organized at The loss is total, with insurance to Sayers modestly kept himself in the

> The plan was to let Col. Bryan appreciate to the fullest extent the restitutions. Baylor first, then Add-Ran auditorium and the presence of Col. Bryan and the gentlemen with him. the local military, the firemen and citizens in decorated carriages formed a lided at Fort Worth. The driver of waving, and for several minutes the tumultuous greeting continued. In ferred to him as the greatest living

> and the next president of the United States. Mr. Bryan dwelt for nearly an hour on the financial question and went over the same ground which he has so often done before. As to 16 to 1 free silver, his arguments were identical with those delivered here in the Bap- do business in Texas as a fraternal tist tabernacle just after the presidential campaign. After concluding his arguments about finance, he dwelt for some time on imperialism and deplored the fact that the republic was passing away under the present administration and the system changing toward the policies which caused the downfall of other nations, and is merely an imitation of England. There was nothing new in his remarks in the line of anti-expansion, but his intense eloquence and popularity procured for him continuous applause throughout his oration, which was evidently very gratifying to the Nebraska statesman. He paid his respects to trusts at some

Col. Bryan was followed by ex-Gov. Hogg, who spoke for about thirty minacted under his advice. He reiterated Margaret succeeds her. next year. He promised to give all his influence toward having the next Democratic state convention held in Waco. and predicted that in the course of time whale-back steamers would come up from the Gulf of Mexico and anchor at the Waco wharves. He strongly advocated the Nicaragua canal as a means of promoting the interests of the cotton growers and all the inter-

ests of the gulf states. At the conclusion of his remarks, Gov. Sayers was called vociferously. stated that the time had elapsed for at \$6001.01 and his assets at \$295. the entertainment and that a social event was about to come off elsewhere, therefore Gov. Sayers could not speak.

The American colony at Paris, France, had a banquet in honor of Thanksgiving.

#### The Garland Fire.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 2.—The fire which swept the business section of Garland Thursday night made almost a clean sweep of the business houses. buildings, with but few exceptions, were frame and burned like tinder. At a rough estimate the losses on buildings and stock will go beyond \$80,000. Insurance \$20,000. Mr. John H. Cullom, owner of the Garland News, lost his building and plant. He carried no insurance, and places his loss at \$2000. The postoffice building was destroyed. and a considerable quantity of mail matter was consumed. Hon, John A. Martin, chairman of the Democratic executive committee of the county, and his partner, Clare Witwer, formerly of Dallas, are among the losers. In fact, it would be difficult to discover a renresentative citizen of the bustling town who is not a loser on account of the

disastrous blaze. Yesterday a large number of representatives of insurance companies and the commercial agencies visited Garland for the purpose of investigating losses, etc. And the country people for miles around packed to the town to gaze upon the smouldering ruins.

Oll Advancing.

Corsicana, Tex., Dec. 2.-Six months ago, when oil in this market jumped from 65 cents to 0 cents per barrel, it was predicted in the news from this point that by or before Jan. 1, 1900, the price of crude oil in Corsicana would be \$1 per barrel. Yesterday that pre-diction was verified, the pipe line company posting a bulletin announcing that runs made from and including those of yesterday and until further notice would be credited at \$1 per bar-

#### Accidentally Shot.

Springtown, Tex., Dec. 2.-What ame near being a serious accident happened yesterday morning while ome boys were out bird hunting. It eems the boys had separated and in a short time one of them discovered some birds and began to shoot into them, and it so happened one of the other boys being in range was shot in the shoulder, but all were only slight-

#### TEXANETTES.

Many shade trees have recently been et out at Hillshore.

Five divorces were granted in one day at Cleburne recently.

Four parties charged with rocking trains have been arrested at Lulings The sham battle at Cleburne on hanksgiving day was a grand success

Worth burned, entailing a loss of Brick sidewalks are being put down at Henrietta in the business portion of

The Ballard ice factory at Fort

A lodge of the Switchmen's Union of

The large dredge built at Beaumont was launched in the presence of a vast concourse of people.

Texarkana.

W. C. Bullard narrowly escaped drowning while trying to cross a ravine in Dickens county. The recent bazaar held by the con-

gregation of St. Mary's Catholic church, Austin, netted \$2000. F. P. Gayne of Houston filed a petition in bankruptcy. He alleges he has

no assets save wearing apparel. A street car and a bakery wagon col-

the street car had a foot badly crush-

The Westside Street Railway comcompany of San Antonio, capital stock \$75,000, has filed its charter at Aus-

The 2-year-old child of F. W. Lack. farmer near Millsap, while playing near a tank of water tell in and was drowned. County Treasurer Prather's books

quarter ending Oct. 31, 1899, to be \$814.-15.47. The Home Forum Benefit Order of Illinois has been granted permission to

show Dallas county's cash balance for

Mrs. Nancy Miller, mother of Mayor Miller of Sulphur Springs, died in that city, aged 83 years. She was a pioneer, coming to Texas in 1836.

Dr. C. F. Ellis of Bairdstown, Lamar

insurance company.

county, was terribly kicked by one of his horses. He was rendered unconscious for several minutes. A large rock was thrown into a coach on the Texas and Pacific road

near Paris, hitting a passenger in the forehead inflicting a painful wound. Gus Sauter, proprietor o fa saloon and meat market at Houston, has fied a voluntary petition in bankruptcy.

Liabilities about \$41,000, assets \$20,000.

Mother Claude, who has been supe rior at the Gulf, Colorado and Sand utes and dwelt a good deal upon his Fe railway hospital at Temple, has own administration and the laws en- been transferred to Galveston. Sister

I. A. Mineir of Elisworth, near Sherman, captured a centipede the other day that was over thirteen inches in length and fully an inch across the broadest part of the back.

Reports continue to reach Austin of the further discovery of rich copper deposits near Burnet, in Burnet county, sixty miles west of Austin on the Austin and Northwestern railroad.

An application in voluntary bankruptcy was filed in the United States court at Fort Worth, by J. Bryant of but Capt. Shaw stepped forward and of Fort Worth. Liabilities are placed

A large gray wolf was seen six miles southwest of Paris a few days ago. It went into a ditch. J. W. Early procured a shotgun, slipped up to where it went into the ditch and firing killed

the brute. Jim Wilson, charged by indictment with murder, who has been in tall at Belton for two years and four months, has been released on \$5000 bond. He left at once on a visit to his father and mother, who reside in Mississippi. Col. J. W. Allison, president of the Ennis Oil Mill company, has returned to that city from a tour of Europe. His son, Andrew Allison, will soon go to

several oil mills in a number of cities. A fire which destroyed the four-story building occupied by Philip Rinn & Co.'s planing mill, Division and Crosby streets, Chicago, threatened the two big gas tanks of the People's Gas Light and Coke company, and for hours kept hundreds of residents in fear for their lives and property. Loss \$175,-

Europe to superintend the erection of

Mrs. Rosenberg of Galveston presented the convention of the Texas division of the Daughters of the Confederacy with a gavel made out of wood from the home of the late ex-President Jefferson Davis at Beauvoir. Miss.

Colored children near Jacksonville were playing with a lighted kerosene lamp when it exploded. One of their number, 10 years old, was covered with the burning oil and was so badly burned that his death followed after several hours of awful agony.

James Shapley of Houston was the successfu! bidder over eight competitors for building the Methodist church at Gonzales. It is to cost \$6457 and have every modern convenience. The windows are to be of stained glass and the seats will cost \$1000.

While W. S. Ellington was working in a Paris planing mill his left hand was caught in the joints. The second and third fingers were amputated and the tips of the other two fingers chop-

J. C. Denman was held up and relieved of \$35.60 by two highwaymen near Abb Springs, Kaufman county. He was riding horseback and stopped to let the animal drink. As he started to proceed one of the men seized his bridle and the other robbed him.

## BATTLE EXPECTED.

Will Probably Be Fought Very Soon Near Colenso.

AN EXPRESS CAR ROBBED.

White Man Held Up the Two Mesengers With a Pistal and Secured \$1700 in Cash.

London, Dec. 2.-There has been no fresh news from the seat of war since the original dispatch telling of a terrible conflict at Modder river. The censorship is most rigorous yet and London does not even know the result of the Modder river fight and con not tell whether it was a victory or defeat.

It looks very much as though the British had met with severe setbacks at the hands of Gen. Cronte.

In financial circles pessimistic views the prevailing and the continued silence and suppression of news is taken to indicate that the British suffered a heavy reverse. Meantime the from the western border to the forth-

as known in London, Ladysmith and paratory to a return to private life. Kimberley, as well as Mafeking, are still holding out.

#### A Musked Robber.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 2,-An unknown white man, closely masked, held up the two messengers in a Southern Express company's car last night and under cover of a revolver compelled them to give up \$1700 in cash. Eight thousand dollars in another safe was overlooked by the outlaw, who accomplished his work without any

The robbery took place near Branchville, N. C., on the Southern railway. The train had just left the station when Messengers Ramsey and Rhodes were covered with two revolvers held in the hands of the stalwart robber. One messenger was made to stand with his hands over his head and the other was commanded to hand over the money packages in the saie.

Seventeen hundred dollars was quickly secured and the robber, after warning the messengers not to put a foot outside of the car until the train had got under headway again, pulled bell cord and jumped off as the train slowed up. The conductor saw the robber escaping alongside the track but thinking him a tramp signaled the engineer shead.

When the train got under way the messengers came out and told their story. The car was a combination baggage and express and the door had been opened to permit the conductor to reach the baggage section, which was in the forward end of the car. The sheriff of Dorchester with six men and two hounds have been hurried to the scene of the robbery.

The emperor of Germany has been royally received in England.

Senor Andrade, Venezuelan minister to the United States, has resigned.

Hobart's Will

Paterson, N. J., Dec. 2.-The will of the late Vice President Garret A. Hobart was filed in the Passaic county surrogate's office yesterday. The value of the estate is not given, but it is understood to be about \$2,500,000. Of the estate Mrs. Jennie Hobart, the widow, receives \$1,000,000 and onehalf of the remainder after a number of bequests are paid; the son, Garret A. Hobart, Jr., inheriting the other half when he attains his majority. St. Joseph's hospital, the children's day nursery, St. Joseph's orphan asylum and Paterson orphan asylum, all of Paterson, receive \$5000 each. Hobart Tuttle, private secretary to

Gov. Voorhees, and a brother-in-law of the vice president, receives \$20,000; A. A. Wilcox, a close friend of Mr. Hobart receives \$10,000.

