Veaskell

VOLUME XIX.

HASKELL, HASKELL COUNTY TEXAS, SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 24, 1904.

THE HASKELL FREE PRESS AND THE HASKELL HEADLIGHT, CONSOLIDATED, APRIL 6, 1903

NUMBER 51

LUMBER

To those who contemplate building, we wish to say that we have cated a first-clas lumber yard in the Stonewall Wagon Yard stand in Stamford, Texas, and will at all times carry a well selected stock of

Opress Shingles, Sash, Doors, Lime, Cement, Cedar Posts, Moulding, Etc.

when we will sell at the closest possible price consistent with business and fair dealings. In fact we will sell you lumber as cheap, or cheaper than you can get it any where else in this section of the west, and should you need anything in this line it will surely be to your interest to see us before buying.

WE ARE HERE TO STAY AND HERE TO SELL LUMBER!

We give you exactly what we sell you as to grade, and accord you the most courteous treatment in all dealings. Others may treat you to "stick to old love," but it is to your interest to see Burton-Lugo Co. before closing a deal of lumber. If once our customer, we have no fears of the future. Send us your plans by mail and have them figured by a practical mechanic, It cost nothing but a good will.

M. V. KERLEY, Manager.

IS LIFE WORTH LIVING?

This question is answered by thousands of dollars paid to the Doctors every year. Then take the opportunity to live. If you have that tired feeling, or Indigestion, Constipation, Rheumatism, or any blood diseases we will cure you with Dr. Thurmond's Blood Syrup, or it will cost you nothing.

We Guarantee to Cure CATARRH

In all its horrible forms with Dr. Thurmond's Catarrh Cure. For twenty years we have successfully treated Catarrh,—cured thousands,—and can cure you. Ho to Jno. E. Robertson, Druggist, and talk to him about it, and if he don't endorse it, don't take it. Not only does he endorse it, but puts our money behind it, and if it doesn't do all we claim, he will refund your money. Write to our Dr. Thur-mond, and your letter shall have his personal at-tention. All enquiries strictly confidential.

FOR SALE BY I. P. COLLIER,

Haskell, Texas.

Haskell Telephone Company.

Has Long Distance Connection with All Points, and Direct lines to the following local places.

Aspermont, Broach Ranch, Shi Brazos River, McDaniel Ranch, J. Irby Ranch, Throckmorton, ayner, Orient, Gatlin, Munds Shinnery Lake, ech, Pinkerton, Throckmorton, Gatlin, Munday, Stamford,

Rayner, Local Excharges at Haskell, Asperment and Munday. Telegraph messages received and transmitted.

J. F. POSEY, Manager, Haskell, Texas.

HASKELL MARKET

and RESTAURANT.

M. L. LYNCH, Proprietor. FRESH MEATS

Of All Kinds at Reasonable Prices.

Special attention will be given to those who patronize the Restaurant. The choicest of things to eat will be served.

John L. Robertson, President.

WEST TEXAS DEVELOPMENT CO.,

-Office West of Court House-Haskell, · · · Texas.

Do a General Real Estate Business.

ONEY to LOAN on REAL ESTATE

Make complete abstracts of titles. Land for sale in Haskell,

sher and other western counties and on the plains. RESPONDENCE CHEERFULLY ANSWERED.

The Free Press and Dallas News \$1.75

SANDERS, & WILSON,

Attorney at Law and Real Estate Agent...

All kinds of bonds furnished in first class Guaranty Company, at reasonable rates. We fur-nish abstracts of life to land in Haskell county; and loan money on ranches and farm lands, and takes up and ex-tends Vendor Lien notes. Al-buy Vendor Lien notes.

In the Court House HASKELL, . . TEXAS.

L'OSTER & JONES,

Law, Land and Live Stock.

A. C. FOSTER, Att'y at Law J. L. JONES, Notary Public. Haskell, Texas.

H. G. MCCONNELL,

Attorney at Law

Office in the Court House. Haskell, Texas

OSCAR E GATES,

Attorney at Law,

Office over the Bank.

Haskell, Texas.

S. W. SCOTT,

Attorney at Law,

Offers Large List of Desirable Lands. Furnishes Abstracts of Title. Writes Insurance.....

All kinds of Bonds furnished n a Standard Guaranty Company at reasonable rates

Haskell, Texas

JOE IRBY.

Stanographer

HASKELL, TEXAS

LE. LINDSEY, M. D.

Chronic Diseases.

Freatment of Consumption A SPECIALTY. Office in Wristen Building, Abilene, Texas

E. E. GILBERT,

Physician and Surgeon.

Office North Sid Public Square.

Haskell, Texas.

DR. A. G. NEATHERY

Physician and Surgeon.

Office Southwest Corner Square.

Dr. Neathery's Res. No. 23.

S. L. POST,

Physician and Surgeon.

Maker a specialty of diseases of women and children, both surgical and medical.

Residence 'phone W E. SHERRILL, N G
ED. ELLIS, V G
WALTER MEADORS, Sec

Lodge meets every Thursday night



REGISTERED JERSEY BULL 'SCHLEY of TEXAS.'

His service fee will be \$3,00 for se N. C. SMITH, HASKELL.

It will be to your advantage to figure with us on buggy and wagon

harness, collars, pads, bridles, whips, etc. McCollam & Cason.

Money, Money, Money.

business, and can procure loans for you on good laud in Haskell, Knox or Baylor counties, or take up and extend vendors lien notes, in a short time, and at as little cost as any one. If you want a loan come and see me, or write me. Office on second floor of P. D. SANDERS. court house. Hankell, Texas.

HOLIDAY SALE!

EVERYBODY COME.

Our Holiday Goods are a beautiful selection of desirable and appropriate gifts for both old and young.

Novelty, Variety, Originality and Reasonable Prices.

Come and look -your judgment will tell you what to do. Our the land above described considerastock is thoroughly up with the times, and the Prices are Right

SEE OUR BARGAINS IN JEWELRY.

An elegant line of plain and set rings, bracelets, brooches, lockets, chains, charms and emblems. 20 Per Cent off During Holidays--

Santa Claus' Headquarters. Come and see us, at

TERRELLS DRUG STORE.

HASKELL MEXAS. Will Do a Oneral Bunking Business.

Will issue exchange for the transaction of business in all the leading cities, and collect checks, drafts or notes at any point in or out of Texas.

We Solicit Deposits and Accounts of the Farmers and Business Men of this Section.

R. C. MONTGOMERY, Proprietor.

STAMFORD. TEXAS.

Last your land with us and re will find you a buyer. For Our last you as larges as into each self-sull cospect of that come to this part of the State, thus giving us superior opportunities.

LIVE STOCK.

WE also handle live stock on commission and have excellent facilities for finding buyers. Address as above.

AND BARGAINS

FOR SALE BY-S. W. SCOTT

LAWYER, REAL ESTATE AND INSURANCE AGENT.

Haskell, Texas.

Look over the list and see if you don't think it will be to your advantage to buy some of this land. From \$1.00 to \$5.00 per acre has not been added to the price by bonus hunters and land speculators. I represent about one hundred non-resident land owners, and the following list of lands is only a part of the most desirable special bargains. All interest on deferred payments will be 8 per cent, unless otherwise stated. Distances and directions are from town of Haskell, and the price is per acre:

2052 acres, J. G. Pitts survey to miles E. \$5 25. 1010 acres, Geo. Harris League, at \$7; 9 miles 8. W., 4 payments 320 acres of Jas. Cooper section, 14 miles S. E., 70 acres Fract. section 32, Blk. 46, H. & T. C

Scott league and labor survey, 1½ miles N. E. | 15 miles N. E., at \$5. of Haskell. Price \$5 to \$15 and terms to suit. | 1476 acres, J. E. Ellis sur., 8 miles E., at \$4, b 24 acres G. G. Alford survey, 15 miles N. W. 44, Abst. 6, 86, in 3 payments.

E., at \$3.00, 3 payments. 320 acres, Sur. 3, G. H. & H. Ry, 14 miles S. E. and terms at \$3.00, 3 payments. 20 acres, W. P. Gaines survey, 12 miles

\$3.50, in 3 payments sections 1, 3 and 5, E. T. Ry. Co., 13 to 16 miles at \$5 S. E., at \$3.5), in easy payments. 640 acres, N. R. Brister survey, 7 miles S. E.

at \$3.50, in 5 payments. iss acres. John Compbell survey, 7 miles N. E. either end. at \$3.50, in 3 payments I am still in fac money loaning Lots 7 & 8, Block 4, B. & R. Ad. \$125.

Ry , 15 miles N. E., at \$5. 6 acres up to any quantity desired out of James 72 acrrs Fract. Sect. 34, Blk. 46, H. & T. C. Ry

3 payments. 213 acres, A F. Burchard survey, 14 miles S. W 522 acres, section 1, G. H. & H. Ry., 12 miles at \$5, in 3 payments.

235 acres, same survey as above, same price 213 acres, A. F. Burchard survey, 14 miles 8

, at W, at \$5 cash 640 acres, James Gray survey, 16 miles S.

1476 acres. Chas. Cathott survey 10 miles N (East Abbott pasture) \$10.50 per acre, or easy terms. Will cut in 200 acre lots from

506 acres, S. T. Blakeley survey, 15 miles S. I at \$3, in 5 pryments

Have many other lots and acre blocks in different parts of

town too numerous to name here. Call on me, or write, for full information.

S. W. SCOTT

Haskell Cexas.

Real Estate Transfers The records in the county clerk's office show that there has been con-

siderable activity in real estate lately. The following conveyances were filed for record during the past week;

C. M. Brown to W. M. Williams, 158 acres, part of Sec. 25, Blk. 14, H. & T. C. R'y Co. W. M. Williams to J. F. Mitchell

tion, \$2136.

S. R. Rike and wife to W. C. Cannon, 640 acres. Sec. 92, blk 1, H. & T. C. R'y Co., consideration \$3200.

W. M. Ward to Sid Post, part of sur. 85, blk 1, H. & T. C. R'y Co., consideration \$1100.

A. L. Rhomberg to F. G. Alexander, 160 acres. N. E. 1, Sec. 20, adjoining town, consideration \$3200.

F. G. Alexander to H. G. McConnell, 80 acres. 1, of above quarter section.

so acres, by of above quarter section, consideration \$1600.

H. G. McConnell to T. G. Carney, lease for two years on lot 2, b'& 19, in Haskell. R. O. McWhoter to S. A. Martin,

acres. M.Peveto survey, consideration \$800 cash and five notes. A. A. Oliver and wife to J. W. Gar-rett, 1571 acres out of E. P. Elder sur.,

Consideration \$1500.

B. A. Barnes and wife to H. . sle-Connell, lot 1 blk. 19 in askell consideration \$1200. Lewis Howard and wife to M. B. Howard, 105 acres of B. F. Wood survey, consideration \$520.

Mr. Frank Simmons was in mixing with the boys Tuesday.

Mr. R. P. Marchbanks was in to see Santa Clause the other day. You can have a good time Christ-mas without fighting boose.

A good work-horse and a wagon for sale. Apply to Alexander Mercantile Mr. J. C. O'Bryan returned Tuesday night from a business trip to South Texas.

Mrs. J. T. Bowman of the Pinkerton eighborhood was in town shopping Yednesday.

Mr. F. M. Morton sold a section o enton county.

Mr. L. A. Watson of Duvail county tisited the family of Mr. Z. R. Thom-seon this week.

Mr. W. O. Orr will leave this morning to spend Christmas with his family at Baird. Mr. John Carter after an roof three years, is here to pound as with relatives and set from 97 our best families and are

elves highly esteemed by a large sircle of acquaintences and friends for their personal good qualities. A friend of the parties sent us a lengthy write-up of the wedding, but,

night. o condense it. We will quote Mr. Walter Hen came in from Dallas Tuesday to it to spend the Christmas holiday ith his Haskell

our space was limited this week.

Mr. Barnett O'Bryan, who is at-tending Hills Business College at home last night to spend the holidays. The members of the bome mission

society are planning an emertainment for their husbands on Montay night after Christmas day. Mrs. John Howard and of the Paint creek common Tuesday to spend Chris masold folks in Comanche county bildren th the

Misses Florence Couch and Bessie Parker, who are attending Baylor University, are expected home tonight to spend Christmas with the home

Mr. J. W. Heathcock of the Ample neighborhood was in town Tuesday and set his subscription figures for-ward. He reported everything as moving along smoothly in his section. We are requested to state that the Rebecca lodge will install the new officers on the first Monday night in January. All members are requested to be in attendance and bring a basket lunch.

I have some thoroughbred Poland China pigs, subject to registration, for sale. These pigs are from the highest bred stock of hogs in the state Write me at Haskell or come to see me at my place ten miles from Haskell on the Seymour road. G. E. Courtney.

The Rebecca lodge held its regular annual election Monday night, when the following officers were elected: Miss Jestany Etlis, N. G.; Miss Docis Winn, V. G.; Mrs. H. R. Jones, Bee'y; Miss Berths Irby, Treas.; Mrs. J. W. Meadors, representative to the grand lodge at Houston.

Mr. A. A. Oliver, who sold his farm a week or so ago, left Wednesday with his family for Coryell county, where they will reside. They were appreciated here as good citizens and we regretted to lose them. But, it they do as most people do who leave Haskell, county they will come back in a pear or so.

Mr. A. M. Allen returned Friday-night of last week from a visit to Wise county. He said that he met quite a number of people there who are thinking of moving west and, they were namer for long west and,

ALL OVER TEXAS.

The stockholders in the Celeste National Bank met Friday and made application for a National charter. Several stockholders live in Ladonia and Greenville.

Judge George W. Riddle and some of his business associates will,, during thells. the first days of January coming, open a banking house in the Junction Build-

Dad Thomas, and old man, who conducts a chill and tamale place at march battalions, reconnoltering and all cotton ginners in the United States, battleship Sevastopol. Whitewright was shot Thursday morning about 5 o'clock. Two negroes have feen arrested on suspicion.

W. H. McWilliams of Waco has been appointed superintendent of the wood camp of the Rusk penitentiary. This camp furnishes the wood for all departments of the penitentiary.

The joint International and Great Blunder sive. Occasyouri Kansas and Texas depot at Minprice of a mist cola was burned to the ground Tuesday be wrong if y evening. The loss is about \$2,000. Life Pills

Headac

etc. Me

Home and

lished in maga

stories, li

whe

supp /

new Ib.

ever since.

ents, n

Gentle

Notice

Notic-

ular ar

ders of

will be

1905, b

and 4

in the

purpos

ors fo:

transactir

properly

Pinker

Mes &

Brow

ship

and busi Th

of th.

ound

freeb

reas

plac

The

grocetie

A

more.

Maryl

eral .

follows

orange

ting fi

practic

indeed

For tw

telling

achiev

tain t

sell the

position

George McAtce, aged 20 years, was cound dead Thursday morning in his bed at the State School for the Deaf and Dum. here he was a pupil. His home was at Manor Travis county.

