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The owner of said stock is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take the same away, or it will be dealt with as the law directs. Given under my hand and seal of office, this 29th day of Oct., 1904. C. D. LOSE, Clerk, County Court Haskell County.

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Editors Free Press.

Your last issue contained a reference to the pounding at the Methodist parsonage on the preceding Thursday night. I am glad to acknowledge that it is true, and we are willing to "turn the other cheek." Some of the pounders promised to come again next year.

Our grateful acknowledgement is hereby tendered to the good people, who so kindly remembered us on that occasion. You have helped me to make a good start on the new year in temporal things, and this encourages me to look for your hearty co-operation in the work the church has sent me to do. You may expect me regularly at my place on Sunday.

J. H. CHAMBLESS.

Mr. Henry Davis of Coleman county, brother of Mr. J. E. Davis of this county, was up on a visit and prospecting trip last week. He was much pleased with Haskell county and thinks he will eventually cast his lot amongst us.

The finance committee in its report to the late Grand Jury, paid Mr. C. D. Long, our county and District Clerk a nice compliment on the way the finance ledger had been kept.

Mr. J. A. Wier of the Cliff community has returned from a prospecting trip in Mexico. He says he will stay in the Lone Star state.

Rev. John R. Morris, the newly appointed presiding elder of this, the Abilene district, will hold his first quarterly meeting at the Methodist church in Haskell on the afternoon of Wednesday, the 14th instant.

Mr. S. V. Jones of the Marcy neighborhood sold his place a short time since, intending to move away, but after investigating other sections, has decided to purchase another home and stay in Haskell county.

The reporter called at the West Texas Development Co's office on his rounds yesterday in quest of news items, but as Day and Robertson are both grass-widowers and were not in a talkative mood, we could get nothing but an Indian grunt out of them.

Mr. J. A. Bailey, one of our leading cattle raisers, says that the grass is good in his pastures and that his cattle are going into the winter in good shape. That, we believe, about expresses the general situation as to the range and cattle business in this section.

Mr. Ed. Whitaker was in from his ranch Thursday and reports that he has lost four calves from blackleg. He says that he could see no further signs of the disease and thinks that the rest of his herd will escape it.

Mrs. Brockman and Miss Jestyay Ellis entertained a few friends Monday night in honor of Mr. Wallace of Stamford. A contest at 42 was a feature of the evening's amusements.

### PARKER'S DEFEAT.

Many good Democrats were made to believe that with Parker as our nominee victory was certain. Waiter Wellman, James Creelman, and a horde of hiring pencil pushers, visited Judge Parker and filled the monopolistic press with his praise. In the closing days of the campaign, when Judge Parker broke away from his moorings and hurried the red thunderbolts of Jove into the trusts' camp, the same creatures and tools of plutocracy, like birds of prey, sprang upon him and buried their talons in his throat.

In the light of the returns the anxiety of the Republican press for Parker's nomination and their bitter opposition to Hearst, is perfectly plain. It was clear to me at the time, as the files of this journal will show.

It can be said without exaggeration that Republicans and their assistants nominated both Parker and Roosevelt. To be more accurate, Roosevelt having written his own platform and nominated himself, the Republicans and their assistants nominated the Democratic candidate. This being true, why should the result surprise anybody? If Republicans will only permit Democrats to dictate their platform and name their candidate in 1908 their party will be buried under such an avalanche of votes that it will fall to hear Gabriel's trumpet on the day of judgment.

At the time of his nomination Judge Parker was not well known to the people. They knew his friends and sponsors, and were filled with fear and disgust. They did not know that Judge Parker was too great to be the tool of any man or set of men. They did not know that he stood unpledged and free. They thought him bound and gagged by trust interests. They were mistaken. He did not seek the nomination and was therefore silent. He remained silent, though mighty pressure was brought to bear upon him by friend and foe. When nominated he resigned from the bench. This stamped him as a man having a high sense of honor. He declared that whether elected or not, he would never accept a re-nomination. This was notice to the world that if successful he alone would be President. That no interest would own him, and no man or set of men swerve him a hair's breadth from duty's shining path.

But Parker made mistakes. That gold telegram was rank poison. It was unnecessary. Gold men were already satisfied. It could raise no issue between himself and Roosevelt. Both stood for the same thing. It did raise an issue between Parker and millions of men who fought, bled and went to defeat under the Democratic standard in '96 and 1900. It could not help. It did hurt. It mangled; it killed. Parker's letter of acceptance was

deferred too long. When it did appear, it was too tame. Too much blue pencil. It was "safe," "sane" and "conservative." It was what some politicians claimed the people wanted. They know better now. It was not a bugle call. It contained no slogan. It lacked ginger. It put the soldier to sleep on the firing line. Even on the Philippine question Parker failed to take issue with Roosevelt, by saying the Filipinos should have self government "when prepared for it." Teddy had said they could have it "when ready."

Later Parker came out squarely for the true Democratic gospel of freedom and self-government, but it was too late.

Later he came out squarely against the trusts and displayed the courage of a Daniel, but it was too late. His attitude the last week after realizing the utter failure of the so-called "safe, sane, conservative" plan of campaign, was refreshing and inspiring, but the change came too late. The battle had been lost while Belmont, Cleveland and their crowd of cowardly trimmers were trying to persuade Judge Parker to fight it with blank cartridges.

Add to these things, the action of the National convention on the Illinois contest, and the cause of defeat is perfectly apparent.

Hopkins, Sullivan and their crowd broke into that convention with "Jimmies." They took all they got from the Democracy of Illinois by force and fraud. Their hands were crimsoned with the greatest political crime in the annals of American politics. But in the presence of the whole nation, Bryan and Dunlap tore of their smiling masks and exposed their putrid perfidy to the world.

When the test came every State instructed for Parker voted to sustain John Pirate Hopkins. This was due to a pledge on the part of Hopkins to throw Hearst in the air, ignore his instructions and vote for Parker in case Illinois was needed to insure his nomination.

It is said that when St. Stephen was stoned to death Saul held the garments of those who committed the crime. In like manner the delegates held the clothes of those who stoned the Democracy of Illinois, almost to death. Saul repented and afterward became the great Apostle. Let us hope that all those who had a hand in the St. Louis infamy may do likewise.

Before the national convention met, the infamy stained only the hands of John Pirate Hopkins and his henchmen. When it adjourned, the responsibility had been shifted to the shoulders of the party at large. A National Democratic convention which consents to the crucifixion of Democracy in one State, will witness its crucifixion in all the States. A national convention which turns down in cold blood men like William J. Bryan and Millard F. Dunlap—two of God's noblemen—to exalt men like John Pirate Hopkins, George Brennan and Roger Sullivan invites disaster at the polls.

For the infamous outrage perpetrated in Illinois, and condoned by the national convention, the Democratic party of the nation has been made to suffer. God will never abrogate the law of compensation in the interest of any political party. Innocent candidates—Democrats good and true—were made to suffer—were led to slaughter that a horde of political freebooters might strut in stolen plumage at a national convention and occupy places of trust and honor in the party organization, which by right belonged to others.

Then to cap the climax the Cleavelands, Hills, Belmonts and Sheehans went back on their word and tried to defeat Taggart for national chairman. Failing in this they tried to usurp the executive functions, reduce the chairman to the rank of office boy, and run the whole shebang. Taggart stood on his rights and when they learned that he was master, these money bags tightened the purse strings and spent most of their time placing obstacles in Taggart's way, and strutting his path with thorns. Had it not been for Taggart Indians would have rolled up 200,000 plurality for Roosevelt. C. A. WINDLE.

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### SELF-ESTEEM.

It is difficult for one to make an accurate measurement of intelligence and morally two extremes—either or underestimating mistakes which have known estimate extr-

urday.

Lawyer, Ok. claims that the city will build large shops there at an early date.

Friday morning the 16-month-old daughter of Mrs. Alma Porter, of Howe, visiting at Van Anstyne, drank an ounce of carboric acid and died an hour later.

Upon President Diaz's recommendation to stabilize the value of the Mexican dollar that coin has risen from 45 cents to 50 cents in exchange value.

General John M. Wilson, chairman of the inaugural committee, has appointed Lieut. Gen. Adna Chaffee, chief of staff, to be grand marshal of the inaugural parade.

An eight-foot vein of coal was accidentally discovered near Arapaho, O. T., at a depth of 150 feet by well drillers. Immediately a company was formed to develop the find.

Chairman Cortelyou of the National Republican Committee has announced the appointment of Gen. John M. Wilson, United States Army, retired, as chairman of the inaugural committee.

The watchman at the State capital says that 3,288 persons climbed to the dome of that building during November, eighty-five were from foreign countries and other states.

The Dawes Commission is now rushing the work to completion in Indian Territory, and it is thought that it will finish by July 1, 1905, the time allotted by Congress for its expiration.

The body of Albert Cavitt, a negro, was found badly mangled on the International and Great Northern track near Hearne, Friday morning. On the body was found twenty-five dollars.

The Chicago, Weatherford and Brazos Valley Railway Company, a local corporation organized for the purpose of building a railroad from Weatherford to Bridgeport, in Wise County, is starting work to build.

The Postmaster General has appointed former Congressman James Hanking Young, of Philadelphia, superintendent of the dead letter office, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of D. P. Leithart, last September.

