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Three Cases De Washington Colonel offer

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Star.

It's Now Time

To begin your Holiday advertising, we have the space to sell, and it will bring you quick returns.

Try an ad in The Star.

'TIS NEITHER HONOR NOR WEALTH, NOR STATE, BUT THE GIT-UP-AND-GIT THAT MAKES MEN GREAT.'

VOL. 19.

BAIRD, CALAHAN COUNTY, TEX. THURSDAY. DEC. 21 1905. NO. 3.

Prepare For Christmas.

When looking around for a present for Mother, Father, Sister, Brother, Sweetheart or Friend, don't fail to call at my store and see the many things we have for Xmas Gifts.

HOLIDAY GIFTS FOR LADIES.

Ladies long cloaks, jackets, shawls: fascinators, a nice dress pattern, a pair of gloves, new holiday neckware, hand bags, belts, medallions, hand painted china, art squares, carpets, lap robes, and many other things too numerous to mention. Call and see for yourself.

We have just received a lot of Premiums that are excellent Xmas Gifts. Bring in your tickets.

HOLIDAY GIFTS FOR MEN.

A nice over-coat, a suit of clothes, a hat a cap, a pair of shoes, a nice neck tie [new line just received,] a pair of silk suspenders one-half dozen pair of hose, a nice dress shirt, a pair of boots, a trunk, traveling bags and suit cases, silk mufflers, silk handkerchiefs, etc.

An Assortment of Ladies Ready-to-Wear Hats at Half Price.

Ask for Premium tickets

B. L. BOYDSTUN,

We Sell Em For Less.

P. S. Our store will be closed Xmas Day, December 25th.

I have over \$40,000 still on my books that is now past due. I have been very lenient with you, and you know whether you owe me or not, and if you owe me I ask you kindly to come and settle up, as I am very much in need of money, in fact I must have it.

PAY UP!

T. E. POWELL.

LOOK HERE!

For our add next week for Special Sale on

Tuesday, Jan'y. 2, 1906.

McGOWEN BROS.

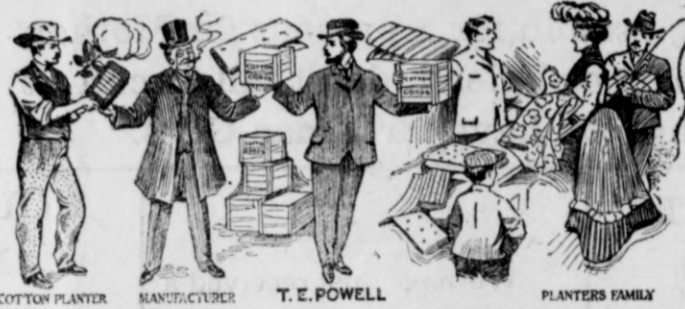
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No
Trouble to
show goods



COTTON PLANTER MANUFACTURER T. E. POWELL PLANTERS FAMILY

We
Have it
For Less.

T. E. Powell buys his goods in large quantities direct from the manufacturer and no "brokers" or "jobbers" make a profit on the goods he handles, that why it takes 21 clerks in all departments to wait on the customers, in fact we are doing the biggest business we have ever done in Baird, from morning till night the house is crowded with customers and you constantly hear the cry "clerk," which means that there are more customers in that part of the house than clerks, while there are so many thousand finding Bargains there is a BARGAIN there for you. Every Man, Woman and Child that needs

DRY GOODS, CLOTHING, SHOES, MILLINERY, ETC.

If they are wise, should go to T. E. Powell's, where they will save at least 20 per cent on their purchases. Come and try us and see.

"CIRCULAR SKIRT"

PROGRESS BRAND
VERY BEST MADE
STYLE, FIT AND QUALITY
GUARANTEED BY MAKERS.
PUNCH BROS.
St. Louis.



CLOTHING.

We are especially strong on Clothing this year. In this department we have 1,000 suits of the very latest styles and the very best quality and at lower prices than any other house in the west. You know that you are always trying to save money and the only way to do this is to buy your goods from Powell, where it is no trouble to show goods.



DRESS GOODS.

Our Dress Goods Department is loaded from end to end with bargains, of Silks, Wools, Worstedes or Cottons. You can find what you want if you go to the right place and that place is T. E. Powell's. We will please you.

HAMILTON-BROWN SHOES

Are the best on earth, and every pair is warranted to give satisfaction or money refunded. You only pay for what you get. We are sole agents for these shoes and keep on hand an exceptionally large line of them.

Hamilton-Brown

To Prove all the Above.---We have more days this year that the sales run over \$1,000 per day than any year since we have been in business, and this means that we have REAL BARGAINS.

NO TROUBLE TO SHOW AND PRICE GOODS AT POWELLS.

TO-DAY!

THREE HAVE FAILED.

Two Chicago Banks and a Trust Company Go Under.

RIDGELEY IS ON the Architect called from our Clearing House at Celestial Lodge above to It The worthy beloved Brother W. C. Williams. While we deplore our we submissively bow to the will our Father, who doeth all things Or the best.

Resolved that this Lodge has lost a worthy Brother, the church a consistent minister and member.

Resolved that while we mourn for those who have fallen out of our ranks, we turn in sorrow to their desolate homes and tender to their bereaved loved ones our warmest sympathy and heartfelt condolence.

Resolved that as a token of our fraternal love a page of our records be set apart in memory of our deceased Brother and these resolutions be recorded thereon.

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be furnished the family of the deceased, a copy each to THE BAIRD STAR and BROWNWOOD BANNER-Bulletin for publication.

Brethren, let us one and all, emulate the virtues of our Brother who has gone before, whither we soon must follow. Our Brother is not dead, but sleepeth. True it is that from the still blue lips no sounds come back to us, but a loving voice speaks these words, "the Righteous hath eternal life."

Fraternally submitted,
R. W. PENTOCOST,
A. F. WILLES,
J. L. HOWELL,
Committee.

ABILENE LOCALS.

Tarleton Middleton, who has not been in good health for some months, is now improving and is gaining strength. He had a roast pig feast today, attended by several of his friends.

Misses Jessie Kelly and Edna Totton, teachers in Sweetwater public schools, are at home to remain until after the holidays, school being suspended until that time.

Mrs. G. Christian, after a visit to her son, G. L., and family, returned today to her home in Baird.

Mrs. J. N. Ferguson and Newton Jr., returned on the noon train from their visit to friends and relatives in Sweetwater.

Mrs. E. H. Dunlap of El Paso, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. W. J. McGowen, in our city, left at noon to visit other relatives in Baird.

We are sorry to learn from D. L. Middleton a confirmation of the rumor that he has sold his Abilene and Taylor county property for the purpose of moving to the Indian Territory. He and his excellent family came to Abilene from Hood county in January 1882, less than a year after the town lots were sold, and have resided here continuously ever since. Gen. James bought Mr. Middleton's home place on Grape and North streets, six lots with two houses, and has a valuable property. Mr. Middleton will move to the Creek Nation, and continue in the stock business but will not go out before April, when his cattle can be moved. We will lose this family with much regret, but trust that they will be happy in their new home.—Abilene Reporter.

Print the Lord's Prayer in the paper, and perhaps a half dozen people would read it, record right under it a prize fight and every body would read it. If a man comes to town and acts with the greatest decorum he will not excite the admiration of a single individual; but, should he get drunk he would get universal attention.—(Cottonwood Fax.)

And the moral is—?

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Three Cases Dying

Washington Colonel M. office



"And to think that ten months ago I looked like this! I owe it to German Syrup."

The time-worn injunction, "Never put off 'til to-morrow what you can do to-day," is now generally presented in this form: "Do it TO-DAY!" That is the terse advice we want to give you about that hacking cough or demoralizing cold with which you have been struggling for several days, perhaps weeks. Take some reliable remedy for it TO-DAY—and let that remedy be Dr. Boschee's German Syrup, which has been in use for over thirty-five years. A few doses of it will undoubtedly relieve your cough or cold, and its continued use for a few days will cure you completely. No matter how deep-seated your cough, even if dread consumption has attacked your lungs, German Syrup will surely effect a cure—as it has done before in thousands of apparently hopeless cases of lung trouble. New trial bottles, 25c; regular size, 75c. At all druggists.

Finest dress goods, union suits, children's drawers, hosiery, shoes—anything you want at Foy's. 40

TRESPASS NOTICE.

All fishing, hunting or gathering pecans on land owned or controlled by me is positively forbidden.

42-1f JASPER McCLOY.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

Some parties who only subscribed for service to 10 p. m. are burning lights all night. This is to notify all persons that hereafter bills will be made out for all night service unless lights are turned off according to contract. This refers particularly to business houses. We do not agree to give all night service unless parties pay for same. It is hoped that all patrons will conform to their contracts without further notice.

50 BAIRD ELECTRIC LIGHT CO.

I have bought G. A. Clement's interest in the meat market and will collect all accounts. All who know themselves indebted to us will please call and settle at once.

49tf L. A. Waters.

Remember every subscription two years or more past due on THE STAR will be discontinued without notice unless some arrangements are made before hand. 49tf.

LOOKING FOR MEN.

The world, it is said, is always looking for men who are not for sale; men who are honest, sound from center to circumference, true to the heart's core; men whose consciences are as steady as the needle to the pole; men who will stand for the right if the heavens totter and the earth reels; men who can tell the truth and look the world and the devil right in the eye; men that neither flag nor flinch; men who can have courage without shooting to it; men in whom everlasting life runs still, deep and strong; men who know their message and tell it; men who will not lie, skirk or dodge; men who are not too lazy to work, nor too proud to be poor; men who are willing to eat what they have earned and wear what they have paid for; men who are not afraid to say "No," with emphasis, and who are not ashamed to say, "I can't afford it."—Selected.

THE SEASON OF INDIGESTION.

The season of indigestion is upon us. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure for Indigestion and Dyspepsia will do everything for the stomach that an over-loaded or over-worked stomach can not do for its self. Kodol digests what you eat—gives the stomach a rest—relieves sour stomach, belching, heart-burn, indigestion, etc. Sold by R. Phillips.

PRICE OUR Blankets and Comforts.

We have bought an immense stock of Blankets and Comforts and are now ready to do business with you in this line, this stock was bought before the advance and we will be able to sell them even less than the old price. Come and See.

SPECIAL ATTENTION

Is called to our new line of Men's Clothing, which is the most selected stock in Baird, we will sure please you if Value, Price and Style are of any importance.



Star Brand Boots and Shoes are the best in the world. Try them.