C. H. Wilder of Houston was run ed. The remains were taken to Hous- warmly clad. ton. The victim was 56 years of age.

J. ! . Cleghorn's gin at Colquitt was bandsomely ill destroyed by fire Sunday night. The plant was practically new, having been in only two years. This is the secand time the plant has burned at Colquitt.

> The proposition to buy a tract of level land between Fort Worth and Dallas for the establishment of an automobile track, it is learned is now un- thousand yards southwest of 203 Meter said to be interested in the plan.

> death Thursday at Austin by a gravel quarters at Port Arthur.
>
> pit falling in on him. His companions The fighting against Sungshu Moun ing him out as quickly as possible, but he was smothered beyond resuci-

E. M. Adams, the switchman who was run over by an engine in the Tex-

troubles and constipation these 34 have no equal. Price 25 cents. from Haske. by C. E. Terrell. express.

d This if You Owe Me.

important that I close up my offect in his

It off.

being paid are bringing them out, and borhood were destroyed. about 5,000 pounds daily are being shipped by express from this point. As high as 10% c per pound was paid on the street for them.

ill be forfeited.

From information which has been obtained from farmers there will be a decrease in cotton acreago in Ellis ers to change their plans.

A negro named Hill was burned to death in the calaboose at Wellston, Ok., Friday night. He built a fire to keep warm and then went to sleep.

Most women have a sneaking costwisted into a successful novel.

Engineers and firemen of the Santa Fe Railroad have adjusted the differences which threatened to cause a strike on the coast lines of that system. The terms of the settlement have not yet been made public.

A telgram from Congressman Garner states that work on the erection of the \$150,000 Federal building at Laredo will soon be undertaken. There are no words in any language

when the water pipes burst. It is currently stated in Dallas that

the Practorians have bought a lot on a prominent corner in that city for \$25,000, and will at an early date commence building a modern skyscraping office building.

A. Levy, aged eighty-four, a long time resident of Dallas, died in that city Friday.

lice of Port Worth at the recent pri-

DOGGED FIGHT GOES ON.

Closer and Closer.

Mukden Dec. 20 .- A correspondent of the Associated Press has toured the intire Russian front, covering one nundred miles along and around the rost-covered burraws of the soldiers rom the Hun to the Shakhe Rivers. At all times there has been irregular mnnonading all along the center. where, owing to the proximity of the ines; the corps commanders while inpeen recognized and fired at with

On the extreme right and left flanks the lines are separated by from five which each side has taken prisoners.

apanese in these operations is the same, namely, to prevent the molestation of the winter cantonments.

Liao Yang.

ing inaccessible to the Japanese. .

The feet of a number of Japanese indown by the cars at Corrigan sustain- General Kuroki has now replaced his in response to a call from J. A. Taylor ing injuries, from which death result- infantry with mounted troops, who are of Wynnewood, I. T., a man of much

> Tokio, Dec. 19.—The Japanese fired organizations, an immense mine under portions of the north fort of East Keckwan Moun- at 2 o'clock with J. A. Taylor as chairtain at 2 o'clock yesterday (Sunday) man and E. E. Griffin of Itasca as secafternoon.

The infantry immediately afterward charged and occupied the fort with a heavy force.

It is reported that the Japanese have seized a strong position about a der consideration. E. H. R. Green is Hill, preparatory to assaulting the new town and pushing between Liao James Wells, aged 23 years, met Ti Mountain and the Russian head-

tain continues.

McKinney's Fire Loss.

McKinney: A destructive fire in as and Peaul Pailroad yard at Mar catimated \$25,000 with combined to the years ending June 200, as and pair of the I have carefulestroyed, while others were more or and comfortabless damaged in the vicinity. The five for 1902 and 1904. In 18904 there were selling out my drug store, it make con- cut stores burned out were: Brannan 8.077 passengers injured and 321 kill-I , seat and Bros., bicycles; George Sullivan, gence, contents taking eral merchandise; Foreman's Restaudi, ed; in 1903 there were 6.873 injured m, nearly tearing rant. Model Bakery and J B. Rhodes, and 321 killed. The increase in the grocery. The grocery of W. B. Kendle number of deaths of passengers in Turkey shipments from Lampasas was damaged, as was also the meat train accidents in 1 ... compared with have been unusually light this fall up market of Willam Allen. The tele- 1903 is 64 1-3 per cent. to a few days ago, but the prices now graph and telephone poles in the neigh-

Some Religious Figures.

New York: It is stated in the Pres-The City Council of Abilene granted religious of the world have 1,439,000. verdict that the deceased came to his a franchise to Boston parties for the 600 adherents, divided as follows: construction of a street railway in Ab- Christianity, 477,080.158; Confucianflene at its last meeting. The fran- ism, 256,000,000; Hindulam 190,000, chise calls for work to begin within 000; Mohammedanism. 176.834,372; ninety days and to continue until the Taoism and Shintoism, 57,090,000; Jupe is in operation or the franchise dalam, 7.560,000, and various heathen faiths, 118,129,479.

Blaze at Pilot Point.

Pilot Point: Fire broke out in L. County next year. The recent great T. Martin's dry goods store on East slump in price has caused many farm. Side Square this evening and com- that adulterated bran and other pletely gutted two brick business ered by insurance. The principal lost of the law. He desires to place on ers were L. T. Martin, Salmons Jones viction that their love letters could be & Co., Light Bros., S. I. Newton and terated bran, etc., that they will be Mrs. Atkins.

Two Former Texans Drop Dead.

Cordell, Ok.: Reussell L. Cowant probate Judge-elect of Washita County, dropped dead Monday as he arose from the table after eating a hearty meal. He formerly lived at Fort Worth, Texas, and recently married Miss Julia Leavitt of Payetteville,

S. J. Dickey, also a former Texan, Sunday dinner.

Lenz Gets Twenty Years.

Houston: Monday night at 9:20 o'clock the jury in the case of John stranger and out of work, committed Lenz, charged with the killing of Wil- suicide in an empty box car Monday liam Hillendahl Aug. 3. at Eureka, after being out a short time, brought in tracted to the car by the pistol shot he a verdict of guilty and fixed the pun-explained, with Lis brain oozing from ishment at twenty years in the peni- a hole in his head, that he was tired tentlary. The testimony showed that of living. Prior to his removal to the the killing took place in a little store hospital, where he died shortly after-Democratic candidate for Chief of Po- kept by John Lens, and grew out of wards, he managed to give his name some words about a bill that was ow- and state that his home was Bridge-

GINNERS ORGANIZE.

surrow Against Cold; Japs Creep A National Association in Order to Collect Information.

Dallas, Dec. 20 .- At a meeting of cotton ginners from the cotton states west of the Mississippi river, held at the Commercial Club yesterday afternoon the National Cotton Ginners' Association of the United States was organized.

The primary object of this organization is to give reliable information concerning the amount of cotton producspecting the positions, have frequently tion and the condition of the crop to the ginners in advance of the government report.

While the organization actually into eight miles and across these sissippi river only, it is intended to be the last one sinking during the night spaces on both sides occasionally the foundation for the association of attack on December 14, on the Russian making demonstrative attacks, during and the work of organizing the States east of the Mississippi river and in-The object of both the Russians and corporating then the National as achievement alone costing the Japan-

sociation will be taken up next week. The plan as promulgated contemplates the association of the 30,000 cot-The position of both Russian and ton ginners of the United States for Japanese are similar to those held by the purpose of exchanging information them before the battle of Liao Yang with each other. General headquarters and therefore the spring will find the are to be establisher and only reports Northern, Texas and Pacific and Mis- two armies in the same relation at at of the amount of cotton ginned by every gin in the United States will be Gen. Rennenkampff's area beyond sent to headquarters. These statistics Da Pass is of great picturesqueness will be compiled and sent out in code and, owing to the extreme weather to every member of the association, conditions, it is now considered as be- who is sworn not to divulge this information.

> The meeting was attended by more fantrymen taken up by the Russians than 100 ginners from different parts were frost bitten and their clothing of Texas, Oklahoma, Indian, Territory, was inadequate, but it is said that Arkansas and Louisianan. It was held prominence in the organization of frutt growers', truck growers' and farmers

> > Temporary organizationw as formed retary. Before adjournment for the afternoon permanent organization had been effected, with Mr. Taylor as president and J. H. Connell of Dallas secretary and treasurer.

> > All of the ginners present were heartily in accord with the idea of organization, but many had their own ideas and a great deal of discussion resulted before organization could be ef-

Increase in Railway Accidents.

Washington: The article in the report of the Interstate Commerce Comthe business center of the city about mission on railroad accidents oper

south of the square, were completely 2.516 killed in 1902. The figures for 1903 are intermediate between those ed; in 1902 6,089 injured and 303 kill-

Negro Kills Brother In self Defense. gro about 40 years old, was shot and killed at a negro restaurant Sunday byterian hand book for 1905 that the night. The coroner's jury returned a Washington in self-defense. The two negroes were brothers. Kirk Washington gave himself up to the officers, waived examinating trial and was bound over to the Grand Jury in the sum of \$300.

Cattle Feed Adulterations.

Austin: Information has been received by County Attorney John Brady stuffs were being shipped into Travis houses and several frame warehouses. County. Mr. Brady stated that handentailing a loss on stocks and build- ling adulterated feedstuff, whether by ing of about \$30,000, only partially cov- innocent parties or not, is a violation notice all those who are using adulheld unless they desist in the practice.

A Rush Into Oklahoma.

Lawton: Since the election there has been a large increase in immigration to the new countles of Southwest Oklahoma. To this the farfamed climate has also lent a hand. Not since the early days have the real estate men had access to so many prospective investors, and more land is selling now, and at higher prices, than has that can describe a man's religion dropped dead at Olustee after eating been paid since the first excitement of

World-Weary Wayfarer.

Shreveport, La.: Tom Milam, morning by shooting. To those atport, Conn.

JAPS LOSE MANY MEN.

Capture of 203 Mater Hill Cost 12,000 Senate Dispuses of the Measure by a Lives.

Chefoo, Dec. 17 .- Passengers just arrived from Kwang Tung Peninsula confirm the truthfulness of the official the Philippine civil government bill. Japanese reports of the sinking of various Russian ships recently at Port Arthur. They say the Japanese would a general discussion of them, as well have been able to accomplish this in the last two months, but aparently preferred to use their guns against the Russian military forces. It is believed the destruction of the Russian ships Democratic Senators several Republiindicates that the Japanese have abandored the hope of capturing the fortress. The Japanese lost three torpedo cludes the ginners west of the Mis- boats within the last month by mines,

The fighting during which 203 Meter Hill was captured was terrific, that ese 12, 000 in casualties. The Japanese have been unable to occupy the hill except for observation. They have taken none of the remaining forts.

Three steamers laden with ammunition and provisions ran the blockade of Port Arthur in the last fortnight and there are high hopes that the fortress will hold out for many months. The Japanese are alleged to be oppressed at their unsuccessful sacrifice of lives.

The sailboat in which several Rusglans reached Chefoo this morning left Port Arthur last night under cover of a snowstorm and had a terrible experience in crossing. The men were nearly frozen when they made this port and were unable to leave the boat without assistance. The Russians brought a large number of dispatches.

INDUSTRIAL TRAINING SCHOOL.

Carnegie Adds to Franklin Fund for Boston Institution.

New York: Andrew Carnegie of \$540,0000 and become the joint entered upon at once. founder with Benjamin Franklin of an institution of industrial training, according to an announcement made this morning by the Herald. The new angle of Edwards, Bandera and Uvaide enterprise is to be managed along the counties and it is a long way to attend lines of the Cooper Institute in this court at the various county seats. Sixty city.

to the city of Boston the sum of \$5000, while it is about the same distance to tact for a century, at the end of which of Leakey and surrounding country time it was to be used for the benefit want a new county, taking in the counboard of select men and the ministers around Leakey. of three denominations were mentioned as the trustees of whom the

penditure of this fund should fall. amount was invested in real estate soon after the death of Franklin county, the court of appeals at Tyler. which took place in 1790 and it was handed down the decision December found on the termination of the trust 7, to the effect that a dealer in nonthat the fund had increased to \$270 000. intoxicating mait liquors. "frosty," agreed to donate twice the amount of not liable to pay an occupation tax. he fund for the purpose stated.

Roping Contests at San Angelo.

cluded the contest between crack rop- liquors throughout the county. ers. John Murray won, in the total time for two steers of 65 2-5 seconds. Clay McGonigill second, 69 3-4 seconds; Joe Gardner third, 90 4-5. A matched Union in and near this neighborhood McKinney: Ben Washington a ne- contest between John Murray and Joe are hauling their cotion to town and Gardner, three steers each, won by dumping it in a vacant lot, with the Murray, by 1-5 of a second Broncho intention of holding it until next April busting and steer throwing by Pickett, "the dusky demon," were features. death by a pistol shot fired by Kirk Friday's roping is said to be the best pelng placed on this lot by the farmever held here.

> A recent report shows that the in pound. terurban line between Denison and Sherman .s one of the best paying ip vestments in the United States.

Mental Depression Leads to Suic'de. Dalins: J. W. Burson, one of the pioneer newspaper men of Texas, shot himself Friday morning at 10 &o clock St. Joseph's Infirmary as a result of in a room in the Imperial hotel. Hood a blow received more than a week ago. Smith, a brother Knight of Pythias, The police know who delivered the Burson, was in the room at the time of the man. The wound was on the of the shooting, but the act was accomplished so quickly that he was powerless to prevent it. He leaves a wife and family who are on a farm man are said to live at Shelby, N. C. near Arlington.

Orient to Resume Buffding.

Sweetwater: A telegram was received here by H. C. Hord, general attornew of the Panhandle and Gulf Railway, from Kansas Ciy, where the genare located and where the annual arel ocated and where the annual stockholders' meeting was held Friday, that it was voted to begin construction north from Sweetwater at once of the road, and that steel was ordered. He was advised that thirtyfive miles would be laid by February 1.

A Fortune Trove.

New York: Wrapped in a brown pa per at the bottom of an old trunk bought at a warehouse auction for \$3, Max Hart, a postal clerk found bonds of the Southern Electric Lighting and Water company, which have a market value of between \$17,500 and \$20,000. Accrued interest which has not been oted for years, adds nearly \$10,-00 to the find, which is estimated by bank officials to be between \$25,000

PHILIPPINE BILL PASSED.

Vote of 44 to 23. Washington, Dec. 17 .- The Senate vesterday by a vote of 44 to 23 passed The final vote was preceded by the presentation of many amendments and as the bill in general. The discussion was confined quite generally to the merits of the measure. On some of the amendments suggested by the cans voted in the affirmative, but Mr. McCumber was the only Republican who voted with the Democrats against the final passage of the bill.

The most notable change made dur ing the day was the lowering of the rate of interest on railroad bonds to be guaranteed by the Philippine Governmut from 5 to 4 per cent.

