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Collier's Drug Store Aiways LEAD. Magazines & Periodicals.

CHRISTMAS

Should not over look THE BIG STORE They are showing a great many useful and beautiful things that will make valuable and acceptable presents.

Ladies and Men's HOUSE SLIPPERS

There is nothing more acceptable than a pair of house slippers. have them in all styles and colors for men, women and children. They come in all colors and are being sold at very reasonable prices.

Some Here for the Men.

We are showing a line of Xmas suspenders. They range in price from 50c to \$2.50. Nothing can make a more practical Xmas present. In looking for something for the men, these will fill the bill.

HOLIDAY TRUNKS.

Nothing can make a more useful gift than a trunk. We are showing a line of trunks that will meet every expectation.

Among them will be found the extremely popular and practical DRESSER TRUNK. This trunk is especially nice for ladies. Five compartments arranged in this trunk, enabling the owner to put away any article of wearing apparel and keep it in nice condition.

For traveling we show a small Steamer Trunk that will fill a long felt want in every home.

Don't overlook our Trunks. They sell from \$30.00 to \$5.00.

New Line of sweater Coats

We have just received a new line of Sweater Coats. These are beautiful garments and are moderately priced.

ALEXANDER MERCANTILE CO.

BIG STORE.

on Saturday afternoon, Decem- on "First Mondays." ber the eleventh, For roll call the members gave topics on Home Life," was read by Mrs. noon. H. S. Wilson. Mrs. S. W. Scott will be hostess at the next regular meeting.

the purpose of the ladies of the Fields.

Magazine Club to distribute the The l

SOCIETY AND CLUB NOTES many magazines and other liter- ed in pink and white, La France maids. Places were laid for

"Colonial Life and Customs," being taken in the Book Recep- ing was suspended a large wed-

The rural district people are on Saturday morning, the 11th bow of pink. urged to call at the library on inst. at nine o'clock in honor of Seven courses were served Mr. E. Elwood Street. "First Mondays" for magazines Miss Dollie Wheeler, by one of and with an appropriate toast and other reading matter. It is her bridesmaids, Miss Annis by the hostess a beautiful set The home of Mrs. Henry Alex-

ature among the people living and Bride roses being used in Misses Dollie Wheeler, Julia The Magazine Club met with in the rural districts. The li- profusion. The soft glow of Winn, Lucile Hughes, Jessis Mrs. Fred Sanders at the library | brary will be open from 10 to 12 lights on the dainty china, silver | Wright, Maggie Hattie Williams. and cut glass on the table lent a Lettie Taylor. Miss Annis Fields charm to the picture that was was assisted by Mrs. Hollis A great deal of interest is hard to surpass. From the ceil- Fields. and after a well planned lesson tion which is booked for January ding bell, with hanging ribbons, with Mrs. Lewis Ellis as leader, first. A cordial welcome is ex- at the end of which were six reception in the library room on a most interesting paper on tended to all. The hours are pretty hand-painted place cards Tuesday afternoon. December "Early American Fireside and from three to six in the after- in the shape of wedding bells, 22nd, in honor of the teachers of bearing pictures of cupids. Lit- the county. tle squares of wedding cake One of the most charming with fortunes enclosed were laid little affairs of the season was at each plate. The bride's chair recipient of more social favors

> of coffee spoons was presented ander, corner of Bradford and The Fields home was decorat- to Miss Wheeler from her brides- Lamar Streets, was the scene

The Mother's Club will hold a

Never was a young lady the the breakfast planned and given was designated by an artistic than Miss Dollie Wheeler, who on the 14th became the bride of

of a beautiful social function on Thursday afternoon, December the ninth, when Mrs. Alexander and Mrs. Earl Cogdell entertained in honor of Miss Dollie Wheel-

At the door, with little Maxine

Bullock so daintily dressed in white to hold the tray, stood Mrs. Scott Key in a pretty blue silk trimmed with real lace, who in her own charming way announced the guests to Mesdames Alexander and Cogdill and Miss Wheeler, all handsomely dressed in gowns in different shades of old rose. Miss Annis Fields in a beautiful princess of light blue silk with lace trimmings had charge of the guest book. and as the callers registered she invited them into the dining room where a salad course was served by Mrs. Joe Irby who wore a creation of champagne mull: Miss Julia Winn gowned in an exquisite costume of white silk voile: Miss Annie Lida Hughes in a beautiful lavender messaline: Miss Jessie Wright wearing a most dainty gown of shell-pink mull and Miss Lucille Hughes in a most becoming blue crepe de chine with cream lace. The decorations in the dining room were beautiful. Arranged on the table were exquisite pieces of drawn work glass vase holding a shower consideration, come to Evans. bouquet of white and pink car- Finest line of China ever seen nations and ferns. Streamers of in Haskell. Hawkes Cut Glass, the electrolier and were held in Our prices are low, but the quarplace at opposite corners of the ity is High. table by cut glass comports filled with white and pink mints. From the dining room the guests passed into the hall where a coffee table was placed with Mrs. Will McGregor presiding and Misses Barker and Frankie Terrell assisting. Mrs. McGregors colored messaline.

More than one hundred callers left cards during the afternoon.

Wheeler at the home of Miss Magazine Club room. Mamie Meadors on Thursday evening of last week. The gifts | About seven o'clock Tuesday out in decoration

8:30 o'clock on Tuesday evening control the horses. Mr. Day was and Mr. E. Elwood Street.

Several beautiful selections ing. were rendered by Miss Vera Neathery before the arrival of the bridal party. Mrs. H. R. Chas. Irby played Mendelssohn's night. Everybody invited. Wedding March as the party appeared. The bridesmaids were las. Mr. Guy Street, brother of Merc. Co's. the groom, was best man. Miss Wheeler was led to the alter by her uncle, Mr. Killebrew Collier of Wichita Falls. Rev. Randall McDonald very impressively tion.

Suggestions For Christmas SHOPPERS.

SOMETHING FOR MEN.

A Watch. Chain. Fob. Charm. Cuff Link. Stick Pin. Ring. Tie Clasp. Gold Collar Button-

FOR WOMEN.

Brooch Pin.

Waist Set. Collar Pin. Necklace. Locket. Bracelet. Fob. Stick Pin. Set Ring. Watch. Cut Glass. China. Fancy Clocks. Gold Mounted Bracelets. Silver Knives and Forks.

If you want Jewelry and Silverand in the center was a tall cut ware where quality is the first

Cold Meat Fork.

Sugar Shell.

Cream Ladle.

ose tulle were suspended from every price stamped in the glass

GOGDELL'S DRUG STORE.

costume was in lavender tones, performed the ceremony. The Miss Barker wore a beautiful ushers were Messrs. Harry gown of old rose while Miss Brewer and George Peterson. Terrell's dress was a rich corn At the door stood Miss Docia Winn with the guest book

The Mother's Club will entertain the Teacher's Institute. The Self Culture Club gave a Tuesday, Dec. 21st, from 3:30 surprise shower to Miss Dollie to 5:00 o'clock p. m., in the

were presented in a mos' inique evening Drew Day's team ran way and after an coloyable away with him, threw him out hour or two Miss Mead ... open- of the wagon and cut a long ed the doors of the doing room gash in the back of his head. where a most delici as repast also one above his left eye, hurt was served. Hand printed violet his side and sprained his left place cards were used and the ankle. This happened about a violet color scheme was carried mile and a half out on the Rayner road. Owing to the fact that he was sitting on the coupling pole At the Christian Church at he had no support and could not the fourteenth inst. occured the discovered by J. T. Miller lying marriage of Miss Dollie Wheeler in the road, and received prompt assistance. He is now convalesc-

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NOTICE

Rev. Ranald McDonald will Jones very sweetly sang an ap- speak to the Tea hers Institute propriate solo after which Mrs. at the Court \House Sunday

It is a well known fact that Misses Annis Fields, Julia Winn, the CLUB HOUSE brand goods Jessie Wright and Lucill Hughes is the best on earth. If its and the maid of honor were Miss Shrimp and Mushroons you are Maggie Hattie Williams of Dal- looking for call at Alexander

> Wallpaper half price. Norman's

CLUB HOUSE means perfec-

Soon they'll be cracking jokes about the fellow that rocks the airship.

New York hotels are crowded. No wonder champagne has gone up.

King Manuel of Portugal is looking for a wife to help keep his throne from rocking.

Uncle Sam now possesses the fastest big battleship in the world, but feels as peaceful as ever.

Don't be lazy this winter, else you may be seized and put under a machine that detects hookworms.

What if butter does soar if one has the money to buy it and the bread to spread it on? Everything is looking

have a displacement of 30,000 tons. It may soon be necessary to widen the It is claimed that life can be sustained in New York city on 13 cents

a day, but few are willing to test the Late returns from New Jersey indi-

entire state in spite of the cool weather. An astronomer says Mars is surrounded by a "gloomy veil." What a

striking resemblance to the push headquarters! The turbine type of engine seems to have scored a great triumph in the

builders' trial test of the battleship North Dakota. The taxicab is now up against the finrickisha in Japan, and it is not win-

ning so easily as it did in the contest with the horse. The camera is conscienceless in the hands of a conscienceless man, wheth-

in the depths of the sea. The three-year-old Boston boy who has mastered the primer in two weeks will be in Browning before his play-

er he be on the top of a mountain or

mates are out of pinafores. The railroads have the honor to report that there are no longer any empty freight cars standing on the

sidings. Prosperity has "came." Women who wear big hats find little satisfaction in the declaration of a teacher that men have a right to

laugh at such pieces of headgear. An English workhouse has transferred all its snoring contingent to the

deaf dormitories. The humanitarian movement is widening on all sides. The secret society man who gave

the sign of distress to the jury which was trying his case, has rightly now an opportunity to test the same upon The queen of Holland has invented

an improved baby carriage. Over in Holland the best people continue to regard it as worth while to raise

This country never did dread any foe that it might have to face, so that Some possession of the greatest Dread-to the vacancy. istic attitude.

A Chicagoan has won the title of a model husband. Doubtless he did the thrashing of the children himself, instead of throwing the burden on an overworked wife.

Something surely is doing in this country when one of the New York trunk lines of railroads finds its traffic for September and October greater than in any two months of its previous history, and is able to expend \$85,000,000 for new equipment and betterments.

The new tennis court at the White House occupies a place near the large fountain on the south lawn and a per fect view of it may be obtained at all times from the portico and windows of the White House. Thus if the president plays, Mrs. Taft can sit in a rocking chair at the window with her sew ing and watch him nimbly hopping around to meet the ball.

The announcement that the Culebra cut is half completed foreshadows the finish of the Panama canal. The cut is through "the backbone of the hemisphere," the ridge which passes down and connects the "three Americas." The work there has been steadily pushed under the supervision of the American engineers, who took up the task the French excavators left undone. Assurance that the cut will be completed in four years strengthens belief in the assertion that the canal will be ready for operation by 1915.

Will South America never learn that the revolutions are a dangerous foe to its progress?

The curative properties of radium have been for sometime recognized, but the expense involved has placed the treatment far beyond the reach of the average man. Every encouragement, therefore, is to be given the movement undertaken by scientists to establish such treatment under charitable auspices. It will be another step forward in ameliorating the ills of bu-

HASKELL FREE PRESS MANAGUA MOBS **DENOUNCE ZELAYA**

DISLIKE FOR RULER IS VIGOROUS LY SHOWN BY CROWD. POLICE POWERLESS.

CHEER FOR UNITED STATES

Nicaraguan Ruler's Violation of Armistice and Massarce of Revolutionists Incites Riots.

Managua, Dec. 15 .- The people of Nicaragua are in open revolt against | Court of the United States. Zelaya without check from the police. They are crowding the streets and give vent to unrestrained denunciation at the syrup mill Friday at Brownsof the administration. Shouts of ville, and was probably fataly injured. "Long live the liberty!" "Long live the United States!" "Long live Mexico!" "Long live Estrada!" are heard on every side.

The street demonstration began last night following denunciatory speeches in Congress, and the temper of the A super-super Dreadnought is to people was madly excited by the report that a battle had been fought and won by Vasquez, commander of the Zelaya forces around Rama, and that Vasquez had massacred a large num- ton buyer, Tuesday loaded 500 bales of ber of revolutionists.

