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- 1476 acres, J. E. Ellis sur., 8 miles E., at \$4, in 3 payments.
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- 1476 acres, Chas. Calliott survey 10 miles N. (East Abbott pasture) \$10.00 per acre, on easy terms. Will cut in 200 acre lots from either end.
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### MR. BRYAN AND THE DEMOCRACY.

"If there was any disposition to do so, it would be useless to deny that Mr. Bryan's public utterances have strengthened him with all elements of the democratic party—have made him, in short, a man whose counsel and advice is as much sought after and welcomed by one "wing" of the party as by the other. Indeed, in view of the effect of his honest efforts to bring harmony into the party, it may be scarcely proper to refer to "wings" of the party at all.

"For the campaign just closed gave Mr. Bryan the opportunity to demonstrate that in all movements which looked toward the harmonizing of all factions of the Democracy he could be counted upon to contribute his quota of concession, and he took advantage of the opportunity.

"In past years it has been the fashion of the Republican press, at every move which has been made by the Democratic leaders, to suggest that Mr. Bryan would probably act as the obstructor of the movement then under contemplation, and these subtle suggestions have had their effect even upon the Democracy. But there need have been no fear that Mr. Bryan loomed so large in his own horizon that he was prepared to act the part of the destroyer of peace unless his personal ambitions received an undue amount of attention, for he has set Democrats everywhere the example of sinking his personal aspirations and pulling for general harmony.

"So, without loss of consistency, he now appears to be a larger figure in the Democratic councils than he has ever been before."—Atlanta Journal.

The Atlanta Journal is one among that rather numerous list of newspapers which, for several years, though claiming to support the democratic party, have missed no opportunity to sneer at what they were pleased to term "Bryanisms." They fell in with the "reorganizers" and advocated with great unctious and self complacency and as if endowed with superior wisdom, what they termed a "safe, sane and conservative" policy for democracy. It was a policy that would have turned the party control into the hands of the Eastern monopolists and money changers. While the South yielded in a measure to it, the policy failed to win the sympathy or confidence of the common people and thousands stayed away from the polls. There was no enthusiasm among those who did vote, thousands of them voting under a moral and mental protest. The result was overwhelming defeat for the "safe, sane and conservative" proposition. No one who will make an unbiased retrospect of the three last campaigns can fail to understand its meaning. The cleansing of the Augean stables of democracy in 1896 and 1900 had gone far toward winning the confidence of the masses and inspiring a hope in them of a government more in the interest of the producing and consuming masses, but when the agents and emissaries of monopoly were again given the lead that confidence and hope was in a large measure lost.

The lesson taught us on November 8 was too plain for the Atlanta Journal and a number of others of its kind to misunderstand, and we are pleased to see that they, as well as some individuals of prominence, are giving out evidence of their reconversion and regeneration, and that the scales have so far fallen from their eyes that they can recognize the nobility of Mr. Bryan and do him justice. No one who has been in real touch with the masses will deny that he stands first in their confidence and respect. The people believe in him as a man, and they believe in his politics.

"I was much afflicted with sciatica," writes Ed C. Nud, Iowaville, Sedgwick Co., Kan., "going about on crutches and suffering a deal of pain. I was induced to try Ballard's Snow Liniment which relieved me. I used three 50c bottles. It is the greatest liniment I ever used; have recommended it to a number of persons; all express themselves as being benefited by it. I now walk without crutches, able to perform a great deal of light labor on the farm." 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold by I. P. Collier.

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## HASKELL FREE PRESS

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### EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

Emperor Nicholas has conferred upon Lieut. Gen. Sakharoff and Lieut. Gen. Biderling, gold swords of honor, set with brilliants and inscribed "for valor."

John Reed, a prominent citizen of Honey Grove, who was kicked by his horse Tuesday afternoon, died Thursday night and was buried here Friday.

John Keeling, who fell from a railroad trestle at Roston Monday night, and sustained a broken thigh, died Friday night from the effects of the injuries.

The dead body of Alfred Barry, whose home was at Hamilton, was found badly decomposed, and with his skull crushed in seed house at the Dublin oil mill.

Several Pinkerton men lately went West looking out for the man who robbed the Fargo Express and murdered the messenger at Daggett, Cal., a few days since.

Fred Odell, a prominent young farmer, died Wednesday of hydrophobia at Preston, Grayson County. Odell was bitten two weeks ago. His death was a most horrible one. He pleaded with the people to kill him.

Construction work on the Rockefeller Institute for the investigation of the causes of disease, in New York City, has begun. The buildings, with their equipment, will cost \$1,200,000.

Announcement is made that the Rock Island road will on December 25 inaugurate a service of two passenger trains each day between Fort Worth and Dallas. It is stated that several changes in time will also be effected which will enable the trains to shorten the time of the through run.

The first pile, a forty-foot one, was driven Wednesday afternoon at Orange by C. M. Hunt at the site of the ship yard selected by Contractor Walter Thompson, who is there organizing a force of men and making ready to begin active work on the big dry docks.

The Daughters of the Confederacy, in session at Waxahatchie on Friday evening, held a session at Austin for indigent widows of Confederates. The movement has been well received and a grand success is predicted.

Former Postmaster General James N. Tyner, died Monday. Mr. Tyner was Postmaster General during Grant's administration. His last official duty was that of assistant Attorney General for the Postoffice Department.

The Scottish Rite Masons of South McAlester have purchased a building site and completed the arrangements for the erection of a \$100,000 Masonic temple. Work on the new building will be commenced at once.

The Grand American Handicap, chief of the American trap shooting events, will be held in Indianapolis next year. This has been decided at a special meeting of the Interstate association at New York.

John Taylor, president of the Van Alstyne Cotton Mill and Oil Company and director of the First National bank, died Friday morning of heart failure.

God made the country, yet a lot of people sell their farms and move to town.

C. W. Forbes, who has the contract for the Carnegie Library Building, is at Corsicana to begin work. The preliminary work of clearing the lot on which the building will stand is now being done.

It's no use talking about loving God when your children are afraid of you. Henry Apell was shot at Bryan Thursday night and died Friday morning. Upon his dying statement William McQuorquodale was arrested, but the latter says he can prove an alibi.

In reviewing building operations in twenty-five principal cities of the United States for the month of November, 1904, as compared with the same month in 1903, there has been a total increase of about 25 per cent.

The State Treasurer made a call for registered warrants Saturday up to 10.087, which aggregates \$54,268, reducing the net deficit to \$643,714.

A state organization of the granite and marble dealers of Texas was formed at Waco Tuesday.

The Washington State Commission for the Lewis and Clark Exposition will see the Washington Legislature for an appropriation of \$75,000 to carry out Washington's participation in the Portland World's Fair.

Plans for the organization of a stock raisers' combine, of stock raisers of the great Central and Western country, have been launched in Chicago. A prime aim will be to see that packers do not continue to carry off the larger profit on meats.

## Shell Port Arthur Ships Would Save Sevastopol

Tokio, Dec. 12.—The Japanese continue to batter the Port Arthur fleet and there is little ground for expecting that it will ever again engage the Japanese. The battleship Sevastopol continues to anchor outside, but possibly returns to the harbor at night and anchors inside the outer boom, which protects her from torpedo boats. The recent heavy weather has given added protection to the vessels.

Naval experts are discarding the theory that the Russians themselves sank any of the ships. The fact that the vessels first showed lists while in exposed positions and the efforts made to save the Sevastopol are regarded as conclusive evidence that they were not sunk by the Russians.

A Majority of sunken ships lie headed northward. They received the bulk of the fire across their port sides, and the fact that at least two of them showed lists to starboard gives rise to the theory that Japanese shells explode inside the ships and against the starboard armor, driving the armor outward and causing leaks. To make sure of the destruction of the Russian warships the Japanese continue to drop shells into the sunken hulks. The whereabouts of the torpedo boat destroyers continues doubtful, but it is thought they are sheltered outside the harbor.

The weather prevents a good observation being made, but the Japanese are sending a searching fire into nooks which are not observable from 203 Meter Hill, and other heights. The observers report a number of tugs, launches and small craft anchored near the hospital ships in the west harbor, where they evidently have gone for the purpose of obtaining protection. It is suggested that the besiegers notify Lieut. Gen. Siosseld to separate these vessels from the hospital ships near of take the consequences.

The Japanese are exercising care to avoid hitting the hospital ships, which frequently are in the direct line of fire.

London, Dec. 12.—An official report from Port Arthur, according to a Tokio dispatch in the Daily Mail, says the Japanese torpedo boat destroyers attacked the Russian battleship Sevastopol, at the mouth of the harbor, the night of December 9, with what results is not known.

The Daily Telegraph's correspondent before Port Arthur reports, under date of December 9, that there were desperate encounters last week. The belligerents, the correspondent adds, mutually recognized the Red Cross and collect the dead and wounded during temporary suspensions of fighting.

The Daily Telegraph's Tien Tsin correspondent learns from official Japanese sources that the Japanese casualties at Port Arthur the latter part of October were 3,000 killed and 10,000 wounded. The losses in more recent attacks, the correspondent adds, were much heavier. The same correspondent has heard that continual fighting is proceeding south of Mukden.

The correspondent at Shanghai of the Daily Telegraph, in a dispatch dated December 11, says that according to Peking reports, the Russians have retreated to the south bank of the Hun River after seventy-two hours' fighting, with heavy losses.

On the fourth day of the fighting, the correspondent says, the Japanese assumed the offensive. The Mukden station is reported to be in a wild state of confusion. The Daily Telegraph.

### Terrell County Club Lake.

Terrell: The Country Club recently chartered in this city, has just awarded a contract for the construction of the club lake, in which a stock of fish will be placed when completed. The lake will be provided with clubhouse and every modern convenience for a fishing and hunting resort. The territory surrounding the lake will be inclosed with a substantial fence and stocked with various kinds of game.

### Negro Kills His Wife.

Cleburne: Ed Hicks killed his wife in East Cleburne Sunday morning. They had been separated. He had been living in Dallas and she at Abilene. They met here and decided to make up and live together. He attacked the woman with a large knife and cut her nine times and then shot her dead. A large number of witnesses were examined. Both of the parties were negroes. Hicks is in jail charged with the crime.

### Sunday Law Test at El Paso.

El Paso: That public sentiment on the Sunday law enforcement might be put to a test one of the saloons kept its doors open Sunday and dispensed the usual beverages. The sheriff has already declared his intention to prosecute all violators of the law, but the saloon men hope that a jury of citizens will fail to convict, because of the business element of the community seem to favor a less stringent policy than heretofore pursued.

thinks the authenticity of the foregoing reports from Chinese sources of heavy fighting is very doubtful.

### Prize Winning Cattle.

Albany: Cattle that were bred in Shackelford County have a record that any section should be proud of. Capt. C. B. Snyder, Jr., who owns a large ranch in this county, was the breeder of the cattle that captured the prize at the stock show in Chicago recently. He sold them to Fred Slocum and in turn Slocum sold them to Marion Sansom of Fort Worth. Mr. Sansom shipped them to Cresson, in Hood County, and fed them there. After fattening them Mr. Sansom tailed out four car loads, on account of immense gain, and they dressed 75 per cent net weight, breaking the record of the world. The balance of these cattle raised by Mr. Snyder and fattened by Mr. Sansom took the prize at the San Antonio Fair, captured the prize at the World's Fair at St. Louis and were shipped to the Chicago Fat Stock Show and captured the prize there.

### World's Fair Premium Cotton.

Foreman, Ark.: B. F. Haywood, a negro, who lives on Red River, twelve miles southeast of here, enjoys the enviable distinction of having produced the cotton which won the gold medal at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. He began experimenting with ordinary cotton five years ago. By carefully culling the best bolls from the finest stalks he could grow he has demonstrated to the world what phenomenal results can be achieved on the principle of the survival of the fittest in the vegetable kingdom. The staple thus evolved, in addition to possessing superior quality, approximates two inches in length and when others sold cotton at 12c he sold at 18c.

### She Just Had to Come.

New York: A woman stowaway is rare, but one was discovered on the Lorraine, which just arrived here. The woman, Marie Jane Caroff of Bretagne, is 9 years old and decrepit. Owing to her age and infirmities she was not obliged to work her passage, but was fed and cared for by the officers of the ship. She wanted to get here to reach her nephew, who lives near Scranton, and who in frequent letters has asked her to live with him.

### Mexico Will Put Convicts to Work.

City of Mexico: With the reclamation of land in Mexico, Ramon Corral, the recently inaugurated Vice President, proposes the establishing of penal colonies. Instead of allowing criminals to live off the Government in idleness they will be put to work on agricultural tracts in various parts of the Republic. Cities will be cleared of vagrants and suspicious characters, who will be made into farmers.

