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HASKELL, HASKELL COUNTY, TEXAS, SATURDAY MORNING DECEMBER 24, 1910.

WHOLE No 1300

Collier's Drug Store Cut Price holiday SALE Will Close December 24

Made By The
WONDER
WORKER
Process



Queen Quality SHOE

MORE genuine satisfaction in "Queen Quality" than ever before. Made by new methods on new machinery. Pretty near perfection now.

C. D. GRISSOM & SON

CONDON GETS THIRTY YEARS

In the present session of the district court the greatest interest seemed to center about the case styled the State of Texas vs. A. O. Condon, charged as an accomplice in the murder of Sheriff J. G. Spurlock at Throckmorton, who was shot on October 1, and died on October 3, 1910, it being tried in Haskell county on change of venue from Throckmorton county.

Attorneys J. P. Conrad, Jno. D. Hopson and Jack Wright of Throckmorton, represented the state, while Attorneys Helton, Murchison, Reynolds and Cunningham were attorneys for the defendant.

Many witnesses were examined and the case was characterized by the eloquent speeches on both sides by the attorneys.

The case went to the jury and Saturday it returned a verdict of guilty and assessed the defendant's punishment to 30 years imprisonment.

Attorneys for the defendant have expressed themselves as confident that a reversal can be secured.

Following is the jury before whom the case was tried:

J. T. Bowman,
B. G. Hunt,
A. C. Bell,

James Jackson,
J. B. Ashburn,
T. L. Atchison,
A. J. Harman,
A. Chaney, (foreman)
W. T. Ford,
J. D. Sandlin,
J. R. Moore,
W. F. Durrett.

Advertised Letters

A. D. Travis,
Lee Simson,
Mrs. Henry Meyers,
G. W. Brantley,
Robert Klemmon,
Miss Bessie Roberts,
Sr. Jose Garcia,
Geo. H. Wessler,
Mrs. Cherrie Bennett,
P. M. Ayeock,
R. E. L. Pochell,
C. W. and D. B. Knox.

Many persons find themselves affected with a persistent cough after an attack of influenza. As this cough can be promptly cured by the use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, it should not be allowed to run on until it becomes troublesome. Sold by all dealers.

nett, Roy Hubbard.

Those in the 6th and 7th grades whose average was above 90 in the regular school work for the past month are Bonner Meador, 98 3-4; Carry Sherrill, 97 5-12; Frances Sherrill, 97 1-2; Bessie Glenn, 97 1-12; Denny Meyers, 96 11-12; Maud Avery, 96 1-6; Ola Post, 96; Ruth Jones 95 1-12; Sibyl Jones, 94 3-4; Bert Davis, 94 3-4; Lillian Whitfield, 93 1-4; Beryl Boone, 93; Mattie Lee Boyd, 93; E. Jackson, 93; Gladys Wright, 82 5-6; Estella Sims, 92 3-4; Elbert French, 92 2-3; Labry Ballard, 92 1-2; Mable Haton, 92 1-6; Beryl McConnell, 91 1-12; Lula Wigans, 91.

STORES WILL CLOSE MONDAY

We, the undersigned merchants of Haskell, agree to close our places of business all day Monday, December 26, for the purpose of taking the holiday and to give our employes a holiday:

C. M. Hunt & Co.
Cason, Cox & Co.
Norman's Paint Store,
Whitman & Son,
Gambill Bros.
W. W. Fields & Son,
C. D. Grissom & Son,
J. S. Kiester & Co.,
E. Southerlain,
City Grocery Co.
White Front Barber Shop,
R. D. C. Stephens,
McNeil & Smith Hardware Co.
Hancock & Co.
R. M. Craig,
Racket Store,
I. P. Carr & Co.
S. L. Robertson,
E. P. Thomas,
R. B. Spencer & Co.
Haskell Lumber Co.
F. G. Alexander & Sons,
Oscar Martin (Free Press)
Sherrell Bros.
J. J. Guest Lumber Yard,
Williams & English,
T. J. Sims,
M. A. Clifton,
E. A. Cuambers,
Haskell Herald.

Rev. Mansfield Returns

The Rev. Lee P. Mansfield, Church of Christ evangelist, who is known throughout the south as an able and learned speaker, has returned to his home in Haskell, after having been engaged in the evangelistic work in the different cities in the south for some time. Rev. Mansfield recently visited his parents in Missouri, where he had the pleasure of being present at the celebration of his parents' golden wedding anniversary.

Rev. Mansfield will preach at the Church of Christ in this city Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Accepts Lucrative Position in Fort Worth

E. E. Street has accepted a position in Fort Worth as assistant manager of the Jesse French Piano and Organ Co., and Mr. and Mrs. Street will move to that place, where they will make their future home.

Church of Christ

Evangelist Lee P. Mansfield will preach at the Church of Christ in this city Sunday December 25, at 11 o'clock a. m. The public is cordially invited.

The old, old story, told times without number, and repeated over and over again for the last 36 years, but is always a welcome story to those hunting health. There is nothing in the world that cures coughs and colds as quick as Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Sold by all dealers.



START A BANK ACCOUNT FOR YOUR BOY'S MERRY XMAS OR YOUR OWN Santa Claus has a Bank Account

CREATE OR CRUMBLE. Every man should create a foundation for success before old age crumbles his earning powers. A small savings account started today, NOW, will start you on the road to independence. The farther you travel on this road the less you will wish to turn aside.

Make OUR bank YOUR bank.

The Haskell National Bank, Haskell, Texas.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE TO MEET HERE JANUARY 7

The undersigned desire to meet with all the farmers of Haskell county on January 7, 1911, at the court house in Haskell, who believe that there is room for the improvement of our methods of farming and who are willing to enter into the organization of a Farmers' institute for the systematic study of the ways and means of bringing about the desired improvements.

No set program will be announced for this first meeting, subject for this time. While this is primarily a farmers' movement, a welcome is extended to all who feel an interest in the matter and desire to give it encouragement.

This is made in pursuance of the plan recommended by the Northwest Texas Dry Farming congress at its Haskell meeting.

R. E. SHERRILL,
F. J. CRADDOCK,
M. M. WESTER,
PAUL ZAHN,
A. C. LEWIS,
GEO. E. GOURTNEY,
W. P. McCARTY,
J. M. BLAKEMORE,
J. E. POOLE.

The great popularity of the Schubert Lady Quartette is not only their grand voices, but also because they study to please the people. All their encores are either amusing, or artistic arrangement of those sweet old melodies so dear to all American hearts. Hear them at the opera house on December 26th, auspicious Elks.

SPECIAL SERVICES AT BAPTIST CHURCH SAT. NIGHT

A delightful program will be given at the Baptist church in this city Saturday night. A Christmas tree will be had that night also, and the following interesting program will be rendered previous to the distribution of the Christmas presents:

Opening Chorus
Joy to the World
Recitation, "The Blooming Christmas Tree"
Mary King
Chorus, "Dear Little Stranger"
Zela Peters
Duet, "Joyous Return"
Annie Eastland and W. Jones
Recitation, "The Kriskinkle Surprise"
Versie Coss
Solo, "Cradle Hymn"
Marl Parnal
"The Angel and the Star"
Vivian Smith and Bessie Dean
Duet
Maxine Bullock, Connie Griffin
Joy Bells
Chorus
There is no danger of people who live in town forgetting when the first day of the month comes. The butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker, as well as other friends, never forget to remind us when the first rolls around.

STAMFORD MAN KILLED TWO DEER LAST WEEK

R. T. Honey, local agent for the Wichita Valley at Stamford, and J. M. Henrey, a resident of Stamford, returned last Monday from Dickens county, where they enjoyed a few days hunting. Mr. Honey was fortunate enough to kill two very large deer and he reports a most enjoyable time.

"DIAMONDS AND HEARTS" LAST THURSDAY NIGHT

The three-act comedy-drama, "Diamonds and Hearts," which was presented by the senior class at the High school auditorium last Thursday night, was highly pleasing in every respect and was well received by the large crowd, which gave numerous applause throughout the performance.

Each and every one in the cast merit special mention on account of the mastery way in which they presented their different parts.

Following is the cast of characters:

THE CAST
Bernice Halstead
Miss Eula Harper
Amy Halstead
Miss Maggie Hill
Inez Gray
Miss Marguerite Moore
Mrs. Halstead
Miss Mayme Lowe
Mannah Mary Barnes
Miss Allie Irby
Dwight Bradley
Mr. Claudis Walden
Dr. Burton
Mr. Raymond Lewis
Sammy
Mr. Angie Smith
Abraham Barnes
Mr. Earl Atchison
Sheriff-Attorney
Mr. Ernest Grissom

HOME MISSION LADIES TO ENTERTAIN "HUBBIES"

The ladies of the Home Mission society will entertain their husbands at the Methodist parsonage in this city next Thursday night, December 29.

All members are requested to bring their husbands and spend an enjoyable evening.

CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE DOING GOOD WORK

County Superintendent Williams and Louis Sherrill made a series of short visits to the rooms of the High schools Thursday of this week. Come again and stay longer.

We were glad to receive visits from some members of the school board during the past month. We hope they will drop in on us again and also bring other parents.

Walter Tompkins, who has returned from Simmons college for the vacation, was a visitor Thursday. We understand that he is not only making good in his college work, but his ability in athletics is recognized, being one of the prominent players in Simmons college basket ball.

Mr. Archer is making a nice collection of animals found in this section of Texas and has them on exhibition in his room. He says that by spring he will have a very interesting collection.

In last week's report of the spelling contest, the 6th and 7th grades, south ward, standings were omitted. They made an average of 94 9-11. The following received 100: Mable Haton, Inez Brown, Maud Avery, Elvin Jackson, Frances Sherrill, Lillie Pitman, Ora Stone, Beryl Boone, Leit Jackson, Lillian Whitfield, Deanie Meyers, Sybil Jones, Ruth Jones, Bessie Glenn, Dav-Falkner, Akard Meyers, Albert French, Walter Fox, Perry McConnell, Johnnie Willis, Bert Davis, Gladys Wright, Bonner Meador, Donald McNeil, Will Yoe, Labry Ballard, Lula Wigans, Edith Wingo, Minnie Barbut as the preparation of the soil for the next crop is now in progress, we suggest that as a lead-

The Last Call Come one, come all. We are going to close out our Christmas goods regardless of price. Inspect our line of box Candies.

WEST SIDE PHARMACY

LLOYD & COMPAY, Proprietors.

TAX NEAR \$6,000,000 FOR YEAR OF 1910

NET INCREASE IN VALUATION CLOSE TO \$30,000,000.

STATE DEVELOPMENT INDEX

Revised Property Values Reach \$2,500,324, According to Controller.

Austin, Texas: The Controller has prepared a table which shows that the total taxes assessed for 1910 amount to \$5,927,000.10. Of this amount \$958,508.15 is the State ad valorem tax, \$3,981,047.07 the State school tax, \$328,238 the State revenue poll and \$659,206 the school poll tax. On the regular tax rolls of organized counties for 1910 \$955,449.01 is assessed as ad valorem taxes, \$3,578,089.34 as State school taxes, \$329,238 as State revenue poll taxes and \$659,206 as school poll taxes, making a total of \$5,922,982.35. On the tax rolls of former years \$440.79 is assessed for ad valorem and \$1,354.84 for school taxes, making a total of \$1,795.62. On property assessed by the Controller in unorganized counties \$618,33 is for State ad valorem taxes and \$2,523.79 for school taxes.

On the property assessed by the Controller in unorganized counties are found 734,778 acres. The value is placed at \$1,514,277, an average of \$2.05 an acre. Last year the value of the land assessed by the Controller in land acres was \$3,141,454, but since that time several counties have organized, making the value lower. In the unorganized counties 1.67 miles of railroad are assessed, with a valuation of \$11,924, as last year. The right of way is assessed at \$2,000, the rolling stock at \$4,385 and intangible assets at \$14,740.

The total valuation of the State has been again revised and is now \$2,500,324, according to the Controller, for all counties. This is a net increase of \$79,689,698.

Big Ranch to be Sold to Settlers.

Dallas: The Texas Orchard Development Company, with \$1,500,000 of paid-up capital, has purchased the Rowan ranch of 30,000 acres on Chocolate Bayou in Brazoria County, consideration \$900,000. The company's purpose is to plant and develop orange and fig orchards for sale to individual buyers on a portion of the ranch and to develop large orange and fig orchards to be held and operated by the company for the returns from the sale of the fruit. A town to be called "Chocolate Bayou" will be between Delores and Liverpool. As soon as it can be done a thousand acres of orchard along the railroad on both sides of this new town will be set out for sale in five and ten-acre tracts to individual purchasers. The company will establish packing houses, fruit preserving factories and all other equipments necessary to saving for its own plantings and those of the men to whom it sells small orchards.

To Levee Red River Lands.

Texarkana: The Red River Improvement Association convention, was well attended by representative citizens interested in the project to reclaim overflowed lands in Red River bottoms in adjacent districts in Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas. A committee consisting of the president and secretary of the convention and the secretary of the Board of Trade was appointed with instructions to ask Congressman Cravens of Arkansas and Sheppard of Texas to get Congress to order a preliminary survey of the territory and determine the cost of draining and leveeing the same at the earliest possible date.

East Texas Railway Chartered.

Austin: The Attorney General approved the charter of the Fort Bolivar Iron Ore Railway Company, with capital stock of \$50,000 and domicile at Longview, Gregg County. This is the road which will build to the Cass and Marion Counties iron fields. A representative of the steel company has looked over the East Texas field and this railroad is believed to be a result of his visit. The new line is to run through Gregg, Upshur, Harrison, Marion and Cass Counties to a point ten miles north of Hughes Springs.

Expanding Freight Engine Injured 4.

Houston: A freight engine pulling an International & Great Northern freight train exploded when near Aldine, between Houston and Palestine, injuring three men. Brakeman Lakey had his foot crushed, while Engineer Leigh and his fireman, name not learned, were internally injured, but it is not believed fatally. Conductor Chapman was also injured. It is believed all will recover save Lakey, whose injuries are regarded as probably fatal.

FORTY-EIGHT CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Good Prison Records Help Victims to Liberty.

Austin: Gov. Campbell has signed forty-eight pardons, which may be strictly termed Christmas pardons.

Among those who will get these Christmas presents from the Governor are many friendless prisoners whose cases have been worked up entirely by the Board of Pardon Advisors in conjunction with the Governor. Many of them are life-timers, who have been convicted on murder charges and have served fifteen or twenty years. Others are boys, who committed crimes between the age of 16 and 20. There are also several Mexicans on the list.