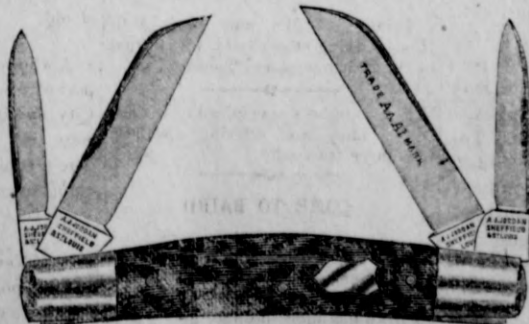


H. Schwartz.

THINGS FOR XMAS.



We have the most complete and select line of Razors, Shears and Cutlery ever shown in Baird before. All make nice Xmas presents.



HARRY MEYER.

Entered at the postoffice at Baird, Tex., as second class mail matter.

W. E. GILLILAND,
Editor and Proprietor.

ADVERTISING RATES.

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1 inch, 6 months..... 5 00
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Subscription Rates.

One year.....\$1 00
Six months.....50 cts
Terms: Cash in advance.

12 PAGES THIS WEEK.

The "Powers" are after the unspeakable Turk, again.

France has a hard time in dissolving the union of Church and State.

What a great time it would be for all except the soldiers if war could be abolished.

"Baird is the best town we have seen." is a common remark heard now from strangers.

There are three hundred cases of local option violations on the Court dockets in Grayson County.

Let us resolve to build more and better roads in the country and better sidewalks in town next year.

Remember the school election for Baird December 28th and vote for City Control of the schools.

Swearing off time will soon be around again. Would it not be better to live so we would not have to swear off.

It is charged that fifteen thousand Jews have been murdered in Russia during the past year. No wonder a curse is on that country.

Baird has no room to complain about trade. If any are not getting their share it is because they are not hustling as they should.

Who was it said, "I will travel this way but once and I desire to do all the good I can?" The day that is past is gone never to return, and we have no assurance for to morrow.

Of course some people, in their own estimation, could have done a better job than the Creator himself but for one we are glad man had nothing to do with the creation.

To get blind staving drunk is a mighty poor way to celebrate the birth of Christ, but some people do this. Why? THE STAR hopes none in Baird or Callahan County will celebrate Christmas in any such way this year. Better help some poor widow or child than to spend money for drink to be used to excess on Christmas or any other time. THE STAR does not believe it a sin to take a drink or have your eggnog Christmas if you feel like it, provided it is done in reason and moderation.

"Be temperate in all things" is as good advice today as it was two thousand years ago.

Grand Ma McKinney was 81 years old Tuesday, December, 19. Mrs. McKinney has been in bad health for two or three years and is now confined to her room most of the time.

EMPTY STOCKINGS.

"Oh, mothers in home that are happy Where Christmas comes laden with cheer,
Where the children are dreaming already Of the happiest day of the year.

"As you gather your darlings around you And tell them the 'story of old,'
Remember the homes that are dreary! Remember the hearts that are cold!

"And thanking the love that has dowered you With all that is dearest and best,
Give freely, that from your abundance Some bare little life may be blessed

Oh go where the stockings hang empty. Where Christmas is naught but a name.

And give—for the love of the Christ-child; 'Twas to seek such as these that he came!"

MRS. J. C. ROBERTS in Dallas News.

MIXED THE RECORD.

The Callahan County District Court has adjourned after disposing of a very heavy docket, 45 criminal cases as per the BAIRD STAR of last week.

The cases range from murder down to gaming, murder 1; assault to murder 4; disposing of mortgaged property 2; perjury 1; theft 5; burglary 1; Sunday selling 2; selling liquor to minors 4; gambling 8, and on down the line.—Taylor County News.

The News evidently got the District and County Court records mixed. There were only 13 Criminal Cases in the District Court. The murder case, the only one on docket, come from Schackelford County. The other cases were tried in the County Court which convened after the adjournment of the District Court, as the News will see if they examine the report as published in THE STAR. The County Court record also contained several cases in which parties had plead guilty to minor offenses committed since the last term of Court.

As a matter of fact the District Court docket, Civil and Criminal, was light, only 26 cases in all, yet it required practically the full four weeks term to dispose of them. This makes this the longest term of Court ever held in the county, and the most costly to the tax payers, except one term about eighteen years ago.

DEATHS.

Grover C. Baker, a young railroad man, who has been sick for some time with slow fever, died Monday morning and was buried in the city cemetery Monday evening by Baird Lodge No. 271 I. O. O. F. Mr. Baker was about 21 years old and highly esteemed by all who knew him. He leaves three sisters and a brother to mourn his untimely death. We extend sincere sympathy to them in this sad hour.

Olie May, son of J. M. May living near Clyde, died last Friday and was buried in Baird cemetery Friday evening.

Infant of Mr. and Mrs. Will Heslep living near Clyde, was buried in the Baird cemetery Tuesday.

See Vaughn's special ad on furniture. They are offering specially low price for cash. 3-2

COME TO BAIRD

Baird merchants undoubtedly have the largest stock of holiday goods ever brought to Baird. One store in town has more holiday goods than all the merchants heretofore. You can get as nice holiday goods at Baird as costly and as cheap as in any town in West Texas. The merchants have the goods and are anxious to sell them. Read THE STAR and see who they are.

MARRIED.

LEVERETT-VAUGHN—Mr. Eugene Leverett and Miss Alice Vaughn were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Vaughn, Sunday, December 17, 1905, at 7:30 p. m. Elder T. R. Burnett officiating. Both young people have lived in Callahan county from childhood and are very popular.

THE STAR extends most hearty congratulations and best wishes for the happiness and prosperity of these young people.

CHRISTMAS CAKE.

THE STAR force is indebted to Oscar Nitschkie, our popular baker, for one of the nicest fruit cakes. The top of the cake has a large Texas star and around the points the letters B A I R D. Mr. Nitschkie is one of the best bakers in the state and can fill any order for bread, cakes, pies, etc, on short notice. Give him your orders and we will guarantee that he will please you if any one can.

If you find my butcher knife on the streets, leave at THE STAR office and oblige. J. L. LEA.

"THE TWO LITTLE SISTERS."

Tuesday night December 26th 1905 "The Two Little Sisters" will give a Musical entertainment in the City of Baird. It will be a rare treat indeed to hear the "Two Little Sisters," with Mandolin and Guitar, songs and recitations. Don't forget the date Tuesday night, December 26th.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Willson and daughter, Miss Minnie, of Clyde were in town Saturday.

Miss Minnie Stell, of Durant I. T. is visiting her sister, Mrs. F. F. Rains.

H. Windham, of Tecumseh, was in town the first of the week.

Harry Ebert has moved back to Callahan and will farm near Vigo and like all up-to-date country men has ordered THE STAR for another year.

Ellis Richardson, of Albany who has been in town a few days on business, returned home yesterday.

Grand Ma Webb, mother of A. G. and Sam Webb, celebrated her 80 birthday, Sunday, December 10. She is in good health and all hope she may live to see many returns of her natal day.

County Commissioner J. H. Burnham and son, and W. D. Clinton near Scranton, were in town a few days ago.

If any one believes any one connected with THE STAR eats any idle bread these days they should drop around about Wednesday or Thursday or nearly any other day in the week and see how badly they are mistaken.

Baird Dentists are scattering somewhat. Dr. C. M. McCauley has sold out and will move to Merkel. Dr. R. B. Spurgin has sold out and will move to Mineral Wells. This leaves Doc Ramsey to play a lone hand as of old.

A widow woman moved to the east part of town Tuesday from Colorado City and it was reported that they were in destitute circumstances. The neighbors carried them something to eat and an old stove and some fuel was provided for them.

The New Era says it is alright to preach politics from the pulpit as this has a tendency to improve politics. How would Editor Webb relish a red hot Republican tariff speech for a sermon some Sunday in Democratic Baird? It all depends whether or not the politics preached are your kind of politics or not.

'T WAS ONLY

Last night as I came a vision so in old Jerusalem office. I heard the sweetest that ever fell on mortal ear, and thought this must be the music of the spheres, from the choir invisible for no mortal ever touched a harp with such exquisite sweetness or sang in such soft, sweet, entrancing strains. Soon a long line of people came in sight from the direction the music was heard, headed straight for THE STAR office. "No," said a voice in answer to my unspoken thoughts, "these people are not phantoms as you suppose, but real flesh and blood. The long line, you see advancing are those who failed to pay their subscription to THE STAR during the past eighteen years and they are going to turn over a new leaf for the New Year and pay all their debts including their subscription to THE STAR. On they come in silence and with steady measured tread and as they passed the editor's desk each laid down the amount due. No questions were asked, as each one seemed to know exactly what they were due. The editor stood speechless and completely bewildered by all this display of wealth. The pile of silver and greenbacks grew until it ran into the hundreds, then into the thousands, and the editor in a rough way estimated the amount at about five thousand dollars. The shock was too much for the editor and he awoke with a start. The only real thing about the dream is the amount we have lost on subscription since we began publishing THE STAR. Moral:—If you have a dollar or so about your old clothes that is due THE STAR send it in before the first day of January as we need it.

ADVERTISED LIST.

The following is a list of letters remaining in the P. O. at Baird Tex. for week ending Dec. 16, Parties calling for same please say advertised John Bookman, Miss Tina Booth, W. A. Durham, Miss Ida McClendon Odé Hawk, Clarence E. Parton, Miss Mattie Roberts, T. J. Scott, Rev. G. Stigler. Wm. McCanis, P. M.

teachers Court House substitute of this scholast.

The following officers were Prof. H. C. Darden, Presid Prof. S. T. Walker, Vice-Presid Miss Belle Estes, Secretary.

Judged by the number of teachers in attendance and by the interest taken in the work, the Institute was by far the best that has been held in the county for several years. Much earnest and profitable work was done.

The Institute endorsed the following resolutions which were passed by the Texas & Pacific Teacher's Association, held at Colorado Nov. 24-25.:

Resolved: That the Texas & Pacific Teacher's Association, in session at Colorado, Nov. 24-25, 1905, give its endorsement to the educational effort to combine several counties on and along the Texas & Pacific Railroad into a Grand Central Normal.

"That the Chairman appoint a committee of five to draft the plan of organization and have this plan placed before the County Institutes of Callahan, Taylor, Nolan and Mitchell counties, and the counties immediately north and south of those named above, for approval."

Among the the visitors were Supt. Chatfield, Prof. Lackey and Miss Montgomery, of Abilene, and Prof. Summers, of Merkel.