### President Firm on Railway Control.

Washington: Enlargement of the powers of the interstate commerce commission is one of the questions which will be pressed vigorously at the present session of congress. It can be said that in the mind of the President no problem more important than this to all the people of the country is likely to engage the attention of congress this winter.

The heaviest snow of the season fell in the Northwest Saturday.

### Murdered and Robbed.

Houston: M. Castaneda, a middle-aged Mexican, was murdered last night for the purpose of robbery. The body was found in Houston Heights. It is believed that the murderer held him up at the point of a revolver and when resistance was made fired. Two bullet entered the face. The pockets of the dead man were turned wrong side out and the shoes and socks were removed in the search for money.

All the banks at Ennis have plenty of money and they have all announced ready to assist the farmers to carry the cotton now on hand over for a reasonable time or until prices are better. It is understood that the banks here are advancing \$25 a bale.

The State Treasurer made a heavy call to pay registered warrants Saturday, being up to No. 14,750, a total of \$129,117. The net deficit is \$599,364, and the last warrant registered numbered 25,450.

Jessie Forehand, single, aged 22, was shot and instantly killed at Mullen Saturday evening. Sheriff Atkinson was there and has Richard Williams of Goldthwaite in charge.

In the prohibition election held in Panola County Saturday the Beckville box gave a majority of 183 for prohibition out of a vote of 248 ballots. The county has gone prohibition by more than two to one. The majority two years ago was 46. Five hundred is a safe majority this time.

## GET READY TO FACE THE MUSIC.

### Taxes Must Be Raised 'till Large Enough to Pay Expenses.

Austin: Hon. W. L. Blanton of Gainesville, who will represent Cooke County in the next legislature, is a lawyer of admitted ability. If his construction of section 49 of the State Constitution is correct, and there seems to be no grounds upon which to question it, the issuance of bonds by the next legislature as a means of providing for the present deficit in the general revenue fund is completely eliminated. This section of the Constitution seems to permit the legislature under conditions such as now exist to issue bonds to the amount of \$200,000, but this is all any one legislature can do.

As the deficit when the next legislature meets will be nearly \$1,000,000, the issuance of bonds would be a mere pittance, and afford very little relief.

But this is by no means all; if the departments get what they have asked for maintenance for the next two years the amount of money the legislature will need will be nearer three million than one, and the bond proposition being interdicted by the Constitution, taxation is the only means left by which the State's credit can be protected.

Therefore the next legislature may just as well conclude now, to raise the tax levy from 16.23 cents on the \$100 worth of property to 30 cents, and pass a stringent law in regard to both renditions and collections as the sole and only means of relieving the State from its present financial embarrassment.

### THE BOLL BUG MEETING.

#### Opens With too Much Hot Air and too Little Sense.

Shreveport, La., Dec. 13.—The first session of the National Cotton Convention attended by about 500, was spent in a parliamentary wrangle between the Texans and Louisianans over the permanent organization. The efforts of the Pelicans was understood as resistance to the proposal that a Texan should preside over the convention. If so, seemingly the arguments of the Texans had its effect, for shortly after the convention adjourned tonight Col. E. S. Peters of Calvert was elected as permanent chairman; J. H. Connell of Dallas as permanent secretary. N. C. Murray of Texas, president of the National Farmers' Union, was named as the vice president from Texas.

The disturbance of the afternoon, however, was eclipsed by the feeling engendered and displayed at night when the "bear evil" was under discussion and when a resolution was offered charging this government's crop statistician with doctoring the figures. This resolution was tabled, then sent to a committee and purified, after which action upon it was postponed. These proceedings did not occur under the auspices of the National Cotton Convention, but subsequently in a mass meeting, which was presided over by Harvie Jordan of Georgia, president of the Southern Cotton Protective Association.

### Bomb Throwers Busy in Cincinnati.

Cincinnati: For the fifth time within two months the Newport Iron Foundry and Machine company's buildings at Newport, Ky., were dynamited last night. No lives were lost and the workmen in the place all escaped. Two men were seen running east in Twelfth street immediately after the explosion, but they eluded the pursuers and disappeared in the vicinity of the barns.

### Wilson in the Weevil Fight.

Washington: Secretary Wilson has recommended to the House an appropriation of \$225,000 to meet the emergency caused by the ravage of the cotton boll weevil and other insects and diseases affecting cotton, and the study of the diversification of crops, and that the Secretary of Agriculture be authorized to spend the money in co-operation with the State experiment stations and practical cotton growers.

### Troubles of a House "Pahty."

Sherman: Fred Boddie, a negro nineteen years of age, while in a dispute with his step father, Tony Cephas, over family matters, shot Cephas in the back and accidentally shot his mother in the leg. Finney Washington, while going after a doctor on horseback, had his right leg broken by the horse falling on him. Boddie is in the jail and Cephas is thought to be seriously wounded. All parties are negroes.

### Mysterious Fatal Malady.

Austin: With five physicians attending her, Ellen Booths, the four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Booths, died Saturday night near Carl, 14 miles south of here, without the doctors being able to decide the cause. Her Uncle, Deputy Sheriff George Booths said that the child was apparently in the best of health a week ago. She went to sleep and when she awoke she was suffering with a high fever, and never regained consciousness.

### Pros Have a Walk-Over.

Clarksville: In the prohibition election held Monday twenty-nine boxes out of thirty-five gave the prohibitionists a majority of about 1,900 votes. The vote was very light, there being only about 3,000 votes polled in the county, giving the prohibitionists a majority of two to one. Two years ago the total vote was 5,655, the prohibitionists receiving 3,404 and the anti 2,251, a prohibition majority of about three-fifths.

## SWAYNE TO BE IMPEACHED.

### Charges the Government \$10 a Day Expenses While Paying Less.

Washington, Dec. 13.—As is generally known, the investigation of Judge Swayne as a United States District Judge for a Florida district has been in the hands of a special committee of the House for some time. The investigation was ordered at the last session of this Congress, and was for the purpose of ascertaining whether proceedings for his impeachment should be instituted against him. The committee of investigation today agreed on a report. There was a difference among members over some of the facts brought out, but the agreement was unanimous as to one thing and that was that Swayne has charged and collected \$10 a day for his expenses when in fact, his expenses on such tours did not amount to that much. The testimony, undisputed, showed he had charged and collected \$10 a day when the expenses, which the government was under obligation to pay, such as board, were not over \$2 a day. Many witnesses from Texas testify to the amount of his hotel bills while he was in Texas. The committee will undoubtedly recommend his impeachment, and the unanimity there will probably have the effect of making the house do the same.

But Swayne is not alone affected by the investigation. His defense appears to be that \$10 a day expenses is the amount charged by the United States Judges when they are away from home or off their beat, so to speak, and hence he has only been doing that which other federal judges do. This attracts attention to the other judges and the five expense money is the subject of universal comment among the Congressmen. It appears that the law provides that the Government shall pay the expenses of Judges under certain circumstances, but not more than \$10 a day. The judiciary mentioned in many cases have construed this to mean the judges are entitled to the full \$10 a day. Swayne paid \$1.50 a day for board and lodging in Tyler and charged and collected \$10 a day for such board and lodging. The upshot of it all may be a sifting of the accounts of the other judges, since if Swayne is impeached for charging the government with more than his expenses other judges doing the same ought to be at least corrected in their expense account habits. It is said that at least a law will be passed which will provide that judges shall be paid only such expense money as they expend in board and lodging. It will be quite a reflection on the judiciary to be forced to itemize their accounts to prevent them from petty pilfering through swelling their accounts, but congress has brought out the fact that it has been done and can not now get around trying to correct or prevent the crime.

### Train Wrecking to be Capital Offense.

Houston: Among the important matters that will come before the next legislature will be a bill backed by the Chiefs of Police and City Marshals' Association of Texas, amending the present law on train wrecking so as to make the crime a capital offense. The association is also seeking for legislation for incorrigible boys.

### Complete Returns from the Election.

Complete returns from the election held in Panola County Saturday show that the county went dry by more than 500 majority. Two years ago the majority for prohibition was 46.

Ben Oram, a switchman in the Sherman yards, was caught in a frog in the yards Saturday, run over and instantly killed.

### Whiskey Peddlers Must Look Out.

Sulphur Springs: Acting upon the advice of the county attorney, the sheriff has jointly issued with the attorney the following warning: "All whiskey peddlers, drummers, solicitors and agents of whiskey houses are hereby notified to cease their operations in Hopkins County at once, as prosecutions will certainly follow. This notice is intended as a warning for all parties engaged in the above business in this county."

### Oyster Traffic Stopped by Ice.

New York: Great South Bay, Long Island, the home of the Blue Point Oysters, is frozen over for the first time before Christmas in the memory of the traditional "oldest inhabitant." The recent mild weather afforded immense shipments of oysters, both to Europe and American houses, but the sudden freeze up has stopped all traffic. The life savers on South Beach are cut off from the mainland by five miles of treacherous ice.

## ALL OVER TEXAS.

Citizens of Waco are suffering from an unprecedented plague of rats, the vermin destroying all sorts of stock feed.

It is understood on good authority that Port Arthur, Texas, is to have a shipyard and marine ways, where vessels can be built and repaired.

Mark Harris was waylaid at the Farmers' Cotton Yard at Cleburne Thursday night. Some one a few feet from him fired a large calibre bullet through his hat.

C. M. Nimmon of Denton was awarded first prize, a silver medal, by the World's Fair for the best Irish potatoes received from the state. The variety was the Early Michigan.

At a meeting of the city council of Terrell an election to raise the city school taxes from 25c to 35c on the \$100 of property valuation, was ordered to be held on January 2, 1905.

The are 6,000 bales of cotton in the two cotton yards at Temple that belong to the farmers. They decline to sell at the present prices and say they can hold till next season of necessary.

H. A. Cunningham of Yoakum, a brakeman on the San Antonio and Aransas Pass railway, fell from a car at Rockdale while switching in the yard there and had his left leg broken.

After spending some \$3,000,000 on a system of waterworks, Dallas is facing its annual water famine. Artesian wells are now talked of as a dernier resort.

The Western Union Telegraph company reports to the comptroller the sending of 148,967 day messages for quarter ending Sept. 30, 1904, and 27,555 night messages for the same time.

Frank Castner was shot and killed at Naples Wednesday. Jim Kirk voluntarily surrendered to the officers soon after the shooting. Castner was hit by four pistol shots in the head, left side, back and leg.

Claude L. Grubbs of Temple has been appointed assistant secretary of the Railroad Y. M. C. A., succeeding Evans Couey, resigned. Eugene Thompson, a newspaper man, of Temple has been appointed secretary of the Cuero Y. M. C. A., effective January 1.

John Uhnweller, who lost his life in the fire at Denton, Sunday morning, is believed to have been the oldest man in Texas. His age is 103 years. He came to this country from France and was of German extraction. His faculties were unimpaired. He was a soldier in the first empire under Napoleon.

Arrangements are being made for a big carnival to be held in Belton during Christmas week. An engagement will be made with a large amusement company and a per cent of the receipts will go to the building fund of the fire department. The trolley line from Temple, it is reported, will be completed by that time.

Burglars wrecked the North Fort Worth postoffice safe early Monday morning. They are believed to have secured less than \$100, most of the money having been deposited Saturday night in the Stock Yards bank. Few, if any, stamps were taken.

Saturday morning Elias Anderson, a colored laborer employed in the Taylor Cotton Oil Works, had his left foot caught in some machinery, which necessitated the amputation of the member just above the ankle.

Holding cotton for higher prices has cost Ellis County farmers at least \$250,000, unless there is a rally soon.

Alonso Christ fell from a loaded wagon near Cameron and the wagon wheel passed over his head, crushing it and causing instant death.

The Elks Lodge of Terrell is planning to erect a modern ground floor opera house in that city. The lodge owns a lot close to the business section of the city, on which the new opera house will be located.

The Gulf, Texas and Northern Railway has a large force of graders at work at Marshall and is employing all teams that can be secured. The company has a great number of cars of steel rails and cross-ties that will be delivered soon.

The mangled remains of Glenn Jones, 18 years of age, were found near the Denver track, between First and Second streets, Fort Worth, Thursday night. The deceased worked at the Southern Cold Storage plant.

Rev. J. W. Holsapple, pastor of the Christian Church at Greenville, and Miss Lydia Lavender, daughter of Ervin Lavender, a prominent resident of Lancaster were married at the home of the bride's parents, Thursday evening.

Major William Warner, of Kansas City, Mo., has declined the appointment as commissioner of pensions. The place will be made vacant by the resignation of Commissioner Ware, which takes place on January 1.