All of those pardoned have good prison records. In the majority of the cases the prosecuting officer, the trial judges and others who have had something to do with their conviction, have recommended their pardons. In some cases doubt has arisen as to the guilt of various ones, and there are some peculiar circumstances surrounding the cases. One of those pardoned is a Mexican, who can not speak English. When Gov. Campbell first noticed him he did not know for how long he had been sentenced to the penitentiary, who tried him, who prosecuted him, or who defended him.

Another is a negro who was given thirty-five years for burglary, almost without evidence. Another is a Mexican woman.

\$75,000 Fire at Rusk.

Rusk: At early hour Sunday morning fire destroyed the following buildings: Mallard's drug store, loss \$17,000, partly covered by insurance; Summers Mercantile Company, loss about \$15,000, insured; Farmers and Merchants Bank, loss about \$2,000, fixtures; Greenwood & Smith's barber shop, loss \$500; Shook & Norman, lawyers; J. L. Summers, dentist; Dr. A. H. McCord and Dr. J. F. Johnson, physicians, lost all office furniture, books and instruments. Total loss estimated at \$75,000, insurance \$30,000.

Sterrett and Buckner Appointees.

Austin: Gov. Elect Colquitt announced the appointment of Col. W. G. Sterrett of Dallas to be Game, Fish and Oyster Commissioner, and Major Murrell Buckner of Dallas to be of the Governor's personal staff as one of the three members from the officers of the National Guard. Col. Sterrett has given much study and investigation to the fish and oyster industries while spending several years in Washington some years ago. Col. Sterrett phoned Mr. Colquitt accepting the appointment.

Will Bore for Oil Near Dallas.

Dallas: The charter for the White Rock Oil Company, a corporation organized with capital stock of \$25,000 for the purpose of boring for oil in White Rock vicinity was received Saturday. Setting the machinery and drilling will be started immediately on land just east and across the creek from the Wah-Hoo Club property. Several experts who have tested the prospects in this field, Mr. Gross states say that the indications there are the best that they have found in North Texas. Contract has been let for sinking a well 1,500 feet.

Texas Wheat Crop.

Fort Worth: Secretary Gibbs of Texas Grain Dealers Association has compiled the following figures on Texas wheat crop and condition: Acres planted in wheat this year in Texas 1,256,156, being 97 per cent of the 1909 acreage. Condition Dec. 1, 1910 68 per cent, against 192 per cent in 1909 and against 93 per cent the ten-year Government average condition on Dec. 1. Reports from correspondents indicate that there will be an average increase planted in oats of 8 per cent, which indicates about 900,000 acres as probable for 1911.

Tom Raisers of Anderson Organize.

Palestine. An organization to be known as the Anderson County Tomato Growers' Association was formed at a meeting of truck growers held at the Board of Trade rooms, J. D. Kimbrough was made president and P. H. Pagitt secretary. It is the purpose of this organization to get at least one hundred acres placed in tomatoes the coming season. Of this amount sixty acres were reported pledged at the Thursday meeting.

S. A. McGinnis, of Oklahoma, acting for homeseekers and eastern capitalists has closed contracts for the Buena Vista and Sacramento ranches in Southeast Tamaulipas, Mexico, on the gulf and the Soto La Barina River, containing respectively 700,000 and 155,000 acres.

Chickasha, Okla., at a recent election voted down the commission form of government.

The population of Bastrop, Texas, as announced is 1,797, against 2,148 in 1900, a decrease of 438, or 25.6 per cent, in the past ten years.

A packing plant is one of Pecos hoped for prizes for 1911.

Rockwall: Fire was discovered at an early hour Saturday in the grocery store of Drew Sayers, a merchant at Fato, Rockwall County, Tex. His loss was total; building \$2,300, insurance \$1,000; stock of groceries \$5,000, insurance \$4,000. The dry goods store of W. P. Wright was a total loss; stock \$6,000, insurance \$3,500; building \$1,200. How the fire originated is unknown.

Mistletoe is Dangerous.

Few people who know mistletoe only as a desirable feature of Christmas decorations understand that the plant is a parasite dangerous to the life of trees in the regions in which it grows. It is only a question of time, after mistletoe once begins to grow upon a tree before the tree itself will be killed. The parasite saps the life of the infected branches. Fortunately, it is of slow growth, taking years to develop to large proportions, but when neglected, it invariably ruins all trees it reaches.

English Women Smoke Pipes.

The latest fancy of the woman-smoker is a pipe—not the tiny affair that suffices for the Japanese, but a good-sized brier or a neat meerschaum. The pipe is boldly carried along with a gold card case and chain-purse. For some time now the cigarette has given place to a cigar, small in size and mild in quality. Women said they were tired of the cigarette, and wanted a bigger smoke. —London Mail.

Cripple Rides Bicycle.

George Anstey, aged 12, a cripple, of Leicester, England, is one of the most remarkable cyclists in the country. Both his legs are withered and useless, but the Leicester Cripples' Guild has provided him with a two-wheeled pedalless machine, with a padded tube covering the axle bar. Across this he lies face foremost, and with wooden clogs strapped to his hands he propels himself along the streets and roads in a marvellously rapid manner. He has complete control of the machine, his hands acting as pedals, steering gear, and brake combined.

Pretty Good Definition.

We hear some funny things in Fleet street sometimes, and the following definition of the height of aggravation, by a gentleman in rather shabby boots, whom we encountered in a well-known hostelry the other day, struck us as being particularly choice. "The 'eight of aggravation, gentlemen," said this pithy humorist, setting his pewter on the counter and looking round proudly, with the air of one about to let off a good thing, "the 'eight of aggravation—why, trying to catch a flea out of yer ear with a pair of boxin' gloves." —London Tit Bits.

An Alaskan Luncheon.

Runners of woven Indian basketry, with white drawnwork dollies at each of the 12 covers, were used on an oval mahogany table. The dollies were made at Sitka. In the middle of the table a mirror held a tall central vase of frosted glass, surrounded by four smaller vases, all filled with white spring blossoms. The edge of the mirror was banked with the same flowers. Four totem poles were placed on dollies in the angles made by the runners.

Place cards were water colors of Alaskan scenery. Abalone shells held salted nuts, and tiny Indian baskets held bonbons. The soup spoons were of horn, several of the dishes used were made by Alaskan Indians, and the cakes were served on baskets.

The menu was as follows: Poisson a la Bering Sea (halibut chowder), Yukon climbers (broiled salmon, potatoes, Jullienne), snowbirds avec aurora borealis (roast duck with jelly), Shungnak river turnips, Tanana beets, Skagway hash (salad), Fairbanks nuggets (ripe strawberries arranged on individual dishes around a central mound of powdered sugar), arctic slimes (brick ice cream), Circle City delights (small cakes), Klondike nuggets (yellow cheese in round balls on crackers), Nome firewater (coffee). —Woman's Home Companion.

Acknowledgment.

"You will admit that you owe a great deal to your wife?" "I should say so," replied Mr. Cumrox. "I wouldn't be invited to any of her receptions or musicales if I wasn't married to her."

Disqualified.

Her—My brother won first prize in that amateur guessing contest, but they ruled him out as a professional. Him—A professional? Her—Yes. He's employed in the government bureau, you know.

Lightning Change.

The Manager—Can you make quick changes and double in a few parts? The Actor—Can I? Say, you know the scene in "Love and Lobsters," where the hero and the villain are fighting, and a friend rushes in and separates 'em? Well, I played all three parts one night when the other two fellows were ill.

Not Altogether Dead.

Mr. Robert Butler of Marlborough, England, has had the peculiar experience of hearing his death announced. He was attending the poor law conference at Exeter when one of the delegates moved that, in consequence of the death of Mr. Butler, which they all regretted, another gentleman, whom he named, should be appointed to fill his place as one of the representatives of Wiltshire on the central committee. Mr. Butler rose from his place on the platform and announced to the conference, amid much amusement, that, so far as he was aware, he was still alive and in good health, and would be pleased to continue in the office if the conference desired.

Bankers and Bank Notes.

Four men, three of whom were connected with brokerage concerns in the Wall street district, were discussing the United States paper currency and the disappearance of counterfeiters. "We are so sure nowadays," said one of the party, "as to the genuineness of bills that little attention is paid to them in handling, except as to denomination." To prove his assertion he took a \$10 yellowback from his pocket, and, holding it up, asked who could tell whose portrait it bore. No one knew, and by way of coaching the broker said it was the first treasurer of the United States. Again no one knew the name. "Why, it's Michael Hillegas," said the man proudly. "But in confidence, I'll tell you, I didn't know it five minutes ago." —New York Tribune.

Vivid at Least.

Dr. Hiram C. Cortlandt, the well-known theologian of Des Moines, said in a recent address: "Thomas A. Edison tells us that he thinks the soul is not immortal; but, after all, what does this great wizard know about souls? His forte is electricity and machinery, and when he talks of souls he reminds me irresistibly of the young lady who visited the Baldwin locomotive works and then told her a locomotive is made. "You pour," she said, "a lot of sand into a lot of boxes, and you throw old stove lids and things into a furnace, and they empty the molten stream into a hole in the sand, and every body yells and swears. Then you pour it out and let it cool and pound it, and then you put it in a thing that bores holes in it. Then you screw it together, and paint it, and put steam in it, and it goes splendidly; and they take it to a drafting room and make a blue print of it. But one thing I forgot—they have to make a boiler. One man gets inside and one gets outside, and they pound frightfully; and then they tie it to the other thing, and you ought to see it go!"

Echoes of Munchausen.

It was an absent-minded traveler who had lately taken to ballooning. "Yes," he observed impressively, "it was a fearful journey. The machine, a thousand feet up, and no more ballast, headed straight for Siberia, and the rarefied air—well, you know as well as I do what effect that has on a balloon. Yes, the peril was terrible." Then the old habit was too strong for him. "The wolves detected our presence. A desperate race ensued. We felt their hot breath on the nape of our necks." —London Globe.

Largest of Whales.

The largest whale of its type of which there is scientific record was captured recently off Port Arthur, Tex. He measured sixty-three feet in length, and was estimated to be about three hundred years old. Captain Cob Plummer, mate of a United States pilot boat, sighted the monster in the shoals off the jetties, and the crew of his vessel captured the mammal. The huge body was towed ashore, exhibited and much photographed before being cut up.

Rat Bounty Excites Merriment.

Seattle, fearing the introduction of bubonic plague by rats, has offered a bounty of ten cents a rat. This moves Tacoma, safe from infection from the sea, to raucous laughter, and the Ledger says that the bounty, "though not intended for rodents of Tacoma, Everett, Bellingham and other populous and busy centers, has been finding its way into the pockets of non-residents of Seattle for non-resident rats. But the joke would be on us if it were found that our rat population had found its way into the Seattle census."

Two Very Old Ladies.

We have heard a great deal lately about long-lived people, but it is probable that the oldest two people in the world today are Frau Dutkewitz and another old lady named Babavasilka. The former lives at Posem, in Prussian Poland, and was born on February 21, 1785. She is therefore one hundred and twenty-five years old. The latter, however, is nine months her senior, having been born in May, 1784.

She is still a fairly hale old woman, and for nearly one hundred years worked in the fields. Her descendants number close on 100, and these now make her a joint allowance. She lives at the village of Bavelko, whose neighborhood she has never quitted during the whole of her long life. She remembers events which happened at the beginning of last century much more clearly than those of the last 40 years. —Dundee Advertiser.

Too Ardent a Lover.

Georgotto Fontano, an embroiderer who lives in the Rue Sevres in Paris, has found himself condemned to a month's imprisonment for what seems to her a harmless act.

She was going home from a concert a few evenings ago when she decided she would like to see her fiancé. As he happens to be a fireman whose station is in her own neighborhood it occurred to her it would be very easy to summon him to her side by breaking the glass of the fire alarm and sounding a call.

She did so and in a few moments fire engines came from several directions, all laden with firemen, of course, but alas! her fiancé was not among them, and more than that all the firemen were angry, and before she knew what had happened she was taken to a magistrate, who proceeded to make the course of true love run unsmoothly by sending her to prison for a month in spite of her tears and protests that she thought it would be a simple way of bringing her fiancé to her side.

The Bright Side.

Nebuchadnezzar was lurching in his accustomed style. "All flesh being grass," he reflected, "this must be Beef a la Mowed." And chuckling hoarsely, he took other chaw.—Puck.

Kindly Intentions.

"A man who enjoys seeing a woman in tears is a brute." "I don't know about that," replied Miss Cayenne. "One of the kindest husbands I know takes his wife to see all the emotional plays."

Takes Himself Seriously.

Nicola Tesla, dining by himself at a hotel's great dining room, takes a table where he can be seen. Through-out his meal he wears a deeply studious, a completely absorbed, attitude. He may bring to the table a portfolio filled with papers. These he may scan with prolonged solemnity. In any event, he sits an eloquent tableau of profundity. —New York Press.

Holidays in the States.

Washington's birthday is a holiday in all states. Decoration day in all states but Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas. Labor day is observed everywhere. Virtually every state has legal holidays having to do with its own special affairs—battle of New Orleans in Louisiana, Texan independence and battle of San Jacinto in Texas, Admission day in California, and so on. Mississippi is like the federal government in lack of statutory holidays, but by common consent Independence day, Thanksgiving and Christmas are observed. A new one is Columbus day in a few of the states.

Planting Wedding Oaks.

Princess August Wilhelm, wife of the kaiser's fourth son, has set herself the task of reviving one of Germany's oldest customs, that according to which newly wedded couples immediately after the marriage ceremony plant a couple of oak saplings side by side in a park or by the roadside of their native town.

The town of Mulchhausen, in Thuringia, is the first to respond to the princess' appeal. A municipal official appears at the church door after every wedding and invites the bride and bridegroom to drive with him in a carriage to a new road near the town and there plant oak saplings.

The tree planting idea was started by a former elector of Brandenburg with the object of repairing the ravages caused by the 30 years' war. The elector forbade young persons to marry until they had planted a number of fruit trees.

An Unnecessary Confession.

A hilarious laugh was occasioned at the Birmingham police court by a prisoner who gave himself away in a very delightful manner. The man was the first on the list, and the charge against him was merely one of being drunk and disorderly. He stepped into the dock, however, just at the moment when the dock officer was reading out a few of the cases which were to come before the court that morning, and a guilty conscience apparently led him to mistake these items for a list of his previous convictions.

He stood passive enough while the officer read out about a dozen drunk and disorderly, but when he came to one "shopbreaking" the prisoner exclaimed excitedly, "That was eight years ago, your honor." Everyone began to laugh, and the prisoner, realizing the blunder he had made, at first looked very black indeed, but finally saw the humorous side of the matter, and a broad smile spread over his face. His blunder did not cost anything. —Birmingham Mail.