The bill, as passed, exempts from taxation all bonds issued by the Philippine and Porto Rican Governments; authorizes municipalities in the Philipplnes to insure a bonded indebtedness schounting to 5 per cent of the assessed valuation of their property at 5 per cent; authorizes the Philippine Government to incur a bonded indebtedness of \$5,000,000 at 11/2 per cent; authorizes the Philippine Government to guarantee the payment of interest on railroad bonds at the rate of 4 per cent per annum; provides for the administration of the immigration laws by the Philippine laws; establishes a system for the location and patenting of mineral, coal and saline lands; fixes the metric system for the islands, ad gives the civil Governor the title of Governor General.

During the day Mr. Beverldge, from the Committee on Territories, reported the statehood bill, and he will make a motion on the first day that the Senate convenes in January, the 5th, that given to the city of Boston the sum the consideration of the bill shall be

To Organize a New County. Uvalde: Leakey is situated in the

rocky miles over mountains and hills Benajmin Franklin in his will left stretch between Leakey and Bandera which was to be invested and kept in- Uvalde and Rock Springs. The people of the apprentices of the city. The try about twenty miles in a radius

Non-Intoxicating Malts Not Liable.

Sherman, Texas: In the conof ex parte L. A. Gray from Dallas It is stated that Mr. Carnegie recently "ino," "malt mend," and the like, are This decision settles some sixty cases growing out of indictments by the Grayson county grand jury, of keepers San Angelo: Friday's roping con of cold storage and dealers in malt

Hold for 10 Cents.

Enloe: Members of the Farmerc' they can't get 10c before that time. several hundred bales of cotton are ers of Delta county, who haven't sold a bale yet, still holding for 10c per

Remember that sufficient unto the day is the evil of yesterday.

Died from Blood Poisoning. Houston: Charles F. Fowler, a print-

er by trade, died Thursday evening at who had spent several hours with blow, but refuse to disclose the name jaw. The skin was broken and blood poison set in. The family of the young They have been notified.

"Red Eye" Gets the Black Eye.

Corsicana: Returns from all but nine boxes give a majority for local option of about nine hundred votes. Two years ago Corsicana gave an antimajority of 800 votes, while this year the majority is only thirty-one.

Madisonville: Madison county went dry in the prohibition election held Thursday by over two to one. The majority is larger than two years ago.

Petroleum in Mexico. On its property, fifty miles west of

Tampico, on the Mexican Central railway, a Mexican petroleum company has about fifteen wells in oil and several others sunk to within a few feet of the oil sand. These can be brought in as soon as sufficient tankage has been supplied. Several tanks with a capacity of 35,000 barrels each are nearing completion. This oil carries about 50 per cent asphalttum.

The Daily Question

might well be-Am I fair to my face? Natur herself often leaves the answer in unmistakable signs on the countenances of people using реотівсноиз викра,



Apply Woodbury's Facial Cream to chapped and roughened hands; the result will make you glad. INITIAL OFFER.

In case your dealer cannot supply you nd us his name and we will send prepaid o any address for \$1.00 the following toile

I Cake Woodbury's Facial Scap. Facial Cream.

leauty's Masque, a careful treatise on the

Dental Cream. Together with our readable booklet

are of the "outer self." Booklet free on application. THE ANDREW JERGENS CO., CINCINNATI, O.

England's Most Beautiful Woman.

Mme. Catherine Toistoi is regarded by many of the most beautiful young woman now in the British metropolis. She was widowed two years ago. Her husband, a captain of the Russian army, died of consumption and left ber a very extensive estate. The cream of England's gilded youth are said to be at her feet, both on account of her physical charms and the fortune she will bring as a bridal dowry. It is reported, however, that she has refused the hands of dukes and barous and will soon marry a plain London barrister, without title or shekels.

The Bill Was Not Paid.

In the days when Merk Twain was an editor out West he was not so well off as of late years. One morning the mail brought a bill from his tailor, not an unusual occurrence. The boy who went through the mail cailed the future humorist's attention to it. "And," added the boy, "he has written on the back that he wants a settlement at once." You should know what to do with such copy without asking," said Mr. Twain. "Inclose it with the regular printed slip stating that all manuscript written on both sides of the paper is unavailable."

Doing Great Work. Florisant, Mo., Dec. 19th .- (Special)

-That Dodd's Kidney Pills are doing a great work in curing the more terrible forms of Kidney Disease, such as everybody knows. But it must also be noted that they are doing a still greater work in wiping out thousands of cases of the earlier stages of Kldney Disease. Take for instance, Mrs. Peter Barteau of this place.

I have been subject to pains in my back and knees for about three years. but since I have been taking Dodd's Kidney Pills I have been entirely

Others here tell similar stories. In fact, in this part of Missouri there are scores of people who have cured the early symptoms of Kidney Disease with Dodd's Kidney Pills. The use of the Great American Kidney Remedy thus saved not only the lives of Kidney Disease victims, but thousands of other Americans from years of suffer-

Congressman and Frenchman, Congressman Wintersmith, of Ken-

tucky, is droll and imperturbable. He and Mrs. Wintersmith were walking in Pennsylvania avenue, Washington, one afternoon when a dandy little Frenchman who was directly in front of them slipped and fell. The tumble was a ludicrous one and Mrs. Wintersmith laughed heartily. The little Frenchman picked bimself up daintily and with a flourish handed the congressman a card, "Dick" looked at it thoughtfully and asked: "What's this for?" "Your laydee, sare," snorted the dandy. "She laughed at me, I demand ze sateesfaczione." Mr. Wintersmith handed back the card saying: "The lady is no blood relation of mine. Tell you what to do. You hunt up her brother and kill him. Good day."

Makes Negroes White. Dr. Henry K. Pancoast, the Universi-

ty of Pennsylvania X ray speciali and skiegrapher, has discovered that the continued use of the X rays on a negro patients produces a gradual change in the shade of the skin and that in time it becomes white. The discovery was made while treats negro man for lupus, which had ed the patient's nose and a part of the face. It was found that ? ment had been continued daily for a month the skin on the all



"Hez" Davis easily occupied the soapbox throne. He was a sort of living refrection of the claim that truth is y and will prevail. In fact, Hesekiah Davis was a most marvelous and conscientious prevaricator. None believed him capable of telling the wath, hence no one expected him to speak aught but falsehood-except on one occasion, and even then repentance followed quickly.

So gracefully, tenaciously and plously did "Hez" Davis ile, that away back in the nebulous state of Time, he had been dubbed "Lying Deacon Davis," The "Deacon" portion of the appellation was applied because of his strict attendance upon church services; and the wonderful religious lies associated with his ecclesiastical wool-gatherings of a night, when Morpheus and Mephisto were playing him tricks and fashioning for his imaginings strange visions, were little short of miracles as related to a news-famished community next morning.

Then, too, "Hez" occasionally acted as grave digger for the village dead; this, and lying, being about as much as one able-bodied man in a quiet rural community could be expected to ettend to well.

But, after a time, as "Hez's" lying barame more chronic, and his grave digging less pronounced, the "Deacon" joint in the cognomen of his name was dropped, and he approached the sunset of life with the short and undesirable significance of "Lying Davis."

As such was he known on a blustering, winter night two days before Christmas, 1902, as he shambled into the "Corner Grocery" and took his accustomed place among the members of the town "Strategy Board."

The accustomed grin of quasi-expoctancy, tinged with a curl of disdain in which pity and jealousy were strangely mingled, greeted his entry into the liars circle about the cavernous stove that glowed and flushed, as if fretting and blushing for the outrageous falsehoods that nightly held their rampant sway about its metal sides.

As he adjusted his coat talls carefully behind the soap box on which he sat, "Hez" surveyed the group crit-

"Got a spade I kin borrer to-morrow mornin', Bill," addressing Compton, the grocer. "I broke th' handle of mine yisteday pryin' up a hoss-radish

"Goin' inter gardenin'?" inquired Alf. Fiskin, slyly nudging Hank Somers alongside him on a sugar barrel.

"Cain't be ye've had no revelations late, 'Hez.' Are ye goin' t' turn farmer fer a livin' and give up lyin'?" interjected Roger Craig, taking a lib-

in the galaxy of grocery-stove liars, | meekly toward the soft-pine floor and sighed.

"Taint no time I' laugh an' be gay with one o' our best country residents dead o' heart disease!"

He paused in solemn miet, his head low, his hands clasped between his knees

Wary glances were exchanged between the strategists. None cared to make the sally.

"Died an hour ago. Snuffed out like the candle in a draught. Fell dead upon the milk-house floor," resumed "Hez" sadly, softly, much affected.

Who's dead?" blurted Audrew Shrader, aiming for a knot-hole in the floor with a kernel of corn and missing it. "Who's dead?"

"Lying Davis" took a long, deer breath, and looking up suddenly, de manded:

'What's th' matter with you fellers? Don't ye know that Hiram Squires is no more? It aint no subject fer jokin' er stringin'; ye know he's dead as well as I do-and a mighty sad Christmas it'll be fer his poor wife and children, left with a big farm on their hands and none on 'em able t' take keer of

"You don't mean to say that Hiram Squires is dead, 'Hez'?" interrupted Horace Grant, editor of the Weekly Clarion, who had entered at this juncture to get the copy for a Christmas advertisement of the "Corner Gro-

"Died less'n an hour ago," replied he indomitable Davis, illy concealing the gratification he felt at being interviewed by the intellectual head of the leading village paper.

'Wan't feelin' well fer a day or two, although I do believe he was in town yistaday—wan't he Compton?" turning questioningly toward the grocer who was busily engaged in tying up a 50cent package of light brown sugar for a customer.

"Hiram Squires? Yes, he was in early yesterday morning. Came to town with a load of hogs. Stopped here on his way back from the depot to buy a calico dress for Mandy. Must a bin mighty sudden."

"So I heerd," acquiesced "Lying Davis," surreptitiously reaching for a sliver from the tail of a cod-fish that protruded from a near-by box. "He want feelin' overly scrumptious though fer a week. I heerd his darter say so as I cum by there jest now from epearin' up in Dry Run. Been complainin' of a pain in his appendix and had a cold sweat an' a bad dream t'other night that wan't particklarly gratifyin' fer a man o' his calibre. T'day he was standin' by the milk-house churn, stoopin' over like, fixin' the crank er something-and all to onet he uttered a faint groan and fell right where he

day after termorrer from the house-\$ o'clock."

Armed with the spade, "Lying Davis" shuffled out of the grocery, followed by the editor bent upon learnis more of the details for his paper, already being "made up" by the foreman that an early start might be secured for press day.

The Weekly Clarion was in the postoffice by 10 next morning, and sincere was the mourning for Hiram Sqiures. The merchants, possessed of that human sympathy always uppermost in a rural community, laid aside their busi-FS prejudices and decided to attend he funeral in a body. Despite the fact that the evening of the day of the funeral was Christmas Eve and many trinkets for the Christmas trees in the churches and homes were sail unpurchased, they set out dutifully toward the home of the deceased, six miles west on the Pike road. There were something more than a dozen vehicles

turned in at the side road that well the farm home, Editor Grant and famfly in the lead. One by one they eined their horses into the farmyard and stopped.

urged the horses on of the wind-swept way

The editor was preparing to leap to the ground and Grocer Compton had thrown the robes over the dash-board to liberate his legs, when there arose from behind the barn a series of blar-

"Hi there! Gol durn yer blankety blank picture, git inside that pen, will ye? Whoop! Here, you gol darn ignoramus, what th' great hora spoons be ye a doin' there? Spot! Here, Spot, sic 'em! Take 'em! Hi! Hi! Socey!" Suddenly there hurst into view from around the barn a contrary hog, dashing at full speed for the open, followed by a Scotch colile dogand-yes it was!-it was-Hiram Squires himself!



"Gol durn yer blankety blank picture!"

in all and the procession was a solemn

As they rode along through the crunching snow, facing a biting December wind, they spoke softly of the virtues of Hiram Squires. Even his one gross fault, an habitual use qualifying adjectives, frequently nificant of blasphemy, was forgotten. He was a good man and God rest him! fellers doin' here?"

This was the sentiment of brotherly There was a deep time. expression voiced by those who had known him. best.

Nearper and nearer they drew to the snug farm residence where grief, like Nyobe, all tears, was domiciled, and where the Black Camel of Death knelt at the gate in mute distress!

Meanwhile Boreas and Jack Frost were ripping and biting at the noses and the toes of the mourners as they

His face was red with exertion and rage, one mitten was gone and he breathed hard as he swung into full pursuit behind the barking dog!

Then, his eye cannot the group of wheed spectato the sleighs the steaming horsest Wal, by hick'ry," he shouted, earer

"what be all you

There was a deep and eloquent silence for a brief interim, during which Editor Horace Grant looked sheepishly into the eyes of Grocer Compton. Grocer Compton shifted his gaze toward the pure, white snow and kept

his peace. "I reckon we'd best go back t' town and ask 'Lying Davis,' " said Henry Somers, clambering into his vehicle.

Christmas in Mexico. That Mexico is strictly a flestaloving nation is attested by the fact that she has more feast days than calendar days, says a writer in the Ledger Monthly. A celebration that consumes two weeks of these feast days is the observance of Christmastide-

The bustle and confusion down in the plazas and out in the numerous booths and stalls that have sprung up, seamingly by magic, are almost deafening with the voices of persons engaged in Christmas shopping.

semi-religious celebrations that begin

upon December 17th.

And not only the cities, but insignificant "pueblos" whose inhabitance are too porr to hie themselves to larger places make grand preparations for the throngs that are sure to fill their streets just before Christmastide. And what a eterogeneous humanity swarms at the various booths, like so many bees a pund a hive!

Spent Christmas With John Doe. A story written by Dickens while he was editor of All the Year Round is comparatively unknown. It is call-"Christmas in the Company of

ed "Christmas in the John Doe." He says: "It was Christmas eve, and I-my name is Prupper-was taking my walk abroad. I walked through the crowded Strand, clate, hilarious, benignant, for the feast was prepared and the guests were bidden. Such a turkey had ordered! Not the prize one with the ribbons-I mistrusted thatbut a plump, tender, white breasted bird-a king of turkeys, It was to be broiled with oyster sauce, and the rest of the dinner was to consist of that noble sirloin of roast beef and that immortal cod's head and shoulders! I had bought the materials for the pudding, too, some half-hour pre-

viously; the plums and the currents

laid his hand on Prupper's shoulder cause he had, in the excitement of

Santa Claus a Modern Invention. Of all Christmas customs the best



denly, looking up from the letter he Lou's apturous acclamations. had just received, "you needn't mind about the rest. The dinner will not ome off, after all."

The decorated end of the big, sumptuous studio looked oddly distasteful to Gerry-Talbot since the reading of Miss Wakefield's telegram, which had shattered his enthusiastic plans. He had invited her-and, for chaperonage, her brother and his wife-to a Christmas studio dinner, which he meant to make as festive as possible. Of course, her rejection at the last hour had been a gentle invention prepared to avert a greater disappointment, for he had let her know unmistakably how it was with him, and he had been so hopeful of success that he had selected a ring for her Christmas gift-a little golden circlet set with a clear white solitaire.