Impressed by the need for an institution where money may be obtained at any hour, prominent New York financiers and commercial men have, it is announced by the Herald, organized the First Night and Day Bank and Safe Deposit Company.

Eight of twelve laborers employed in digging a trench for laying water mains in southwest St. Louis were buried Monday by a cave-in and it is believed all perished. The men were working close together when tons of clay fell on top of them.

There are now in the State Pasteur Institute several patients for treatment. One was discharged last Monday. In all ten patients have been treated and discharged, and so far as has been heard the treatment was entirely successful.

Mrs. George Henry Gilbert, the oldest actress on the American stage, died at her rooms at the Sherman House at Chicago, Friday, shortly after she had suffered a stroke of apoplexy.

Fred Wittrock, who fifteen years ago served a term in the penitentiary for taking part in a train robbery, is dead at the home of his mother at Leavenworth, Kan., of a grippe, aged 44. Wittrock had been in business here for several years.

The city authorities of St. Petersburg have decided to grant \$50,000 to the defenders of Port Arthur and their families and appeal to the whole Russian Empire to raise funds for the same purpose.

The University of Chicago is to be equipped with a set of chimes, placed on Mandel Hall tower. The first step toward their establishment was taken by Coach A. A. Stagg, who with his wife, has donated \$1,000 toward their purchase.

Queen Alexandra celebrated her sixtieth birthday, Thursday, at Sandringham. Flags were everywhere, church bells pealed and the usual salutes were fired at the navy and military stations at home and in the colonies.

Senator Coekrell, of Missouri, has been offered a place on the Isthmian Canal Commission or on the Interstate Commerce Commission, as he may elect. The offer was made at a conference which the Senator had with the President.

## Immigration Improved And Visibly Reduced

Washington, Dec. 5.—Immigration to the United States decreased materially during the last fiscal year, and it is notable that the moral, intellectual and physical qualifications of the immigrants admitted to this country during the last year are higher than ever heretofore have been chronicled. These are two salient features of the annual report of Frank P. Sargent, Commissioner General of Immigration. The report says that during the last fiscal year 812,870 aliens arrived in the United States, of which 549,100 were males and 263,770 females, an increase in the females as compared with last year of 18,870, a decrease in the males of 64,046. As respects age 18,190 were under 14 years, 657,155 were between 15 and 45 and 46,551 were 45 or over. Of total number of admitted immigrants 3,853 could read but not write; 168,903 could neither read nor write, and it is presumed the remainder, 640,960, could both read and write.

It also appears that 10,375 of these aliens had already been to this country; 95,575 brought with them \$50 or more each and 501,530 brought each less than \$50. The total amount of money shown to officers by these 812,870 aliens was \$20,894,353, or \$4,866,470 more than was brought by the 757,046 arrivals of last year. This fact, says the report, taken in connection with the countries from which the increases of the year under consideration came, furnishes assurances of a

marked improvement in the character of the more recent immigration. The 28,451 English immigrants brought with them in the fiscal year 1903 \$1,405,365; this year the 41,479 of the same race brought \$2,736,182; the 35,300 Irish last year had \$796,082, while the 37,076 Irish this year showed \$1,092,781; 71,782 German immigrants last year had \$2,459,634, this year 74,790 possessed in hand \$3,622,675.

At the various seaports of the United States 7,991 aliens were excluded during the year 4,798 being paupers, 1,660 diseased, 35 convicts and 1,501 contract laborers.

The Commissioner reiterates the statements he made in his last annual report regarding the public evils arising from the maintenance in this country of colonies of aliens who retain their allegiance to their native countries and forward to those countries the greater part of their earnings. The Commissioner regards these colonies, which are encouraged by people in other countries, un-American in principle and dangerous in practice.

It is pointed out that 44,388 aliens are supported or confined in the charitable or penal institutions of this country, of whom 20,485 are insane, while the criminals number 9,325.

Commissioner Sargent recommends in order to prevent the entry of diseased persons that the physical examination of aliens be conducted abroad, at the ports of embarkation, by officers of the United States Public Health and Marine Hospital service.

## TO VICTORY THROUGH BLOOD AND FLAME

Tokio, Dec. 5.—The diary of the fighting round 203 Meter Hill, which is published in the Japanese papers, describes the terrible losses involved in the storming of the Russian position from dawn on November 28 until 11 o'clock in the forenoon of the day. A Russian counter attack began at dawn on November 29 and was so furiously pushed that the Japanese were compelled to retire from both sides of the hill into the valley. The attack was renewed on the morning of Nov. 30, when, "all the Japanese reserves come up" from the southwestern corners, but these assailants only advanced thirty meters by 5 o'clock, so stubborn was the resistance, and the Japanese suffered severe losses. Then, being reinforced, the Japanese maintained the struggle with terrible earnestness. Furious charges were repeatedly made and the Russians were compelled gradually to retire. The southwestern summit of the hill was not occupied until 7 o'clock in the evening and the southwestern summit not until 8 o'clock.

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The list includes the ships of Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's command and

Proposed Branch Road.

Nacogdoches: Ed Kennedy has submitted to the citizens of this place a proposition to build an independent line from Como, a point on the Cotton Belt, in Cherokee county, to Nacogdoches, in consideration that the latter will donate a cash bonus of \$12,500 and a hundred foot right of way from the county line on the west to and through the city of Nacogdoches. A committee of the Business League has the proposition under advisement.

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also the third squadron, including the coast defense ships Slava, Nicholas I, and Alexander II, the cruisers Koroloff, Posadink, Abrek and Volkova and several torpedo boat destroyers. "In case need of further reinforcements should make it necessary to dispatch part of the Black Sea fleet."

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## BOLD EXPRESS ROBBERY.

Thought to Have Gotten a Large Sum of Money.  
Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 6.—The Wells-Fargo Express car on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe overland passenger train No. 1, westbound, was entered early yesterday somewhere between Needles and Daggett and Evan O. Roberts, the express messenger, shot and fatally wounded and the way safe rifled.

The Wells-Fargo Company was expecting a large shipment of United States pension money, totaling \$200,000 it is said, and it is possible that this shipment may have been on the train. It is known that the local officials were greatly exercised over the robbery and at Barstow placed a substitute messenger on board the car to guard everything in it with the greatest secrecy.

The robbery was not discovered until the train reached Daggett. Conductor Hayes opened the door of the express car at Daggett and found Mes-

## CONGRESS MEETS.

Short Session of the Fifty-eighth Congress Meets  
Washington, Dec. 6.—The last session of the Fifty-eighth congress was called yesterday. The opening was under the usual interesting conditions, and amid those scenes that for years have made the re-assembling of congress among the notable events of the country. Hundreds of sightseers to the galleries to witness the formal proceedings. From one end of the capitol building to the other the busy tread of statesman and the flutter of femininity distinguished the occasion from any other of the official or social calendar of the year.

From the lethargy which has characterized Washington since the early spring the city awakened to a new era and heralded with apparent joy the day which opens both the official and social seasons.

Many newly elected members are at the capitol, although they will not enter office until after March 4.

Rarely in the memory of the old guard has an opening day been made such a gala occasion. The galleries rather than the floor proved the center of attraction, for rows upon rows, handsomely gowned women looked

## THE COTTON SITUATION.

King Brown Says Hold to the Staple and Get 10 Cents.  
New Orleans: The announcement by the Government Saturday that the cotton crop had run over the twelve million-bale mark completely wrecked the market. Prices ran down to 7 1/2 cents and lower. W. P. Brown, the cotton king says in a communication to the press Monday:

Cotton has declined to a point below the cost of production. Are you going to sell at present prices, or hold until you can get the market value for the balance of your holdings? The decline is unwarranted. To be conservative I will say that the balance of this crop could bring at least 10c at the ports, and according to my judgment the only way to obtain an advance is for the planters to keep his cotton on his plantation until the actual demand is sufficient to enable buyers to pay the proper value for the stuff. . . . The South went broke raising cotton at 5 1/2 and 6c per pound in 1897-98, and during that period everything was cheap as well as cotton and the cost of raising cotton was small as compared to the present

New Church at San Angelo

San Angelo: The Baptists of this city will erect a new church edifice, to cost \$10,000. Practically all of this amount has been subscribed and work on the buildings is to begin next month. A committee, composed of George T. Webb, John R. Nasworthy, W. S. Robertson, A. S. Gant and John W. Tarris, has been appointed to perfect plans. The church will be built of brick, with stone trimmings.

Lost While Hunting

Greenville: A telephone message was received here Monday morning from Bob Justis at Antlers, I. T., stating that Sam Redus of this city was lost while hunting in the Kiamichi Mountains, nothing having been heard of him since Saturday morning. A party of men, consisting of H. L. Redus, Jeff Mason, Jess Tomberlin, Osceo Maddox, Harry Brown, Jesse Wise and Rufus Turner have gone to search the mountain for Redus.

It is 12,162,700 Bales.

