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Northern authorities state that there is a great crop of hogs in sight...

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Reports from California state that the drought in southern California continues...

Ranchmen from Beaver are freighting from Channing on the Fort Worth...

Leading Texas stockman says that in cattle are being shipped into...

The movement of sheep from northern Arizona to the Phoenix valley in...

The number of cattle fed at home in winter will be greater than for...

A party of Missouri stockmen have ranged quarters at Galveston during...

A. Pettus of Victoria county has sold to J. C. Osborne of Taylor...

Messrs. Burkett and Bolton of Mullin, who have returned from Louisiana...

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At Pomeroyville, Ky., two farmers named Hill and Butler got into a dispute over a game of cards. Butler was shot through the breast.

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Gen. Keifer and Wheaton with staff were the last to leave the vessel before the gang plank was hauled. The other two battalions of the first Texas and the second Louisiana are loading their supplies.

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There will be twin screws, of course, and many other internal arrangements which were not to be found in the single turreted monitors of the '60's, such for instance as electric lights, steam steering gear and mechanical service of the guns. Habitability will also be decidedly bettered and the sanitary improvements will be a feature.

The time allowed the builders to complete the ships was fixed at twenty-seven months, and in this there is a great increase over the time given Ericsson. He was granted only one hundred days in which to construct the Monitor, and yet his work was completed in the time set, and a month later his unique craft, with Worden in command, passed out of the harbor of New York to meet her foe.

The great periodic star shower, which is seen at intervals of thirty-three and one-half years, is due Nov. 12 or 13, 1899. On the same dates of this year, also, a considerable display of these meteors is expected. They are supposed to consist of matter which is sold until rendered incandescent by friction with the earth's atmosphere.

The docks are to be one and five-tenths inches thick, the conning tower seven and one-half inches, and the communication tubes through which the wires connecting the conning tower with all parts of the vessel will lead will be three inches thick. The protective deck is to have a maximum thickness of two and a half inches.

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Gray Cloth Three-Quarters Length Coat.  
A three-quarters length coat is simple but very stylish. It is made of gray cloth, and has a very wide turned over collar, with large lapels and deep cuffs of Alaskan sable. The cuffs fit the sleeves, and are at least six inches in depth. The coat is trimmed with straps of the material double stitched in self-colored cord silk.

Straps of the material with stitching are among the leading garnitures for dainty and stylish outside garments.

When the birds go North again,  
Oh, every year hath its winter,  
And every year has its rain,  
But a day is always coming  
When the birds go North again.

When new leaves swell in the forest,  
And grass springs green on the plain,  
And a day is always coming  
When the birds go North again.

Oh, every heart hath its sorrow,  
And every heart hath its pain,  
But a day is always coming  
When the birds go North again.

'Tis the sweetest thing to remember  
If courage be on the wane,  
When the cold, dark days are over--  
Why, the birds go North again.  
--Ella Higginson.

about one-eighth of an inch wide woven that they stand straight from the fabric. They are smooth satiny and shirzy, and are thrown striking contrast by the deep black the plain foundation material. The are wool goods with woven cords of various widths. A bayadere stripes wool novelty suit has half a dozen lines of satin cords of graduated sizes on either side of a half-inch-wide stripe of velvet. There are plush and uncut velvet stripes on grounds of mixed silk and wool; also blocks of alternate plain and fancy weaves, with stripes and spots of velvet. A handsome material has velvet polka spots on a thick wool grenadine ground, and is extremely light, graceful and manageable, making up into costumes that combine comfort, durability and style in admirable proportions.

Stunning Big Muffs.  
It would seem, indeed, that we are returning to the days of Gainsborough, when we see the enormous muffs exhibited at the fashionable shops, as the latest creations for the coming winter.

Some are entirely of fur, while others have wide platings of black net or chiffon and a center of fur. A very pretty model has a center of black velvet, with wide bands of fur at each side and a large bow of black satin ribbon.

The illustration shows a very stylish muff made of black velvet, lined with bright cherry satin. Two full black velvet sleeves lined with red encircle



each end. The ruffle is edged with a finely platted black chiffon trim. Two bands of black satin ribbon cross the muff from left to right, terminating in a smart bow at top and bottom.

Don't Forget the Dot.  
According to a celebrated delineator of character by handwriting, how to dot the letter I, is considered a most important one.

From this authority it appears that those who forget to dot their I, will also forget other things which seem unimportant, but which for the comfort of everybody else are of great importance.

will also look often in vain for other things, because they have not put them in their proper place.

Again, a dot placed far above and away from its I shows that the writer is of a "high-flown" turn of mind, whose thoughts are busy air-castle building, and planning how to spend \$10,000 a year. If in addition to being far away the dot is oblong in shape, and the writer also makes long loops to such letters as h, l, f, g, ten to one he or she is excitable and endowed with very little self-control.

Ladies, if your husband's dots are heavy, shapeless, and blotchy, you will have a hard time of it where food is concerned. He will not be satisfied with a cold supper, an aesthetic tea, or a meal of beef and vegetables. On the other hand, you have in his favorite dishes a means to pacify the grumbler, and to incline him to listen to your wishes. Never ask a man of heavy dot for a new gown when he is waiting for his dinner.