The streets were thronged with bustling Christmas shoppers, glad of heart, with merry, expectant faces. and here and there a wistful one, too. looking on, but not buying. As Talbot turned toward the restaurant he no-



Gazing Wistfully.

deed two little girls gazing wistfully into a confectioner's window. "Yes, Min, I would. I'd do it fust

thing," said the taller of the two. "Oh, my! wouldn't it be nice to be rich an' invite all your friends to a big turkey an' ice cream dinner!"

Minnie, who was of less sanguine disposition, said there wasn't any good in wishing, 'cause nothing ever kept up a flow of cancer. tions that interested Talber 111St

of his gloom. They were very elad, thin featured and ill-aq 17 to but not unpleasant to look as was conscious, all ac once, of an inplicable impulse to gratify the firs child's wish.

"So you would really like to give your friends a Christmas dinner!" said he, smiling down at her astonshed eves. "I have a great mind to let you have your wish."

"Oh, dear me, Min!" she gasped, "I Won't Mis' Posey be s'prised! An' Jonas an' Meg an' Tom! Oh, won't they be jest too pleased!"

"How many shall you invite?" Talbot asked gravely, taking out his notebook. "You see, we haven't mutime to spare, so we'll have to be a our preparations at once. How many

'Well, there's Aunt Kitty an' Uncle Tim an' the baby. Mis' Posey, Jonas Boggs, Meg an' Pat Fordey-Min, can you think of anyone else?"

"Lame Betsy an' Moli." 'How many's that?" asked Lou. "Twelve, counting us three."

Talbot nodded gravely. "Can you give me some idea what they would like to have for dinner?"

"There'll be turkey, won't there?" "Certainly." "With sauce and stuffin'?"

"Yes." Talbot wrote down the various items while they added sundry incongraous articles.

Don't you think it would be nice to have a little present beside each plate?" he asked. Both girls gasped, but looked im

mensely pleased. "Suppose you two go around with me and pick out what you consider suitable for each of your guests; because I should not know what to se-

They set off toward Sixth avenue. where they soon found themselves in a whirl of belated shoppers. Talbot consulted his list as he followed the children from counter to counter.

"Now, I think you had better both run home and let your parents see that you are safe and sound, then set about the invitations," said Taibot, when the can stopped before his own

When Lou appeared at the studio on the following morning she was a very different looking girl; not exactly better locking, for her skimpy finery was not strictly becoming to her; but for all that she had an unmistakably holiday look, and anyone would have known by the pure joy of her voice that some great and festive event was at hand. Talbot had firshed the decorations which had been to harshly interrupted by Miss Wake-

"James," said Gerry Talbot, sud- | extremely gratifying, especially after

At precisely 12 o'clock the bell rang for the first time to announce the arrival of Aunt Katie and Tim and the baby, all polished and prinked to the verge of painfulness. Next came Mis' Posey, a little, faded, bowed, ancient woman in rusty black, with long gold loops in her wrinkled cars. Lame Betty thumped in on her crutches, closely followed by Moli, in borrowed finery, of various sizes. Meg brought blind Jonas, and a merry little wraith of a man called Tom Doom.

Talbot shook hands all around with "Merry Christmas!" after which they all took their places at the beautiful table, the like of which none of that humble party had ever looked upon. But it was a kindly madness that possessed the host of that bountiful dinner, for his stories were of the pleasantest and his watchful care was unflagging. His guests rewarded his efforts by a spontaneous enjoyment of all that was set before them. It was good to see them walt upon blind Jonas, who could not help himself, and upon lame Betty, whose crippled hands made difficult the use of knife and fork.

Now and then Talbot rose to red an empty glass or septentsh a hair emptied plate, and in the midst of one of his excursions around the table the hall bell thrilled merrily, a prolonged, intimate, expectant trill that sent all the blood rushing madly to his face. There was a pause, then James' quiet, well-trained voice said: "Yes, madam; he is at dinner in the studio."

The door swung inward, and-Well, Talbot knew that he was not dreaming when she came toward him with outstretched hands and a ripple of explanation of which he heard not one word. Indeed, to him one isolated fact filled the world-that she was smiling up at him with a great promise in her eyes. He heard himself say something about a delightful surprise which she interrupted with a balf apologetic question concerning his guests.

Talbot beamed around the table. "A little friend of mine wanted to give her friends a Christmas dinner, and I persuaded her to let me share it," he explained, jauntily. "It has been a great treat to me."

Miss Wakefield read the whole truth for herself as she looked into the good, homely faces that reflected their host's praises in every glance. She said nothing, but her eyes told what Taibot would have given all he possessed to hear from her lips. Then Mr. Wakefield and his wife ventured

selves highly esteemed by a large circle of acquaintences and friends for their personal good qualities.

A friend of the parties sent us a lengthy write-up of the wedding, but, our space was limited this week. Loud to condense it. We will quote hree place commendatory remarks: there was a production remarks; the very end the function when the eleven can't hardly believe it, can you? It sounds just like a make-believe thing. y stowed min the elewhom, who a "Happy New pany offy returns!" he is to studio.



examined a row of pictures balf hisden behind the holly wreaths. "I was sorry to disappoint you yes-terday," she said, "but poor Ted's tel-eram was so deemt that we were vid he was worse, and hadn't the t to refuse his. When I discov-ated that we could said an early train-

home I made up my mind to run in and wish you. Morry Christmas, any way; and so we cause, you see."

Talbot thought of the sing. He taken it from its hiding place

"For a long white I have wanted to sak you."

"For a long while I have wanted to ask you to accept this—and what goes with it," he said, simply, holding the glittering bauble toward her.

A red glow crept into her face.
"Don't you think you are taking a rather unfair advantage of me, Gerry?" she asked.
"Yes, now?" he repeated.
She made no sudible answer, but when the young couple at the other end of the room sagnification of them they were amilling. The Took



"A Mighty fine man was Hiram Squires."

smacking his lips. A suppressed titter rippled about the grocery stove at the prods administered in an evident effort to awak an the frequently dormant sense of lying that, half-comatose, had its home within the graying head of "Lying Da-

But "Hez," refusing to accept the challenge, merely shook his head sad-

"This ain't no time to be tellin' lies,

eral bits off a slice of black plug and | stood! Pitched forrard in a heap and never knowed a thing! Gasped once arter his wife got there and that was all! A mighty fine man was Hiram Squires. Give money and vegetables t' th' poor and always allowed that all

his stock could eat wan't wasted! "Boys," here Hez cleared his dry and rattly throat with an effort, "Boys

it'll be our turn next!" Deep stience greeted the forecast. What'd you say about that there

or Hiram in th' mornin'? Funeral's

spade, Horace?" resumed "Hez." "Kin I borrer it long enough t' dig a grave

the citron and the alispice, the flour and the eggs. I was happy." But just then a minion of the la

and hustled him off to the jail begetting his Christmas materials together, forgotten to obey a summons to attend at court. Thus he spent his Christmas in the company of John Doe.

known is also the most recent. Santa Claus is a modern improvement. St. Nicholas, it is not to be denied, is a fairly hoary figure, and he has long been known as the patron saint of children. Just why is not clear, Practically nothing is known of the good saint except that he died archbishop of Myra in the fourth century. There are one or two legends connecting him with a love and compassion for young people, but there are also leg-ends which cause him to be associated with sailors. He is also claimed as a patron by brigands on account of an adventure which he is said to have had with a band of freebooters. Lastly, he is claimed by the profes sion of pawnbrokers, and it is a fact that he is usually represented in medieval art with three golden balls in one outstretched hand. A century or two ago there was a custom in Germany for all the parents in a town or village to send the presents they designed for their children to one choz-

POOLE & MARTIN, Editors.

Entered at the Post Office at Haskell, Texas, as

SUBSCRIPTION:

PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY MOUNING HASKELL, TEXAS, Dec. 24, 1904.

WORTH THINKING ABOUT.

How many farmers read and thought over the item printed in the news columns of the Free Press and numerous other papers last week which stated that B. F. Haywood, a negro living in Arkansas, produced the cotton which won the gold medal at the St. Louis World's Fair?

Any person Who read the item must have noticed that it was by no mere chance that he presented the best bale of cotton, for it was stated that five years ago he began going over his cotton field and picking the finest bolls, those showing the finest staple and longest its, and planting the seeds from these, then each succeeding year repeating the process, until he had bred up a distinct variety of cotton wirten gave a uniformly fine fiber and a staple nearly two inches in length, for which he go Is cents per pound last year while the ordinary cotton around him sold for 12 cents.

Improvement can be; produced in the vegetable world just as certainly as in the animal world by careful selection and breeding. All of the best varieties of farm products, of vegetables and Iruits, and many new and valuable crosses or hybrids have seen produced by just such intelligent handling. Yet in the face of these well known facts the great majority of men plod along year after year for a life time without improving themselves or anything around them. They plant the first and easiest seeds to get hold of and breed the same old animals without a thought, apparently, of anything better, and they often allow things to degenerate instead of trying to improve them.

Such people need to pry themselves t of the old ruis and come alive to possibilities in nature which surnd them and need only the hand brain of intelligence to develop

AN ARMLESS WONDER

express.

's have by C. E. Terrell.

d This If You Owe Me.

Home

lished in n

handsomel

troub)

Notic

ular at

ders of

will be 1905, t

and 4

purpos

transactiv

properly

Pink

more

sell the

Maryl

stories,

selling out my drug store, it make cons cut store

Gentle his arms, cocked it with his chin Notice Payne's arms are not more than three

inches long, being deformities from quick as the The Tet as about to begin two

operation or the short a is in operation or till be forfeited wanted to Pro not go. ion

there is an equally for markable "armic ports;" residing in Haskell county she is a young lady of sixteen or eighteen years of age, residing Ath her parent. She is entirely devoid of arms, but does many surplising things with her toes and feet, such as writing, painting, knitting, sewing, embroidering, etc. It is almost unbelievable that she can do these things as persectly as she

WHY FOLKS ARE MOVING SOUTH.

The cotton crop in the last five year has exceeded in value the five preceding crops by a billion dollars, and the cotton of the South is now bringing about \$650,000,000 a year. Even in 1890 the lotal value of all Southern agricultural broducts was only \$673,000,000, this year it will exceed \$1,700,000,000. As to these the manufactured preceded and the output of the mines, and the total value is now increased to \$5,500,000,000, as against only \$1,100,000,000. In 1880, though meanwhile the population has increased only about 60 per cent.

The South is no longer dependent on the Weat for its corn, but is raising its own supply with the consequence that the enormous sum which it obtains from its cotton will hereafter remain in the South.

That is, the South is now rich and it will grow steadily richer.—New yerk Sun.

ie South will be yet more indedent and prosperous when she her attention and surplus capimanufacturing her cotton and g the finished product, instead ng the raw cotton to manufaclucated from one thousand to or four thousand miles away

and buying back the finished product Texas Central Railway Company after paying freights both ways and leaving the profits of manufacture in ome distant country.

There is no other country in the world whose natural products will enable it to be so completly independent and self sustaining as our Southern states, and we hope soon to see our people grasp the situation and ninke use of it.

price to the consumer, they represent a Carolina to the Atlantic Ocean. in this 1,666,000,000 dozens of eggs round trip. get into millions the average mind date of sale. does not comprehend with any exactness the volume, size or distance rearound the earth, then reach to the \$1.00. Sold by I. P. Coiller. moon (240,000 miles) and wrap around

for liberty and the Japs hammering her in the Far East, Russia is getting thousand people engaged in a riot in Moseow, shouting "Long live frees For Christmas! Moscow, shouting "Long live freedom." A large number of armed police were put on duty and there was some severe fighting and the mob was finally in a measure quieted. But it will rise again and again. The desire for liberty inherent in the human breast is awakening in a people who have been slaves to the most Is Offering a Large and Varied Line autocratic and tyranical government in the world. It is but a mere spark now, but it is probable that it will spread into a conflagration that will sweep the tyrant down unless he peacefully yields a reasonable amount Terrell. county, carry. ers. Five speright of free speech, a south of and a constitution which I have carefuestroyeus the powers of the ruler

important that I close up my I seat and Just after the election there was a season of the contents take two hopeful revival of the talk about the psesident getting after the beef trust Finest Candles quick a thought, pulled a revolver from his possest with one of the stubs he said he was not when Judge and shot Wachterin the leg and thigh. Parker got after him, but what has Everything for Your Fruit Cake.

birth. He uses his teet altogether. The last Scientific American answer-ing some questions about deep ocean the can lather and show himself as quickly and well as anyone with two soundings stated that the greatest the Fiji Islands. The next deepest Tany point is near Japan and is 27,600 and the third deepest place 27,366 feet,

> Every man who beautifies his home is a benefactor to his town. You canwn that not do better than to plant a few trees. g and re- They will reward you and your famiresiding ly and become a source of pleasure to your neighbors and even the passing stranger .- Abilene Reporter.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT. Arranging Sale of Holiday Excursion Tickets To the Southeast. Season 1904-05.

To the territory east of the Mississippi river, on and south of an ins maginary line drawn from Memphis

valuation of \$209,250,000.00. There are Rate: One fare plus \$2.00 for the

44,982,000,000 eggs. No human mind Dates of sale: December 20th, 21st, can comprehend the meaning of this 22nd and 26th, 1904. Final return enormous number. In fact, when we limit of ticket will be thirty days from W. F. McMillin, General Passenger Agent.

presented by the numbers, and can get "I was much afflicted with sciatica," an idea of it only by comparison. We writes Ed C. Nud, Iowaville, Sedghave "figured" a little on these eggs wick Co., Kan., "going about on and will illustrate. Before you read crutches and suffering a deal of pain. futher guess how far, placed end to I was induced to try Ballard's Snow end, these forty-four billions of eggs Liniment which relieved me. I used will reach? We assume the average three 50c bottles. It is the greatest

it four times and reach back to the Many of San Angelo's citizens are earth and tie into a big bow knot! setting out trees now. This is one You may say that all this figuring is thing that cannot be over done. The foolishness but hasn't the illustration trees which were set out several years given you a better comprehension of ago and are growing so nicely now are what millions and billions mean, as living evidences of the beauty and well as of the limitation of the mind? benefits derived from shade trees. Lots of fruit trees are also being

THE GROCER!

SOCIAL TEAS!

Atlantic Mix!

And all the other Fancy Cakes and Nic-Nacs.

You ever saw in Haskell.

STAPLE and FANCY

GROCERIES

-not at cost!-

"Tell the Truth"

...WILLIAMS...

Repairing done neatly and substantially. Prices reason-

YOUR TRADE SOLICITED. £.........

WILLIAMS & POGUE, Proprietors.

WILL SELL THE BEST BRANDS OF

AT POPULAR AND REASONABLE PRICES.

Double Stamped Sour Mash is a favorite brand of liquor. sy is served over the bar every day.

Territory to which Tickets will be Sold.