With this report came the rumor tice, and it was not considered likely that he would do so unless under instructions from Zelaya. The reports vember, 1908. cate that the mosquitoes carried the lost nothing in passing from mouth to mouth.

> As the Mexican Minister was the guarantor of the armistice, it is stated that that official will ask for his passports unless satisfactory explanations are made.

BOY FARMERS REWARDED.

Secretary of Agriculture Presents Diplomas of Merit to Youths.

Washington: Diplomas of merit Tuesday were presented by Secretary Wilson to Dewitt Lunday of Mississippi, Elmer Haller of Arkansas and Ralph Bellwood of Virginia, under 18 are among 12,500 engaged in the boys' demonstration work in the Southern utes after the cutting. States. Each planted one acre of corn and cultivated it under instructions from the department.

Shoots Woman to Death.

Dillsboro, N. C.: Because, as he alleges, they were trespassing on his property and used obscene language in the presence of his family when Cole Bard.

Vanderbilts Join Goulds.

Wichita, Kan.: Cornelius Vanderbilt announced here Tuesday that the Vanderbilts have become financially interested in the Missouri Pacific Railroad, a Gould road, and confirmed the 4,046 alive, 113 stillborn. rumor that he has been made a director in that company.

Love Resigns; Hawkins Succeeds.

Austin: The Government Tuesday received the resignation of Thomas B. Love, Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, to become effective Feb. 1. 1910, and immediately announced that he would appoint William E. Hawkins

Seven Lives Lost.

Cincinnati, Ohio.: Seven persons lost their lives, seven others were injured, two probably fatally, and about fifty others had narrow escapes from instant death in a fire which destroyed a four-story tenement and lodging house Tuesday.

Rev. Snyder Stabbed to Death. Stephenville: Rev. R. L. Snyder was stabbed Tuesday, from tht effects of which he died on the spot where the altercation took place. This trouble was near Huckaby, about twelve miles north of here.

Start Harmon Campaign. Washington: Well defined and well

supported plans have just been made in Washington to start the campaign of Gov. Harmon of Ohio for the Democtatic nomination for President of the United tSates.

San Angelo Public Building. Washington: W. G. Perry, Superintendent of Construction of Public Buildings, has been ordered from Dalton, Ga., to San Angelo, Texas., to as-

sume charge of the construction of

the \$120,000 building at San Angelo. King of Belgium in Serious Condition. Brussels: King Leopold, who has been seriously ill the past fortnight, but who was believed to be convalescent, suffered a sudden relapse Sunday

and his condition is very grave. U. S. Ships at Corinto.

Washington: The cruiser Albany and the gunboat Yorktown have joined the gunboat Vicksburg at Corinto, on the Pacific coast of Nicaragua. Their arrival has been announced to the Navy Department.

Five Hundred Bales for \$36,000.

Marshall: W. T. Twyman Tuesday made a sale of 500 bales of cotton to B. C. McElroy for over \$36,000. This makes about the third large cotton deal in Marshall in the past few days.

NEWS FROM

The first dirt on the Paris and Mount Pleasant Railroad was broken Monday

OVER TEXAS

Rain fell generally over the state of Texas Thursday and Friday, according to reports.

The bond election at Rochelle Friday carried, 75 to nothing. It provides for the issue of \$10,000 worth of bonds for erecting a school building.

The President Monday nominated Horace H. Lurton, of Tennessee, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme

Robert Weems, 17 years old, of Hartingen, fell into a vat of boiling syrup

The infant child of T. H. Laster, liv-'ng near Broadway, Lamar county, was choked to death Friday by swalowing a pecan kernel, which lodged in its windpipe. A disastrous fire occurred Monday

in the city of Valdiva, Chile. Eighteen blocks of buildings were destroyed and thousands rendered homeless. The toss is estimated at \$2,500,000. J. W. Powers, of Gainesville, a cot-

cotton for export, selling it at \$14.25c. During the month of November 66, that Vasquez had violated the armis- 000 cars were handled in the Katy yards in Denison, which is 9,045 in excess of the cars handled during No-

> The 14-month-old son of J. M. Rich ardson, of Sherman, was seriously burned Tuesday, the infant's clothing catching fire from an open grate. Recovery is doubtful.

The Attorney General at Austin Monday filed a motion in the Waters Pierce Oil case to have the Court set aside \$74,000 to be paid to the State of Texas as tax on gross receipts.

The first really cold weather of this season was experienced at Arilene Monday night and Tuesday morning. when the thermometer registered be tween 20 and 35 degrees.

In a street duel with knives at Alicia, Arkansas, a town located near years of age, for special proficiency in Little Rock, Saturday, Miss Nora agricultural pursuits. The recipients Owens was fatally injured by Miss Stella Belk, and died within a few min-The engineering corps of the Mem-

phis, Paris and Gulf Railway reached

Clarksville Monday, and are now encamped in the southern suburbs of the city working on south and west toward Sulphur Springs and Dallas. Wildcats are reported numerous in

the Warsaw community in the southern portion of Kaufman county. J. R. ordered away, Elijah Children Sunday Randolph recently killed a large wildshot and killed Miss Belle Frizzle and cat within 200 feet of his home. These eats have been catching many chic ens in taht vicinity.

The November bulletin of the Texas State Board of Health, which shows that during the month of October there were 1,022 deaths in Texas with 4,159 births. Of the births 2,035 were males, 2.124 females 3,874 white, 287 black,

Because, as he alleges, they were trespassing on his property and used obscene language in the presence of his family when ordered away, Elijah Children Sunday shot and killed Miss Belle Frizzle and seriously wounded her companion, Cole Bard, at Dillsboro,

Schley & Davis, patent attorneys of 401 Main street, Dallas, Texas, announce the issuance of the following patents to Texans for the week ending Dec. 4: E. M. Buckhannan, Sulphur Springs, plow: W. H. Dunn, San Antonio, device for sharpening razors; E. Englund, El Campo, land-roller; J. M.

Godoy, San Antonio, automatic switch: I. N. Young, assignor to S. W. King, Dallas, oil burner. Trade-marks: National Coffee Co., Ft. Worth, coffee.

J. H. Aiken, a prominent Mason, aged 58, who came to Waco to attend the grand lodge, died of heart disease Tuesday. The remains were sent to Salado, Bell County, his home, with a Masonic escort.

More than 25,000,000 deposits accounts are carried on the books of the banks of all classes in the United States and insular possesisons, according to statements contained in the annual report of Lawrence Murray, Comptroller of the Currency, laid before Congress Friday. The aggregate deposits on April 28 last were about \$14.425.165.

Col. James Wilson, for many years Southwestern passenger agent of the Chicago and Alton, has just returned to Fort Worth from a hunting trip in the Davis Mountains of West Texas, where he killed a black bear weighing 300 pounds.

The Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company Monday had an amendment to its charter approved and filed at Austin providing for an extension from Lometa, on the San Angelo branch, through San Saba and Brady to a point in Couche County, a distance of 103 miles.

The heaviest snow at Gainesville in three years covered the ground Wednesday half an inch thick. It froze on the ground, making travel slow and dangerous. Wheat growers are glad. Thousands of letters bearing the

Red Cross stamps are being sent to the Dead Letter Office in Washington. or held at postoffice for postage. Notwithstanding the plain instructions issued in connection with the sale of the Red Cross stamps, quite a number of letters are being mailed bearing these stamps in lieu of regular postage.

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN

IMPORTANT NEWS OF THE EN TIRE WEEK REDUCED FOR BUSY READERS.

CONDENSED AND IMPORTANT

Carefully Prepared for Those Who Desire to Keep Thoroughly Posted on Events.

One of the largest cotton deals made in the county was made in Marshall day, in Oakland, Cal. Wednesday. The State Bank sold to cotton for \$75,000.

The report is current in Managua, that there has been a severe engage- cago Sunday. ment, near Rama, between the Government troops, commanded by Gen. Vasheavy loss of life. William Bowner, a young man about

21 years old and a hand employed on the farm of Bob Blythe, four miles east of Decatur, was crushed to death Wednesday beneath a large tree which he had cut down upon himself. In caucus Wednesday, in Washington, the Democrats elected Senator H.

D. Money of Mississippi as minority leader of the Senate, to succeed Senator Culberson of Texas, whose resignation was presented Tuesday. That the Controller of the Currency is an agent of the Government, with power to examine into the affairs of

National banks, was decided in favor of the Government by the Supreme Court of the United States Monday in Washington. According to Assistant Attorney General Henshaw, of Oklahoma, of the

accepting a passenger fare of 21/2c per The Department of Agriculture at port for November showing 2,084,403 over November last year. bales of cotton ginned in Texas up to Dr. Rushing, in a statement in the

same time last year. Senator Bailey introduced a bill in of dogs.

building at Stamford. Organizers have begun to work in and typewriters in the United States inent cattleman of Tecumseh.

and Canada eligible for the union. mas Day" or other similar inscription in Kalamazoo, Mich. may be written only on such parcels as bear postage at first-class rates.

were taken to make sure that the longthe university authorities.

at the stock yards in Kansas City, just had an interview at Washington years was established. In July, 1882, several car loads of hogs sold at \$8.80. This was due to a cholera epidemic that had passed through the country. In the United States Circuit Court,

Granted a stay of ten days to Charles | 697. term of fifteen years in a Federal prison on conviction of misappropriation of National bank funds, and referred counsel's motion for a new trial for tried the case.

The explosion of two gas tanks in the so-called Kleinsbrook, on the Elbe front at Hamburg, Tuesday, was followed by an extensive fire and the loss of many lives. The explosion was due to a leak in a new gasometer.

Conclusive evidence is said to have been secured by the military court of inquiry into the "shooting-up" of Brownsville Wednesday, that mem
Conclusive evidence is said to have held in Sait Lake City, and it will be no facility and it will be no bers of the Twenty-Fifth infantry, colored, who were in the fort, fired upon the town at the time their companions were racing through the streets of ers has requested the Comptroller at DIAMONDS the Texas town, shooting right and Austin to strike his name from the left.

A new trunk line railroad from St. Louis to Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma points in the project announced by G. F. Moore, president of the recently organized Manufacturers' Rail-

The seventy-fourth annual grand communication of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas began Tues. in Waco. Address of Grand Master J. J. Davis of Galveston made it evident there had been wonderful growth in the Masonic order in Texas, and not a single lodge in nearly one thousand is delinquent in dues or failed to report.

The citizens' committee to raise \$100,000 bonus to secure the Memphis. Paris and Gulf Railroad for Terrell, are at work making a general canvass of the city. The citizens are subscribing liberally.

The aeroplane which the army has purchased from the Wright brothers is to be sent to Texas this month for a series of winter flights, to be given at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio. Thomas Mitchell, a well known

stock raiser of Sweetwater, died Monday morning at St. Paul's Canitarium,

others injured as a result of a tenement house fire Monday in Cincinnati,

broken on the St. Joseph market Friday when a top of \$8.50 per 100 was

paid. Diamonds and jewelry valued at \$300,000 were stolen from the apartment of Mrs. John William Jenkins

On the main street of Eufaula, Okla. Wednesday, a man named Spake was shot and killed. Five shots struck Spake, who died almost immediately.

Groff killed his wife and himself Fri-Two immigrants were killed and W. E. Ross of this city 1,000 bales of three men and woman injured in an accident to a northbound Chicago and

It was announced Saturday that J. M. Alderdice, a prominent farmer of quez, and the revolutionists, with Ellis County, had received an offer of

> crop next year. The first flight in a heavier-than-air aerial craft ever attempted in Mexico will be made early next week near this capital by Alberto Braniff, who has

> Twenty-six Moslems were executed at Adana, Turkey, Sunday in connection with the April massacres. Great

> crowds witnessed the executions. Charles K. Hamilton in the Glenn Curtiss aeroplane at St. Joseph, Mo., Sunday, during a snowstorm, made two

were pooled and sold at auction in Louisville, Ky., Friday. 18c a pound for the fowls alive being paid by a local packing firm.