David Hobart, a brother of the late vice president, receives \$20,000, and to each of his two children is bequeathed \$10,000.

Are Invalid.

Ardmore, I. T., Dec. 2.-United States Judge Townsend said that the Chickessw and Choctaw nations claimed that the judgments of the court in granting 700 applicants the right to be oth nations were not parties in ship cases. He says the appeals to the court from the Dawes n were strictly in accordnee with the statute and the judgents of the courts have been by the supreme court of the United

Durant, I. T., Dec. 2.-News has wet reached here that Leonard Maher-77, a single man, aged about 35 years, to found at his house, two miles east of here Tuesday night, where he lived alone, and cultivated land belonging to J. P. Gardner. When found he was in bed with part of his clothes on and he had \$60 in his pockets. His body had evidently lain lifeless since nday night. It showed no marks violence and it is thought he died

Kentucky's Gubernatorial Vote.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 2.-The postponement of the official canvass of Kentucky's gubernatorial vote until Monday has, for the time being at least, cooled the surcharged political atmosphere in a very perceptible manner. It is not likely now that there will be any developments until the meeting of the election commissioners. Although both candidates for governor are in town, they are keeping quiet and their friends are emulating their example. There is no talking, save in the direction of surmise, regarding the possible action of the commissioners on Monday.

There is a deeply settled belief among both Democrats and Republicans that the commissioners will not turn the matter over to the legislature, but will surely issue a certificate to either Goebel or Taylor. If it is given to the former it is likely that the matter may end there, as many of the conservative Republicans are of the opinion that in view of the strong Democratic majority in the legislature, it will be useless for the Republicans to look for anything in that quar-

If the certificate goes to Taylor it is a certainty that the matter will be taken to the legislature, where Goebel may finally win out. The Republicans however, are by no means a unit in newspapers are turning their attention favor of abandoning the fight at the door of the legislature. Some of them coming battle of Natal, where Gen. are vehement in their assertions that Buller is believed to be at the present they will not abandon the fight until there is no possible chance of Taylor ▲ big battle will undoubtedly be being governor of the state. Gov. fought very soon near Colenso. The Bradley has evidently made up his British movements are exasperatingly mind that somebody will receive a cerslow in Natal, and Gen. Buller is un- tificate of election, for he was busily Coubtedly having many difficulties in engaged all day in packing up his pri-

> "They are making my last days my hardest days," he said, "out I guess leys. Two of the Americans were kill- inste Mr. Bryan. This will be enough. there will be no trouble. There are too many sensible men on both sides to prevent anything of that kind. I real- a flesh wound in the leg and his foot not be their allies. In such case we ly don't see how anything can be done to keep Mr. Taylor from the chair. He will go in all right."

It is not likely that the election commissioners will finish their work before Tuesday afternoon. Among the sug- he should procure the delivery to them gestions made regarding their probable line of action is that, sitting as an ish garrisons, undertaking, if this were election board, the commissioners accomplished to send the Spaniards will issue certificates of election to all the miner Republican officials, and then, resolving themselves into a contesting board, declare the Democratic claims of election to these offices to be valid and oust all the Republicans to whom certificates have been issued. It has already been held that a contesting board is powerless to decide a contest concerning a governor or lieutenant governor, and the fate of those two officials will be turned over to the legislature, the commissioners saying in effect to the legislature:

"We believe that they are unlawful umbents but we a e not the now er to remove them. It is up to you."

Wages Advanced.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 2 .- All the cotton manufacturers of this city represented in the Fall River association yesterday decided that they would grant an advance of 10 per cent in wages beginning on Monday. Dec. 11. The mill owners had intended to make an increase of only 5 per cent but the action of M. C. D. Borden of New York, the Fall River fron works, in posting notices on Wednesday ordering a raise of 10 per cent, backed up by the contention of the operatives, left nothing for the association but to follow Mr. Borden's order.

Drew Orphan, colored, was fatally shot at Ardmore, I. T.

Insurgents Surrendered

Washington, Dec. 2.—Considerable interest is felt here in the news that the insurgents at Bayambang have surrendered, particularly as the number is said to exceed that captured by the ambang is the city to which Aguinaldo one time contemplated retreating for the purpose of locating the rebel capital, after he was forced to flee from Tarlac, but the American troops presscarry out his intention. Gen. Otis' dispatch of yesterday reporting information received from Gen. Lawton said it indicated that Bayambang had been captured the 28th of November, and it is thought that this is the same place referred to in the Manila dispatch. No information regarding the surrender had been received at the war department yesterday up to an early

High water has made game plentiful near Paris.

Kingston, Jamaica, Dec. 2.-San Domingan mail advices under date of Nov. 26, report a condition of incipient popular, threatening further armed disturbances. Apparently the acts of the Jimines administration, particularly relative to financial matters, instead of winning the confidence or approval of he majority leaders of the national movement, which gave Jiminez prac-tically a bloodless victory over the followers of Herreaux, are exciting popular suspicion and distrust.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 2-Members of the executive committee of the Anti-Trust League will meet in Chicago Dec. 11 to fix the date for the anti-trust conference. Although the call has not been issued, the probability is that the conference will take place somt time in January. This conference will be among the anti-trust delegates to the

## GILMORE'S PARTY.

First Authentic Account of Their Experience Furnished

ESCAPED PRISONER.

They Were Bound Hand and Foot and Takes to San Isidro Came Near Belog

Shot to Death.

Manila, Dec. 1 .-- When the landing party from the United States battleship Oregon, under Lieut, Commande: McChackin, took the town of Vigan. province of llocos. last Sunday, they found there an escaped prisoner, A. L. Sonnenshein, who furnished the first authentic account of the experience of Lieut. James C. Gilmore of the United States steamship Yorktown, who, with a party of the Yorktown, was captured by the insurgents near Baler, on the east coast of Luzon, last April while making an examination of the mouth of the river in an armored boat.

Mr. Sonnenshein was imprisoned at Abra for a long time with Lieut. Gilwritten in naval cipher, dated Abra. Nov. 19. addressed to "Any Naval Officer," and saying: "You may have per-

tered.

Lieut. Gilmore asked the terms of release. The insurgents proposed that of the arms and munitions of the Spanand Americans to the Yorktown

A sailor of Licut. Gilmore's party carried this proposition to the garrison. The Spanish comandant replied that it was an insult to Spanish arms and expelled the sailor, a Spanish soldier, firing upon him as he went. The Americans were then bound hand and foot and taken to San Isldro, when Gen. Luna ordered their execution. in the presence of a great growd were aligned to be executed.

Lieut, Gilmore said. "As an American officer and gentleman, I protest against being shot with my hands tied."

Aguinaldo interfered and prevented the execution.

When Gen. Lawton approached San Isidro last June, the Americans were removed to Abra, where they were kept confined in cells for two months. Subsequently they were allowed greater liberty, but the report that Lieut. Gilmore was given a house and servant is untrue. He had the same quarters as the men and the Americans were given the same allowance as the Spanish prisoners-5 cents a day with which to buy rice and bananas virtually the only rations.

wrecken near Stovanger the other day, dustry

Kentucky Convention

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 1 .- The seventh district Democratic convention to nom-Evan E. Settle began at 10:30 yesterday morning and lasted until 10:30 lots had been taken without a choice.

The vote stands: John R. Allen 29. June W. Gayle 25, Ira Julian 20, Moody 20. Necessary to a choice, 58.

There was a hitch in the committee on resolutions. It is understood that J. R. Allen, leading candidate for the congressional nomination, in which he suppleted Goebel, is a dissenter from the platform as to the indorsement of the Goebel election law. Speeches of the leaders were loud to denunciation of Gov. Bradley for military interference and also against Judge Toney of Louisville for interfering with the Louisville election by injunction.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 1 .- The Conyears ago, was unveiled at Franklin Memphis, Dyersburg, and points all Millin, Congressman N. N. Cox. Dr. D. C. Kelly and others made addresses.

Ardmore, I. T. Dec. 1 -The cele brated Douglas case terminated at Purcell. The jury found Clarence B. Douglas, charged with the murder of James Williams, not guilty, after a few hours' deliberation. The trial has attracted considerable attention in the Indian Teritory and Texas. The deSilver Republicans Meet.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 1.-The silver Reunblicans in conference here Tuesday and Wednesday, planned, it is announced, to ally themselves with and nake use of the "anti-imperialism" igitation, especially in the eastern states, where the silver issue does not attract. Co-operation with Edward Atkinson's following will be sought. The purpose of the silver Republicans is to gain, if posible, with this new issue a foothold in the eastern states, so that their party can more truly claim to be a national organization, and thus become a more effective whip for holding the Democrats to the Bryan and 16 to I lines. This is one reason why the silver Republicans want to hold a big national convention of 2000 or more delegates next year. Confirmation of this plan came yesterday from ex-Senator Dubois of Idaho, chairman of the silver Republican executive com-"There is no place for Republican

anti-imperialists of New England and he coast to go except to our party." said Mr. Dubois. "The assured composition of the United States senate for several years convinces them that silver legislation cannot be passed for many years yet. On anti-imperialism and kindred questions they are at once with us. I am satisfied they will come to us. I expect to see Former Gov. more and seven sailors, but contrived Boutwell of Massachusetts, Edward to escape, carrying a concealed note Atkinson and men like them sitting as delegates to our convention. We have planned for a big convention of 2000 or more. Our convention, if held at the fect confidence in anything the bearer same place and time as the Democratic says." The note was signed, "Gil- convention, will be a powerful stimulus against any concessions by that According to Mr. Sonnenshein, when party to the forces of unrighteousness. Lieut. Gilmore's launch entered the We have not much to fear on this setting his troops in condition. So far vate property in the state house pre- river from Baler harbor under cover of score, however. We are pretty well Ensign W. H. Standley's gun, the satisfied that the Democrats will relanding was received with three vol- affirm the platform of 1896 and renomed and two mortally wounded. Every If, however, they should seek to evade man was hit. Lieut. Gilmore receiving or subordinate the silver issue, we will stuck fast in the mud. It was a choice will do what many silver Republicans between surrender and being slaugh. wanted to do in 1896-establish a separate organization and nominate a separate fieldet."

Texas Sheriff Detained.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 1.-Sheriff A. D. Shrawsbury of Sherman, Tex., has been arrested by the Sheriff of Whitis county, Tennessee. He was here last night on his own recognizance to secure the aid of Gov. McMillin in straightening out an interesting legal entanglement.