That Suit for Libel

Against the Postum Cereal Co., Ltd., Gave a Splendid Chance to Bring Out Facts

A disagreement about advertising arose with a "weekly" Journal. Following it, an attack on us appeared in their editorial columns; sneering at the claims we made particularly regarding Appendicitis. We replied through the regular papers and the "weekly" thought we hit back rather too hard and thereupon sued for libel. The advertisement the "weekly" attacked us about claimed that in many cases of appendicitis an operation could be avoided by discontinuing indigestible food, washing out the bowels and taking a predigested food Grape-Nuts. Observe we said MANY cases not all. Wouldn't that knowledge be a comfort to those who fear a surgeon's knife as they fear death? The "weekly" writer said that was a lie. We replied that he was ignorant of the facts. He was put on the stand and compelled to admit he was not a Dr. and had no medical knowledge of appendicitis and never investigated to find out if the testimonial letters to our Co. were genuine. A famous surgeon testified that when an operation was required Grape-Nuts would not obviate it. True. We never claimed that when an operation was required Grape-Nuts would prevent it. The surgeon testified bacteria [germs] helped to bring on an attack and bacteria was grown by undigested food frequently. We claimed and proved by other famous experts that undigested food was largely responsible for appendicitis. We showed by expert testimony that many cases are healed without a knife, but by stopping the use of food which did not digest, and when food was required again it was helpful to use a predigested food which did not overtax the weakened organs of digestion. When a pain in the right side appears it is not always necessary to be rushed off to a hospital and at the risk of death be cut. Plain common sense shows the better way is to stop food that evidently has not been digested. Then, when food is required, use an easily digested food. Grape-Nuts or any other if you know it to be predigested (partly digested before taking). We brought to Court analytical chemists from New York, Chicago and Mishawaka, Ind., who swore to the analysis of Grape-Nuts and that part of the starchy part of the wheat and barley had been transformed into sugar, the kind of sugar produced in the human body by digesting starch (the large part of food). Some of the State chemists brought on by the "weekly" said Grape-Nuts could not be called a "predigested" food because not all of it was digested outside the body. The other chemists said any food which had been partly or half digested outside the body was commonly known as "predigested." Splitting hairs about the meaning of a word. It is sufficient that if only one-half of the food is "predigested," it is easier on weakened stomach and bowels than food in which no part is predigested. To show the facts we introduce Dr. Thos. Darlington, former chief of the N. Y. Board of Health, Dr. Ralph W. Webster, chief of the Chicago Laboratories, and Dr. B. Sachs, N. Y. If we were a little severe in our denunciation of a writer, self-confessed ignorant about appendicitis and its cause, it is possible the public will excuse us, in view of the fact that our head, Mr. C. W. Post, has made a lifetime study of food, food digestion and effects, and the conclusions are indorsed by many of the best medical authorities of the day. Is it possible that we are at fault for suggesting, as a Father and Mother might, to one of the family who announced a pain in the side: "Stop using the food, greasy meats, gravies, mince pie, cheese, too much starchy food, etc., etc., which has not been digested, then when again ready for food use Grape-Nuts because it is easy of digestion?" Or should the child be at once carted off to a hospital and cut? We have known of many cases wherein the approaching signs of appendicitis have disappeared by the suggestion being followed. No one better appreciates the value of a skillful physician when a person is in the awful throes of acute appendicitis, but "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Just plain old common sense is helpful even nowadays. This trial demonstrated Grape-Nuts food is pure beyond question. It is partly predigested. Appendicitis generally has rise from undigested food. It is not always necessary to operate. It is best to stop all food. When ready to begin feeding use a predigested food. It is palatable and strong in nourishment. It will pay fine returns in health to quit the heavy breakfasts and lunches and use less food but select food certainly known to contain the elements nature requires to sustain the body. May we be permitted to suggest a breakfast of fruit Grape-Nuts and cream, two soft boiled eggs, and some hot toast and cocoa, milk or Postum? The question of whether Grape-Nuts does or does not contain the elements which nature requires for the nourishment of the brain, also of its purity, will be treated in later newspaper articles. Good food is important and its effect on the body is also important.

"There's a Reason"
Postum Cereal Co., Ltd.,
Battle Creek, Mich.

Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union of America

Matters of Especial Moment to the Progressive Agriculturist

ever too old to yearn.
The wages of gin is death.
Low ideals do nothing to lower the highest of living.
There are some people in whom virtue seems worse than sin.
There are people galore who can resist anything save temptation.
A lot of people who make themselves do a mighty poor job of it.
The man who never asks the price always gets the worst of a bargain.
It's astonishing how many things come our way that we don't care for.
Many persons try to cover up their lack of knowledge by trying to be witty.
The sermon on the mount contains all the religion and philosophy in the world.
Many of us who show courage in the presence of others, fall miserably without witnesses.
If we always prepare ourselves for the worst that may happen, we will never be disappointed.
A good deed is never lost. He who sows courtesy reaps friendship; and he who plants kindness gathers love.
Some men who willingly spend \$10 for horse blankets suddenly feel the grip of poverty when their wives ask for a new cloak.
It makes some men sad to see their work hard, so they spend most of their spare time in the barn or in the field to avoid the sight.
If you want legal advice, hunt some man who would rather help to keep out of trouble than to you out after you are once in up your knees.
We would devote even one hour on Saturday morning to the little poned fixing-up tasks, how much might add to the general appearance of things!
Children, too, should be taught to end upon themselves, and also that are just as responsible for making home happy and pleasant as are older members of the family.

ADVANCING HONOR OF UNION

Members Always Looking for What Organization Can Do for Them—What Others Do.

Throughout the farming states of the far east as Pennsylvania far west as Kansas there may be here and there, little communities of farmers who stand out along their neighbors because of their peculiar religious beliefs. There are the Shakers, the Dunkards, the Brethren, the members of the Iowa society and many others, the Texas Farm Co-operator. Of these little communities are outside their own states because of their picturesque customs some of the special products of labor. Amans wool yarns, for example, are in demand all over the world who has not heard of the remedies?
In these communities relief has been made a matter of principle, and the individual member made it a point of pride to the honored reputation they earned.
Instance, among the Dunkards, the practice of giving notes for money, is never heard of. Dunkards will lend money to each other, doing so more security than a promissory note. Among the River Brethren a point of honor never to demand a loan, but if the borrower offers one it will be accepted. The borrower is unable to pay when the mortgage falls due, neighbors will subscribe to meet his obligation in order that the honor of the society may be preserved.
So rigidly have these different people lived up to their standards for many years that they are looked upon with the highest respect by the business men with whom they associate. Their word is as good as their bond, and their names are synonymous with honor, industrious prosperous farmers to have big, well-filled barns, whose teams are the fattest on the market, and whose teams are the sleekest even to the towns where they live.
There is a point in this for every loyal member of the Farmers' Union what organization could a farmer do more pride? What society stands for loftier or broader ideals, organization, education and co-operation, and that is working for a more noble cause, the emancipation of the women and children of the south from industrial bondage?
Yet thoughtful union members are impelled to admit that many members have not taken the broadest possible view of the organization to which they belong. They are always looking for what the union can do for them and not always so eager to learn what they can do to advance the honor of the union.
Farmers, having at heart the interests of their organization, should do well to strive towards making the name "Union" a cause for pride. If for no other reason than the sake of gaining an increased respect in the communities where they live.

ALL ORGANIZATIONS IN ONE

Society of Equity Proposes Consolidation of All Farmers' Associations in One Body.

Steps toward a big merger of farmers organizations were taken the other day by the American Society of Equity in convention at Indianapolis. A committee was appointed to confer concerning propositions to consolidate with the National Grange, or the Patrons of Husbandry, and the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union.

The National Grange was in convention at Atlantic City, and the convention of the American Society of Equity sent a telegram to the other convention announcing the appointment of a standing committee to work for the consolidation of all farmers' organizations. The standing committee from the Society of Equity is composed of A. Slaughter of Wisconsin; S. T. Carmody of Illinois, and S. B. Robertson of Kentucky. The National Grange was asked to appoint a similar committee to confer on the matter of consolidation. The National Grange is an old organization and has a membership of thousands of farmers in all parts of the United States. Many of its members are in favor of the proposed merger.

Joint committees from the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union and the American Society of Equity met last May and reached a plan for consolidating the organizations. The latter society has not yet taken formal action on this plan, which is now being discussed.

Greetings to the American Federation of Labor, in session at St. Louis, were telegraphed by the convention. A fraternal delegation was appointed by the American Society of Equity to attend the session of the American Federation of Labor, and extend to it assurances of friendly feeling.

There was a discussion by the delegates on the general form of business in which the society proposes to engage for the benefit of the producers, but no decision was reached. The discussion was led by Delegate Woods of Ohio. Among those who spoke was W. L. Whitson of Kentucky.

According to a financial report made to the convention, there has been a 50 per cent. reduction in the cost of operating the national offices since last May, corresponding with the same period last year, and a reduction of 30 per cent. in the cost of operating the Equity Farm Journal, of which T. G. Nelson is editor.

In an address before the society the Rev. Mr. Tuohy advocated a co-operative movement by the farmers in the direct sale of their products to the consumers and in abolishing the profits of the middlemen. Father Tuohy is the general secretary of the American Co-operative Union and is considered an expert on the subject of co-operative business.

The co-operative store idea as advocated by the speaker and by the American Society of Equity has only to do with the products raised on farms, and does not take into consideration the manufactured articles handled in stores.

Father Tuohy said he did not believe in the commission scheme of handling products. In his opinion the commission business should be done away with entirely, and farmers should unite to sell their products directly to the consumers through their own agents. The commission system dissipates profits, he said, and tends to create private wealth among the producers and their patrons. Father Tuohy told of the result of some of his investigations of the co-operative system as it is operated in Europe.

A committee on plans for handling the farmers' business was appointed as follows: William Renke, Bowling Green, Ky., and J. M. Anderson of Casselton, Wis. The constitution and by-laws committee is as follows: Joseph Butler, Covington, Ky.; J. H. Carnahan, Black River Falls, Wis.; J. M. Christmas, C. V. Pierson, Casselton, N. M., and Bert Cole, Campbell, Minn. H. G. Tank, of Marathon, Wis., is chairman of the credentials committee.

Fertilizing Cotton.

Fertilizers for cotton may be either drilled in or broadcasted and the results will be about the same by either method, but if the amount applied is small, it should be applied in the drill, covered about 3 inches deep, and the seed planted above it. Barnyard manures and similar bulky manures are considered more efficient as soil renovators than as specific fertilizers for cotton. They should be broadcasted liberally.

Feed for Hogs.

Where no grain is fed to growing hogs, bermuda grass is better than alfalfa, because it is more nearly a balanced ration, and there is not the excess of nitrogenous materials as in the case when alfalfa is pastured.

Prices of Mutton.

The prices for prime mutton are usually best in the winter after the cull stuff marketed during the fall is cleared up; but the price in general stays on a profitable level.

Winter Feed.

Treasure every potato, turnip, beet, head of cabbage, etc., for the winter feed.

VERACITY OF THE BIBLE

After a Visit to the Holy Land Even a Skeptic Must Be Convinced.

One thing cannot fail to impress every visitor to Bethlehem, and, indeed, to the Holy Land generally, who is imbued with true Christian faith and a proper sense of the sanctity of the location and of the events that have transpired there, and that is the more than remarkable correspondence between the things and places shown us today as having been associated with the life and work of the Saviour and other events that enter into the structure of our religious faith and the descriptions and accounts of them, as furnished us in the pages of the Holy Scriptures. They agree with them in every respect and it is impossible, after carefully considering and comparing them, to doubt their identity, so exactly are they in accord with the Bible narrative.

The work in the fields, the arrangement of the buildings, the very articles of diet and clothing of ancient days are plainly recognizable in the doings and surroundings of today. Indeed, where modern methods have not become obtrusive the manners and customs of the people remain much the same as in the days of the presence on earth of the Saviour. Between the descriptions given in the Bible of localities, climatic and geographical conditions, distances, etc., of these times and those of today there is hardly any discrepancy, even a skeptic, considering this remarkable accord of circumstances with the Biblical narrative, cannot but be convinced of its veracity; to the believer it comes as a wonderful conviction, a satisfactory corroboration or encouragement to see things as those who described them so graphically saw them so long ago.—Columbian Magazine.

SKIN BEAUTY PROMOTED

In the treatment of affections of the skin and scalp which torture, disfigure, itch, burn, scale and destroy the hair, as well as for preserving, purifying and beautifying the complexion, fallible. Millions of women throughout the world rely on these pure, sweet and gentle emollients for all purposes of the toilet, bath and nursery, and for the sanative, antiseptic cleansing of ulcerated, inflamed mucous surfaces. Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., Boston, Mass., sole Proprietors of the Cuticura Remedies, will mail free, on request, their latest 32-page Cuticura Book on the skin and hair.

MONOCLE



Cholly Glim—Beg pardon, my good man, but how can I find the customs office?
Jack Tar—I'll tell ye, mate; shift yer lantern from starboard to port and foller the twist in yer face.

Resinol Ointment Cured When Nothing Else Would.

I have had a breaking out on my neck every summer with something like Eczema, and nothing ever cured it until I used Resinol.
Barbara Carpenter, Ogden, S. C.

Of Course She Must.
"What time does the dance begin?"
"Nine o'clock."
"Then we must be there at 8:30."
"What for?"
"I must have at least an hour in the dressing room to rearrange my hair."

TO DRIVE OUT MALARIA
Take the Old Standard GUYTON'S CASHELTON CHILL TONIC. You know what you are taking. The formula is plainly printed on every bottle, showing it is simply Quinine and Iron in a tasteless form. The Quinine drives out the malarial and the Iron builds up the system. Sold by all dealers for 10 years. Price 50 cents.

More reforms have been prevented by friends who demanded them immediate and complete, than by foes who did not want them at all.

There's an irony in nature that is almost sure to bring those who prescribe for the race around to taking their own medicine.

Worth its Weight in Gold.
PETTIT'S EYE SALVE strengthens old eyes, tonic for eye strain, weak and watery eyes. Druggists or Howard Bros., Buffalo, N. Y.

The donkey is unable to talk. Therefore man has indisputably proclaimed himself lord of creation.

Your cattle always have pure water at small cost to you if you have a bottomless tank. Booklet "A" free. Alamo Iron Works, San Antonio, Texas.

The woman who throws herself at a man's head seldom makes a hit.