Washington: The report of the Department of Agriculture indicates a total production of cotton in the United States in the year 1904-05 amounting to 12,162,700 bales. The area picked or to be picked is estimated at 30,053,700 acres, a reduction of 1,676,600 acres or 5.3 per cent from the acreage estimated as planted. The report says that from indications the average weight of the bales will not likely fall below 490 pounds net.

senger Roberts lying on the floor of the car in a semi-unconscious condition and the contents of the safe rifled and scattered about the car. Roberts was so seriously wounded that he was unable to tell how the robbery occurred except to say that he had discovered some one on the blind baggage shortly after the train left Needles and had started to open the door when the man, whom he took to be a negro, sprang inside. Before the messenger could draw his revolver the bandit opened fire, wounding Roberts mortally. The bullet struck Roberts in the left breast, passing through his body. Roberts fell to the floor and the robber went to the open safe and took what he wanted of the contents. He then opened the door and jumped out. Roberts was so badly wounded that he was unable to make an outcry.

Assistant Superintendent Pridham of the Wells-Fargo Company states that the amount taken from the way safe was only a few hundred dollars. The principal treasure safe, he said, was locked and the robber was unable to force an entrance.

down upon the statesmen, who were grouped about the chambers or strolled in and out of the cloak rooms, exchanged greetings with old friends and received those new ones. Members of both bodies were flooded with remembrances in the form of floral pieces and the chambers presented an appearance which they never know on any other occasion. Baskets and clusters of bright roses, chrysantheums and other flowers covered the desks. Though rain and sleet fell during the entire morning, these discomforts were insufficient to mar the success of the event.

This will be the short session of the Fifty-eighth congress and a notably interesting one, for with the inauguration of President Roosevelt the session will go out in a blaze of glory. Only once in four years does congress have an opportunity to wind up its affairs under the historic conditions which will prevail next March.

The senate was in session only thirteen minutes and adjourned out of respect to the memory of Senators Hoar and Quay.

The house was called to order at noon by Speaker Cannon. There was much crowding and confusion, but after meeting, the house, shortly before 1 o'clock adjourned until today.

crop, which is the most expensive one ever grown. It would pay the farmers to keep still and not sell a bale of this crop until he can get above 10c, and reduce his acreage another season at least 15 per cent, and instead of raising another bumper crop, raise only enough to supply the world. The last crop was only 10,000,000 bales, and it brought more money than any crop ever raised—much more than this crop will bring unless the balance left brings much higher prices than those ruling now. With cotton at 7 1/2c at the ports, cotton plantations are worth to-day just about half what they were at this time last year. . . . Low-priced cotton really ought to be a thing of the past. Look at the prices of wheat and corn. We have raised big crops all over the world with the exception of this year's wheat crop, yet prices are double what they were a few years ago. A 12,000,000-bale crop is worth 10c and that ought to be the low price for a great many years to come, and it rests with the producer to say whether or not he will raise more than the requirements of the world and become a pauper, or whether he will raise a moderate crop each season and grow rich.

Lo, the Poor Indian.

Guthrie, Ok.: Mrs. Yellow Horse an Osage squaw, was placed in the Federal jail here Monday to await trial on charge of burying her baby daughter alive. The infant was buried in sitting posture, according to Osage tradition, in a pile of rocks and her cries attracted the attention of passers by, who rescued her. The mother was given a preliminary trial and bound over to the Federal grand jury.

Washington: Estimates of appropriations required for the support of the government for fiscal year ending June 30, 1906, were transmitted to Congress by the Secretary of the Treasury, and aggregate \$619,669,852, as against 614,548,937, the amount of the appropriations for the current fiscal year. Estimates for 1906 which are nearly \$500,000 less than the estimates for 1905, include \$146,836,320 permanent annual appropriations already provided for by law.

Asphaltum Plant to Res-ge

Beaumont: It has been definitely decided that the plant of the Central Asphalt and Refining Company of Port Nece, near the mouth of the Neches river and about six miles from Port Arthur, will be completely rehabilitated, a company having been organized for the purpose of making asphaltum. The plant and all belongings originally cost \$3,000,000.

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## A Touch of Strenuous Life.

William Rockefeller's gamekeepers on his vast forest preserves in the neighborhood of Saranac, N. Y., are earning their pay these days. The natives thereabout resent the appearance of these guards, several of whom have been fired upon recently. One of them resigned after having a bullet pass through his coat sleeve as he was patrolling his lonely beat in the forest. The "snipers" use smokeless powder and all efforts to locate them have failed. Mr. Rockefeller owns 53,000 acres of fine forest land in the vicinity named, but the natives can not be made to see that with the real estate he bought the deer. Nor can they understand how he owns the fish which were put into the streams at public expense. They have shot and fished on the land as far back as the oldest inhabitant can remember and see no reason why the arrival of Mr. Rockefeller among them should change their custom. Hence the placing of the guards, of whom there is a small army.

When a widower begins to tell his troubles to a widow she knows he is going to ask her to share them.  
**Greatest in the World.**  
Arlington, Ind., Dec. 5th.—(Special)—Mr. W. A. Hysong, the photographer, who moved here recently from Sapp, Ky., is firmly of the opinion that Dodd's Kidney Pills are the greatest Kidney Remedy the world has ever known.

"In the years 1901 and 1902," says Mr. Hysong, "and for some time before I was afflicted with Kidney Trouble. My joints were sore and stiff and I finally got so bad I could not turn in bed without assistance. In the Spring of 1903 I was induced, by a friend, to try Dodd's Kidney Pills and after using one and one-half boxes I was and am still completely cured. Several of my neighbors, too, used Dodd's Kidney Pills and in every case they did as recommended."

Cure the early symptoms of Kidney Disease, such as Backache, with Dodd's Kidney Pills and you will never have Bright's Disease.  
**The Country's Fruit Crop.**  
The annual fruit crop of the United States has a value of \$132,000,000. The orchard fruits produced each year have a value of \$54,000,000 and citrus fruits, grown principally in California and Florida, \$5,549,000. The seven great fruit growing States in the order of production are California, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois and Indiana. The products of New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio are marketed mainly in the East, but the surplus products of the other four States are marketed mainly in Chicago, as are the fruits of Iowa (\$2,894,000) Kansas (\$2,431,000, Nebraska (\$857,000), and other Western States.  
Man is never so manly as when he feels deeply, acts boldly, and expresses himself with frankness and fervor.

About two-thirds of the people who attend church can't tell an hour later what the minister talked about.

**Gloomy View of Lo.**  
James Mooney, attached to the Smithsonian bureau of ethnology, sees a hopeless future for the Indians, among whom he has spent the greater portion of his life. He believes that it is practically impossible to civilize the Indian; that, having no ambition for improvement or progress they will continue in their present state, dying out in numbers till they become simply roving bands.



# World's Greatest Show Is Triumphant Closed.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 2.—The Louisiana Purchase Exposition has ended. The stupendous and magnificent, the interest of which has extended into every portion of the civilized world, has run its course, and now passes into history as probably having comprised the most representative collection of industries, arts, peoples and customs of the world ever assembled. From the inception of the project to hold the exposition until the gates were thrown open and the world was invited to enter, occupied a period of seven years. The duration of the exposition has been seven months, and during that time nothing has occurred to throw a dampening effect on the interest or to detract from the exposition in any way. The best order has been maintained throughout and there have been but few fires, and all of them small, with the exception of the destruction of the house of the Hoocons and the partial destruction of the Missouri Building recently. No loss of life has occurred during the exposition from accidents. St. Louis has proffered her most gracious hospitality to the world, and it has been accepted.

The man probably most prominently known in connection with the World's Fair is the president, David B. Francis, and it was deemed fitting that the final day should be designated as Francis Day in his honor. "This exposition has been the work of my life," said President Francis. "It has consumed my time for the past four years, but every hour has been an hour of pleasure to me. I have exhausted my stock of adjectives in trying to describe this fair. It is as difficult to do justice to it as to paint the lily."

The opinion expressed at all times, on all sides and without reserve, is that the Louisiana Purchase Exposition has been a success.

The closing exercises were held at the base of the Louisiana Purchase monument in the Plaza of St. Louis, where were held seven months ago the exercises that formally opened the gates to the world. On the opening day the vast assembly was buoyant in spirit and filled with unanimous desire to give expression to good feeling. Yesterday the depression prevailed. The conclusion was at hand, and it was rather a mournful assemblage that formed a solid phalanx around the tall monument and listened to the farewell addresses.

The principal speeches were delivered by Governor Dockery of Missouri and President Francis.

## OUR COUNTRY'S FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The monthly statement of the public debt, issued today, shows that at the close of business November 30, 1904, the debt, less cash in the treasury, amounted to \$989,240,917 an increase for the month of \$2,452,265. The debt is recalculated as follows:

Interest bearing debt, \$885,157,470; debt on which interest has ceased since maturity, \$1,495,400; debt bearing no interest, \$385,932,705; total, \$1,282,585,575.

This amount, however, does not include \$1,019,431,969 in certificates and treasury notes outstanding, which are offset by an equal amount of cash on hand held for their redemption. The

cash in the treasury is classified as follows:

Gold reserve, \$150,700,000; trust funds, \$1,109,431,969; general fund, \$119,834,802; in National Bank deposits, \$12,941,488; in Philippine treasury, \$5,211,669; total \$1,406,519,931, against which there are demand liabilities amounting to \$1,113,171,273, which leaves a cash balance on hand of \$293,344,658.
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The monthly statement of the mints shows the total coinage executed at the mints of the United States during November, 1904, to have been \$1,604,811, as follows: Gold, \$582,780; subsidiary silver \$878,871; minor coins, \$197,160.