# Fire from 203 Metre Hill Breaking Up the Vessels

Tokio, Dec. 8.—A long list of decorations and promotions of naval officers at Port Arthur, signed October 21, and published at St. Petersburg November 24, showed that the warships at Port Arthur on the former date included the battleships Retvizan, Pobleda, Peresviet, Poltava and Sevastopol, the armored cruiser Bayan, the protected cruiser Pallada, the gunboats Veadnik, Ciliaik and Bohr, the coast defense vessel Otavshni, the transport Amur (since described as a mine ship) and the torpedo boat destroyers Stronil, Silny, Smeyl, Serditi, Bolki, Bezshami, Storozhevoi, Razyashati and Rattoropy. Of the destroyers the Rastoropy was blown up at Chefoo by her crew after going there with dispatches. Of the other named ships, as the result of the Japanese bombardment from 203 Metre Hill, the Poltava has been sunk, the Retvizan is listed to star-

board and her upper deck is nearly submerged; the Peresviet, according to the report of the commanding officer of the naval land battery, received at Tokio Thursday afternoon, has been sunk; the Pallada is beginning to list to port and is still undergoing a vigorous bombardment. The Pobleda, according to latest Japanese advices, is seriously damaged, listing aft and submerged to the stern walk and the Bayan is aground and burning.

Thus two of the five battleships have been sunk, two having been seriously damaged, or are in danger of meeting the fate of the Poltava and the Peresviet, and the fifth, the Sevastopol, seems to be somewhat damaged. Of the cruisers, the Bayan seems to have been altogether disabled, while the Pallada is listing and is a special object of the Japanese fire.

## PRESENTS ANOTHER SUFFRAGE BILL

Senator Morrell introduces one that bears down alike.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Another bill has been introduced in the House looking to a reduction of representation in that body from any State where the citizen has been deprived of the suffrage except for crime and rebellion. It was introduced by Mr. Morrell of Pennsylvania, and is not to become operative until 1907. The bill imposes the duty on the Secretary of Commerce and Labor to ascertain through the Census Bureau by means of a biennial census the number of citizens in each state to whom the right to vote is denied except for the two causes mentioned and to report the same to the Speaker of the House on March 4, 1907, and biennially the same way thereafter. On this report the representation from each State shall be based.

Crumpecker, the original mover of the proposition to cut representation to fit the vote, called on the President to feel of him on the question. His interview with the President was very brief and when he came forth he declined to give an intimation even of the reception his proposition received by the President. Those who embark in suggestions when they can not get the fact argue that if the President received the suggestion of cutting the

representation from the South, that being the hobby of Crumpecker, the interview would have been extended, since Crumpecker naturally would have gone over the details and proposed making of such a law as he would want passed.

The river and harbor bill is still in the committee, but it is proceeding as rapidly as possible. It is now conceded that there will be a bill and the best opinion is that it will approximate \$30,000,000 as cash appropriations, with \$40,000,000 or \$50,000,000 appropriated in continuing contracts, but it appears that in nearly every case or project, and particularly those away from the seaboard, the engineers have thrown doubts on the feasibility, practicability, or have made suggestions of small appropriations. It is explained in some quarters that this has been brought about by politics or rather by pressure from party leaders who do not want a large deficit at the end of the fiscal year.

At the last session, it will be remembered, that a bill passed the House, admitting New Mexico and Arizona as one State, and Oklahoma and Indian Territory as one State. The bill is before the Senate and the friends of it are beginning to push it already. There is every indication that it will be disposed of at this session.

## PARIS GREEN IS NOT EFFECTIVE.

Washington: The Department of Agriculture has issued a bulletin on the use of Paris green in controlling the cotton boll weevil, as prepared by W. D. Hunter, special agent of the bureau in charge of the experimental work with the Mexican boll weevil in Texas. The report goes exhaustively into the experiments made with Paris Green to destroy and prevent the weevil both by the representatives of the Government and by farmers in a great many localities in which the weevil is a plague, and the result of the experiment is embraced in the following summary of the conclusion of the bulletin:

From the rather extensive observations and experiments noted on the preceding pages the Bureau of Entomology concludes that the use of Paris green in controlling the boll weevil is absolutely futile. This conclusion is based upon the following determined facts:

1. Persistent use of Paris green

from the time of chopping until picking (in some cases as many as fifteen applications) has failed to materially reduce the number of weevils or to increase the yield.

2. Careful examination on very many experiments with the poison made by planters in Texas has failed to reveal conclusive instances of its successful use.
3. Reason for the impossibility of poisoning the weevils successfully are to be found in the facts that only a very small percentage emerge from hibernation before the squares are set upon the plants, that they do not drink the dew on the leaves at night, and that as soon as squares are set all feeding is done within the shelter of the bracts (shuck) beyond the reach of any poison that might be applied.

One firm alone, which does a wholesale business, at Denton, has shipped 4,200 dressed turkeys to markets in the North and West.

## Death and Arson.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 9.—Ben B. Hughes, a wealthy merchant and planter of Trenton, S. C., and entire family, have been murdered and the house burned. The fire was discovered by residents living near the Hughes home, who raised an alarm. Members of the family could not be found.

Investigation revealed the fact that unknown parties, believed by the officers to be three men, entered the house through the rear, murdered Mrs. Hughes in her room with an ax, then went to the room occupied by the daughters, Emma, aged 19, and Hattie, aged 14, and murdered them in like manner without the girls awakening. Hughes evidently heard the noise and went from his room into the hallway, where he was shot down a revolver being found near his side.

Four cases of bubonic plague are reported in Para according to a Herald dispatch from Rio Janeiro, Brazil.

## Engineer Scalded to Death.

Hutchins: Engineer M. T. Moreland of the Lancaster branch of the Houston and Texas Central Railroad was fatally scalded in a wreck here Thursday afternoon. His train, consisting of four loaded box cars and one combination passenger and baggage coach, was just entering the switch, on schedule time. The train was a heavy one, and although Mr. Moreland had applied the brakes and reversed his engine, he was powerless to control it. The engine and one car were ditched and completely wrecked; three cars were derailed, while the passenger coach alone was left upon the track. Two passengers and the conductor were in the coach, but escaped unhurt. Moreland was buried beneath the engine, and was scalded almost beyond recognition before he was extricated. He died at 7 o'clock.

There are said to be fourteen candidates for Denison postoffice.

## Canada After Mexican Trade.

City of Mexico: The reduced postal rates between Mexico and Canada agreed on by both Governments will probably go into effect soon. The rate from Canada will be 2c gold and from Mexico 5c silver, as is now the rate to the United States. The amount of correspondence between this country and Canada is growing. Sir Will Mulock, Postmaster General of Canada, is working actively to promote direct trade with the Dominion.

## Scate Confirmitations.

Washington: The Senate has confirmed the following nominations: Paul Morton, Illinois, secretary of the navy; William H. Moody, Massachusetts, attorney general; Robert J. Wynne, Pennsylvania, postmaster general; Victor H. Metcalf, California, secretary of commerce and labor; Francis E. Leupp, District of Columbia, commissioner of Indian affairs; for postmaster, New York, William R. Wilcox, New York.

## TO REDUCE REPRESENTATION

### Rivers and Harbors Bills Undergoing Scrutiny.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Congressional committees are busy with the appropriation bills and one of the most important of them, the legislative bill, has been completed. Work on the other bills is proceeding rapidly and among them is the river and harbor bill. It is now agreed that this bill will be brought in, though many members were in doubt about it no longer than two days ago. From the estimate made about the first of the month that it would carry \$30,000,000, the sum has increased \$30,000,000. As to how it is to be apportioned no one can tell and no one will tell till Mr. Burton dictates the amount to his stenographer and what he dictates will by no means express the sums which the bill will carry when it becomes a law. From the moment it is passed by the House till it becomes a law the Senate will have just as much to say about the matter as Mr. Burton.

Senator Platt, of New York, introduced his bill to cut down the representation of the South. When it was reported that he proposed to introduce the bill there was incredulity among the Senators, since he is known to be a Senator wholly indifferent to all matters outside of New York. He has never in his life affected the attitude of such statesmanship as would be demonstrated by the introduction of a bill, which if a law, would have a general effect. So much surprise was felt that he felt called upon to explain that the bill was one introduced by request and that the request came from a Republican club of some sort in New York. The Democratic Senators, instead of being aroused by it, are disposed to ridicule it. Even Senator Bailey, when the bill was read, became jocular at the expense of Platt and wanted to know if the bill contained any provision which prevented Governors from naming Senators instead of the Legislature naming them, as provided by the Constitution. Some idea of the absurdity of the bill can be seen when it is told that the bill proposes to cut off representatives of such States as deprive citizens from voting because of race and precious condition and enumerates Texas as one which must lose one Representative because of this, where the only limitation on the right to vote is the poll tax, which applies to white and black. There is nothing in the matter and there will not be.

## A. A. Arthur Arrested in Kansas.

Hiawatha, Kan.: A. A. Arthur who came to Hiawatha in August last, purchased property and announced his intention of making his home here permanently, was arrested by a Pinkerton detective from St. Louis. His arrest is stated to be in connection with the depositing of a draft of \$10,000, at Paris, Texas, signed by M. M. Stevenson, cashier of the Georgia National Bank, at Athens, Ga.

He was permitted to draw \$2,500 of the amount. It is stated the Athens draft came back protested as being worthless. Arthur is 70 years of age, 6 feet in height and weighs 200 pounds. He has a library worth \$2,000. Arthur was pastor of a Christian church at Exeter, Neb., three years ago, and has been an evangelist and lecturer on the Holy Land.

Dr. Shrader, posing for many years as a divine healer, arrived in Laredo Tuesday night. Wednesday he was arrested and put in jail in default of giving a bond in the sum of \$50 on the charge of practicing medicine without a license.

## New Round Bale Trouble.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 8.—Cyrus Kehr, patent attorney of this place, received today papers granting a sweeping patent to J. M. Spoon of Burlington, N. C., for the cylindrical baling of cotton upon application antedating all patents of the sort. This will make all producers of the cylindrical bale in the United States infringers after December 5, the date on which the patent was issued. The Planters' Compress Company of Boston, Mass., capitalized at \$6,000,000, and with the actual investment of about \$4,000,000, with business all over the South, is affected, especially. It is the owner of practically all the patents of the kind, but they are later than that of the Spoon application. For about three years this company has been fighting the Spoon patent in the patent office, but the Spoon patent has won every point. An appeal is, however, pending.

## McKinney's 'Possum and Tater Club.

McKinney: The McKinney "Possum and Tater Club" gave its fifth annual banquet at the Wade Hotel Thursday night. A large number of the members and other guests were present, among them Col. W. F. Mitchell of Dallas, Judge E. B. Perkins of Dallas, general attorney for the Cotton Belt Railroad, and E. C. Hunter of the Sherman Democrat. A number of toasts were responded to.

## Riggins Still in the Courts.

Waco: The suit of J. W. Riggins, ex-mayor of Waco, for \$5,000 alleged to be due him as salary while acting as mayor, or rather after he had been unseated by the city council, is on trial in the district court. Plaintiff claims that he was illegally deprived of the office and the salary and asks for the salary during the unexpired term. A damage feature was at first attached to the suit, but this has been expunged.

## JAPANESE GUNS EFFECTIVE.

### Two Vessels in Port Arthur Are Put Out of Service.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 8.—A foreign telegram received here stating that the Japanese have succeeded in mounting heavy guns on 203 Metre Hill are regarded as seriously significant and have created a deep impression at the War Office. If the reports of the sinking of the Russian warships in the harbor of Port Arthur are confirmed, it destroys the last hope of a sortie, and when the end comes nothing remains but to sink those remaining in deep water to prevent them falling into the hands of the enemy.

The importance of 203 Metre Hill to the garrison is evidenced by Gen. Stoessel's desperate efforts to recapture it.

Tokio, Dec. 8.—The headquarters of the Japanese army in front of Port Arthur has reported confirming the disabling of the Russian battleships Retvizan and Poltava, and stating that the cruiser is aground.

The report goes on as follows:

"Owing to the plunging fire from 203-Metre Hill, the enemy has withdrawn to Agaska Hill. On December 6 our forces occupied an entire fort at 1 p. m., subsequently our forces, after dislodging the enemy, occupied an eminence north of Sureh Kou and two eminences north of San Lohian at 3 p. m.

"On December 6 at 4 p. m., in response to the bearer of the enemy's flag of truce, an armistice of five hours was gained for the removal of the dead."

Tokio, Dec. 8.—It is officially announced that the Russian battleship Poltava has been sunk in the harbor of Port Arthur, as a result of the Japanese bombardment in August last, battle ship Retvizan has been seriously damaged.