Many who need to smoke 100 cigars now buy Lewis' Single Binder straight 50.

It's as easy to pick up experience as it is to drop money.

FIGHTING THE WHITE PLAGUE

Number of State Institutions is Double During the Past Two Years.

Sixteen state sanatoria, 23 county hospitals and 21 municipal hospitals for tuberculosis have been erected and provided for since January 1, 1909, says a recent bulletin of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis.

Within the last two years the number of state institutions for tuberculosis has doubled, and the number of county and municipal institutions has increased from about 30 to 80. The expenditures of public money for the treatment of tuberculosis also has more than doubled. Not less than \$3,000,000 of state money was appropriated for tuberculosis institutions in 1909, when 43 legislatures met, and over \$600,000 in 1910, when only 11 legislatures were in session. The appropriations of counties and cities for tuberculosis hospitals and sanatoria in the last two years will aggregate fully \$2,500,000, bringing the total of official appropriations for tuberculosis hospitals up to over \$6,000,000 in the past two years.

In spite, however, of this good showing, the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis states that not one-tenth of the public provision for tuberculosis that is needed has been made. More than 250,000 tuberculosis patients are constantly without proper institutional treatment.

The Modern Way.
A couple of young men on the Market street viaduct the other evening offered a new version of an old saw. After they had passed a couple of sun-burned damsels one of the young men took his stand at the curb and gazed up and down the bridge.

"What are you looking for?" inquired his companion.
Pointing to the red-headed girls, the young man answered: "I'm trying to see a white automobile."—Youngstown Telegram.

Important to Mothers
Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Watson*. In Use For Over 30 Years. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

Its Office.
"This cork is very tight in your brandy bottle. I can't budge it."
"Yes, that's the nature of cork. It was put there to keep the bottle's spirits from going down."

In case of pain on the lungs Hamlin's Wizard Oil acts like a mustard plaster, except that it is more effective and is so much nicer and cleaner to use.

Some men are always looking for a chance to earn money, and some are satisfied if they merely get it.

Cattle drink pure water at less cost to you, if you have a bottomless tank. Booklet "A" free. Alamo Iron Works, San Antonio, Texas.

The most valuable feature of success is the struggle that precedes it.

Lewis' Single Binder, the famous straight 50 cigar—annual sale 9,500,000.

Some women wear big hats because they have small heads.

THE KEYSTONE TO HEALTH IS HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS

If you are sickly and run down and very easily subjected to Colds, Grippe or Stomach Ills you cannot take a better medicine than the Bitters. Thousands have already proven this; why not you today?

Thompson's Eye Water

Step quickly relief in eye irritation caused by dust, sun or wind.

PUTNAM FADELESS DYES

Color more goods brighter and faster color than any other dye. One 10¢ package colors all blues. They dye in cold water better than any other dye. You can dye any garment without rinsing it. Write for free booklet—how to dye, bleach and fix colors. **MONROE DRUG CO., Chicago, Illinois.**

Every Man Should Fence His Yard

his garden, orchard or stock. It insures a certain degree of privacy and keeps out undesirable animals. The best fence to use for this purpose and the most economical is the famous Hodge Fence, a combination of wood and wire. Inset on your lumber dealer showing it to you or write **THE HODGE FENCE & LUMBER CO., Ltd.** Lake Charles, La.

PROOF POSITIVE



Boy—This is a good place for fish!
Angler—What can you catch here?
Boy—I don't know, but it must be a great place for fish, because I never seen any of them leave it.—Comic Cuts.

The man who forgets that he was once a boy is almost as scarce as the woman who denies that she is still a girl.

NOT A PENNY TO PAY

FOR FULLEST MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Professor Munyon has engaged a staff of specialists that are renowned leaders in their line.

There is no question about their ability, they are the finest physicians that colleges and hospitals have turned out and receive the highest salaries.

He offers their service to you absolutely free of cost. No matter what your disease, or how many doctors you have tried, write to Professor Munyon's physicians and they will give your case careful and prompt attention and advise you what to do. You are under no obligations to them. It will not cost you a penny, only the postage stamp you put on your letter.

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Address Munyon's Doctors, Munyon's Laboratories, 53d & Jefferson Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.

AT LAST!

A liquid that will smoke the farmers meet. Think of it! No more smoke house—no more long weeks of tedious labor.

We absolutely guarantee our liquid smoke to keep sweet and free from skippers. It is harmless. Ask for our free booklet on the care and raising of hogs.

Figaro Co., Dallas, Texas

COLT DISTEMPER FRAZIER'S DISTEMPER CURE

We Absolutely GUARANTEE to Cure and Prevent this disease or return your money, a Liquid given on the tongue or placed in feed. Safe for Mare, Colt or Stallion. Pink-Eye, Epizootic, Gouge and Colds cured with one bottle. \$1.00 bottle holds three 5-cent bottles. Send for free Horse Booklet. Agents wanted. Sold by Druggists or prepaid from **BINKLEY MEDICAL COMPANY, Dept. 26, Nappanee, Indiana.**

To Cure Your Pimples.

Take a cup of GRAND MA'S TEA every night before retiring. Pleasant to take and marvelous results in two weeks.

Package 25 cents.

Ship Your COTTON to H. KEMPNER of Galveston, Texas

Because they are exclusively cotton factors.

Because they handle more cotton on commission than any factor in the United States.

Because their warehouse facilities are unequalled.

Because their rates are low as any.

Because they advance money on cotton consigned on the most liberal basis and terms.

Because they can with confidence refer to any one who has ever shipped to them in the past.

Because their long experience in handling cotton, their fair dealings and their excellent connections in all sections of the cotton-spinning world, render them always able to obtain the very highest prices on cotton consigned to them.

Because cotton is going up and every bale shipped and held ought to sell at very much higher prices.

Self-reliant men shave with the Gillette

KNOWN THE WORLD OVER

Constipation Vanishes Forever

Prompt Relief—Permanent Cure

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS never fail. Family vegetable—act surely but gently on the liver.

Stop after dinner—distress—cure indigestion—improve the complexion—brighten the eyes. Small Pill, Small Dose, Small Price.

Genuine must bear Signature *W. Wood*

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You Should Write For JACCARD'S Diamond and Watch CATALOGUE

The Greatest Ever Issued Mailed To You Free 5000 Illustrations Gifts 25 Cts. To \$10,000.00 Lowest Prices For Fine Goods Broadway, Cor. Locust St.

Down in the dumps

—from over-eating, drinking—bad liver and constipation get many a one, but there's a way out—Cascarets relieve and cure quickly. Take one to-night and feel ever so much better in the morning.

Cascarets—100 box—week's treatment. All druggists. Biggest seller in the world—million boxes a month.

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We sell you best and pay best market prices. Write for references and weekly price list. **M. BASEL & SONS, LOUISVILLE, KY.** Dealers in Furs, Rabbit-Trap, etc. Established 1888.

PARKER'S HAIR BALM

Moistens and beautifies the hair. Promotes a luxuriant growth. Makes the hair shine. Great Hair to the Youthful Color. Cures scalp diseases and hair falling. 25c and 50c at Druggists.

W. N. U., DALLAS, NO. 52-1910.

You Look Prematurely Old

Because of those thin, grizzly, gray hairs. Use "LA OROLE" HAIR RESTORER. PRICE, \$1.00, retail.

Locals and Personals.

Rev. J. H. Vinson was in Dallas Saturday on business.

Dr. Nolen of Weinert was in the city Monday.

Mrs. Jir. Harris of Dallas called on Miss Fay Neathery of this city.

If you want to borrow money on your land or sell land notes see Sanders & Wilson.

Judge D. H. Hamilton has returned from a business trip to east Texas.

200,000 lbs. McAlester coal in one shipment, see, Chambers Phone 157. "The coal pedler."

Wm Wells returned Sunday from Wichita Falls, where he had been on business.

List Your Land With us and we will advertise and sell it for you. Sanders & Wilson.

Rev. J. R. Davis of Coleman, was in town Saturday on business.

FOR RENT—470 acre farm 250 acres in cultivation. B. M. Whitaker, Haskell, Texas.

T. G. Elliott returned Sunday from Wichita Falls, where he had been on business.

After this date all feed is cash at the store or on delivery.

T. J. Sims. Editor Thomason of the Weinert Enterprise, and family were in the city Tuesday.

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

For Rent—The brick building formerly occupied by McNeill & Smith.—David Garnier. 52-55

LOST:—In this city a big white shawl. Finder report to G. O. Hardeman or this office.

T. S. Diffey Jr. of Frederick, Oklahoma, is visiting in the city the guest of the J. B. Vinson household.

J. C. Turner of the northeast corner was in the city Monday and renewed his subscription to the Free Press while here.

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

Fred Alexander, who is attending Stamford College, spent Sunday and Monday with his parents in this city.

Richard Nolan, who is attending Peacock's at San Antonio, is spending the holidays in this city with his mother.

Miss Znobla Thompkins, who has been attending Baylor College at Belton, is spending the holidays in the city with her parents.

Mrs. Garrett has returned from Colorado City. She reports that Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Beal are the parents of a fine boy. Mrs. Beal was formerly Miss Fannie Cummings of this city.

Dr. Gebhard has been appointed city health officer by the city council. Dr. Gebhard desires the support of the people and requests that reports of all unsanitary conditions be made to him promptly.

N. H. B. Elliott, who is a traveling salesman for Reiner Printing company of Fort Worth, spent Sunday in the city with his family.

Rev. J. H. Vinson and family moved to Post City this week, where Rev. Vinson has accepted the pastorate of Post City Baptist church.

Hon. J. W. Boyton and Elder Ira C. Boyts went to Haskell Tuesday to attend a meeting of the executive committee of the Stamford Christian Missionary district.—Western Reporter.

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Watson and children of Haskell spent Monday night visiting his parents in Rule. While here Bro. J. W. called to get another whiff of the Review's ink.—Rule Review.

Chops \$1.35 and \$1.55, bran \$1.30 and \$1.45, cash. T. J. Sims

Elbert Alvis is spending the holidays in the city.

Fine assortment of Christmas candies at astonishingly low prices.—Hancock's Basket Store.

E. E. Marvin left Wednesday night on a business trip to Dallas.

Oscar Oates, who is attending school at Austin, is home for the holidays.

F. C. Lowe of Rule, was in the city Tuesday and shipped a fine young turkey to a friend at Waco.

Mrs. E. A. Chambers and children left Thursday for Seymour, where they will spend the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Jones, Lennis Jones and Miss Roxie Gossett of Rule, were in the city Thursday.

Jas. A. Price of the northeast corner, was in Haskell Thursday. Mr. Price was on his way from Abilene, where he had been on business.

J. S. Fouts of the southwest part of the county, was in Haskell Thursday. He had his buggy loaded with old fashion collars, presented to him by Mr. and Mrs. Whitmire of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hall of Rule, passed through the city Wednesday on their way to Howe, Texas, to spend the holidays.

W. H. Parsons has a large supply of lenses and frames, and is fitting many glasses. Call and see him. Take care of your eyes.

Buford Long is spending the holidays in the city. He is attending the University at Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Howard of Terry county, are visiting their son, Jno. A. Howard of the south side, with whom they will spend the Christmas holidays.

For notes, to extend vendor's liens, on close in, well improved Haskell real estate, owners may address box 527, Fort Worth, Texas, giving full particulars.

Frank Baldwin, who is attending the State university at Austin, is spending the holidays in this city.

Walter Thompkins is home from Austin, where he is attending the State university. He will return and resume his study after spending the holidays here.

David Garnier, J. E. Solomon of this city, and David Hugon of Gainesville, paid us a call Wednesday. Mr. Hugon and family are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Garnier, the parents of Mrs. Hugon.

Those delightful vocalists, the Schubert Lady quartette of Chicago, will appear at the opera house on December 29. Lovers of sweet singing should not miss this splendid entertainment.

J. F. Collier and others on last Monday shipped a 45-pound turkey to Senator Joseph W. Bailey at Washington. The turkey was raised by Mr. Collier, and no doubt will be highly appreciated by Senator Bailey.

Rev. O. W. Dean went to Stamford Wednesday to meet his grand-daughter, Miss Pearl Greer of Morgan, who will spend the holidays in the city the guest of the Rev. Dean household.

Misses Emma and Maud Dean, who are attending Simmons' college at Abilene, are spending the holidays in the city with their parents, Rev. and Mrs. O. W. Dean.

Lovie Zandt Purcell, the famous contralto of the Schubert Lady Quartette, has one of the deepest voices ever given to a woman, and is the only lady vocalist able to sing an octave below middle C in concert. Her voice is very powerful and yet so melodious that her strongest tone loses none of its sweetness. Hear her December 26 at the opera house.

J. D. Roberts passed through Haskell Tuesday on his way home from southwest Texas.

Monday will be a holiday in Haskell. All stores, offices and other public places will be closed.

There was a decided drop in temperature Thursday but no ice formed.

LOST—on the streets of Haskell a heavy lap robe. The finder please communicate with Mrs. John A. Couch.

If you have a bargain in land list it with Sanders & Wilson; they will advertise and sell it for you.

FOR SALE—A house and two lots. Lots and improvements cost me \$1800. I will sell for \$1000 cash if taken up in the next ten days. Good well of water. The house has 4 rooms 16x16 and two closets, and is furnished inside and out, commodious barn and bug proof storm house 10x12. G. E. Ballew.

J. L. Jones and son Lennis Jones took T. B. Russell and the Free Press Editor in an auto the other day to inspect their Lake Creek farm. They have 200 acres of fine wheat on this farm.

What Denver, Colorado, says: Mr. Wm. G. Lotze, one of the most able Y. M. C. A. secretaries in the United States, says: "The entertainment by the Schubert Symphony club and Lady quartette was strictly first class and gave entire satisfaction. Their concerted numbers were especially fine." Hear them December 26, at the opera house.

Notice

Notice is hereby given that the city council has ordered that the ordinances against shooting fire crackers, Roman candles and other kinds of fireworks on or over the streets of Haskell, be strictly enforced. So this is to you. If you violate it you can expect to pay the penalty. If you shoot fireworks, take them home and get in the back yard and don't shoot across the street so as to frighten passing horses. Extra deputy marshalls have been arranged to see that this ordinance is enforced. H. S. WILSON, Mayor.

Americans like to laugh, and this fact is not overlook by the Schubert Symphony Club. Several numbers on their program, as well as their encores, are full of fun, and you will be highly entertained by their program at the opera house on December 26, auspices Elks.

To Our Friends and Customers—We wish to say that in a few days it will become necessary for us to close our books, which will be about January 1, and we are going to insist that everyone owing us come in and settle their accounts. I hope that no one will fail to comply with this request.—S. L. Robertson.