### Diaz's Seventh Term.

City of Mexico: At 10 o'clock Thursday morning, in the Chamber of Deputies, President Diaz took the oath of office as President of this Republic for his seventh term, and Don Ramon Corral, Minister of the Interior, was sworn in as Vice-President, both for a term of six years, under the new constitutional amendment extending the period of office from four years, as it was formerly. Many Americans were present.

### Bank Circulation.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The monthly statement of National bank circulation shows that at the close of business November 30, 1904, the total circulation was \$460,679,075, an increase for the year of \$39,572,096 and for the month of \$3,297,575. The circulation based on United States bonds was \$427,947,505, an increase for the year of \$44,929,621, and for the month of \$3,416,924. The circulation secured by lawful money amounted to \$32,731,570 a decrease for the year of \$5,356,925.

Brasleton Bros., of Pendergrass, Ga., shipped from Weatherford to their home in Georgia a car load of work mules, where they will be sold to farmers. Most of the mules were raised in Parker County.

### Cotton Raisers Have Money.

Ardmore, I. T.: Farmers throughout this section of the Chickasaw Nation are holding a great deal of cotton, awaiting better market prices. Many are inclined to believe that the staple will bring 10c or more by Christmas. As a rule the farmers are in better financial condition than for years, and they can afford to hold a portion of their crop. The Chickasaw Nation has produced the greatest crop in its history.

### Fever Falls Furiously Upon Fanning.

Bonham: A reporter saw E. E. Duncan and spoke to him in regard to the proposed oil drilling out in the north part of the county. It is known by all of the people that this gentleman is here and represents a northern company of capitalists. Mr. Duncan simply secures the right to drill for oil on lands. He has secured several thousands of acres of land on which to make tests, agreeing to pay one-eighth of all oil secured.

### Gambiers Cut Down Revenue.

El Paso: As a result of the rigid enforcement of the Sunday law and the suspension of gambling and kindred vices the revenues of the city have fallen off so that the employees for the first time in years, were paid their monthly salaries in script, which sells at 4 per cent discount. Heretofore each game of chance paid a monthly fine to the city and the aggregate was sufficient to keep the treasury in a flourishing condition.

### Taylor Organizes a Trade Day.

Taylor: At a meeting of the business men of Taylor, a Trade Day Association was formed, with the following officers elected for the ensuing year: T. W. Marse, president; L. H. Goldstein, vice-president; Perry Hawkins, secretary; A. Alexander, treasurer. The Friday before the first Monday in each month was designated as Trades Day in Taylor, the first of which will be Dec. 30.

The object of the Association is to set aside and designate one day in each month for the purpose of inviting country folk to the city and offering special inducements in certain lines of merchandise and giving prizes for exhibitions of live stock, farm, garden, orchard and field products, etc. The Association starts out with about \$100 cash on hand and a committee will solicit further contributions.

Col. R. Francisco Chavez, probably the best known Republican politician in New Mexico territory, has been assassinated at Pinos Wells, Torrance County.

Judge T. J. Freeman, for a decade general attorney for the Texas and Pacific Railway Company, has resigned to accept the position of general solicitor for the Cotton Belt system, with headquarters at St. Louis.

### Big Russian Loan.

Paris: The bankers here expect that the new Russian loan of \$260,000,000 will be issued this, or next, month, a syndicate of French banks taking approximately \$160,000,000 and the German banks \$100,000,000. The group of financiers which handled the last loan is not interested in the present flotation. The Credit Lyonnais has the general direction of the loan, but it has not yet invited subscriptions or indicated the terms.

### Splendid Hand at Cracking Safes.

Chicago: "Kid" Leary, a veteran safecracker, who is said to have stolen more than \$500,000 in his career, has been arrested after a determined resistance. Suspected of complicity in a recent safeblowing in Chicago, and two bank robberies in Wisconsin, the police learned of the man's presence in the city. He was surprised while asleep in a rooming house and was unable to reach the weapons secreted in the bed for defense.

### St. Louis: The general manager of the Texas exhibit has been formally notified that Texas has been awarded the following prizes for her horticultural exhibit: State exhibit, grand prize, T. V. Munson, Denison, grapes, gold medal; C. W. Wood, Swan, Smith County, peaches, gold medal; John S. Kerr, Sherman, apples, gold medal. Texas exhibitors also received six fine silver medals and 136 bronze medals, a total of 211 prizes for Texas in this department.

## PERTINENT POSTAL POINTERS.

### Large Increase Shown in Rural Free Delivery Routes.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Extension of the rural free delivery service has resulted in an increase of 1,125 in the number of postoffices discontinued during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1904, according to the annual report of J. L. Bristow, Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, made public today. During the year there were 3,509 postoffices established and 5,587 discontinued. There was a decrease of 158 in the number of offices established. The principal cause of the increase in the discontinuance has been the extension of the rural free delivery service. The total number of discontinuances was 3,750 postoffices, with a saving in salaries of postmaster aggregating \$171,121. At the close of the fiscal year there were 71,131 postoffices in the United States.

Operations of rural mail delivery and the extension by private interests or rural telephone service has created a demand from patrons of rural routes for the delivery of small packages of merchandise on an order to local merchants by postal card, telephone or otherwise. The value of such package is small and the present rate of 1c per ounce, the report says, is practically prohibitive. Mr. Bristow recommends that congress fix a rate of 3c per pound or any fractional part thereof, on packages not exceeding five pounds, mailed at the distributing postoffice of any rural free delivery route.

It is estimated that \$500,000 will be needed by the department to continue the establishment of rural routes as fast as they are favorably reported and approved for the remainder of the fiscal year. It is likely that 1,200 routes will be reported within the next two months.

An appropriation of \$83,000,000 for the establishment of new routes will be asked by the department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1905. Of the needs for the service, Mr. Bristow says:

There are now in operation 28,073 routes. It is estimated that approximately 2,000 additional routes can be established out of the appropriation now available, making 30,000 which will be in operation or ordered established by January 15, 1905.

The report shows that during the year 1,593 postoffices were robbed, there were sixty depredations on railway postoffices, star routes, rural free delivery routes and screen wagon service. There were 940 robberies of street and rural free delivery letter boxes. Sixty-six postal cars were burned and wrecked and 560 postoffices burned. There were 2,297 mail pouches lost, damaged or rifled.

### Small Fire at World's Fair.

St. Louis: Fire broke out in the attraction on the world's fair—like known as "Quo Vadis" Saturday morning and quickly spread to the Japanese pavilion adjoining. A high north wind was blowing and sparks were carried over the exposition grounds and in the vicinity of the main exhibit palaces.

Hagenback's animal show is just across a narrow exit way from the Japanese pavilion and it was thought the former was on fire.

A fire alarm brought out all the fire-fighting apparatus in the World's Fair grounds, but it was soon seen that the firemen were unable to cope with the flames and it was followed by a second, third and a general alarm. At 1:15 a. m. the fire was gotten under control.

### Meeting of the Presidents.

San Antonio: San Antonio will be honored next May with the presence of the Presidents of the two greatest republics in the world. The Business Men's Club has received information that unless unforeseen circumstances arise President Diaz of Mexico will be here during the reunion of the Rough Riders in order to meet President Roosevelt who will be the guest of San Antonio on that occasion.

### Soldier Ends His Life.

Brownville: The dead body of Commissary Sergeant Fred S. Wagner, Twenty-Seventh Infantry, Fort Brown, was found near the target range, Thursday. The body had two wounds in the left breast over the heart and a small pocket-knife lying beside the corpse showed that the death was self-inflicted. He leaves a wife and three small children. His wife is a San Antonio lady of a prominent family.

### Japan Favors Peace Conference.

Washington: G. Hioki, the Japanese charge d'Affaires, called at the State Department and informed Assistant Secretary Loomis that the Japanese government had received yesterday the invitation of the American government for the second conference at The Hague and the invitation would be promptly presented to the Diet. The intimation is that the proposition meets with Japanese favor.

## Texas Postal Affairs.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Postmasters appointed: Channing, Hartley County, Chas. H. Farwell, vice Lowa Stillman, resigned; Martins Mills, Van Zandt County, Blanche Le Gunn, vice D. L. Burnett, resigned; Brownell, Jasper County, Charles D. Pollard, vice E. A. Lakey, resigned; Granada, Hutchinson County, Maggie Cannon, vice Mrs. Effie Whiteside, resigned; Heath, Rockwall County, Matthew K. Isbell, vice E. H. Bruce, resigned; New Baden, Robertson County, Mrs. Emma Schultz, vice David Zweifel, resigned; Sheffield, Pecos County, Luther B. Adams, vice W. F. Sheffield, resigned.

Rural Carriers Appointed.—Howe, William M. McCoy and Fred C. Davis, regulars; Sidney E. Thorn and John M. Davis, substitutes. Schulenburg, Frank A. Binder, with Josheub Schenk, substitute.