We learn from the statistical des via the Illinois Central Railroad (C. & partment that the egg crop of the O. S. W. Division) to Central City, United States is 1,666,000,000 dozen Ky., thence to Glasgow, Ky., Somerper year. At 124 cents per dozen, set, Ky., Bristol, Tenn., and thence which is perhaps about the average along the northern state line of North

length of eggs to be two and a fourth liniment I ever used; have recominches and flud that, placed thus, they mended it to a number of persons; will reach a little more than 709,485 all express themselves as being benemiles. Still, we hardly comprehend fited by it. I now walk without this distance. Suppose a rope of that crutches, able to perform a great deal length,-it would wrap six times of light labor on the farm." 25c, 50c,

With the people at home clamoring planted.-San Angelo Press.

of Good Things for Christmas.

In fact, you will find in my Store full stock of fresh and choice

To be sold at a small profit

Saddles and Harness. Full Stock on Hand. Work Promply Executed.

able and satisfaction with goods and work guaranteed.

Liquors, Wines and Brandies

MILLINERY! Ladies' Skirts! MEN'S OVERCOATS! TRUNKS! VALISES, ETC. - AND A BIG LINE OF -

Rubber and Duck Goods! Which are just the things for the cotton picking season and heavy work generally.

TO MY FRIENDS, CUSTOMERS AND

THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

I am receiving large shipments of General Merchandise, consisting of full lines or

Gents' Furnishing Goods and Suits!

BOOTS, SHOES AND HATS!

NOTIONS OF ALL KINDS!

STAPLE DRY GOODS!

CROCERY DEPARTMENT!

NOW AS TO MY

I have to say that I intend to keep one of the best and freshest stocks that will be found in Haskell. In the matter of prices

LOOK OUT FOR TROUBLE

For 1 will GUARANTEE ANY PRICES you can get ANY PLACE-including Stamford. In other words, will say that I intend to

CUT AND SLASH PRICES ALL TO PIECES!

So do not go to Stamford and say you bought there because they were cheaper than Haskell until you get MY PRICES. I run my own teams, haul my own goods, have no city taxes, rents, or anything of this kind to pay. SEE!

LOOK OUT FOR TROUBLE! Yours for business.

T. G. CARNEY.

THE SECONDARY OF THE SE

S. L. ROBERTSON.

We are right in the procession of

Low Prices!

And don't intend to be the tail end, but will sell you any and all goods in our very complete stock of new and seasonable

Dry Goods!

CLOTHING Boots, Shoes, Hats, Etc.

As theap as you can get them anywhere. This is a straight proposition, and you will know that we are standing up to it when you get our prices......

S. L. ROBERTSON, Haskell.

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

A merry Christmas to you all.

For a good, cheap sewing machine go to McCollum & Cason. They will

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Park entertained a party of young people Monday night.

lumber bill. Have you tried us? Bet- going around with the last few days. ter come around before buying.

Burton-Lingo Co., Stamford, Tex.

You are invited to the Christian church Sunday night, Dec. 25. drama will be enacted, "The Call of Rebeka," followed by an Xmas cantata, "The Prince of David." No charge will be made, but a freewill offering will be appreciated.

Don't you want one of those nice Chase buggy rugs at McCollum & the county.

Mr. John L. Robertson has gone to Tennesses to spend Christmas and bring home his wife, who preceded him by two or three weeks. And Mr. W. H. Day, also of the West Texas Development Co., has gone to Sweethome for the same purpose.

We buy vendor's lien notes. Sander

There will be Christmas trees at the Methodist and Baptist churches to-

Fresh oysters are served at the Arctic at all hours, day or night.

Messrs Sherrell Bros. & Co. are having a building erected west of the public square, where they will put in a plant for the manufacturing of artificial building stone.

I have one good work mule and several young, broke horses for sale, on time it desired. G. J. Miller.

Mrs. L. T. Cunningham entertained a large party Thursday night. It is said that the "frying size," the "grown girls" and the old maids and bachelors were there.

See the elegant line of silver novelties at Terrells.

Miss Laura Garren will spend Xmas with Haskell friends.

For some choice holiday spirits that will make you feel good and rich go to Williams and Pogue.

The pastor of the M. E. church will weach a sermon designed especially for the members on the first Sunday in January. His theme will be "The

Wait and see Collier's holiday goods and you will not need to order your

Misses Annie Ellis and Vernon Cunningham and Messrs. Bob Williams, Hardy Grissom, Frank and Press Baldwin will be home from school to spend the Xmas holidays.

The old stand is good enough. You will find me there again this year. At the northeast corner drug store. Santa Claus.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Fields and Miss Eva Fields left Friday for Wills Point, where they will take Christmas with relatives.

See Burton-Lingo Co., Stamford, for anything in the lumber line, that's all

Mr. J. F. Jones has returned from a visit so relatives and friends at Farmersville, her old home.

You haven't seen it all until you see what is at the Racket Store.

Mr. W. J. Hagins called in yesterday and favored us with a subscription for himself and a friend in South Carolina. This is Mr. Hagin's first year in Haskell county and he excountry. He owns a fine farm about four miles north of town.

Mr. C. D. Grissom while out hunting a few days since made a pretty good record. He says he fired twentytwo shots and brought down nineteen quail, one hawk and two doves.

Eigin an Waltham watches at cost -see them at Terrells.

Mrs. Yates and children and sisterin-law of Lampas is arrived Wednesday evening to spend Christmas with the family of Mr. J. C. McWhirter.

You can get dressed turkeys for Christmass at the city meat market. Ellis & English.

Mr. R. Fortenberry was in town Thursday getting Christmas presents for the little folks.

Lots of toys and nice thing for Christmas presents at the Racket

Store. Celebrate Christmas and have a good time. Some people seem to think they can't do that without getting boozy, but they can and, best of all, they will preserve their self respect and the respect of thers.

A choice line of Christings candi-fruits, nuts and cigars at 1. Jones.

Mr. S. W. Scott explains that his unsteady gait is not the result of pulling the badger, but was caused by a horse's foot coming in contact with his knee-of cource we accept his explanation, even in the face of the fact that it is Christmas times.

Holiday goods at the Racket Store.

Judge McConnell mounted a stove sell you a New Conover for only \$16.50, the other day to adjust the pipe and the next thing he knew he and the stove and pipe were in a general mixup on the floor. That's how he ex-We might save you money on that plains that limp you have seen him

Call in and settle your accounts at Terrells Drug Store. Don't pay every one else before you pay Terrell.

Mr. Theo. Bowman was in the city Thursday and was among those who set their subscription dates forward.

Fire works for sale at the Arctic.

Begin the new year right by subscribing for the Free Press. We want to send the paper into every home in

Fresh and finest chocolate candy kept on hand at the Arctic.

Mr. S. W. Scott has gone to take his Christmas dinner with friends in Austin. On his return he will meet Mrs. Scott, who has been visiting for same time with her parents in Oklahoma, at Fort Worth and they will return home.

You will be delighted with the fine display of Holiday Goods at Terrells.

We want some one to send us the local news from each neighborhood in the county. A good correspondent can do his neighborhood much good by mentioning it advantages occasion-

Fresh cake of all kinds at the Arctic.

Mr. J. J. Martin and family of Graham are visiting the family of Mr. Claude Mooneyham at this place.

Yes, K. Jones has them-red hot amales.

The schools were dismissed for the holidays at the close of last week and the youngsters have been enjoying themselves this week.

Several fine violins at cost-sec them at Terrells.

Quite a large crowd of the young folks enjoyed themselves at a party at Mr. J. S. Boone's Thursday night.

Santa Claus has for his assistants at Terrells, Mrs. A. E. Brockman and Miss Docia Winn and Cora Lemmons, who will take pleasure in assisting selecting appropriate presents.

The young folks had an enjoyable party at Mr. G. J. Miller's Tuesday night.

Call at the Arctic for fresh fruits of

Mr. Z. M. Marcy who has been down looking after his interests in

Fire works at K. Jones.'

Mr. D. W. Fields of the neighborhood was in the county capital Thursday. He said cotton picking is about done in that locality.

Our fine display of Holiday Goods is open and ready for purchasers. The newest novelties. The most appropriate presents for one and all-at fairest prices, at Terrelis.

The little people had an old time candy pulling at Mr. S. S. Cummings' Thursday night and enjoyed it immensely.

There is a holdup on the work on the school building on account of a disagreement between the trustees and contractor in regard to some of the work. It is the purpose of the trustees to get the matter settled and start the work again as soon as possi pressed himself as well satisfied with ble. The people are anxious for the his farming operations and gives it completion of the building and the as his judgment that this is a fine starting of the public school. We think the trustees appreciate the situation and will do all in their power to hasten the matter.

> The county clerk's records show the following marriage licenses issued this week: J. E. Pounds and Miss Annie B. Lane, R. L. Wyattand Miss Emma Price, J. K. Worley and Miss Dora Greenwade, B. N. Green and Miss Bessie Willoughby.

> It may be of interest to persons who have not paid their poll taxes this year to know that Art. 4783 of the Revised Statues of Texas provides that persons who fall to pay their poll tax shall be liable to three days extra road duty. This law makes it the duty of the road superintendent to procure the tax collector's report of delinquent poll tax payers and take the names of the delinquents and require them to do three days extra work on the public roads. It will be cheaper to call at the tax collector's office and pay the \$1.75 tax.

Mr. Lee Medford of Comanche county, who bought a tract of land on Paint creek a year or so ago, is up on a visit to his relatives, Messrs. John Howard and Jack Medford and is, meantime, having a house built and other improvements made on his land.

Alexander Mercantile Company.

Here&Goes!

Being in full sympathy with our customers, and especially those who have held their cotton back and have to face the decline in price, we have decided to throw down the bars as to prices on......

DRY GOODS ..CLOTHING.. Boots, Shoes, Hats, Etc

From this date until Christmas Day!

We are going to make you such low prices on good, honest goods that you can't afford to pass you in looking through the stock and them by without purchasing your winter's supply

Those who know us know that we are not just making a little pretense in order to get people into our house with the hope of pulling them for something. But they know that when we offer to do a down looking after his interests in this county has returned home to thing, we do it. The goods and prices will talk.....

WE ARE NOW

NG YOU LOW PRICES GIVE YOU LOW PRICES!

Our house has enjoyed the largest trade this year of any year in its history, and we wish to make it known that we appreciate the confidence and friendship of the people which has brought this prosperity to us. A very practical way to do this is to give them a run of......

By this means we can greatly benefit them and not injure ourselves. as we will get the cash for some goods that might otherwise remain in stock until next winter, and we can put this cash into our Spring stock.

Bear in mind that we are not making a pretense of a wholesale cost sale. But we do assure you that when you see the goods and hear the cut in the prices you will know that you are getting genuine bargains.

Alexander Mercantile Company.

boys about town are getting drinking whiskey. It is not charged that the saloon men are selling it to them, but the supposition is that some of their older friends (?) are getting it for them.

We heard no particular boy's name called as being guilty of drinking. But whomsoever they are they are starting on a rocky road, lined with pitfalls into which they must eventually fall if they continue to travel it. And whoever is to blame for their drinking, one thing is certain, and that is that their parents cannot escape a large share of responsibility for it. and the time will come when they will pay for it in heart aches, if not otherwise.

When boys from five or six years of age are allowed to grow up on the streets without their parents half the time knowing where they are, with whom they are associating or what they are doing, the wonder is that the boys are not worse. Mothers do you know that your boys, not appreclating at the time the harm that there is in it, naturally think that the smutty stories told by the older boys and some men, and the swearing, drinking etc. done by these boys and men are funny and smart and that it will be equally tunny and smart for them do H? Such " the fact, and to earn rapidly!

The matter presents a difficult proposition, we know, but it should be net in some way. Perhaps the boys can not be shut up or kept at home all the time, but by getting them interested in some congenial employment and providing wholesome amusement for them away from corrupting associations something will be actomplished toward making respectable men of them

It is a matter that should engage the best thought of parents. On the boy of today will rest tommorrow the religious, social and political fabric of our country. Of what complexion shall it be?

MARRIED.

On Sunday evening, Dec. 18, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Neal, residing near Pinkerton, Mr. Jarrett Bell and Miss Kate Neal were united in marriage, Rev. I. L. Mills officiating.

Quite a large party of friends witnessed the happy event and after partaking of refreshments the entire party, accompanied by the bride and groom, attended church services.

This young comple are wo selves highly esteemed by a large circle of acquaintences and friends for their personal good qualities.

A friend of the parties sent us a lengthy write-up of the wedding, but, as our space was limited this week. we had to condense it. We will quote some of the commendatory remarks; she says: "The bride is a beautiful and accomplished young lady, and one of Pinkerton's most popular young people. She is beautiful in heart as well as face. May she allways queen of her husband's heart and home." Of the groom it is said: "Mr. Bell is a noble young man, who has the good will and best wishes of all who know him. The solicitude and care with which he has looked after his widowed mother is proof of his worthiness."

Mr. W. L. Cox, a substantial farmer of the Paint creek neighborhood, was in town Wednesday and called around and put his subscription figures ahead In answer to some questions asked to our inqusitive man Mr. Cox said that cotton picking was drawing to a close in his section. He said that he would finish this week gathering his thirtysecond bale, which is his last. The 32 bales were made on about eighty acres by the labor of himself and family, the yield ranging from onethird to one-half bale per acre. He said that he also made plenty of millet, sorghum and kaffir corn of fine quality. He has been farming in Haskell county four years and is very well satisfied with results. We are also indebted to Mr. Cox for several other items of neighborhood news.

Mr. T. L. Atchison of the eastern part of the county dropped in the other day and renewed for two copies of the paper he is sending to friends out of the county. Mr. Atchison says he has found a good country and he likes to have the Free Press go ... and tell other people about it so that they may come aud enjoy its advantages. Mr. Atchison won several premiums on farm produce, vegetables and live stock at the Street fair in October and says that he is counting on having some good fruit to exhibit in another year or two as the orchard of peaches, apples, pears, plums and cherries he planted last year made a fine growth this year.

Judge Oates has appointed Mr. W. L. Cox trustee for the Howard school on Paint creek, to fill the vacancy occuring on account of the incorporation of the Haskell independent district out of a part of the territory comprising the original district.

By EVGENE O. MAYFIELD, (Rex M.) =

Kringle began to carry gifts, at yuletide, to little boys and girls, he pondered and pondered, on Christmas morn, as to why the little girls sighed; then, laughed and said; "Per-

haps it will be different next year." And when he told Dame Kringle that the little girls sighed, she smiled, in that dear motherly way of hers, and told old Kris the reason-that he had failed to gladden their wee mother-hearts.

"But, dame, how can I do it? Tell

fibe

Home

lished in

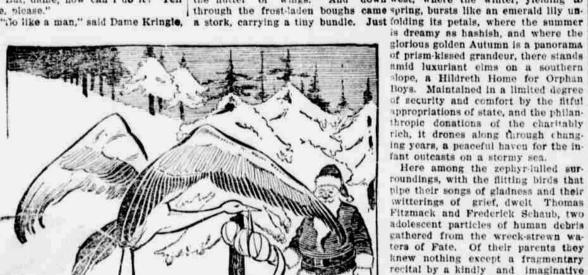
bandsome

For many cycles after old Kris and when I saw the little dears, I would hurry back to the old workshop and model from my choicest wares, one like they-a model for other dollies, to be carried, next year, to the little girls who sighed."