Methodist Church

Next Sunday at the Methodist church there will be preaching at 11 a. m. and the evening service will be in charge of the Intermediate league, and there will be rendered a program of music and recitation. Some of the best talent in Haskell will sing at this service.

There will be no Christmas entertainment at the Methodist church on Saturday night, but instead of receiving, we are going to make gifts to the orphans at Waco. The Bible says it is more blessed to give than to receive. Let us try the fulfillment of this scripture. Let no Methodist become so prostituted with the Christmas festivities, the service of the holy Sabbath, as to forget it is commemorating, not only the birth of our Lord, but His resurrection. C. B. MEADOR, Pastor.

Hay, all kinds, 45c to 70c per bale. T. J. Sims.

Last call tomorrow may be too late, get your order in early for coal. E. A. Chambers.

Waldteufel, the greatest waltz composer of the present day, Dudley Buck and other noted musicians have written some fine selections especially for the peerless Schubert Lady quartette of Chicago. You will enjoy every minute of their entertainment on December 26, auspices of the Elk's lodge, because it is bright and entertaining from beginning to end.

To Our Many Friends and Customers

We wish to thank you for your most liberal patronage and support through the year 1910, and earnestly solicit a continuance of same for the year 1911. We are much better prepared in our new quarters to give you better service and the same square, honest dealings we have given you in the past.

We wish you one and all a happy and prosperous New Year. C. M. HUNT & Co.

The Store for All the People.

\$15.00 Xmas Gift

Clip and send this notice to J. D. Miracis, Abilene, Texas, care of Hotel Grace, and he will send you as a CHRISTMAS GIFT a \$15.00 check, recommending that you use it as a payment on a scholarship in

Draughon's Practical College Abilene, a link of the WORLD'S FAMOUS chain of 46 BIG Business Colleges in 18 States. Mr. Miracis is giving away only 200 of these checks and no more than five in one County. First applications given preference.

High Patent flour, the best milled, \$1.50 per sack, second best \$1.30. Unbolted meal, fresh 65c per sack. T. J. Sims.

Man is a Cuss

Did it ever occur to you that a man's life is full of cussedness? He comes into this world without his consent, and goes out against his will, and the trip between is exceedingly rocky.

When he is little, the big girls kiss him; when he is big, the little girls kiss him. If he is poor, he is a bad manager; if he is rich, he's a crook. If he is prosperous, everybody wants to do him a favor; if he needs credit, they hand him a lemon.

If he is in politics, it is for graft; if out of politics, he is no good to his country. If he doesn't give to charity, he's a tightwad; if he does, it's for show. If he is actively religious, he is a hypocrite; and if he takes no interest in religion, he is a heathen.

If he is affectionate, he is a soft mark; if he cares for no one, he is cold blooded. If he dies young, there was a great future for him; if he lives to old age, he missed his calling.

If you don't fight, you're yellow; if you do, you're a brute.

If you save your money, you're a grouch; if you spend it, you're a loafer; if you get it, you're a grafter, and if you don't get it, you're a bum.—Exchange.

Strayed

I will pay a liberal reward for the recovery of one bay horse, 5 years old, short mane and tail, white hind feet, wire cuts on left shoulder, left ear and right hind foot, no brand, about 14 1/2 hands high. Strayed from pasture 9 miles southwest of Haskell. W. A. BROWN, Haskell, Texas.

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"THE REXALL STORE"

Holiday Goods

We now have on display one of the most up-to-date lines of Holiday Goods ever shown in Haskell. We have in our store a suitable present for any member of the family. Most people have an idea that if they don't buy their Holiday goods till late they can get them cheaper. That is a false impression. We are going to begin by selling cheap, and what we have MUST BE SOLD. The earlier you come, the better selections you can make while the stock is unbroken. OUR SALE BEGAN

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10th,

and will continue through the Holidays. We are going to sell our goods at a very low price. We bought very heavily, and bought them at such a price as to enable us to sell them to you at the lowest possible price. In our store you will find a complete stock of everything—for young and old. Come and see. Ask the price. We need the money, and this is one genuine cut price sale from the start. We have had tremendous sales the past few days—Early shoppers are seeing our bargains.

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The New Commissioners' Court.

We notice from the orders passed by the new commissioners court that they indicate a disposition to be very moderate in some of the salaries allowed some of the county officers.

But some of their orders are not so assuring. A few years ago while Judge H. R. Jones was county judge, the court appointed a commission to go to Rockley county and ascertain the value of the four leagues of school land belonging to Haskell county and report to the court the value of the same. This was done and a report was fixing the value of the land at that time at \$2.50 per acre. A lot of politicians and sharks raised a howl about the expense the court incurred in inspecting this land, and Judge Jones and his court were defeated.

About the first thing the new court did was to revive a 15 year case at a pittance that the old court had declared forfeited. The court called a special session of court and an agent of the state staggered into the county attorneys office, occupied at that time by the present editor of the Free Press. He boasted that he had spent some money in Haskell county and had defeated Judge Jones and the old Commissioners and was going to get the school land at \$50 per acre. We pumped the fellow all we could and in his intoxicated condition he revealed the whole scheme to us. He told us he had a majority of the court, and that they would meet in special session next morning and close the sale. When the fellow left our office we got busy and drew up a petition for injunction, got in communication with Judge Sanders, who was the district judge, and he agreed to grant a writ of injunction. The sale of the school land at \$1.50 per acre was prevented. The lands have increased more than \$100,000.00 in value since then. Now when we looked at the record the other day and saw the order made by Judge Smith and his new court, recinding all the orders of their predecessors and changing the policy of selling to actual settlers, we thought of what was about to happen to these school lands a few years ago.

We think Judge Smith and his commissioners owe the general public some explanation of their action. Of course A. J. Street, and probably Mr. Cahill of financial committee fame, and a few others know what the new court is going to do. But why

doesn't Judge Smith tell the people what he means to do with the school land. The Free Press will give reasonable space for an explanation. You fellows can pull your political wires on the qt., but the people want to get onto your schemes on the business matters that concern them.

We do not intend to be unduly personal or offensive or disrespectful to any one, but in view of the political methods in vogue and the practice of some people to "make political medicine" all the time and on all occasions, we feel perfectly justified in taking a hand in the "medicine." We believe that politics in this county has sunk to a low moral level. We believe political methods are more rotten than the public administration.

Things have been greatly exaggerated. The prejudices of the people played upon, and if we help a few active politicians to reap what they have sown, we feel like we have performed a public service. It is very unpleasant some times to do our duty, but if something is not done to combat the methods in vogue and expose the malice and rot practiced, Haskell county will not be a desirable place for honest people to live in.

Before concluding this article we want to say that the old commissioners court that came so near selling the school lands for \$1.50 per acre were actuated not by any desire to be dishonest, but they had their prejudices so aroused that they lost sight of the interest of the county in their desire to intimidate the men they had defeated. Now we do not want to see our present court do this.

We believe that the moving spirit behind the late orders of the new court is more in a spirit to strike at the policy of the old court than it is to serve the interest of Haskell county.

If this be true and we are not mistaken in this view, this article is fully justified.

W. J. Bryan says he is too busy to attend the Democratic love-feast in Baltimore.

A bill will be introduced in the next Colorado legislature providing that any surgeon who performs an operation for appendicitis and thereafter is unable to prove that the appendix was in a diseased condition, shall be guilty of malpractice and punishable under the penal code.

Senator Robert L. Owen of Oklahoma has introduced a bill in the senate requiring newspapers and magazines to mark plainly as "advertisement" all advertising matter published, prescribing a heavy penalty for failure to comply with the requirements of the act.

Now that that Ohio man died from swallowing his false teeth, it is about time for someone to invent a safety device to prevent such accidents. Just the other day the dispatches carried the information that a Missouri man had invented a "noiseless" spoon for drinking soup, and an Illinois man invented a pea that would not roll off a knife.—Beaumont Journal.

And now it is up to some one to invent a device that can be attached to the howling dog's mouth that will cause him to do the "noiseless" howling stunt.

Worther Long came in Thursday from south. South Dakota to spend the Holidays with his parents.

Miss Mattie Low Carr of Gainesville is visiting the family of her brother, I. P. Carr of this city.

C. W. Turner of Silvertown, Briscoe county, is visiting his old friend, B. Cox of this city.

HASKELL NEWS TWENTY-FOUR YEARS AGO

The following items are taken from the files of the Free Press under date of April 4, 1886. Other items will be printed from our old files again next week, which we are sure will be interesting to many:

Mr. Weisman entertained a small but appreciative audience at the court house Sunday evening.

A quarterly conference of the M. E. church south will be held the second Saturday in April. The presiding elder of this district will be present.

Mr. Sublet and Mr. Weisman have exchanged appointments for the month of April.

Mr. Wilfong went hunting the other evening and killed six fat turkeys.

We are authorized to announce W. C. Ballard as a candidate for the office of county judge of this county at the November election subject to the will of the people at the ballot box.

We are authorized to announce J. L. Jones as a candidate for re-election to the office of county and district clerk.

1,392 acres about 10 miles west of town, fine agricultural lands, \$2 per acre.—S. H. Johnson & Co.

Last Sunday ye scribe in his peregrinations over the city witnessed a gay scene. Mr. Ed. Wilfong was the victim of an onslaught by Miss Addie Rogers, Miss Mattie Preston and another fair damsel. It seems the young ladies were just "hankering" after a snowball fight—and they get it and the snowballs rained like bullets on the head and face of Ed. He turned on his fair antagonists and after rubbing their faces first one and then another and making things lively for a considerable while, he saw that they were about to "lick" him, so he beat a hasty retreat singing, "Beautiful Snow," for the court house and was soon deeply emersed in the musty volumes of Blackstone. The fair ones with their faces all aglow chatting merrily over their victory.

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HASKELL, TEXAS.

Stock Holders Meeting. Haskell National Bank

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stock holders of The Haskell National bank will be held at the office of said bank in Haskell, Texas, on the second Tuesday, the 10 day of January A. D. 1911, 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.

Farmers National Bank Stockholders Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of The Farmers National Bank of Haskell, will be held at the office of said bank, in Haskell, Texas, on the second Tuesday, the 10th day of January A. D. 1911, 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.
R. C. MONTGOMERY, Cashier.

Free Scholarship.

The Magazine Club has left one free scholarship in the Haskell public schools to be given to any boy or girl in the county, deserving of such aid.

For further information apply to Mrs. S. W. Scott, Chairman Scholarship committee.

THOROUGHBRED

Poland-China Hogs

I have several thoroughbred Poland-China pigs for sale at my place 1 1-2 miles southeast of the city of Haskell.
I also have 50 grade pigs for sale. They are nice pigs and are just the right size to make your meat for another year.

J. W. MEADORS, Haskell, Texas

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To buy good Coal. It's still better business to have it sent up from

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Racket Goods!

We have on display at our store on north side of square, an up-to-date line of racket goods, etc. We can furnish you anything in the racket goods line at prices which are absolutely the lowest. You will be surprised at the low prices which prevail throughout our store. Come in and select a Christmas present now. We have them for the whole family. Buy them here—let your dollar do twice as much here as it will any other place. See our line of fine candies. Come in and see us when in town—it will be to your interest.

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THE LITERARY CROP.

The growing disinclination to a more intensive method of cultivating the literary crop is evident to all observers. The idea seems to be spreading that all that is necessary to produce great results is simply to scratch the surface. This unfortunate circumstance is one of the most serious features of the "literary situation." In addition to all this, it is generally known that for several seasons there has been a general scarcity of seed—we mean original literary ideas—over the whole field. It is a peculiarity of literary crop-culture that this does not in any way affect the quantity of the product. But it affects the quality immensely. Summing up, we should say that the "literary situation" was extremely discouraging to conservative investors. Unfortunately, the government issues no special estimates as to this important crop, says the Chicago Inter Ocean. It is therefore impossible to give its present condition in the usual percentage form. It is certainly lucky that the other crops of the country will be large enough to keep the balance of trade from turning heavily against us this year. If we were forced to rely on the literary crop for export purposes there is no telling what might happen.

There is no immediate danger of the space above the earth being overcrowded with airships. But apparently there are those who believe the time is at hand when "rules of the road" will be necessary in order to assure safety to aerial travelers. The first international congress on aerial navigation in session in Paris, began deliberations in the foreign office and was opened by no less a dignitary than the French minister of public works, who commended the purpose of the gathering, which is to promote international legislation looking to the outlining of rights in the air. No doubt it will be well to have rules and regulations, so that when men actually begin to fly for business, pleasure or war there will be no mis understanding.

Archimedes, the famous ancient physicist and mathematician, is credited with the declaration that if he could be given a place to stand he would move the earth, that statement illustrating his conception of the possibilities of the lever principle. But according to an announcement from New York an investigator connected with the physics department of the city college has performed a feat rivaling if not excelling the imaginary one of Archimedes. The New York investigator has completed a series of experiments by which he has ascertained the actual weight of the earth, which he places at 7,000,000,000,000 tons. Anyone inclined to dispute the correctness of these calculations has full liberty to figure out the matter for himself.

That the south is making extraordinary progress industrially is no secret. And the census shows that some states down that way are expanding in population at a corresponding rate. Alabama reports a total of 2,138,093, a gain of 16.9 per cent., and Florida a total of 751,139, an increase of 42.1 per cent., during the ten years from 1900 to 1910. The number of inhabitants is not large compared with that in some of the greater states, but the growth is exceptional. And Alabama and Florida typify the remarkable material development in the south.

Another proof that agriculture is not "played out" in New England. At the corn exposition in Worcester, Mass., a resident of that state was awarded the prize of \$500 for raising 103 1/4 bushels of "crib dry, yellow flint corn" on one acre of land. This is a world's record, having never been beaten even on the fertile soil of the west or south. With such results possible, "abandoned farms" should be unheard of in New England.

A woman got a divorce the other day on the complaint that her husband was always absent. The court referred to the ground as a novelty. It would have been more unusual if a husband should seek divorce on the same ground.

When his engine went back on him, the other day, Aviator Hoxsey picked out a plowed field in which to fall from a height of 3,000 feet. The fact that he was merely stunned indicates an immediate need of more plowed fields.

A court has decided that a wife cannot collect damages from a husband who beats her. Our beneficent law puts him in jail where she can't even get a look-in at his wags.

THE MEXICAN FORCES TRAPPED AND ROUTED

COMPELLED TO RETREAT TO PLACE OF SAFETY.

DIAZ FORCES TO THE RESCUE

Government Hopes to Be Able to Reinforced and Render a Decisive Blow.