Rural Free Delivery Established.—Forrestburg, Montague County, length of route, 45.14 miles; area, 49 square miles; population served, 832; number of houses, 298, Luling, Caldwell County, length of route, 19.12 miles; area, 25 square miles; population served, 450; number of houses, 113, Valley Mills, Bosque County, length of route, 25 miles; area, 30 square miles; population served, 460; number of houses, 115.

### Why He Waited.

On a certain occasion Henry Ward Beecher's church was crowded to the doors. But Beecher unexpectedly had been called out of town, and in his place in the pulpit there sat a bearded, black clad youth—a youth who is today one of the most powerful preachers in America. But this youth, fresh from college, was unknown then, and the great congregation had come to hear Beecher and not him. Consequently as soon as he arose and announced that he was to preach in Beecher's place the people began to drift out. First one went, then two, then a half dozen, and the young man stood watching this dispersal from the pulpit. It was a trying moment, and yet there sat on his youthful face a smile singularly composed. Out the people tiptoed, and he waited, saying nothing, for almost five minutes. Then he said, as if in explanation of his silence, "We will not begin this public worship until the chaff blows off."

### Tom McGraw Found Dead.

Dallas: Lying face downward, with a broken jaw and two dislocated limbs the dead body of Thomas H. McGraw Superintendent of the city water system, was found early Friday morning on the east bank of the Trinity river, lying beneath a forty-foot trestle of the Texas and Pacific Railway, from which he is supposed by the police to have fallen or been hurled several hours before. A second-class ticket from Dallas to San Francisco was found in his pocket, and Michael Welch, one of his intimate friends, said Mr. McGraw told him he was going to San Francisco the night before.

### Want Prohibition.

Vinita, I. T.: A general petition is being signed over Indian Territory praying Congress for a prohibition clause in the State Constitution when Indian Territory is merged into a State. The petition asks Congress to incorporate in whatever new form of government may be given Indian Territory an effective provision against the sale of intoxicating liquors within the borders of what is now known as Indian Territory.

### Patents Issued to Texans.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Patents were issued last week to Texans as follows: William S. Baker, Purvis, safety attachment for guns; Neill C. Cameron, Beckville, apparatus for molding wheat-straw; William E. Harmon, Houston, strainer for well tubs; William W. Hoskins, Velasco, cotton picker; Arthur Hosmer, Fort Worth, fountain toothbrush; James E. Huffman, Kirbyville, gate latch; Searcy T. Hutchinson, San Antonio, toy torpedo exploder.

### Douglas as a Cobbler.

Out in Colorado they still remember Governor-elect Douglas, of Massachusetts, who, when a young man, conducted a cobbler shop in Golden. His shop was in a little wooden shack which stood about where the Crawford house is now located, and his fellow townsmen little dreamed that among the leading shoe manufacturers of the world, to say nothing of becoming chief executive of the old Bay State.

### No Ship Subsidy.

Washington: There will be no ship subsidy legislation in the present Congress. This has been decided by the Republican leaders of the house, and, whatever the Congressional commission which has been considering the question of the merchant marine may report, the question is settled so far as the immediate future is concerned. The deficit in the treasury has settled the matter for the coming session.

## ALL OVER TEXAS.

By a vote of 238 to 22 the people of Denton voted for a bond issue of \$62,500 for waterworks.

Tuesday evening occurred the death of Charles Bender, Jr., of the big lumber firm of Bender & Sons, whose mills are at Humble and Crockett.

The city council of Hillsboro has contracted for a new artesian well. Work is to begin on it at once. This will make the third artesian well for the city.

Tom Laughlin, who lived seven miles west of Van Alstyne, was killed Saturday afternoon by a team running away with a harrow he was using.

Plans for the first lock in the Trinity River have been sent to the War Department for approval. The lock is to be located three miles below Liberty and will cost \$250,000.

Col. G. R. Spellhagen of San Antonio arrived at Stamford Saturday with ten more Germans to locate on the German colony at Brandenburg and they bought 1,200 acres of the land.

An unknown Mexican, with his head crushed to a pulp, was brought to Waco from a point twelve miles north, where he was run over by a train of the Texas Central Railway.

The Moonshine oil well in the Humble field broke loose Monday, gushing over the derrick. Intense excitement prevails. All skepticism as to the field is now swept away.

It is reported that several cases of smallpox had been discovered in the eastern portion of Johnson County, but that the disease had been restricted so as to prevent spreading.

"Ben Hur," a camel belonging to the Ben Hur Company, who played at Dallas last week, died there of pneumonia, and was cremated at the city crematory—probably the first camel ever cremated in Texas.

The Sul Ross Memorial Association, at Waco, has under advisement the matter of a proper statue, and this question will be settled soon by letting the contract for the statue and pedestal. It will be an equestrian figure.

Shipments of fruit trees to Denison are larger than usual this winter. There will be a large acreage added to the orchards in that section this winter. It is estimated that no less than 100,000 trees of all kinds will be set out.

Carrying mail on rural routes is not a very tempting occupation in winter, and three of the four carriers out of Van Alstyne have tendered their resignations, effective as soon as their places can be filled.

"Uncle Jack" Pennington, a well-to-do farmer living near Katy Lake, Williamson County, aged seventy years, and a pioneer of Williamson County, committed suicide by hanging himself in his barn Thursday morning. Blindness is believed to be the cause. He leaves a wife and four children and had many friends.

At Austin J. L. Swartz secured a verdict for \$25 against the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway Company in his suit for \$15,000 damages for injuries alleged to have been sustained by a train porter throwing a seat against plaintiff.

Brasleton Bros., of Pendergrass, Ga., shipped from Weatherford to their home in Georgia a car load of work mules, where they will be sold to farmers. Most of the mules were raised in Parker County.

It is currently reported that a gusher has been brought in at near Annanias, just over the state line in Louisiana, about twenty-five miles northeast of Jefferson. This find places Jefferson in the oil district. Strong surface indications are found west of there.

The State Treasurer issued the seventh call for warrants registered against the general revenue fund at the close of business hours Tuesday night. The call amounts to \$40,411.33. This reduces the deficit to \$649,991.97.

The stewards of the First Methodist Church, of Fort Worth, fixed the salary of the pastor, Rev. Alonzo Monk, at \$3,600 per annum. This is the salary allowed bishops and is said to be the largest salary paid any pastor in the Southern Methodist Church.

Arthur Armsworthy, who is alleged to have murdered Geo. Price in Bowie County eight years ago, surrendered Sunday night at Denison. Armsworthy has been scouting since the murder.

The Waco Poultry Association closed its third annual show Saturday night, having scored a brilliant success. It was an up-to-date affair from opening to end, with the finest birds, it is said, ever seen in Waco in the exhibition coops.

## A LOCUST'S STORY.

Hold a locust by— and watch the breathes. Judge of the of the body. Professor P. of Texas: "There were sixty-five contigs daily im- minute in a locust which has nov. term held between the fingers of a hawk ten minutes." How does that compare with the number of breaths you take each minute? Insects of swift flight breath most rapidly.

Religion must be intelligent to be applicable.

### Valuable Raiment.

The women of savage tribes have not infrequently a wardrobe consisting of furs which would be worth from \$5000 to \$10,000. Grundenman, the explorer, relates how one fair Greenlander wore a dress of sealskin with a hood of that costly fur, the silver fox. The garment was lined with fur of the young seal otter, and there was a fringe of wolverine tails. About \$600 is probably the average worth of the dress of Indian women on the Columbia and Fraser rivers.

Goodness is never impaired by being imparted.

No chromos or cheap premiums, but a better quality and one-third more of DeLancey Starch for the same price of other starches.

All women are born reformers and they want to begin on some man.

## STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, 185.

FRANK J. CHENEY, Notary Public. Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 24th day of December, A. D. 1894. A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Sent for medicinal free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

### Quaint Scotch Custom.

Natives of the northeast coast of Scotland observe a curious custom at funerals. After the burial service the coffin is carried outside the house and placed upon two chairs on which it had rested within doors. As soon as the pallbearers lift up their burden and begin their journey to the graveyard these chairs are at once thrown sharply on their backs. In this position they are kept until the interment has taken place, when they are taken indoors again. Any attempt to place the chairs on their legs or to take them in before the proper time it at once frustrated by the relatives of the dead.

### Porcupine Meat.

It is not generally known that the common porcupine is an inhabitant of both Southern Italy and Spain, and that its flesh is a regular item of consumption. As the animal is a very clean feeder, the meat is of fine quality and has a taste something between that of chicken and of pork. It is believed to have been naturalized in Italy by the Romans, just as they probably brought the rabbit to England. In South Africa porcupines are regularly hunted at night with dogs. Lions and leopards also eat the animal, though they suffer very severely from the quills. Old and decrepit lions eat them when they can get no other food, and are sometime killed with the long quills sticking in their jaws.

### HAPPY CHILDHOOD.

Right Food Makes Happy Children Because They are Healthy.

Sometimes milk does not agree with children or adults. The same thing is true of other articles of food. What agrees with one sometimes does not agree with others.

But food can be so prepared that it will agree with the weakest stomach. As an illustration—anyone, no matter how weak the stomach, can eat, relish and digest a nice hot cup of Postum coffee with a spoonful or two of Grape-Nuts poured in, and such a combination contains nourishment to carry one a number of hours, for almost every particle of it will be digested and taken up by the system and be made use of.

