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The undersigned desire to meet with all the farmers of north part of town, was in our Haskell county on January 7, office Saturday and showed us 1911, at the court house in Has- some ripe strawberries that he kell, who believe that there is had just plucked from his vines. room for the improvement of They were very large and looked our methods of farming and who real "tempting." The vines are are willing to enter into the or- only a year old and were bloomganization of a Farmers' in- ing, while some of the vines stitute for the systemetic study were laden with nice ripe berof the ways and means of bring- ries. ing about the desired improve-

ments. No set program will be an- fell, and says he will plant nounced for this first meeting, several hundred more plants. ing subject for this time. While Ripe strawberries in this country this is primarily a farmers' at this season are certainly quite

movement, a welcome is extend- a novelty. ed to all who feel an interest in the matter and desire to give it encouragement.

Northwest Texas Dry Farming Decker. congress at its Haskell meeting.

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

Robertson Bros Co. will open full blast about January 12th.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATED IN HASKELL AS IT SHOULD BE

Christmas was celebrated in Haskell as it should be, in a quiet and sane manner.

Particularly noticeable was the absence of any "rowdyism" or anything of the kind, and everybody respected the fireworks law, and the day passed into history without any accident of any conseugence.

The record of the past Christmas celebration, it is hoped, will be the standard for future obervance.

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Mr. and Mrs. Clark Denning-

ton of Dallas, are visiting the UB This is made in pursuance of Walter Decker household. Mrs. the plan recommended by the Dennnington is a sister of Mrs. / ED.



Don't wait until the very last moment but give us a little time and we'll show you what high grade work

s record mony the bridal pair took their ober of departure far their new home. nere in

Miss Bess will be greatly misstle who ed in Haskell. She has resided and let here all her life and is greatly alone admired and beloved by a large defit to circle of friends.

trafters Mr. Jenkins was formerly conswinnected with the Haskell Herald. dr preand is now the popular editor of Let no the Buffalo Gap Live Oak. shonest

doom-Calvin Buford and family movantment ed here from Abilene this week.

> Mrs. George Andrus of Rotan. was visiting relatives in the city this week.

> the guest of Mrs. J. F. Pinkerton this week.

MISS NEATHERY ENTERTAINED

Honoring Misses Mary Carver ll meet der on of Farmersville, and Zoe McDill e Irby of Galesburg, Illinois, Miss Vera llowing Neathery gave a girls' tea pouring at her home Thursday afternoon, December 29. Peas-

Chrysanthemums, Christmas bells, small red and green candles and other appropriate Christmas decorations were artistically arranged in every apartment.

Mesdames Henry and Wallace Alexander greeted the guests as they entered and the cards were presented to little Miss Elsa Neathery.

Misses Neathery, Carver, Terrell, McDill, Winn and Poole composed the receiving line, and Misses Deron Neathery and Hughes ushered to the dining room, where Misses Lindsey and Lloyd poured tea and Misses

Alice Poole, Lucile Hughes, elected | Fields and Wright served each a ounty, coursed luncheon, and Miss Me-Ruid, Connell showed each to the rethis ception hall.

eside. About seventy-five guests encaller joyed the hostesses' charming hospitality.

ED NIGE PROGRAMME

What was announced by all who saw it the most pleasing city, was the entertainment by the Schbert Symphony Club and Lady quartette, which was presented at the Haskell theatre on and pleasing manner, and was well received, as was evinced by the repeaded encores from the Opening Chorus delighted audience. The entertainment was given under the auspices of the local Elk's Lodge and had been extensively advertised by the jolly antelers, which Mrs. Morrison of Abilene, was always assures a large audience. The lodge is to be congratu. upon securing for Haskell such a high-class company whose performance would have done honor to a city many times larger han Haskell and everyone would be delighted to have the Schubert Symphony Club and Le guartette play a return en gement here in the near fut

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EN AT BAPTIST CHURCH The program rendered by the little folks at the Baptist church attraction ever presented in the Saturday night was a most pleasing one, and was received by a large and appreciative audience. The program was given just last Monday night. Each num- prior to the distribution of the ber was presented in a masterly presents at the Christmas tree.

Following is the progrm.

Joy to the World Recitation, "The Blooming Christmas Tree' Maron Ewing Chorus Dear Little Stranger Duet. "Joyous Return" Annie Eastland and W. Jones Recitation, "The Kriscinkle Surprise" Versie CossleVersie Cosslet Solo, "Cradle Hymn" Marl Parnal "The Angel and the Star" Vivian Smith and Bessie Dean Duet Maxine Bulock, Connie Griffin Joy Bells Chorus

Buy a pair of our Dixie hose and get a box of colored crayon with 8 colors free. Hancocks'

Rev. R C. McAdie, formerly pastor of the Presbyterian church at Mineral Wells, will preach at the Presbyterian church her next sabbath, January 1st.