The next meeting of the Institute will be held Jany. 26-27, 1906.

SCHOOL VACATION.

The Public School of Baird will give a vacation beginning at noon today until Wednesday, Jany. 3d, 1906.

GREETING.

We wish you one and all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, when you want good goods at a reasonable price remember me.

Yours Truly,
HARRY MEYER.

A. L. VAUGHN,

Will sell on Jan. 2, for Cash Only the following goods:

\$90.00	Bed Room Suits	\$70.00
85.00	" " " "	65.00
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25.00	" " " "	20.00
22.50	" " " "	18.00
18.00	Bed Lounge	12.00
16.00	" " " "	11.00
15.00	" " " "	10.00
The famous all steel Laggett & Platt		
\$3.50	Bed Spring	2.75
\$3.50	Rocking Chairs	2.50
36x72 \$5	Brussell Rugs	3.75
\$1.25	Dining Chairs	.90
4.00	Matt	3.00
2.75	" " " "	2.25
60c	Double Cane Chairs	.50

I carry a complete line of Furniture, Beds, Mattresses, and am agent for McAlister and Thurber Coal. A. L. Vaughn.

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Clearing House A Thrown Upon Swords to It The Honors, Hair and Beards Plucked Out and Women Stabbed to Avoid Rape.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Her hair prematurely gray, her face lined with suffering, Mrs. Johanna Stein, a Russian refugee, reached Chicago. She and her two children went unscathed through the horrors of a massacre Nov. 1 at Kremenzug, near Odessa. One hundred and fifty Jews were killed and many more wounded.

Mrs. Stein and her children were hidden for hours under a feather bed in an attic, while the rioters went through their quarter of the city, pillaging, slaying, burning and ravishing.

"It all seems a horrible dream," said Mrs. Stein through an interpreter. "When I received my husband's letter containing our passage money to America I was filled with joy. Every day we expected to be killed. Kremenzug has seventy thousand people. Most of them are Jews, but they are not allowed to protect themselves. They are at the mercy of the police and the rabble."

"There is a bond that is composed of Russians and Jews. It is a revolutionary society, and it is supposed to protect the poorer classes of Jews, but it does not. When the proclamation of Russian freedom came there was great rejoicing among the Jews. A meeting was called of the bond at the town hall. The Jews were told to attend or they would be killed."

"Inflammatory speeches were made at the town hall meeting on Nov. 1. The next day we learned that the chief of police had secretly arranged for a massacre of the Jews by the 'Black Hundred,' composed of the rabble. The next day the massacre began. The rioters were mad with vodka."

"Women had their clothing torn from them. Some of them were strung up by the wrists and whipped. Little children were thrown from the upper windows on the bayonets and swords of the brutes below. The hair and beards were torn from old men. Many men stabbed their wives and their daughters so they would not fall into the hands of the devils. Then the men threw themselves on the swords of the rioters. Those of them who were armed sold their lives dearly."

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REFORM.

Three Cases During Washington Convention to be Reformed by its Colonies. A convention of pipe smokers was held in Belgium to combat the abuse of tobacco. The best way to prevent the abuse of tobacco is to smoke slowly. M. Kos, the president of the convention, informed his hearers that it took him three hours and seven minutes to get through one pipe. It is obvious that at this rate of going one could hardly smoke more than four pipes a day. A pipe, according to M. Kos, will outlast three hours if filled in a particular way—loosely—that is, at the bottom—firmly in the middle and again loosely at the top. "Further," said he, "you must give up your whole mind to the process. Patience and determination make the true smoker." M. Kos went on to affirm that the object of the convention, strange as it might appear, was to combat the abuse of tobacco. Those who smoke slowly get the greatest amount of pleasure out of their tobacco, while the nicotine is absorbed in the wood and does not reach the lips.

A Bit of Human Nature.

An amusing bit of human nature comes to light in Paris. The management of the underground railway until recently provided at every station a small box in an out of the way corner for passengers to deposit their tickets in. As a natural result of this system only one ticket in ten was deposited in the box. The rest fluttered about at will all over the station. The authorities noted this and changed the small inaccessible box for a large one in a prominent position. The surprising sequel was that instead of one in ten only one in a hundred tickets found its way into the new box. The easier it was to deposit the tickets the more careless were the passengers in disposing of them.

What We Eat.

More shocking even than the stories of poisonous preservatives and dyes used in foods to which the public has been treated so abundantly of late is the story of a Boston baker who used 1,000 pounds a day of rotten eggs deodorized with formaldehyde. This fact is stated in the last report of the Massachusetts board of health.

OLD PAPERS FOR SALE AT STAR OFFICE Just the thing to put under your carpets, 25c per hundred.

Old papers for sale at THE STAR office, 25c per hundred.

Get a mantle or alarm clock at Powell & Powell's. 23-tf

ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD.

The Protective Stock Association of Callahan and adjoining counties will pay above reward for the arrest and conviction of any person for the theft or unlawful branding of any horses or cattle belonging to any member of this Association, in good standing.

J. B. CUTBIRTH, Pres. A. G. WEBB, Secy.

SPECIAL TRAIN SERVICE FOR MINERAL WELLS.

Visitors to the Great Health and Pleasure Resort from West Texas reaching Weatherford on train No. 6 at 5:40 a. m. may now make connection with Mineral Wells trains leaving Weatherford at 9:55 a. m. and 11:10 a. m. returning leaving Mineral Wells at 8 p. m. connecting with T. & P. No. 5 leaving Weatherford for the West at 9:45 p. m. Write for Mineral Wells booklet. E. P. TURNER, G. P. A. Dallas, Texas.

31-tf

Old papers, 25c per hundred at THE STAR office.

Go to "Butch" Wilson's for pure lard and bacon. 37-t

Perfumery, massage cream, face powder, fancy stationery & etc. at Powell & Powell's. 23tf

When you see Powell think of drugs. 30-tf

Buy the Moon buggies, the best at Harry Meyer's. 35-tf

Buy the Moon buggies, the best at Harry Meyer's. 35tf

Moss Green and Venitian Red Roof Paint, wagon and buggy paint at Powell & Powell's. 23tf

Hello 22! Send me a nice steak.

Go Wilson's for all kinds of meats and sausage. 52

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When you think of drugs see Powell. 30-tf

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If you have not received our fall catalogue write for it at once. Don't fail to visit our toy bazaar in December. The biggest stock of toys and fancy goods in Fort Worth. The entire basement turned over to Santa Claus.

Is Will Pay You to do Your Fall Shopping With Us. Don't Forget Fort Worth Pays Your Fare.

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O MISTLETOE

By NINA PICTON

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What could I do?

THREE times she passed beneath the mistletoe.

With face so arch and eye of blue.

And I, distraught, what could I do?

Rank coward—I turned round and let her go.

O mistletoe!

From every nook and corner blazed the light;

Lyes gleamed like stars in matchless ray.

Yet ne'er an eye of black or gray shone full and soft as hers that old year night.

O wondrous light!

Each one waxed bold as forth she came again.

And o'er her golden hair the bough

Of witchery hung. My hour came now.

I caught and kissed her like a man insane.

O happy swain!



I caught and kissed her.

She neither screamed nor smiled nor chid me then,

But brushed her cheek like thistle-down.

And then a tiny, childish frown came 'twixt her brows. "At last!" cried she. "Oh, Ben, slowest of men!"

No ear but mine heard that imperious blame.

The crowd had passed. We twain stood there

In perfect bliss, without a care, and o'er and o'er I breathed her perfumed name—

O Rose aflame!

The joy bells rang. The old year crept away.

Lusty and young the new year stood,

Aglow with promise, life and blood.

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FIFTEEN CENT COTTON.

The Cotton Growers of the South, through and with the assistance of their organization, The Southern Cotton Association, are slowly but surely winning the greatest commercial battle ever known to the world. They are being applauded by millions of people who are watching the great fight that is being successfully waged by them to throw off the yoke of thieving and speculative manipulation that has held them so long, and has been the means of enabling the spinners to grow enormously wealthy at the expense of the poor farmer.

Those who stood loyal to the Association and accepted its advice, as given last January, to fix the price of 10c per pound on their cotton—demand it and get it—did so, notwithstanding there were thousands who derided their efforts by saying: "Impossible, foolish, etc." The amount of cotton held by the loyal ones was sufficient to bring the price to 10c before the present crop was ready for market.

On September 7th, the Association advised the farmers to ask 11c for their cotton as conditions fully warranted that price. Many fixed that price and sold for it.

Now, on December 1st, the fact the crop is very short has been established beyond the shadow of a doubt, and only a small remnant of that left unsold, also, that the markets are bare of dry goods with future prices enormously advanced, cotton mills loaded down with contracts and orders for goods several months ahead, and only with about one-half enough cotton in sight to fill them. Will they pay 15c for cotton? Why of course, they will if you ask it! If you do not they will take it at 5c as they have done in the past.

Decide for yourselves—let them have it at its actual value, 15c, or let them take it at their price, 5c,—it is yours—do as you please, but remember that if you sell for less than its value, 15c, you are not only injuring yourself, but every other owner of cotton is being denied his price while you are giving yours away, which prevents the advance as long as they can get it at less than its value.

Hundreds of thousands of bales are being pledged to the Southern Cotton Association for 15c, enough to force the price to its value very soon, unless buyers can continue to get yours that is not pledged at their price, in this event, the price cannot reach its value until yours has been taken out of the way and at their price—then the loyal ones will again reap the benefits of their Association's hard work in their behalf.

RICHARD CHEATHAM,
Secy. Southern Cotton Association.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Happenings of the World That Are Presented in Condensed Form.