Charles B. Withington, inventor of the first automatic grain binder and State Corporation Commission, no at- known as the "father of the grain bindtempt is being made by the State to ing industry," died Monday at his res-

For the month of November all the railroads in the United States thus far reporting, show total gross earnings of Austin Thursday issued a ginners' re- \$38,668,812, an increase of 10.5 per cent

Dec. 1, this year, as compared with DeSoto (La.) Parish Medical Society 1,998,946 bales reported up to the Friday, announced a new theory, that pellagra springs from a mouth disease

appropriate \$100,000 for a public build- appurtenances of the house in O ing a Ballinger and \$100,000 for a street, where President Zelaya's representatives once were domiciled. Hundreds of cattle have died and the New York to recruit members for an value of a much larger number has

Many firemen overcome by smoke, It has been decided by the classi- 300 hotel guests driven scantily clad fication committee of the Postoffice into the icy streets and property val-Department at Washington, that the ued at approximately \$750,000 destroy words, "not to be opened until Christ- ed in the work of a fire Tuesday night,

For the second time within a weel the record price on hogs was broken The North Pole observations of Dr. in Ft. Worth Wednesday when a car Cook arrived at Copenhagen Wednes- load marketed by the Farmers' Union

Fort Sam Houston, Texas, is soon to heralded data was delivered safely to be the scene of army flying machine tests, according to advices received Tuesday, a record for twenty-seven with Gen. James Allen, chief of the

Another \$10,000 land deal was closed in Denton Tuesday when Abe Reynolds Davis, ten miles north of that city in

Morse, convicted banker, facing a Thirty-five passengers on a street car were injured, none fatally and few seriously Wednesday night in In- Wholesale and Retail. Agents wanted in dianapolis, Ind., when the car was every town in the state. We are state agents for Victor; complete stock always on hand. struck by an inbound Pennsylvania Morse to Judge Hough, who originally passenger train crossing and hurled

> Mrs. N. O. Curtis and Mrs. Copeland were thrown from a buggy Friday in Palestine, and Mrs. Curtis received fatal injuries, Mrs. Copeland sustaining and Berries. Fortunes in some New Sorts. a fractured arm and other injuries.

> "The Jeffries-Johnson bout will be F. T. RAMSEY & SON, AUSTIN, TEXAS held in Salt Lake City, and it will be

ting a state pension each quarter was more trouble than the pension was worth, one of the Confederate pension-

ceived at the Navy Department in Washington. As a promise of activity in the interest of legislation, Senators in Washington Friday introduced more than

death Monday at Nice, France, while JOHN DEERE PLOW CO., DALLAS,TX flying for the first time in a machine

Bulger Wilkerson, a well-to-do farmer of near Greenville, and a pioneer settler of the county, accidentally killed himself Wednesday by drinking wood alcohol.

Will Ford, a Cotton Belt barkeman eighteen months ago, has received a

A Busted Illusion. "A thing of beauty is a joy forever."

"I used to think so." "Don't you think so now?" "Nope; I have seen her in curl papers and house-cleaning rags since then."

Men and Morality.

and Spencer have been "contemp-

tible" men. Man, and not woman, has created that immense moral force,

rome.

public conscience.-Harold Owen, to London Chronicle. The Difference. When we are young we make upour minds to try and get what wewa't; when we have arrived at years. of a scretion we decide to try and

want what we can get.-Jerome K. Je-Information.

"You may never have heard of it," said Mrs. Lapsling, "but it's a fact that they teach fishing in some of the English colleges. I've often heard Prof. Studyman, who used to live in-London, tell of the time wher he was a senior angler."

Idea an Old One. In using dogs as aids to sentries, the Italian army, as a Roman newspaper points out, has merely revived a custom prevalent among the ancient

Greeks and Romans.

Hard to Find Rest. One of the leaders in New York's business world, who is also a conspicuous philanthropist, writes from a vacation resort, where he went to rest: "There is no rest in the country for man who receives mail."

Boomerange of Celluloid. Boomerangs are now made of celfuloid and hard rubber. Celluloid is better than cardboard because it is waterproof, light, very hard to break and can be worked into the peculiar curve and twist so necessary to give the boomerang its singular proper-

Cat's Peculiar Actions. There is a black cat on Railroad street, Thomaston, Conn., that makes a point of escorting women and children home. When the party reaches its destination the cat returns to its place and escorts other persons in the same way, keeping up this strange sotion until about 10 o'clock at night.

Ronde D'Amour. Wife (to her husband who runs round her, watch in hand)-"Good. gracious, Karl; are you mad?" Husband-"I was only just finding out how long it took to run round you so that I should know if you were any slimmer when you came back

from Marienbad."-Fliegende Blaetten

No Extra Strain. Highblower (to prospective butler) "Seventy-five dollars a month? Why, that's all I pay my bookkeeper! Butler-"But he doesn't have to associate every day with your family,

Problem of Salem Housewives. The board of health of Salem, Mass, has passed an ordinance forbidding any factory, store or private residence to blow or shake dust out of the doors .- From the Circle.

sir!"-Puck.

Texas Directory

purchased the 285-acre farm of G. P. WRITE DALLAS TALKING MACHINE CO. 243 Elm ft, Dallas, Texas FOR CATALOGUES AND PRICES ON VICTOR TALKING MACHINES

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in New York Sunday.

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Northwestern passenger train in Chi-

121/2c per pound for his entire cotton

just returned from France.

and one-half miles in 31/2 minues. The turkeys of Central Ken acky

compromise the 2c fare litigation by idence in Janesville, Wis.

Congress Tuesday, asking \$200,000 for The Nicaraguan legation in Wash a Federal building at Amarillo. Rep- ington is no more. Big vans have carresentative Smith introduced bills to ried off the furniture and the other

international union of stenographers been impaired by the present cold and typewriters. The organizers say weather and snow in Oklahoma, ac that there are 500,000 stenographers cording to J. D. Lindamood, a prom-

day on board the steamer United Gin and Elevator Company of Hinton, States. Extraordinary precautions Okla., sold for \$8.30 per 100 pounds. When hogs sold at \$8.40 a hundred from Congressman Slayden, who has

Signal Corps.

Friday, in New York, Judge Noyes the Green Valley community for \$10,-

thirty feet.

350 bills and resolutions, covering a variety of subjects.

at Tyler, who, in attempting to step on the pilot of an engine while switching, had both of his legs broken about

of his own invention.

check from the company for \$20,000

rolls. His request was complied with. Press dispatches show that the cold wave continued Wednesday. A farmhand near Marion, Ohio, froze to death, as did another man at Oklahoma City and one at Chicago. A severe earthquake occurred in way of St. Louis. Guam Friday, causing considerable damage, according to a cablegram re-

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Judge Higgins wound up his docket Monday and adjourned

In this connection we wish to say that during Judge Higgins erm of office we have never heard him criticised, nor have we heard his motive impugned for any action he has taken. He has impressed us as being one of the few lawyers who have been elevated to the bench, who had the proper conception of the duty and responsibility of a judge, nand who modestly and justly exercised the great power of the judiciary so as not to oppress anyone. He has been uniformally polite and courteous to the oar, litigants, witnesses and irors and his administration with another exception has been free from threats to fine and send everybody to jail having any business in his court. He possesses' a high sense of justice and while firmly adhering to the law as it was given him to see it, he has at all times regulated his rulings and deportment with profound discretion. So far as we know few men in the judicial history of Texas has stood higher in the estimation of the bar and beople of his district.

We have been informed that Judge Higgins has declined to run for re-election. This we very much regret, but since he is not going to be a candidate, we hope the man who succeeds Judge Higgins will emulate his example, for to be his equal, he will have to be a good lawyer with the instinct of a gentleman, and must be thoroughly imbued with the spirit of democratic institutions and the spirit of American constitutions and laws.

The Fire Works Ordinance.

Reads as follows;

Be it oedained by the City Council of the city Haskell.

If any person shall discharge any gun, pistol or any fire arms of any discription or shall discharge any fire cracker or torpedo on or across any public square stree or alley in the city of Has-kell, he shall be fined any sum not exceding ONE HUNDRED

DULLARS. Introduced Nov. 24, 1908. Approved Nov. 24, 1908. T. E. Matthews, Mayor. Attest.

Mrs. W. C. Wilson died at her home in the northeast part of the | nell and are of highly respected County Tuesday and was bur- families, having lived out in this who survives her.

Leon Gillam, Secretary

RULES FOR THE PICTURE PUZZLE CONTEST.



deavored to make the rules perfectly plain to our little friends but the Mammas can aid greatly if will read them over with each little Miss and aid her in applying these instructions to her work.

First, the little lady will

need a pair of scissors, some pasteboard about 15 x20 inches square. With her scissors she must cut along the dotted lines around each separate piece of the puzzle, doing so with great care, a little mistake on a piece or two and they will not fit correctly. Then lay out puzzle on the pasteboard have it laid out correctly and complete before attempting to paste in place. OFFICE PHONE . - No. 187. When she has the pieces all correctly placed, paste each piece neatly on to the cardboard just where it belongs, then write her name and address and age where indicated on the puzzle.

Now on a separate piece of paper tell us the five best reasons why your papa and mamma should patronize the store that give you this little book. Each little girl entering this contest must be under fourteen years of age. To the little girl who hands in the neatest correct picture puzzle Contest, together with the neatest and best "five reasons why slip" we will give this beautiful little Junior Range. Let all the girls try. Contest will end December 20, 1909 have your Picture Puzzle in by that time.

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relatives. Both couples live near McConried here Wednesday. She leaves western country for several her husband and three children years they have won many warm and Cude of the north side, were

them much happiness and sunshine through their journey in A Friend.

Mrs. F. L. Meadow of Hamlin is visiting her relatives, Miss McCollum and her brother, Mr. B. F. McCollum of this city. Rev. Meadow has been licensed to preach, and is pastor of the M. E. Church at Hamlin, he having been assigned to that charge by the last Annual Conference of the north-west Texas District.

Mesdames J. H. Cunningham friends that join us it wishing in town shopping Monday.

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Yours truly, F. A. Bracher.

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PROGRAM

For Jr. B. Y. P. U. Sunday, Dec. 19th, 1909. Leader-Elbert Alvis. Subject-True Manhood. I. Scripture Reading by the Leader, 8th Psalm. II. Song.

III. Prayer. Song.

True Manhood. (Paper)-Hellen McFatter. VI. What is womanliness? Paper)—Maggie Hill.

VII. Song. VIII. Brutal Manliness. (Paper) - Herbert Arbuckle. IX. Nobility of character Pos sible to all. (Paper) - Katie Clough.

X. Song. XI. Business, if necessary. XII. Dismission.

The famous CLUB HOUSE On Sunday the 19th instant, brand of baked beans at Alex-

Pictures! Pictures!! up-to-Steins residence at 3 p. m. and date pictures selling cheap. Normaan's.

Wanted-A small family to

Kate Snyder. Eight miles south-east of Haskell, on Albany road.

Mrs. J. H. Camp who has been away visiting has returned home.

paper buy now. Norman's. Try a can of those red pitted cherries at Alexander Merc. Co's.

Big reduction on Wall-

Pictures going at cost. Norman's The only pure mince meat is

Want of space crowded out several items and communication this week.

to be found at Alexander Merc.

The Haskell band went to Goree to play for a lot sale Friday.

Bottled Olives and bulk Olives will be found at Alexander Merc. Co's.

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desserts, buy CLUB HOUSE brands at Alexander Merc. Co's.

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TAFT'S MESSAGE IS SENT TO CONGRESS

Currency Reform, Waterways, Creanon of Body to Deal With Interstate Commerce and Other Topics Handled.

Government Expenditures and Revenues a Musi Important Question -Relations with Other Nations, Nicaragua Excepted, Are Declared To Be Generally Satisfactors.

to-day transmitted to congress a message substantially as follows:

To the Senate and House of Representatives: The relations of the United States with

all foreign governments have continued upon the normal basis of amity and good understanding, and are very generally

Pursuant to the provisions of the general treaty of arbitration concluded be-tween the United States and Great Britain, April 4, 1908, a special agreement was entered into between the two countries on January 27, 1909, for the submis-sion of questions relating to the fisheries on the North Atlantic coast to a tribu-nal to be formed from members of the permanent court of arbitration at The

In accordance with the provisions of the special agreement the printed case of each government was, on October 4 last, submitted to the other and to the arbitral tribunal at The Hague, and the counter case of the United States is now

in course of preparation.

The American rights under the fisherles article of the treaty of 1818 have been a cause of difference between the United States and Great Britain for nearly The interests involved are great importance to the American fishing industry, and the final settlement of the controversy will remove a source of constant irritation and complaint. This is the first case involving such great in-ternational questions which has been submitted to the permanent court of arbitra-

tion at The Hague.