Sheriff Shrewsbury holds requisition papers for two men wanted in Texas for minor offenses alleged to have been committed several years ago, and his. attempt to proceed under this authority. They were marched to the plaza and has caused the trouble. He made his arrests in DeKalb county on Wednesday and started at once for Texas. At Sparta, where a stop was made over night, the officer was awakened late at night by service of a writ of habea corpus issued by Judge Smith of White county, ordering the surrender of the prisoners on the ground of illegal de-

iail and securing his prisoners, wasstopped by the Tennessee sheriff, who arrested him charging illegal attempt to remove prisoners.

The war department has arranged to have the transport Victoria leave Seattle for San Francisco, there to take on board a load of animals for the Philip-

Gen. Wood has assured the Cuban planters that he will do what he can The British steamer Shiflito was to rehabilitate the Cuban sugar in-

High Price for Beef

Denver, Col., Dec. 1 .- The record price on range beef cattle for the present year and probably for the past fiften years was made in Denver yestercant by the death of Congressman day, when a bunch of twelve Rereford steers, born and raised in North Park, Col., was sold by Clay Robinson & Co. last night, when, after sixty-three bal- to the Colorado Packing Company for \$5.75 per 100 pounds. The steers averan adjournment until to-day was had, aged a weight of 1552 pounds each and brought the owners \$89,25 each. They were bred from range cows and regitered Hereford bulls, and were 3 and years old. They were bred by Monte Blevens of North Park, Col., and were the property of his children.

The highest price recorded in this country this year on grass-fed cattle was \$5.50, paid in Chicago recently. The price paid here would be equal to \$6 per 100 pounds in Chicago. This is the where since 1882. The steers in question were fattened on the range and have never eaten anything but hay and grass.

To Free John P. Ress Indianapolis. Ind., Dec. 1.-Nation-

al Organizer Christopher Evans of the at the battle of Franklin thirty-six United Mine Workers, and Editor W. C. Scott of the United Mine Workers yesterday in the presence of 10,000 Journal, yesterday declared that evpeople. Visitors were present from erything within the power of the national order would be done to free over middle Tennessee. Gen George John P. Reese, who is now undergoing W. Gordon of Memphis was the prin- a three months' jail sentence at Fort cipal orator of the day, but Gov. Mc. Scott, Kan. "We have over \$30,000 in our national treasury," said Mr. Evans, "and no stone will be left unturned to take care of Reere."

Kingston, Jamaica, Dec. 1.-Colombian advices received here by streading throughout the Colombian republic is gaining strength. Details as the movements of the liberals are lacking, but the stereotyped censored fendant was given two previous trials. both resulting in hung juries. Self-defense was alleged by the defendant's surgents are avoiding action until the

TEN HOURS' FIGHT.

THE SHELLS DO GREAT DAMAGE.

" 'Modder River, Tuesday, Nov. 28,-Reconnoitered at 5 a. m., enemy's position on river Modder and found them strong, entrenched and concealed. No means of outflanking, the river being full. Action commenced with artillery mounted infantry and cavalry at 5:30 guards on right, ninth brigade on left, attacked position on widely extended formation at 6:30 supported by the

'The naval brigade rendered great

"'After desperate, hard fighting which lasted ten hours our men, without water or food, and in the burning gallantly assisted by 300 sappers.

fights in the annals of the British army. If I can mention one arm particularly, it is the two batteries of ar-

says that Gen. Metheun's dispatch to the queer after the battle of Mool

"The battle was the bloodiest of the century. The British shelled the enemy out of the trenches and then charged. The result was terrible."

Terrible Railway Accident. jured at the hospital in Paterson, of whom some will probably die, while some of those seriously injured were

Mary Roe of Ithlea N. V. and two daughters; Walter Welbrook, Cornell college, Ithaca; Miller Craig, New York city; unknown woman. The body that was thought to be that

of a boy proved to be a young daughter of Mrs. Roe. All the bodies have been removed to

The Buffalo express was waiting for local train to move that had been the express but a short distance bethe passengers on them being either in the direction of Rockland. killed or injured.

Th engine of the Phillippsburg train was completely wrecked, the engineer and fireman jumping.

Supposed Conspiracy. Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 30 .- The Com-

nercial-Appeal says: Tuesday night a telegram worded

spiracy set on foot by those who inof the sender of the telegram has been a request that an effort be made to uncover the whole transaction.

Congressman R. C. DeGraffenried went north on the Texas Midland Tuesday night on his way to Washington for the opening of congress. Mr. DeGraffenried states that hereafter he will make his home in Greenville. He spent most of the fall there.

Washington, Nov. 30 .- Both the men concluded and only the treaty between Great Britain and Germany

Mrs. Jesse Shain, a prominent lady of McKinney, is dead.

London, Nov. 30 .- A list of the Brit

Officers killed 4, wounded 22; 1 commissioned officers and privates killed 46, wounded 225, of which number the guards had 35 kiled and 159

A revised list of the casualties sus

Port Vingan Captured.

Manila. Nov. 30 .- A dispatch from Namacapacan, province of Union, dated Sunday, Nov. 26, says;

"The Oregon, Samara and Callao, with 160 blue jackets and marines ported in the Indian Territory. from the Oregon, captured the port of Vigan, province of South Holes, north of here. The Samara and Callao ran close in shore, a few shots were fired and then the Samara. Callao and Oregon engaged in a sharp bombardment of Vignan. The firing, from the shore ceased almost immediately and the sailors and marines with a field piece were landed. It is reported that 1700 insurgents under Gens. Tino and Pilar are massed at Taguden, ten miles north and it has been concluded to wait at Namacapacan for the rest of force was still at Namacapan Sunday. but a move north was expected to take place Monday. Two companies of the robbed of their contents. thirty-third volunters are on their way macapan. A later dispatch rfom Namacapan. A later dispatch rfom Namacapan says that when the blue jackets and marines landed at Vigan they, found that the insurgents had fled. The

their way north. Gen. Young with three troops of the third cavalry and a small detachment of Maccabees, commanded by Lieuts. Hall. Quinlan and Blount arrived at Namacanan from San Fernandino de Union Thursday, Nov. 23.

navy will hold the town until re-

There they received news of Agui-Tuesday, Nov. 21, while Gen. Young struction of railways. was waiting at San Fernandino, twenty miles south. The rebel chief is now, are reticent as to the reasons for the believed to be hiding in Abra province, recall of Prof. Stiles of the United When Aguinaldo passed through Na- States embassy at Berlin. macapacan all his talk was in favor of continuing the war.

Philadelphia's Big Blaze. Philadelphia, Nov. 30 .- Nearly \$2,-

000 000 worth of property was destroybusiness section of the city yester-

The greater of the two fires started Nov. 10. in the department store of Partridge & Richardson, at the southeast corner press of Torreon, the largest establishof Eighth and Filbert streets, the very ment of its kind in Mexico, was totally a. m., and before the flames had been estimated at \$400,000. put under control they spread to adof about \$1,700,000.

While this fire was in progress and spreading every moment, another fire excessive taxes on coffee. broke out four blocks away on the bound from Phillipsburg, N. J., to fourth floor of No. 419 Market street. Jersey City. At least six people were The loss at this fire is estimated at

In Memory of Hobart.

City of Mexico, Nov. 30,-A largely patended meeting of the American Methodist Episcopal church to take ac- railroad men in the country, dropped tion regarding the death of Vice-Presi dent Hobart. Ambassador Clayton Ky. made an address referring eloquently

resolutions were adopted. The annual Thanksgiving ball of the American residents here has been postponed to Jan. 1 on account of the death of Vice-President Hobart.

The surveying corps of the Texas delayed at the station, and the Phil- and New Orleans railroad has finished ippsburg accommodation was following the location of the line from Athens to the neches river, a distance of thirhind. The two rear cars of the ex- ty-one miles. They left for Nacogpress were broken to pieces, most of doches, where they go to run a line

> Miss Lula Bailey suicided near Goszales.

> > Anti-Imperialist Document.

Boston, Mass., Nov. 30.-Erving Winslow, secretary of the anti-imperialistic league, has issued the followas follows and signed by a New York ing, which he says is a Thanksgiving

"Lovers of liberty who would rather less, use it to pray that he who has telegram was sent to every important day of shame, may be brought to re- preceding year of \$102,617,000.

Speaker Arraigned.

Lansing, Mich., Nov. 30 .- Edward J Adams of Grand Rapids, speaking of the house of representatives, was arraigned yesterday afternoon under two grand jury indictments, charging him along. respectively with receiving \$20,000 and \$600 in the alleged boodling law library transactions. Mr. Adams pleaded not guilty, reserving the privilege of changing the plea if so advised by counsel. He gave \$3000 bail.

A Coton Belt switch engine exploded at Texarkana. Nobody hurt.

Havana, Nov. 30 .- La Lucha in

ditorial on the situation in Cuba says: "There will be neither revolt nor insurrection. Matters are in a grave condition, but not alarmingly so. The judicious behavior of all persons of influence will prevent violence or sensationed developments. There has been no outbreak of armed men in any part of the island, and as a matter of fact the people in the rural districts intend to squeich say attempt at a rising."

Washington, Nov. 30 .- The Cuban ndustrial commission, Senor Montalvo and Senor Figueras, accompanied Mr. Wm. O. McDowell, president of the luban league, yesterday had a confernce with Postmaster General Smith in the interest of interstate postal rates with Cuba. They pointed out that ing in North America to and' from which foreign rates of postage were

EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

Washington is lively-congress in Considerable whisky peddling is re-

Smallpox prevails at Wilburton,

Newbury, Calvin and Poteau, I. T. J. W. Cathron, who was shot near Guthrie, Ok., after lingering a week Anti-Christian uprisings are report-

ed among the natives in the Chi Nang Fu district. China. Fire at Boston navy yard destroyed

the building used as the bonding shed Loss about \$100,000. It is reported that 10,000 troops will

The postoffice at Atoka, i. T., was broken into and several mail-boxes

leave Odessa to reinforce Russian gar-

Michael Davitt, the well known Irish leader, was badly injured in London by being thrown from his carriage.

In a wreck on the Wheeling and Lake Erie railway near Coshocton, O., three persons were killed and twenty injured. Calvin DeVolf one of the earliest of lieved by the troops which are on, the western abolitionists, was found dead in bed at his home in Chicago

> aged 84 years. The remains of Maj. Guy Howard, son of Gen. C. C. Howard, killed in the Philippines, were sent to Omaha, Neb., and there interred.