Brownwood, Tex., will soon have a gas plant.
John Holt was shot and killed near Duncan, I. T.
Cotton mills at Waxahachie, Tex., are to be enlarged.
A coal mine is to be opened up at Edgewood, Tex.
The Pawhuska (Okla.) Capital is a new daily paper.
Secretary of treasury holds there is no duty on zinc ore.
L. P. Palmer, a negro prisoner, died in jail at Paris, Tex.
Laureline mine, in Manitoba, assays \$300,000 gold per ton.
Texarkana will soon have a \$125,000 tile and sewer plant.
Temple, Okla., has been declared regularly incorporated.
A seat on the New York Cotton Exchange sold for \$23,500.
Chicago capitalists will put in a gas plant at McKinney, Tex.
Minco, Okla., has been flooded with counterfeit silver dollars.
Carl D. Sloan drove an iron bar through a foot at Denison.
Refining plant at Jennings, La., costing \$100,000, sold for \$10,000.
Farmers and Mechanics' bank has been organized at Ferris, Tex.
Southern railway has purchased 50,000 acres north of Jackson, Miss.
Late W. H. Thompson of St. Louis left an estate valued at \$4,000,000.
Miss Eva Stapleton of Mountain Park, Okla., was burned to death.
Ned Hanlon will manage the Cincinnati National League Baseball club.
President is understood to favor a whipping post law in District of Columbia.
A number of horses in Kansas and Oklahoma have died from blind staggers.
Alonzo Chever, the well known agricultural writer, is dead at Oldham, Mass.
Walter Hunt of Dallas has bought near Brownsville 120 acres for truck raising.
At Oklahoma City Miss May Sader was terribly burned by a coal oil explosion.
Two steamboat firemen were smothered under ore at the steel plant in Loraine, O.
Kerosene becoming ignited caused the death of Mrs. Warner M. Jett of Jett, Okla.
Two wagon loads of gambling paraphernalia were burned at Hugo, I. T., by officers.
Lieutenant A. Kirkman, who was well known at Lawton, died in the Philippines.
Miss Sybella Davis of Helena, Okla., who two weeks ago lost her voice, has recovered it.
A strong flow of pure water was struck at Davis, I. T., at a depth of twenty-four feet.
As the result of a pistol duel near Bullfrog, Nev., C. Clayton and J. J. Sullivan are dead.
James Sharpe, a Mississippi boy, accidentally killed himself with a shotgun near Meridian.
Five men entered Colby State bank at Colby, Wis., and forced the cashier to give them \$4,500.
Hobart, Okla., citizens voted in favor of extending waterworks system and erecting a standpipe.
Near Cuero, Tex., a little son of August Redles was shot to death accidentally by a brother.
Little daughter of Charles Walton of Wichita Falls, Tex., was so badly burned she soon died.
Steel hoop plant of United States Steel corporation near McKeesport, Pa., burned. Loss \$100,000.
Funeral of late Chief of Police Van Riper was one of the largest ever witnessed at San Antonio.
Thomas Gibham, tried at Anadarko, Okla., on charge of killing T. C. Renfro, was given life imprisonment.
Smith County (Texas) Teachers' institute, with a membership of 125, held an interesting session at Tyler.
H. A. Landes was elected mayor-president of Galveston. Of the 724 votes cast, he received all but one.
Near Monroe, W. Va., Miss Daisy Wilson put a bullet in the head of Herman Nolan, a negro, who tried to assault her.
The Philadelphia left New York for Europe with 3,226 bags of mail, the largest amount of mail ever leaving that port.
Presents Miss Alice Roosevelt were given in the east are rendered at \$20,000 by customs authorities. The duty, \$1,206, she paid.
Conditional with \$100,000 being raised for a New Young Men's Christian Association at Dallas Miss Helen M. Gould will give \$10,000.
Bud Young, a white man, pleaded guilty at Hazelhurst, Miss., to the murder of Frank Collins, a negro, and was given life imprisonment.
By a fire in the Bering-Cortez warehouse at Houston, 1,000 cook stoves, several hundred pigs of rails and other hardware, total \$65,000, destroyed.
At Asbury Park, N. J., F. B. Perdon and Howard Morris are held charged with chloroforming and smothering to death Mrs. Morris Naftel.

Bobby's Answer.

Teacher — What does sea water contain besides the sodium chloride that we have mentioned?
Bobby Smith—Fish, sir.

Postponed.

On account of rain and mud we could not have our Holiday Opening on Wed. 13, but we still invite one and all to call and look through our big Holiday stock we have the most up-to-date and best assorted stock in town. Buy early and avoid the rush and get first choice and you will come nearer getting what you want. We will store away goods that is paid for until you want them. We have many bargains in all other lines and when in town call in and see.

HAMMANS BROS.

OPERA NEWS.

W. B. PATTON IN "THE LAST ROSE OF SUMMER."

One of the few plays that is alike original, ingenious and interesting is "The Last Rose of Summer" which is serving the peculiar comedian, Mr. W. B. Patton as a successful star. Its tone is absolutely clean and wholesome. It is virile and tense without being sensational. It is exceptionally bright, clean and entertaining. It is a comedy cleverly constructed as to situation, and its characters are truthful types. The theme is absolutely new, yet the well drawn characters exploit the characteristics and mannerisms of the quite New England people. The humor of this tranquil life is not externally hilarious and the author has not made the mistake of exaggerating it. It is a sweet little story, winding leisurely along like a meadow brook, and the character of Dexter Hurley as portrayed by Mr. Patton in his own inimitable way, is one of the most quaintly original and lovable types of character that the stage has yet given us, and will live long as a pleasant memory.

At Cooke's Opera House Friday December, 22. Tickets on sale at Christian's.

"EAST LYNNE."

On Wednesday, Dec. 27th will be presented at the Cooke Opera House the ever popular and always welcome drama, "East Lynne." Beecher & Stanley's big company, the only company on the road making a specialty of this one piece, carrying a Military Band that gives free daily concerts. This drama is endorsed by the press, the clergy and critics. A play with a moral. A life lesson for old and young. Will be presented one night only. Reserved seats on sale at Christian's.

FRA DIAVOLO.

F. A. Wade's Famous Beggar Prince Opera Company May Be Secured For Baird.

Manager Cooke has an opportunity to secure the above excellent organization for Monday evening, Jan. 8.

edians. The company is one of some year's standing, and perhaps the most successful in the comic opera field. During the last five years they have appeared in all the central and western states, and including Canada and British Columbia. A 14 weeks stay in Des Moines, Ia., four weeks in Winnipeg, and 12 weeks this past summer in a city no larger than Albuquerque, N. M. argues well for their merits.

Any desiring to help secure the company and first selection of seats, "subscribers' day," should call at J. A. Christian's and sign the list for the number of tickets desired.

THOROUGHbred.

I have about 10 pure bred B. P. R. roosters for \$1.00 each. These chicks will be worth \$1.50 1st of Feb. A. A. CALLAHAN. 2-2

Xmas is Near

And we Have

Holiday Goods

By Wagon Load.

Clocks,
Watches,
Jewelry,
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Toys and Dolls in endless variety and price. If you want to make some friend a present we have what you want and at prices to suit. Make our store headquarters while in town.

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DRUG AND JEWELRY STORE.

WE WANT YOUR TRADE.

AND

Association Will See
at the Depositors Are
Reimbursed For Every
Cent Deposited.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—The failure of the Chicago National bank, the Home Savings bank, and the Equitable Trust company, all of Chicago, was announced at 3:30 o'clock Monday morning by a representative of the Chicago Clearing House association after a session lasting eighteen hours. James B. Hogan, president of the First National bank, as head of the Clearing House committee of the Chicago Associated banks, gave forth the statement. The assets of these institutions, it was asserted, were involved in coal and railway properties of John R. Walsh, president of the Chicago National bank. John R. Walsh, president of the institutions which have been declared insolvent, was not at the meeting.

John R. Walsh was very busy at his residence Monday morning and declined to be disturbed when called up over the telephone. His daughter, however, quoted Mr. Walsh as stating that all information concerning the failures, for the present at least, would be given out by the Clearing House association.

The Chicago National bank was organized in November, 1881, with an authorized capital stock of \$300,000, increased to \$500,000 in 1887 and to \$1,000,000 in 1901. Its resources, according to the latest report made to the comptroller of the currency, were \$21,000,000, of which nearly \$11,000,000 was loans and discounts; \$4,000,000 cash on hand. Liabilities include nearly \$14,000,000 in individual deposits and \$4,700,000 due to other banks.

The Home Savings bank was organized originally in 1867 with a capitalization of \$100,000. A late statement of resources shows an aggregate of \$4,232,271, of which \$3,782,000 are reported as being held in municipal, railway and other bonds. Savings deposits aggregate \$3,982,653.

The Equitable Trust company was chartered by the state of Illinois Aug. 29, 1887, to act as executor, administrator, trustee, guardian, assignee or receiver to receive and execute every character of estate. The capital stock is \$500,000. Its resources are \$4,612,381. Liabilities include \$2,707,563 deposits, trusts \$454,323, certificates of deposits \$491,574 through various trusts.

The following statement concerning the failure of the Chicago National bank, Home Savings bank, and Equitable Trust company has been given out by Comptroller of the Currency William W. Ridgeley:

"The action of the Clearing House banks in coming to the aid of the Chicago National bank, Home Savings bank and Equitable Trust company, relieved a most critical situation, which, if it had not been taken promptly in hand might have led to very serious consequences, not only in Chicago but elsewhere.

"The act of the Clearing House makes it absolutely certain that all creditors will receive their money immediately, and should thus relieve any apprehension on the part of the public in regard to financial troubles in Chicago. The critical situation in which these three concerns have been placed has been due to large loans made to railroad, coal mining and other enterprises owned and controlled by John R. Walsh. This again emphasizes the danger of managing officers of banks being interested in outside institutions requiring large amounts of money. The comptroller's office for some time has been criticizing the methods of the Chicago National bank and calling on officers and directors to reduce the amount of these loans and investments in bonds of Mr. Walsh's corporations. In spite of repeated promises that this would be done, these items have been continued in the bank, and in order to prevent encroachments it was necessary for the comptroller to take radical action. The comptroller's office for some time has been endeavoring to make an examination of the Chicago National bank simultaneously with examination of state institutions by state bank examiners, but has not been able to bring this about until a few days ago. The result of these examinations revealed such a condition that it became necessary to take immediate action. The comptroller telephoned from Washington instructing Examiner Bosworth to bring the matter at once to the attention of the Clearing House committee and left for Chicago on the first train to be on hand personally to take whatever action was necessary. On the arrival of the comptroller in Chicago a conference was immediately held with the state authorities and the Clearing House contents, which continued from 10 o'clock Sunday until 5 o'clock Monday. In addition to the Clearing House committee, representatives of all Clearing House banks were called into conference about 7 o'clock Sunday evening. The comptroller feels great credit is due not only to the Clearing House committee, but to all other Clearing House

and vigorous spirit shown
Month.
19.—The report of
Gorgans, chief sanitary
the Panama canal zone, for
shows three cases of yellow
fever during the month, which, he says,
indicates the early disappearance of the
disease. Only one case was an employe
of the commission.