Chihuahua, Mex., Dec. 21.—Forty-two wounded Government soldiers brought in, thus confirming reports that the troop train which left here Saturday was shot to pieces in the mountain trap known as Mal Paso, a few miles west of this place. The official report says that the Federals lost twenty-one killed, ten missing and forty-two wounded.

The train left here Saturday, traveling in two sections, carrying three field pieces on a coal car and 500 soldiers. Pancho Villa, the bandit, who, while operating independently, still regards the Government as his enemy, fired on the second section as it was passing through Andania Canyon, but did no damage.

The mountains of Mal Paso, however, swarmed with revolutionists. They halted the first and second sections.

Col. Cuzman disembarked his troops and for five hours defended himself from the desperate charge. He was in a trap, however. His enemy was on the heights, sheltered by boulders and other protection in the mountains, and poured in deadly fire. He was unable to use the big guns effectively, owing to the nature of the ground. Notwithstanding his precarious condition he held his ground for five hours.

Col. Cuzman was shot through the leg, while the third officer in command was raked across the stomach. Although Gen. Navarro was at Pedernales, or near there, he was unable to lend assistance. Unconfirmed reports state that he had his hands full with the rebels he has been fighting off and on since Thursday.

Worn out with the one-sided battle Col. Cuzman loaded his dead and wounded together with the remainder of his force upon the troop train and ran back to Bustillos.

Here the uninjured disembarked, buried their dead and prepared to seek a junction with Uavarro by some route other than the railroad.

Contract for the Texas Awarded.

Washington: Award was made Tuesday at the Navy Department of the contract for building the 27,000-ton battleship, the Texas, authorized by the last Congress. The contract went to the Newport Ship-Building Company, which offers to build the ship for \$5,830,000. This vessel, with her increased displacement and 14-inch guns, will be, when completed, the most powerful battleship in the United States Navy.

Gen. Wood Ridicules War Scare.

Washington: Maj. Gen. Leonard A. Wood, Chief of Staff of the United States Army, in an address at the banquet of the Burnside Post, G. A. R., characterized war scare talk as silly, declaring that he neither saw any prospect of war nor had any fears of such a contingency, but simply had advocated careful reorganization of the country's "undeveloped military resources."

Balloon Trial to Start at Waco.

New York: With the hope of breaking the world's record for balloon flights, LeRoy Taylor, a member of the New York and the Larchmont Yacht Clubs, will try to bring the trophy to America by a flight to start within the next few days from Waco, Texas. His associate will be Leo Stevens, best known professional in America. The balloon is being put together in Stevens' shops in this city. Waco was selected after much consideration, in which the meteorological observations of the Weather Bureau figured largely.

The Census Bureau's report on cotton ginning issued Tuesday shows 10,698,482 bales, counting round bales as half bales, were ginned from the growth of 1910 to Dec. 31, compared with 9,258,985 for 1909, 11,904,269 for 1908 and 9,284,079 for 1907.

A \$45,000 Blaze in Dallas.

Dallas: Fire which was discovered in the second story of a building at the southeast corner of Akard street and Pacific avenue Tuesday, caused a loss of approximately \$45,000, divided as follows: Zeese Engraving Company \$15,000, Bradford Brothers' grocery stock \$10,000, H. L. Edwards & Co. \$1,500, A. D. T. Messenger Service \$2,000, Hunt Furniture Company \$1,500, Easterwood & Bruce of Willis Point, loss on building \$15,000, Cray & Graham, loss on building \$200.

The civic improvement committee of the Waco Business Men's Club has undertaken to promote a plan to establish a new market plaza and to build a public market thereon.

Plans have been prepared for doubling the capacity of the Santa Fe coach shops at Cleburne. A transfer table is to be in the new plans.

The 2-year-old child of Fred Harris, who lives six miles north of Pottsboro, was burned to death. While his mother was out milking the child's clothing caught fire from the fire-lace-

Christmas, 1473.

A Mystery Play of the Nativity

IT was early morning of the sixteenth of December, in the year of our Lord 1473. There was a sprightly freshness in the air, yet a touch of ardor, too, for France, even in its northern parts, as in the neighborhood of Rouen, where this scene is laid, is favored with sunshine and pleasant warm breezes until the early months of the new year. Shops were closed, the tools of the mason and the shoemaker and the carpenter lay where they had fallen from the hand of the owner or where they had been put the night before. But every square of Rouen all the way from the massive portal of the cathedral to the cloisters of St. Maclou was thronged, and every window threatened to burst outward from the press of heads and shoulders seeking a point of vantage. In the streets the royal archers had difficulty in keeping a little way clear, and were forced often to threaten and sometimes to prod into order the crowding masses. Something of unusual nature was evidently toward.

Promptly at eight o'clock a herald stepped from the arch of the cathedral and sounded long and loudly on his trumpet. For some moments he remained standing there, as though waiting for a signal from behind. Then he began slowly to pace forward. With a grotesque caper another figure sprang into life from the darkness of the archway. On its head were horns, in its hand it carried a horrid spear, in the girdle at its waist hung smoking firebrands, and sharp implements like the tools of a tinsmith, while its entire body was covered with long hair, and hideous talons armed its long black fingers. No doubt of its identity could be left: it was Lucifer. Rapidly others of his band emerged and surrounded him, merry devils playing pranks, raging devils with forked tongues, serene devils disguised as vintagers, as artisans, as magistrates, yet all displaying in some fashion the cloven hoof or spiked tail. Close pressing on the heels of this boisterous crew came a long bearded patriarch, mounted on an ass. From time to time a celestial figure clothed in white, bearing a shining long sword, stepped from beside him and blocked the way. The chronicles of the time fail to mention whether the ass spoke or not, but the spectacle made it plain beyond peradventure to every onlooker that this was Balaam who was riding in review before them.

After Balaam came other of the prophets, David, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel and the Sibyl. These were they who had foretold the coming of the Messiah. Shepherds followed them, playing upon bagpipes and singing lustily:

"Downe from heaven, from heaven so hie,
Of angels there came a great companie,
With mirth and joy and great solemnity
They sange terly, terlowy:
So merell the sheppards their pipes can blow."

Queerest of all was the manner in which these various personages were accoutered. Balaam



wore a flowing gown of richest silk, borrowed from the bishop. On his feet were long pointed-toe shoes of doeskin, turned up and fastened to the knees with fine chains. His neck was encircled with a piece of costly lace, and to give a touch of the Oriental, a turban was wound about his fifteenth-century hat; and about the turban was festooned a necklace borrowed for the occasion from the goodwife.

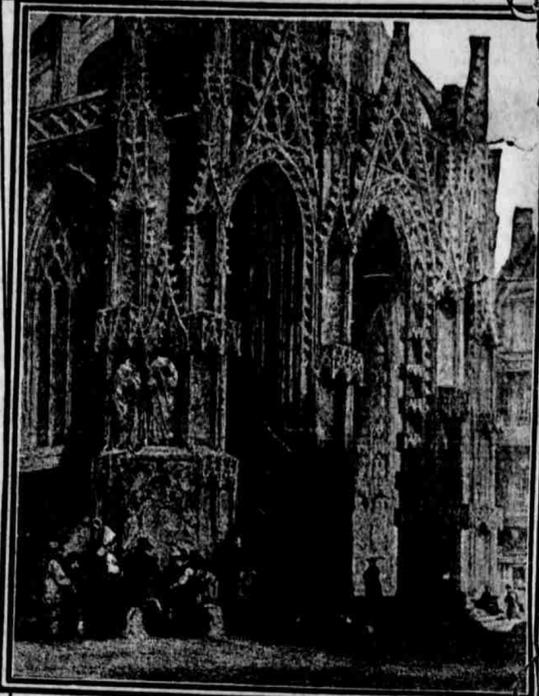
The shepherds were attired quite as sumptuously. They wore slashed doublets and gorgeous colored trunks, and the pipes upon which they played were of the latest fashion in French instrumentation. But the magi, who journeyed in the shepherds' company, far outshone their pastoral companions. Beneath their gowns they gleamed resplendent in bright armor. From top to toe were they encased in mail, and, since they could find no camels in Rouen, they rode on donkeys, that groaned beneath the burden. Each magus was accompanied by a page.

And so the procession wound on and on out of the portal of the cathedral of Rouen. Joseph and Mary, the surly innkeeper bearing a lantern, to designate that his part was played in the night, King Herod, the Roman emperor, and lastly God the Father, God the Son and a numerous band of angels, who distributed amongst themselves the costliest of the albs, stoles, dalmaticas and copes loaned for the occasion by the clergy of the cathedral and the cloister of St. Maclou. Seventy-eight of these principal actors there were in this procession, and their attendant squires and the lesser figures in the drama numbered a hundred and fifty more. By the time they had passed from out the cathedral and arrived at the cloister it was well on the way toward noon of this sixteenth of December, 1473.

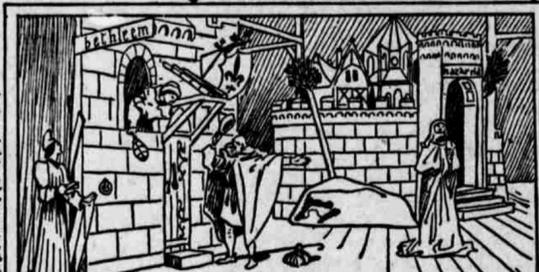
At intervals during the course of the parade the crier who headed it stopped and blew a prolonged blast. The procession halted, and from its midst emerged a long-visaged man in the dress of a university doctor. In his hand he held a fat scroll. Waving this aloft, he made proclamation:

"Silet! silet! Silem habebatis,
Et per Dei filium, pacem faciat."

And when he had finished his peroration in Latin he announced in the vernacular the purport of the celebration. It was to be a great mystery play in honor of the nativity of the Savior, "Incarnacion et nativida de nostre sauveur et redempteur Jesuchrist." The "sheriffs of the town, the clergy of the cathedral and St. Maclou, many of the rich burghers and the bishop himself had given of their time and money without stint, in order that the dear townspeople might refresh their souls with a spectacle of holy events. And he, the doctor, had composed a mystery play of



PORTAL OF ROUEN CATHEDRAL



JOSEPH AND MARY ARRIVE AT BETHLEHEM

some 10,000 verses, and had rehearsed the actors in their parts, so that all was in readiness. On the morning of the twenty-fourth the play would begin, in the market place of the city, and by the grace of God it would be finished by evening of the day following. Let all attend! The crier then made proclamation for the mayor that all shops save those of the victualers should be closed on those two days. Citizens need have no fear at leaving their houses unguarded, for special troops of the archers would patrol the city, and furthermore the gates of the town would be closed against either ingress or egress. Let all attend!

Now let us turn our attention to the market place. It is a large square in the center of Rouen, into which the principal thoroughfares of the city debouch. On all of its four sides is confusion. Along one entire dimension is being erected a row of private boxes for the mayor and other dignitaries of the town, and for such of the clergy as are not impersonating parts in the mystery. The two abutting sides are given over to the victualers, whose booths will feed the hungry throngs during the entre-actes of the play. And the fourth side, that facing the private boxes, is allotted for the stage. In all, this structure compasses some 10,000 square feet; but this small space for the time represents two countries, Palestine and Italy—to say nothing of two realms not to be located with so much geographical certainty—paradise and hell.

On its extreme left is Nazareth, and the house of Joseph and Mary. In fact, the house is all there is to the town, except a sign board inscribed with the name of the place. Next is Bethlehem, typified by an inn and a stable, and just beyond Bethlehem lies a "mansions," or curtained-off square. At the appropriate moment the screen here will be withdrawn, disclosing to the eyes of the onlookers the band of shepherds, watching their flocks by night, and incidentally making the welkin ring with the sound of song and shrilling of the pipes. The field of the shepherds lies betwixt Bethlehem and Jerusalem, that is to say, betwixt the inn and stable and the house of Herod, which stands for the holy city. The next few feet leap oceans, for at the side of Herod's house stands the temple of Apollo in Rome, the chamber of the Roman emperor and the capitol, besides the haunt of the Sibyl, that strange figure of medieval church lore, who, pagan though she was, ranked with the Hebrew prophets, and was celebrated in the greatest of church songs, the "Dies Irae," along with David:

"Dies irae, dies illa,
Solvit saeculum in favilla,
Teste David cum Sibylla."

Adjoining the house of the Sibyl is limbo. So close are they that during the course of the play their inmates can reach across the intervening space and exchange the courtesy of a sip of wine from the flask. Limbo is merely a square tower, with a front strongly grated. It serves to hold the materialized souls of such of the worthy departed as dwell on earth during the old dispensation. Here will reside, during the two days of the representation, the prophets, the patriarchs and a select few of the pagans. Their lot is not an unhappy one—they live only in unsatisfied hope. They may well be content with their fate when they look upon their neighbors to the right, at the end of the row of spectacles. For here is hell-mouth. Of all the grotesque and impressive spectacles of the mystery play, hell-mouth took precedence. The most skillful carpenters and mechanicians were employed in its fabrication, and the art of the most expensive painter was none too good for its adornment. When completed, hell-mouth stood 15 or 16 feet high, and as

many broad, grinning like the head of St. George's dragon. Its jaws opened cavernously when proper levers were put in operation at the back, and from its eyes and throat issued flames and gusts of smoke, from brassiers filled with pitch and blown upon with bellows. Through this smoke sallied out the devil and his aides, to drag in the souls of the lost; and the agonised screams of the damned, published by the roar of a

the crashing of stones in the thunder bark the shrieking of pipes, was calculated to freeze the most obdurate heart a wholesome fear of the hereafter might have in store for the pent.

The final spectacle of the stage the day were erecting was paradise. High placed everything else, it dominated all the occupants, God, the Father, God the Son, blessed angels, were hoisted up into it by local lifts, and when the angels wished to descend for instance on the night of the nativity the fields near Bethlehem, they did so suspended on ropes. It was hard being God or an angel there was little chance to get down and one's legs. With these heavenly characters four others—Peace, Mercy, Justice and Truth—imitation of Aristotle's four cardinal virtues.

Such were, in the main, the "maxims" the characters for which the carpenters provide, and the eight days succeeding the "stre" or grand parade were especially for these artisans.

Early on the morning of December 24 the awaited representation began. The vast place was thronged. Every box was filled with gentry; the roped-in space in front, out to some yards of the stage front, had been thickly with straw, and here on the ground sands, while the open stretch immediately in front of and rather below the level of the stage filled with crowds parading back and forth, together it was a glorious and eager gathering.