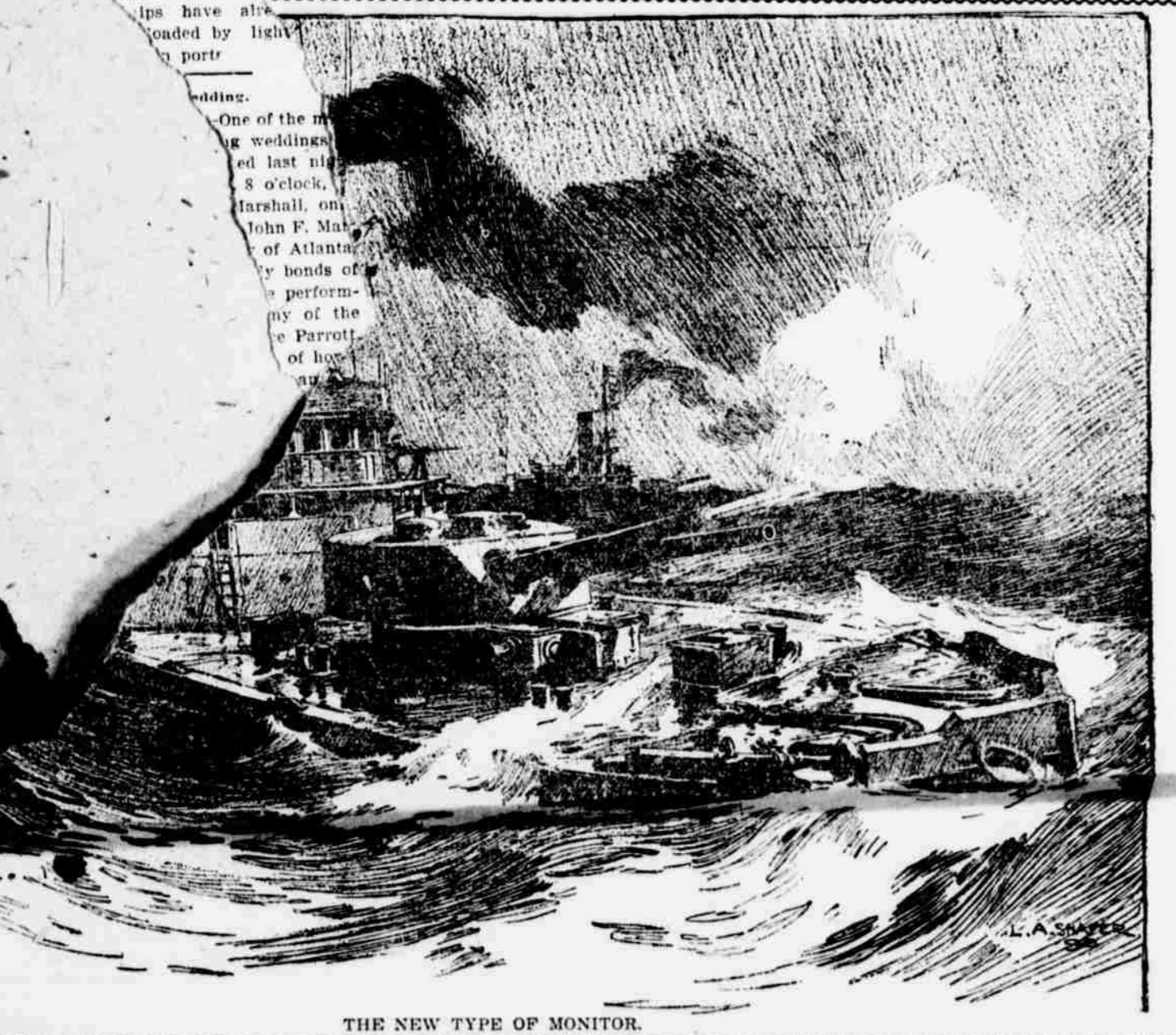
On the other hand, the neat dot, thin, delicate handwriting indicate a mind above aldermanic feeding. Such a "dainty-dot-husband" will be satisfied with his meals. Little wife will get nothing out of him by giving him a dainty dish.

Cloth Costumes.  
A popular style for the waists of cloth costumes is very wide turned-back collar, with revers that extend well over the sleeves. Some of these revers curve back abruptly, forming little more than a collar very deep in front.

A street costume made with this plan is of hunters' green velvet, with turned-over collar finished as described, made of green and black brocade, with gold threads. The corselet vest of the same brocade is closed with four buttons made of emeralds. The upper vest and collar are of brocade satin with gold threads running through the fabric. The front of the satin vest collar are closed with small pins of gold and emeralds. While dressing has become a fine art, the must not be lost sight of that the ericst woman has kept pace with state of the art, and some of the nations of home sewing rooms the utmost credit on the designer manufacturers thereof.

Cloth and Velvet Costumes.  
A novelty costume is made of a and suiting. The yoke, vest and half of the sleeves are of velvet suiting in use in the new somewhat unusual fashion. Portions of the sleeves have velvet in points and buttons in a line almost outside of the arms. Deep gores of velvet are set in of the skirt. These gores with tiny satin buttons those on the sleeves of smaller size.

Within the last 20 years, we have annexed no fewer than square miles of Africa.



THE NEW TYPE OF MONITOR.

fighting value, and also, to some extent, their extraneous value as a source of instruction for the proposed naval reserve, the navy department was directed last year by congress to submit plans for four single turreted monitors. These were adopted, and contracts were given out in

of 1892 are still the main features of the new ships--that is, they will be flat bottomed vessels, armored on the sides and on the deck, which is slightly elevated above the waterline, and will carry turrets.

The designs for the new ships were prepared by the chief constructor of

Travels of a Coin.  
A gold coin passes from one to another 2,000,000,000 times before the stamp or impression upon it becomes obliterated by friction, while a silver coin changes between 3,250,000,500 times before it becomes entirely defaced.

### EXORCISING DEVILS.

A Woman Said to Be Possessed Tied to a Stake and Roasted.  
The Odessa correspondent of the London Daily Mail writes: The Vladikavkas circuit judge had recently a case before him in which a Mullah, Ahmet Ramazanoff, was accused of torturing a Caucasian woman named Kouffa Karcherotvov, with the connivance of her husband. It appears she suffered from fits, which, according to the views of the Mullah, were caused by devils in her. As the woman would not name the devils of her own free will she was tied to a stake over a slow fire and kept there, in spite of her wailing shrieks (which came, as the Mullah averred, not from her, but from the devils in her), for over eight hours, until she fell into a state of unconsciousness. When questioned by the judge as to his reason for subjecting the woman to such inhuman torture, the Mullah said he did it for her, and it was the usual practice with such cases. The poor woman was on her stomach for nine months usually before the wounds on her face healed, and now she is a helpless idiot. Another woman treated in the same way for her husband, and obtained his release.

African Filial Affection.  
Following anecdote is given by an office as illustrative of the habits and customs of the wily Pathans of Africa. A certain general and his wife, while wending their way through one of the narrow valleys, were annoyed by the attentions of a solitary marksman, who came to time sent a bullet unobscured. At last the general was his orderly--a Pathan sower--and he to dismount, take his rifle and try and stalk the moun- tain. The sower started off, and there was a crack and a dead old African tumbled down the mountain side. The sower and his orderly fell into his place. "Well, the general, "But how on earth do you manage it so easily?" "The sower, "I knew his name was my father."

## SIGHT REMARKABLY RESTORED

John Brown of Contra Costa county is the happiest man in California these days. Sixteen years ago he lost the sight of one eye and eleven years later the other went. For the past five years, therefore, he has been groping in supposedly hopeless darkness. He would never have allowed himself to contemplate at all the possibility of recovering his sight but for the arguments of a neighbor and friend who



had himself been cured of cataract of long standing by a surgical operation. Listening to the entreaties of this friend, Mr. Brown went to San Francisco, where he was overjoyed to learn that hope existed also for him.

His delight, when the bandage was first removed for a few moments four days after the operation, was touching in the extreme.

"Oh, the light has come, doctor," he cried, "the light has come!"

"How do you feel?" asked the surgeon.

"I don't feel," he replied. "I see."

To continue the story in Mr. Brown's own language.

"And to my delight I did. What do you suppose my eye first distinguished after being in darkness sixteen years? A little red rose. It was fastened to the lapel of the doctor's coat, and it seemed to me the prettiest flower God had ever made."

"A short time after the other cataract was removed, and today I can see with both eyes.

"I shall soon be going to my home, and oh! the joy I shall feel in seeing my loved ones and walking over the fields. They made me a little path across the fields, and when I was blind I used to pace it over and over again. If I attempted to go either to the right or left I got lost and had to call for help. But now--" and the old man rubbed his hands in what was very like boyish glee--"now I can go at will. No fear of stumbling over plows or of falling into the creek."