BUSINESS HOUSES CLOSED ALL DAY LAST MONDAY

Most all the business men in the city closed their places of business on last Monday in order to give their employes a holiday.

Most all the clerks and people employed about town either went hunting or visiting, and everyone seemed to ewjoy the day very much, and all were back at their posts of duty Tuesday men g ready for business.

THE HASKELL FREE PRESS

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R. R. Time Schedule EAST BOUND No. 6 Due at.....10:00 p. m. WEST BOUND No. 5 Due at 5:17 a. m.

The Free Press, a Quarter

of a Century Old

With this issue of the Free Press, it completes a quarter of a century in the service of Haskell. The path way it has trod has been one continuous conflict with hate, malice, vindictiveness, sordidness, corruption and follies of humanity. We have gained the admiration of a few good men and women and

dishonest people among our friends, though we may enjoy their respect. We believe that when we are called to final account, the things we have said turned from a visit to his mother and done to make the world who lives in Wise county. He better, happier, and to soothe had not been home for three the bereaved and unfortunate years. He went hunting when will show a credit at least in our there and had several squirrells favor as against the treatment pot pies. Mr. Stepp gave us humanity has accorded us-at his subscription and also had the least we have made an honest Free Press sent to a relative in

ed wonderful changes in the course of a quarter of a century: we have witnessed and helped shape the policies and ideals of this new section of the west. Long years ago we took up the labor of the pioneer, and when we view results in the retrospect and see the progress made by a noble race of pioneers, we feelencouraged to continue the work we undertook almost in our youth. We felt then and feel now a responsibility seemingly beyond our capacity. but with the incentive of hope ever springing from a heart devoted 10 to 15 cents per inch to the cause of humanity we shall still strive to do our duty

> The Dallas News says it is a very foolish question to ask a man with eggnog on his whiskers, if he enjoyed Christmas.

to our fellow man.

Several cases of Turko-stumoakum have developed recently, caused principally by cranberri-

The Dallas News says the failure of the Tafts to invite congressmen's wives to Miss Helen's debut party is another reason why women would like to vote.

The jury in the case of the State vs Overcash, were discharged by Judge Higgins because they could not agree on a verdict. There were some good men and good citizens on the jury who believed in enforcing the law against muder.

If you owe me please dont pass We number few vicious or iously. Find my collector or the bookkeeper at the office and make us all lad. "Pay up." S. L. ROBERTON.

Mr. W. P. Stepp has just re-



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This famous Sulky Plow has been the leading riding plow for nearly 15 years. No other plow made approa it for simplicity. It has only two levers (one with a double adjustment) but it is just as flexible, and has all the advantages of plows requiring three and four levers.

No one ever made a mistake in buying the Su earth beaten for strength. The manufacturer that they back it up with an unqualified gu plow-they don't make them any better than t

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McNeill & Smith Hardware Co. Headquarters for

. All Kinds of Up-to-Date Farm Machinery

For Sale Nice one section home, near Stanton. Wellymproved. One half in trade. Address Box 162, Stanton, Texas

We can't buy paper on long time and the printers have to have the money, so if you are due anything on subscripton pay it by January 1st. Don't wait for us to hunt you up for the dollar you are due on subscription. We have no time to chase anybody for a dollar. We have almost earned a dollar by printing and mailing you dozens of 8 page six column papers.

Pay Up Your

We need it to pay the Printer and paper house

SPECIAL RATES

We are going to make the farmers a special rate on advertising of one cent a word. Write out the ad and count the words and you will know what it will cost for one insertion, and you can pay the cash in advance and save us book keeping.

If you have a farm, a cow, span of mules, a horse, hog, chicken, or if it is corn, oats, maize, kaffir corn, or house hold goods you want to sell, put an ad in the Free Press. The Free Press will find a buyer if there are any in the market. The Free Press will meet more people in one issue than you could chase down in years.

We want our customers to be prompt in the payment of their bills. We have to pay our bills promptly or we could not keep the plant . going. We are going to give good service. Our job department is equipped to turn out the finest work on the best paper. The work and, the paper cost us the cash, so pay cash, when you can, or pay the bill when the bill is presented. We can't run hap hazard always. All the work we do we guarantee. If it is

effort to have it thus.

we have striven are vain, and handed. Pay up Let everythe professions of a saint are thing end pleasantly in the closvain bratings of the egotist, for ing of our long time business rethere are those who mock re- lation. Respectfully, ligion, mock virtue, mock honesty, gratitude, friendship, and even mock Deity.

lived we have often seen such er colors by Mrs. G. E. Langdespicable people fail in bus- ford. We were taken by surness, fail in life and have seen prise, and as the present came them friendless and alone, and as a token of appreciation of a disgraced as they approach the small favor heretofore granted banks of the "River Stix" and by the Free Press, we were left the world worse by having more than pleased, by the recoglived.