A lady writes from the land of the Magnolia and the mocking bird way down in Alabama and says: "I was led to drink Postum because coffee gave me sour stomach and made me nervous. Again Postum was recommended by two well known physicians for my children, and I feel especially grateful for the benefit derived.

"Milk does not agree with either child, so to the eldest, aged four and one-half years, I give Postum with plenty of sweet cream. It agrees with her splendidly, regulating her bowels perfectly although she is of a constipated habit.

"For the youngest, aged two and one-half years, I use one-half Postum and one-half skimmed milk. I have not given any medicine since the children began using Postum, and they enjoy every drop of it.

"A neighbor if mine is giving Postum to her baby lately weaned, with splendid results. The little fellow is thriving famously." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Postum agrees perfectly with children and supplies adults with the hot, invigorating beverage in place of coffee. Literally thousands of Americans have been helped out of stomach and nervous diseases by leaving off coffee and using Postum Food Coffee. Look in pkg. for the little book, "The Road to Wellville."



**SELF-ESTEEM.**

It is difficult for one to make accurate measurement of his own intelligence and morality. Two extremes—either over-estimating or underestimating one's own merits which will not attain the high standard of the known and estimated extreme.

**THE TAX QUESTION AGAIN.**

In his report filed last week Comptroller Stephens says:

"The present deficiency in the general revenue is, in my judgment, due to the following cause, to-wit:

"1. The failure to make proper provision for taxation of many large and valuable interests and properties.

"2. The want of adequate machinery by which to insure the rendition and assessment of property, as required by Sec. 1, Art. 8, of the Constitution, and by the laws enacted in pursuance thereof.

"3. The policy of the Commissioners' courts in very many counties, by which property is not taxed in proportion to its value, but only in such proportion as may be necessary to yield sufficient revenue for county purposes under existing county tax rates, resulting wherever this practice obtains in a loss to the general revenue of the State and to the available school fund."

Further along in his report he says: "In my judgment, to increase the ad valorem tax rate without removing the causes that have induced the present deficiency in revenue, would be but to increase the burden upon not exceeding one-third, if so much, of the property in the State, value and quantity being considered."

When the revenue deficiency was under discussion during the latter part of the state campaign a number of the prominent newspapers throughout the state took the position that the only way to meet the deficiency was by raising the assessment rate, and they advised and held that the next legislature would have to pursue that course.

The Free Press took issue with the proposition to raise the assessment rate on the same grounds now advanced by the comptroller, and it pointed out that the tax dodgers would probably dodge worse under a higher rate than at present, while the honest people who are now paying on honestly rendered valuations, would continue to give their property in at honest prices, and thus the additional burden would fall on the honest citizens.

We still hold, as we did then, that the just and proper thing to do is to readjust the tax laws so that the assessors and boards of equalization can find, and will be forced to place all property on the tax rolls at fair valuations. If this is done the present assessment rate will yield more than enough money for all state purposes.

Oscar Martin, founder of the Haskell Free Press, has purchased the interest of J. C. O'Bryan in that paper, and is again in newspaper harness. Mr. Martin is a lawyer of ability and succeeded well in the practice of his profession after his retirement from active newspaper life, but found it impossible to resist the temptation to return to his first love. The Banner takes pleasure in extending him the hand of welcome and wishes for the Free Press continued prosperity.—Baylor Co. Banner.

**SEEKING FREEDOM.**

Several families of Russians arrived in Oklahoma last week, where they settled on government land previously selected for them by an advance agent. One of them said to a reporter: "We left Russia because we were tired of being slaves. We did not want to join the zar's army and leave our families to starve. We had heard of America for years, and two years ago the families in this party banded together and began putting all the money we could save into a fund to pay our way here. We worked with all our might and we have won. All we want is a fair chance and we will become good citizens. When the Russian officers learned that we were going to leave, all of the men were ordered to join the army, but we succeeded in slipping across the line at night. I hope that the zar will suffer humiliation at the hands of the Japanese. It may learn him a lesson and be a God-send to the people."

No doubt there are millions of Russians that feel as these do, as the result of the tyranny and oppression to which they have been subjected for generations, and would gladly leave their country if they had the means and the opportunity.

A government that must be held together by the sword and military surveillance, rather than by the patriotism of its people who love its free and beneficent institutions, is a poor government.

We of America are so used to free-

and liberty that we scarcely appreciate its blessings. We take them for granted and feel so secure in their possession that many of us fail to use the thought and discretion that should be used in guarding them against the insidious encroachments of an element or class that would take them into their hands. The wise and far-seeing Jefferson said: "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

The public school board of Corsicana permitted the Bible to be read in the Corsicana public schools. Persons who objected to it appealed to State Supt. Lefevre, who sustained the board. Appeal was then carried to the state board of education and it sustained the state superintendent's decision. The attorney representing the objectors says the matter will now be carried to the courts, not stopping short of the supreme court, if defeated in the lower courts. As this is a Christian country, in which none of the heathen religions have any recognized standing further than the right of each individual to think and worship as he pleases, and as all the Christian religions are founded on the Bible, we see no good reason for excluding it from being read in the schools, without comment further than perhaps to call attention to its moral teachings. Of course there are plenty of reasons for objecting to any comment or construction of any of its passages that would tend to teach any sectarian doctrine from it. That is a matter for the churches to attend to. But merely to read the Bible as a book in order to become acquainted with it is a different matter.

On the assembling of congress Monday Representative Cochran of New York introduced a bill which ought to become a law. It provides that when any person contributes any sum exceeding \$50 to the campaign fund of any political party or any sum shall be expended by or on behalf of any candidate for representative in congress or for presidential electors, a statement shall be filed within three days in the office of the clerk of the United States district court in the state in which the person making such contributions or expenditure shall reside, specifying the amount and the names of the persons giving and receiving same. The bill provides that such statement shall be published and makes the failure to file a statement a felony punishable by imprisonment not to exceed three years. Such a law would do much to check the corrupt use of money in elections and every congressman who is opposed to corrupt politics should favor its passage.

The surprising fact as to the size of the present cotton crop brought out by the late government report is that a big crop next year would run the price down to about five cents. The history of the past also makes it clear that a half crop next year will bring as many dollars as a whole crop would. The way to produce a half crop is to cut the average down half, and get something for the other half of your labor by putting it on other crops. This is a good question for the farmers union to take up, discuss and digest. Get the statistics for ten or fifteen years back and see the size of the crops and prices and come to an understanding of what they mean.

Trouble seems to be brewing for the Russian government at home. The people are taking advantage of the preoccupation of the government in the Japanese war and are demanding a constitution, free speech, a parliament, etc. Public meetings are being held and the demands are being made badly. If they had dared do such things when the government was not occupied as it is now Siberia would have been filled with political exiles.

State Comptroller Stephens filed his annual report with the governor a few days ago. He places the taxable values of the state, as shown by the tax rolls of 1904, at \$1,082,779,775, being an increase of \$17,831,738 over the valuation last year.

The permanent school fund of Texas holds \$12,915,228.50 of state, county, municipal and railroad bonds, the interest on which is paid into the available school fund.

At the present rate of progress when will the first ship pass through the Panama canal?

**Texas Central Railway Company**

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

Waco, Texas, Nov. 9th, 1904.—As a matter of information that you may give proper information to prospective passengers to the southwestern territory during the holiday season, the sale of tickets will be authorized as follows:

**Territory to which Tickets will be Sold.**

To the territory east of the Mississippi river, on and south of an imaginary line drawn from Memphis via the Illinois Central Railroad (C. & O. S. W. Division) to Central City, Ky., thence to Glasgow, Ky., Somerset, Ky., Bristol, Tenn., and thence along the northern state line of North Carolina to the Atlantic Ocean.

Rate: One fare plus \$2.00 for the round trip.

Dates of sale: December 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd, 1904. Final return limit of ticket will be thirty days from date of sale. W. F. McMillan, General Passenger Agent.

**THE STATE OF TEXAS.**  
TO THE SHERIFF OR CONSTABLE OF HASKELL COUNTY, GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to summon Newton McFarland and S. M. McFarland each in person, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, to appear at the regular term of the Justice Court of Precinct No. 1, of Haskell County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Haskell, on the 19 day of December, A. D. 1904, then and there to answer a suit filed in said Court on the 27th day of October A. D. 1904 in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 439, wherein Alexander Mercantile Company (a corporation) is plaintiff, and Newton McFarland and S. M. McFarland defendants, the plaintiffs' demand being for the sum of \$64.74 due upon account for goods sold by F. G. Alexander & Co. to Defendants, and said account being now owned by plaintiff, the term of the running of account being February 11th 1901, to December 13th 1902.

Herein Fail Not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid regular term, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand, officially, at office in Haskell, Texas, this 27th day of October A. D. 1904.  
J. T. KNOWLES, J. P. Precinct No. 1, Haskell County, Texas.

I have 25 head well graded, gentle milk cattle, Duram and Holstine, for sale on easy terms. G. J. Miller. 46-50

**For Christmas!**

**WILLIAMS!**  
THE GROCER!

Is Offering a Large and Varied Line of Good Things for Christmas.

**SOCIAL TEAS!**

**Atlantic Mix!**

And all the other Fancy Cakes and Nic-Nacs.