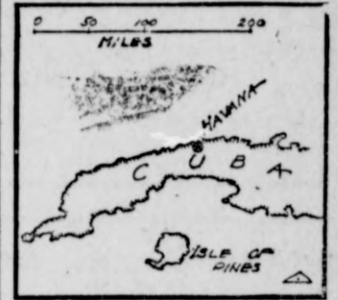
Ministry Quits.

Gettlinge, Montenegro, Dec. 19.—The
ministry resigned Sunday.

RYAN ARRIVES.

Isle of Pines Delegate Claims a Seat
in Lower House of Congress.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Claiming to be
a delegate from the Isle of Pines, and
therefore entitled to a seat in the house,
Edward P. Ryan appeared at the capi-



MAP SHOWING LOCATION OF THE ISLE OF PINES.

tol and conferred with a number of
opponents of the Isle of Pines' treaty
with a view to determining the most
effective way of getting his claims be-
fore congress.

POSITION OF BODIES.

Edna Real Estate Dealer Describes the
Scene of the Murders.

San Antonio, Dec. 18.—Will Asbeck
of Jackson county was the first witness
called Saturday morning in the
trial of Monk Gibson. He was followed
by L. E. Ward, a real estate dealer of
Edna, an owner of property where the
crime occurred. He related how he
was notified of the crime and described
the scene of the murders, and the positions
of the bodies. He identified the
iron bar and adz with which the murders
are supposed to have been committed.
He said there were two impressions
of a very bloody hand on the adz.

Dr. S. Berg of San Antonio testified
of an examination made of Monk Gibson,
physically and mentally, in Bexar
county jail in October. "I found him
very well developed for a boy of his
announced age," said the doctor.

Here statements made by Gibson
to District Attorney Baker at the time
of his examination were recalled, in
which Gibson said that while plowing
he saw two negro men dressed alike
chase Mrs. Condit around the house.
Gibson said one of the men pulled him
over the field into the house where the
dead bodies were. He said a man gave
him the name as Woodson Ware and the
name of the other man was Will Ware.

SHOWS TESTIFIES.

Underneath a Bridge Says Condit
Found a Dirty Shirt.

San Antonio, Dec. 18.—The first witness
called Monday in the Monk Gibson
case was W. H. Shows of Jackson
county. He lives on the Ward
place, near Edna. Was called to the
Condit home about 3 o'clock, Sept. 28,
when the murder was committed. Described
the lay of the land surrounding the
Condit home. Said it was a clear
day. Could see the Condit house from
the Diggins place. At a point near the
barn, where the two little Condit boys
were found, witness found sticks used
in straightening and tightening the
wire fence. Witness then referred to a
bridge spanning Dry creek about 500
yards from the Condit home. Looked
for tracks leading across the bridge.
Underneath the bridge, witness stated,
Condit, on the day of the murder,
found a dirty shirt. This bridge is in
the opposite direction Monk Gibson
took in reporting the crime to John
Gibson, white. The defense presumes
the dirty shirt was hidden by the man
who committed the crime.

A. S. White of Edna was the next
witness. Visited the Condit home on
the day of the murder. Viewed the bodies
of the slain, looked for bloody foot-
prints with view of tracking murderer
if possible. Looked closely, but
found no bloody footprints, although he
said there was much blood in the rooms
scattered on the floor near where the
bodies of Mrs. Condit and daughter
lay.

Constable Charles Stevens of Bexar
county testified as to a visit to Monk
Gibson in the county jail and statements
made by Monk at examination
by doctors.

Felix Powell, who Monk Gibson
charges with the crime, was next witness
called. He is a big negro and his
appearance in court caused much interest.
Powell lives about two and a half
miles from Edna. Witness testified he
went to town on the morning of Sept.
28, with Henry Powell, whom he met
near Dry creek bridge. On cross examination
Attorney Davies for the defense asked:
"Felix, did you not state in the presence
of Captain McDonald you were all day,
Sept. 28, at Mr. Young's house?" Witness
hesitated and looked perplexed. The
question was repeated, but no reply made.
"Did you not recognize the shirt found under-

the creek bridge and identify it as
yours?" "No, sir." "Where did you
stay the night before the murder?" "I
believed I stayed in town drinking
whisky, but am not sure; maybe I was
at home. Witness was confused as to
his whereabouts, and after many con-
flicting statements was dismissed.

MISTAKE OF COOK.

Rough on Rats Was Mixed In with Dish
of Oatmeal.

Beaumont, Dec. 18.—The wife and
three children of Silas B. Conn are dan-
gerously ill at Kirbyville as a result of
the cook making a mistake and mixing
rough-on-rats in a dish of oatmeal pre-
pared for the family. One of the children
died and another is expected to die.

Mr. Conn and one child did not partake
and Mrs. Conn will recover. The
poison had been put in a safe to kill
rats and the cook mixed it with the oat
meal.

Stedman Not to Retire.

Austin, Dec. 16.—Judge N. A. Stedman
is to continue as general attorney
for the International and Great North-
ern railroad, with headquarters in this
city, and engage in the general practice
of law.

TO BREAD EATERS.

If you want the best flour on earth
call on J. C. Jones for free sample
sack. He has exclusive sale of this
flour in Baird. I-tf

10,000 yards of cotton checks at
5c per yard. T E Powell. I-tf

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Croup, Coughs, Colds, Whooping
Cough, etc., have no terrors for
children or adults who evacuate the
bowels with Kennedy's Laxative
Honey and Tar—the Original Laxative
Cough Syrup and Liquid Cold
Cure. This remedy expels all cold
from the system and strengthens the
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The mother's favorite and the children's
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The mission of "Early Risers" is
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rid the stomach and bowels of all
putrid matter, thus removing the
causes of headache, constipation,
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Little Early Risers never gripe or
sicken. A safe, pleasant, perfect,
pill. Sold by R. Phillips.

ELECTION NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an
election will be held at the City Hall
in the City of Baird on the 28th day
of December 1905, for the purpose
of determining whether or not the
City of Baird may assume exclusive
control of the Public Free Schools
within its limits.

R. G. Powell has been appointed
presiding officer at said election, and
he shall select two Judges and two
Clerks to assist in holding it, and
said election to be held in the man-
ner prescribed for holding other elections.

Every male person who has attained
the age of 21 years and who has
resided within the limits of said City
for six months next preceeding the
date of said election, and is a
qualified elector under the laws of
the State and a property tax-payer
of said City, shall be entitled to
a vote at said election. On each
ticket voted, the voter must write,
or cause to be written or printed
"For Exclusive Control of the Public
Free Schools," or "Against Ex-
clusive Control of the Public Free
Schools"

Witness my hand this the 6th day
of December 1905.

B. L. RUSSELL,

1-3 Mayor of the City of Baird.

NOTICE, U. C. V.

A. S. Johnson Camp No. 654 will
meet at the Court House, Saturday
December, 23rd, at 1:30 p. m. A
full attendance is desired. Matters
of importance to be attended to.

R. E. WATHEN, Commander.
J. E. W. LANE, Adjutant.

CHRISTMAS IN THE VAL DI ROSE

By
WALTON WILLIAMS

IN mediæval times, when learning
was rare and confined mostly to
the regular clergy living in mo-
nastic communities, it became the
fashion to illustrate the gospel narra-
tives by means of more or less realistic
dramatic representation. This
method of instructing the unlettered
was borrowed from the old heathen
mysteries, and the monks and nuns
who devised the pious scheme made
every effort to impart a reverential un-
derstanding of the subject illustrated.
This is the origin of the mystery or
miracle plays and also of the sacred
tableaux vivants which in time were
enacted in the rural churches. These
living pictures always illustrated some
Biblical subject and were probably of
great spiritual benefit to those who
could not read.

It was thus that the great features
of the Christian religion were made in-
telligible to the public. The practice
began early in the tenth century and
grew in favor for at least 200 years.
In the thirteenth century, however, the
custom had become so subject to
abuse that the clergy began to frown

upon it, and finally they prohibited all
forms of Biblical representation in the
churches.

In time most of the Easter mys-
tery pictures disappeared from the
churches, but many of the Christmas
illustrations had acquired such a firm
hold upon the popular heart that they
remained and have been brought down
to the present day in a somewhat mod-
ified form. Such is the "Bambino,"
which is seen today in all parts of the
Christian world and which has come
to possess almost a ritualistic signifi-
cance.

Another Christmas mystery which
still survives, although its perpetua-
tion is confined to a limited region, is the
 quaint and decidedly impressive Christ-
mas ceremonial known as "the offer-
ing." This custom has been repeated
for centuries on Christmas day in the
churches of the Italian highlands. It
is illustrative of the visit of the magi

to the infant Jesus at Bethlehem. A
little boy is chosen to represent the
Saviour. Dressed in a white robe,
wearing a gilded crown and holding a
globe in his hands, he stands upon an
altar surrounded by olive branches and
a multitude of lighted candles. Votive
lamps hang above him, and abundant
offerings of fruit and flowers are at his
feet. A crowd of peasants, both men
and women, clad in festival attire and
wearing the picturesque head cover-
ings of the Tuscan mountaineers, bring
oranges and pomegranates from their
tiny gardens and offer them devoutly
to the weary little representative of
the Lord of the harvest.



THE OFFERING IN THE VAL DI ROSE.

AWFUL SLAUGHTER.

At One Place Three Hundred Persons
Were Slain on Street.

Berlin, Dec. 19.—A dispatch to the
Lokal Anzeiger from Koenigsburg,
Prussia, says: During the street fight-
ing at Mitau, the capital of Courland,
300 persons were killed.

At Linnewarden, in southern Livonia,
the revolutionists liberated all the pas-
sengers and shot Assistant District
Governor Petersen and M. Maxim-
vitch, his secretary, and threw their
bodies into the river.

RIGA BEING SHELLED.

Conductor on a Train Also Says the
Place is on Fire.

Berlin, Dec. 19.—A dispatch to the
Lokal Anzeiger from Eydttuhnen says
that the conductor of the morning train
from St. Petersburg asserts the troops
at Riga have joined in the revolt and
that the town is being shelled and is
burning. Between St. Petersburg and
Wirballen, the flames, according to the
conductor, could be seen from high
places and were often reflected by the
sky.

Protection Asked.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—On account
of the situation at Moscow, Ambassa-
dor Meyer has requested the authori-
ties to place at the disposal of the
American embassy protection for
Americans in case of an emergency.

PARKER PROHIBITION.

Went Dry in Election on Monday by
Over Five Hundred Majority.

Weatherford, Tex., Dec. 19.—The lo-
cal option election held in this county
resulted in favor of prohibition by a
large majority.