We may miss our ideals of Press meets with so many hard life or we may fail to accomplish knocks and so many adverse and our desire, but it has been a severe criticisms. that it precontrolling influence in our life pares us to fully appreciate the to point to things higher and be courtesy the cultured and refind just.

races of men have attributed to ies, in the future when we can, their duties is justice. Without and while they are few in numjustice no people prosper nor do ber we know their refining and nations become permanent. When gentle influence will be a great clow the level of beast because community. May they prosper of a greater capacity for vice and their influence never wane. and crime. The perversion of justice has destroyed the great empires of the centuries of the t. The love of money, the root of all evil, begets graft, the beart, and destroys friend- rended a ball given by the

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To some perverted souls our If my collector galls on you efforts and the ideals to which please don't turn him off empty

L. ROBERTSON. The Episcopal ladies presented

the editor of the Free Press with In the half century we have a beautiful hand painting in watnition the same evidenced. The

ladies have shown us. We will The greatest of attributes the be glad to serve these good ladpervert their ideas factor in developing the gentle d love of justice, they sink instincts of womanhood in this

Attend Ball at Stamford

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Alexan-RTICL corruption, destroys justice, be der chaperoned a merry party gets ingratitude, destroys fillial of Haskellites to Stamford on a seals the formation of Thursday night where they at. hip and make of men and Drofmats club. A most pleaswoman ingrate beasts. It will be the policy of the Free Press in the future as in Following is the party: battle for those vir-cole that elevates so-con corruptions and corrupting dustitu-the bave witness-b. We have witness-Totlowing is the party: Misses McConnel. Lloyd. Ter-rell, Wright, Neathery, Lindsey, McDill of Chicago, and Carver of Farmersvills. Messrs. Arbeckle, Long. Oates, and Baldwin TOIL

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For the liberal share of patronage accorded us in the past, we take this method of thanking our many satisfied customers, and wish for them one and all a most prosperous and happy New Year, and earnestly solicit a continuance of your trade throughout 1911.

KINGS CHOCOLATES ************* Season's Greetings

THE HUB

L P. CARR & CO.

We thank our many customers for the liber-al patronage given us during the past year. and wish for them a successful New Year of happiness and prosperity. and solicit a continuance of your patronage during 1911.

Side Pharmacy Lloyd & Co., Proprietors ************

BEST LINE OF CIGARS

it is, and we are entitled to prompt payment of the bills.

FINE STATIONERY

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We can supply your wants in printed stationery. We have a stock of the finest papers and we can print nice letter heads in quantities that will cost little more, if any, than the blank paper would cost. 354 11

We have the following papers in stock: "Old Hampshire Bond," the finest bond paper made; "Ambassador Bond," linen finish, the joy of the Elite: "Oriole Linen," the best linen on the market: "National Bank Bond;" "Delhi Bond:" "Arabrian Bond:" and the finest rag papers, ruled and unralled. Envelopes to match. Also a fine line of cards, the best linen cloth finish and the commercial cards. On the shortest notice we can furnish the latest in wedding stationery. We can also furnish the latest in lodge stationery. Just as fine and up to date as they use in the cities. Invitations, menus and programs. The trade here will not warrant us in carrying a line of fancy stationery, but we can order the stock and print and deliver just as quickly as you can order them printed in the cities We carry a large stock of fint writing pape and will cut all the standard sizes used on typewriters from "6s" to "1s" is least money

Locals and Perso

Chambers has McAlister lump and nut coal.

Perry Lawrence of Stamford was visiting in the city Sunday Miss Minnie Lindsey of Abi-

icne, visited in this city Sunday Harry Rone of Wichits Falls,

visited in the city over Sunday.

Will Owens is visiting in Mangun, Oklahoma, this week.

R. M. Craig is in Dallas on business this week.

Colorado coal, mine run, \$6.50 AT. J. Sims per ton.

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

F. M. Blair of New Mexico is visiting his brother-in-law, Mr. Geo. Courtney of this city.

Clover Blech returned to Fort Worth Monday, after visiting friends in the city Sunday.

Mrs. Nolan and Son, Richard, visited friends in Weinert Tuesday.

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

Mr. W. A. Whatley has moved from Rule to Haskell to operate his Rule and Haskell car line.

Mrs. W. T. Bradley of Milam, county is visiting her sister, Mrs. T. G. Williams, of this place.

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

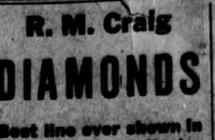
Marion Simmons has returned from an extended visit to Trinidad, Colorado.

FOR RENT-470 acre farm 250 acres in cultivation. B. M. Whitaker, Jaskell, Texas.