ANTS PAY SPIDERS.  
Compensation for Building Their Nests.  
We all know that certain species of ants employ as slaves smaller insects of their own kind. Others keep insects to milk as we do cows. But perhaps the most astonishing discovery of all is the latest one, that there is in Australia a green ant which, though very clever in the building of its nest, appears to consider it an irksome duty and so employ another insect to do his work for him. A small spider is, therefore, trained to act as a servant in all things. The green ants pay the spiders for their labors in a coin that they enjoy. It is by giving them to eat a portion of the innumerable little eggs that they (the ants) lay. This is a most agreeable arrangement for all, man included, as otherwise the green ants would rival the rabbits in over-running Australia.

Wiles of the Jewel Smuggler.  
There are various ways of smuggling precious stones. They are concealed in cheese, in pomade, in soap, in cigars, umbrella handles, walking sticks, in the hollow handles of silver and tin-ware, in preserved fruits and confectionery. There is no comprehension of the ingenuity of the diamond trader who wants to cheat the government, and he generally succeeds, because he has every advantage in his favor.

The Plain Patriot's Compromise.  
"Let us have war!" shouted the beligerent patriot, fiercely. "Let us have peace," replied the pacific patriot, quietly. "Let us have something, anyway," said the just plain patriot, suggestively. Whereupon they forebore further discussion of the subject and agreed that they would all have the same.

Magnifying Glass and the Human Eye  
A German oculist says that constant use of the magnifying glass is an excellent protection against myopia. He bases this statement on the fact that out of seventy-five watchmakers examined by him scarcely 5 per cent of the number were nearsighted.

To Make Berlin a Seaport Town.  
It is announced that the German government expects to be able to introduce a bill in the next session of the Prussian diet for the construction of a canal suitable for large steamships between Berlin and Stettin, practically making Berlin a seaport town.

A Fatal Error.  
"What is your idea of a strong-minded woman?" "One who thinks she can entertain a man without wearing a corset."--Chicago Record.

Sold by

### A NEW COSTUME FROM PARIS.



The dress sketched above was made in Paris for a very great lady. It had a bodice of ivory colored Irish guipure, draped and caught up into a center bow, with white mousseline de embroidered with bunches of sleeves drooped to show the bare shoulders. The skirt was partly a long blazon of lace, and the rest of the skirt, loosely falling over the hips, was of white mousseline de From New York Her-













She off has proved grim death to send relief.

O, ye within the pale of wealth and power,  
Forget not those who cower at your gate.  
Mayhap the wretch who humbly begs  
his bread,  
In days long since gone by, was like  
these great.

Think, stately belle, before whose  
sway all bow,  
Mayhap the wretched woman gazing  
there  
Was once the worshiped of a lofty  
home.  
Of fattest forms was once most fair.

None knoweth what thy future lot may  
be:  
Perhaps the beggar crouching at thy  
door  
May give to thee the longed-for crust  
of bread,  
The balm of hope into thy heart may  
pour.  
And ye within your stately dwellings  
here,  
Forget not those who stand without  
the pale,  
And you with all the joys of home and  
friends,  
Remember those without the pleas-  
ant vale.

For one above looks kindly down on  
all,  
On rich and poor alike, where'er they  
be:  
And He who bids us give to those who  
ask

**CALENDAR CHANGES.**

**NEW BEGINNING OF NEW YEAR HAS "LEAPED."**

From December to March and from March to January—A Table Which Gives Much Valuable Information About Days and Dates.

**N**CESSITY ever has and always will be the mother of invention. It is evident from previous to the latter part of the sixteenth century the nations of the old world were differing widely in their opinions as to which was the proper date to recognize as the beginning of the year. This naturally caused more or less difficulty in arriving at the proper time for settlement of accounts, renewing their obligations and determining the dates for holidays, feasts, etc., which were strictly observed by various kinds of religious and other organizations. In order to more clearly illustrate the state of affairs and the possibilities of what could arise from such a condition from which they were obliged to base their calculations, a momentary glance at history will be necessary. In those ancient days, the friction of the calendar on the minds of the people by custom and long usage, it required centuries before the change was universally adopted and used as it is at the present day. The uncertainty of accuracy in the Julian or old style method of computation of the year had long been noticed by ancient astronomers, especially in October, 1582, Pope Gregory XIII. undertook to reform the Roman calendar. The alteration made by him created what is commonly termed the new style, which recognizes January first as the beginning of the year in nearly all civilized countries. After great consideration that pontiff published his calendar, by which he ordered that ten days should be deducted from the year 1582, by calling what, according to the old calendar, would have been the fifth of October, the fifteenth of October, 1582.

Previous to this Spain had commenced the year for a time on March 25th, then Dec. 25th, but since 1582 on January 1st. In Portugal the new style calendar was adopted in 1582, but previously the new year came, first on March 25th, then Dec. 25th. Some provinces in Holland commenced the year at Christmas, but in others it began at Easter. In 1575 the duke of Requesens, governor of the Low Countries, ordered that it should begin January 1st. In Denmark the year began January 1st, after having sometimes commenced on Christmas, and on Aug. 12th, which was the date of the feast of St. Tiburce. In Switzerland, in the thirteenth century the year began January 1st. It was later changed to the 25th, which continued until the time of the Gregorian calendar, the greater part of Italy, during the fourteenth, fifteenth and sixteenth centuries began at Christmas. In the Gregorian calendar was adopted in Germany, Christmas was considered the beginning of the year. At this was not universal. At this it began at Easter. The duke of Cologne considered the first of the year. The Catholic and by the Protestants in France, it was the custom to commence the year at Christmas. From the thirteenth century to the year 1582 (Easter eve), rather than the year was adopted in England and Ireland had been the year on March 25th. It is noted that the first of the year could be the beginning of all future years. It is from that day of the week for the year, 1700, to Jan.

for days of the week, and in the column which is headed with your index number you will find the desired day of the week. Example: What was the day of the week January 1, 1898? Under column for years we find 98; then to the right, under 1890, we find index number 2; then to the right of January 1st, in column headed with 2, we find Saturday.

**ON NEW YEAR'S EVE.**

The festive scene is at its height within. The myriad lights their radiance shed around, and gripping feet and blithe and happy hearts. Are keeping time to music's sweetest sound.

Darkness without holds his unbending sway. Save where the twinkling stars shine out above.



**WITHOUT.**

On child of poverty as child of wealth. Upon the outcast too, with eyes of love.

Little think they within the portals grand Of her who stands without the stable by name.

Little they dream what weary weight of woe One tithe of all their riches could abate.

Poor wanderer, crouching at the rich man's door, Watching with longing eyes the scene of mirth, Thy worn and pallid face a story tells, Sorrow has been thy dreary lot on earth.