Weatherford precinct voted 1,088,
giving a majority of 215 for prohibition.
All country boxes reported prohibition
majorities except Amnetta, which gave
nineteen anti. The total prohibition
majority of the county will be over
500.

FLOWERS AND GOOD LUCK.

Roses and Violets Sent to the White
House by the Box.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—A dispatch to the
Tribune from Washington says: Miss
Alice Roosevelt realized Thursday if
never before her wide popularity
throughout the United States. She has
been overwhelmed with congratula-
tions and buried in flowers. Local
florists were swamped with orders for
American Beauties and violets, box
after box being delivered at the white
house today, and messengers with notes
and telegrams being in constant at-
tendance.

Representative Nicholas Longworth,
the president's prospective son-in-law,
was the target for interviews and the
recipient of hearts congratulations in
the house.

LARGE COLONY PLAN.

Is Composed of Oregon Parties and
Wheat Will Be Raised.

Amarillo, Tex., Dec. 13.—Ansley
Realty company at Channing has closed
a deal with Oregon parties for the sum
of \$120,000 for Hartley and Sherman
county lands for colonization and wheat
raising under arid cultivation methods.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Fire caused losses
aggregating \$119,000 in a five-story
manufacturing building at 185 Lake
street. The principal loss, Owens &
Co., leather dealers, is \$75,000; building,
\$20,000.

Fleet Recalled.

Constantinople, Dec. 19.—The inter-
national fleet, which has been making
a demonstration in Turkish waters,
has been recalled.

Exceedingly Strong.

City of Mexico, Dec. 19.—The finan-
cial position of the government is ex-
ceedingly strong.

Until Next April.

City of Mexico, Dec. 19.—Congress
has adjourned until next April.

HIRCUS, THE DANCING BILLY GOAT

By MICKEY FINN

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It was Christmas eve, and Patrick Doolan, the foreman of the gas works, had summoned a golly company of his friends to celebrate the holiday season and the arrival of two barrels of Irish turf from his native town. A bushel of this peat lay glowing in the fireplace. While the snow was softly piling itself upon the window casings and the wind was taking liberties with the shutters Judy Callahan slyly pinned upon the lapel of Dick Walsh, the letter carrier, a sprig of Irish ivy. By inquiry from rheumatic Flaherty, who sat in the ingle nook nourishing his shins, Dick learned that the symbolic meaning of Irish ivy is "I cling to thee." Judy's shriek a moment later indicated that



"T'WAS THREE MONTHS O' STRAP AND CARROTS."

Dick had taken advantage of the information. Just then Jack Doolan, the youthful heir to the Doolan estate, put his head inside the door.

"Father, can I bring in the nanny? The snow is fallin' on her through the roof, and she's tremblin' wid the cowld."

"Of course, my son," said Mr. Doolan heartily. "Bring her in. We don't want our milk watered."

"That's a foine baste you have there," said Flaherty. "How much milk does she give?"

"Two quarts a day, but she used to give three quarts a day before her husband died. She's plin' away since that time, poor gur'l. I think 'tis the love-sickness she has," said Mr. Doolan.

"Dear, dear, 'ook a' that, now!" said Mrs. Reagan sympathetically. "I always said that nanny goats was sintamintle. And how long is the billy goat dead, Mr. Doolan?"

"'Tis five years the 24th day o' this month," replied Doolan. "Sorra day 'twas when we lost Hircus. A more gaynial nor a more willin' goat you would not find in all Har-riem. Sure his death was a tragedy and a calamity."

"How was that?" quavered old man Dougherty, the stonemason.

"Well," resumed Doolan, "'twas a tragedy the way he was translated and a calamity when his death took away the only chance I ever had o' makin' a fortune."

"'Tis queer about goats," continued Doolan. "They are born wid a certain amount of eddication. Show me the goat that wouldn't know a cabbage or a turnip when he sees it. Of course a goat knows nothin' about machinery. There was a goat that used to stop the horses drawin' a street car, but when they put a trolley car on the track you couldn't find that much o' the goat as would grease a griddle. But a goat can be eddicated wid sugar and a strap to do tricks. Now, I suppose none o' ye would believe me if I told ye that I taught Hircus to dance as fine a jig or hornpipe as ever you saw in a theater."

A chorus of disbelief arose.

"Yes," said Doolan, "and no Frinch lady could do a finer *pass seul* on her toes, as they say in the heathen language. You must remember that I was very poor, and I'd be layin' awake nights thinkin' o' some plan by way o' makin' a fortune, and when my wife bought the two kids to start the dairy the idee came to me like a flash—I could eddicate the goat to dance. When I got that idee in me head I could think of nothin' else. Cassidy, how much money do you think a dancin' goat could earn on a theater stage?"

"Well," replied Cassidy, "I should think that \$300 a week would be none too little for so dignacious a curiosity."

"There," resumed Doolan. "D'ye hear what Cassidy says? Three hundred

dollars a week for half an hour's work a day! Faith, I felt the money in me hand! But 'twas weery work teachin' the goat. An old animal trainer told me that cruelty and kindness mixed would do the job. When the goat minded me I tickled his ribs and gave him carrots, but when he got stubborn I lathered him with a strap. Mrs. O'Brien, you remember the time we had teachin' Hircus to walk across the room on his hind legs?"

"Deed I do, Doolan!" said Mrs. O'Brien, with a reminiscent sigh.

"Ye'll excuse me, ladies and gentlemen," said Flaherty, rising and putting on his hat, "but I must leave ye. A dancin' goat is too much for my voracity. I couldn't swallow it."

When the door had closed Doolan went on: "Every night after supper the table was shoved back agin the wall and the lesson began. And, would you believe it, it takes three months to teach the goat to stand on his hind legs for five minutes! After that 'twas easier. There was a little gur'l named Ellen next door that took a great interest in the eddication of the goat. She was about the size of the goat when she stood up, and 'twas pure joy to see Hircus waltzin' around the kitchen to the music of my fiddle. With the goat's head on her shoulder and her arms around his neck they would whirl slowly around in the dawdlin' circles of the mazy, as the poet says—

"How perfectly lovely!" exclaimed Judy Callahan.

"After the lesson was over each night I used to give the goat all kinds of tasty things, like potato peelin's, cabbage stumps and such like, as a reward, and 'twas the habit o' keepin' the goat hungry all day that led to the loss o' my fortune. 'Twas three months o' strap and carrots before the goat could do a dancin' heel and toe, work as hard as I might, and two weary months before he would nod his head and make a bow the same as if he was before an awience."

"Hark to that now," said Dougherty to Judy Callahan in a whisper. "A goat makin' a bow!"

"As I said before," Doolan went on, "when the goat had learned to bow at a wink we made his bally suit. The thing that cost the most was the skirt, made of red silk and shaped like a parasol. It looked like a hollyhock turned upside down. Then we put a little green cap wid a red tassel on the goat's head and a pair o' white slippers on his feet. And when we showed him his picture in the glass he grinned like a woman puttin' on her Sunday bonnet. The tears fill me eyes when I think that only for that joker Reagan I might be ridin' in me own divvil wagon wid rubber wheels."

"The first public appearance of the goat as a bally dancer took place in a barn in the Bronx. We fixed up a stage wid planks and boxes, and 25 cents was charged at the door. The news got around, and long before the time to begin the show the barn was crowded to the doors. Half the roof was gone off the barn, but that hurt nothin', for the night was clear. I was so afraid that the goat wouldn't do his work that I gave him nothin' to eat for twelve hours before he came on the stage, and the poor beast was fair famished. When I walked out on the stage, hand in hand wid the goat, I thought the awience would go crazy. They yelled wid sheer delight when the goat made his bow, and every man in the barn was on his feet, and a hundred o' them had cabbage leaves and carrots in their pockets to give to the goat, like the ladies have bokays to give to the play actors. As the goat whirled around doin' a waltz he would stop now and then to pick a bit o' cabbage or turnip that some one threw on the stage. But 'twas what that rogue Reagan



"HE WHIRLED AROUND WIDOUT TOUCHIN' THE FLOOR."

threw that the goat liked the best. They looked like little pieces o' bread covered wid sugar. The goat picked up so many o' the little chunks that the crowd yelled to put Reagan out because he was stoppin' the show, and I had hard work to get the goat dancin' agin. After that the goat seemed to set lighter and lighter upon his feet.

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When he finally touched the stage. There were times when he whirled around in the air widout touchin' the floor, and the crowd gaspin' wid astonishment at this wonderful beast. And while he whirled he seemed to be gettin' bigger and bigger till he was as round as a balloon the boys play wid. He would go up in the air, whirlin' like a pinwheel, for ten feet, and then light on the stage soft as a thistle-down, and fly up agin till he was spun up farther and farther, lookin' like a red umbrella on a big punkin, and he was gone through the hole in the roof, translated intirely."

"And where did he go?" said the awe struck Mrs. Cassidy in a whisper.

"Some o' the little boys sittin' on the fence outside said he went up in the direction of O'Idon, and others said 'twas toward Arcturus and Niptune he went."

"And what was it that Reagan gave the goat?" said the materialistic Walsh, anxious for an explanation of the seeming miracle.

"'Twas yeast cakes that the rogue had covered wid sugar, and the goat ate fifteen o' them."

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE. (REAL ESTATE.)

By Virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Shackelford County, on the 8th day of November A. D. 1905, in the case of Carrol Kendrick Jr. Joel Kendrick and Phillip Kendrick, versus Carroll Kendrick, Mary Vickery, Forest Vickery and W. S. Vickery, No. 528, and to me as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I have levied, upon this 10th day of November A. D. 1905, and will, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., on the first Tuesday in January A. D. 1906, it being the 2d day of said month, at the Court House door of Callahan County, in the City of Baird, proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, all the right, title and interest which Carrol Kendrick, Mary Vickery, Forest Vickery and W. S. Vickery had on the 18th day of April A. D. 1905, or at any time thereafter, of, in and to the following described property, to-wit: Two hundred and sixty five (265) acres of land, situated about fourteen miles north-east of Baird in Callahan County, Texas, being Abstract No 406 and Survey No 2040 original grantee, Texas Emigration and Land Company. Said property being levied on as the property of Carrol Kendrick, Mary Vickery, Forest Vickery and W. S. Vickery to satisfy a judgment for partition between the parties to this suit and cost of this sale.

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Special Sales Day!

At Baird, Tues. Jan. 2.