"Well said, good dame," replied old Kris, "and ere I sleep again the storks and I shall meet."

their green and snow, old Kris Kringle ingraham, where the amethystine sky

"Hark! What noise is that?" ex over the undulating sub-valleys and claimed the good old man. "It's like the sloping hillsides; away to the the flutter of wings." And down west, where the winter, yielding to



The Tighteday

preceptress inured to satisfying blood-

longing by building upon the merest

fragments of known knowledge,

snatches of strange, almost inconceiv-

able family history. This, instead of

mother or a father, but fed the fire of

longing, inspiring the two boyish

hearts to reach out their tendrils of

She proffered it as they stood open-

bound, she fed her squirrels and chat-

Came a stork carrying a tiny bundle.

for a man never seems to know, and | once there was a whimper, but the cach, finding nothing on which to I will tell you the secret. The little old stork cooed, as he loosened the fasten, turned from pure sympathy to girls sigh for a dolly-not the kind I used to play with, away up here at the north pole; but the kind the girlies resembled when the stork took them to the land of sunshine. And that recalls," continued the dame, "that only yesterday I saw an old stork out in the firs, where he had paused to rest, and with him one of the dearest little habies imaginable, such as little girls

He told me that other storks, other babies, would soon pass vay. Now, Kris, were I you, and t to please the little maids who I would watch, there in the firs, Kringle, and the stork.

Rejoicing. With members of the Greek co.

Christmas is a holy day but not a holi-

day, and therefore New Year's day

takes its place as a time of gifts, frol-

ics, family gatherings and general re-

presents of beautiful embroidery,

often their own work, but the father

of the family, however poor, must give

forever deprived of their friendship.

He must also give his own servants

presents of money. The children have

few cheap toys, candles and dried uit. "Watch service is held, and on

seturning from church the head of the

family breaks a pomegranate on the

floor to insure good fortune and

health. They then have a feast of all

kinds of nuts, candied fruits, raisins,

figs and dates. Some nutshells are

thrown into the four corners of the

room to blind the evil one. At night

they have an immense cake in which

are two coins. It is set upon the table

and each person receives a piece. The

ones having the coins are elected king

and queen of the feast and are crown-

ed with much ceremony. The young girls bite off a piece of their cake,

wrap it in blue paper, and place it

under their pillow to dream on; the

man they dream of is their future hus-

Xmas Fare 500 Years Ago.

mas dishes were the peacock and the

hoar's head. Each of these dishes was

served up with every circumstance of

pompous ceremony, preceded by trum-

ets and followed by a numerous

train of ladies, knights and squires.

The boar's head was brought into the

hall by a server, sometimes mounted

on a borse, who sang a carol as he

The peacock, "the food of lovers"

and "the meat of lords," was usually

served in all its natural splendor of

plumage, and this was doubtless the

masteratroke of the chef de cuisine.

The royal bird was "eten roysh zynand no expense was spared over him. According to Massinger in

his "City Madame," they used the car-

causes of three wethers, bruised for

gravy, to make sauce for a single pea-

men, but the ceremony of distribng the peacock was usually reserv-

the noblest lady prevent at the

placed the dish upon the table.

In the old days the standard Christ-

The women generally give

cords, and the sprite went back to the other, twining and intertwining dreams. dreams

All that night in the workshop old Then into the Valley of Ingraham.

Kris Kringle moulded the clay, spun under the amethystine sky, there came the flax, hammered and laughed, and a story book-and a little girl with when dawn came, the model was done curls like the gold-bronzed leaves on Then summer days came, but old the side-hills in October, with eyes

Kris Kringle sought no rest, and like the azure skies in Indian Summer, when yule-tide arrived, he carried with a laugh like the ripple upon the with him dollies, the most wonderful rosy pebbles at the ford-and she in the world, and the little girls gave them the book from beyond the sighed no more.

And this is how the first dollies dwelt in a great, brick house that

came to be made, as told by old Kris stood like a castle within the maples upon the hill.

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS TREES the ledge. As the boys lingered, spell-YEAR'S DAY IN GREECE. Long a Central Figure of Festivals the tered with the chipmunks in cherus
World Over. Thomas and Frederick accepted the Tage Gifts Frolics and General Most of us know that the Christ-book with that strange reticence that

mas tree comes to us direct from sexes awaken in each other ever at Germany; and we know the treeso tender an age as ten, and ran away worship of the Druids which obtained into the woods to peruse it. in England and France, and which And the story! What a wonderful. probably had some influence on the wonderful world it was into which the later use of the tree in the Christmas readers wandered in their enchant- in the bayou were harshly calling the But we do not all know that a simi-

his wife and each child a present of lar festival, with the tree as a crown-The children's money is ing feature, is observed among many placed in a little earthen jar and kept heathen nations. Our tree, with its so when the child grows up there is small candles, its gilded nicknacks a sneg little sum for his start in life. and toys for the children, is a direct lemen of the wealthier classes | descendant of this old festival which call on their fair friends and must air was held in bonor of the sun.

ways take a present. The caller is Traces of it exist in iceland, where offered sweetn cats, a ginus of water, a the "service tree" is found adorned cup of Turkish coffee, but no wine or with burning lights during Christmas liquor. When he leaves he finds the night. The English yule log is a servants drawn up in a row, and he faint survival of this festival.

presents them each with a piece of But it goes further back than all money. This is repeated in every this-to China. It has been shown house he visits, and he must visit all that a tree with 100 lamps and flowhis friends on New Year's day or be ers was placed in the steps of the au-

This appears in the records of Princess Yang, who lived 713-715 B. C., and who caused a 100-lamp tree 80 feet high to be erected on a mountain. -Stray Stories.

A Russian Christmas.

In Russia the boys are the chief celebrators of Christmas eve, and they disguise themselves in the forms of animals-wolves, bears, ostriches, tigers and cameleopards, and roam

the streets until the small hours. To enter a dwelling at their pleasure and sit at the family table is no breach of decorum at such a time, and often the children of a home are startled to see a wolf or a bear enter, take a sent at the supper table, and eat as a wolf or bear only can eat.

Sometimes long processions of these animals parade the streets with bands and a chorus of singers; but the most interesting of these Christmas performances is the religious play, in which boys take part. Upon this scene the Russian peasant looks with profound interest and veneration, and the population generally throw money to these performers with generous heart and lavish hand.

The Mexican Christmas Jar. the ceiling a huge open-mouth , ar in o the garden fence to catch a glimpso which have been placed all the pres. If the dainty little fairy with the ents, each neatly tied and addressed rolden curis and sky-blue eyes. ents, each neatly tied and addressed folden curis and sky-blue eyes.

to the intended recipient. The children and grown people of the party but Frederick grasped the suggestion
are armed with long, slender canes,
and with these first one and then another makes a dash for the swinging
jar, striking it or at it as they pass.
Of course it is only a matter of time
until the frail treasure house is demolished, and then ensues a grand
scramble for the gifts.—Washington

Then out among the firs, garbed in Away to the west in the Valley of | ing in the glowing groves and the grass was rustling on the wooing droops in a sapphire protectorate breeze, they wrote the virgin page together, Tommie wielding the graphite laboriously as became so momentous an undertaking.

BY DOLLOW DOWNLOAD

Then it was decided that each, in turn, should write a chapter until all was finished.

When the end was reached and the book bound in a cloth cover torn from the pillow-tick in their dormitory, to gether they would take it to the garden fence, where, with her frisking playmates, chattered the fairy en chantress of their boyhood dreams, the queen with the hair of sunset and the eyes of cerulean blue.

Daily they wrought, resigning pulla-way and football with the other boys, feverishly to hurry toward completion "The Tragedy of Banock-brook." As one wrote, the other plotted and itched for his turn upon the ground above the precious manuscript. The interest, accentuated as the time sped, became almost vital as each tried to excel the other in the eyes of the future critic in the big brick house upon the bill.

Then-somehow, neither seemed to know how, or why, or when-there crept into their rendezvous that hide ous, insatiate monster, Jealousy; a suspicion that each was making of satisfying the childish yearning for a himself the hero, each seeking in turn to lead nearer to a great, grim wall of towering stone behind which in a castle of igneous boulders dwelt affection for tangible support. And woman who, to call her queenly fair, would be to flatter queens!

Her eyes were blue as the Ingraham skies, her hair was as golden hued as the maples in Autumn when the sun was setting on them, and her voice rippled and fell in a cadence of rhythmic melody entrancing to list!

And yet-suddenly the realization came like a call to arms-there was

but one heroine! There could be but one hero!

Ah, the tragedy of boy life, the intensity of boy love, innocent, pure, undefiled, the noblest love that sex e'er gave to sex, the sweetest and the blessedest that God e'er vouchsafed to beautiful womanhood!

The rivalry of love and despair, wrestling like demons with the stalwarts of affection and comradeship, writhed and twisted in a close emfirst to defeat the purpose of the other, but as the story grew toward its naturai finis, they quarreled openly.

One evening, just as the birds were peeping their last good-nights before tucking their tiny heads beneath their fluffy wings, and the noisy bull-frogs ment. Together they admired with spotted legions to partake of a "jug-o-

to the dormitory. Locking the door and lighting his candle, he wrote madly, as one driven by hunger to reach a goal ere Failure and Time, conspiring, forever count him down and out! Far into the night, past the mid-

pur wit, sped fast-and ever faster-

night hour he wrote, and at the first glimpse of dawn, in the fastness of a sylvan forest of maples beside a rippling lake of sheening waters, he met the lady of his dreams!

Poffing his helmet and kneeling before her on the silvery sands, he poured forth his adoration and his

"Arise," she lisped in accents sweet as whispering winds. "Arise, for thou hast won me!'

With a great joy in his heart, Thomas left his room, avoided Frederick, and slipped slyly away toward the brick house on the hill. Long he watched and waited! At last, she came, more beautiful, more fairy-like than ever! Calling boldly, Thomas rudely thrust the book into her hands and scampered away into the bushes. Thomas Fitzmack!

the left nor right, panning neither to | sow. I have an one

see if his rival was senseless or in full The visitor started, as if prompted by some snagen impulse, restrained himself, uttered a quiet "Thank you, sir!" and withdrew.

> The hands of the clock lacked but ten minutes to the appointed hour next day, when Frederick Schaub bethought himself of the unperused manuscript. With small good nature, he opened the envelope and casting a critical eye upe the title page, read; "The Tragedy of Banockbrook."

> "'The Tragedy of Banockbrook,'" he mused, groping for the thread in his memory. "The Tragedy of Ban-ockbrook"—and then with a sweep that startled him, the scenes of intervening years were set aside, and back, back along the beaten path, sped his thoughts to the Mississippi Valley and the Hildreth Home for Orphan Boys!

With flushed haste, he ran through the manuscript like one seeking an open sesame to joy. It was-indeed, it was—the story of bimself and



"Have a regular old time."

Having accomplished this end, defeating his adversary and carrying his banner to the uttermost peak of success, repentance overtook him at the summit!

After all, what did the book matter? It was only a "play" book at best! And for this he had beaten and humillated Frederick, his dearest and only friend! Because he was the stronger he had been tyrannous, and had used his brute strength as became a tyrant!

Weeping at last, he sought his comrade to implore forgiveness, to say that they would write another and a the queen of the castle and "be happy ever afterward"-but Frederick was not to be found!

Diligent search was made by the school authorities, and, on holidays for weeks, the sorrowing, lonely Thomas made long pilgrimages into the countryside in quest of his former playmate, but to no avail!

A year later, inconsolable, forsaken and alone, Thomas, too, left the Home, upon the stern mission of making his own career.

The day was drawing to a close in the great city as Frederick Schaub, editor of the International Journal, closed his desk preparatory to going out for dinner. His great coat was half on, as a presumptuous caller, determined in his persistence, crowded past the protesting office boy and stood before him.

The visitor was tall and slender, with the look of care in his eyes. That he was a writer was evident from his dress and mannerism. Rapidly, as though fearing the refusal of an audience, he spoke, telling his mission, the bringing of a manuscript. Would the International give it sympathetic consideration? He neededyes, he would be frank, his wife and himself were driven to dire straits! He had been ill, had been unfortunate. his position was gone, he-

Stopping suddenly, the struggling writer peered intensely into the linpatient face before him. Over his cheek, there swept a striking pallor, but averting his eyes and tightening his muscles, as if in protest at his weakness, he ended his appeal in a plea for an early reading.

"We do not usually consider manuscript so inopportunely," replied the editor, proceeding with his coat, "but I will make an exception in your case.

But through it all there pulsed the breath of contrition and regret.

He was finishing the manuscript when the writer entered, within his yearning eyes a halting look of fear and doubt, a glance of mingled hope and anticipated defeat wrestling for mastery.

To win meant food and a chance; to fail, perhaps starvation and the bitter

Frederick Schaub arose tremblingly, intense in his gaze. Before him stood the boy who had been his best friend, the collaborator of his first literary better book, and he, Frederick, might effort, the rival who had taken from be the hero all the time, might marry | him his first boyish love; his master then, now a cringing, pleading, halfstarved "hack" crying to hear his call! But, God, that was long ago! Had

they not been near and dear to each other! Comrades in charity! Fellows in joy and in sorrow-all save this once! With a cry of joy, he sprang forward:

"Tom, don't you know me? I'm Fred-Fred Schaub of the Orphans' Home! Why-" The other, calm, possessed, cast

down his eyes, and choking, said:

"I know you, Fred. I knew you last night, but I was afraid, afraid you would remember what a cruel cur I was, away back there among the hills -and, Fred, we're-we're hungry up at our house! Can you use the story? Can-

But the conclusion was drowned in the rough embrace that fell upon and

"Use your story? Use your story? Yes, a thousand times, yes, old man! can use your story! I can use you! can-We will collaborate together again! Here, take this! Come back to-morrow! Come early, come to work! There, never mind! Go Low! It's all right!"

He wiped away a tear himself at the sight of the strong man sobbing before him

"Go to the wife, Tom, and tell her. Get her braced up and bring her down to dinner to-morrow night. It's Christ-mas Eve. You hadn't forgotten? We'll go to Shrader's. Have a regular old time—and tell her about that first novel of ours!" laughing like a boy again, back in the Ingraham Valley.

"What's that? She knows? She is? The little girl with the golden curls?" and Frederick Schaub held out his hand again.

"Well, I forgive you even that, Thomas besides there'll be four in the party to-morrow. Yes, we're going to be married in June. Say, but You seem justly anxious. Call to- ing to be married in June. Say morrow at 2. You will excuse me won't we have a high old time!"



Sobbing in anger and new-found hate.