The learned doctor whose midnight toll prepared the doggerel, and whose weeks of labor had rehearsed the players in their parts, appeared first in a short prologue. After exhorting the listeners to silence, he described for them the substance of what was about to be presented on the stage, and admonished them to be attentive to the lessons of the mystery. As he returned to a convenient angle of the wall of Herod's house he might advantageously be in position prompting the actors, a deep lamentation brood within hell. It was Adam grieving over the fallen state of man.

Thus the play goes on for two days, passing now to limbo, whence the prophets issue to foretell mankind the coming salvation, to Nazareth, Bethlehem and throughout the whole cycle of nativity. When Christ is born in Bethlehem, redoubles its efforts, and Lucifer rolls about stage in a mighty orgy of blind fury. The image of the idols in the temple at Rome fall crash from their pedestals, and, high above all, the angels in paradise, or hovering on their ropes at the fields of Palestine, chant majestically praises of the Creator and proclaim the "Pax terris."

Curious is the final scene. It is placed in Rome in the chamber of Augustus. The emperor, dressed like a French duke, is seated on a fancy chair loaned by the mayor of Rouen. Evidently he is at ease. He is reading a scroll of the Sibyl's writings, wherein he finds a distinct prophecy the effect that a Messiah is to be born in Palestine in Bethlehem of Judea. More and more disturbed he becomes, and as he paces the floor of his chamber he recites his woes in doggerel French, accompanied by a wealth of gesticulations. The market place beyond the gables to the right end. With a sudden inspiration, he falls to his knees and worships a figure of the virgin that miraculously appears on the wall. Satan and his crew give a final salvo, and the crowd rises stiffly to its feet and wends its way back to the homes and taverns of the city, much moved by the spectacle it has been a witness of for two whole days.



The Man in Lower Ten

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SYNOPSIS.

Lawrence Blakeley, lawyer, goes to Pittsburg with the forged notes in the Bronson case to get the deposition of John Gilmore, millionaire. In the latter's home he is attracted by a picture of a young girl, whom the millionaire explains is his granddaughter. A lady requests Blakeley to buy her a Pullman ticket. He gives her lower eleven and retains lower ten. He finds a drunken man in lower ten and retires in lower nine. He awakes in lower seven and finds his clothes and bag missing. The man in lower ten is found murdered. Circumstantial evidence points to both Blakeley and the unknown man who had exchanged clothes with him. Blakeley becomes interested in a girl in blue. The train is wrecked. Blakeley is rescued from the burning car by the girl in blue. His arm is broken. They go to the Carter place for breakfast. The girl proves to be Alison West, his partner's sweetheart. Her peculiar actions mystify the lawyer. She drops her gold bag and Blakeley puts it in his pocket. Blakeley returns home. He finds that he is under surveillance. Moving pictures of the train taken just before the wreck reveal to Blakeley a man leaping from the train with his stolen grip. Blakeley learns that a man named Sullivan leaped from the train near McKnight and sprained his ankle. He stayed some time at the Carter place.



"You Don't Think He Locked the Door Himself?"

CHAPTER XVII—Continued.

"Was the name Blakeley?" I asked.

"It might have been—I can't say. But the man wasn't there, and there was a lot of noise. I couldn't hear well. Then in half an hour down came the other twin to say the gentleman was taking on awful and didn't want the message sent."

"He's gone, of course?"

"Yes. Limped down here in about three days and took the noon train for the city."

It seemed a certainty now that our man, having hurt himself somewhat in his jump, had stayed quietly in the farm house until he was able to travel. But, to be positive, we decided to visit the Carter place.

I gave the station agent a five-dollar bill, which he rolled up with a couple of others and stuck in his pocket. I turned as we got to a bend in the road, and he was looking curiously after us.

It was not until we had climbed the hill and turned onto the road to the Carter place that I realized where we were going. Although we approached in another direction, I knew the house at once. It was the one Alison West and I had broken nine days before. With a new light between us, I did not tell her. I wondered afterward if I suspected it. I saw him looking at the gatepost which had been in one of our mysteries, but he had no questions. Afterward he almost tactfully for him, and let most of the talking.

I opened the front gate of the place and went slowly up the driveway. Two ragged youngsters, alike to freckles and squints, were in the yard.

"Mother around?" I asked.

"Front room. Walk in," they said in identical tones.

I got to the porch we heard and stopped. I knocked, but the one-eyed conversation, did not answer.

"The front room. Walk in," said McKnight, and did so.

The stuffy farm parlor two people were sitting. One, a pleasant woman with a checked apron, somewhat embarrassed, to meet me. She did not know me, and I was sure. But our attention was riveted on a little man who was sitting before a table, writing busily. It was McKnight!

He got up when he saw us, and had the grace to look uncomfortable.

"Such an interesting case," he said nervously, "I took the liberty—"

"Look here," said McKnight suddenly, "did you make any inquiries at the station?"

"A few," he confessed. "I went to the theater last night—I felt the need of a little relaxation—and the sight of a picture there, a cinematograph affair, started a new line of thought. Probably the same clew brought you gentlemen. I learned a good bit from the station agent."

"The son-of-a-gun," said McKnight, "did you paid him, I suppose?"

"I gave him five dollars," was the apologetic answer.

Mrs. Carter, hearing sounds of life in the yard, went out, and McKnight folded up his papers.

"I think the identity of the man is established," he said. "What number had do you wear, Mr. Blakeley?"

"Seven and a quarter," I replied.

"Well, it's only piling up evidence," he said cheerfully. "On the night of the murder you wore gray silk underclothing, with the second button of the shirt missing. Your hat had 'L' in gilt letters inside, and there was a very minute hole in the toe of one black sock."

"Hush," McKnight protested. "If you gets to Mrs. Klopston that Mr. Blakeley was 'recked, or robbed, or whatever it was, with a button missing and a hole in one sock, she'll refer to the Old Ladies' home. I've heard her threaten it."

Mr. Hotchkiss was without a sense of humor. He regarded McKnight with a stare and went on:

"He's been in the room where the girl was while he was unable to get away, and there is nothing there. But I found what may be a possible clew in the dust heap."

"Mrs. Carter tells me that in unpacking his grip the other day she shook out of the coat of the pajamas some pieces of a telegram. As I figure it, the pajamas were his own. He probably had them on when he effected the exchange."

I nodded assent. All I had retained of my own clothing was the suit of pajamas I was wearing and my bath robe.

"Therefore the telegram was his, not yours. I have pieces here, but some are missing. I am not discouraged, however."

He spread out some bits of yellow paper, and we bent over them curiously. It was something like this:

Man with p— Get—
Br—
We spelled it out slowly.

"Now," Hotchkiss announced, "I make it something like this: The 'p' is one of two things, pistol—you remember the little pearl-handled affair belonging to the murdered man—or is it pocketbook. I am inclined to the latter view, as the pocketbook had been disturbed and the pistol had not."

I took the piece of paper from the table and scrawled four words on it.

"Now," I said, rearranging them, "it happens, Mr. Hotchkiss, that I found one of these pieces of the telegram on the train. I thought it had been dropped by some one else, you see, but that's immaterial. Arranged this way it almost makes sense. Fill out that 'p' with the rest of the word, as I imagine it, and it makes 'papers,' and add this scrap and you have:

"Man with papers (in) lower ten, car seven. Get (them)."

McKnight slapped Hotchkiss on the back.

"You're a trump," he said. "Br— is Bronson, of course. It's almost too easy. You see, Mr. Blakeley here engaged lower ten, but found it occupied by the man who was later murdered there. The man who did the thing was a friend of Bronson's, evidently, and in trying to get the papers we have the motive for the crime."

"There are still some things to be explained," Mr. Hotchkiss wiped his glasses and put them on. "For one thing, Mr. Blakeley, I am puzzled by that bit of chain."

I did not glance at McKnight. I felt that the hands with which I was gathering up the bits of torn paper were shaking. It seemed to me that this astute little man was going to drag in the girl in spite of me.

CHAPTER XVIII.

A New World.

Hotchkiss jotted down the bits of telegram and rose.

"Well," he said, "we've done something. We've found where the murderer left the train, we know what day he went to Baltimore, and, most important of all, we have a motive for the crime."

"It seems the irony of fate," said McKnight, getting up, "that a man should kill another man for certain papers he is supposed to be carrying, and he hasn't got them after all, decides to throw suspicion on another man by changing berths and getting out, bag and baggage, and then, by the merest fluke of chance, take with him,

then, gradually, the meaning of something on it penetrated my mind. Still in its papers, evidently just opened, was a hat box, and protruding over the edge of the box was a streamer of vivid green ribbon.

On the plea that I wished to ask Mrs. Carter a few more questions, I let the others go on. I watched them down the flagstone walk; saw McKnight stop and examine the gate posts and saw, too, the quick glance he threw back at the house. Then I turned to Mrs. Carter.

"I would like to speak to the young lady upstairs," I said.

She threw up her hands with a quick gesture of surrender. "I've done all I could," she exclaimed. "She won't like it very well, but—she's in the room over the parlor."

I went eagerly up the ladder-like stairs, to the rag-carpeted hall. Two doors were open, showing interiors of four poster beds and high bureaus. The door of the room over the parlor was almost closed. I hesitated in the hallway; after all, what right had I to intrude on her? But she settled my difficulty by throwing open the door and facing me.

"I—I beg your pardon, Miss West," I stammered. "It has just occurred to me that I am unaccountably rude. I saw the hat downstairs and I—I guessed—"

"The hat!" she said. "I might have known. Does Richey know I am here?"

"I don't think so." I turned to go down the stairs again. Then I halted. "The fact is," I said, in an attempt at justification, "I'm in rather a mess these days, and I'm apt to do irresponsible things. It is not impossible that I shall be arrested, in a day or so, for the murder of Simon Harrington."

She drew her breath in sharply. "Murder!" she echoed. "Then they have found you after all!"

"I don't regard it as anything more than—er—inconvenient," I lied. "They can't convict me, you know. Almost all the witnesses are dead."

She was not deceived for a moment. She came over to me and stood, both hands on the rail of stair. "I know just how grave it is," she said quietly. "My grandfather will not leave one stone unturned, and he can be terrible—terrible. But—she looked directly into my eyes as I stood below her on the stairs—the time may come—soon—when I can help you. I'm afraid I shall not want to; I'm a dreadful coward, Mr. Blakeley. But—I will." She tried to smile.

"I wish you would let me help you," I said unsteadily. "Let us make it a bargain; each help the other!"

The girl shook her head with a sad little smile. "I am only as unhappy as I deserve to be," she said. "And when I protested and took a step toward her she retreated, with her hands out before her.

"Why don't you ask me all the questions you are thinking?" she demanded, with a catch in her voice. "Oh, I know them. Or are you afraid to ask?"

I looked at her, at the lines around her eyes, at the drawn look about her mouth. Then I held out my hand. "Afraid!" I said, as she gave me hers. "There is nothing in God's green earth I am afraid of, save of trouble for you. To ask questions would be to imply a lack of faith. I ask you nothing. Some day, perhaps, you will come to me yourself and let me help you."

The next moment I was out in the golden sunshine; the birds were singing carols of joy; I walked dizzily through rainbow-colored clouds, past the twins, cherubs now, swinging on the gate. It was a new world into which I stepped from the Carter farmhouse that morning, for—I had kissed her!

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

He Could Not Recommend It.

The editor of the Plunkville Argus was seated at his desk, busily engaged in writing a fervid editorial on the necessity of building a new walk to the cemetery, when a battered specimen of the tramp printer entered the office.

"Mornin', boss!" said the caller. "Got any work for a printer?"

"I have," answered the editor. "You happened in just right this time. I've got only a boy to help me in the office and I need a man to set type for about a week. I have to make a trip out west. You can take off your coat and begin right now. I start to-morrow morning."

"All right," said the typographical tourist, removing his coat. "What road are you going to travel on?"

"The X, Y, & Z, mostly. I've never been on it. I know nothing about it!"

"I know all about it. I've traveled it from one end to the other."

"What kind of a road is it?"

"Punk!" said the printer, in a tone indicative of strong disgust. "The ties are a good far apart!"—Youth's Companion.

The Kitchen Cabinet

UNDOUBTEDLY, we believe that spiritual virtues should concern us more nearly than material ones; but equally do we believe that if a thing be done, it had best be well done, except it be a canvasback duck; and no housewife ever lost her title to future bliss through the keeping of a good table while she was on earth.

—Owen Winter.

Ways of Serving Curried Dishes.

In spite of its high seasoning, people who have lived in India are enthusiastic in their praise of curry. Although it is not expensive it may be made at home.

Curry Powder.—Take one ounce each of turmeric, coriander seed, white ginger, nutmeg, mace and cayenne. Pound all together and sift through a fine sieve. Bottle and cork well. To make an Indian curry, a rabbit, chicken or other delicate meat is required. For chicken curry, cover the chicken with boiling water, adding a bouquet of herbs and two large onions. Simmer gently for an hour and a quarter, removing the fat as it rises. Melt two tablespoonsful of butter in a sauce pan, add two tablespoonsful of flour and when well blended stir in the chicken broth. Add a teaspoonful or more of the curry powder with the flour. Beat the yolks of three eggs, stir in the gravy and the juice of half a lemon. Pour over the chicken and serve with a border of rice.

Curry of Mutton.—Fry one large onion, cut fine, in two tablespoonsful of butter. Mix one tablespoon of curry powder, one teaspoonful of salt, one tablespoonful of flour and stir it into the butter and onion. Add gradually one pint of hot water or stock. Cut two pounds of lean mutton into small pieces and brown them in hot fat. Add them to the sauce and simmer until tender. Place the meat on a hot dish and arrange a border of boiled rice around the meat.

Curried Eggs.—Remove the shells from six hard-cooked eggs, cut in halves. Fry one teaspoonful of chopped onion in one tablespoonful of butter, add two tablespoonsful of flour and half a tablespoonful of curry powder. Pour on slowly one and a half cupsful of white stock, milk or cream; add salt and pepper to taste. Simmer till the onions are soft, add the eggs and when warmed through, serve in a shallow dish; or arrange the eggs on toast and pour the sauce over them. This may be used on any fish flaked and served as curried fish.

Curried Vegetables.—Cook one cupful each of potatoes and carrots, one-half cup of turnip cut in fancy shapes. Drain; add a half cup of peas and pour over the sauce made by cooking two tablespoonsful each of onion and butter, remove the onion, add two tablespoonsful of flour, salt, pepper and celery salt and a half teaspoonful of curry. Add gradually one cup of scalding milk and sprinkle with parsley.

Recipes From Northern Europe.

Each country has its characteristic cookery, and a study of the dishes made in different sections of our country is most interesting.