The ministry of Queensland has renaloo, from which it appears that he signed as the outcome of a vote of the passed north through Namacapacan assembly in connection with the con-The officials of the state department

> William Tucker engineer at Bohanan's cotton gin at Etonah, Ok., was caught in a belt and whirled around a score of times, fatally injuring him.

State Health Officer Joseph Y. Pored by two fires in the heart of the ter of Florida raised the quarantine against Port Tampa and Port Tampa City, which has been in effect since The Aliana soap factory and oil

center of the shopping district, at 6:30 destroyed by fire recently. The loss is The Brazilan government has notijoining property and caused a loss fied the French, Italian and Spanish governments that Brazil will henceforth adopt differential tariffs against

> Maj. Gen. Miles, commanding the army, has returned to Washington after a tour of inspection, which included the fortification on the Pacific coast and the gulf of Mexico.

Edgar Hill, traffic manager of the Louisville, Henderson and St. Louis colony was held last night at Trinity railway, and one of the best known

The city council of Guthrie, Ok., has to the late statesman, and appropriate granted a franchise to the American District Telegraph company to put in a system of messenger service, fire and police alarm, with call boxes in every part of the city.

> On account of smallpox in the Indian Territory the postmaster general has ordered the mail fumigated at South McAlester, McAlester, Krebe, Alderson, Wilburton, Cherryvale, Hartshorne, Calvin and Atoka,

Gen. B. C. Vance, aged 71 years, a brother of the late United States Senstor Zeb. Vance, and for twelve years a representative in congress from his congressional district died at Alexander. N. C., from diabetes.

Senator Albace, formerly minister of public works, has formed a new Chilian cabinet in succession to the liberal ministry.

Commissioner Geo. E. Wilson of the internal revenue bureau, in his report to the secretary of the treasury of the operations of his office for the fiscal slim margins and crash looked for. Can guilty usurper, to-day will, neverthe- year ended June 30, 1890, shows that the receipts from all sources aggrega-It has been learned that a similar given America her first Thanksgiving | ted \$273,484,573, an increase over the

The United States transport Sherman arrived at San Francisco from the Philippines. The trip occupied but twenty-five days. There were eighteen passengers and 194 discharged and sick men on board. Eight died on the voyage. The dead bodies were brought

Capt. Charles H. Davis, on behalf of himself and crew, has brought suit in the district court of the District of Columbia to recover the prize money amounting to \$62,795, earned in Porto Rican waters during the Spanish war. He commanded the Wasp.

A telegram from New York to President Kelly of the board of trustees of the Carnegie library of Atlanta, Ga. armounces that Andrew Garnegie b given \$25,000 to the building fund of the library here bearing the iron man facturer's rame.

Out of respect to the memory of late Vice-President Hobart, the pre-dent has canceled all his social gagements for the present. The m bers of the cabinet have done lib and the administration will ob

Wallace Ross, the ex-carse at the Charing Cross hospital, Lo after a brief illuces. He had been the Eariscourt exhibition and wa preparing to return home. buried at Fulham.

Goo, W. Colbert, one of the prominent citizens of the Ch iers, I. T. He was in Paris the fore on his way home from one of farms in the Chickenny country ab

Boers Fought Desperately, but Not Able to Win.

The English Force Encountered Fully Eight Thousand Opponents and Slaughtea Was Terrible.

London Nov. 30 -The war office has recived the following dispatch the reinforcements. The American risons in the far east. from Gen. Buller: "Cape Town, Tuesday, Nov. 28.-Gen Metheun reports:

artillery found itself in front of the whole Boer force 8000 strong with two large guns, four Krupps, etc.

assistance from the railway.

sun, made the enmy quit his position. Gen. Pole-Carew was successful in getting a small party across the river. " 'I speak in terms of high praise of the conduct of all who were engaged in one of the hardest and most trying

A special dispatch fromn Windsor

New York, Nov. 30 .- The eastbound Buffalo express on the Delaware, Lackawana and Western railroad while standing outside the station at Paterson, N. J., last night was run into by a swiftly moving accommodation train killed and there are now twenty in- \$110,000.

able to go to their destination. Following is the list of dead: Mrs.

the morgue.

individual was received at this office: greeting to the president: "Reported in New York cotton market heavily overbought by south on be the hunted patriot than the blood-

cotton center in the south. It is pentance and a better mind." thought that this is a part of the conserted the sensational advertisement in the New York papers. The name sent to responsible New York firhm.

British and the German ambassadors called at the state department yesterday and had conferences with Secretary Hay. Although the matters of difference respecting Samoa between the three powers are of minor importance, the negotiations have not yet has yet been signed.

ish casualties at Belmont shows:

tained by Gen. Hildyard's forces at the battle of Beacon Hill shows: Killed 13, wounded 64, missing 1, prisoners

# THE MISSING STAR OF BETHLEHEM

CHURCH STORIES.

nified Elder.

was to sing "Ora Pro Nobis," but at

the last moment she changed her mind

and a note was passed to the chairman

intimating that she would give "The

Song That Reached My Heart." He

thereupon made the following an-

nouncement: "Miss Brown will now

#### Strange Conditions on the Surfaces of Our Neighbors in Space Which Would Make Life Entirely Different From Our Own.

"Behold, there came wise men from | Innumerable hast of little moons milthe east to Jerusalem, saying, where is he that is born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east and are come to worship him." So much says the Gospel of Matthew about the star of Bethlehem. Legend on the one hand has busied itself with the simple story, weaving around it wonderful details, and skepticism on the other hand has denied it altogether or sought a rational explanation of

The astronomer, appealed to, can ondy say he does not know. Asked if the brilliant temporary star that blazed in the noonday sky in 1572, and that is credited, wrongly it seems, with having converted Tyche Brahe from law to astronomy, may not be the same star that was seen in 942, and the same that heralded the birth of Christ, he thinks it is not probable; it did not appear again in 1886, as it should have done if it were the same, and he finds no evidence of identity. Continually pestered with letters about it, the Greenwich observatory issues its circular, and declines to be "interviewed" more.

The belief in the kindly interest of the heavenly bodies in our affairs yields unwillingly, however, to the cold negation of science. If not the stars. surely the planets must gather together to witness our Christmastide. Surely possible. While in Mars a man who they must, many think, stand round the sun in the same orderly array at Christmas as when the good tidings were proclaimed. How would they look, seen from a distant star? What sees "Arcturus, as he drives his hounds round the pole in their leash of fire?" Alas! It can only be answered, he probably sees nothing. If we could take the awful journey from here to the nearest star, long before we could reach it our glorious sun would have faded almost out of sight. All his planets quite difficulty be found at all.

Let us take the wings of Milton's sublime archangel and fly away toward a not very brilliant star. And we have the bright group of stars, Orion, that traveled only four hours with the shines now in our eastern evening sky. speed of light. Let us go on and on Let us fly with the speed of light. In four hours we shall reach the last out- lies the beautiful constellation, the post of the sun's planetary kingdom. Scorpion, which we see in our southbut not for more than three years yet shall we reach the nearest star. At this outpost let us pause and look back. Our dazzling sun is no bigger than the red planet Mars which we see in the northeast tonight. And the planets? They have all shrunk to little pale dots. Only a few of them can be found at all.

If we had halted half way out, where the little new planet that we call D. Q. rolls in his strange orbit round the sun, now coming in almost as near as the earth and again retreating beyond Mars, we should not have seen much The sun would have been brighter, but the planets, except the pearest ones would have been no bigger. Only if we could get the sun to reduce his giant bulk and dim his overpowering rays could we see the members of the family that surround him. On these conditions such a picture as the one shown here would be seen. Thus our system would appear grouped at this Christmas season, except that proportion has been sacrificed in our picture. The sun is a thousand times too small for his planets; the planets are ten thousand times too large for the distance between them.

lions upon millions, making a solid arch of light across the sky.

If we should try to move about on these strange surfaces, how varied our experiences would be! Nowhere, probably, should we find our green hills and pleasant streams. On our nearest neighbor, the moon, would be vast plains where not a hill could be seen. all perfectly destitute of moisture, vegetation or animal life, and ending suddenly in awful mountains equally desolate, and so precipitous as to be impassable by the foot of man. On mountains and valleys, with all their charm of scenery, has probably hardly commenced, and we should find ourselves alternately plodding over vast hot level plains and plashing through scalding lakes and seas, surrounded by a life, if there be any life at all, totally unlike any that we have ever seen, but perhaps partially imaginable to those who have seen geologists' pletures of the early life on our globe. such as it was millions of years before man made his advent.

And at last, if all other difficulties of existence were removed, the difficulty of overpowering weight would on some of these orbs, make life, that is to say our life, hard or utterly imcarries his own weight, say of 140 pounds, would weigh only seventy, and could skip lightly and merrily on its surface, on Jupiter, his weight increased to 350 pounds, he could scarcely drag his feet along, and on the sun his legs would be crushed under his

This is as near as we can now judge, from a knowledge that is on some points perfect and on others very uncertain, how our companion planets would appear if we could visit them; blotted out, he would himself with but seen from where we halted just now in our vast journey they would be but pale, almost invisible moons round in our flight toward Orion. Behind u ern sky during the summer, surround-



That the lion and the lamb will never lie down together is a matter on which the most optimistic can have little doubt, says the New York Herald. One is not surprised when such sing 'Ora Pro Nobis,' which, being noble animals as the dog and horse translated, means 'The Song That affiliate, nor the equally interesting cat Jupiter the shrinking that makes | Reached My Heart." The Rev. Ed- and monkey, for they have much in ward Struitt was addressing a foreign | common, and many of them, but that missionary meeting at a Liverpool Tabby and a chicken should fraternize church and emphasized the fact that in with the utmost good will is surely his missionary days he preached in the worthy of remark. A subburbanite vernacular-not in Anglo-Indian city | had a pet hen, who, mounting into her churches to his own countrymen. He lap, with cackles of delight, would dewas asked on the road home by a lady, posit its morning offering in the im-Three hundred years agone.
Had played at a royal game of chess,
And the church had been a pawn!
And so the cruel ward was story who dressed well enough to know bet- provised nest. The creature was finalter, whether "the vernacular was a ly set in a special box in the carriage

French Gown in Royal Blue Brondeloth and easily governed. Those who pull presiding at a charitable concert, says the London Chronicle. A Miss Brown

FOR HOME AND WOMEN

ITEMS OF INTEREST FOR MAIDS AND MATRONS.

-Flannel Dressing Gown-The Care

of the Bedroom-Age and Marriage-

The Way of the World.

A youth would marry a maiden, For fair and fond was she;

And so it might not be.