The president tells of the sending of a commission to investigate the interests of the United States and its citizens in Liberia, the commission's report now being under examination by the department of state.

He also notes the invitation extended by the Norwegian government to take part in an international conference next year to devise means to remedy existing conditions in the Spitzbergen islands, and of its acceptance under certain reservations. Mention is made of several international conferences, and then the president Amerca in constant tension and turmoil. urges that provision be made for American participation in the world's fair at Brussels next year. The quescions arising out of the Belgian anation of the Congo Free State, he

says, are in a more hopeful stage. Latin America.

The message speaks with enthusiasm of the settlement of the boundary dispute between Bolivia and Peru, and of the fourth Pan-American conference, to be held in Buenos Aires next July. Mention is made of the Argentine republic's great international agricultural exhibition, which is to open in May, 1910, and the president continues:

To-day, more than ever before, American capital is seeking investment in for-eign countries and American products are more and more generally seeking foreign markets. As a consequence, in all countries there are American citizens and American interests to be protected, on occasion, by their government. These movements of men, of capital and of commodities bring peoples and govern-ments closer together and so form bonds of peace and mutual dependency, as they must also naturally sometimes make passing points of friction. The resultant situation inevitably imposes upon this government vastly increased responsibili-ties. This administration, through the department of state and the foreign service, is lending all proper support to legitimate and beneficial American enter-prises in foreign countries, the degree of such support being measured by the na-tional advantages to be expected. A citizen himself cannot by contract or otherwise divest himself of the right, nor can this government escape the obligation of his protection in his personal and property rights when these are unjustly in fringed in a foreign country. To avoid ceaseless vexations it is proper that in considering whether American enterprise should be encouraged or supported in a particular country, the government should give full weight not only to the as opposed to the individual benefits to accrue, but also to the fact whether or not the government of the country in question is in its administration and in its diplomacy faithful to the principles of moderation, equity and justice upon which alone depend international credit, in diplomacy as well as in

The Pan-American policy of this govern ment has long been fixed in its principles and remains unchanged. With the changed circumstances of the United States and of the republics to the south of us, most of which have great natural resources, stable government and pro-gressive ideals, the apprehension which gave rise to the Monroe doctrine may be said to have nearly disappeared and neither the doctrine as it exists nor any othper doctrine of American policy should be permitted to operate for the perpetuation of irresponsible government, the escape of just obligations or the insidious allega tion of dominating ambitions on the part of the United States.

Beside the fundamental doctrines of our Pan-American policy there have grown up a realization of political interests, community of institutions and ideals and flourishing commerce. All these bonds will be greatly strengthened as time goes on and increased facilities, such as the great bank soon to be established in Latin America, supply the means for building up the colossal intercontinental commerce of the future.

My meeting with President Diaz and the greeting exchanged on both American and Mexican soil served, I hope, to sig-nalize the close and cordial relations hich so well bind together this republic and the great republic immediately to the tween which there is so vast a network of material interests. am happy to say that all but one of

Washington, Dec. 7.-The president | the cases which for an iong vexed our relations with Venezuela have been settled within the past few months and that under the enlightened regime now direct-ing the government of Venezuela, proviremaining case before The Hague tri-

> On July 30, 1909, the government of Panama agreed, after considerable negotiation, to indemnify the relatives of the American officers and sailors who were brutally treated, one of them having, indeed, been killed by the Panama police this year.

> The sincere desire of the government of Panama to do away with a situation where such an accident could occur is manifest in the recent request in compliance with which this government has lent the services of an officer of the army to be employed by the government of Panama as instructor of police.

> This government was obliged to inter-vene diplomatically to bring about arbitration or settlement of the claim of the Emery Company against Nicaragua, which it had long before been agreed should be arbitrated. A settlement of this troublesome case was reached by the signature of a protocol on September

Many years ago diplomatic intervention came necessary to the protection of the interests in the American claim of Alsop Co. against the government of Chile. The government of Chile had frequently admitted obligation in the case and had promised this government to settle it. there had been two abortive attempts to do so through arbitral commissions, which failed through lack of jurisdiction. Now, happily, as the result of the recent diplomatic negotiations, the governments of the United States and of Chile, actuated by the sincere desire to free from any strain those cordial and friendly relations upon which both set such store, have agreed by a protocol to submit the controversy to definitive settlement by his Britannic majesty, Edward VII.

Since the Washington conventions of 1907 were communicated to the govern-ment of the United States as a consulting and advisory party, this government has been almost continuously called upon by one or another, and in turn by all of the five Central American republics, to exert itself for the maintenance of the conventions. Nearly every complaint has been against the Zelaya government of Nicaragua, which has kept Central The responses made to the representations of Central American republics, as the United States on account of its relation to the Washington conven-tions, have been at all times conservative and have avoided, so far as possible, any mblance of interference, although it is very apparent that the considerations of geographic proximity to the Canal Zone and of the very substantial American interests in Central America give to the United States a special position in the one of these republics and the Carib-

I need not rehearse here the patient efforts of this government to promote peace and welfare among these republics, efforts which are fully appreciated by the majority of them, who are loyal to their true interests. It would be no less unnecessary to rehearse here the sad ale of unspeakable barbarities and oppression alleged to have been committed by the Zelaya government. Recently two Americans were put to death by order of President Zelaya himself. They were ofloers in the organized forces of a revo-ution which had continued many weeks and was in control of about half of the republic, and as such, according to the modern enlightened practice of civilized nations, they were entitled to be dealt

with as prisoners of war. At the date when this message is printd this government has terminated omatic relations with the Zelaya government, for reasons made public in a com-munication to the former Nicaragua charge d'affaires, and is intending to take future steps as may be found most consistent with its dignity, its duty to American interests and its moral obligations to Central America and to civiliza-

The Far East.

In the far east this government preserves unchanged its policy of support-ing the principle of equality of opportunity and scrupulous respect for the rity of the Chinese empire, to which poicy are pledged the interested powers of

Mention is made of the sending of students to America by the Chinese government, of China's progress toward the eradication of the opium evil, and of this government's continued cordial relations with the Japanese empire.

The Department of State. Favorable action by congress on the

estimates submitted by the depart-

ment of state is urged, especially legislation for the development and reorganization of the department to make it efficient in furthering our foreign trade. Improvement in the consular service is noted. Mr. Taft then says: Under a provision of the act of Auofficials to assist the officers of the government in collecting information necessary to a wise administration of the tariff act of August 5, 1909. As to questions of customs administration they are cooperating with the officials of the treasury department and as to matters of the needs and the exigen cies of our manufacturers and exporters, with the department of commerce and labor, in its relation to the domestic aspect of the subject of foreign commerce. In the study of foreign tariff treatment they will assist bureau of trade relations of the department of state. It is hoped thus to co-ordinate and bring to bear upon this most important subject all the agencies most important subject all the agencies of the government which can contribute anything to its efficient handling.

As a consequence of Section 2 of the tariff act of August 5, 1999, it becomes the duty of the secretary of state to conduct as diplomatic business all the negotiations necessary to place him in a position to advise me as to whether or not a particular country

whether or not a particular country

ute referred to. The great scope and complexity of this work, as well as the obligation to lend all proper aid to our expanding commerce, is met by the expansion of the bureau of trade relations as set forth in the estimates for the department of state.

Government Expenditures and Reve-

nues. Perhaps the most important question presented to this administration is that of economy in expenditures and sufficiency of revenue. The deficit of the last fiscal year, and the certain deficit of the current year, prompted congress to throw a greater responsibility on the executive and the secretary of the treasury than had heretofore been de-clared by statute. This declaration imposes upon the secretary of the treasury the duty of assembling all the estimates of the executive departments bureaus, and offices, of the expenditures necessary in the ensuing fiscal year, and of making an estimate of the revenues of the government for the same period; and if a probable deficit is thus shown, it is made the duty of the president to recommend the method by which such deficit can

The report of the secretary shows that the ordinary expenditures for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 1910, will exceed the estimated receipts by \$34,075,820. If to this deficit is added the sum to be disbursed for the Panama Canal amounting to \$28,000,000, and \$1,000,000 to be paid on the public debt, the deficit of ordinary receipts and expenditures will be increased to a total deficit of \$73.075.620. This deficit the secretary proposes to meet by the proceeds of bonds issued to pay the cost of constructing the Panama

Canal. I approve this proposal.

The policy of paying for the construction of the Panama Canal, not out of current revenue, but by bond issues. was adopted in the Spooner act of 1890, and there seems to be no good reason for departing from the prin-ciple by which a part at least of the burden of the cost of the canal shall fall upon our posterity who are to enit; and there is all the more rea-for this view because the actual cost to date of the canal, which is now half done and which will be completed anuary 1, 1915, shows that the cost of engineering and construction will be \$297.766.000, instead of \$139,705,200, as originally estimated. In addition to engineering and construction, the other expenses, including sanitation and government, and the amount paid for the properties, the franchise, and the priviof building the canal, increase tost of \$75,435,000, to a total of \$375,-201,000. The increase in the cost of engineering and construction is due to substantial enlargement of the plan of construction by widening the canal 100 feet in the Culebra cut and by increasing the dimensions of the locks. o the underestimate of the quantity of the work to be done under the original plan, and to an underestimate of the cost of labor and materials, both of which have greatly enhanced in price

since the original estimmate was made.
In order to avoid a deficit for the ensuing fiscal year. I directed the heads of departments in the preparation of their estimates to make them as low as possible consistent with imperative governmental necessity. result has been, as I am advised by the secretary of the treasury, that the estimates for the expenses of the government for the next fiscal year end-ing June 30, 1911, are less than the appropriations for this current fiscal year by \$42.818.000. So far as the secretary of the treasury is able to form a judgment as to future income and compare it with the expenditures for the next fiscal year ending June 30, 1911, and excluding payments count of the Panama Canal, which will doubtless be taken up by bonds, there will be a surplus of \$35,931,000.

In the present estimates the needs of the departments and of the government have been cut to the quick, so to speak, and any assumption on the part of congress, so often made in times past, that the estimates have been prepared with the expectation that they may be reduced, will result in seriously hampering proper admin-

To reduce the cost of permanent administration, says the president, a thorough reorganization of bureaus, offices and departments would be necessary. An expert accountant has been making an investigation into this matter and the result of his work shows opportunity for both substantial reductions in cost and increase of efficiency.

Frauds in the Collection of Customs. I regret to refer to the fact of the dis-

covery of extensive frauds in the collec-tion of the customs revenue at New York city, in which a number of the subor-dinate employes in the weighing and other departments were directly con-cerned, and in which the beneficiaries were the American Sugar Refining Com-pany and others. The frauds consisted in the payment of duty on underweights of sugar. The government has recovered from the American Sugar Refining Company all that it is shown to have been defrauded of. The sum was received in full of the amount due, which might have been recovered by civil suit against the beneficiary of the fraud, but there was an express reservation in the contract of settlement by which the settlement should not interfere with, or prevent the criminal prosecution of everyone who was found to be subject to the same.

Criminal prosecutions are now proceed-ing against a number of the government officers. The treasury department and the department of justice are exerting every effort to discover all the wrongdoers, in-cluding the officers and employes of the companies who may have been privy to the fraud. It would seem to me that an nvestigation of the frauds by congress at present, pending the probing by the treasury department and the department of justice, as proposed, might by giving immunity and otherwise prove an embarrassment in securing conviction of the guilty parties.

Maximum and Minimum Clause in Tariff Act.

Two features of the new tariff act call for special reference. By virtue of the clause known as the "maximum and minimum" clause, it is the duty of the executive to consider the laws and practices of other countries with reference to the importation into those countries of the products and merchandise of the United States, and if the executive finds such laws and practices not to be unduly dis-criminatory against the United States, the minimum duties provided in the bill are to go into force. Unless the president makes such a finding, then the maximum duties provided in the bill, that is, an industry of the control of the contro crease of 25 per cent. ad valorem over the minimum duties, are to be in force. Fear has been expressed that this power conferred and duty imposed on the execu-tive is likely to lead to a tariff war. I beg to express the hope and belief that no such result need be anticipated.