Norwegian Cabbage Soup.—Take two pounds of the shin of beef, half a pound of salt pork, four onions, a root of celery, four quarts of water and a teaspoonful of salt. Boil three hours and then strain the broth and take off the fat. Melt a tablespoonful of butter in a saucepan, add a minced onion and a small cabbage cut fine. Stir and cook five minutes, then add a pint of the broth and cook one hour. Cut the meat in squares, thicken the broth with flour, cook, then add the cabbage and meat, pour the hot broth over it and serve.

Swedish Salmon Pastry.—Take two pounds of salmon cutlets, bread and fry brown. To two pounds of fresh pike, finely minced, add a teaspoonful of salt, a dash of cayenne, the juice and rind of a lemon, two beaten eggs and a tablespoonful of melted butter. Mix all together. Line a meat pie dish with pastry, spread a layer of the minced fish upon it, then the salmon with mushrooms between. Cover with the rest of the pike and lay on a cover of pastry, leaving a hole in the center. Bake one hour, then pour in a cup of white sauce or fish broth. Serve hot or cold.

Beef au Gratin (Polish).—Cut cold roast beef into strips the size of the finger. Mince four large onions and fry a light brown in butter. Add a tablespoonful of flour and a cupful of broth with three sprigs of parsley, minced. Lay the beef in a baking dish, the pieces crossing each other; on each layer put a spoonful of the onion and broth. Cover with a layer of bread crumbs, dot with bits of butter and bake 15 minutes in a quick oven.

Swedish Charlotte.—Cut a small sponge cake in thin slices and cover each slice with flavored sweetened whipped cream. Put the slices together in the shape of a leaf and cover with a ring made of the whites of two eggs and five tablespoonsful of powdered sugar. Brown in a slow oven and serve cold.

Must Wait for Remarriage.

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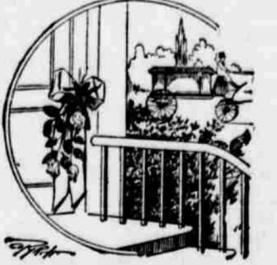
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Ever read the above letters? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true and full of human interest.

Sagerton News

From the News.

M. L. Laughlin is building a new home this week.

Dan Davis returned home from Spur Tuesday.

Walter Smith was in Haskell Wednesday.

E. G. Stein was in Haskell Wednesday.

Mrs. Pierson of Aspermont, was in town Wednesday.

Rollins Bales and wife are now running the telephone exchange at this place.

C. W. Harrison was in Rule Wednesday on business.

Dr. Cherry of Margarite, was down on business yesterday.

Mr. Evans had business in Rule yesterday.

Buying Bantam roosters for fryers is the limit. One day last week some one brought in a bunch of chickens, supposed to be fryers, and sold them to Smith & Stephen. Next morning John Martin discovered that in the bunch was a Mr. Bantam.

Rule News

From the Review.

George Manning, a former citizen, spent Saturday in Rule on business.

J. M. Pierson and wife are rejoicing over the arrival of a new son at their home.

Col. T. J. Watson and wife visited relatives in Haskell, Monday, returning the same day.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Tarbett are the proud parents over the arrival of a new son at their home.

Mrs. Sam New spent several days with her parents in Stone-wall county this week.

Mrs. George Chote of Oklahoma, is here visiting her mother, Mrs. E. C. Wood.

Miss Mollie Williams, who has been in Knox City for several days, has returned and taken her place at the "hello" office. She is a splendid operator.

W. W. Eddleman, who has had charge of the Higginbotham Harris Co. business at Rule, left Sunday for Sweetwater, where he will be connected with the same firm.

Munday News

From the Times.

Miss May Fields spent Sunday in Haskell.

Miss Maud Isibell visited in Haskell last Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Ida Mae Campbell went to Paduch this week to spend the holidays.

Homer Lee left Wednesday to visit his brother, Dr. Quincy Lee in Galveston.

J. S. Groy left last Monday on a trip to Abilene to investigate a land trade.

Wallace Gorman and Roy Whitesides of Seymour were here Sunday.

J. A. Rayborn attended the Wright-Chisom debate at Truscott last week.

Jud Crawford came in this week from Jayton, where he had been working the past year.

C. D. Green of this place, and J. M. Miles of Goree, returned Wednesday from Waco, where they attended the Masonic grand lodge.

Mrs. C. O. Farrington and little son left Saturday to spend the holidays with relatives. Dr. Farrington accompanied them to Dallas.

W. C. Beavers was in town last Saturday. He is taking quite a great interest in fancy poultry raising and has quite a number of thoroughbreds.

Rev. R. E. L. Stutts performed the marriage ceremony uniting the lives of H. E. Thewhanger and Miss Ruby Hart, at Weinert last Sunday.

Whit's Chapel

We are having some cold and rainy weather this week.

Finas Brooks and family will move to Oklahoma Tuesday to make their future home.

The dance at Will Tidwell's was enjoyed by a large crowd.

Delia Moore visited Mr. and Mrs. Herly Howard Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. Herly Howard visited their parents Sunday.

Mrs. W. G. Smith and little son, Winfred, visited her brother, Jim Newberry, Sunday.

There will be prayer meeting at Whit's Chapel Sunday night, to which all are invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Herly Howard visited Mrs. John McGreger Wednesday.

Mrs. J. F. Moore was in Haskell Saturday trading.

Bill Howard, who lives on the plains, is visiting relatives here.

Born—On December 8, to Mr. and Monroe Howard, a fine boy. Dewitt Smith returned home Saturday from Wilbarger county.

Luther Trammel departed for Hill county Sunday.

E. A. Thomas is moving this week to four miles north of Haskell.

Mrs. Cynthia Howard was trading in Haskell Friday.

A merry Christmas to the editor and the many friends of the Free Press.

SUNSHINE.

Ballew Happenings

Hello Chats: How are you all this fine day? Ballew is fine. The people in this community enjoyed the fine rain last week.

Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Josselet and son are going to Cook county to spend Christmas.

Mr. Phillips and family spent Sunday in Haskell with friends.

We had preaching here last Sunday by Bro. Edwards of Pleasant Ridge.

The school enjoyed a pleasant visit from County Superintendent Williams last Wednesday morning.

T. L. Glenn has moved back to Ballew community, where he will reside the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cunningham spent Tuesday night with Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Thomas of the Rose community.

Come again, "Weeping Willow." Have you been asleep as myself?

The Ballew school children gave a Christmas entertainment at the school house Friday night. It was a great success and was enjoyed by all present.

If there is anyone wanting a cat, see Mrs. Cunningham.

Miss Opal Holt spent Tuesday with Misses Margaret Hoskins and Mabel Cunningham.

There was a party at L. L. Curtis' Tuesday night.

There was a singing at the school house Sunday night.

This community regrets very much to lose A. J. Toliver's family.

Felix Josslet gave a birthday party to Miss Ardonia Josslet last Thursday night, which was enjoyed by all.

I will ring off with best wishes to the editor and readers.

RAMBLER.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: We are glad to hear from you again and allow us to compliment your newsy letter. "Rambler," you write like our faithful "Sunshine," which is a nice compliment. We hope to hear from you regularly.

Our readers are reminded that the Schubert Symphony club and Lady quartette give an entire change of program each season, so those who have heard this superior company before can attend again on December 26, at the opera house, and rest assured of hearing a program that will be new and entertaining. Remember that this is positively this company's last appearance for several years.

LONG STAPLE COTTON BRINGS HIGHEST PRICE

Last Friday R. O. Harvey bought for Blocker Miller Co. two bales of long staple cotton from T. F. Davis, paying therefor 18 cents per pound. He could easily have paid 20 cents per pound if the gins here had been equipped for properly ginning the long staple.

This is cotton produced from the seed Mr. Harvey gave out here last year. He paid \$3 per bushel for it and got the longest staple he could find in the Mississippi valley. Its success this year would lead to the belief that more of it will be raised in this country, especially on valley land.

Mr. Davis had in four acres on Raymond Plants' place just west of town. It was planted late and the dry weather hurt it, but it was loaded down when frost came. Two bales were picked off the four acres and about that much more could have been gotten had it matured. All the seed were saved. They will be sold and planted here another year. This country may yet rival the Clarksville country as being long on long staple cotton. —Baylor County Banner.

If We Could Know

The days of the old year are fast dwindling away; there is to be seen everywhere evidences of joy and peace as exhibited in the brilliant preparations for celebrating the holiday according to prevailing custom. Apparently every heart is pulsing with anticipation of pleasure, and the fire of youth burns freely in every bosom; but withal that, there are burdens to bear, there are business secrets that are the cause of many sleepless nights; many wakeful ears hear the measured stroke of the parlor clock as in restless mood they think and plan the way to meet pressing obligations. Honest hearts lose more sleep from business cares than do those who scheme to gain vantage ground where profit is the paramount incentive. If we could know the cares that burden many many hearts which are apparently at peace with all the world, doubtless our sympathy would be increased and we would be constrained to lift up the weak and weary friend. Life is one continuous struggle, no man is independent, neither can he be—it is impossible. We are commanded to bear one another's burdens; why should we fail to do it? If we fail in this, we have failed most egregiously in the chief responsibility placed upon us by the Great Author of the principle of universal fraternity. If we should know the secret sorrows, the cares and the honest sentiments of hearts that are troubled today, doubtless many burdens would be made easier to bear, sleep would be sweeter for us all, the strokes of the parlor clock in the dreary midnight hour would be unheard; peace, sweet peace, would reign in every soul, and God's blessing would rest upon every home. —Western Reporter.

To the Public

You are most cordially invited to attend the New Year's reception to be held at the public library Saturday, Dec. 31, from three to five o'clock. The library has just recently entered upon its second year of existence and the Magazine club speaks for this opportunity to thank you for your liberal support and interest shown in the past. A good program will be rendered and a hearty welcome awaits you, should you care to show a continued interest by coming.

REPORTER.

Chambers has McAlister lump and nut coal.

Notice of Trustee's Sale.

WHEREAS, T. G. Carney and wife, Lizzie Carney, by their deed of trust in writing, dated the first day of March A. D. 1905, and of record in the deed of trust records of Haskell County, Texas, in book 5, pages 415 and 416, did convey the real estate hereinafter referred to to Horace H. Cobb as trustee, for the purpose of securing the W. C. Belcher Land Mortgage Company, a corporation of Tarrant County, Texas, or its assigns, in the payment of a certain bond of even date with said deed of trust, for the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), due March 1, 1910, together with interest thereon according to certain coupon thereunto attached, and certain interest notes. All more particularly described in said deed of trust.

And, whereas, default has been made in the payment of said bond whereby the power of sale given in said deed of trust has become operative.

And whereas, Horace H. Cobb, Trustee appointed in said deed of trust failed and refused to act as such after his appointment, and thereafter William H. Cobb was duly appointed under the powers and authorities given in said deed of trust as substitute trustee.

And whereas, said William H. Cobb has now failed and refused to further act as such substitute trustee, and the undersigned has been duly and legally appointed by the legal holder and owner of the above mentioned deed of trust and indebtedness as substitute trustee.

And whereas, H. M. McCelvey, Jr., is the legal owner and holder of the past due indebtedness under the above mentioned bond, coupons and notes, and has requested me to advertise and sell said real estate in the manner provided for in said deed of trust for the purpose of paying the amount due on said bond, together with the expense incurred and the other costs of this foreclosure.

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given that I will on Tuesday, the third day of January, 1911, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. of said day, at the court house door in Haskell in said county of Haskell, State of Texas, offer for sale and sell at public vendue or outcry to the highest bidder for cash certain real estate and property described in and conveyed by said deed of trust. The real estate to be sold is situated in the northwestern part of Haskell County, and is described as follows:

First Tract: Being survey of 265 1/4 acres patented to H. G. Bedford assignee of Nancy Iden, September 9, 1884, by patent No. 559, volume 5, abstract No. 835, being locally known as the Nancy Iden survey No. 20. However, a certain portion of said survey has, since the execution of said deed of trust, been released from the operation of the same, and the portion so released will not be included in said sale; and reference is hereby made to page 49 and 50 of volume 54 of the deed records of Haskell County, Texas, where said release is recorded for a full description of that portion of said survey which has been so released and which will not be sold.

Second Tract: 400 acres more or less, and part of the survey of 1267 acres patented to J. S. Bounds, assignee of Rebecca E. Farrow on May 4, 1887 by patent No. 582, volume 36, abstract No. 691, said 400 acres being locally known as Carney's part of said survey. However, since the execution of said deed of trust certain portions of said 400 acres have been released from the operation of the same, and these portions so released will not be included in the lands to be sold under this notice; and reference is here made to pages 436 to 448 of volume 5 of the deed of trust records of Haskell County, Texas, and to

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

WE thank our friends and customers for the very liberal patronage given us the past year and wish for each and all a joyous Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

In this connection we will again call your attention to the fact that our sale is still on, and we have many bargains that will interest you. Supply yourself while you can and save dollars to your families for 1911.

In next issue we will probably be able to announce to you who will be our successors in business.

S. L. ROBERTSON

page 250, volume 39 of the deed records of Haskell County, Texas, and to page 161 of volume 6 of the deed of trust records of Haskell County, Texas, and to pages 49 and 50 of volume 54 of the deed records of Haskell County, Texas, where the releases of certain parts of said 400 acres are recorded, for a full description of the portion of said 400 acres which has been released, and which will not be sold.

Witness my hand at Haskell, Texas, this 9th day of December, A. D. 1910.

GORDON B. MCGUIRE, Substitute Trustee.

Farmers' Union Meeting

The Haskell County Farmers' union will meet with Corinth local, Thursday and Friday, December 29 and 30.

Every local should send a good representative, for there will be matters brought before this convention touching the interest of the entire membership of the county. Corinth is six miles north of Rule.

T. J. COLE, President.

One night only, the celebrated Schubert Symphony club and Lady Quartette, assisted by the famous entertainer, Anna Pearl Weatherington, and the celebrated young American violin and mandolin virtuoso, Thomas Valentine Purcell, in a delightful program entirely free from dullness, and consisting of lady quartette, violin and vocal solos, mandolin and guitar club, comic and serious readings, a musical entertainment that is enjoyable alike to the musicians and the masses. Price 75c reserved seats. Don't miss this great treat. Haskell opera house, Monday night, December 26, under auspices Elks' lodge.

If you are suffering from biliousness, constipation, indigestion, chronic headache, invest one cent in a postal card, sent to Chamberlain Medicine Co., Des Moines, Iowa, with your name and address written plainly on the back, and they will forward you a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Sold by dealers.