A lady never could wear-

And so it might not be.

A man who had worn a spur,

But she was rich, and he was poor,

Her mother held it firm-A gown that came of an Indian plant,

Instead of an Indian worm: And so the cruel word was spoken; And so it was two hearts were bro

A youth would marry a maiden,
For fair and fond was she;
But he was high, and she was low,

In ancient battle won.
Had sent it down with great renown
To good his future son!

And so it was two hearts were broken

For fair and fond was she: But their sires disputed about the Mass.

The Care of the Redroom.

The bedroom is often neglected, es-

are not used the creased slips may be

exchanged for fresh day cases and the

former laid aside for evening use

again. The bed is not all that needs

close care in the sleeping room. The

dusting is far more important than

most people suspect. The fluff and

dust that accumulate everywhere are

favorite resting places for disease

germs, and for this reason the bits of

pretty drapery the bric-a-brac and all

other ornaments are not to be com-

mended in a bed chamber. Every

piece of furniture should be carefully

wiped off each day with a soft cloth.

which should be shaken out the win-

dow. Once a week the room should

receive a thorough sweeping, when

every article should be moved and no

nook or corner left unbrushed. The

receptacles for waste water should be

washed and scalded every day in sum-

mer; also sunning when possible. The

wash clothes, too, should be washed

and scalded to keep them from sour-

ing. Soiled clothes should never be

left in a sleeping room; they will so

soon contaminate the atmosphere

Shoes and other articles of apparel will

soon gather dust and look very untidy.

When these precautions have been

closely followed there will never be

found in a bedroom the close, unpleas-

ant odor so often noticed even in hand-

some but stuffy sleeping rooms. These

malodors are not only disagreeable, but

positively unhealthy, especially for

plainer and simpler the furnishing the

Age and Marriage.

A woman's prospect of marriage is

distinctly affected by age. The statis-

tics of all countries show that the

great majority of women marry be-

tween the ages of 20 and 30. Before

reaching 20 a woman has, of course, a

delicate persons and children.

easier it is to keep in order,

And so the cruel word was spoken;

A youth would marry a maiden,

And so it might not be,

Our Cooking School.

#### A SINGULAR FRIENDSHIP.

The Cat Sat on the Hen's Eggs with Regularity.

And so the cruel word was spoken; And so it was two hearts were broken. —J. G. Saxe. pecially in winter, yet next to the kitchen it is the most important room in the house, for a large part of one's life is passed there. The bed should first have all the coverings stripped off onto two chairs set at the foot. The mattress should be doubled so the air may get to all parts. With the windows open the room should be left for an hour at least, except in severe weather. Each piece of bedclothing should be well shaken before it is returned to the bed, and the pillows beaten and patted into shape. The white spread, which should have been removed and folded when the bed was prepared for use the night before is now fresh and smooth. If pillow shams

FRENCH COWN IN ROYAL BLUE EROADCLOTH

vest of pale fawn cloth. The straps on corsage is edged with ecru guipure.

Over emerald-green silk, with a tucked The fetching bonnet is of fawn velvet, faced with black velvet, and trimmed the shoulders are of blue velvet, which with black feathers and huge pink roses.

also forms the belt. The top of the cine. It is very important that a nurse should never put her judgment in opposition to that of the attending physi-

cian, for such a course is not only discourteous, but the life of the patient is endangered thereby. The nurse is out of place as a critic in the sick room, her duty being to be true to the patient and the patient's physician, disregarding all temptations from meddlesome friends to be otherwise. A nurse should be careful to enforce all directions of the physician, even though they seem unimportant. She should be gentle and quiet of demeanor,

Tollet Lore.

Glycerine, borax and rose water for chapped hands. Proportions: Onethird glycerine to two-thirds rose water and added to this a pinch of powdered borax. Drop over hands before drying.

Toilet cream for nightly massage: Lanoline, two ounces, cocoa butter, two ounces; glycerine, two ounces; rose water, two and a half ounces; elder flower water, two and a half ounces. Melt lanoline and cocoa butter in double boiler. Add glycerine and when cooling both toilet water. Perspiration that annoys may be greatly helped by the use of saleratus. The part affected rub with this ingredient after the skin has been wet. Leave on until chemical action takes place, say until after the bath. It can be applied when bath is not to be

taken.-Philadelphia Inquirer. Flannel Dressing Gown

Dressing gown in fine blue flanne edged with hems of white silk; open stitches of pale gold connect the hem:

When washing dishes be careful that

stiffness to linen, When washing fvory or pearl han quickly dry each knife, never letting | cellent.

to administer these as well as medi- | the handle get wet, else they will surely be discolored.

The house broom cannot have too much care exercised in keeping it clean. It is a fertile breeding place for the germs of grip, scarlet fever and other diseases. To clean wall paper brush it in

straight lines with a broom, over which a soft, clean cloth has first been fastened; then wipe downwards lightly with slices of stale bread.

A novel combination made with handsome silk petticoats consists in cutting them out in the form of a princess dress, the corsage being decollete and the corsage cover also, so that it shall match the petticoat, thus doing away with everything that tends to encumber and increase the figure, The material which plays the most prominent part is cloth—cloth every where, but in almost endless variety. The new shades are the struensee, a soft bluish gray; the sous marin, a similar but darker shade; the snob, a pretty drab; the gendarme, a rather dark blue; the marchand, a fine pine red, and many other new shades, among them being holly green and teuf-teut, something akin to garnet .-Le Mode de Style,

The Pink Tipped Ear. There seems to have come the craze for earrings and with it women are beginning to discover that a small and delicately shaped ear, pink tipped, is one essential element of beauty. A pink-tipped ear is as becoming as a rosy cheek. I think it was Mrs. Kendall who set us this lesson, upon the occasion of her first visit. Many a girl is remembering the lesson now, and, while she may scorn powder, she cannot resist touching the tips of her ears with a bit of rouge. A woman with pale ears may be safely set down as one whose heart is hard to reach. it is said, while she whose cars are pink along the curled rims and downy lobes is a creature of sympathetic and

OUR COOKING SCHOOL.

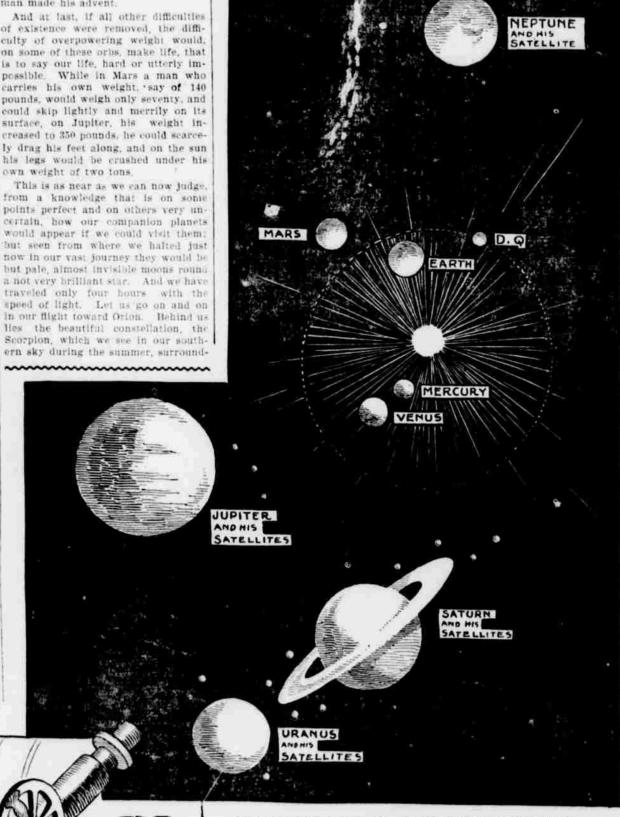
responsive temperament.

Beef Roll. Take 1 lb, beef steak (or pieces of inferior beef), 1/2 lb. lean ham or bacon, 14 lb. bread crumbs, a little more than half a grated nutmeg, pepper and sait to taste. Mince and mix well together, adding two beaten eggs; make in the shape of a sausage roll; tie very tightly in a cloth, and boil for three hours. Glaze and serve cold.

Boil any kind of meat until tender. Then separate from bones and chop. Sprinkle with pepper and sage if desired, and sait the liquor in which you boil the meat. Put the chopped meat back in the liquor, and while boiling stir in meal until of the consistency of mush. Pour in milk crock, and when cold slice and fry. It is

very nice for breakfast. Collared Fowl. Boil the fowl in sufficient water to

cover it until the ment comes off the bones easily. The head and feet and any other bones may be boiled with it to improve the stock, also a large onion stuck with 3 or 4 cloves and a bunch of herbs. Oil a mould, place round it slices of ham or bacon cooked, and three hard boiled eggs cut into slices, fill the mould with the fowl cut up in pieces after removed from the bones. Have soaked in readiness 1 os. of lainglass, or gelatine in a little water for an hour. Add it to 1% pints of the stock, hot, with a little sauce, pepper salt to taste, and pour over the meat; fill quite full, and when cold turn one into a dish. This is a delicious dish for breakfast or supper. Rabbit may be done in the same way, and is es-



THE PLANETS AND THE MISSING STAR OF BETHLEHEM

asked his curate to read out the fol- terest for the coming brood. One lowing "notice": "There will be bapat 11:30: also on and after Sunday next the new ancient and modern hymn book will be used." When the time came the curate transposed the two sentences, giving the baptism notice last, whereupon the vicar, who was somewhat deaf, seeing that his assistant had concluded his reading. rose and said: "And the latter may be purchased at the vicarage, is each, or, with extra-strong back, 18d."

#### ODD ROMANCE

Of Fairview Farm, a Famous Place Near Gallatin, Tennesses

"The famous Fairview farm, which is situated about six miles from my home," said J. R. Smith of Gallatin, Tenn., "and which is now owned by Charley Read, who some years ago ran a clubhouse at Saratoga, formerly belonged to a man named Benjamin Franklin, who married a famous southern beauty. The story of her marriage to Franklin was a romantic one. It seems that in company with a schoolmate she visited Fairview during Franklin's absence, and while there she took off a diamond ring and wrote her name on a window pane. Her companion asked why she had done this, and she replied that it was her method of taking possession of the premises. She wanted her friend to advise her when Franklin returned. This was done, and she immediately came back to Gallatin, and shortly afterward married Franklin. After Franklin's death she married a man named Acklin, and he in turn dying also, she took for her third husband Mr. Cheatham. Her granddaughter is Miss Kitty Cheatham, who was well known a short time ago in New York. when she was a member of Augustin Daly's company."