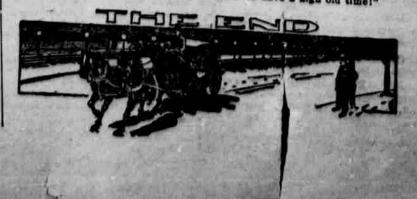
Novel is the method of distributing eautiful cover and breath taking picthe Christmas presents at the Mexi- wres, together they read it chapter for can embassy. Following the custom hapter, snug in a copse, lying flat which prevails in the land to the pon their stomachs in the matted south of us, there is suspended from trass-and together they went often

fivers "Ohs!" and "Ahs!" the book's | rum" upon the moonlit bank, they

There in the sylvan shade, alone with God and the spirit of relentless dusk, they met upon a sanguinary field to do a royal battle for the princess of their dreams!

To and fro they surged, sobbing in anger and new-found hate; swerved, weaved and tottered upon the brown-ing grass, torn and loosened; with none to applaud their valor, with none to condone their hatred!

At last, Thomas, ever the stronger and heretofore always the gentler dushed with the madness of war with in him, struck one blinding blow, tors the volume of contention fro erick's grasp, and turning ne







Many women are denied the happiness of children through derangement of the generative organs. Mrs. Beyer advises women to use Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM: - I suffered with stomach complaint for years. I got so bad that I could not carry my children but five months, then would have a misearriage. The last time I became pregnant, my husband got me to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vege-table Compound. After taking the first bottle I was relieved of the sickness of stomach, and began to feel better in every way. I continued its use and was enabled to carry my baby to maturity. I now have a nice baby girl, and can work better than I ever could before. I am like a new woman." - MRS. FRANK BEYER, 22 S. Second St., Meriden, Conn. - \$5000 forfeit if original of above letter procing genuineness cannot be produced. FREE MEDICAL ADVICE TO

WOMAN. Don't hesitate to write to Mrs.
Pinkham. She will understand
your case perfectly, and will treat
you with kindness. Her advice
is free, and the address is Lynn,
Mass. No woman ever regretted
having written her, and she has
helped thousands.

Freezing politeness is on a par with







over finely starched linen and white goods. Concelt is justiflable after using Defiance Starch. It gives a tiff, glossy whiteness to the clothes and does not rot

Every housewife gloats

them. It is abso: lutely pure. It is the most economical

because It goes farthest, does more and costs less than others. To be had of all grocers at 16 oz

for toc.

THE DEPIANCE STARCH CO. OMAHA, NEB

A BOX CURES A COLD EVERY TIME.

RITTON AD COLD REAKERL

A I susehold Remed When Once Used. Your Druggiet Britton Drug Co., Dallas.

HOW to Fascinate and Control Everybon most valuable secrets for 166. At DEFT. OpenCIENCE, Lock Hox 153, Chicago, Chicago

W. N. U. DALLAS NO.- 52-

Best Comp.

A Joker's First Joke.

Brian G. Hughes, the New York practical joker, began his career in that capacity by "puttting up a job" on a number of unsuspecting friends some time ago. He went to the trouble to box up a harmless little powder, which was labled "Poison to Roaches," and this he distributed widely among his friends. Each package contained a slip announcing that the second box of the preparation would be infallible. A number of people were induced to ask for this box. The second box concatch the roach, then hold it firmly and tickle it with a feather till it laughs, then drop some of the powder down its threat and choke it."

When You Buy Starch buy Defiance and get the best, 16 oz. for 10 cents. Once used, always used.

Boiling Point of Water.

Water boils at different temperatures, according to the elevation above the sea level. In London water boils practically at 212 degrees Fahrenheit; in Munich, Germany, at 20914 degrees; in the City of Mexico at 200 degrees, and in the Himalayas, at an elevation of 18,000 feet above the level of the sea, at 150 degrees. Tese differences are caused by the varying pressure of the atmosphere at these points. In London the whole weight of the air has to be overcome. In Mexico, 7000 feet less of atmosphere to be resisted; consequently less heat is is required and bolling takes place at a lower temperature.

Old Father Time has to face smokeless powder in his battles with wom-

Strike Oil.

Much oil has been discovered in Texas within the past few years, but none to equal Hunt's Lightning Oil. Others gush for a little while and then go away. It goes on and on forever, curing aches, pains, burns, bruises, cuts and wounds. In fact, a sore spot Hunt's Lightning Oil will not make happy can't be found.

It is easier to kick up a row than it is cheerfully to accept the kicks reulting therefrom.

Try One Package.

If "Defiance Starch" does not please you, return it to your dealer. If it does you get one-third more for the same money. It will give you satis-faction, and will not stick to the iron.

The smaller the girl the larger the doll necessary to appease her incipi-

The woman who thoroughly understands men may not be able to write magazine poetry, but she is pretty sure to be a good cook.

A GUARANTEED CURE FOR PILES, Inching, Blind, Bjeeding of Protruding Piles. Your druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT falls to cure you in 6 to 14 days. 50c.

Women are always in quest of some thing-but a conquest seems to suit

FREE PLANT O BENNEDY STAVORITE

If a wife foots her husband's socks it is seldom a burden for him to foot

that if they will buy Defiauce Cold Water Starch for laundry use they will save not only time, because it never sticks to the iron, but because each package contains 16 oz.—one full pennd-while all other Cold Water Starches are put up in %-pound packages, and the price is the same, 10 cents. Then again because Defiance Starch is free from all injurious chemcals. If your grocer tries to sell you s 12-oz. package it is because he has a stock on hand which he wishes to dispose of before he puts in Defiance. He knows that Defiance Starch has printed on every package in large let-ters and figures "16 ozs." Demand Demand Defiance and save much time and money and the annoyance of the iron sticking. Defiance never sticks.

There can be no economy, from a woman's point of view, without hash for breakfast once in awhile.

Some people have no more use for the truth than a tramp has for a he'brobe.



HOW TO FIND GROUSE.

Uncertain Birds to Which Rules Do

The ruffed grouse is one of the un-

apt to be the best ground. In level bic-uny answers to the Ephesians?" country the long strips of thicket bordering large blocks of standing timber are ideal places and if the thicket happens to mark the edge of a clover theory, field so much the better.

Never poss even a small thicket which stands out in a clover field with a wood upon any side. Grouse are fond of clover and until the winter sets in are apt to be in any fair shelter near the field. Later, in snow time, the borders and interior of large woodland swamps are the chosen places. If there be a region of thick, low-lying forest, having close-grown beech ridges here and there, these surely will repay the labor of beating them, for they are almost certain to be the strongholds of all the ruffed grouse of the neighborhood. Old windfalls and slashings are good because they afford acres of the sort of shelter the birds prefer in cold weather.

Should a single bird flush proceed warlly and ready for instant action, for a second and perhaps three or four stragglers may be within gunshot of the spot. Ground good for one bird may be as attractive to three or four, although each individual remains some slight distance from the others. When beating border thickets with a comrade, I prefer to work in the cover about along the line where thicket and forest join. Most men will choose the outside, but ruffed grouse almost invariably dash for the wood, hence across the line of fire of the inside man. Such shots are none too easy and trees have a knack of getting in the way, yet as a general thing the inside position means the most fun.

An Ingalls Story. Mr. John J. Ingalls, who was always stoical, who was not seemingly affected by passion and who was perfectly indifferent to pleasure or pain, was some years ago making a long drive in the western part of the state with a companion. They were out campaigning, were full of gyp water, were wholly enveloped in the dust of the desert, their broncos being completely fagged while wearily approaching the end of a fifty-mile drive. Not a word had been spoken for half an hour. Ingalls sat stiffly begide his companion, his hair, his face, his clothing thick with the alkali dust that floated in clouds above them. Clearing his throat as he turned his face to the west, he majestically waved his hand to his companion, and, speaking in his characteristic guttaral tones, said: "What a magnificent sunset."-Eldorado (Kan.) Republican.

No Money in Voting. A colored man who registered in

Brooklyn seemed rather stupid, and most of the questions bothered him. He asked that they be repeated and thought long before answering them. "Where did you live when you voted last?" asked the chairman.

"Now, what do you want to know "at fur?" he asked.

"The law requires it," was the re-

"I never voted befoah." he answered. Then he seemed to think that an explanation was demanded, so he added: "You see, I 've lived in No'th Calliny. An' down thar you hev to pay pell tax of two dollars or ye kaint vote. An' artor ye pay the tax they give ye only one dollar fer votin'."

Society to Teach Hygiene.

A new association, the Institute of Hygiene, has been formed, says Nature of London, having for its object the dissemination of knowledge on the subject of personal and domestic hygiene. It aims to be self-supporting, and in order to accomplish this has organized a permanent exhibition of hygienic products and appliances, con-sisting of foods, clothings, filters, stoves, etc., open free to the general public, and a special section devoted to drugs and medical and surgical appliances to which medical men alone are admitted. The revenue gained from the rents paid by exhibitors will be devoted to educational work, which will take the form of local lectures, with examinations and certificates.

Not half so limpld are your eyes.
As some that flash me soft replies,
Not half so tempting are your lips.
As some, alast as some I know;
Nor half so dear the chin that dips.
Above your boson's timid show.
As chins where dimpling littles blow.

Your smiles bewildering, your hair, Your woman's ways, the gowns wear.

Not half so heart-entangling they
As those of other ladies fair

With whom I meet most every day.

Not half—ah, no! but twice and thrice As captivating, sweet and nice, in every charm are you than all Who ever held me in their thrall! —Town Topics.

Nine-Pound Potato.

Greeiey. Colo., claims the largest potato raised in the Centennial State this year. The taber for which the championship is changed weighs nine pounds and was sent to be expectation at St. Louis. Box Smith. GS' CHERRY COUGH

Montrose, Colo., has five potatoes whose combined weight is twenty-two

Du Chaillu and the Drunk,

Paul Du Chaillu, the one time Afri-Itan act one night in assisting along ly replied that it was Paul. "So it'sh-

humanity wy

t, dow's This?

we offer One Hundred Uniters Reward for any case of Chieff that cannot be cured by Harry Cetarth Cure. Catarrh Curs.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

We the undersigned have known F. J. Chene, O.

for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially
able to carry out any obligations used by his firm.

Wallow, Kersys & Majury.

Wallow, Kersys & Majury.

Whelesale branglets, Toledo, O.

Halve Catarrh Curs is taken internally, swing
directly user the besid and mucual surfaces of the
system. Technomics see from Price of cents perbottle. Said by all Druggiess.

Take Halve i ammy Plus for constipation.

manners.

can be obtained only by using fiance Starch, by tes getting 4 for same n .ey-no cooking re-

those who are out want to get in, and those who are in would like to

The fellow who makes a fool of him self is seldom satisfied unless he works overtime at the job.

Important to Mothers. Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it

Bears the Bat H. Fletcher. In Use For Over 30 Years,

The Kind You Have Always Bought

are married men? The Famous Byrne

Simplified Shorthand taught in three months, speed 150 words per minute or no charge. Byrne Practical Bookkeeping actual business from start to finish. Our practical systems and up-to-date methods of teaching will save you both time and money.

Write for free catalogue of the largest School of Bookkeeping, Shorthand, Telegraphy and Penmanship in the entire South. Tyler Com'l Col thinks it is somebody else. lege, Dept. W., Tyler, Tcx.

There's no use in trying to be a real bohemian unless you owe money.

There are men who wouldn't even a compliment without taking a re

Some men are too busy to make friends and others are too lazy to mak

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY Take Lazative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All drug-glats retund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. Ede.

One good turn may deserve another. but this doesn't result in perpetual

Piso's Cure for Consumption is an infallible medicine for coughs and colds.—N. W. SAMUEL, Ocean Grove, N. J., Feb. 17, 1903.

The rain falls alike on the just and the unjust, and, furthermore, they both get stuck in the same mud.

They sure do knock colds out— decatbam's Laxative Tablets, guaran-

The professional begger is always looking for succor-but he doesn't spell It that way.

There are men who wouldn't make much of an impression even by failing into a mortar bed.

Defiance Starch is put up 16 ounces in a package, 10 cents. One-third more starch for the same money.

Among men a wholesome fear of the gun often conduces to slow and careful speech.

A fish lays more eggs than a hen, and doesn't cackle about it, either.

Certainly Fair. Of all troubles humanity is subject

to none perhaps cause more acute distress and more frantic efforts for re tief than many forms of itching skin troubles. We will tell you a remedy that rarely ever falls-Hunt's Cure One box only is absolutely guaranteed to cure any one case of itching trouble -no matter the name. If it fails your money is cheerfully refunded.

An expert is a person who knows a lot about things in which we are not all

Sensible Housekeepers because by set one-third more for the set but also because of

les because they

Most animals re afraid of fire and can explorer, performed a good samar will fly from it in terror. To others bere is a fascination about a flame the street a very intoxicated stranger, and they will walk into it, even though certain birds to which no hard and The man told him where his home was tortured by the heat. A horse in a Outing, yet he has a few small pe and after considerable difficulty Du burning stable goes mad with fear, but cultarities of which advantage may be Chaille got him to his door. The a dog is as cool in a fire as at any time. taken. In wild, heavy woodland, his bibulous one was very grateful and He keeps his nose down to the floor, original haunt, he has a weakness for wanted to know his helper's name, where the air is purest, and sets himtwo things—an old totoroud, or any As the explorer did not particularly self calmly to finding his way out. seldom used road, and the bank of a care to give his name in full, he mere. Cars in fires howl pitcously. They hide which he is unaccustomed probably hic-Paul, is it?" blecoughed the man, in corners. When their rescuer lifts tained the following directions: "First | will see more grouse near an old road and then, after some moments of ap them they are as a rule, quite doelle than anywhere else. In hilly country parent thought, inquired selicitously: and subdued, never biting or scratchthe lower slopes of the ravines are "Snay, of man, did y'ever get any- ing. Birds seem to be hypnotized by fire and keep perfectly still; even the loquacious parrot in a fire has nothing Nearly every great abhievement of to say. Cows, like dogs, do not show olved from a crank's alarm. They are easy to lead forth and often find their way out themselves.

Most Expensive Gown.

The richest and most expensive dress in the world was exhibited at the great world's fair at St. Louis. This gown cost \$50,000 and has been considered the most wonderful creation of the Parisian dresamaker's art. It was made for the famous Empress Josephine, who in the height of her popu-It must be over the telephone that larity was peraps the most beautiful communications corrupt good woman in the world. The gown weighs seventy-five pounds and has a train fifteen feet long. It is made of the heaviest and richest velvet of the choicest manufacture and is bordered with ecoloe that cost a small fortune The shirt, bodice and train are studded Matrimony resembles a besieged with hand worked golden bees, symbolic of the Napoleonic dynasty. Tastefully worked into the gown are many costly jewels.

> A man could always afford to give his wife furs and pearl necklaces if being married weren't so expensive in

Rest and Sleep.

Few escape those miseries of winer-a bad cold, a distressing cough. Many remedies are recommended, but the one quickest and best of all is Simmon's Cough Syrup. Soothing and healing to the lungs and bronchial pas-Did it ever occur to you that the sages, it stops the cough at once and majority of so-called women haters gives you welcome rest and peaceful sages, it stops the cough at once and sleep.