**Finest Candies**

You ever saw in Haskell.

**Everything for Your Fruit Cake.**

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

**STAPLE and FANCY GROCERIES**

To be sold at a small profit—not at cost!

"Tell the Truth"  
**...WILLIAMS...**

**J. C. BELL,**

MANUFACTURER AND DEALER IN

**Saddles and Harness.**

Full Stock on Hand. Work Promptly Executed.

Repairing done neatly and substantially. Prices reasonable and satisfaction with goods and work guaranteed.

**YOUR TRADE SOLICITED.**

**TO MY FRIENDS, CUSTOMERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC:**

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

**STAPLE DRY GOODS!**

**NOTIONS OF ALL KINDS!**

**BOOTS, SHOES AND HATS!**

**Gents' Furnishing Goods and Suits!**

**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.

NOW AS TO MY

**GROCERY DEPARTMENT!**

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 I 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.**

**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 reasonable

**Dry Goods!**

**CLOTHING!**

**Boots, Shoes, Hats, Etc.**

As cheap 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

We will begin our clearance sale Monday, Dec. 12 and continue until Dec. 25. Take advantage of this opportunity and save money. If you fail to get our prices you are loser. Mrs. E. J. Hunt & Co.

Mrs. Angie Farmer of Coryell county is visiting the family of her son, Mr. S. W. Vernon, of the Pinkerton neighborhood.

For a good, cheap sewing machine go to McCollum & Cason. They will sell you a New Conover for only \$16.50.

Mrs. J. F. Vernon and children spent the early part of the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Davis, in the southwestern portion of the county.

We might save you money on that lumber bill. Have you tried us? Better come around before buying. Burton-Lingo Co., Stamford, Tex.

Mr. C. L. Travis, a substantial tiller of the soil in the Cliff neighborhood, was in Wednesday and placed his name among our list of readers.

Don't you want one of those nice Chase buggy rugs at McCollum & Cason's?

Mr. Wortha Long has returned home from the Texas Christian University at Waco.

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

Mr. R. R. Travis, one of the progressive farmers of the Cliff neighborhood, was in the city Wednesday and cashed up for another year's run of the Free Press.

New furniture—car load just received McCollum & Cason. They will interest you in the matter of prices.

Mr. John Sims of Hodges, Jones county, was in Haskell this week and cashed up for the Free Press for a year. Mr. Sims is thinking of moving to our county. We believe he would make us a good citizen and would be pleased to see him come.

Our New Crop molasses, also, Farmer Jones' new crop sorghum, is in. Our prices are below anybody's. Can give you cans, five gallons, half barrels or barrels. See me for low prices and trouble. T. G. Carney.

Mr. Jerold Hills, with the State National Bank of Fort Worth, is visiting his Haskell relatives and friends.

We have just received the largest line of men's hats and gloves we have ever handled, just from the factory, and will guarantee to make trouble on prices in this line. T. G. Carney.

Mr. Will Killingsworth left last week for Tyler to attend a business college at that place.

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

Mr. G. J. Miller killed two one year old hogs this week that netted 585 lbs. of pork and thirteen gallons of lard. Plant some hogs.

Call at the Arctic for fresh fruits of all kinds.

Judge T. D. Isbell was called to Seymour Wednesday to see his mother, who was reported very low and not expected to live.

The Whitney Brothers who are to appear in Haskell on December 14 have a reputation in the musical world which warrants the belief that the entertainment to be presented by them will excel anything in the musical line ever presented to a Haskell audience.

Mr. W. L. Lunday had his name entered on our subscription list this week.

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

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

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

Mr. Wm. Grussendorf of the eastern part of the county was in the city Thursday.

No lover of music and song can afford to miss the Whitney Brothers' entertainment on Dec. 14.

Messrs. W. A. Bates, A. P. Bates and G. A. Holloway from Fort Bend county, where malaria and mosquitoes flourished, were here prospecting this week.

LOST:—Between Haskell and Stamford, one hand grip, the finder will please leave same with Mr. N. T. Smith, of Haskell.

Mr. H. A. Newby of Brownwood was here Thursday.

There is no trouble ahead for those who buy fall goods of the Stamford Dry Goods Co., for they sell the best goods at the least price.

Miss Ethel Alexander is expected home tonight from Terrell where she has been visiting friends for several weeks.

Miss Maud Isbell who is teaching in the country, visited Mrs. J. S. Keister Sunday.

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

Mr. D. N. Morrah is a new subscriber to the Free Press this week.

Fire works for sale at the Arctic.

Mr. T. P. Martin was in the city Thursday and stated that the Pinkerton school, which is one of the largest in the county, began last Monday.

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

Messrs. Garland Sherrod and Raymond Alexander were down from Munday last Sunday.

Fresh cake of all kinds at the Arctic.

Mr. Jack Simmons was up from Stamford this week.

Yes, K. Jones has them—red hot tamales.

Our millinery is to be sold out regardless of cost. Come and hear the the prices and we will sell you the hats. Mrs. E. J. Hunt & Co.

Judge, P. D. Sanders made a business trip to Throckmorton this week. We learn that he made a loan of \$18,000, to parties there.

We are requested to state that the W. C. T. U. will not hold its regular meeting this month.

We are indebted to Dr. Gilbert for some immigration items this week.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Tobe Pitman of the southwest part of the county on the 23rd ultimo.

Mr. T. B. Denison and wife were presented with a son on Nov. 23.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith of the Sagerton neighborhood on Wednesday, the 8th instant.

Mr. Virgil Hudson left this week to look after matters on his plains ranch.

Mr. John L. Robertson left on a business trip to Meridian Monday.

Mrs. Marshall Pierson has returned from a visit to relatives in Dallas.

Mr. I. D. Killingsworth is off on a trip to Alvord this week.

Mrs. Jim Killingsworth has returned from a visit with friends in Wise county.

Mr. W. W. Pannell of Cliff went to Dallas this week.

Mr. Bob. Irby left this week for Albany where he will attend school at the Reynolds Presbyterian academy.

Mrs. J. S. Menefee of Wild Horse prairie left Wednesday for Waller county to visit her mother, who is reported very sick.

Mr. E. A. Williams has sold his shop and residence to Mr. Ross Hemphill.

Mr. Alva Couch has been employed to teach the Pleasant Valley public school, which will begin its session Monday, the 12th instant.

Mrs. B. Rotherford returned this week from a visit to her sister, Mrs. J. W. White, at Seymour. Her niece, Miss Dollie White, came with her and will spend Xmas in Haskell.

Mr. J. D. McLemore who was visiting among his old friends here last week has returned to his home at Abilene.

Mr. Hollis Fields has returned from Howe, where he has been since July last.

Miss Ola Fitzgerald returned home Wednesday after a visit of two or three weeks with her sister, Mrs. S. R. Rike near Stamford.

Mr. S. R. Rike has sold his ranch in the southern portion of the county and moved to town.

Mr. Ross Hemphill is now a candidate for your blacksmithing at Eugene Williams' old stand. See his advertisement in this paper.

Mr. S. L. Robertson returned Thursday from a business trip to Houston and Dallas.

Messrs. G. R. Couch, J. S. Boone, J. L. Baldwin and S. S. Cummings made a shipment of cattle to market this week routing them via Seymour.

Messrs. W. B. and C. H. Merchant from Bell county have purchased part of the Fine survey of land and are preparing to improve and put in farms on it. They are stopping at the Murfee place until they can build houses.

Mr. W. T. Hudson has recovered from his late attack of pneumonia.

How is this? Boys' suits sizes from 14 to 18 years that were \$5.00 now go at \$3.95 and \$7.00 suits at \$5.45. Every thing else cheap. Mrs. E. J. Hunt & Co.

Mr. J. F. Gunn and Prentiss Gunn of Bell county, brothers of Mrs. Robt. McCulloch, were here visiting and prospecting this week.

# ...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 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 thing, we do it. The goods and prices will talk.....

— WE ARE NOW —  
**OFFERING YOU LOW PRICES**  
— AND WILL —  
**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.....

## EXCEPTIONALLY LOW PRICES

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..

## GRAND JURY'S REPORT.

To the Hon. H. R. Jones, Judge of the 39th Judicial District of Texas:

We your grand jurors, duly impaneled and sworn at the Nov. term 1904 of the district court of Haskell county, beg to submit this our report and ask to be discharged.

We have very carefully and diligently inquired and examined into all violations that have been reported or have come in any way to our notice, and find that there have been very few open or flagrant violations of our criminal law recently.

We have visited the district and county clerk's office and find that they are overcrowded and that the Clerk is not able to properly care for some of the valuable papers. Therefore we recommend to your honor that the room on second floor of court house, on east side of district court room, which was built and prepared for district clerk's office, be now cleared and rearranged and turned over to the district and county clerk for such purpose, or to file such papers and books as are not in constant use, or that the district and county clerk see proper to put away and secure therein.

And we further recommend that you appoint an expert, or experts to clean and rearrange the jail and put it in a more healthy and comfortable condition, as we find it is, and has been kept for some time in bad and unhealthy condition.

And we also find that some of the stovepipes are not properly connected in the court house—this we think needs attention.

And we find that the county closets are also in very bad condition and very disagreeable and dangerous to health, therefore we recommend that they be properly cleaned and renovated, and kept so.