Substitutes for Carriages. Durban, Natal, is likely to come in for a part of the South African campaign. It is the popular winter resort. The suburbs are on a range of hills overlooking the ocean, and the residences, some of them superb, are

very hot part of India." A vicar had | house, and the family waited with influffy mass leap from the box and the tism for children on Thursday morning | morning they noticed the hen at breakfast, and again, half an hour later, the fowl was strutting about, in apparent indifference to her cooling eggs, "She'll make no setter," was the disgusted comment, "She's been too pampered. Following her to the carriage house, the woman was just in time to see a hen serenely take its place on the nest. This continued throughout the three weeks. When Madam Hen took her morning constitutional Tabby would obligingly keep house and look after her interests, leaving the moment the little lady returned.

#### The Stay-at-Homes.

John Habberton in the Saturday Evening Post: The stay-at-home millions look quite as strong, capable and cheerful as the thousands whom they have been envying for months. They may have been fully as desirous of change and diversion as were the people who dropped work and care for a time; still more, they have found what they wanted-not so much, perhaps, as they longed for, but enough, apparently, for all practical purposes, for a little variety can work wonders in a tired mind and body. The railway brakemen and the drivers of the country coaches-men who work almost unceasingly when they are not eating or sleeping-have stronger muscles and lungs and hearts than the thousands of young men whom they have transported one way or the other in search of exercise. The women who have worked in the kitchens and dining-rooms of the country hotels and boarding-houses have eyes as bright and complexions as good as their city sisters who have lounged on piazzas and under the trees. The merchants and clerks who have returned to the city find the porters and office boys as alert and healthy as themselves; quite frequently the stay-at-homes seem fitter for work than the men who have been away to "brace up" for a

Indian scouts among the Nez Perces and Umatillas are being enlisted for the Philippine service.-Ex.

new, long chase of the elusive dollar.

tions raised by parents or friends to marriage at a tender age frequently outweigh the desire of the young woman to acquire a husband, and lead her to defer the wedding day. All the statistics that have been gathered bear out the statement that a woman's best chance to marry is at the age of 25, that over six-tenths of the marriages take place between 20 and 30, and consequently that a woman's chance increases up to 25, and steadily decreases after that age until it reaches the vanishing point somewhere about 60. Out of 1,000 married women 149 marry before the age of 20, 680 between 20 and 30, 111 between 30 and 40, the woman in the thirties having not so good a chance as the girl in her teens; between the ages of 40 and 50 the falling off is enormous, only 41 in 1,000 con tracting an alliance in that decade, while past 50 the chances still further diminish, for the woman who has celebrated the semi-centennial of her birth has only nineteen chances in a thousand.

Girlhood's Charm.

The woman who keeps the simplicity of her girlhood, its generous impulses and quick sympathies, and who adds to her gifts the enlargement of study and the crown of experience, is always at her best and never past it. When the exterior attractions of form and color diminish and depart, as they mostly do, the radiance of our inner illumination will more than compensate their departure, But, in order that this should be so,her moral must equal her intellectual gain. She must be willing to learn not only her own powers but her own defects also, and to court the good influences which can kelp her to escape from the delusions of sense and the fatal tyranny of self-consciousness. She must discard the petty measures of vanity and self-seeking, and learn to love her race, her country, and the humanity which she should help to adorn.

Points for Home-Made Nurses. A good nurse has both mental and physical strength well developed, and withal is honest and faithful. Those who would be handy and hence useful in the sick room should know how to prepare drinks and nourishment for the sick in variety, and above a!! how

chance of matrimony, but the objec-

with a narrow gold and white braiding in the inner edge.

Household Hints.

hand-painted china and china with gilt ornamentation is not left to stand in hot water, as it will injure the decoration sooner or later. When rubbing up the stoves at fall

cleaning, don't forget that the isinglass windows may be most quickly and thoroughly brightened by using vinegar and water. Rub them quickly with a soft rag dipped in the vinegar and water, being careful to go well into the corners. This will keep the win-

dows clean for a long time. A little powdered borax added to cold starch, it is said, will give extra

dled knives never put the handles in the water. Clean the knife blade and

these bodies in turn, what unimmable differences of scene, of climate, of all conceivable conditions, ald present themselves. Scorched Mercury by a burning sun, with goven times the heat that he pours Neptune, with nine hundred times winter's cold. Marching on the terless moon for two weeks at a n under a dazzling, cloudless sun, wing slowly across a coal-black sky, should plunge suddenly, without light, into a night of two weeks. om which we should emerge again

shriveled with everlasting drought the moon, and drenched, perhaps, b storms something like our own Mars, we should probably find ours on Jupiter, now walking on a thing soil and again pelted with ic storms of scalding rain-a rain. s, of liquid metals instead of

eaving the modestly moonlit sky earth, we should find shining rs two little moons moving, one westward and one slowly eastd, through the heavens, on Jupiter, ns,of which two or three would be visible, and on Saturn an the City of New York.

If we could turn back and visit each | ed by the beautiful glow of the Missy

Way All this, except the Milky Way, as we leave it behind, will suffer no great change. Somewhat fainter the stars will be, and the constellation may slightly change its shape, but the Milky Way will be left behind in a year or two of our flight, and will gather round the sun as a cloud of small stars. The sun will dwindle to a very poor star, the planets will vanish and when, at the end of three or four years of flight (or perhaps more, for the distance of the star for which we are bound is very uncertain), we reach our nearest star neighbor in this direction, our vast and imposing solar system will be seen as a small star in the constellation Scorpio, surrounded by a little hazy cloud, such as we can see in Andromeda now, faintly shining, about 10 o'clock, in our western sky, where one can pick it out without much difficulty if one just knows where to look for it. Christmas or New Year, summer or winter, such is the appearance of our little world of worlds, and such it probably has been for millions of years, and will be for millions of years to come.-Alfred G. Compton, professor of applied mathematics, College of

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#### DIDN'T HIT BOB TOOMBS. How a Big Georgia Politician Unwit-

tingly Saved His Own Life.

usual, he took no pains to conceal his

sentiments. When Bain entered the

hotel he found the general talking ex-

citedly with a crowd around him.

Toombs objected to something said or

done in the legislature and proceeded

to "cuss out" the whole body. The

eloquent talker was perfectly reckless. He threw off brilliant epigrams, epi-

thets and outbursts of profanity until

force, fury and fire of his eruptions.

The loungers listened and laughed.

they stood it. Among those present

d-d if I stand your talk any longer."

he same. "You are too personal, and if

You repeat your statement I'll hit you!"

This interested the crowd. The legis-

lator towered over everybody, ready

to strike the general. Toombs, in his

fearless way, was about to say some-

thing when several of his friends gent-

ly drew him into the elevator and took

man, with a pale face and mild blue

saw that you were about to hit him.

That's why I came up." "I don't un-

derstand," replied the other. "I got

close to you," continued the little man,

because I was going to kill you if you

struck Gen. Toombs. I am fixed for

it, and if you had touched him I would

have shot you through the heart!"

Saying this he tapped his hip pocket.

sald something apologetic and explan-

atory and remembered an engagement

elsewhere, "That little man," said

Bain in conclusion, "was Col. John S.

Hart, one of the bravest cavalry offi-

cers in the confederate service. He

was afraid of nothing, and he meant

just what he said. He would have

killed that man if he had struck

LITTLE BAYARDS OF THE STREET

Necessity Has Made Their Young Eyes

Very Observant.

package slipping forward to a point

where it would soon fall. I had a

notion to deposit the suit case on the

wet ground to free one hand when a

newsboy darted to my side and gave

just the lit! push needed to replace

the parcel under my arm. I am sure,"

triumphantly added the speaker, "that

there are few men of my acquaintances

who would have seen my dilemma or

strike few copies of the boycotted

are indebted to the newsboy for many

causes officially assigned for the thin-

ning of their numbers are the high in-

fantile mortality resulting from im-

proper food, exposure, and the want

of ordinary care, constitutions debil-

itated by past debauchery, the belief

in native doctors and neglect of the

sick, and the adoption of European

habits and costumes, leading to dis-

eases of the respiratory organs. A

Maori M. A., Mr. Nagata, in address-

ing a recent conference of his country-

men, said that drink was pauperizing

them and sapping their vitality. - Lon-

A man who has been traveling in

Java thus writes about the Dutch

colonial railways. Re says: "Trains

are used in Java not on account of

their speed, but on account of the long

distances one has to cover. If you are

in a hurry and you haven't more than

five miles to go-walk. You may find

some difficulty in keeping up to the train if it is going down a stiff gradi-

ent, but you will more than make this

up on the flat, and you'll romp past it

on coming to the slightest ascent. It is a solemn fact," he continues, "that

once in the course of a mile walk along

a highway running parallel with the railway line I caught up to and passed

'snell' (express train). Toward the end of the walk I entered a shop to purchase some cigars, and only after I

nad been in the shop ten minutes did the train again | .ss me."-Pipang Ga-

Britain's Second City.

ire in size is Calcutta.

The second city of the British em-

don Chronicle.

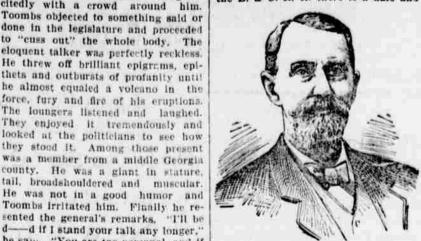
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thought to relieve it."

The tall legislator in some confusion

For 47 Years a Railroad Condewice. Early this fall the management of he B. & O. R. R. decided that the uni formed force should be provided with Don Bain gave me a new Toombs service stripes, and on the winter unistory recently, says the Atlanta Conforms each man has one or more gold stitution. I call it new because it has stripes on his right sleeve if he has never been printed. One night, when been in the service for five or more the legislature was in session, the old years. The gold stripe stands for five Markham house was crowded with years continuous employment by the statesmen and loungers. Gen. Toombs company and a giance over the list was there. Something had gone wrong develops an interesting and instructive condition of affairs. at the capitol and he was mad. As

The ordinary man, in a peaceful and uneventful vocation, is seldom in continuous service for forty years, yet on the B. & O. R. R. there is a hale and



W. H. GREEN. He has been employed in the B. & O. for 50 years.

hearty old man, with keen, undimmed eyes, and a springy step that has been in the continuous employ of the company for 50 years and is still better than many men half his age.

him to his room. "I was just about to hit him," remarked the legislator, Just W. H. Green is his name, but every then a very small, delicate-looking body on the line calls him "Captain Harry" and he has a record that any eyes, walked up to the big politician. man, in any station in life, would be Yes," said the little man, quietly, "I more than proud of.