From early morn till midnight hour rings out The same old tale of poverty and grief. Fierce hunger gnawing at the aching heart:



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**NEW YEAR CALENDAR.**

Columns for Years	Columns for Centuries	DAYS OF THE WEEK AND INDEX NUMBERS.						
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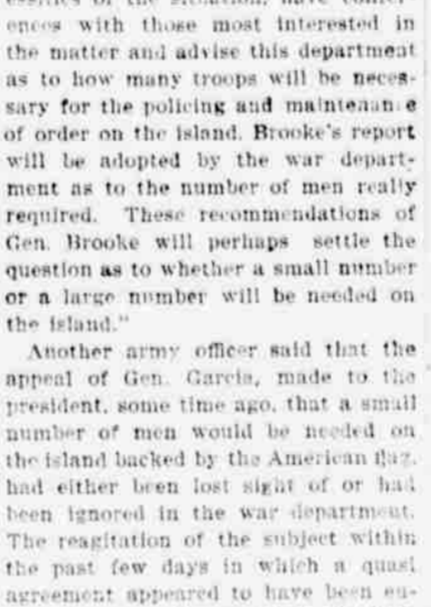
**To Have Full Authority.**

Washington, Dec. 22.—Secretary Alger and Adj. Gen. Corbin, who made a demand for an army of 100,000 men, intend to shift the responsibility of ordering a large army to Cuba to Maj. Gen. John R. Brooke, military governor. This sudden shifting of responsibility plans developed yesterday in the statement that Gen. Brooke had been invested with full authority to make recommendations to the government as to the number of men needed in the island.

Maj. Gen. Miles has contended that 25,000 men were all that were needed in Cuba, while the late Gen. Garcia insisted that the American flag and 8000 men would be ample. In the opening stages of the fight to induce congress into passing the army bill he wanted, Secretary Alger, seconded by Gen. Corbin, maintained that no less than 50,000 men would be needed. It is learned from two very high sources that President McKinley and Secretary Alger have reconsidered their intention to burden the island of Cuba with half of the standing army. Adj. Gen. Corbin said yesterday: "Of course it has been stated that 50,000 men would be necessary to garrison and enforce the peace in Cuba, but I understand that Gen. Brooke has been invested with full authority to make recommendations to the government in this relation. As soon as he arrives he will look over the ground, consider the necessities of the situation, have conferences with those most interested in the matter and advise this department as to how many troops will be necessary for the policing and maintenance of order on the island. Brooke's report will be adopted by the war department as to the number of men really required. These recommendations of Gen. Brooke will perhaps settle the question as to whether a small number or a large number will be needed on the island."

Another army officer said that the appeal of Gen. Garcia, made to the president, some time ago, that a small number of men would be needed on the island backed by the American flag had either been lost sight of or had been ignored in the war department. The resignation of the subject within the past few days in which a quasi agreement appeared to have been entered between a president and Gen. Garcia, had a great deal to do with the modification of the statement of the war department that 50,000 men would be necessary to hold in subjection the practically peaceful island of Cuba.

He predicted that Gen. Brooke would find the Cubans so loyal to the American flag and so eager to enforce and maintain peace on the island as a basis of the early independent government, that Gen. Brooke would find and report that an army of not more than 10,000 American soldiers would be sufficient from Santiago to Pinar del Rio.



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**Asking Papa.**

Society Item.—A well-known English lord is now in America passing the holidays with the intention of taking back an American heiress.

**Ordered to Havana.**

Washington, Dec. 22.—The state department has instructed Vice Consul General Springer to proceed to Havana and close up the affairs of the United States consulate general there. The consulate offices throughout Cuba will not be abandoned just now, but will be closed temporarily until such time as, through the recognition of the independence of the Cubans, it may become necessary to resume business through them.

Near a postoffice called Nat, not far from Nacogdoches, Dr. James Drewry, an aged dentist, was playing snowball with a little daughter of Mr. Jasper Russell, when he fell and struck the back part of his head upon the frozen ground. He recovered and was going on with the play, but in a few moments sank down and became unconscious.

The time of the district court of Canadian county, Ok., was taken up two days trying a case involving 10 cents. James Lasham sued Nathas Stone for 10 cents, the price of a plug of tobacco. The jury disagreed.

**Holiday recess.**

Washington, Dec. 22.—At the opening of yesterday's session of the senate Mr. Cullom of Illinois reported favorably from the committee on foreign relations the bill to provide a government for the Hawaiian Islands.

Mr. Morgan of Alabama secured the adoption of a resolution requesting the president if not incompatible with the public interests to inform the senate whether authentic information is in possession of this government of the distribution of the United States of Central America.

The private pension calendar was then taken up and nine private pension bills were passed. The passage of the bills required a longer time than usual. Reports in each case were read on demand by Mr. Vest and Mr. Cockrell of Missouri.

Several joint and concurrent resolutions were adopted, providing for the improvement of certain harbors and directing the secretary of war to have surveys and estimates of cost made of various river and harbor improvements. Adjourned to Jan. 3, 1899.

In the house Henderson of Iowa, from the committee on rules, reported back favorably the Bailey resolution directing the judiciary committee to investigate and report upon the question as to whether members of the house who accepted commissions in the army during the late war had by so doing vacated their seats in the house. He asked for immediate consideration and the resolution was adopted without division.

After miscellaneous matters were attended to the house adjourned to Jan. 4 next.

**Shot by soldiers.**

Meridian, Miss., Dec. 22.—Lucy Thomas and a 4-year-old boy were shot at Entaw, Ala., by soldiers of the first Mississippi volunteers, who were mustered out at Columbia, Tenn., Thursday. The child was shot above the left eye and it is not expected to recover. The mother received a painful wound in the arm above the elbow. The boys were drunk and disorderly, recklessly shouting into every house as they passed. The woman and child were standing in the door of their home and proved an easy mark for the men.

The firing was done from the train on which the soldiers were en route home, and was kept up at other places along the line, but fortunately, without further fatal result.

Gov. Johnston of Alabama has offered a reward of \$100 for the arrest and conviction of every man implicated in the shooting.

**Army Promotions.**

Washington, Dec. 22.—Acting under the provisions of the act of April 2, 1878, the president yesterday sent the senate a long list of military nominations covering promotions in the volunteer army, announced notwithstanding that colonel and inspector general, all the nominations, covering about 200, are of officers of the following regiments: The first, second and third volunteer cavalry and the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth volunteer infantry. The nominations range from lieutenant colonel, including in some cases privates made corporals.

**Was a surprise.**

Havana, Dec. 22.—It now appears that the raising of the stars and stripes over Fort Atares Tuesday by Maj. Russell B. Harrison was a surprise to both the United States and the Spanish military commissions. The American commissioners had agreed that no American flags should be raised until Jan. 1. Maj. Harrison did not know this and when told to occupy the fort with a detachment of the first North Carolina regiment he promptly raised the flag. Nevertheless, though, it flies in full sight of the harbor and city. The Spaniards have not complained, and it has not been ordered down.