A special sales day has been inaugurated and such inducements in the way of low prices for cash is being offered that it will be to the interest to every citizen of the county to come to Baird on that day and do their trading. The object is to advertise the town by having people come to Baird and see what we have got and get acquainted with our business men, believing that it be to the mutual advantage of both buyers and sellers. If you have not been doing your trading in Baird come to town Jan. 2 and see what you can do. Look out for ads in Star next week, and circulars that will be sent you through the mails. The following merchants have agreed to make special low prices for cash on that day, notice of which will appear in Star next week and will be mailed you in circulars: T. E. Powell, C. S. Boyles, McGowen Bros., B. L. Boydston, Harry Meyer, Hadley Bros., J. C. Jones, J. H. Terrell, H. F. Foy, R. Phillips, C. H. Mahan, Hammans Bros., A. L. Vaughn, H. Schwartz, Powell & Powell.

T. & P. R'y SCHEDULE.

WEST BOUND.	
No. 3, arrives.....	3:30 p m
departs.....	3:10 p m
No. 5, arrives.....	2:40 a m
departs.....	2:45 a m
EAST BOUND.	
No. 4, arrives.....	12:01 p m
departs.....	12:21 p m
No. 6, arrives.....	12:50 a m
departs.....	1:05 a m

J. B. HARMON, Agent.

LOCAL NEWS.

Lots of turkeys at Emil Lowe's.

Worth Williams, of Eagle Cove, was in town Monday.

Best 25c meal in Baird at Emil Lowe's. 3

Miss Emily Teeple returned last Thursday from New Mexico.

If you want something good to eat come to the Cosmopolitan Restaurant. 3

Miss Delia Housley, who has been visiting in Granbury for sometime, returned home Monday.

The Teacher's Institute at Baird Friday and Saturday was largely attended.

The Public School will dismiss this evening for the Christmas holidays.

Andy Vaughn came up from Mart to attend the marriage of his sister, Miss Alice Vaughn to Mr. Eugene Leverett.

Uncle Billie and John Smartt and several other Admirals, were in town Saturday.

Prof. F. W. Chatfield, Superintendent of the Abilene Public Schools was in town last Saturday.

Sam Long and little son, of Dressy were in town Monday, buying Christmas goods.

Charley Barr, of Cross Plains, was a pleasant caller at THE STAR office this morning. One of Mr. Barr's fine buggy horses died at the wagon yard last night.

Harry Meyer, J. B. Harmon, John Smartt, Dr. S. T. Fraser and W. E. Gilliland attended a called meeting of Abilene Commandery No. 27, Knights Templar, last Saturday night.

D. C. (Dee) Walker, who has been working in the Clark & Courts printing office, Galveston, for sometime, came in Monday night on a visit to his brother, J. H. Walker, foreman of THE STAR office. All the Union printers were locked out last week by this firm and the proprietors are going to try to make an open shop. A battle royal is on between the employes and Union printers all over the United States. What the outcome will be no one knows, but THE STAR for one, hopes the printers will win.

Fine cookery at Emil Lowe's.

See Vaughn when you want furniture. 3-2

Jim Kimble, of Oplin, is in town today.

Get turkeys at the Cosmopolitan Restaurant. 3-2

Miss Mollie Sargent returned last Thursday from an extended visit to her brother and family, near Merkel.

Miss Clair Phillips is at home from Sherman, where she is attending Kid-Key College, to spend the holidays with the home folks.

Miss Jennie Brightwell and Mrs. Duggar, from the Bayou, are in town today doing some Christmas shopping.

N. A. Smedley, of Admiral, dropped a couple of silver wheels into THE STAR cash box. May he live long and prosper.

Misses Lucy and Hattie Sargent, who have been visiting their sister, Mrs. Holden, returned to their home at Granbury Tuesday.

Mdms. E. F. & M. E. Reynold's, mother and sister of Mrs. A. A. Callahan, from Gilmer, Texas, are visiting in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Harris intend to go to Rising Star tomorrow, where they will spend Christmas with Mr. Harris' mother.

Miss Maude Simmons will turn out her Kindergarten school this evening for the Christmas holidays. Miss Maude will leave tomorrow for her home at Lampasas, to spend the holidays with her parents.

As I shall close out my work as Missionary the last of Dec. 1905, I will sell my horse, buggy and cow cheap. It may pay you to see me at once. JOHN H. HELM, 2-2p Baird, Texas.

The broken parts of the dynamo of the Light plant arrived Monday but they have not been able to start the plant yet, though an attempt was made last night. A short circuit or something prevented the lights being turned on. Temporary service was attempted last week with a small dynamo but it was too small and they had to shut down. Just what caused the trouble last night we do not know but if nothing serious they will probably run to night.

Luke Cathey of Putnam, who has purchased the property of J. Y. Burke in this city, is here today, making arrangements to bring his family here next week. Mr. Burke and family will occupy the Baptist parsonage, on Palo Pinto street, temporarily, as Mr. Cathey desires to take possession of his newly acquired home at once.—Weatherford Herald.

ON THE TRACK.

One car of genuine McAlister coal. Phone us your order. Spot cash to every body. C. S. BOYLES. 3-2

R. P. Stephenson, of Eula, was in town Tuesday.

L. D. Boyd, of Clyde, was in the city Tuesday.

If its furniture you want Vaughn has it. 3-2

Mrs. Lelia Russell, of Atwell, was in town the latter part of last week.

Vaughn has anything you want in furniture. 3-2

Mrs. L. Sembritzki and daughter, of Clyde, were in town shopping yesterday.

Mrs. J. F. Barton and sons, Jim and Homer, of Tecumseh, were in town last Saturday.

NOTICE.

All are cordially invited to use the Presbyterian Christmas tree. Come; you are welcome. J. C. GRAY, Supt.

Go to Vaughn's for furniture. 3-2

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COTTON PRICES.

The Baird Cotton Buyers will guarantee prices on cotton for Jan. 2, 1906, Baird's Special Sale Day. Look for announcement in STAR next week.

NOTICE.

I will pay \$50 reward for the arrest and conviction of any person or persons found guilty of stealing any horses, mules or cattle belonging to any citizen of Callahan County. 2-tf T. A. IRVIN, Sheriff.

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 Jas. Johnson, Deputy.
 J. H. Harris, Jailor.
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 T. J. Norrell, Tax Assessor.
 T. H. Floyd, County Surveyor.
 W. R. Ely, County Attorney.

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METHODIST.—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. each Sabbath. Prayer meeting each Wednesday night.
 C. B. MEADOR, Pastor.
 Sunday School at 10 a. m.
 T. E. POWELL, Supt.
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 CHAS. A. LOVELESS, Pastor.
 Sunday School every Sunday at 10 a. m.
 M. W. UZZELL, Supt.
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 C. T. PHILLIPS, Pastor.
 Sunday School every Sunday at 10 o'clock.
 J. C. GRAY, Supt.
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 W. J. LEVERETT, Supt.
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dollars a day for half an hour's work a day! Faith, I felt the money in my hand! But 'twas weary work for me that an old man...

He Testifies as to His Relations With Hummel.

MORSE ALSO HEARD

Stated That He Took It Upon Himself to Do Everything Possible to Break Up the Marriage of His Nephew.

New York, Dec. 19.—Charles F. Dodge, the former husband of Charles W. Morse, the first witness Monday in the prosecution of Abraham A. Hummel, the lawyer, who is charged with conspiring to annul Mrs. Morse's marriage to Mr. Morse.

After Dodge had declared, that his divorce from his former wife was illegal and the court had set it aside, it was charged that he was kept in Texas and most princely entertained by persons interested in having his divorce declared void.

Dodge told of receiving \$5,500 in a period of three months from Hummel and men whom Hummel sent to him, and of changing his testimony about the facts in his original divorce case from Mrs. Morse. He testified that in New York City in 1895 he was served with a summons by a lawyer named Sweetster in Mrs. Morse's original divorce suit. He testified also that he retained Mortimer Ruger as his counsel in this case. Later, when the validity of this divorce was questioned,



ABE HUMMEL.

Edward M. Bracken met him in Georgia telling Dodge that Hummel had sent him to say that he wanted Dodge in New York. "Bracken handed me \$500," said Dodge. "I then consented to go to New York. On going to Hummel's office Dodge said Hummel asked him whether he was served with the summons by Sweetster. Dodge said he answered yes.

Later, he said, Hummel dictated an affidavit which the witness signed. He then went to Atlanta, Ga. In the following month, he said, he again returned to New York, where he talked with Hummel about the divorce. Dodge testified that he signed another affidavit then.

"Hummel then gave me five \$100 bills," he added. "Once more, in the next month, Dodge says, he was asked to come from Atlanta to New York, and this time at the office of the referee in the proceedings concerning his divorce from Mrs. Morse he swore that he had not been served with the summons by Sweetster, and that Ruger was not his counsel.

"And after you had testified, what happened?" Dodge was asked. "I went back to Hummel's office, and was there given \$500. After getting the money I returned to the south."

In addition to the \$500, Dodge said he was getting \$50 a day expenses. Later Dodge testified that the first affidavit made by Hummel and signed by him was to the effect that he had never retained Ruger nor been served with the summons.

"You swore to other things that were false at the reference proceedings," he was asked by Delancey Nicol, Mr. Hummel's attorney.

Dodge testified that after signing the second affidavit he made the following remark:

"Before leaving Atlanta I told Bracken I wanted \$5,000 as a compensation. I thought there was something going, so I might as well be in it."

Asked whether the money was given as expenses or to influence him to swear falsely, Dodge replied:

"Well, I had got the money, and I thought I was forced to swear falsely," Dodge was then expostulated.

Captain James T. Morse then took the witness stand. He is an uncle of Charles W. Morse, the husband of Mrs. Clemence Dodge Morse. Captain Morse said that in 1903 he came to New York to see Hummel.

"I made known my business to him," said Morse. "My nephew was married to Clemence Dodge. I told him that the family was very much dissatisfied with him, and that I would like the matter of her divorce from Dodge he looked into, and to see whether it was quite in order. Afterwards he said Hummel telephoned to him in Boston that the marriage was irregular, and that he wanted \$15,000 retaining fee. Captain Morse said he himself delivered the fee in bills next day."

Morse said that Hummel told him that his second marriage could be upset, and added: "I then gave him instructions to break up that marriage if he could. I requested him not to let me be known in the matter."

Captain Morse testified that he took it on himself to break up the marriage regardless of the cost, in the interest of his nephew. Captain Morse said that Hummel had never informed him that Dodge would come to New York unless he received \$5,000. He did not know that any money paid by him was to be used to obtain perjured evidence. He said he had no complaint to find at Hummel's treatment of him.