The discretion granted to the executive by the terms "unduly discriminatory" is wide. In order that the maximum duty shall be charged against the imports from a country, it is necessary that he shall find on the part of that country not only discriminations in its laws or the pracdiscriminations in its laws or the prac-tice under them against the trade of the United States, but that the discrimina-tions found shall be undue; that is, with-out good and fair reason. I cancelve

United States in the sense of the stat-ute referred to. The great scope and dent with the hope that the maximum duties might never be applied in any case, but that the power to apply them would enable the president and the state department through friendly negotiation to se cure the elimination from the laws and the practice under them of any foreign country of that which is unduly discriminatory. No one is seeking a tariff war or a condition in which the spirit of retaliation shall be aroused.

The new tariff law enables me to ap-

point a tariff board to assist me in con-nection with the department of state in nection with the department of state in the administration of the minimum and maximum clause of the act and also to assist officers of the government in the administration of the entire law. An examination of the law and an understanding of the nature of the facts which should be considered in discharging the functions imposed upon the executive show that I have the power to direct the state of the state tive show that I have the power to direct the tariff board to make a comprehensive glossary and encyclopedia of the terms used and articles embraced in the tariff law, and to secure information as to the cost of production of such goods in this in foreign countries. I have therefore ap-pointed a tariff board consisting of three members and have directed them to per-form all the duties above described. This work will perhaps take two or three years, and I ask from congress a continuyears, and I ask from congress a continu-ing annual appropriation equal to that al-ready made for its prosecution. I believe that the work of this board will be of prime utility and importance whenever congress shall deem it wise again to re-adjust the customs duties. If the facts secured by the tariff board are of such a secured by the tariff board are of such a character as to show generally that the rates of duties imposed by the present tariff law are excessive under the prin-ciples of protection as described in the platform of the successful party at the late election. I shall not hesitate to invite the attention of congress to this fact and to the necessity for action predicated thereon. Nothing, however, halts busi-ness and interferes with the course of prosperity so much as the threatened re-vision of the tariff, and until the facts are at hand, after careful and deliberate in-vestigation, upon which such revision can properly be undertaken, it seems to me unwise to attempt it. The amount of misinformation that creeps into arguments pro and con in respect to tariff rates is such as to require the kind of investiga-tion that I have directed the tariff board to make, an investigation undertaken by without respect to the effect which the facts may have in calling for a readjustment of the rates of duty.

War Department.

In the interest of immediate economy and because of the prospect of a deficit, I have required a reduction in the estimates of the war department for the coming fiscal year, which brings the total estimates down to an amount fortyfive millions less than the corresponding estimates for last year. This could only be accomplished by cutting off new projects and suspending for the period of one year all progress in military mat-ters. For the same reason I have directed that the army shall not be recruited up to its present authorized strength These measures can hardly be more than temporary-to last until our revenues are in better condition and until the whole question of the expediency of adopting a definite military policy can be submitted to congress, for I am sure that the interests of the military establishment are seriously in need of careful consideration by congress. The laws regulating the organ-ization of our armed forces in the event of war need to be revised in order that the organization can be modified so as to produce a force which would be more consistently apportioned throughout its numerous branches. To explain the circumstances upon which this opinion is based would necessitate a lengthy discussion, and I postpone it until the first convenient opportunity shall arise to send to congress a special message upon this sub-

Of the changes recommended by the secretary of war, the president especially urges the passage of a bill that will permit the elimination of the less efficient officers. He concurs in the opinion of the military and naval joint board in favor of making an extensive naval base at Pearl Harbor, near Honolulu, and not in the Philip-

The Navy.

The return of the battleship fleet from its voyage around the world, in more eficient condition than when it started, was a noteworthy event of interest alike to our citizens and the naval authorities of the world. Besides the beneficial and fareaching effect on our personal and diplomatic relations in the countries which the fleet visited, the marked success of the ships in steaming around the world in all weathers on schedule time has increased respect for our navy and has added to our national prestige. Early in the coming session a compre

ensive plan for the reorganization of the officers of all corps of the navy will be presented to congress, and I hope it will neet with action suited to its urgency. Owing to the necessity for economy in expenditures, I have directed the curtail-ment of recommendations for naval appropriations so that they are thirty-eight nillions less than the corresponding estimates of last year, and the request for new naval construction is limited to two first-class battleships and one repair

Mr. Taft urges upon congress that the naval observatory be dedicated to science under control of some eminent astronomer.

Expedition in Legal Procedure. The deplorable delays in the adminis

tration of civil and criminal law have re-ceived the attention of committees of the American Bar association and of many state bar associations, as well as the considered thought of judges and jurists. In my judgment a change in judicial pro-cedure, with a view to reducing its exand facilitating the dispatch of business and final decision in both civil and crim inal cases constitutes the greatest need in our American institutions. I do not doubt for one moment that much of the lawless violence and cruelty exhibited in lynchings is directly due to the uncertainties and injustice growing out of the delays in trials, judgments and the executions thereof by our courts. Of course these remarks apply quite as well to the administration of justice in state courts as to that in federal courts, and without making invidious distinction it is per-haps not too much to say that, speaking generally, the defects are less in the But they are very great in the federal courts. The expedition with which busi-ness is disposed of both on the civil and the criminal side of English courts under the criminal side of English courts under modern rules of procedure makes the delays in our courts seem archaic and barbarous. The procedure in the federal courts should furnish an example for the state courts. I presume it is impossible, without an amendment to the constitution, to unite under one form of action the proceedings at common law and proceedings in equity in the federal courts, but it is certainly not impossible by a statute to simplify and make short and direct the procedure both at law and in equity in those courts. It is not impossible to cut down still more than it is cut down, the jurisdiction of the supreme court, so as to confine it almost wholly to statutory and constitutional questions. Under the present statutes the equity and admiralty procedure in the federal courts is under the control of the su-

preme court, but in the pressure of busi-ness to which that court is subjected it is impossible to hope that a radical and proper reform of the federal equity procedure can be brought about. I therefore recommend legislation providing for the appointment by the president of a commission with authority to examine the law and equity procedure of the federal courts of first instance, the law of ap-peals from those courts to the courts of appeals and to the supreme court, and the costs imposed in such procedure upon the private litigants and upon the public treasury and make recommendations with a view to simplifying and expediting the procedure as far as possible and making it as inexpensive as may be to the liti-

Injunctions Without Notice.

The platform of the successful party in the last election contained the following: "The Republican party will uphold at all times the authority and integrity of the courts, state and federal, and will ever insist that their powers to enforce ever insist that their powers to enforce their process and to protect life, liberty and property shall be preserved inviolate. We believe, however, that the rules of procedure in the federal courts with re-spect to the issuance of the writ of in-junction should be more accurately de-fined by statute and that no injunction or temporary restraining order should be issued without notice, excent where irissued without notice, except where ir-reparable injury would result from delay, in which case a speedy hearing there-after should be granted."

I recommend that in compliance with lation be adopted. The ends of justics will best be met and the chief cause of complaint against ill-considered injunc-tions without notice will be removed by enactment of a statute forbidding hereafter the issuing of any injunction or restraining order, whether temporary or permanent, by any federal court, without previous notice and a reasonable opportunity to be heard on behalf of the parties to be enjoined; unless it shall appear to the satisfaction of the court that delay necessary to give such notice and hearing would result in irreparable injury to the complainant and unless also the court shall from the evidence make a written finding, which shall be spread upon the court minutes, that immediate and irreparable injury is likely to ensue to the complainant, and shall define the injury, state why it is irreparable and shall also inderse on the order issued the date and the hour of the issuance of the order. Moreover, every such injunction or restraining order issued without pre-vious notice and opportunity by the defendant to be hard should by force of the statute expire and be of no effect after seven days from the issuance there-of or within any time less than that period which the court may fix, unless within such seven days or such less period the injunction or order is extended or renewed after previous notice and op-

portunity to be heard.

My judgment is that the passage of such an act which really embodies the best practice in equity and is very like the rule now in force in some courts will prevent the issuing of illadvised orders of injunction without notice and will render such orders when issued much less objectionable by the short time in which they may remain effective.

New Laws Needed.

The jurisdiction of the general government over interstate commerce has led to the passage of the so-called "Sherman anti-trust law" and the "in-terstate commerce law" and its amendments. The developments in the operation of those laws, as shown by indictments, trials, judicial decisions, and other sources of information, call for a discussion and some suggestions as to amendments. These I prefer to embody in a special message instead of including them in the present communication, and I shall avail myself of the first convenient opportunity to bring these subjects to the attention of congress.

Second-Class Mail Matter.

The deficit every year in the postoffice department is largely caused by the low rate of postage of 1 cent a pound charged on second-class mail matter, which includes not only newspapers but magazines and miscellaneous periodicals. The actual loss growing out of the transmission of this second-class mail matter at 1 cent pound amounts to about \$63,000,000 year. The average cost of the transportation of this matter is more than ents a pound.

It appears that the average distance over which newspapers are delivered to their customers is 291 miles, while the average haul of magazines is and of miscellaneous periodicals 1,128 miles. Thus, the average haul of the magazine is three and one-half times ical nearly four times the haul of the daily newspaper, yet all of them pay the same postage rate of 1 cent a pound. The statistics of 1907 show that second-class mail matter constituted 63.91 per cent of the weight of all the mail, and yielded only 5.19 per cent of the revenue.

The figures given are startling, and show the payment by the government of an enormous subsidy to the newspapers, magazines and periodicals, and congress may well consider whether radical steps should not be taken to reduce the deficit in the post-office de-partment caused by this discrepancy between the actual cost of transportation and the compensation exacted therefor.

A great saving might be made, amounting to much more than half of the loss, by imposing upon magazines and periodicals a higher rate They are much heavier newspapers, and contain a much higher proportion of advertising to reading matter, and the average distance of their transportation is three and a haif times as great.

The total deficit for the last fiscal year in the postoffice department amounted to \$17,500.000. The branches of its business which it did at a loss were the second-class mail service, in which the loss, as already said, was \$63,000,000, and the free rural delivery losses were in part offset by the profits of the letter postage and other sources of income. It seem wise to reduce the loss second-class mail matter, at to the extent of preventing a deficit in the total operations of the post-

I commend the whole subject to congress, not unmindful of the spread of intelligence which a low charge for intelligence which a low charge for carrying newspapers and periodicals assists. I very much doubt, however, the wisdom of a policy which constitutes so large a subsidy and requires additional taxation to meet it.

Postal Savinge Banks. The second subject worthy of men-tion in the postoffice department is the real necessity and entire practicability of establishing postal savings banks. The successful party at the last elec-The successful party at the last election declared in favor of postal savings banks, and although the proposition finds opponents in many perts of the country, I am convinced that the people desire such banks, and am sure that when the banks are furnished they will be productive of the utmost good. The postal savings banks are not constituted for the purpose of creating competition with other banks. The rate of interest upon deposits to which they would be limited would be so small as to prevent their drawing deposits away trem other banks.

I believe them to be necessary ! order to offer a proper inducement to thrift and saving to a great many people of small means who do not now have banking facilities, and to whom such a system would offer an opportunity for the accumulation of capital. They will furnish a satisfac-tory substitute, based on sound principle and actual successful trial in nearly all the countries of the world, for the system of government guar-anty of deposits now being adopted in several western states, which with deference to those who advocate it seems to me to have in it the seeds demoralization to conservative banking and certain financial disaster.

Ship Subsidy.

Following the course of my distinguished predecessor, I earnestly recommend to congress the consideration and passage of a ship subsidy bill, looking to the establishment of lines between our Atlantic seaboard and the eastern coast of South America, as well as lines from the west coast of the United States to South America, China, Japan and the Philippines. The profits on foreign mails are perhaps a sufficient measure of the expenditures which might first be tentatively applied to this method of inducing American capital to undertake the establishment of American lines of steamships in those directions in which we now feel it most important that we should have means of transportation controlled in the interest of the expan-

sion of our trade. The president recommends the admission of New Mexico and Arizona as separate states, and strongly opposes legislation looking to the election of a territorial legislature for

Conservation of National Resources. In several departments there is presented the necessity for legislation looking to the further conservation of our national resources, and the subject is one of such importance as to require a more detailed and extended discussion than can be entered upon in this communication. For that reason I shall take an early opportunity to send a special message to con-gress on the subject of the improvement of our waterways, upon the reclamation and irrigation of arid, semi-arid, and swamp lands; upon the preservation of our forests and the reforesting of suitable areas; upon the reclassification of the public domain with a view of separating from agricultural settlement min-eral, coal, and phosphate lands and sites belonging to the government bordering on streams suitable for the utilization of water power.