## ERECT SECOND GIBRALTAR.

### Great Britain Seeks to Control Entrance to Red Sea.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 7.—According to a story current in high circles here, Russia's efforts some time ago to negotiate the purchase of seven Argentine and Chilean warships have had a curious sequel. The two South American countries declined to sell the vessels direct to Russia, fearing the possibility of being later held liable to pay Japan heavy damages, as Great Britain was in the Alabama case. At that time the question of selling to a third party as an intermediary was discussed and the possibility of Turkey playing the role was discussed. But Argentina and Chile steadfastly declined to entertain any proposition without a guarantee against future liability.

According to the story, Russia then abandoned the project, whereupon Great Britain stepped in, offering to advance the money to Turkey to buy the ships in return for certain concessions which would permit Great Britain to erect a second Gibraltar on the coast of Yemen, opposite Perim Island, which would give Great Britain control of the lower entrance to the Red Sea. Negotiations between Great Britain and Turkey along these lines are said to be now progressing. It is added that Russia is so much alarmed over the report that an embassy has been dispatched to Constantinople to investigate and block the game.

Coonskin Freeman, a Kickapoo Indian, was killed at Shawnee by a Choctaw train. Freeman was walking on the track.

## Sandbagged, Robbed and Chained.

Killeen: Monday night about 8 o'clock, C. R. Hold, a blacksmith, returned to his shop to feed his horse and while opening the lot gate two men approached as if on pass on down the street. Suddenly one of the men struck him on the head with a sand bag, knocking him senseless. They took his purse, containing something like \$30 and carried him into his shop, chained him to a table and left him. Upon partial recovery he crawled home still chained.

## Blaze at Wylie.

Wylie: Friday morning a lamp exploded in the restaurant of Wynn & Son, setting fire to the building and doing considerable damage before it could be extinguished. B. H. Wynn was burned about the face and hands, but not seriously. U. J. Smith, living about two and one-half miles from Wylie, lost his barn and contents, the whole worth \$250 or \$300, last night. He does not know how the fire originated.

## PORT ARTHUR IN BAD WAY.

### Ships Being Sunk and Food Supply Exhausted.

Headquarters of the Third Japanese Army Before Port Arthur, Dec. 8, via Fusan, Dec. 10.—Russian prisoners report that the food supply of the garrison is insufficient. The men subsist on short rations of bread made of a mixture of flour and coarser grains, while the officers get horse flesh twice a week. Dysentery and typhoid fever, the prisoners say, are very prevalent.

Owing to the bad weather, a supply of fresh vegetables can not be obtained and the supply of tinned meats was finished a month ago.

The appearance of the prisoners goes to substantiate their statements.

Tokio, Dec. 10.—The following report dated Friday at 10 p. m., has been received from the commander of the naval land battery in front of Port Arthur:

"Eight shells struck the protected cruiser Pallada today and set her on fire. Simultaneously she began to list to port, lowering astern. She is deemed unfit for navigation. During the action we discovered a gunboat north of the battleship Peresviet and bombarded her. Eleven of our shells were effective. This vessel is also deemed to be disabled.

"The hits made by our naval and siege guns today total twenty-two. The armored cruiser Bayan caught fire at 11:30 o'clock this morning and the fire was not extinguished until 4:15. Evidently the cruiser is seriously damaged."

Another report from the same commander dated at 3 o'clock this morning is as follows:

"As the result of our naval bombardment yesterday the Bayan was hit six times and the Amur fourteen times and the Amur is sinking astern.

"Our cannonade directed against the storehouses and arsenals at the northern base of Pal Yu Mountain resulted in thirty-six hits, causing great damage."

Headquarters of the Third Japanese Army Before Port Arthur, via Fusan, Dec. 10.—The Japanese regard the refusal of the Russians to accept an armistice which had been asked for and granted for the purpose of gathering the killed and wounded on 203 Metre Hill, as the overruling of the humane desire of General Stoessel by the officers commanding the forts. It was feared by those officers that the Japanese think that their men would desert and give the Japanese the advantage of the information regarding the forts.

## Russian prisoners report that Gen. Stoessel's order was overruled by the garrison defenders.

Fair for Ennis. A number of citizens of Ennis have started out with a movement to establish here the Ellis County Live Stock and Fair Association. They have decided to place the capital stock at \$2,000 and more than half of the stock has already been taken. They expect to organize at an early date and will apply at once for a charter. It is expected that the capital stock will be increased whenever funds are needed.

## Fort Worth Fat Stock Show.

Fort Worth: The Fort Worth Fat Stock Show, to be held during the cattlemen's convention next March, will be the largest ever held in the State of Texas, and from the preparations that are being made will be one of the largest ever held in the Southwest. The Shorthorn and Hereford Breeders' Associations have taken the work up of assisting in the Fort Worth show, which will put this show on a par with any.

## President Stands Firm.

Washington, Dec. 10.—President Roosevelt is standing squarely on his message in reference to the fixing of railroad rates by the Interstate Commerce Commission, and desires that action be taken by Congress at this session. Many Senators and Representatives have called to learn his views, and he told them frankly that he thought something should be done to enlarge the powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission and should be done immediately.

The Senators who have determined that nothing shall be done until the beginning of the next Congress have accepted the situation and the contest between the White House and the Senate on the great question of railroad rates and increased powers for the Interstate Commerce Commission is now fairly on. It is believed at the capitol that the Senate leaders stand as a stone wall against any action along the line of the message.

## Took His Own Life.

Cleburne, Tex., Dec. 9.—W. H. Myers shot himself through the head tonight, dying instantly. He was a cotton buyer and was sitting in a chair in his office. Falling to come to supper, his wife went down and found him sitting still in death, though warm, showing that the act had just been committed. Mr. Myers was about 40 years old and handled many big shipments of cotton for European firms.

## Fifteen Dead in the Mine.

Tacoma: A dispatch to the Leader from Burnett, Wash., says: Eleven miners have been killed by an explosion in the Burnett coal mine and it is believed that the death list will total fifteen. Searching parties were immediately organized, and after working incessantly for about eight hours, eleven burnt and mangled corpses have been recovered. Of these eight leave families, while three are unmarried.

## Bank Dynamited.

Enid, Ok.: The Farmers' State Bank of Lambert, Wood County, west of this city, was robbed Wednesday night by three men, who dynamited the safe and obtained \$3,000 cash as their booty. While two of the robbers worked on the safe another stood guard on the outside and held the horses. When the robbers had obtained their plunder they rode off in the direction of the Glass Mountains.

## GROWTH OF HUMBLE.

### A Hustling Little City of Several Thousand People.

Austin: C. E. Anderson, the well known oil operator, has just returned from a trip to the oil fields at Beaumont, Sour Lake and other places. He also visited the new field at Humble, which is seventeen miles east of Houston. Speaking of this last named place Mr. Anderson said it was the most wonderful thing how the town of Humble expanded in a few days. When the first indications of oil were heralded to the world, Humble was nothing more than a "tank" station, now it is a bustling little city of several thousand inhabitants. He said it outrivalled Batson and other places for rapid growth. Lots which were selling at \$1 to \$5 a few weeks ago are now commanding \$400 to \$500 each. The people are wild over the prospects of a great flow of oil and they are pouring into Humble at the rate of nearly 100 per day.

Speaking of the oil situation in general, Mr. Anderson said that the entire output of the different fields in Texas would not exceed 25,000 barrels per day. The field at Jennings, La., is attracting considerable attention.

## HOUSE PASSED APPROPRIATIONS.

### Executive, Legislative and Judicial Bill is Passed.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The House today passed the executive, legislative and judicial appropriation bill practically as it came from the committee and adjourned until Monday. The Civil Service Commission provisions disposed of, there was no long debate on any item to-day. Throughout the session the policy of retrenchment held full sway and all attempts to increase salaries failed.

The matter of public interest to-day was the suggestion in the President's message to the effect that the Interstate Commerce Commission should be clothed with the power to fix rates, which should stand until the court decided them to be unfair to the roads.

The statement was made on all sides that the flurry in Wall Street yesterday was directly traceable to this suggestion, and to-day it is said a great many telegrams were received by Congressmen from New York asking if legislation along the lines of the Presidential suggestion was possible.

The representative of the shippers' convention held at the World's Fair at St. Louis was before the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce and urged the committee to take up what is known as the Quarles-Cooper bill, that is in line with the Presidential suggestion. This bill was introduced at the last session by Senator Quarles and Representative Cooper of Wisconsin. The representative of the Shippers' Association was Mr. Bacon of Milwaukee. The bill was discussed by the committee at the last session of Congress, but nothing was done with it, but the utterance of the President has attracted universal attention to it.

## Negro Preacher Held for Murder.

Waco: The body of a seven-year-old negro boy which was found about a month ago lying in the weeds, was exhumed for investigation, the boy's father, Rev. Lemuel Sanders, having been arrested, charged with murder. When arrested Sanders was attending a conference in Georgetown. Investigation of the body Thursday tended to show that the child was murdered, as there was a hole in the head. Sanders is in jail here.

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## Took His Own Life.

Cleburne, Tex., Dec. 9.—W. H. Myers shot himself through the head tonight, dying instantly. He was a cotton buyer and was sitting in a chair in his office. Falling to come to supper, his wife went down and found him sitting still in death, though warm, showing that the act had just been committed. Mr. Myers was about 40 years old and handled many big shipments of cotton for European firms.

## Fifteen Dead in the Mine.

Tacoma: A dispatch to the Leader from Burnett, Wash., says: Eleven miners have been killed by an explosion in the Burnett coal mine and it is believed that the death list will total fifteen. Searching parties were immediately organized, and after working incessantly for about eight hours, eleven burnt and mangled corpses have been recovered. Of these eight leave families, while three are unmarried.

## Bank Dynamited.

Enid, Ok.: The Farmers' State Bank of Lambert, Wood County, west of this city, was robbed Wednesday night by three men, who dynamited the safe and obtained \$3,000 cash as their booty. While two of the robbers worked on the safe another stood guard on the outside and held the horses. When the robbers had obtained their plunder they rode off in the direction of the Glass Mountains.



High price, low life, head the...

# THE FREE PRESS.

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### WHAT WAS THE CAUSE.

It has been the practice of the republican politicians and newspapers to charge responsibility on the democratic party for all the hard luck and financial depressions which have followed democratic party successes and to take to the republican party credit for all the prosperity that has been enjoyed during republican administrations, and there have been not a few people who were simple enough to believe such rot. Within a month of Mr. Roosevelt's election an enormous drop occurred in the price of cotton, causing the loss of many millions of dollars to people who were dealing in that staple and more or less injuriously affecting the business of a very large section of the United States, and only last week a sensational slump occurred in the price of railroad and industrial stocks, causing heavy losses in the speculative world and deranging business to a considerable extent, especially in the East, yet no one, nor any democratic newspaper, has been mendacious enough to charge these things up as due to republican success or anticipated legislative policy.

We do not entertain the least doubt, however, that had the democrats won at the late election and these things had followed, just as they have done, the republican and corporation press would have reeled with great headlines of "We Told You So!" and labored editorials pointing out the whys and wherefores and the folly of the people in electing a democratic administration. And it is a lamentable fact that they would have found plenty of people to believe their false and sophistical reasoning—even among the people of the South, when, in fact, the flurry in stocks was the result of financial manipulation and the drop in cotton was due to a natural law of trade or values, viz: supply and demand, though considerably exaggerated, we believe, by the suddenness of it, and having no relation to politics.

These things should furnish the people an object lesson to be remembered, and prevent them from being bluffed and scared in future political campaigns.

The state that doesn't protect its infant industries is not much of a state. Texas should see to it that her manufacturing interests are well looked after.—Austin Statesman.

We are at some loss to know just what the Statesman means. Texas laws permit freely of incorporation for all manufacturing, industrial and commercial purposes and they give full and ample protection to capital thus employed, with no vexatious restrictions. What more can the State do through her laws unless it be to exempt manufacturers from taxation for a term of years? That should not be necessary, for it would seem that, with all the virgin resources of Texas, manufacturing should be done with as great or greater profit here than in the older sections to which the raw materials must be carried for long distances. Certainly, factories using cotton, wool, timber and iron should prosper in Texas without any special privileges.

Now that the great exposition is over and a retrospect of it is in order, Texas' part comes up for review. Along this line it might be stated that the part this state played in the fair is one that will be worth so much to her that it is impossible to estimate. Suffice to say, however, that the exhibit Texas made there has opened the eyes of the whole world as to what Texas soil and Texas energy can accomplish in the domain of achievements.—Terrell Transcript.

That was the first time Texas was ever represented at any of the great expositions, and what the transcript says is true. For many years to come Texas and Texas people will be gathering the returns from it from all over the civilized world, for many people from all countries saw her fine display and, from all accounts, all were surprised and pleased with the hint it gave of the state's great resources. There can be no doubt but that the aggregate of the returns will cancel the cost many times over.