Captain Green is probably the oidest passenger conductor in the world If he is not he has the best record, for not once has he been suspended from duty for any cause whatever. And then, too, he has never been injured. Green was born on September 12, 1827. in Cockeysville, Baltimore county, Md. and entered the B. & O, service March 3, 1850, as a freight brakeman. He was promoted in two years to freight conductor and in 1857 was given a passenger train and has served in that capacity ever since. He is now running through trains between Baltimore and Cumberland, Md., and wears ten service stripes on his right arm.

For many years B. & O. train em-ployes have had an enviable reputation for politeness to passengers and attention to duty, and the adoption of the service stripe system will give the traveling public an opportunity to recognize long and faithful service.

James Whiscomb Riley's Joke. James Whitcomb Riley and Nye were a peculiar pair. They were everlast-ingly playing practical jokes.

Between the woman whose business I remember when we were riding totakes her much around town and the gether in the smoking compartment wideawake urchins belonging to the between Columbus and Cin innati. Mr. newsboy and bootblack fraternity newsboy and bootblack fraternity Nye was a great smoket, and Mr. there exist feelings of great cordiality, Riley did not dislike tobacco. An old says the New York Commercial Adfarmer came over to Mr. Nye and said: vertiser, "Necessity has made the "Are you Mr. Riley? I heard you

street boy's eyes very observant and was on the train." "No, I am not Mr. Riley. He is over somehow he always sees the way to

help any one out," declares one en- there. "I knew his father, and I would like thusiastic friend of the helpful gamin. to speak with him.'

The other day I came downtown, encumbered with a dress-suit case in one deaf, and you want to speak loud." "Oh, speak with him, yes. But he's hand and an umbrella in the other. I So the farmer went over to him and was also carrying a parcel under my said in a load voice:

"Is th's Mr. Riley?" "Er. what: "Is this Mr. Riley?" "What did you say?" "Is this Mr. Riley?"

"Riley, yes." "I knew your father." "No better." "I knew your father."

"What?" "I knew your father."
"Oh, so did 1."

And in a few minutes the farmer heard him talking in an ordinary tone papers were sold to those women who of voice.

tion of dropped packages, or, greatest The Hartford, Conn., Electric Light favor of all, that shrill whistle which ompany will complete within the next attracts the attention of the inattentwo weeks the installation of its alutive gripman. One such, returning minum cable between the new power from her vacation in a region where house in Tariffville, on the Farming-New York papers were rare, eagerly hailed a newsboy with the question: seven strands and a diameter of three-"Is the strike off? Did you get what fourths of an inch. It weighs about 1500 pounds to the mile, or nine tons you wanted?" The small boy shook his head. "Compr'mised," he said, for the whole line. The cable is not insulated, as is the copper cable which and then gloomily, "de leaders was brings the 10,000-volt current from the Pequanock power house. The poles are short and very strong. No trouble apprehended from westner conditions, as the cable is so I ght that no Judging from a recent report of the amount of snow or ice which may accuregistrar general of New Zealand, mulate on it in winter is likely to that fine martial race, the Maoris, is break it. The cable has been furnishgoing the way of all aborigines whose ed by the Pittsburg Reduction comcountry has been colonized by the pany, and its use here will be the first whites. They may not become absopractical electric test of aluminum on lutely extinct for a few more decades, large scale and over so long a disbut their doom is sealed. Among the

> Thanksviging has come and gonelikewise many turkeys.

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#### "DL."

"Here we are at the old willow. What do you say to coming to anchor for a bit?" he remarked, bringing the Ca-

nadian close to the bank. "That is just what one finds so Impossible in life-coming to anchor, I mean," she said, dabbling her left hand in the water.

"Look here, Di," he jerked out preswrong, and you are worrying yourself about it, and I am going to make you tell me everything. You used to tell me everything once, Di, without invitation," he added, with an attempt at raillery that was chiefly pathetic.

"Don't be a duffer, Hugh," she obperved. "May I not be sententious now and then without being forced to explain that I mean nothing at all? Now, will you please amuse me? It is a shame to waste an afternoon like this."

"Of course it is," he echoed. "You see, dear, all the gods and the fairest of mortals-meaning your delightful self -seem to be conspiring for my happlness; when the gods behave in this odd kind of way we are told to distrust them. First of all, I have you-have had you quite fast, since the days when I robbed orchards, and you, like a second Eve, ate the apples; then I have secured two firsts and a reasonable chance of a fellowship; lastly, a most commendable maiden aunt sees fit to die and endow me with the wealth that perishes. It is too much, you know. Di, not a doubt of it; the stagey thing to happen is for me to lose you, and thereby make dust and ashes of all my other possessions."

"Do you know," he recommenced, presently, "I can't, for the life of me, belp feeling sentimental, and gray, and awfully sorry for myself, when I think you." that Cambridge is over and done with.

promised, almost before she grew up, that she would marry him, She did right to do, during that week; she did not realize the end to which they were drifting-she was merely interested in drawing a grave, book-hardently, "what is the good of beating ened man out of his shell; being rathabout the bush? There's something er willful, she could not be confronted to thaw it."

The man's face was the color of damp parchment. "Go on," he said as she halted in the telling.

"She succeeded, Hugh, It all came about on the night of a certain colsame under which we anchored not long ago. The wall of ice melted suddenly on masse, and the rush of water trip, good thirty days for return, carried both of them away. It was then that the woman learned the added element which converted fondness into Main St., Dallas, Texas, love; it was then that she lost sight of honor and allowed the man to kiss

CHAP!" MUTTERED ROBERTS.

the pathway. Both looked up. Both

each other, and a light broke in on

"That's Roberts, the man who pulled

me through so well," he observed,

chaotically. "Would you like to land,

But the canoe was already brought

to, and he had leaped on shore. Me-

chanically she took the hand he held

out to her; mechanically she respond-

ed to the confused greeting of Eustace

Roberts, classical coach and father of

unnumbered firsts. One among the

last-born of his offspring seemed to

be somewhat intoxicated this after-

noon-perhaps the heat had been too

"You're a decent old sort, Roberts,"

he remarked, hilariously slapping his

precentor on the back, "and I-con-

gratulate you. Should never have ex-

pected it. Sly dogs, you cynical beg-

gars. Don't mind me-enjoy this kind

of thing, you know. Good-by, good-by; I must be off. No good missing

Hall, you see, for the sake of being de

Before they could stop him he was

well out in the middle of the river

and paddling hard in the direction of

"Poor chap!" said the girl. "Is that

"Yes; the rest is away behind, shut

up beyond the reach of words," he re-

Omnipresent Youth.

your paps at home? Willie (aged 7,

his father in the library)-Say.

did you see him first? Minister-

do you ask your father such a

question, my boy? Willie-

poker this evenin', and

say he bet you w'udn'r

saw you first .- Ohio F

Every ultimate

Minister-Good evening, Willie; ir

all you can find to say appropriate to

"Poor chap!" muttered Roberts.

"No. no!" she cried.

much for him.

King's.

the occasion?"

sponded, gravely.

Look at that bit of Clare there, gazing | of the river, and a step was audible on

eye; then there is the willow above turned their eyes from the bank to

out upon King's with such a genial

us, and the bridge from which one

-and the Fen sunsets one has seen.

and the cheery life. All is gone, Di,

"All gone," she echoed in a voice

"Staying up here indefinitely as a

"The glamor wears thin, and one

don is not the same thing," he went

slips into formula in place of feelings,

and acquires uncanny views of women,

You have met Roberts often lately.

haven't you? He is only just 30, and

yet he has settled into his groove as

if he were 110. As a coach he is mar-

velous, and I have every admiration

for the way in which he has pulled me

through, but-but-I should have liked

to exhibit the genuine Roberts to you.

Di; you would have been edified, I

think. I never met a man who could

so effectually turn his blind eye to the

go down the river again," she said

after a pause. "I have something to say to you, Hugh, and it will be easier

"I have often wondered what would

happen to Roberts if he met his des-

tiny written large," he mused audibly.

"It would knock him clean out of time,

I fancy should he lose. That is the

worst of these men who go on in smil-

ing indifference to amatory dangers;

they are pulled up with a horrid jerk.

Don't you think infant vaccination with love lymph is to be advocated?

You don't take it half as badly in that

"Oh. Hugh, why will you be so-so

frivolous?" pleaded the girl, something

between amusement and desperation in

"Can't help it, Di, for the life of

"I am going to tell you a story.

Hugh," she went on with more com-

posure, "and you shall give me your

verdict on it. Don't stop; I can't bear to remain still. The story is about a

woman and a man of whom the woman

was very tond-so fond that she had of a new series.

me; I was born so, you know."

"Ah!" murmured the girl. "Let us

good qualities of women."

if we are in motion."

that was almost tragic by comparison

with the half-flippancy of his.

forever and forever."

used to listen to the nightingales, and | Hugh.

She had not dreamed that Hugh would take it like this. Sorry, very sorry, she expected him to be, but not anguished. She had grown up with be on sale from North Texas stations bim, and tragedy always seems out of at the following rates: place with people who have become dovetailed into our lives by common-

"Hugh, you must not think I-gave gle of a sheep that sees the slaughterhouse door before it. "I told him almost at once that I was bound to you, Liec. 15. and I shall not break my promise. Only I had to confess, because it would fermation. not have been right to conceal it from

They were close in to the left bank

Haif rates to the Old States, Tickets that she would marry him, She did will be on sale via the Cotton Polt not know that love meant something Route Dec. 20, 21 and 22 good to recurs cles, until-until she came up to Cam- any time within 30 days. If you want ! bridge one May week. Hugh, please visit your old home at half the usual don't look at me in that way; it is cost this is your opportunity. Write only a story. Well, she met some one and tell us where you want to go, and very often, more often than she had a | we will tell you what your ticket will best time and connections, and anything else we can to make your trip plesant. Cotton Belt trains will carry through coaches and free reclining chair cars, in addition to the splendid er willful, she could not be confronted regular service of Parlor Cafe Cars with a solid wall of ice and not wish (meals a la carte) and Pullman Sleepers. Passengers on the Cotton Leit

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out Thursday and Friday. -Mrs. Major Smith and children

are visiting in Brany this week. -Toy dishes at Baker's.