**Southern Pacific Statement.**

A financial statement just issued by the Southern Pacific company shows that for October the gross earnings of the company reached \$5,536,726. This is an increase of \$1,125,931 over the same month last year. For four months ending with Oct. 31 last, the gross earnings aggregated \$20,958,223, an increase of \$1,326,929 over the corresponding period of last year. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1898, the company increased gross earnings about \$7,000,000 over the figures for 1897.

**Returned to Patagonia.**

New York, Dec. 22.—Prof. John Bell Hatcher of Princeton has gone back to Patagonia to continue his search for rare fossils and explore the interior of the country. He expects to be absent three years. Two years ago he entered the country, but ill health forced his return to Princeton this fall. A month's rest was all he would take.



# RUSSIA TO CUT A GREAT CANAL.

## Will Connect Baltic and Black Seas—Of Immense Commercial Value.

Whether or not the disarming proposal of the czar was so intended, the fact remains that it came at a time which added in keeping secret a project of immense importance. But for the proposal public attention would inevitably have been directed to the great internal waterway now under consideration at St. Petersburg. This scheme is to unite the Baltic and Black seas by a canal crossing the Bosphorus. Such a ship canal if completed would work a revolution in the naval operations of the powers and might well work a similar revolution in commerce.

The plan involves the construction of a canal which will have a sufficient depth of water to admit of the passage of the heaviest battle ship. This, of course, would also admit of the passage of the heaviest freight steamer, so that Russia would be able to receive and discharge an enormous amount of commerce. When one considers the immensity of the trade of the land of the Romanoffs with other countries, enforced now because of the lack of natural facilities for transportation, the possibilities of such a canal can be appreciated.

Great as the plan is, it is so simple in its engineering aspects and also from a financial view point that the only wonder is that the work has not been done long ago. Though the

Americans is in the fact that this ship canal will open a cheap and quick route of transportation to the wheat growers and petroleum producers of Russia. They can reach the Baltic and the Mediterranean with equal facility and economy, and thus supply Asia and Europe and Africa more quickly and economically than can the Americans. The canal passes through the best petroleum territory.

Russia expects that the facility of intercourse which the canal will furnish will give great impetus to many industries which are prosecuted at present only for home purposes and which could be extended enormously when the markets of the entire world are open to them. What this means can be estimated from the figures that show the wonderful growth of the population of some of the cities which will be ports on the canal when it is finished.

There is Ekaterinoslaf, near Kherzon, for instance, which has doubled its population and size in less than twenty years. Odessa, with 494,000 inhabitants, and Lodi, with 219,000, have grown with a rapidity that would be remarked even in the United States, the country of rapid urban growth. Riga has 282,000 inhabitants and is growing at a rate which promises to double this number in ten years. Kiev has 230,000 inhabitants. All these

the other hand, he menaced by a victorious enemy, the canal would save it, for where the ships now would be beached up, with the canal they could steam into the Baltic in a week.

### A LEGAL QUIBBLE.

Farnell's "Apology" to Henry James—Gladstone and Salisbury.

Mr. Farnell on the 16th of April, 1878, characterized a statement made by Mr. Henry James as "a legal quibble" worthy of the honorable and learned member from whom it proceeded, says the New York Times. "I must inform the honorable member," said the speaker, "that an expression of that kind is unwarrantable and must be withdrawn." Mr. Farnell apologized for having used the expression. "I will say," he added, "that the statement was more worthy of the ingenuity of a petty sessions attorney than of the ability of the honorable and learned gentleman." This anecdote recalled the famous retortation by Lord Salisbury of a comparison he had instituted between Mr. Gladstone and an attorney, which is told in The Nineteenth Century. During the debate on Mr. Gladstone's historic budget of 1891—the budget which abolished the stamp duties on newspapers and thereby led to the establishment of the penny daily press—Lord Robert Cecil (the present Lord Salisbury) said the tactics of the chancellor of the exchequer (Mr. Gladstone) were worthy rather of an attorney than of a statesman. The remark was not ruled out of order by the chair, but it was received

# RELIEF FROM PAIN.

Woman Everywhere Express their Gratitude to Mrs. Pinkham.

Mrs. T. A. WALDEN, Ghinn, Ga., writes: "Dear Mrs. Pinkham—Before taking your medicine, life was a burden to me. I never saw a well day. At my monthly period I suffered untold misery, and a great deal of the time I was troubled with a severe pain in my side. Before finishing the first bottle of your Vegetable Compound I could tell it was doing me good. I continued its use, also used the Liver Pills and Sensitive Wash, and have been greatly helped. I would like to have you use my letter for the benefit of others."

Mrs. FLORENCE A. WOLFE, 515 N. Liberty St., Lancaster, Ohio, writes: "DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—For two years I was troubled with what the local physicians told me was inflammation of the womb. Every month I suffered terribly. I had taken enough medicine from the doctors to cure any case, but obtained relief for a short time only. At last I concluded to write to you in regard to my case, and can say that by following your advice I am now perfectly well."

Mrs. W. R. BATES, Tansfield, La., writes: "Before writing to you I suffered dreadfully from painful menstruation, leucorrhoea and sore feeling in the lower part of the bowels. Now my friends want to know what makes me look so well. I do not hesitate one minute in telling them what has brought about this great change. I cannot praise Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound enough. It is the greatest remedy of the age."

To win back a friend thought lost is a rare joy.

**\$100 Reward, \$100.**

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is an easy and direct way to cure the most distressing and dangerous cases of Catarrh of the Bladder. It is called Catarrh Cure, and is sold by Dr. J. C. Smith, 231 North Second Street, Philadelphia, Pa. It is a purely vegetable preparation, and is guaranteed to cure all cases of Catarrh of the Bladder, whether of long or short standing, and whether the patient is a man or a woman. It is a purely vegetable preparation, and is guaranteed to cure all cases of Catarrh of the Bladder, whether of long or short standing, and whether the patient is a man or a woman. It is a purely vegetable preparation, and is guaranteed to cure all cases of Catarrh of the Bladder, whether of long or short standing, and whether the patient is a man or a woman.

Contented men and women are read of more than realized.

**HEALTH WITH WEALTH.**

New Western Canada Districts Adapted to Ranching and Mixed Farming.

Calgary, Alberta, Nov. 4, 1898.

To the Editor of the Duluth Evening Herald, Duluth, Minn.: Dear Sir—As to many replies to the home-seeker of Minnesota, I can cheerfully say this country is better for a poor man than Minnesota if he wants to farm and raise stock. I have spent one winter and two summers here, and I find more pleasant than any winter I have seen in Minnesota for eight years. The seasons are short, but the effect of long days of bright sunshine produces a very rapid growth of vegetation. There is good money in raising coarse grains and feeding to hogs and cattle, for pork and beef always bring a good price. The soil is rich, and the water is pure. The climate is healthy, and the people are friendly. I am sure you will find this country a most desirable one for a home-seeker who is willing to work for an honest living. I remain, yours very truly,

(Signed) CHARLES N. SCOTT.