Those people who have been giving the republican party credit for the good prices and prosperity which the country has enjoyed for some time should, to be consistent, now charge it up with the fall in the price of cotton—a matter which makes a difference of twenty-five or thirty millions of dollars to the producers of the South. True, the party is not responsible for it any more than for good prices, but "consistency is a jewel," you know.

### IN THEIR FOOTSTEPS.

There is, as seems to be admitted by the English and German press, and as shown in consular reports, great business depression in both of those countries. From this it is evident that the people of those countries are not prospering, for when the people of any country are prospering there is no business depression. Those who have taken a comprehensive view of the conditions prevailing there find the cause for it in the wars that have consumed the time of the people, in the enormous expense of maintaining large standing armies and building and maintaining enormous naval establishments and in the expense of administering their several colonial governments, all of which and the interest on their constantly increasing national debts must be met by heavy taxation which absorbs most of the surplus over a bare living produced by the people. Notwithstanding this object lesson which stands out plainly before us there are many people in this country who have said by their political action that they want it to follow in the footsteps of those countries by holding colonial possessions far over the seas, establishing a large standing army, building up a mighty navy and taking an active part in world diplomacy, by which we may be led into foreign war at any time.

When through the peace policy which this country has pursued and the close attention to its own business in building up every species of industry and commerce, it has grown to be the most wealthy and individually and collectively prosperous country in the world, it seems to us a piece of stupendous folly to change that line of policy and take upon which is running the countries of Europe. It is to be hoped that four years in that direction will suffice the people of the United States.

According to the census of 1900 the men in the United States outnumbered the women by 1,638,381.

Rev. C. C. Anderson of Sweetwater will preach at the Presbyterian church to night and at 11 a. m. and night tomorrow.

## INDIGESTION

"I was troubled with stomach trouble. Theford's Black-Draught did me more good in one week than all the doctor's medicine I took in a year."—MRS. SARAH E. SHIRFIELD, Ellettsville, Ind.

Theford's Black Draught quickly invigorates the action of the stomach and cures even chronic cases of indigestion. If you will take a small dose of Theford's Black Draught occasionally you will keep your stomach and liver in perfect condition.

## THEFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT

More sickness is caused by constipation than by any other disease. Theford's Black-Draught not only relieves constipation but cures diarrhoea and dysentery and keeps the bowels regular.

All druggists sell 25-cent packages. "Theford's Black-Draught is the best medicine to regulate the bowels I have ever used."—MRS. A. M. GRANT, Sycams Ferry, N. C.

## CONSTIPATION

## 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.

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WILL SELL THE BEST BRANDS OF

## Liquors, Wines and Brandies

AT POPULAR AND REASONABLE PRICES.

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

## Texas Central Railway Company

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

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.

Dr. St. John was called away last week by the sickness of his wife, before he had completed some work that he was engaged on. He will return to Haskell on January 10th.

M. R. C. Chisum has sold his farm and will move to Hall county. Mr. Chisum and family are among the most highly respected citizens of our county and we regret to lose them.

Following are the officers elected by the I. O. O. F. lodge for the ensuing year: W. E. Sherrill, N. G.; M. Park, vice G.; J. W. Meadors, Sec.; Joe Irby, Treas.; H. S. Wilson, trustee. J. W. Meadors was elected delegate to the grand lodge at Houston with Judge H. R. Jones alternate.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Taylor of the southern part of the county visited the family of Judge D. H. Hamilton this week.

## 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...

## 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 seasonable

## 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.

Mr. W. D. Garren had business in the city Tuesday.

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

Mr. W. T. McDaniel, the Pinkerton gin man, farmer, stockraiser, etc., was doing business in the city Wednesday. He favored the Free Press with a call and set his subscription figures a year ahead.

We might save you money on that lumber bill. Have you tried us? Better come around before buying.

Burton-Lingo Co.,  
Stamford, Tex.

Mr. Hugh Hunt, who was at one time a citizen of Haskell, was here this week.

Mrs. W. E. Sherrill returned Wednesday evening from a visit with friends at Stamford and Abilene.

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

Miss Tomie Bowie visited friends in town this week.

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

Miss Hazelle Hudson began teaching the Brushy No. 2 public school this week.

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.

Are you going to plant some shade trees.

Post.—A gold stickpin in shape of elk's head, horns of which form the letters B. P. O. E. Finder please return to this office. It

Mr. G. W. Miller of the Miller creek neighborhood was in town Tuesday on his way to Callahan county to spend Christmas with relatives and friends.

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

Mr. R. L. Stephens of Callahan county has been visiting the family of his uncle, Mr. G. W. Miller of this county.

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

Mr. S. V. Jones has purchased 320 acres of land about two miles west of town on the Rayner road and is building a house and making other improvements on it preparatory to making it his home.

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

Mr. L. N. Riter, our old townsman, was up from Stamford Tuesday.

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

Sheriff Collins and Constable Debard pulled the "badger" Sunday night.

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

Mr. J. A. Parish has purchased of Mr. A. C. Foster a farm on the Wise county school land.

Mr. J. L. Lockett of Stamford, who was a candidate for district attorney in the democratic primaries, was in Haskell on business this week.

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

Mr. J. F. Armstrong of the southwest part of the county was in the county capital Tuesday. There is a considerable acreage of wheat in his section and he reports that it is doing very well.

Mr. J. C. High, the party who bought Mr. W. F. Watts' farm several months ago, has sold out and will move back east.

See Burton-Lingo Co., Stamford, for anything in the lumber line, that's all. Go and see if it will not pay you to get your Christmas presents at the Racket Store.

Mr. W. C. Lowrey constable at Aspermont, was in our city Thursday.

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

Mr. W. A. Earnest of Munday was in the city this week.

A choice line of Christmas candies, fruits, nuts and cigars at K. Jones.

Mr. A. F. Neal was in town Friday.

Holiday goods at the Racket Store.

Mrs. W. L. Hills visited friends in Stamford this week.

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

Owing to the sickness of one of the company, the Whitney Bros. did not appear Wednesday night last, as advertised. The Haskell Lyceum club will give another entertainment later, or refund price of tickets sold.

Fire works for sale at the Arctic.

We are informed that there will be a new drug store opened in Haskell the first of the year.

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

Judge Jones reconvened the grand jury this week to look into some recent transactions and we understand they have found four felony indictments.

Fresh cake of all kinds at the Arctic.

Mr. Grover Simmons has returned from a trip to California.

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

Miss Mary A. Young will leave Monday to spend the holidays at her home in Cresco, Iowa.

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

A United States Inspector of the "star route" mail lines was here this week on a tour of inspection of the routes in this section. Mr. J. L. Baldwin who has contracts on three lines out of Haskell, informed us that the inspector paid him quite a compliment in saying that he made the best time and kept the best teams and rigs on his lines of any contractor in West Texas.

The Full Moon club gave a farewell party to Miss Mary Young Thursday night at the residence of Mrs. H. S. Wilson.

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.

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

Capt. W. E. Rayner of the Rayner Land Agency, of Stamford was in Haskell Thursday looking after business. His firm handles real estate and live stock and offers superior opportunities to persons desiring to buy or sell. If interested look up their ad. in this paper.

Call at the Arctic for fresh fruits of all kinds.

Mr. Jim Logan had business in the city yesterday.

Fire works at K. Jones.

Mr. Jesse Groves of Knox county hauled out lumber this week for a new house on his farm.

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

A new son came to the home of Mr. Walter Hardcastle on the 9th inst.

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

Rev. J. T. Nicholson will occupy the pulpit at the Baptist church tomorrow at the regular hours. There will also be conference at 2:30 p. m.

Mr. J. R. Rock has a new son at his home dating from Monday.

Several fine violins at cost—see them at Terrells.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Boman on the 14 inst. a son. It is named J. T. after both grand parents.

See the elegant line of silver novelties at Terrells.

Mr. W. M. Harrell of Pinkerton was enrolled on our list of readers this week.

Mr. L. D. Rankin of Lyon county was here this week selling mules.

Mr. Tom Chitwood has gone to Wise county to spend Xmas with old friends.

Elgin an Waltham watches at cost—see them at Terrells.

Mr. R. P. Simmons, now of Bosque county, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Mark Whitman, and looking after his interests here.

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

Rev. J. T. Nicholson preached two able and interesting sermons at the Baptist church last Sunday.

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

Mrs. Philippa was up from Stamford visiting her sister, Mrs. R. E. Debard, 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..

Haskell as a Trading Point.

Merchants of Haskell have fully met the fall in the price of cotton by the reductions they have made in the prices of their goods. At the reduced prices it is probable that a bale of cotton will buy as much in the store of Haskell now as it would have bought at the highest price prevailing a few weeks ago, so that the loss to the farmers is not nearly so great as it would have been had the prices of merchandise remained at the old figures.

The fact that prices have been put so low and that our merchants have very complete stocks of goods in all lines, makes Haskell the most advantageous trading point in West Texas.

Recent Marriages.

Mr. William Cosstephens and Miss Easle Dobbin of the southwest part of the county were married on Dec. 5, Rev. North performing the ceremony.

Mr. J. R. Tollett and Miss Mattie Stockton of the northern part of county were married by Squire Knowles.

Mr. W. M. Griffith and Miss Julia Wyatt of the Ample neighborhood were married on Dec. 4, Rev. H. T. Dulaney officiating.

Mr. J. E. Nevill and Miss Ada Williams, an eloping couple from Anson, were married in Haskell last Monday morning, Rev. T. J. Nicholson performing the ceremony.

Mr. Roy Tanner and Miss Emily Green of the southwest part of the county were married on Dec. 5, Rev. G. W. North officiating.

Mr. R. C. Montgomery's private bank, which is to be known as the Farmers Exchange Bank, opened for business this week, after various delays and hindrances in waiting for arrival of his safe and fixtures. He has his office fitted up in regular banking house style with massive walnut counter and railing, and the vault in which the safe is located is constructed of cement blocks, a material which is said by experts to be of the highest quality in withstanding fire. The safe itself is a massive and complicated affair, possessing all the latest improvements calculated to resist burglars and fire. Mr. Montgomery says that he is now ready to receive deposits and transact a general banking business, such as making loans, issuing exchange or making remittances, receiving for collection checks, drafts, notes, etc., at any point in or out of the state.

Mr. K. L. Darrow, whose farm is about five miles west of town, called in Tuesday and renewed his own subscription and one for his father-in-law in Hill county. Mr. Darrow moved to this county from Hill about a year ago and has just closed his first crop year, and, considering that it has been a dry year, is very well satisfied with results. He says that on new, sod land, his cotton yielded a quarter of a bale per acre while on old land he got a third of a bale per acre. He made an abundance of feed stuff except that he is a little short on grain, owing to a mistake in planting, which was on account of his being new to the country and not knowing just how it should have been done. Mr. Darrow says that the land here is so much easier to cultivate than the black waxy land of Hill county that a man can handle a good many more acres of it in crops and get as large results in the end, notwithstanding an occasional drought. Another thing that pleases him and his family very much is the superior healthfulness of this country. He says that in Hill county he would generally have from \$25 to \$50 doctor's bills to pay in the course of a year but that in the year or more he has been in Haskell county he has not had to call a doctor to his family, hence that expense is saved, to say nothing of the pleasure of feeling good all the time.

Mr. J. N. Stenson of Bell county, was in Haskell prospecting this week.

Messrs. John Ballington and W. B. Buckley of Weatherford were in the city this week.

Commissioners' Court convened last Saturday and county attorney elect, B. M. Whiteaker, having failed to qualify. The office was declared vacant and H. S. Wilson esq., was appointed county attorney by the court.

Mr. R. H. Darnell, who purchased land in the southern part of the county some time since, moved in last week with his family. We are pleased to welcome them to citizenship in this, the best county in western Texas.

Mr. A. C. Henry, one of the prosperous farmers of the Pinkerton neighborhood, entered his name on our list of readers this week.

We understand that a dentist will locate permanently in Haskell, but we did not learn his name.

Some lots on the public square changed ownership this week for a consideration of \$200 each. Look out for the railroad!



### The Cathedral at Burgos

When answered were the martyr's pray-  
ers and sighs  
When the rub-goth was touched by  
those divine  
And moved by Christian grace to build  
a shrine  
Toward the bending heaven he raised  
his eyes  
Hoping to see some temple in the skies  
Lo, there a shadowy North inspires de-  
votion  
The granite bowlder, and the broken line  
Of gorge and cliff and arrowy pine arise  
So built the Goth, a distant site of mine;  
And yesterday, within this temple fat,  
The strong, sweet savor of the mountain  
plum  
Descend upon me, as before the shrine  
I kneel—and know my Thor and Odin  
thine!