TARRED AND FEATHERED.

An Itinerant Preacher in Kansas Subjected to This Treatment.

Renfrow, Okla., Dec. 18.—George Huffman, an itinerant preacher, was tarred and feathered at Perth, Kan., and after walking all night without clothing, arrived here, a distance of twenty miles, all but dead from cold. Kindly people gave him clothing and placed him in a hospital.

For the last three months Huffman has been living with a family named Talkington at Perth, and represented himself to be the "true prophet of Christ." He had induced the elderly head of the household to believe that the world was coming to an end in five years, and to give up all of his earthly possessions to him. Neighbors heard of Huffman's action and ordered him to leave. He refused, and a band of masked men went to the house and, after overpowering him, applied the tar and feathers, and he was ordered to "hike." He wasted no time in doing so.

CALL ON PRESIDENT.

Two Hundred Single Statehood Boomers Pay Their Respects.

Washington, Dec. 15.—A delegation of 200 boomers for single statehood for Oklahoma and Indian Territory called on the president Thursday to pay their respects. The members of the delegation were presented by C. G. Jones, the chairman. Mr. Roosevelt was interested in the great badges worn by the delegation. A long white silk ribbon, on which was attractively printed statistics of the important industries of the two territories, was attached to the coat lapels by a button bearing the representation of two hearts, "Oklahoma and Indian Territory," and a beet with the legend: "Two hearts with a single beat." Subsequent to the reception the delegation was photographed on the steps of the white house.

Members of the delegation are earnestly opposed to the incorporation in the act creating the new state a provision prohibiting the sale of liquor in the state. They urge that this is a matter which ought to be left for determination to the people themselves.

FIRST CHOICE.

Bishop of Oklahoma Thought to Be in Lead For Archbishop.

New Orleans, Dec. 18.—It is quite certain that Bishop Meerschardt of Oklahoma was the first choice of both the priests and bishops in session last week for a successor of Archbishop Chappelle and that his name has gone to Rome with this unanimous recommendation. It also became known that Bishop N. A. Gallagher of Galveston was the third choice of the bishops, with Father Laval second.

Line Completed.

Guthrie, Dec. 15.—The Denver, Elid and Gulf railroad has completed its line from Guthrie to Cherokee, making connections there with the main line of the Orient. Beginning next week the Denver, Elid and Gulf and Orient will run through trains from Guthrie to Kansas City, using the Orient track from Cherokee to Kansas City.

Falls Heir to Fortune.

Oklahoma City, Dec. 15.—John Mooney, employed as clerk at Kennedy Bros' dry goods store, was advised that he had fallen heir to \$75,000 because of the death of an uncle, Patrick Mooney, in Ireland. Thursday's mail brought him a check for \$5,000 of his newly acquired estate.

Road Financed.

Oklahoma City, Dec. 18.—John W. Shartsel, attorney for the Oklahoma Traction company, announces that the interurban line from this city to Guthrie has been finally financed, and that cars will be running as far as Edmond, Okla., by June 1.

To Vote on Waterworks.

Elk City, Okla., Dec. 19.—An election will be held here on proposition to issue waterworks bonds.

TRIPLE TRAGEDY.

Motorman, Deputy Constable and Negro Lose Their Lives.

Beaumont, Dec. 18.—As the result of a shooting affair here Sunday Byron Merritt, a motorman, Elisha Pevito, a deputy constable, and Henry Powell, a negro, are dead. The negro, a revolver in each hand, stood in the middle of the street car tracks. He and Merritt, motorman on a car, had some words. The negro shot at Merritt and the latter fell dead with a bullet in his head.

In a few minutes every available officer was in the South End. They divided into pairs and began a systematic search of the houses occupied by negroes in that section. Deputy Constable

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Hogg at Austin.

Austin, Dec. 19.—Governor Hogg is here for a few days.

FAILED.

All efforts have failed to find a better remedy for coughs, colds and lung troubles than Foley's Honey and Tar. It stops the cough, heals the lungs and prevents serious results from a cold. J. N. Patterson, Nashua, Iowa, writes: "Last winter I had a bad cold on my lungs and tried at least half a dozen advertised cough medicines and had treatment from two physicians without getting any benefit. A friend recommended Foley's Honey and Tar and two thirds of a bottle cured me. I consider it the greatest cough and lung medicine in the world." Powell & Powell

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...world, public or private, which has
...neglected to provide itself with a por-
...trait of the German kaiser. It may
...be had for the asking, and a hint is
...sufficient. The kaiserin is a liberal
...and thoughtful Christmas benefactress.
...She makes it a point to give some-
...thing of value to every child of royal
...lineage in Christendom, and that means
...much labor and discrimination. The
...children of royal lineage in the German
...empire alone are quite numerous
...enough to absorb a fortune, and it is
...reported that the generous royal lady
...spends \$50,000 every year in this admi-
...rable way.
...The present sultan of Turkey, with
...all his traditional hatred of the glau-
...our, has fallen into the habit of send-
...ing Christmas gifts to some of the Christian
...courts. These remembrances con-
...sist for the most part of jars of pre-
...served rose leaves and Levantine sweet-
...meats prepared by his own confection-
...er. The aged emperor of Austria sends
...a liberal gift of priceless Tokay to his
...fellow sovereigns. The domestic old
...queen of Denmark, the “mother-in-law
...of Europe,” who is an inveterate knit-
...ter of woolen stockings, dispenses her
...yearly accumulation at Christmastide.
...The genial king of the Belgians sends
...nothing but checks, and it is whispered
...that his bank account is considerably
...reduced at the holiday season. Wil-
...helmina of the Netherlands, who is as
...prudent as she is thrifty, gives decora-
...tions and confers orders. This was
...also the economical Christmas practice
...adopted by Queen Victoria. The king
...of Spain sends presents only to his re-
...latives, and the royal family of Portu-
...gal, rich as it is, is not much addicted
...to the gift habit. The queen sends a
...generous check to the Vatican and the
...king distributes a few decorations.

Fourth of July Christmases.
...In other days the Catholic and
...Episcopal churches celebrated Christ-
...mas much as Americans now ob-
...serve the glorious Fourth. Roman
...candles, skyrockets, firecrackers and a
...general rejoicing and noisy hilarity
...marked the day sacred to the birth of
...the Prince of Peace. The idea was
...that the occasion was a joyful one and
...men should vociferously attest their
...happiness. Echoes of these old cele-
...brations are still heard in portions of
...the south which were settled by the
...royals. Under the reformation.

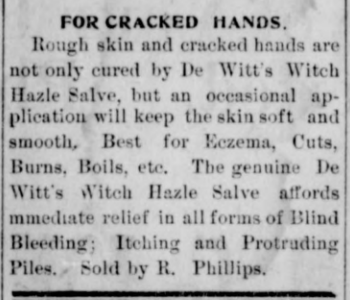
...however, and especially under Pur-
...itanism, this form of observing Christ-
...mas was done away with. In the ear-
...ly days of New England Christmas
...was scarcely observed at all, and it is
...only in comparatively recent years
...that the present custom of giving and
...feasting was revived in sections where
...the Puritan had held sway.

Tragic Christmas Days.
...Christmas, which is usually regarded
...as the happiest day of all the year, has
...frequently witnessed tragic events.
...Diocletian began one of his persecu-
...tions of the Christmas in 303 when
...on Christmas day he burned a church
...full of the followers of the Nazarene.
...William the Conqueror is said to have
...slaughtered 100,000 men, women and
...children on Christmas day in the year
...1068.
...In 1170 Thomas a Becket preached a
...Christmas day sermon that caused his
...death four days later.
...John Wycliff, the great reformer, died
...on Christmas day, 1384.
...In 1663 Christmas day in London
...saw the great plague at its height.
...One thousand people were dying daily.

I have \$45,000 worth of the best
...goods that the factories can produce,
...strictly from factory to consumer,
...no middleman. In this way they are
...cheaper than any other man can af-
...ford to show you, bargains only
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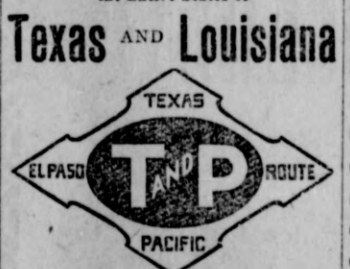
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...\$3.50 We defy the world on the
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Catarrh of the
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...Repeated attacks of indigestion inflame
...the mucous membranes lining the stomach
...and exposes the nerves of the stomach,
...thus causing the glands to secrete mucus
...instead of the juices of natural diges-
...tion. This is called Catarrh of the Stomach.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure
...relieves all inflammation of the mucous
...membranes lining the stomach, protects
...the nerves, and cures bad breath, sour
...risings, a sense of fullness after eating,
...indigestion, dyspepsia and all stomach
...troubles.
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Go to “Butch” Wilson's for dry
...salt bacon. 53
Bring in some wood on subscrip-
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...in the Vatican garden. It is not impos-
...sible that her majesty may have made
...a personal trial of the pope's remedy,
...but it is certain that she did not ac-
...quire the habit. That she appreciated
...the attention was made evident from
...the fact that sundry jars of a marmal-
...ade devised in the royal kitchen at
...Windsor found their way at Christmas
...time to the Vatican.
...Some of this delectable confection
...made a holiday appearance in other
...European courts. The queen's Ger-
...man grandchildren were fond of it,
...and their royal grandmother saw to
...it that a goodly supply of the delicacy
...and its attendant supplement of a par-
...ticular seed cake of her majesty's own
...composition reached Potsdam in time
...for the Christmas dinner. One of the
...queen's grandsons by marriage, the
...czar, used to send her the most beau-
...tiful malachite and jade vases ever
...seen in England, and in return he
...received invariably a six dozen case

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R. J. Harris was up from Admiral Monday.

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Yes, we have what you want in Lap Robes, Horse Blankets and Saddle Blankets. C. S. Boyles. 2-4

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See J. A. Christian before buying your Xmas candies. 1-3t.

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Holiday Excursion to all points in Texas at rate of one and one-third fare for round trip. Tickets on sale Dec. 20th, 21st, 22d, 23d, 24th, 25th, 26th, 30th, 31st and Jany. 1st. Return limit Jany. 4th.

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A new brick side walk has been extended the entire length of the Seay block, which was a much needed improvement. Considerable changes has also been made in the Seay Hotel. The stairway has been changed and the office enlarged.

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