We further find that there are some irregularities and errors in the assessor's renditions, to-wit: J. E. Murfee's rendition shows 120 head cattle, value (\$160) one hundred and sixty dollars when it should have been (\$900) nine hundred and sixty dollars. J. S. Boone's rendition 200 head cattle, when proof shows he owned or had first day of Jan., 1904, from 400 to 1000 head of cattle. Again we believe that the rendition of J. E. Murfee has been tampered with.

We carefully examined report of your finance committee and find it the most carefully compiled that we have ever examined, and we wish to congratulate you and the committee for their able report gotten up in so short a time.

We believe the county assessors did right in their instructions to the county clerk and approve of their action (if they have authority for such action). Their report shows errors in tax assessors' report which we believe should be corrected by proper authority.

We find that all parties that were reported have paid occupation tax except J. C. Bell, who claims that he is only a manufacturer and not subject to pay occupation tax.

We also recommend that commissioners' court be required to have tax collector make proper report of all delinquency advertising fees and turn same over to county.

And we further extend our sincere thanks to the Hon. H. R. Jones, also to the district and county attorneys for valuable instructions and assistance.

Done by order of the grand jury, and submitted this the first day of Dec., 1904. A. H. O'KEEFE.

Foreman of Grand Jury.  
Filed in district court, Dec. 1, 1904,  
C. D. LONG,  
Dist. Clerk.

### Farm for Rent.

I want a good tenant on my farm. Have a good two-room house, barn, lots and good well of water. 70 acres in cultivation—located on Miller creek. GEO. WILLIAMSON.

### To Meet at Marcy.

The Farmer's Educational co-operative Union of Haskell county will meet at Marcy, Friday, Dec. 16, 1904, at 1 o'clock p. m., and will be in session Friday and Saturday to attend to such business as may come before the order.

Every delegate is requested to be on hand, as this meeting is one of much importance. F. M. BLAIR,  
Secretary.

### Ginner's Notice.

After this date our gin will run only on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays of each week.

### EARNST & SANDERS.

A religious or doctrinal debate is scheduled to take place at the Cliff school house next week between Elder Newman of the Primitive Baptist and Eld. W. A. Schults of the Christian denomination. The debate will begin Tuesday morning, Dec. 13, and continue from day to day for four days.

Judge H. G. McCounell made a business trip to Meridian and Fort Worth this week.









**Mrs. L. C. Glover, Vice-President Milwaukee, Wis., Business Woman's Association, is another one of the million women who have been restored to health by using Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.**

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I WAS MARRIED for several years and no children blessed my home. The doctor said I had a complication of female troubles and I could not have any children unless I could be cured. He tried to cure me, but after experimenting for several months, my husband became disgusted, and one night when we noticed the testimonial of a woman who had been cured of similar trouble through the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, he went out and bought a bottle for me. I used your medicine for three and one-half months, improving steadily in health, and in twenty-two months a child came. I cannot fully express the joy and thankfulness that is in my heart. Our home is a different place now, as we have something to live for, and all the credit is due to Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Yours very sincerely, Mrs. L. C. GLOVER, 614 Grove St., Milwaukee, Wis." Vice President, Milwaukee Business Woman's Association.—\$5000

**FERRY'S SEEDS**  
—the standard after 40 years' test. They always produce the largest and surest crops. All dealers sell them. Our 1903 Seed Annual, free on request. O. M. FERRY & CO., DETROIT, MICH.

**DEFIANCE STARCH**  
We would teach the lady who buys. Lesson number one. Starch is an extraction of wheat used to stiffen clothes when laundered. Most starches in time will rot the goods they are used to stiffen. They contain chemicals. Defiance Starch is absolutely pure. It gives new life to linen. It gives satisfaction or money back. It sells 10 ounces for 10 cents at all grocers. It is the very best. MANUFACTURED BY THE DEFIANCE STARCH CO., OMAHA, NEB.

**CHEAP HOLIDAY RATES**  
WILL BE ON SALE December 20, 21, 22 and 26, RETURN TICKETS TO DALLAS, TEXAS AND PAST PLUS \$3.00. VIA THE OLD RELIABLE Texas and Pacific Railway

**WEBSTER'S INTERNATIONAL DICTIONARY**  
CONTAINS 25,000 NEW WORDS, Etc. New Cassette of the World's Most Authoritative Dictionary. Should be in Every Home, School, and Office. Rev. Lyman Abbott, D. D., Editor of The Outlook, says: "Webster has always been the favorite in our household, and I have seen no reason to transfer my allegiance to any of his competitors. FREE 'A Test in Pronunciation,' instructive and entertaining. Also illustrated pamphlet. G. & C. MERRILL CO., Publishers, Springfield, Mass.

**BEGGS' CHERRY COUGH SYRUP** cures coughs and colds.

**Witchcraft.**  
Three centuries ago the great statue of James I. came into operation. It made felons without benefit of clergy all who "shall use, practice or exercise any injuration of any evil and wicked spirit, or shall consult, covenant with, entertain, employ, feed or reward any evil and wicked spirit to or for any intent or purpose, or take up any dead man, woman or child out of his, her or their grave or any other place where the dead body resteth, or the skin, bone or any part of any dead person, to be employed or used in any manner of witchcraft, enchantment, charm or sorcery, whereby any person shall be killed, destroyed, wasted, consumed, pined or lamed in his or her body or any part thereof." Under this act witches were executed for more than a century.

**Indians' Nose Breathing.**  
An English scientist thinks it unnecessary that children should be taught to breathe through the nostrils only and maintains that they can not do so under the stress of active exertion. London Hospital thinks otherwise. Among the North American aborigines at a time when they were capable of extraordinary physical exertion the precept "to shut your mouth" was enforced upon the young by the most severe discipline.

**Save Your Lungs.**  
Don't neglect that cough. One pair of lungs is all you'll ever have—treat them well. Simmons' Cough Syrup will soothe and strengthen them, stop the cough and give you a chance to sleep in peace.

Truly great men say what they mean and do what they say, even in a business transaction.

**TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY**  
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box.

The shingle is the thing for the 7-year-old boy who wants to wear fashionable clothes.

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Take a double dose of Chamberlain's Colic, 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.

During December is the best month for planting trees in this section. Planted now the pruned roots will heal over during the winter and put out small fibrous roots from the healed portions, thus enabling the trees to start into growth earlier in the spring and become better established before the hot and dry summer weather sets in. Few things add more to the beauty of a town or the beauty and comfort of a home in town or country than shade trees and shrubbery planted about them.

### Be Quick.

Not a minute should be lost when a child shows symptoms of croup. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears, will prevent the attack. It never fails, and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by C. E. Terrell.

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"I had a severe bilious attack and felt like my head was about to burst when I got hold of a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. I took a dose of them after supper and the next day felt like a new man and have been feeling happy ever since," says Mr. J. W. Smith of Julliff, Texas. For biliousness, stomach troubles and constipation these Tablets have no equal. Price 25 cents. For sale by C. E. Terrell.

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### Money, Money, Money.

I am still in the money loaning business, and can procure loans for you on good land 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 court house. P. D. SANDERS. (47-51) Haskell, Texas.

We clip the following from the Dallas News:

"The News has completed its compilation of the vote for Governor of Texas. The returns are practically complete, only four small counties, Calhoun, La Salle, Ochiltree and Schleicher being delinquent. The vote in those counties is normally small and this year the aggregate probably did not exceed 1,200.

"The News' preliminary estimate was that the total vote for Governor probably was about 280,000 and that Lanham probably received 208,000 of these. The returns from all save the four counties above named give:

Total vote for Governor.....275,038  
Lanham (Dem.).....204,429  
Lowden (Rep.).....56,483  
Clark (Pop.).....9,750  
Jackson (Pro.).....4,262  
Leitner (Soc. Lab.).....470  
Mills (Soc.).....2,634

"In a few counties Pat Morgan was voted for as the Populist candidate. These votes are counted in the News' summary as for Clark."

This report shows that the populist party, which at one time polled nearly 80,000 votes in Texas, has lost nearly 90 per cent of its former strength.

At one time the populists captured the offices in several Texas counties, but they generally elected incompetent, broken down politicians to office who by inefficiency, gave an expensive administration. In very few places were they able to hold power more than one term.

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### NOTICE.

I have sold half interest in my butcher business to Mr. Booth English and it is necessary to close up all previous accounts. All parties owing me will please come forward and settle by the first of next month. This is no idle talk, it is business and must be attended to, so please don't put me to the trouble of having to hunt you up. Treat me as well as I have treated you by coming up with the pay when it is needed.

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### A Frightened Horse.

Running like mad down the street dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable salve handy and there's none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Burns, Cuts, Sores, Eczema and Piles, disappear quickly under its soothing effect. 25c. at all drug stores.

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Say boys—what do you think of the price on barbed wire today, ain't it a dandy. Stay with me. Look out for trouble. T. G. Carney.

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W. S. Bally, P. O. True, Texas, writes: "My wife had been suffering five years with paralysis in her arm, when I was persuaded to use Ballard's Snow Liniment, which cured her all right. I have also used it for old sores, frostbites and skin eruptions. It does the work." 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold by I. P. Collier.

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