—S. R. Elliott in Lippincott's.



## Chloe and the Stille

By H. B. WATSON

As we came down the field of waving  
oats on Lavender hill, Chloe was  
talking quite heroically of life.  
Her hair had been blown a little in-  
to admirer disorder by the blust wind  
on the beach, her cheeks were flushed  
with health and beauty, and she was  
mistress and queen of herself and her  
domain.

For me, my eyes went from her  
bright and significant face across the  
gray-green oats in which we walked  
broad-shouldered and back again in serene  
contentment. What did it matter that  
she was prepared to give battle to  
the monster—Mia? Let him perish!

"I can't really understand a sensible  
man like you taking up a position  
like that," said she.

I had taken no position, except the  
one by her side, but I defended myself  
weakly.

"Well, you see, you inherit these pre-  
possessions and prejudices from our  
ancestors, I suppose."

"That's just it," said Chloe, eagerly.  
"You admit it, then? Savage! Of  
course, they were savages. You've  
given away your case."

I never really had any case; but I  
didn't say so. "I suppose I have," I  
said, ruefully.

"You know it," said Miss Bohun,  
firmly. "It is quite absurd to pretend  
that women are one whit inferior to  
men, except, of course," she added  
quickly, "in regard to physical  
strength."

"And even then there were the Ama-  
zons," I suggested.

She cast a glance at me. "Yes, there  
were the Amazons," she said, "which  
shows—"

"And the women do all the hard  
work among the aboriginals," I went  
on.

She gave me another glance. "And  
that again shows—" she began with  
less confidence.

"Do you know," I said, stopping in  
midfield to observe her critically, "I  
believe that if you only practiced a lit-  
tle you would be more than a match  
for a man."

She looked away across the corn.  
"Do—do you think so?" she said, hesi-  
tatingly; and added, after a pause, "I  
—I don't think I'm so—I'm not what  
you'd call muscular."

"Well, perhaps not," I assented, ex-  
amining her appraisingly; "but sneaky  
say."

"How absurd!" said Chloe, quite  
snappishly, as she walked on. I fol-  
lowed. The deep, spreading shadows  
of the bushes at the end of the field  
enveloped us.

"Another stile," said I, cheerfully.  
"Dear me, that's the fourth!" said  
Chloe, resignedly. "I do wish they'd  
make gates between the fields."

"A stile's more picturesque," said I.  
"Very possibly," said Miss Bohun,  
indifferently. "It's certainly not as  
convenient."

"Ah," said I, smiling, "there's one  
thing, at any rate, in which men are  
superior. They can negotiate a stile."

"Indeed!" said Chloe, loftily. "I  
should have thought the feat was not  
impossible for a woman." I pursed up  
my lips. "Any woman can get over  
stiles," she said, warmly, seeing my  
skepticism.

"O, I've no doubt," I said, politely.  
"It's nonsense your saying that  
when I can see you don't believe it."

a step. But there were two crossbars  
to assist the climber. I thought  
Chloe's face fell as she noted it.  
"Let me give you a hand," I said.  
"Nonsense!" she replied. "I don't  
want any assistance. It's quite easy."  
She put the hand which was not en-  
cumbered by the sunshade on the top  
bar and placed one neat foot on the  
lowest. Then she hesitated.

"Perhaps I'd better take the sun-  
shade," I suggested.

She did not answer at once; then,  
"If you wish it," she replied nonchal-



"But I don't ride a horse this way,"  
said Chloe, miserably.

antly, "though it's of no consequence."  
I took the sunshade and waited.  
Chloe's two feet were now on the lowest  
bar. She peered over. The stile  
let down beyond in a big drop into a  
kind of hollow or ditch.

"O!" said she. "I didn't—" I was  
still waiting.

"I wish you'd go on and not stare  
in that atrocious way," said she, with  
asperity.

I begged pardon, vaulted the stile  
with one hand, and strolled on. Presen-  
tly I looked back. Miss Bohun was  
seated astride the top bar, clinging  
with both hands to it. Her face was  
deeply flushed.

"Do go on!" she called out, vehem-  
ently. I went on, leisurely.

But, somehow, I could not make up  
my mind to walk briskly. She did not  
join me, so I flung myself upon the  
grass and pulled out a cigarette.

Then I heard my name called in a  
distressful voice. I stood up and  
looked round. Miss Bohun was still  
astride the top bar, and she was pinker  
than ever.

"Please come—don't be so unkind!"  
she cried, with tears in her voice. I  
hurried back like the wind.

"Or, just give me your hand!" pant-  
ed Chloe, nervously, lifting one from  
the bar. "I can't—it's such a long  
drop. I can't get my—"

"Wait a bit," said I, considering.  
"You're half-way over now. You've  
only got to lift that foot off the bar  
and—"

"I shall go over. I know I shall go  
over," she said, pathetically.

"No, you won't," said I. "It only re-  
quires confidence. Imagine you're on  
a horse and—"

"But I don't ride a horse this way,"  
said Chloe, miserably.

"No," said I, "but men do; and  
women are just as good as—"

"It's cruel of you—it's beastly, when  
I'm in such peril!" sobbed Miss Bohun.  
"Now, just lift that foot," I enjoined.  
Chloe's weight lay limp on my shoulder.

"I can't get it free. It's stuck," she  
said, pitifully. I moved closer, still  
with my burden on my shoulder, and  
loosened the dainty foot.

"Now," I said. She lifted it ginger-  
ly. "Don't mind about your ankles," I  
said.

"O, but am I—" Her foot went  
back. "Shut your eyes, please," she  
entreated. I shut my eyes. The next  
instant the weight on me was doubled,  
and two arms went stranglingly about  
my neck.

As I have explained, the foothold  
descended into a hollow. I went  
down precipitately on my head. I saw  
several cornfields and two or three  
stiles; also more than one Chloe. But  
I seemed content to be there. Miss  
Bohun extricated herself quickly.

"D, are you hurt? O, how dreadful  
of me!" she said. "O, please, do  
speak!"

"I'll tell it," I said, "and I'm only  
hurt in one place."

"I—you frightened me," she said,

with a serious little laugh. "I'm so  
sorry. Is it your head?"

I shook it, and sat up. "No; luckily  
I was born thick-headed."

"Your—your knee?" she inquired  
again, hesitatingly.

"Certainly not my knee," I replied.  
"Then—" Chloe turned away. She  
might have asked further questions,  
but she didn't. She was busy smooth-  
ing her skirt.

"I can't think why they make such  
horrible things," said she.

"O, but any woman can get over a  
stile," I told her. She made no re-  
ply, but turned right away.

"Please," I called, "won't you help  
me up?"

Miss Bohun turned back reluctantly.  
I made a face of pain.

"It's your ankle!" she said, with  
sudden anxiety. I winced and took  
her hand, and then I was on my feet,  
with that hand in mine.

"No, it's here," I said in a lower  
voice, laying that hand on my heart.  
"It was here long ago." I drew her to  
me.

"Do you always do that to people  
you help over stiles?" asked Chloe, be-  
tween a smile and a sob.—Sketch.

### CURED OF BAD HABIT.

#### Professor No Longer Expounds While in Rocking Chair.

Dr. Abbott of the English department  
at Columbia university used to  
rock back and forth in his swiveling  
desk chair as he talked to his audi-  
tors, but he has been cured of that  
habit," said one who attended his  
classes last year. "It was this way,"  
said he:

"One member of his class on com-  
position handed in, as his weekly  
theme, an exposition on 'disagreeable  
sounds.' In its application his was a  
vivid description of a man addicted to  
this rocking habit who once, while  
addressing an audience, found himself  
in a chair that squeaked. The distress  
of the audience was so cleverly pic-  
tured in the theme that the doctor  
singled it out to read to the class.

"Singularly enough the doctor was,  
while reading, rocking back and forth  
in a chair the metal parts of which  
badly needed oil. He had not proceed-  
ed far in the reading, however, when  
it dawned upon him that he himself  
was the subject of the writer and that  
he was at that moment very aptly  
guilty of causing the kind of distress  
complained of in the writing.

"His comments on the theme were  
delivered while standing, and now he  
never rocks while speaking to a  
class."—New York Times.

#### Long Names of Persons and Places.

"In my travels," said the sailor, "I  
have come across some mighty long  
names—in fact, regular jawbreakers."  
"A friend of mine worked on an es-  
tate in Madras that was named Arade-  
maravassalooovaradooyon. That word  
has thirteen syllables. The estate next  
to Arademara (as they used to call  
the place for short) was named Kamin-  
gadayathoorooomokanooonagr i a.  
Kaminaga has sixteen syllables.

"A lady friend of mine was once as-  
sistant cook for a family whose house  
on the Isle of Mull was called Drim  
tadhorrhichillilhechattan. Another lady  
friend that I met in London was born  
in the Welsh village of Lanvaiprui-  
gwyngyll.

"Them is all names of places. Ain't  
they jawbreakers? I know some peo-  
ple's names that are jawbreakers, too.  
As fine a Spaniard as I ever drank  
with was old non Nepomuceno de  
Burionagororeagocogezcocha of Ma-  
drid.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

#### Would Have Lost It, Anyway.

Col. Robert A. Pinkerton was talk-  
ing about old times in Chicago. "I  
used to know a man there who was  
an ardent gambler," he said. "He lost  
his week's wages regularly in 'Dinner  
Pail' Hankins' game.

"One Saturday evening the man  
started home, via the gambling house,  
as usual. A spasm of reform had  
struck Chicago, and the place had  
been pulled. The man tried to enter  
the door, but failed. He walked out  
into the street and gazed up inquir-  
ingly at the closed windows.

"Then he walked back to the door,  
tried it again, but it would not open,  
so he drew his pay envelope from his  
pocket, shoved it under the door, and  
walked calmly down the street."—  
New York Times.

#### Policeman's Laugh Stops Show.

One Kansas City policeman cannot  
go to the theaters because he laughs  
so long and loud at every joke that  
he stops the performance. He was put  
on a beat where his duty took him in-  
side a theater for a few minutes ev-  
ery evening, and he asked to be  
changed, because he said the theater  
people wouldn't let him stay inside,  
even when he bought a ticket.

Before he was married he took his  
sweetheart to a show once, but at the  
end of the second act the manager  
touched him on the back and said he  
would have to get out. He had all the  
actors laughing.

"But I paid to see this show," pro-  
tested the policeman. "If you put me  
out I shall insist on your giving my  
money back."

"We'll be glad to do that, all right,"  
said the manager.

And they did.—Kansas City Journal.

#### Self-Sacrifice.

My Uncle Jim he's jes' about  
The smartest man on earth,  
He knows jes' where the muskrats live  
An' what their skins is worth;  
He knows jes' when to plant yer oats  
An' when to cut yer hay,  
An' what the Russians ought to do  
To hold the Japs at bay.

He's allus goin' round about  
As busy as kin be,  
A-givin' all the folks he knows  
This information free,  
An' people kind o' laughs to see  
His tick grow wuss an' wuss,  
You see that's what a feller gets  
For bein' generous.

—Washington Star.



### Humor of the

**How to Mend the Matter.**  
"Harold," said Mrs. Montwork,  
"when I married you I was earning  
\$22 per week and I had it all to my-  
self."  
"Yes, my love," said her husband.  
"Now, I'm earning \$30 per week, but  
you only let me have half of it."  
Mr. Montwork considered the situa-  
tion thoughtfully.

"Well, I see but one way out of it,  
Mary," he replied finally. "You'll  
have to look around and try to get a  
better job."

### His Argument.

The Fool—Tis more credit to be  
the greatest fool in the kingdom than  
the wisest sage.  
The Sage—Tis a fool that thinks  
so.  
The Fool—Yet it is true. For there  
are few wise men and many fools, and  
is not his the greatest credit who tri-  
umphs over the most competitors?

### Lesser of Evils.



She—Say, Charley  
He—Well?  
She—Don't sing any more and I  
will consent to be yours.

### Practical.

Hicks—Bjenkyns is a typical Amer-  
ican, isn't he?  
Wicks—Sure! The first time he  
saw Niagara falls he stood with his  
mouth open for a moment and then ex-  
claimed: "Jiminy! What a lot of water  
power going to waste!"

### The Tourist.

First European Tourist—Whew, but  
this is a flying trip we're taking!  
Aren't you dizzy?  
Second Ditto—Well, I should say  
so! I can't see at all. But think of  
the Venuses and historical landmarks  
we're escaping!—Philadelphia Public  
Ledger.

### Football is Such an Untidy Sport.



Mr. Senior—Our team has had the  
benefit of a splendid "scrub" this  
fall.  
Miss Dainty—Only one.