A clear conscience is one of Jehovah's greatest gifts.

Generally a **SPRAIN** and **BRUISE** come together. All the same, together or separate, **ST. JACOBS** will promptly cure the pain and wipe out the marks.

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# WHEAT WHEAT WHEAT

"Nothing but wheat; what you might call a sea of wheat," is what was said by a lecturer speaking of Western Canada. For particulars as to routes, railway fares, etc., apply to Superintendent of Immigration, Department Interior, Ottawa, Canada, or to Capt. E. Barrett, Houston, Texas.



**CURE YOURSELF!**

It is the only one of the young who believe that the bitter experience of life will never touch them.

Approves of the death of Stuart Wadsworth Wheeler, the Philadelphia man, who played on the Harvard football team and died of fever contracted while with the City troop in Porto Rico. Frederick Remington compliments the many noted football players who enlisted upon their good soldiering.

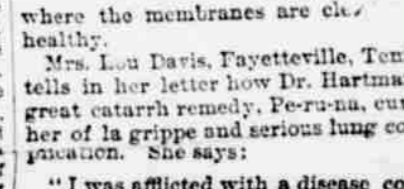
A Dog's Life.

"I understand that Mrs. Smith leads her husband a dog's life."

"Yes, poor fellow. She pets him from morning to night."

# DEFENDING THE NATION.

Catarrh is our country's enemy. La grippe, lung troubles and other diseases of the mucous membrane take hold of our people and fatal results follow with alarming frequency.



Mrs. Lou Davis, Fayetteville, Tenn., tells in her letter how Dr. Hartman's great catarrh remedy, Peruna, cured her of la grippe and serious lung complication. She says:

"I was afflicted with a disease commonly known as la grippe two years ago; the doctors said I had consumption. I got one bottle of Peruna and the second night my cough stopped. I took several bottles, and I will say that I believe I would be a woman now if it had not been for Peruna."

Mary M. Pruitt, Palpa, Mo., says: "Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, O."

"I had la grippe for three successive years; it seemed to get a lighter hold on me each year. It seemed I was in the jaws of death. What had helped me before would not do me any good. I saw an advertisement of Peruna. I procured two bottles and it cured me. I have not felt any symptom since. You may use this in any way you please."

Ask any druggist for a free Peruna Almanac for the year 1899.



MAP SHOWING ROUTE OF RUSSIA'S PROPOSED SHIP CANAL.

The least width of this great ship canal is to be a little more than 213 feet at water level and 114 feet at the bottom. The depth will be 20 1/2 feet uniformly. The Baltic sea terminus of the canal is to be the port of Riga. Riga is on the mouth of the Dvina river, which is navigable for many miles from its mouth. The channel of the Dvina river will be used for the canal as far as Dunaburg, where an artificial canal will branch off across the Lepel watershed and into the Beresina river, a tributary of the Dnieper, the third largest river in Europe. Here there is little work except dredging necessary and the canal builders will utilize the course of the Beresina to the Dnieper, meeting the latter stream somewhere near Lioief. Then the Dnieper channel will be followed to its mouth on the Black sea, where the port of Kherzon now is.

The topographical conditions are so favorable that the canal needs only two locks, one at each terminus, and the soil of almost the whole territory through which the canal will pass is of the best possible character, being clay of exceptional consistency and of good quality that the bricks and much other necessary material can be manufactured as the work proceeds from the earth which is dug up.

Five years is the time which is calculated will be necessary to complete the work and open the canal for shipping. The cost is estimated at only 200,000,000 rubles (\$154,000,000), or about one-half that at the recent valuation in American gold of the fluctuating ruble.

Besides the two terminal ports fifteen inland ports are to be created from cities that are almost isolated at present. The canal will practically give them the importance of coast cities. For in each it is planned to construct harbor facilities in which the largest ocean-going vessels can lie at anchor and take and discharge cargo without interfering with the commerce of the canal.

The engineers who have been planning this great Russian waterway estimate that the largest ships can steam through it at the rate of six knots an hour and thus go from the Black sea to the Baltic in a little less than seven days. The branches of the Dnieper, most of which are deep and wide, can be opened as feeding canals, and thus an immense inland territory of Russia will be opened to the outer world.

Perhaps the most direct interest for

ed with cries of "Oh! oh!" and "Withdraw!" from liberal members. Subsequently on the night of the 13th of May, Lord Robert Cecil rose to make a personal explanation in connection with the incident. "The expression I used is thought to be too violent," said he, "and when any gentleman in the heat of debate drops an expression which on reflection he feels to be stronger than was necessary, he ought, I think, to take the first opportunity to apologize or to retract. (Hear, hear!) Therefore I feel that I am only doing justice to my feelings when I avow that on that occasion I did regret my words. (Laughter and cries of "Oh! oh!") They are a very honorable body of men, and I am sure—" But the shouts of disapproval from the ministerial benches waxed so loud that the conclusion of the sentence was lost in the reporters' gallery.

Youthful Hopes Fulfilled.

Eddie, aged 4, had just returned home after his first morning at the kindergarten. "Well, Eddie," asked his mother, "how did you like it?" "Didn't like it at all," he replied. "The woman put me on a chair and told me to sit there for the present—" "Well," interrupted the mother, "wasn't that all right?" "But," continued Eddie, "she never gave me any present."—Chicago News.

Fifty thousand Bank of England notes are on the average made daily.

One of the most grand weddings of the last night at 8 o'clock, in Marshall, only John F. Marston of Atlanta, bonds of performance of the Parrott, of honor another Marston, gave of Duluth Wood attend-

Whitney beyond measure and Miss Anna daughter of fifty farmer live with a 41-home. The room at the re-

Unstable Dead.

Tex., Dec. 23.—A telegram from Crawford, McLennan county, announces the death of James W. Richardson, the constable of the precinct in which the town named is located. Constable Richardson was stricken with pneumonia and died after a brief illness. At the next meeting of the county commissioners court Judge Gallagher will report the death of the constable and his successor will be appointed to fill the vacancy.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 23.—The remains of Edward Kerr are being held here awaiting advice from his relatives in St. Louis. Kerr was a brakeman on the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio railway and was killed forty miles out at Rio Grande by the west bound passenger train while his own train, a freight, was on the siding at that station. Kerr stepped directly in front of the passenger engine, unconscious of its proximity, and was instantly killed. His remains were brought here, an inquest held and his relatives in St. Louis notified.

Found in a Well.

Quannah, Tex., Dec. 23.—Several days ago John White, accompanied by another party, both residents of Greer county, came to Quannah by train. They left Quannah at night and camped on Groesbeck creek, in this county. Next morning White's companion was met going toward Greer county with both wagons. On investigation White's body was found in an old well at his home with a gunshot wound in the back of the head.

Handsome Chess Cup.

A handsome silver cup has been presented to the Paris Chess club and will be the prize in the tournament that has been arranged to take place between this date and Jan. 1. The membership of the club has been divided into two classes, novices and experts, there being ten of the latter, and these ten will play for the cup.