-Mr. J. C. Keller went to Caliahan county this week to buy cattle.

quoted. -Doll tea sets at Baker's.

-Mr. G. W. Reeves was down from Knox this week seeing his Haskell friends.

ness. Everything nice and fresh.

T. G. CARNEY. -Toy sad irons at Baker's.

-L. W. Dalton, Baq., of Seymour had business our district court

-Geo. Makeig says his tools are always sharp and he knows how to Wednesday with about 800 head of use them.

-The young folks enjoyed a pleasant evening at Mrs. T. D. Carney's

-Wall pockets at Baker's.

-New crop Louisiana molases, fresh and good, just received at Fields & Bro's.

-Mr. S. L. Robertson went to Abilene Wednesday-guess he is water bound.

-Dolls? Baker has them.

-A. H. Kirby, Esq., of Abilene has been practicing in our district court this week.

-The prettiest Dress Calicoes in town, only 5 cents a yard at S. L. Robertson's:

-You will find it at Baker's.

-Judge J. M. Morgan of Benjamin, had bussiness in our district court this week.

-Mr. W. D. Koonce returned this week from his trip east with a bunch of saddle horses.

-All sorts of toys at Baker's.

-Everything in Groceries, fresh and best quality and at lowest prices at S. L. Robertson's.

-Mr. Walter Tandy left Tuesday for Woodward, I. T., expecting to be absent about two weeks.

-Mr. R. M. Dickerson came in this week with a nice bunch of cattle steer yearlings last week which he custody of Sheriff Collins of this from Young county.

-See Baker for Doll furniture.

-Dr. Lindsey reports a new daughter at the home of Mr. Bates, residing on the Garren farm.

-If you owe me please don't wait for me to dun you, I need the money and need it now.

S. L. ROBERTSON.

-Toys at Bakers for the baby.

-Two life insurance agents and a book agent have been working the town this week.

-If I cannot cut prices so as to suit the times you need not try the T. G. CARNEY. other fellows.

have sold their cattle to Mr. G. W. Keister and Warren Fitzgerald.

-Get your water set of Baker. -The young folks enjoyed pleasant gathering at Mr. T. J. Wil-

bourn's last Saturday night. -If you want to get the most goods for the least money, take your around to R. H. McKee &

-Mr. Sam Lanier and wife of Rayner were over this week visiting idence here. Mr. Hubbard has re-Haskell friends and trading with our merchants.

-Drums for your boy at Baker's

-Mr. Booth English left Wednesday with the remeans of Mrs. Eng-

-There is to be a sale of lots at she new town of Ericadale on the Central extension, on the 18th inst. Bee notice elsewhere.

-See W. H. Parsons for ladies' and goatlemen's Watches, Chains, Plais Gold and Set Rings, Cuff and Collar Buttons; Lace, Beauty and weef Pins, Confectionery and Staseles, Jewelery, Clocks and Sew- ard cook stoves and box and ornaog Machines a specialty.

-ABC plates at Baker's.

-Mr. Ed Lanier, one of the prom- mock at Baker's." ment cattlemen of King county, was I

has in stock, then call and see his permanently in this county. goods and learn the prices

-Baker has lots of picture books. -Several parties who have come here recently to locate in town and

to rent farms could find neither and had to go elsewhere.

-Bring all your hides to the City Meat Market. We will give you the highest cash price for them.

MCCEARY & BLLIS. -Mr. S. S. Cummings returned Wednesday evening from Kansas

ment of cattle. -Miss Buna Wilbourn, who is -See the Star Store's new ad. teaching school in Knox county came Some tempting sample prices are in and spent last Saturday and Sunday with the home folks.

-See those nobby clocks at Bak-

-This week in district court has been given to civil business and -I am still in the grocery busi- Dist. Att'y Wilmeth has taken advantage of the fact to spend the week at home.

> We want cotton seed, corn, oats, sorghum, millet, threshed Kaffir corn, fire wood, etc. on subscription account. If you haven't 'the money this will enable you to settle.

-Mr. W. T. Hudson started cattle, mostly steers which he will ship to Kansas City.

-Toys that the boys can't break at Baker's.

-Judge J. H. McConnell expects to leave for Waco tomorrow and be absent about a week, returning in time for important business in the

-Mr. John Ellis went north with the Hudson cattle Tuesday. He will go to Kansas City and return to Oklahoma, where he will remain a short time before returning home.

-Baker has some elegant Doll

-Mr. J. L. Baldwin received a letter from his wife, now in Hunt county, a day or so ago in which she reports her health considerably im-

-For good goods and bottom prices in tinware, queensware, glassware, furniture, washing machines and housefurnishing goods generally go to McCollum & Wilbourn Co's.

-Pastor R. E. L. Farmer of the Baptist church did not go to Knox county this week, and hence will business. fill his pulpit here Sunday morning and evening.

-Boys buy your pistols from Baker.

-Dolls all sizes, kinds and colors at Baker's.

-The new Methodist presiding elder, Rev. J. H. Wiseman will be here today and will preach tonight, and tomorrow the first quarterly conference for the year will be held. The new pastor, Rev. J. T. Bloodworth is also expected to be here.

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> -Buy your boy a chest of tools from Baker.

-Our one time citizen R.M.Hubbard, who has been residing in Denton county since he left here several years ago, returned Wednesday with his family to again take up their restained his property here and drops and the Haskell people and the FREE PRESS are glad to welcome the return of himself and family to our

-If you have to buy a heating stove this fall, you ought to get one of those Wilson Improved Air-tight heaters for sale by McCollum & Wilbourn Co. The makers guarantee that you will get more comfort, more heat and more satisfaction, at less expense, from this stove than from

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-"Mama buy me that doll ham-

-Mr. J. P. Ashley moved over down this week transacting business from Stonewall county this week and is temporarily located in the old -Glance through our local col- Baldwin residence on west side. He umns and see what S. L. Robertson desires to purchase land and locate

-Baker has Doll houses, hammocks washing sets, tables, beds, couches, cradles, etc. etc.

-Mr. Waldrip of Erath county, who was here a week or two ago and bought the feed crops of Messrs Soyars and Holden, arrived this week with a lot of cattle, and, we are informed, will return and bring up 100 head of steers to put on feed

-Mr. W. C. Speck, who once lived in this county and returned re-City, where he disposed of a ship- cently and bought a new place, having built a house and got his place ready for the reception of his family, returned this week to Comanche county to bring them up.

-Mr. J. W. Wright left Wednes- night, Dec. 28, 1899. day night in response to a telegram informing him of the serious illness of his daughter, Miss Allie, who is Gober. teaching a school in Hunt county. Mrs. Wright will go also unless Mr. Wright gives a favorable report on arrival, which we sincerely hope he will be able to do.

-We are informed that Mr. J. R. Griffith has had the misfortune to and John Gentry. lose about twenty head of young cattle during the past week or so from blackleg. This should be a warning to all to be on the alert and vacci- mer and M. S. Pierson. nate their cattle on the first appearing it. The price of one animal burn. spent in this way may save hundreds of dollars worth of stock.

-Two land cases were tried in the district court this week, those of Bledsoe vs. Poague and Morgan vs. McConnell, resulting in judgment for plaintiff in both cases. Aside from these nothing of importance has been done. The criminal docket will be taken up Monday, when the case of the negro Stell will be tried followed by that of old man Casner

on Thursday. -Messrs Johnson & Son, J. F. Iones, Lee Pierson and Boone & Morton received from Henrietta a few days ago twenty-nine head of high grade yearling Hereford bulls, you want a good animal. which they will distribute on their several ranches in the spring. This is a move in the right direction. Betto in order to keep up with the pro-

-Sheriff Blevins of Throckmorton county came over Thursday with the negro John Stell, who killed two white men in that county last Sep-Mr. J. L. Baldwin received 100 tember, and delivered him into the is to bring to maturity at z-year olds county, his case having been transfor a division of the profits. He fig- ferred here for trial next Monday, been raised to per cent. by some of ures that he can make them pay him He was tried in the district court of the big iron and steel mills and in Throckmorton county about two weeks ago, but the jury failed to This is pointed to as the consummaagree, one of the jurors being in favor of acquittal.

#### An Oyster Supper.

The ladies of the Baptist church will furnish dinner, supper and fresh oysters in Mr. Carney's store on next Tuesday. Oysters will be served until 10 o'clock at night. The proceeds will go into the treasury of the Ladies' Aid and Missionary society. dwelling with-has been raised by

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PROGRAM. Introductory sermon by E. B.

On Friday devotional services will be conducted by A. M. Reed.

1. Organization. 2. How can the church constrain the world to glorify God? A. H. Johnson, John Smith, A. M. Testament

3. Sermon by B. F. Dixon. 4. Religious factions in the home -J. P. Siler, I. N. Alvis, I. T. Far-

5. How can we best carry out the ance of symptoms of the disease, if commission? J. F. Wood, Bro. Comnot sooner to make sure of prevent. rell, J. D. Reeves and George Ash-

> churches and as individuals to our Stomach and Liver. Dr. King's present State Mission work? B. F. New Life Pills give increased stren-Dixon, Bro. Cooper, D. James and gth, a keen, clear brain, high ambi-W. P. Whitman.

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The republicans and the administration organs are trying to make much of the fact that wages have some other manufacturing concerns. tion of the republican promise that the election of McKinley would bring

prosperity to the laboring classes.

Well lets think a minute and see how much prosperity there is in that for the factory operatives. It is a fact that except some articles of food (products of the farm), prices of everything the laborer has to use,to eat and to wear and to furnish his the big combines from about 40 to more than 100 per cent. so that with his wages raised 10 or 15 per cent. they will buy less, viz: give him a scanter living and fewer luxuries than before prices were forced up and his wages raised, thus the raise in wages still leaves the laborer in worse condition than he was before the prices of what he had to buy were raised-but the manufacturer well, he pockets the difference and talks about prosperity. The farmers 2 FAST TRAINS DAILY 2 are in the same boot with the laborers, they have to pay the 40 to 100 per cent. more for what they buy than they did a year ago and with the single exception of cotton there has been no appreciable rise in the price of their products, so that it steepers to NEW ORLEANS without now requires from one-third more to twice as much of their produce to buy the same article that it took a year ago. A system of laws or of govern-My son has been troubled for ment that leaves the producer and

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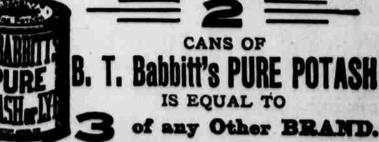
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