### Changes of the Times.

"It used to please me," said Olden,  
"to have the barber ask me if I want-  
ed a shave when I was a youngster."  
"Yes?"  
"Yes, and now he sometimes flat-  
ters me by asking if I want a hair-  
cut."

### Willing to Oblige.

The Bride—Oh, Jack! You shouldn't  
kiss me before all those girls.  
The Groom—I'm glad my little wife  
is so unselfish, and just to please you  
I'll kiss all those girls first.

### This Joke is New—to Punch.

He—Do you remember your old  
school friend, Sophy Smythe?  
She—Yes, indeed, I do. A most ab-  
surd-looking thing. So silly, too!  
What became of her?  
He—O, nothing. Only I married  
her.—Punch.

### Proof Positive.

"Do you believe the good really die  
young?" asked the optimist.  
"I do," replied the pessimist, "Judg-  
ing by the poultry served at our board-  
ing house."

### Obvious.

"Now," said the professor in natur-  
al history, "take the case of a hen.  
Why does it lay an egg?"  
"Because it can't lay a carpet," re-  
plied the bright boy of the class.—  
Grit.

### Nothing New.

Jones—But smokeless powder is a  
recent invention.  
Oldbuck—Nonsense! The women  
were using it before you were born.

### No Harm in Tobacco?

The bishop of Texas is a man of  
physical proportions commensurate  
with the great diocese over which he  
has charge. Leaving a barber shop  
one day during the recent Episcopal  
convention in Boston, he lighted a  
cigar. "Why, bishop," inquired the bar-  
ber, "you do that sort of thing?" "Oh,  
yes," was the reply; "I have done that  
sort of thing ever since I was twelve  
years old." The barber surveyed the  
six feet four inches of individual be-  
fore him. Then: "It's well yo' began  
young bishop," he commented, "for  
they do say it stunts yo'!"

### A Generous Millionaire.

Henry C. Frick, the Pittsburg mil-  
lionaire, heard the other day that a  
small bank over the State line in  
Wooster, Ohio, was in difficulties.  
Many of his old friends are interested  
in the concern and he has a little  
stock himself. Mr. Frick telephoned  
asking if there was danger of a run,  
and not getting an altogether reassuring  
reply, filled a couple of grips with  
currency, jumped into his auto and  
sped for Wooster. Arriving there he  
bought all the paper which holders did  
not like and then announced that the  
bank was ready for a run. Confidence  
was restored all around and Mr. Frick  
went back to Pittsburg.

### No Smoking Allowed.

Any violation of the regulation  
against smoking by midshipmen at the  
United States Naval Academy, in fu-  
ture, will be treated with the utmost  
severity. The navy department has  
announced in an official communica-  
tion to captain Brownson, superinten-  
dent of the Naval Academy, that mid-  
shipmen who violate this regulation  
will be dismissed. There seems to  
have been a misunderstanding on the  
part of midshipmen in regard to this  
matter, many of them acting under  
the assumption that dismissal would  
only follow a repeated violation in one  
year of the smoking regulation.

### Reads Like a Miracle.

Moravia, N. Y., Dec. 12th.—(Spe-  
cial)—Bordering on the miraculous is  
the case of Mrs. Benj. Wilson of this  
place. Suffering from Sugar Diabetes,  
she wasted away till from weighing  
200 lbs. she barely tipped the scales at  
130 lbs. Dodd's Kidney Pills cured  
her. Speaking of her cure her hus-  
band says:—  
"My wife suffered everything from  
Sugar Diabetes. She was sick four  
years and doctored with two doctors,  
but received no benefit. She had so  
much pain all over her that she could  
not rest day or night. The doctor said  
that she could not live.  
"Then an advertisement led me to  
try Dodd's Kidney Pills and they help-  
ed her right from the first. Five  
boxes of them cured her. Dodd's Kid-  
ney Pills were a God-Sent remedy to  
us and we recommend them to all suf-  
fering from Kidney Disease."  
Dodd's Kidney Pills cure all Kidney  
Diseases including Bright's Disease,  
and all kidney aches, including Rheu-  
matism.

### The Source of All Evil.

It was reserved for Eliza Mowry  
Bliven, a Connecticut reformer, to  
point out the real source of all the  
evils which afflict the human race. "If  
all lands for raising tobacco," she says  
in a letter to a Norwich paper, "were  
divided into homesteads all money  
spent for tobacco were used to buy and  
build homes, all time wasted in using  
tobacco were employed in improving  
their homes, all laborers could have  
some comforts, clear heads, prosperity,  
health and happiness; no poverty,  
drunkenness nor crime. Single tax,  
socialism, prohibition do not reach the  
roots. Break your chains by abolish-  
ing tobacco, the demoralizing cause."

### A Young Looking Queen.

Queen Alexandra of England, reach-  
ed three score December 1. A few  
weeks ago there was published a group  
photograph of the queen and two of  
her daughters, taken this fall, which  
evoked universal comment that of the  
three grandmother queen, on the verge  
of sixty, appeared the most youthful.

### Big Dividends Paid.

Speaking of big dividends, it would  
be rather hard to beat those just paid  
on the two one-carrying railroads, the  
Duluth & Iron Range and the Duluth,  
Mesaba & Northern. From the net  
earnings during the year each road  
pays its stockholders 150 per cent on  
the value of the outstanding stock, the  
payments together amounting to about  
\$8,000,000, and leaving about as much  
more as surplus in their treasuries.  
profitable railroad securities in the  
world. They are practically all owned  
by the United States Steel corporation.

### Parker as a Lawyer.

The unprecedented spectacle of a  
former chief judge of the Court of  
Appeals arguing a case before the  
court from which he resigned to be-  
come a candidate for the presidency  
of the United States was presented at  
Albany, N. Y., on December 6, when  
former Judge Alton B. Parker is ex-  
pected to argue the first case in which  
he has made public appearance as  
counsel in many years. There is some-  
thing particularly notable about the case  
itself.

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Fort Worth, Texas.  
J. F. LEHANE, G. P. A.,  
Tyler, Texas.

### A breach of promise suit takes all

the conceit out of a man.

### Should Eat Corn.

C. J. Murphy, a prominent citizen of  
Minneapolis, argues that the high price  
of wheat should induce people to get  
accustomed to corn products on their  
bill of fare. "If the people would learn  
to eat more corn," he says, "it would  
be much to their benefit, both from  
an economical point of view and as a  
matter of health. I have spent eigh-  
teen of the best years of my life in  
teaching the people of Europe the  
value of our corn as human food, and  
now more corn is used in Belgium and  
Ireland as human food than we use in  
the United States.

### The Son of a Lord.

Winston Churchill, the son of Lord  
"Randy," has some of his father's phys-  
ical characteristics, but generally  
takes after his beautiful mother, for-  
merly Miss Jerome, of New York. The  
young man, who has been a soldier and  
journalist, has a knack of advertising  
himself. He has a well developed case  
of American hustle, and being one of  
the best looking men in England, man-  
ages to keep himself in the limelight  
most of the time.

### Judge Parker Growing Rich.

One day after hanging out his shingle  
as a lawyer in New York City,  
former Judge Alton B. Parker received  
two commissioner appointments in  
the Supreme Court. Justice O'Gorman  
named him, with others, to assess the  
value of property to be acquired by  
the city in connection with certain  
piers on the East River, two separate  
commissions being named and each  
paying from \$5000 to \$7000.

### Officer in Smallest Company.

Levi M. Poor, of Augusta, Me., was  
in command of the smallest company  
for the longest time of any officer in  
the civil war. He was in Company D,  
of the Nineteenth Maine, and for forty-  
three days had only one man—John  
White, of Belfast—all the others be-  
ing absent by sickness, death, wounds  
or removals. Ex-Governor Connor, of  
Maine, who was then in command of  
the regiment, made him acting lieuten-  
ant of the company.



Queen of herself and her domain,  
said Miss Bohun. "You're simply  
pleased to be sarcastic all along."  
I shrugged my shoulders. She  
marched coldly and confidently toward  
the stile.

It took off a high ground, which, I  
suppose, accounted for the absence of





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**Holiday Travel.** For the Christmas holiday travel to the Southeast, the Texas Midland Railroad will run a train of its own equipment through to Memphis, Tenn., via the Frisco System. The train will consist of first class coaches and reclining chair cars and will leave Ennis, Texas, the starting point—at 6:45 a. m., Tuesday, December 20th, 1904, arriving at Memphis at 3:45 a. m., and Birmingham, Ala., at 11:00 a. m. the next day. The Frisco System now has its own tracks all the way from Texas to Birmingham and enters union depots at both Memphis and Birmingham, connecting closely with all lines for points north, south and east. The through rate from Texas to Southeastern points will be one fare plus \$2.00 for the round trip, good going on special train December 20th, and returning on regular trains any time before January 20th. For further particulars address F. B. McKay, General Passenger Agent, Terrell, Texas.

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Every housekeeper should know that if they will buy Defiance Cold Water Starch for laundry use they will save not only time, because it never sticks to the iron, but because each package contains 16 oz.—one full pound—while all other Cold Water Starches are put up in 8-ounce packages, and the price is the same, 10 cents. Then again because Defiance Starch is free from all injurious chemicals. If your grocer tries to sell you a 12-oz. package it is because he has a stock on hand which he wishes to dispose of before he puts in Defiance. He knows that Defiance Starch has printed on every package in large letters and figures "16 oz." Demand Defiance and save much time and money and the annoyance of the iron sticking. Defiance never sticks.

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**The World's Great Tunnels.** The great Simplon tunnel under the Alps consists in reality of two tunnels or tubes, the object being by this form of construction to provide for ventilation, the trains in each tube moving only one way and thus acting as a piston in forcing out dead air and sucking in fresh supplies. Fans are also used, and by this means it is expected that the tunnel will be perfectly ventilated. Similar plans are being carried out by the Pennsylvania railroad tunnel under the Hudson. These are facts that many have an important bearing in solving the problem of ventilation in the subway. It probably would be possible at comparatively small expense, to make partitions between the various lines in the tunnel and thus make them ventilating tubes. Reinforced by electric fans, these fans ought to solve the air problem of the subway.

**Parker to Run Again.** It is said that friends of Judge Alton B. Parker in the Manhattan Club of New York City are planning to bring about his nomination next fall as a justice of the supreme court in New York County. To that end a non-partisan dinner is being arranged, to which Republicans as well as Democrats will be invited. Should he get the place his salary would be \$4500 more than he received as chief justice, as it is the hope of his friends that Governor Higgins would assign him to the appellate division in case he was elected to the supreme bench. To get the nomination Judge Parker would have to change his voting residence, which his friends say he would do.

Nearly any man is willing to spend two dollars' worth of time to get fifty cents without work.

Ability is sure to bring recognition if backed up by perseverance.

I am sure Piso's Cure for Consumption saved my life three years ago.—Mrs. THOS. ROWLAND, Maple Street, Norwich, N. Y., Feb. 17, 1900.

The world is a fearfully noisy place to the man who is waiting for a chance to blow his own horn.

**Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.** For children teething, soothes the gums, reduces inflammation, always cures whooping cough. 25c a bottle.

If betting is a fool's argument, few fools can carry on an extended joint debate.

Cheatham's Laxative Tablets will cure any cold, and do it quick. They're guaranteed.

Great deeds often are only the result of accidental circumstances.

**TO CURE A COLIC 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. 25c.

Nothing succeeds like a successful success except a successful failure—and it is not safe to brag about it.

**All Up-to-Date Housekeepers** use Defiance Cold Water Starch, because it is better, and 4 oz. more of it for same money.

Most men would rather be an electric sign for themselves than a light for the world.

**Insist on Getting it.** Some grocers say they don't keep Defiance Starch. This is because they have a stock on hand of other brands containing only 12 oz in a package, which they won't be able to sell first, because Defiance contains 16 oz. for the same money. Do you want 16 oz. instead of 12 oz. for same money? Then buy Defiance Starch. Requires no cooking.

When a man has reached the point that he believes his own lies it is time for him to reform.

**Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children.** Successfully used by Mother Gray, nurse in the Children's Home in New York, cure Constipation, Feverishness, Bad Stomach, Teething Disorders, move and regulate the Bowels and Destroy Worms. Over 30,000 testimonials. At all Druggists, 25c. Sample FREE. Address A. S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

It is easier to secure a unanimous decision that a bad thing is bad than that a good thing is good.

**Nothing** is so sensitive to cold as a nerve and this is the cause of **Neuralgia**

They Should. "My honest conviction, based upon my own experience and that of my friends, is that 'Hunt's Cure' will cure a larger per cent of skin troubles, especially of an itching variety, than any other remedy. Certainly those afflicted with any form of itch should try it."