The White Slave Trade.

I greatly regret to have to say that the investigations made in the bureau of immigration and other sources of informa tion lend to the view that there is urgent necessity for additional legislation and greater executive activity to suppress the recruiting of the ranks of prostitutes from the streams of immigration into country—an evil which, for want of a bet-ter name, has been called "The White Slave Trade." I believe it to be constitutional to forbid, under penalty, the transportation of persons for purposes of pros-titution across national and state lines; and by appropriating a fund of \$50,000 to be used by the secretary of commerce and labor for the employment of special inspectors it will be possible to bring those responsible for this trade to indictment and conviction under a federal law

Bureau of Health.

For a very considerable period a movement has been gathering strength, espe-cially among the members of the medical profession, in favor of tion of the instruments of government which have to promotion of public health. In the nature of things, the medical department of the army and the medical department of the navy must be kept separate. But there eems to be no reason why all the other bureaus and offices in the general gov-ernment which have to do with the public health or subjects akin thereto should not be united in a bureau to be called the "bureau of public health." This would necessitate the transfer of the marinehospital service to such a bureau. I am aware that there is a wide field in respect to the public health committed to the states in which the federal government cannot exercise jurisdiction, but we have seen in the agricultural department the expansion into widest usefulness of department giving attention to agriculture when that subject is plainly one over which the states properly exercise direct jurisdiction. The opportunities of-fered for useful research and the spread of useful information in regard to the cultivation of the soil and the breeding of stock and the solution of many of the intricate problems in progressive agriculture have demonstrated the wisdo establishing that department. Similar reasons, of equal force, can be given for the establishment of a bureau of health that shall not only exercise the police jurisdiction of the federal government respecting quarantine, but which shall alse afford an opportunity for investigation and research by competent experts into questions of health affecting the whole country, or important sections thereof, questions which, in the absence of federal governmental work, are not likely

Political Contribution.

I urgently recommend to congress that a law be passed requiring that candidates in elections of members of the house of representatives and committees in charge of their candidacy and campaign file in a proper office of the United States government a statement of the contributions received and of the expenditures incurred in the campaign for such elections and that similar legislation be enacted in respect to all other elections which are constitutionally within the control of congress.

Conclusion. I have thus, in a message compressed

as much as the subjects will permit, re-ferred to many of the legislative needs of the country, with the exceptions al-ready noted. Speaking generally, the country is in a high state of prosperity There is every reason to believe that we are on the eve of a substantial business expansion and we have just garnered a harvest unexampled in the market value expansion and we have just garnered a harvest unexampled in the market value of our agricultural products. The high prices which such products bring mean great prosperity for the farming community, but on the other hand they mean a very considerably increased burden upon those classes in the community whose yearly compensation does not expand with the improvement in business and the general prosperity. Various reasons are given for the high prices. The proportionate increase in the output of gold, which to-day is the chief medium of exchange and is in some respects um of exchange and is in some respecte a measure of value, furnishes a substana measure of value, furnishes a substantial explanation of at least part of the increase in prices. The increase in population and the more expensive mode of living of the people, which have not been accompanied by a proportionate increase in acreage production, may furnish a further reason. It is well to note that the increase in the cost of living is not confined to this country, but prevails the world over and that those who would charge increases in prices to the existing protective tariff must meet the fact that the rise in prices has taken place almost wholly in those products of the factory and farm in respect to which there has been either no increase in the tariff or in many instances a very considerable reduction.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS WORTH WHILE.

Big Assortment of Holiday Goods on display, including gifts suitable for Come and see our line everyone. before you buy elsewhere.

SPENCER & GILLAM DRUGGISTS

Middle North Side Square.

Locals and Personals.

Resin meminal thou more ten

Bring us your green hides for highest market price.

Palace Market.

We are informed that W. H. Parsons has traded his store building for a farm. The con sideration was about \$1100.00.

Burns up to a clean white ash, What? The Coal that comes from or four weeks have returned Chambers Coal Store.

Mr. G. E. Ross, who left here about two years ago and went to Ky, is back on a visit.

I Will place a few loans from \$1000.00 to \$5000.00 on good and well improved farms at 8 per ent interest. See me before it M. Pierson. is all gone.

Mr. Geo. Meyer of Manor has moved to Haskell County and will be one of us in future.

200 bushles of mile maize for sale. See or 'phone

Lee Pierson.

Haskell, Texas.

There has been several Real Estate deals conducted this week there have been many farmers

We have money to loan at 8 per cent on farm property in Haskell and Knox Counties. Scott & Key.

Haskell, Texas. trading for good homes in Haskell where they will have the ad- eggs. vantages of the Public School

facilties. Tobasco Sauce at Stephens & Smith's.

Mr. W. P. B. Tucker has traded his home for a farm.

Mr. Z. T. Lloyd is now getting the Free Press he, having handed us his subscription a few days

Fresh shipment of Candy just Stephens & Smith.

Mr. J. J. Martin is one among our new subscribers.

Street has several good horses for sale.

were in the city this week, and Mr. Stodghill renewed his subscription to the Free Press.

pickles, the best on New Stephens & Smith.

BOOST DON'T KNOCK

Send me your orders, Phone 157 Chambers.

Mr. J. A. Creaser gave us the glad hand Wednesday, that contained a dollar on subcription

The best coal is the cheapest mers, try us and see. Try an order and be convinced

a prairie yacht, for the past three world to make hens lay

fine stuff.

Stephens & Smith.

man of Lubbock is in the city. Mr. Murfee is a Haskell boy and son of J. E. Murfee Ex-County Trersure of this County, now residing at Lubbock. Mr. Murfee's many friends are glad to meet him since he has grown to man's estate.

Our abstract books are complete and up-to-date. Get your abstracts from Sanders & Wilson.

Bring your eggs to Jacks & Buchanan and get the highest cash prices.

Can insure country tenament dwellings property, as well as nearly anything else against fire and tornadoes. H. M. Rike. tf.

Jacks & Buchanan will give you the highest market price for

improved farms at 8 per cent. Monday.

Chancellor & Johnson.

Have you sold your eggs? If winter. E. A. Chambers. not, bring them to us. Jacks & Buchanan.

Fresh Chocolate Candy just arrived at Stephens & Smith's.

200 bushels of milo maize and thirty thosand bundles kaffir

corn for sale. see or phone.

Lee Pierson, Haskell, Ttxas. We handle only the best

Eupion oil. Stephens & Smith.

We have anything in the way of fruits, cranberries, nuts, Mr. and Mrs. U. T. Stodghill raisins, currants and citran. Get them while they are plentiful. Alexander Merc. Co. Merc. Co's.

Mr. Vernon Cobb has returned Mr. Cobb is convalescing rapidly and is able to be on the streets.

date at Norman's.

We love to please our custo-Jno. B. Lamkin & Co.

W. M. Oglesby and wife who grinder and can supply you with ner's. have been cruising the Plains in chicken feed, the best in the

Palace Meat Market.

Jno. B. Lamkin & Co. will do Queen Olives and Grape Juice, your work as cheap as any one. the quality of work considered. .

List your land with Ramey & Mr. Geo. Murfee a real estate French. They will sell it for you.

NO CLINKERS, NO SOOT

in E. A. Chamber's Coal.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bible Study 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m., 7 p. m. Song Practice, 3 p. m.

Go to Jno. B. Lamkin & Co's. to have your horse shod or plow fixed right.

Messrs Mauldin and Warbritton have purchased Mr. Walker's barber shop on the north side.

Mr. and Mrs. Guinn of Sayles were in the city Tuesday.

Now is the time to put out shade trees phane no 167. C. W. Ramey.

Mr. Vontress Roberts of the We have money to loan on north-east side was in the city

500 Tons of the best Colorado and McAlester Coal to begin the

Fresh barrell krout at the city Grocer Co.

J. S. Fouts of Sayles was in town Monday and renewed his

subscription to the Free Press. Get a pair of suspenders for your husbands Xmas present at

Alexander Merc. Co's. Mr. Jas. W. Robertson, who has been residing in the Vontress community, has moved to

Haskell. Chicken tamales Pork and Beans at 5c can at Alexander

Miss Maggie Hattie Williams from Abilene, where he was of Dallas is visiting her grandoperated upon for appendicitis. parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Collier.

All kinds of CLUB HOUSE Pictures framed up-to- canned goods at Alexander Merc. Co's.

C. B. and W. B. Adshire left Thursday night for Grandview where they will make their home. These gentelmen have been residents of Haskell County the past few years.

"Money to loan on improved farms at 8 per cent interest." 'and Vendor's Lien notes bought and extended."

> Jas. P. Kinnard, Lawyer, Haskell, Texas.

Mr. R. C. Montgomery, casher of the Farmers National Bank, left Wednesday for Glory Okla., to consult a specialist concerning his health. He was accompanied by Dr. A. G. Neathery, his physician, We learn that Mr. Montgomery probably has a mild case of appendicitis.

Geo. N. Crook, Esq. of Crocket, Texas, was in attendance upon our district court last week. Mr. Crook has been a subscriber to the Free Press for some time.

Bananas fresh at Cude & Gardner's.

Elder J. D. Tant of Macon, ing his brother. Joe McCrary. Tenn., will preach each night next week, at the Church of Christ, beginning Dec. 19, at 7

return and get reward.

51-2tp Annie Joslett. Oranges the best at Cude &

Jardner's. The cards are out announcing the marriage of Mr. Grady L. Gardner's.

Webster to Miss Maud Lillian Our abstract books are com- Ervin at Lubbock, Texas. The plete and up-to-date. Get your wedding will be on the 22nd Alexander and others tried at Sanders & Wilson, instant at the Baptist church of last term of our district court in that city. Mr. Webster is well which the jail question was inknown at Haskell and has many friends in this city.

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250 Acres, 150 in cultivation, 5 sets improvements, 5 wells free stone water, 1 running spring, 8 acres Bermuda Meadow, 8 acres in peach orchard, 4 Elberta's and 4 miscellaneous, one-fourth mile to church. I mile to school, on Rural Route. All of this land can be cultivated. Oak Timber, 4 miles from town, 16 miles south of Tyler. No incumbrance. Will trade for land in Haskell county. SEE

Texas Land Co.

B. M. WHITEKER. Mgr.

BANK NOTICE

To our customers the following banks will close Friday, December 24th at 12 o'clock sharp.

> Haskell National Bank. Farmers National Bank. Haskell State Bank.

We have purchased the Walker Barber shop on the north o'clock p. m., and continue over friends and patrons for past favors and request a continu-Lost-A ladies gold watch on ance of their patronage and the streets in Haskell. Finder desire to serve the old patrons of the shop in the most satis-

factory way. Respectfully Mauldin & Warbritton

volved has been affirmed by the

matter will be finally settled.

HASKELL NATIONAL BANK STOCK HOLDERS MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Stock Holders of the Haskell National Bank will Haskell. Texas. be held at the office of said bank, in Haskell, Texas, on the second Mr. Jno. R. McCrary of Jud Tuesday, the 11th day of Januwas in the city this week visit- ary, A. D. 1910, at two o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing a board of directors for said bank, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before such meeting. G. E. Langford, Cashier.

COAL CONSUMERS NOTICE.

Xmas sweetmeats at Cude & McALESTER FANCY LUMP GEM MAITLAND The suit of C. V. Hill vs. A. H. HUERFANO LUMP from Wal-RUGBY NIGGERHEAD senburg district. Phone 157 Chambers.

Estrayed - One black white court of appeals at Fort Worth. face shoat, will weigh 75 or 80 We have just put in a bone Best candy at Cude & Gard- After some further delay the pounds. Finder please notify W. P. Whitman.

Lloyd & Company

Druggists

Haskell, Texas.

to D. M. Cogdell, Jr.

We are here for your health and feel a personal interest in the welfare of every man, woman and child in Haskell County and besides the mammoth stock of goods we bought from Cogdell Drug Co., we have added and are still adding almost daily new and fresh Drugs Sundries, & etc.

We are also headquarters for Santa Claus and have the finest, biggest and best assortment of Xmas goods ever offered and at prices in keeping with the short crops.