When a Havana funeral procession which was escorting the hearse containing the remains of Capt. Jesus Sorolongo, who was killed, reached the corner of Infanta and San Jose streets, a violent affray took place between members of the funeral party and some employes of the military hospital.

Late advices are the Spanish and insurgents are still fighting in the Philippines.

The Bonham, Tex., has been organized.

# Little Pimples Turn to Cancer.

Often results from an impure blood, inherited from parents. Few people are aware of some taint in the blood, impossible to tell when it will appear in the form of dreaded Cancer, which has developed into malignant Cancer.

Severe Cancer which was at first thought to be a simple skin disease, but which soon passed away, I was treated by several able physicians, but in spite of their efforts the Cancer spread until my condition became alarming. After many months of treatment and growing steadily worse, I decided to try S. S. S., which was strongly recommended. The first bottle produced an improvement, I continued the medicine, and in four months the last little seed dropped off. Ten years have returned. My health is restored.

W. H. Williams, Gilchrist, Miss.

Experiment with S. S. S. is beyond the skill of a doctor. It is the only cure, the only remedy which can reach Cancer.

# S. S. S. For the Blood

S. S. S. is the only blood purifier. It is purely vegetable, contains no poisons and is therefore safe and non-dangerous of minerals. It cures all blood diseases, skin diseases, and all diseases of the blood.

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LOCAL DOTS.

A happy New Year to one and all.

Look out for the new stock of shoes and boots at S. L. Robertson's.

Even money gets a sack of flour at Carney & McKee's.

The little folks were entertained at Mr. D. M. Winns on Tuesday night.

For choicest Christmas candies go to W. W. Fields & Bros.

All kinds of dry goods and groceries for sale by S. L. Robertson.

Mr. Sam McGaughey and wife of Stonewall visited in Haskell this week.

Pure Louisiana sugar-cane molasses, New crop, at S. L. Robertson's.

Mrs. W. T. Lanier and family are visiting relatives in Stonewall this week.

Fresh groceries received every week and always sold at lowest prices at S. L. Robertson's.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Brockman have returned from their trip to Thorp Spring.

S. L. Robertson has just received a big stock of hosiery, corsets, gloves, etc.

Pure ribbon cane molasses at W. W. Fields & Bros.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Keller entertained a large party of the young folks Thursday night.

Don't be fooled on prices; if you don't want but \$1 worth it will pay you to figure with Carney & McKee.

A large crowd of the little folks enjoyed a party at Mr. B. L. Robertson's.

People of the Vernon neighborhood celebrated with a Christmas tree.

Try the Meadors Hotel under its new management when you want a square meal or a comfortable bed.

Credit and credit prices are gone with us for this year—try us with the cash and we'll surprise you in prices.

Mr. Will Pierson bade the home folks adieu yesterday and departed on his return to Greenville to look after his log shingle.

NEW DRY GOODS! S. L. Robertson is receiving a fine line of dry goods this week.

Line of ladies dress goods and the publicannels, outings, per his mill anetc.

By notifies third Saturdays.

Pay up, if you don't wait for me to meet my

at 15. In the year 1898, Governor of the State, ordered that it should begin January 1st.

In Denmark the year began with the moneyer having so many liabilities. Don't wait, Christmas you owe me is already due.

Respectfully, S. L. ROBERTSON

Mr. W. H. Epply having returned from Arizona with his mind made up that Haskell county is good enough for him, has purchased the Howell farm in the Sandhills.

The Excelsior Black Leg Vaccine, is the only inoculation vaccine in successful use in the United States or Europe is thoroughly tested and cures every time. Dr. J. E. Lindsey is agent for it.

Mr. Rufe Denson and Miss Mamie Davis, daughter of Mr. J. E. Davis, two highly respected young people of our county, celebrated Christmas day by uniting in marriage, with the assistance of Rev. M. L. Moody.

The Free Press extends best wishes for their prosperity and hopes they may live to see many more happy Christmases.

NEW GOODS We will receive soon a nice line of dry good, boots, shoes, hats, gloves, etc.

Also a choice assortment of ladies' and gentlemen's underwear and some heavy winter duck coats—in all a nice general stock of winter goods.

Call and figure on prices with Carney & McKee.

A new girl came to the home of Mr. Joe Smith on Wednesday last.

Mr. John Vannoy is expected here Monday on a visit to old friends.

Mr. G. R. Davis sold 50 head of cows this week to Mr. J. F. Albin at \$23, throwing in four or five young calves.

We have a fine line of general dry goods and ladies' dress goods arriving this week. Call and see the new patterns.

CARNEY & MCKEE.

Mr. J. E. Crisp has secured the position of ranch boss on the Circle ranch in King county on very favorable terms.

The Wild Horse prairie folks had a Christmas tree at their school house, which is reported to have been a very successful affair.

For fruit cake and mince meat ingredients and a choice line of family groceries, extracts, seasonings etc., go to W. W. Fields & Bros. Prices the lowest that can be made.

We understand that Mr. Jud Roberson who recently moved his cattle into this county from Baylor has purchased the Dickenson residence in the north part of town.

I am doing general sewing and dressmaking. My experience in cutting and fitting enables me to guarantee satisfaction. Patronage solicited. Respectfully,

Mrs. Attie Westlake.

Messrs W. T. Hudson, A. H. Tandy, C. C. Cummings and R. M. Dickenson made shipments of beef cattle to northern markets this week.

Mr. Ed Roberson returned to business at Seymour Thursday after spending Xmas with the old folks and friends and—well, you know who, don't you?

Carry all hides and furs you have for sale to W. W. Fields & Bros., they will pay you the highest market price for them.

Our society young people were out in full force Tuesday night and enjoyed a most pleasant social entertainment at Mr. J. S. Rike's.

Mr. Tom Russell left Thursday for his home in Knox county, where he will attend school for some months. He made many friends during his sojourn in Haskell.

Mr. T. D. Carney announces that he now has things in good shape at the Meadors Hotel, and invites the country people and the traveling public to give them a call.

A telephone message from Mr. Nick Hudson to his brother W. T. Hudson at this place, gave the shocking news that his little boy, Butler, about six years old, was killed by a horse on last Tuesday.

HARPER Whiskey is rapidly becoming the national beverage. It's the one thing all parties agree upon. Republicans, Democrats, Populists. Even the "knownothing" party knows one thing; the merits of Harper Whiskey. Sold by Keister & Hazlewood, Haskell, Texas.

It is understood that Judge Ed J. Hamner and Judge R. H. Looney have formed a partnership for the practice of law with an office in this city.—W. Tex. Stockman (Colorado).

Ed J. Hamner, who was defeated for re-election to the office of District Judge of the Roby district, has formed a law partnership with Judge Looney of Colorado.—Sweetwater Reporter.

We are not able to state whether or not the above items are true, as we have not heard an announcement of the fact here, but presume they are.

Seed Oats.