J. O. Monroe, Atchison, Kas. 50c per box.

The man who never crosses a bridge until he gets to it sometimes fails to cross it when he reaches the river.

**A GUARANTEED CURE FOR PILES.** Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Prolapsing Piles. Your Druggist will refund money if FAGO OINTMENT fails to cure you in 6 to 14 days. 50c.

It is very foolish for a man to be married unless he is going to remember to say every once in so often how much better his health has been since he has always had meals he could enjoy.

It is a good deal easier to talk about feeling good than it is to walk about feeling good.

**St. Jacobs Oil** by friction and penetration warms, soothes and cures the worst cases. Price 25c. and 50c.

**Put your finger on our trade mark.** Tell your dealer you want the best starch your money can buy.

**Insist on having the best. DEFIANCE.** It is 16 ounces for 10 cents. No premiums, but one pound of the very best starch made. We put all our money in the starch.

It needs no cooking. It is absolutely pure. It gives satisfaction or money back.

**THE DEFIANCE STARCH CO.** Omaha, Neb.

**PUTNAM FADELESS DYES** color more goods brighter and faster colors than any other dye. One 10c package colors silk, wool and cotton equally well and is guaranteed to give perfect results. Ask dealer or we will send post paid at 10c a package. Write for free booklet—New Dye, Black and Blue Colors. **PUTNAM FADELESS DYES CO.,** Boston, Mass.

**THE OLD FOLKS AT HOME** Are Never Without Pe-ru-na in the Home for Catarrhal Diseases.



**Remarkable Cures Effected By Pe-ru-na.** Under date of January 10, 1897, Dr. Hartman received the following letter: "My wife has been a sufferer from a complication of diseases for the past twenty-five years. Her case has baffled the skill of some of the most noted physicians. One of her worst troubles was chronic constipation of several years' standing. She was also passing through that most critical period in the life of a woman—change of life.

"In June, 1895, I wrote to you about her case. You advised a course of Peruna and Manalin, which we at once commenced, and have to say it completely cured her.

"About the same time I wrote you about my own case of catarrh, which had been of twenty-five years' standing. At times I was almost past going. I commenced to use Peruna according to your instructions and continued its use for about a year, and it has completely cured me. Your remedies do all that you claim for them, and even more."—John O. Atkinson.

In a letter dated January 1, 1900, Mr. Atkinson says, after five years' experience with Peruna:

"I will ever continue to speak a good word for Peruna. I am still cured of catarrh."—John O. Atkinson, Independence, Mo., Box 272.

Ask your Druggist for a free Peruna Almanac for 1905.

**FREE** A Nice Pair of Scissors and a Whisk. Send us 15 signatures, cut from packages of Cheek & Neal Porto Rico Coffee and we will send you post-paid a fine pair of scissors absolutely free. We make this and other offers to get you to try our famous Cheek & Neal brand Porto Rico Coffee—the best and richest popular priced package coffee on the market—the finest coffee for the least money. **65 PREMIUMS GIVEN ABSOLUTELY FREE** to all users of Cheek & Neal Porto Rico Coffee—from hand-some Dinner Sets to Sewing Machines. Coffee put up in sealed 1-lb. packages, air and moisture proof—like cut—sold by dealers everywhere. Buy a package to-day. **CHEEK & NEAL COFFEE CO.** NASHVILLE, TENN.

The most careful farmers and gardeners everywhere place confidence in Ferry's Seeds—the kind that never fail. **FERRY'S SEEDS** have been the standard for 40 years. They are not an experiment. Sold by all dealers. 1905 Seed Annual free for the asking. **D. M. FERRY & CO.** Detroit, Mich.

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**Cotton Seed Hulls** Cake and Meal. Low Prices. Quick Shipment. **STREET & GRAVES, HOUSTON, TEX.**

**ROUND HOLIDAY EXCURSION TRIP. RATES.**

**EAST AND SOUTHEAST** via the **H. & T. C. R. R.** Rate, One Fare plus \$2.00. Tickets on sale Dec. 20, 21, 22, & 26, 1904. Limit 30 days from date of sale. Excellent Service, Good Connections.

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**EVERY NIGHT** VIA **State**

**A THROUGH SLEEPER DALLAS TO BEAUMONT** through the **SARATOGA AND BATSON OIL FIELDS** Leaves Dallas 8:15 p. m. **TRY IT.**

**FRISCO SYSTEM** Holiday Excursions

TO POINTS IN **THE SOUTHEAST** ALSO TO THE NORTH INCLUDING **ST. LOUIS, KANSAS CITY AND CHICAGO** AT RATE OF **ONE FARE** PLUS \$2.00 FOR THE ROUND TRIP. LIMIT FOR RETURN 30 DAYS. TICKETS ON SALE.

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

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CTOR OF ST. LUKE.

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

Ashburham, Ont., April 18, 1904.—I think it is only right that I should tell you what a wonderful effect Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has produced. The day before Easter I was so distressed with a cold and cough that I did not think to be able to take any duties the next day, as my voice was almost choked by the cough. The same day I received an order from you for a bottle of your Cough Remedy. I at once produced a sample bottle, and took about three doses of the medicine. To my great relief the cough and cold had completely disappeared and I was able to preach three times on Easter day. I know that this rapid and effective cure was due to your Cough Remedy. I make this testimonial without solicitation, being thankful to have found such a God-sent remedy.

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

Do you know my price for coal oil? If you do, don't you think it is a "Jim Dandy"? Come figure with me. I am in for trouble. T. G. Carney.

Revolution Imminent.

A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness, or stomach upsets. Electric Bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome causes. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the Kidneys and Bowels, stimulate the Liver, and clarify the blood. Run down systems benefit particularly and all the usual attending aches vanish under its searching and thorough effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50c, and that is returned if it don't give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by all Druggists.

Some people have learned that the mass of the democratic party is not composed of people who will vote for just "anything to win" but that they must have principles to vote for.

Travelers Attention.

If you are going to Haskell, Pinkerton, Marcy, Mid, Carney, Knox City, Cliff or any intermediate point in the western or northern portion of Haskell county, you can save money and time by taking my hack at Stamford, where it meets all passenger trains.

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

I have careful drivers, good teams and comfortable hacks, and always make connections.

I also hire rigs for special trips to any point in the surrounding country.

I have been in the business for twenty years and understand what is required in all these matters.

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

We had some real wintry weather Tuesday and Wednesday. There was ice half an inch thick in exposed locations.

Bilious Colic Prevented.

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.

Young men and young women of Haskell county, you MUST be educated. If you are really interested in an education, call upon me or write me. Yours for an education, L. T. Cunningham.

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.

Can some one tell us something about that Panama canal commission? What is it doing, anything or nothing?

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.

J. N. ELLIS.

Several patients are in the Pasteur institution at Austin under treatment for rabies.

Heart Fluttering.

Undigested food and gas in the stomach, located just below the heart, presses against it and causes heart palpitation. When your heart troubles you in that way take Herbine for a few days. You will soon be all right. 50c. Sold by I. P. Collier.

When you want a pleasant purgative try Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They are easy to take and produce no nausea, griping or other disagreeable effect. For sale by C. E. Terrell.

Fight Will Be Bitter.

Those who will persist in closing their ears against the continual recommendation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended earlier by fatal termination. Read what T. R. Beall, Beall, Miss., says: "Last fall my wife had every symptom of consumption. She took Dr. King's New Discovery after everything else had failed. Improvement came at once and four bottles entirely cured her. Guaranteed by all Druggists. Price 50c, and \$1.00! Trial bottles free.

Coughing Spell Caused Death.

Harry Duckwell, aged 25 years, choked to death early yesterday morning at his home, in the presence of his wife and child. He contracted a slight cold a few days ago and paid but little attention to it. Yesterday morning he was seized with a fit of coughing which continued for some time. His wife sent for a physician but before he could arrive, another coughing spell came on and Duckwell died from suffocation.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat, Dec. 1, 1901. Ballard's Horehound Syrup would have saved him. 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by I. P. Collier.

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.

Cured Paralysis.

W. S. Baily, 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 Lintment, 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.

New Stock of Furniture!

We have just put in a car load of good, substantial furniture—the kind made for service. As the season is somewhat advanced we have determined to put prices down and move it out.



Wilson Heaters!

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

We also have various other styles of heating stoves, and a complete line of COOK STOVES.



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

McCullum & Cason.

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Here I go!

Follow me to the HASKELL RACKET STORE

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

We invite everybody to call and inspect our very nice selection of holiday goods, confidently believing that you will not find better, prettier or cheaper things any where from which to select your Christmas presents, whether it is a five cent toy for the baby, something handsome for your sweetheart, or something both useful and pretty for mother, father, sister or brother. It would be useless to try to enumerate in this advertisement the many things in our stock. There are so many different things that we are sure you will find something to please you if you will come and look them over. Last, but not least to be considered, is that we are going to make prices interesting to you. Yours for a merry Xmas, HASKELL RACKET STORE.

A. C. FOSTER, Attorney at Law. J. L. JONES, Notary Public. FOSTER & JONES, Law, Land and Live Stock, HASKELL, TEXAS. WE HAVE FOR SALE THE FAMOUS WILD HORSE PRAIRIE LANDS! Also a large quantity of other very fine farming and ranch lands, and town property. We have a COMPLETE ABSTRACT OF LAND TITLES and give special attention to land litigation. CORRESPONDENCE SOLICITED. Write us for any information desired about land and live stock.

ROSS HEMPHILL SOLICITS A LIBERAL SHARE OF YOUR BLACKSMITH and Woodwork Prices reasonable, work promptly done for cash on the spot. REAR OF SHERRILL BROTHERS STORE.

CITY MEAT MARKET, ELLIS & ENGLISH, Proprietors. West Side of the Square. Your Patronage Solicited. We Keep all Kinds of Fresh Meats Obtainable in Their Season.

Better farming should be the motto for all tillers. Stop! land you now are to you than you are to Turn up new soils on Put twenty tons of stable manure per acre, sow clover, sow alfalfa seed, and sow five acres late alfalfa seed and will convert your old land into a new farm, and prosperity will smile on you.—Matbank Courier.

Well, brother, if they will have to do all of that in order to get a living out of their old farms you should not blame them for wanting to move to new sections. Where on earth can they get twenty tons of stable manure per acre for the thousands of acres in cultivation in your county? If they could get it it would certainly cost a dollar a ton and it would be worth another dollar per ton to haul and distribute it over the land—that makes forty dollars per acre! Better let them come to Haskell county and buy land at eight or ten dollars per acre that don't need any fertilizer to make it produce.

A Costly Mistake

Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you'll never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle yet thorough. 25c, at all drug stores.

It will be to your advantage to figure with us on buggy and wagon harness, collars, pads, bridles, whips, etc. McCollum & Cason.

Home and State, a monthly published in magazine form at Dallas, is handsomely illustrated, and, with its stories, literary articles, household and other departments, is a very creditable publication. The December number which has reached this office, is of special interest to a number of Haskell people from the fact that it contained a portrait and brief sketch of Mrs. Mary Winn Smoot, who has relatives and many friends here.

Head About to Burst From Severe Bilious Attack.

"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 Dallas, Texas. For biliousness, stomach troubles and constipation these have no equal. Price 25 cents. by C. E. Terrell.

And This If You Owe Me.

Selling out my drug store, it is important that I close up my accounts; so look me up at once, and make or make satisfactory arrangements, not later than December 15. Gentlemen, this is a business proposition, so come up and do business. JNO. E. ROBERTSON.

Notice Of Stockholders Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Haskell National Bank will be held on Tuesday January 10, 1905, between the hours of 9 A.M., and 4 P.M., at the office of said Bank in the town of Haskell, Texas, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year, and for transacting such other business as may properly come before such meeting. G. R. COUCH, Cashier, Haskell, Texas, Dec. 19, 1904.

Pinkerton People Take Notice.

Messrs. W. L. Norton and W. A. Brown have entered into a partnership to do mercantile business under the firm name of Norton & Brown and have engaged in the grocery business at Pinkerton.

They respectfully solicit the trade of the people of Pinkerton and surrounding country.

They are offering an entirely fresh stock of staple and fancy family groceries and will make prices as reasonable as can be had at any other place. Call in and see them.

Seedless Apple.

A seedless apple company of Baltimore, incorporated to propagate and sell the seedless apple in the states of Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia, held a meeting last week. The seedless apple was discovered by J. F. Spencer of Grand Junction, Colo., some years ago. Applying the general principles to the apple that were followed in the case of the seedless orange, Mr. Spencer succeeded in getting five apple trees that bore fruit practically without seeds. From these he began budding and grafting to induce them to reproduce themselves. For twelve years he labored patiently, telling no man of his dreams or achievements. Not until he was certain that his efforts were rewarded by success did he announce the idea.