We have a kind feeling for everybody who has ever been a patron of the house and would like to have them continue their business with us and would invite new customers. Especially would we be glad for ALL to come and partake of our many bargains in fresh new Xmas goods. Full and fresh line of

> **Lownlys Candies** For Christmas Gifts.



a cottage, it is possible, will drive bigger and taller as the years pass until they will be literally "skyscrapers" within a cen-

in one of these big buildings, while the machinery will be out of sight, domestic affairs will be so mechanical, even automatic, that you can get almost anything the family needs simply by turning on a switch or pressing a button. The flat dweller of that distant day will not be

bothered with servants or the servant problem, By pressing a button the Christmas dinner will come up noiselessly from the kitchen on the mechanical waiter or perhaps in a pneumatic tube.

After your Christmas dinner is over the dishes will disappear as silently and swiftly as you could wish. Some sort of mechanical dish washer in the kitchen will take care of them-or, what is more likely, they will be made of a cheap composition and will be destroyed by burning after they are used once. The antiseptic precautions of the modern surgeon will be common to the kitchens of the next century and hygiene will be a real science.

When you have eaten your Christmas dinner, if you want to go out for the evening you can press a button and an aerocab will come to the landing at your door. Or, if you prefer it, you may drop down the pneumatic elevator to some point 50 or 100 feet below the surface of the earth and be whirled through the pneumatic subway at a dizzy rate of speed to your destination. Only the speed will not make you dizzy. You will not be able to feel it. You may sit in your cushioned car, well lighted and warmed and ventilated by some process yet to be discovered, and before you realize it the miles will speed away and you step out to the opera or the

If you prefer to remain at your apartments the telautoscope attached to your telephone may be connected to any theater you desire, and you can sit in your easy chair and smoke while you see the play projected on the wall like the most perfect moving picture. All the stage settings will be there to make the play seem real, and the improved telephone will bring every shade and subtle inflection of the actor's voice to your ear.

It seems certain that this telautoscope arrange ment—the exact word to describe it will be coined after the process is discovered-will be one of the triumphs of the coming century. It will enable you to see the person you are talking to over a tele phone.

The flight of the coming airship probably will be so rapid that the business man and even the salaried worker, if he loves the country, can have a villa or a cottage at a great distance from the city and go to work in his own airship at slight cost.

On Christmas day in the good century to come this flight in the air will be the means of many family reunions that are impossible now. A few hours will take one to the most distant part of the country, and the practical cessation of business during the holiday week will leave all free to fore-gather with the loved ones and pay deferred visite

TRY GYROSCOPE CAR

Coach on Single Rail Tested in England.

inventor's idea is to Carry Passengers on the Principle of a Spinning Top-First Trial a Success.

Manchester, Eng.-A 22-ton railway ear, 40 feet long, 13 feet high and 10 feet wide, mounted not on regular trucks but one single line of four wheels, with not a support but that line of wheels. That's the first thing to picture. Then put 40 passengers inside the car and run the whose combination around on a single rail at 25 miles or more an hour, and you have the spectacle that was presented before the Royal Society of England several days ago on the war office grounds near Chatham. It was the first public demonstration of the full sized working model of the new gy roscope car, first made public before the Royal society on May 8, 1907, by its inventor, Louis Brennan, C. B.

The demonstration was successful even beyond expectation. The car ran smoothly and without vibration taking curves and irregularities in the track with perfect safety and absolute stability, loaded or empty, fast or slow. There never was the least tendency on the part of the car to leave the rail, so perfect was the gyro scope control. Two gyroscopes were used, weighing three-quarters of a ton each, and making 3,000 revolutions a minute in a vacuum. A gasoline engine furnished the motive power through the means of an electric dynamo. Mr. Brennan was overjoyed at finding that the stability of the gyroscopic vrinciple was even more marked in a full-sized model than in a smaller one.

The principle of the gyroscope is that of a spinning top. Some thirty years ago Mr. Brennan, who was then it Australia, became beset with the idea that this principle could be applied to railroad construction and operation in a way which would revolutionize land transportation all over the earth.

It has always been known that on an ordinary two-railed track friction and jarring prevent the use of any but 12 per cent. of the total power de-



veloped by a locomotive. The tworailed track is also dangerous in that it has a safety limit of speed at about seventy-two miles an hour, after which spreading of rails and breaking of wheel flanges become not only possible, but probable, except in those cases where the equipment is kept at of local advertisements on it," said its highest state of perfection. It was the manager. this that led to the development of the monorail, a single-railed overhead track from which the cars were suspended. Not only was a great deal of friction thus overcome, but many of the common dangers were entirely man. done away -ttl. Nevertheless, the suspended type of mororail was not p-riect. It had dangers of its own, Certain Habits Unconsciously Formed and besides this the cost of construc-

tion was immense. It was figured that if a single rail could only be laid on the ground and a car or train run over it railway construction would almost be made perfection. With a rail on the ground, of many tons. however, the center of gravity would necessarily be above the line of support, and gravity was one thing which man had never yet successfully overcome. Slowly the idea of the spinning top and then of the gyroscope worked itself out in the mind of the inventor.

Louis Brennan was the inventor of the Brennan torpedo, controlled by | ach. the British war department, and as he had been through some practical mechanical experience he started in to develop the gyroscope car. Anu in May, 1907, he made his invention pub

Goif.

Golf, the game of presidents, has penetrated even to Bagdad. Where the Caliph Haroun once walked in mufti with his vizier, prosaic Germans and Englishmen now swear and shout At Chinking, on the Yangtse river.

there is a golf course covered with strange oval bumps. These are graves, and they make splendid hazards. The course is an abandoned Chinese cemetery.

Benin, Zanzibar, Bangkok and Perak all have their golf clubs.



Miss Smiff-Oh, doctor, do you know you look perfectly killing this evening?

Doctor-Thank you, but I am not I'm off duty, you know.

AGONIZING ITCHING.

Eczema for a Year-Got No Relief Even at Skin Hospital-In Despair

Until Cuticura Cured Him.

"I was troubled with a severe itching and dry, scrufy skin on my ankles, feet, arms and scalp. Scratching made it worse. Thousands of small red pimples formed and these caused intense itching. I was advised to go to the hospital for diseases of the skin. I did so, the chief surgeon saying: "I never saw such a bad case of eczema." But I got little or no relief. Then I tried many so-called remedies, but I became so bad that I almost gave up in despair. After suffering agonies for twelve months, I was relieved of the almost unbearable itching after two or three applications of Cuticura Ointment. I continued its use, combined with Cuticura Soap and Pills, and I was completely cured. Henry Searle, Little Rock, Ark., Oct. 8 and 10, 1907. Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., Sale Props., Boston

Stated In Cold Figures.

It costs on an average about \$250 to cure an incipient consumptive or to care for an advanced case of tuberculosis until death. If he is left in destitute circumstances without proper attention he will surely infect with his disease at least two other persons, and possibly more. Considering that the average life is worth to society in dollars and cents about \$1,500, the net loss which would accrue to a community by not treating its poor consumptives in proper institutions would be, for each case, including those who are unnecessarily infected, at the very lowest figure, \$4,250. On this basis, if the poor consumptives in the United States who are now sick were segregated from their families, and either kept in institutions until they died, or else cured of their disease, the saving to the country would be the enormous sum of \$1,275,000,000.

The Vacant Chair. What sad memories linger arof the old vacant chair. Sitting in

look about its frayed and seemingly weary back, it brings back a tumultuous riot of sad recollections that time can never efface. Volumes of bitter anguish come to me when I arrive home in time to catch the milkman swiping the loose furniture around the place, and take off my shoes to avoid publicity, and strike my best toe against the rocker of the old vacant chair. Then, forgetting for the moment my unclad feet, I kick the chair on the other rocker. That is when the sadness and suffering that lingers around the old chair comes out with an extra edition and great chunks of gloom settle over me like a herd of ill natured flies.-Oregon Journal.

Safe Place for the Author.

"In a small town where the audience calls for the author of the piece to come before the curtain, he always feels better if the curtain has a lot

"Why so?" asked his friend.

"Why, the people in the audience are not going to throw eggs and take a chance on spoiling their own adver tisements, are they?"-Yonkers States

HABIT'S CHAIN and Hard to Break.

An ingenious philosopher estimates that the amount of will power neces sary to break a life-long habit would. if it could be transformed, lift a weight

It sometimes requires a higher degree of heroism to break the chains or peraicious habit than to lead a for lorn hope in a bloody battle. A lady writes from an Indiana town:

"From my earliest childhood I was s lover of coffee. Before I was out of my teens I was a miserable dyspeptic, suf fering terribly at times with my stom-

"I was convinced that it was coffee that was causing the trouble and yet I could not deny myself a cup for breakfast. At the age of 36 I was in very poor health, indeed. My sister told me I was in danger of becoming a coffee drunkard.

"But I never could give up drinking coffee for breakfast, although it kept me constantly ill, until I tried Postum. I learned to make it properly according to directions, and now we can hardly do without Postum for breakfast, and care nothing for coffee.

"I am no longer troubled with dyspepsia, do not have spells of suffering with my stomach that used to trouble me so when I drank coffee."

Look in pags. for the little book, "The Road to Wellville." "There's a Reason

Little Johnny will not covet a railroad

train. Real cars on a real track, pulled by a real locomotive that snakes smoke will not seem a wonderful thing

to him, as it does to the little Johnny of to-day. The lad of the next century will want a model of the latest airship in his Christmas stocking. He will expect a working model, too-one that will sail through the flat like a live bird, and perhaps carry his own weight.

Within the last hundred years steam and electricity have been developed and it is entirely reasonable to imagine that within the coming century men will travel through the air as commonly as they now travel over the land. The automobile, the trolley car, the railroad train, and the horse as a draft animal-all will be gone. Men will use the earth, as the birds do, for a resting place for their homes and the principal source of food supply; but when they want to move from one place to another, they will mount into the ether, even as the birds do, and flay swiftly and safely to

their destination. It is probable that there will not be a wheeled wehicle of any kind on the streets of a great city on Christmas day, in the year 2009. Our tunnel system will have developed until the vast subterranean net work of bores, chutes and pneumatic tubes will carry on the heavy traffic of the city without noise or confusion. The streets will be given up to pedestrians-to those who walk for pleasure or wish to travel short distances. The sidewalk as it is now will be no more, but the entire width of the street will be given up to foot passengers. There will be neither car tracks nor

moving vehicles to annoy. The suburbanite who does not fly to work in 2009 will be shot through a pneumatic tube, traveling the five, ten, or fifty miles of distance in a space of time that may be only a few seconds, and certainly cannot be more than a few minutes. It may be that few people will walk anywhere in the year 2009. When man learns to fly he will scorn walking as too slow a means of progress. Perhaps our great-great-grandchildren, who no doubt will live in immense apartment buildings towering a half mile from the ground, may go for weeks at a time without setting foot to the earth.

With the passing of the Christmas sleigh there will be no longer any need for reindeers for Santa Claus. He, too, will travel by airship, and while the old Santa Claus will be a myth, the new Santa Claus will be as real as the bewhiskered and befurred boys who now entertain the children in the department stores.

It is not hard to imagine that the big stores will develop the Santa Claus idea to the point that Christmas purchases will be delivered on Christmas eve by an airship driver made up to imper-

you want to avoid the rush and do your Christmas shopping in your own apartments, the scientists probably will have provided for you a combination of telescope and moving picture machine by means of which you can connect your room with the toy department and see the display by wire-

sonate Santa Claus. A hun-

dred years from now, if

or perhaps by wireless-and at the same time you get prices and leave your order with the clerk by But perhaps the woman of 2009 will enjoy the mad rush of the shops as much as she does today during the holiday season, and then she will go to the big store and order her toys and presents. The store could deliver them through the

pneumatic package tubes which will go to all

parts of the city, but it will be more poetic to have them delivered by Santa Claus. Christmas eve a score or a hundred Santa Clauses will set out from the various shops with their airships laden with Christmas gifts to be delivered at the various addresses. It will no longer be necessary to "deliver all goods in the rear" of the big apartment building, but whether you live on the twentieth or two hundred and twentieth story of the big house you will have your own private airship landing, and while the family is gathered at the door to receive Santa Claus the airship will settle on the landing and the cheerful

as he hands in the packages. The Christmas tree of a hundred years from now will be an electrical marvel. Festoons and wreaths of rainbow colored lights and "chasers" will scintillate from its green branches. But the presents that hang on it will be even more won-

"Merry Christmas" of the aeronaut will greet you

There will be dolls as large as the little girls who will receive them. There will be dolls that can walk and with the improved phonographic arrangements of another century there will be dolls that can talk and others that can sing beautiful songs. Some of them, no doubt, will be able to dance gracefully and to do tricks that would seem miraculous if performed by an automaton to-day.