Even a hedgehog says his young

One knows the face of a man, but

Do Your Clothes Look Yellow? Then use Defiance Starch, it wikeep them white-16 oz. for 10 cents.

When a man squeezes his wife's hand she can't tell by the way he does it whetther he is absent-minded and



we will mail you at once a nice pot scissors. This is just one of the 65 PREMIUMS Given Absolutely Free

all users of Cheek & Neal York free. Your choice of sum at the beautiful Dinner or Tea Set. 8 ichine. Parior Clock. Curtains 8, etc. We want every lady in the use the cleanest, best drinking. prised packages and

ry, etc. We want every lady in the land use the cleanest, best drinking, popular priced package cuffee of the harket, you try it you win buy it ever terwards.

Put up in tightly scaled 1-lb, packages at and moisture proof—like above odd by dealers everywhere. Don't lay—buy a package of Choek & Neal orto Riko Coffre to-day and start asyglor a fine pair of scissors. At your opers.

Cheek & Neal Coffee Co. Nashville, Tenn.



HOPE

A VICTIM OF LA GRIPPE

Mrs. Henrietta A 6th St., Los A

"I suffer a war weeks, and nothing

helped me until I tried . "I felt at once that I to secured the right medicine steadily improving. Within weeks I was fully restored, and I glad that I gave that truly great remdy a trial. I will never be without

it again." In a letter dated August 23-Mrs. Marsh says: "I have heard the efficier of ed. We still uf Kentucky and ago, where I good work. Mu here, also,"—Hen Address Dr. Har

Ask your Drug Alm

The Hartman San

WELL !

AMERIC

SOUT

SOUTHEAS

Try the 'OPEN VINDOW ROUTE"It's the beat il pout are going to spend Christmas at home with the tolks or triegis, are nevert Southern Pacific Agent for all information relative to trip, or write G.P.A. HOUSTON, TEX. A. G. P.A.

OUT AD HOLIDAY DATES CHEAP HULIDAY KAICO

December 20. 21, 22 and 26. RETURN LIMIT 30 DAYS.
RATE ONE PARE PLUS \$2.00 VIA THE OLD RELIABLE

Texas and Pacific Railway TO POINTS IN RKANSAS, MISSOURI ILLINOIS AND THE SOUTHEAST.

Choice of Routes-via New Orleans, Shreveport or Texarkana tok any Texas and Pacific Ticket Agent about our Superior Bervice

E. P. TURMER, G. P. A., Dallas, Texas. FRISCO SYSTEM Holiday Excursions

THE SOUTHEAST ST. LOUIS, KANSAS CITY AND CHICAGO

ONE FARE PLUS \$2.00 FOR THE ROUND TRIP. LIMIT FOR RETURN 30 DAYS. TICKETS ON SALE.

December 20, 21, 22, 26. THROUGH CARS TO MEMPHIS ST. LOUIS AND KANSAS CITY. W. A. TULEY, G. P. A., FORT WORTH, TEXAS.

EWIS' SINGLE BI

5 Cigar better Quality than most 10 Cigars

HAVE YOU A HORSEP

WOULD YOU LIKE US TO SADDLE? POR THE MOST WONDERFUL SADDLE OFFER EVER MEAND OF, an effer by which anyone can have the nicest sendthe in his neighborhood, cut this and outs and send it to us any you will receive our New. Big and Beautiful Secries Saddle Celanque, large, handednum photographin lituatrations of all kinds of

Men's, Women's, Boys' and Girle' Saddles Stock Saddles, Fanch and Range Saddles ALL MEDIUL AND LARGE PLAIN AND PANCY SADDLES PRICES WILL ASTONISH AND PLEASE VI



Tethmine canal commission, has ven to the house committee on inand foreign commerce the the Panama canal.

three plans under consideration by the commission. These would not be level of the sea, another plan is for a co-foot level and another is for mak-

Asked by members of the commission for an estimate of the cost of \$200,000,000 for an eighty-foot level canal. Figuring with this as a basis, the sixty-foot level capal would cost \$225,000,000, could be opened for traffic in ten years and fully completed in tweive years; the thirtyfoot level would cost \$250,000,000, open for traffic in twelve years and fully com-pleted in fifteen years; the sea level canal would cost \$300,000,000, could be open for traffic in fifteen years and

ompleted in twenty years. Chairman Hepburn's questions developed that the estimate of time to Dandy?" Come figure with me. I am build a canal was based on a ten-hour in for trouble. T. G. Carney. nd the operation of mak mak-

Camerdinate and

the excava-

for a man never seems toxterial from I will tell you the secret used to play with, and some of the the north pole; but theing in operation, resembled when the st steam shovels to the land of sunshine. During Octocalls," continued the dame, 2,165 were yesterday I saw an old st. silver an the firs, where he had paus 171 cents and with him care of the first contains the first care of th

ay. Now, Kris, were I you, and where it meets all passenger trains. to please the little maids who would watch, there in the firme

YEAR'S DAY IN GREECE ex-Gifts. Frolics and Genough

Rejoicing. Sened With members of the Greek consing Christmas is a holy day but not a holiday, and therefore New Year's c'not takes its place as a time of take is now follows. The call parties of presents the compiling data on a liven problem, but he could not now tell when his recommendations as to the canal will be ready.

Billous Colic Prevented

the canal will be ready.

Mr. John Wright of Bell county is visiting relatives here.

Notice Of Stockholders, Mee

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Haskell National Bank will be held on Tuesday January 10, 1905, between the hours of 9 A.M., and 4 P.M., at the office of said Bank in the town of Haskell, Texas, for the is very important that I close up my purpose of electing a board of direct. accounts; so look me up at once, and ors for the ensueing year, and for pay me or make satisfactory arrangetrancacting such other busines as may ments, not later than December 15. roperly come before such meeting.

G. R. Coven, Cashler. Haskell, Texas, Dec. 19,1904.

Blunders are sometimes very expenprice of a mistake, but you'll never Chamberlain's Cough Remedy given be wrong if you take Dr. King's New as soot as the child becomes hourse, Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, or even after the croupy cough ap-Headache, Liver or Bowell troubles, pears, will prevent the attack, They are gentle yet thorough. 25c, at never fails, and is plesant and safe to all drug stores.

A Costly Mistake

Pinkerton People Take Notice,

Messrs. W. L. Norton and W. A. butob business to Mr. Booth Eng-Brown have entered into a partnership to do a mercantile business under previous accounts. All parties owing

pompodne country.

ck of staple and fancy family the pay when it is needed. and will make prices as e as can be had at any other all in and see them.

A Frightened Horse,

other accidents, are every day occur- Tablets, I took a dose of them after rences. It behooves everybody to supper and the next day felt like a have a reliable salve handy and new man and have been feeling happy there's none as good as Bucklen's ever since," says Mr. J. W. Smith of Arnica Salve. Burns, Cuts, Sores, Juliff, Texas. For billiousness, stom-Eczema and Piles, disappear quickly ach troubles and constipation these

ECTOR OF ST. LUKE.

Ashburnham, Ontario, Testifies to Good Qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Ashburnham, Ont., April 18, 1904 .benefit of his investigations so far as I think it is only right that I should you in that way take recome for a made regarding the engineering tasks tell you what a wonderful effect few days. You will soon be all right. to be performed in the construction of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has He went into the details of the en- produced. The day before Easter I gincering problems involved in the was so distressed with a cold and by cough that I did not think to be able to take any duties the next day, as of particular interest here further that to mention that one of these thy voice was almost choked by the plans is for a canal to be raised cough. The same day I received an by locks and dams over the high order from you for a bottle of your ridge eighty or ninety feet above the Cough Remedy. I at once produced a sample bottle, and took about three ing the canal on a level with the sea, doses of the medicine. To my great which would be far superior to any relief the cough and cold had completely disappeared and I was able to preach three times on Easter day. the various plans, Mr. Wallace said I know that this rapid and effective the best estimate that could be made cure was due to your Cough Remedy. I know that this rapid and effective at present would be based on the I make this testimonial without solicestimate of the former commission of italian being thankful to have found itation, being thankful to have found such a God-sent remedy.

Respectfully yours, E. A. LANGFELDT, M. A., Rector of St. Luks's Church To Chamberlain Medicine Co. This remedy is for sale by C. E.

Do you know my price for coal oil? If you do, don't you think is is a "Jim

Revolution Imminent.

A sure sign of approaching revolt orking or two or and serious trouble in your system is ortening the time nervousness, sleeplessness, or stom-Mr. Wallace stated ach upsets. Electric Bitters will ach upsets. Electric Bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome causes. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the Kidneys and Bowels, stimulate the Liver, and Bowels, stimulate the Liver, and dlebria cut depends the cost and the clarify the blood. Run down systems ery other question and benefit particularly and all the usual benefit particularly and all the usual searching and through effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50c, and that is returned if it don't give perfect girls sigh for a dolly-non in the cut, satisfication. Guaranteed by all Druggists.

Travelers Attention.

and with him one of the desists, boiler western or northern portion of Has-tables imaginable, such as libers, car-kell county, you can save money and other babies, would soo! whose the babies, would soo! whose whose the babies, would soo! whose

I also run a daily back line to and from Haskell to Munday in Knox county, carrying passengers, mail and express.

I have careful drivers, good teams e to and comfortable backs, and always make connections.

I also hire rigs for special trips to any point in the surrounding country. I lave been in the business for tweetey years a deretand what is

Office at the Iron Stable, Haskell, Texas J. L. Baldwin, J. L. BALDWIN.

Billous Colic Prevented.

Take a double dose of Chamberlain's Colle, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy as soon as the first indication of the disease appears and a threatened attack may be warded off. Hundreds of people use the remedy in this way with perfect success. For sale by C. E. Terrell.

Read This If You Owe Me.

Since selling out my drug store, it

(in ntiemen, this is a business proposition, so come up and do business. JNO. E. ROBERTSON.

Be Quick.

Tot a minute should be lost when sive. Occasionally life itself is the a cirld shows symptoms of croup.

take. For sale by C. E. Perrell. NOTICE. I have sold half interest in my the firm name of Norton & Frown me will please come forward and and have engaged in the grocery settle by the first of next month.

This is no idle talk, it is business This is no idle talk, it is business

They respectfully solicit the trade and must be attended to, so please scrithe people of Pinkerton and surdon't put me to the trouble of having to hunt you up. Treat me as well as are offering an entirely I have treated you by coming up with

Head About to Burst From Severe Billous Attack.

"I had a severe bilions attack and felt like my head was about to burst Running like mad down the street when I got hold of a free sample of lumping the occupants, or a hundred Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver under its soothing effect. 25c, at all Tablets have no equal. Price 25 cents. drug stores.

Heart Fluttering.

Undigested food and gas in the stomach, located just below the heart, presses against it and causes beart palpitation. When your heart troubles I think it is only right that I should you in that way take Herbine for a but little attention to it. Yesterday 50c. Sold by I. P. Collier.

> tive try Chamberlain's Stemach and coughing spell came on and Duckwell Liver Tablets. They are easy to take died from suffocation .- St. Louis and produce no nausea, griping or Globe-Democrat, Dec. 1, 1901." Balother disagreeable effect. For sale by lard's Horehound Syrup would have C. E. Terrell.

> > Fight Will Be Bitter.

their ears against the continual rees omendation of Dr. King's New Dislong and bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended earlier by fatal termination. Read what T. R. Beall, W. S. Baily, P. O. True, Texas, Beall, Miss., says: "Last fall my wife writes: "My wife had been suffering had every symptom of consumption. five years with paralysis in her arm, She took Dr. King's New Discovery when I was persuaded to use Ballard's after everything else had failed. Im- Snow Liniment, which cured her all provement came at once and four right. I have also used it for old bottles entirely cured her. Guaran- sores, frostbites and skin eruptions. teed by all Druggists. Price 50c, and It does the work." 25c, 50c, \$1.00. \$1.00! Trial bottles free.

Coughing Spell Caused Death.

"Harry Duckwell, aged 25 years, choked to death early yesterday morning at his home, in the presence of his wife and child. He contracted a slight cold a few days ago and paid coughing which continued for some time. His wife sent for a physician When you want a pleasant purgas but before he could arrive, another saved him. 25c, 50c and \$1.00, Sold by L. P. Collier.

Those who will persist in closing price on barbed wire today, ain't it a

Cured Paralysis.

Sold by I. P. Collier.

New Stock of Furniture!

the kind made for service. As the season is somewhat advanced we have determined to put prices down and move it out.



Wilson Heaters!

If you need a heating stove, try a Wilson Heater. The dampers so regulate the draft as to make them give a more uniform heat than any other, and they are guaranteed to burn less wood than any other stove. Ask for the Wilson.

We also have various other styles of heat-

ing stoves, and a complete line of COOK STOVES.



We have a very complete stock of Hardware and Implements. including the "Mr. Bill" planter and other Avary goods. Let us figure with you when you want anything in our line.

McCollum & Cason.

HASKELL NATIONAL BANK.

HASKELL. - TEXAS.

With correspondent Bank in the leading commercial cities of Texas and the East, we are prepared to issue exchange for the convenient transaction of business in all parts of the country

We solicit alike the deposits of the people of Haskell and surrounding country and the business of persons abroad who may have need of the services of a bank here.

The personnel of our officers and board of directors is a guaranty that the interest of all patrons will be protected and promoted.

OFFICERS.

M. S. PIERSON, President; G. R. COUCH, Cashier; LEE PIERSON, Vice-President; M. PIERSON, Ass't. Cashier

Directors.

M. S. PIERSON, G. R. A. H., MARSHALL PIERSON, T. E. S. W. SCOTT, LEE PIERSON BALLARD, F. M.

Here I go!

Follow me HASKELL RACKET STORE

Where I have left oodles and oodles of the prettiest toys and dolls for the boys and girls and a great many pretty and useful things for the young ladies and young gentlemen and some for the older people, too.

Yours truly, SANTA CLAUS. If you failed to get around in time for Christmas, you canmake good with a

New Year's Present.

We have sold a great many things, but still have numerous

Pretty and Useful articles that will come in nicely for New Year's presents.

Prices are Down.

Come and see what we have and what we will do for you at the

HASKELL RACKET STORE.

J. L. JONES. Notary Public.

FOSTER & JONES, Law Land and LiveStock, HASKELL, TEXAS.

WE HAVE FOR SALE THE FAMOUS

WILD HORSE PRAIRIE LANDS!

and give special attention to land litigation.

CORRESPONDENCE SOLICITED. Write us for any information desired about land and live stock.

SOLICITS A LIBERAL SHARE OF YOUR

BLACKSMITH and Woodwork Prices reasonable, work promptly done

for cash on the spot. REAR OF SHERRILL BROTHERS STORE.

CITY MEAT MARKET

ELLIS & ENGLISH, Proprietors.

side of the Square. Your Pationage Solicited. We Keep all Kr Obtainableir Season.