Seed oats, 800 to 1000 bushels for sale now at 40 cents per bushel. W. P. WHITMAN.

VERY IMPORTANT.

The time of year has come for you to pay your notes and accounts. I have carried you longer than you asked me to. There is no use talking I cannot carry you any longer so come at once, don't wait for me to look you up. For the next sixty days everything will be cash except prescriptions. This is not the time of year to sell on credit. A. P. McLEMORE.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by A. P. McLemore.

Program for Jan. 1st, 3 p. m.

Leader—Mr. Sewell. Roll call and scripture responses. Lesson—The Angel Presence for the New Year. Exodus 23: 20-25. Talk on Lesson—Mr. Willie Pierson. Duet—Misses Zoodie and Georgia Johnson. Recitation—Miss Rob Lindsey. The meeting will be thrown open and everyone will have an opportunity of saying something.

Notice of Stockholders' Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Haskell National Bank will be held on Tuesday, January 10th, 1899, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 4 p. m., at the office of said bank in the town of Haskell, Texas, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year and for transacting such other business as may properly come before such meeting. J. L. JONES, Cashier. Haskell, Tex. Dec. 10, 1898.

WATCH NIGHT.

Watch night will be observed at the Methodist church on Saturday night, Dec. 31st. Beginning at 9 o'clock the watch will be divided into three parts of one hour each. The first, from 9 to 11, will be occupied by a literary program, then from 10 to 11 will be given to social intercourses and from 11 to 12 will be given to devotional services, consisting of a short sermon by the pastor, Rev. M. L. Moody, with prayers and songs.

The last song will be a quartette—"Time's Swift Chariot."

Following is the program for the literary hour:

Doxology—Orchestra.

Quartette—Mr. and Mrs. Sherrill, Mrs. H. R. Jones and Rev. Moody.

Recitation—"Without a Wife," by Miss Hattie Sanders.

Violin Solo—Mr. Joe McCreary.

Dialogue—"Mark Twain and the Interviewer," by Messrs Marshall Pierson and Ed Couch.

Orchestra.

"Flossie Lane's Marriage" by Miss Ethel Mason.

Original New Year Story, Miss Lillie Rike.

Vocal Duet—Mrs. H. R. Jones and Miss Rob Lindsey.

Dialogue—Misses May Fields and Lillie Rike.

Recitation—"Parental Discipline," Miss Mollie Bryant.

Vocal Solo—Miss Rike.

Recitation—"A Story of New Year's Eve," Miss Robbie Lindsey.

All are invited, old and young, to come and take part in the pleasures of the occasion and, as they watch the old year out and the new year in, resolve to live to better purposes in the future.

The Christmas Tree.

The union Christmas tree last Saturday night was a great success. The large opera house was packed to overflowing with old and young. The happy, expectant faces of the multitude of children told of their long cherished hopes and simple faith in good, old Santa Claus, and few if any were disappointed.

The main tree was a large, symmetrically formed cedar and standing on the stage was so arranged on a base as to revolve and show all sides to the audience. This tree was flanked on either side by a smaller tree, each surmounted by a large silvered Texas star, and all heavily laden with presents and about their bases and on a low table in front were stacked about a wagon load more for which there was no room on the trees.

As was anticipated the committee of young ladies having the decoration of the three in charge had done their work well—with the assistance of Mr. Townes and some of the young men whom they had called to their aid—and the tree presented a beautiful appearance as it slowly revolved, bringing to view its rich treasure of gifts.

When the crowd had looked for a few minutes Rev. M. L. Moody stepped to the front and offered a brief prayer and made a few appropriate remarks, the music committee regaled the audience with a song or two and the work of distributing old Santa's gifts went merrily through without a hitch.

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A. P. McLemore.

180 be glad for you up and lay them suggest.

The Literary Entertainment.

The public entertainment given by the Haskell Literary society on Monday night at the court house presented that society in a very favorable light. The large district court room was completely filled, a few having to go up to the gallery to find seats.

Mr. Marshall Pierson opened the program with a few general remarks and expressed the appreciation of the society for the encouragement they felt in being met by so large an audience. The society's string band then rendered some excellent music, which was followed by a fine oration by Mr. John Couch. This was followed by more music, (which was interspersed all through the program) then a recitation by Miss Ethel Mason, "The Shadow of a Song," in which she showed excellent elocutionary ability. Miss Sallie Ramsey explained that circumstances had been such that she could not prepare her essay and she read an amusing selection instead. Mr. Marshall Pierson followed in a recitation of "The Murder of Nancy Sikes," one of Dickens' weird pen pictures, in which he represented several characters in the enactment of a tragedy and acquitted himself well.

Miss Mollie Bryant followed with "Naughty Zell," which she did to a turn and much to the amusement of the audience.

The debate came next on the subject, "Resolved that the Philippine islands should become permanent." Messrs Will Pierson and Dan Couch on the affirmative and Messrs Ed Couch and J. B. Jones on the negative. The debate was spirited and showed considerable knowledge and investigation of the subject by the debaters. The judges gave the decision to the affirmative—though we would have given a different decision on the debate.

A quartette composed of Misses Mary Rice and Georgia Johnson and Messrs Will Sherrill and Tom Russell then gave a splendid rendition of "Moonlight on the Sea" to an organ accompaniment by Mrs. H. R. Jones, and so ended a very pleasant evening's entertainment.

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As to Pensioning Confederates.

President McKinley may have felt what he said in his recent speeches in Savannah in regard to southern loyalty, the care of the graves of Confederate soldiers, etc. There is ample reason for the entertainment of such a spirit toward the south after its long night of ostracism, and we hope that the president really felt what he said and that with him all of the north will come to see us in the true light and that there will in the future be none of the bickering, crimination and recrimination which has characterized the past third of a century. But we do not deceive ourselves with the belief that the old score is entirely well. There was grave injustice and wrong; many deep wounds that only the grave can heal. While there is a surface healing and a hope by even those who bear the deepest wounds that there will be no more friction to irritate them, yet they feel and know that the old ranking will revive for the least provocation. And in this connection we feel constrained to say that we believe the amendment offered in congress by Senator Butler of North Carolina to admit ex-Confederate soldiers to the national pension list is ill advised. We do not believe that the old Confederate soldiers desire to be pensioned by the federal government. We believe that they would feel that they were stultifying themselves in their hearts and in the eyes of the world by accepting it. Nor do we in truth stand on the standpoint of the amendment. While we believe that it is right for the government and in our civil strife to forgive and forget and to be willing to extend to us who assailed it every right and privilege growing out of our conduct since the war, enjoyed by every other citizen, we do not believe it right that the government should pay rewards to those who sought to overcome it, regardless as to whether they were right or wrong.

No one believes more sincerely than the writer believes, and has ever believed, that the south was right in her contention and, we believe that every one who has this sincere conviction will feel as we do in regard to the propriety of this pension question. We should take care of the old Confederates as Texas is preparing to do. We were overcome let us bear our misfortune.

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