The mechanical toys of 2009 will be marvels of perfection. The most imaginative man cannot possibly conceive of the new things that will be invented in the way of machinery, but it is safe to assume that the wireless transmission of power will be perfected. Wheels will spin without any visible motive power. Power may be taken from the sun's rays or wireless power stations may be operated by the waves, the waterfalls, or even the winds. Before the coal supply is exhausted the need for coal, either for warmth or power, will have passed away.

And whatever triumphs men make in the industrial world they impart to their games and Other Remedias Falled to Do In In Three Weeks Does What SERVANT PROBLEM SOLVED SAVE THIS RECIPE FOR COLDS GOOD WORK IS LOVED WORK Four Months.

My baby's face was like a raw and leeding piece of meat. I was at my ts' ends what to do. Medicine from ree physicians and cintments recomended seemed to make the Eczema worse. Then another mother spoke of Resinol which I procured at once—remember I had no more faith in it than in all the rest I had tried—but I thought it would be wasting only 50c more. Never did I spend 50c to better advantage, for the first and second days I noticed a remarkable change, and now at the end of the third week I have my pretty blue eyed, rosy cheeked, cooling baby well again. I am safe in saying he is perfectly cured and the cure was surely something remarkable. Your Soap and Ointment did in three weeks what everything else I tried failed to do in four months. My baby was positively disfigured, now his complexion is all right again.

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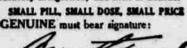
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Call up the messenger service and then-pedaling up to the house comes a pretty, uniformed girl on a bicycle. She is qualified to cook, mend, sew, take care of the baby, scrub, write letters, read the latest books to the reclining mistress, run errands, feed the furnace, drive the neighbor's chickens out of the back yard and serve as caddy on the golf links.

It may all sound too good to be true, but the dream, the ideal has materialized. The scheme was evolved by



The Messenger Girl.

German hotel keeper who had the servant trouble in its most aggravating form. To maintain good help in all the departments of the hostelry seemed impossible. Then he dreamed what a sweet place the earth would be if there were no servants-or rather if there were servants who would stay on the job.

In his dreaming the scheme came to drill girls into every sort of work about the hotel and change their ocsupations before they had time to grow tired. Thus the cook of one week might be the floor maid of the next and so on. The scheme went great. So much that his totel gained fame

as "the hotel of the happy family." He became the envy of the less fortunate men who began drawing away his help by offering increased wages. This put the innkeeper to thinking again. The result was the regularly launched messenger service, where, for a reasonable price, one may get a maid of all work and a messenger

combined. A school was established that the girls might learn to keep their balance and temper on bicycle. Thus messenger service was added to the many

To-day these uniformed girls go whirling about the streets on bicyles with a speed the mere sight of which would strike terror to the A. D. T. boy of America.

WILL TACKLE WIRE MERGER

Orla E. Harrison Is Selected by the Government to Fight the Telegraph Trust.

Washington.-The federal investigation of the billion dollar merger of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and the Western Union Telegraph Company is the most important trust inquiry undertaken under the administration of Attorney General Wickersham. One of the principal agents of the government in this



Oria E. Harrison

work will be Orla E. Harrison, assis tant attorney general. Mr. Harrison is only 37 years old. His home is in Greenville, O. He has been a member of the Ohio senate and for several years was special counsel in the office of the attorney general of the Buckere state.

Oll Production in America. During the last two years the oil production has doubled in America. The production is \$16,000,000 greater in value than the output of gold and sliver in the United States.

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daughter. "I'll sit down on myself and tnen you can't."

Coming to Terms.

Possible Boarder-Ah, that was a ripping dinner, and if that was a fair sample of your meals, I should like to come to terms.

Scotch Farmer-Before we gang any further, was that a fair sample yer appetite?

Described.

Miss Giddigosh-Oh, uncle, have you seen the Williamses' baby? Do describe it to me. Uncle Snark-Description! Um!-

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the bronze age.

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If a man doesn't love his work, he had better get something else to do. But the trouble is that such people will hardly love any kind of work. The trouble is in them. They lack intelligence. If they knew enough to know good work, they would soon learn to love it. The manual-training scheme has this in view-to surround the job a man is doing with such intelligence and taste as will make it attractive to him.

"The man who is in love with his job gets more contentment out of life than any other," says Brander Matthews; and he gets a great part of his contentment in doing his work right. No man can love his work who shirks. No man can be contested who is dishonest about his work. This is shirking or doing it negligently. So these things always go together-honest work, contentment and love of the job.

LEWIS' "SINGLE BINDER."

A hand-made cigar fresh from the table, wrapped in foil, thus keeping fresh until smoked. A fresh cigar made of good tobacco is the ideal smoke. The old, well cured tobaccos used are so rich in quality that many who formerly smoked 10c cigars now smoke Lewis' Single Binder Straight 5c. Lewis' Single Binder costs the dealer some more than other 5c cigars, but the higher price enables this factory to use extra quality tobacco. There are many imitations; don't be fooled. There is no substitute! Tell the dealer you want a Lewis "Single Binder."

Fishing Extraordinary.

Representative Flood of Virginia tells a good story in which one of the characters was Gen. Reuben Lindsay Walker of the confederate army. On one occasion the general was waiting for his breakfast, and his faithful negro servant had gone to catch some fish for the feast. When the servant was away an unusually long time the general called to him impatiently:

"Why don't you come here with that fish, Sam?"

Sam in the meantime had caught a flounder, which is white on one side, with a whiteness that looks like raw

"All right, Massa Reuben!" called out Sam. "I'se comin' des ez soon ez I kotch de uvver ha'f o' dis here fish." -Washington Times.

Slow Recovery.

"Is the editor out?" asked a visitor to the office of the Ridgeville Banner. "Yes, sir," answered the editor's small assistant. "He's gone out to put away a jug of licker left by a sub-

"Do you think it will take him long to put it away?"

"Naw, sir, it won't take him long ter put it away, but after that he won't be able ter do nuthin' fur a week.

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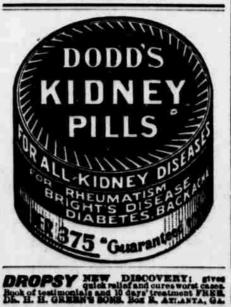
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Mr. Gus Evans our capable and efficient townsman acting as program-master called the following program:

Welcome address by Dr. Robertson.

Music. Floral Queen- Mrs. lus Evans.

Little Miss Versie Coslett recited a nice little poem on Woodcraft.

Mrs. Gus Evans rendered the poem "Lady Maude-Outly" in a very touching and impressive manner.

After an address on Woodcraft by B. F. Smith the W. O. W. team by invitation from the Royal Neighbors, put on their drill in contest with the drill team of the ladies of the Royal Neighbors. It was hard to tell which did best, the ladies just having drilled a few times. After the drill by the ladies, five young ladies out of the team dressed all in white, posed in a tableau representing the five graces of the Order: Faith, Modesty, Unselfishness. Endurance and Courage. Flash lights being used it certainly was quite effective and beautiful.

After the drills-Mrs. Emma Heagland, district deputy and organizer, recited a reading entitled, "The Jiner," in a very beautiful and impressive man-

After the program refreshments of ham sandwiches, pickles cake and coffee. After quite a jolly time eating and talking the W. O. W. as visitors were called upon to give the camp honors, the M. W. A. responding, then last but not least the Royal Neighbors about thirtyfive strong responded with their camp honors ending with the Royal Neighbors yell.

After singing the closing ode followed by prayer by Neighbor Evans the exercises closed at the eleventh hour, all having spent an enjoyable evening.

H. M. NOTES

The Huskell II. M. Society is planning to hold a Rally on Jan 11th, and invite the societies from the neighboring towns to join with us. Mrs. Bloodworth, our conference Pres. and Mrs. Patillo, our District Secretary, will be present.

The business meeting on last Friday was well attended and arrangements were made for a social afternoon on Dec. 27th with our president. Mrs. Morris. All ladies of the church are invited to come and join with us in the Christmas thanks offering which will be made on that day.

The Home Mission Tree which was used in the last study meeting brought the great work more clearly to mind. One not acquainted with the work does not realize its extent.

At the last annual meeting of the General Board of the W. H. M. Society, a memorial was prepared for the General Conference which meets in Asheville, N. C. next May-asking that the wo- place. men be accorded the full rights of the laity in the church. About two-thirds of the membership of the Methodist church are women and they are asking now that they may be allowed a voice in all church affairs and hold any office in the church to which the laity are eligible. These rights and privileges have been accorded women of other denominations.

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KILLING WOLVES

A Cunning Way To Do It.

Mr. J. A. Creaser, manager of County of Haskell. the X Ranch, was in town By virtue of an execution isin the east side.

Williams armed with a twenty real estate: two target rifle secretes himself All that certain lot, tract or behind a bush and with his horn parcel of land in Haskell County. makes a noise like a rabbit as Texas, and being out of the stated. Every cayote that hears Peter Allen Survey, Abstract the noise rushes up to the hunt. No. 2, Certificate No. 136, Surer and in this way he calls up a vey No. 140, patented to the pack of three to four wolves heirs of Peter Allen on Dec. 31. sometimes and succeeds in kill. 1866, by Patent No. 365, Vol. 17, ing all of them. Shackelford and more particularly described and Throckmorton Counties as Lot No. 3 in Block No. 5 of pay a bounty of fifty cents a the J. W. Meadors Addition to

to hunt the wolves. The method of Mr. Williams Haskell County, Texas. might be adopted by others. We suppose that any imitation of a rabbits squeak in the vicinity of a wolf will attract that favor of the Skandia Furniture beast of prey. Mr. Williams Company rendered on the 6th ought to get in commucation day of July, 1909, in the County with Mr. Roosevelt and let that Court of Haskell County, Texas. distinguished hunter try the in the sum of \$318.05 together experiment on the lions in Africa. | with costs amounting to \$8.90. It would be wonderful indeed if against the said D. B. Boyd. by imitating the cry of distress of the victim of the lion, that monarch of the forest might be destroyed by the engenious discovery of a Texan.

We have often heard that the Texan had more originality about him than any other race of men, especially West Texas. where Larry Chittenden, the cow boy lyric poet was inspired to write his poems, "The Cow to the full extent of the law. Boys Christmas Ball" and "The District Judge" and where the huntsman Williams has matched his cunning with that of the most cunning of all beasts, the cayote.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

State of Texas.

Wednesday. Mr. Creaser com- sued out of the County Court of plimented the town on the Haskell County, Texas, on splendid brick school building December 7th, 1909, and by virtue of a levy thereunder on the In conversation with Mr. hereinafter described proper Creaser he told us how an on December 7th. 1909, I. M. E. old man at his ranch had killed Park, Sheriff of Haskell County, about fifty cayotes the past Texas, will proceed to sell at three weeks. The old man is public auction at the Court House named Arch Williams, who has door of the County Court House taken a small cows horn and of Haskell County, Texas, on fixed it so he can make a noise the first Tuesday in January. resembling that made by a rab. 1910, it being the 4th day of said bit when caught by a dog. Mr. month, the following described

piece for the scalps, and he gets the town of Haskell, Texas, as about a dollar a piece for the shown by a map or plat of said furs. The ranch also pays him Addition recorded in Vol. 32, page 79 of the Deed Records of

> Said property being levied upon as the property of D. B. Boyd to satisfy a judgment in

> Witness my hand on this the 7th day of December, 1909. M. E. Park. Sheriff of Haskell County, Texas.

By J. H. Meadors, Deputy. NOTICE

Positivel I forbid any more hunting at the Hemphill Lake. If you do you will be prosecuted

5,000 OYSTERS 5,000

M. R. Hemphill.

Will be served at the Haskell Opera House Tuesday evening Dec. 21st, from 6 to 12 o'clock. bucket of our Gee Everybody come, enjoy eating Butter Scotch Flavor Oysters, meeting your friends and Stephens & Smith, stay as long as you wish, 50-2 t p