G. R. Couch of Haskell was- in Rochester, Wednesday.-Rochester News.

After this date all feed is cash at the store or or delivery. T. J. Sims.

W. H. Bray made a business trip to Haskell, Saturday. -Rochester News.



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hese 78. Chops \$1.35 and \$1.55. bran \$1.30 and \$1.45 cash. T. J. Sims

Mr. Zerver of Ennis is visiting his daughter of Mrs. S. H. Foster this city.

FOR SALE OR TRADE.-A 2t B. C. Duke, 2t Hastell, Texas.

Missea Kate and Lucile Glasgow are spending the holidays in Seymour and Haskell.-Munday

and family of this city.

E. M. Elliott and Misses Bertha and Bulah Elliott of Goree, were the guests of the N. H. C. Elliott household this week.

Miss Nina Morris, returned home from Anson Wednesday, of all cases in his opions. where she has been visiting friends and relatives.

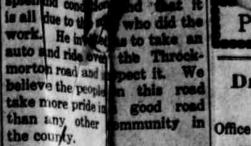
Mr. Calvin Henson, of Throckmorton, who has been visiting in Cone passed through Haskell on his way home Thursday.

Miss Annie and Tommie Elliott returned Wednesday from Cleburne, where they had been

visiting relatives and friends. Hale Neathery, Who has been attending Austin College at Sherman, spent Christmas with his parents Dr. and Mrs. A, G. Neathery.

Miss Fannie Baldwin who has been attending the T, C. U. at Fort Worth spent Christmas with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Baldwin, of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McClure of Weinert, passed through Haskell Sunday enroute to Colorado City, where they will visit relatives



We would like to have our subscribers settle up. There are a few who are still delinquent and as we have to pay check for paper, it is necessary that all who can by us promply. We have put on good bunch of new subscriber the past few weeks and we are very much in-couraged by the spport we are securing. securing.

Judge W. M. Hey and Mrss Key of Austin spint Christma. with their son Sect W. Key of Times. Dr. W. J. Montgomery and family of Chicago are spending the week with R. C. Montgomery the week with R. C. Montgomery appeals at Austin, and is the only orignal member of the court who was appointed after its organization in 1890. As a jurist Judge Key has a splendid record. He has avoided tehnecianlities in his decisions, and given unusual attention to the merits

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High Patent flour, the best milled, \$1.50 per sack, second

State, Got your a & Wilson

Chas. Terrell went to Post City this week, where he will ttend school

For Rent-The bright building formerly occupied by McNeil & Smith.—David Gernier. 52-55 52-55

Min Nannie McDaniel is the belidays with friends at Olustee, Oklahome.

LOST;-In this city a big white shawl. Finder report to G. O. Hardsman or this office.

Dr. A. G. Neathery spent Christmas with his Father's family at Farmersville.

Our abstract boths are com-Sanders A Wilson.

Dr. Taylor and family spent the holidays with Mrs. Taylors mother, at Golthwaite, Texas

Hay, all kinds, dig to 70e per /1. J. Sime.

Miss Mary Carver of Farmers-ville, visited Miss Neathery of this city this week.

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

L. M. Lipscomb visited his mother in Robertson county this week returning Friday.

A. A. Lloyd of Trant, is visitrelatives in the city this

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Misc Mable Elliott, who is teaching in the public school at Weinert, was in the city Sunday, enroute to Anson, where she sited relatives the first part of his week.

William Burtfelt of Weinert. passed through Haskell Sunday on his way to Segerion, for a visit with friends.

Postmenter Rickel us Miss Chrystine and Bobbie, of Weinert, passed through Haskell Sunday, on their way to Milliam county, where they will visit this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Crowford S. Boothe of Austin are visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bischoffsmaen, the parents of Mrs.

Mrs. F. M. Morton has return-ed from an extended visit to relatives at Dallas and Mr. Morton is visiting a brother in south Texas with whom he spent the alidays.

Bob Wallace and Adams Beaty returned Monday from Haskell where they had been as witnessee in the Condron murder trial -Woodson Record

Levi Cogburn, one of the prominent farmers of Jud co munity, made this office a pleas ant call Saturday and subscribed for the Free; Press.

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Have moved the size of Haskell County Hone Obsis on the deck in the Haskell B Bank, all members desiring pay their anguel dues, will me there during banking hours ready to receipt you for your Ira N. Ellis,

> Secretary. lorff desires

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Senor porfirio, Is after your coco. -Fluvanna Tribune

Oh. Mexico; Oh. Mexico, Chile and beans, What on earth, Does all this mean.

Sparkman-Mayfield

Mr. J. E. Sparkman of Sag of Weinert, were married in Weinert last Sunday morning at 10 o'clock at the Mayfield el, Rev. J. B. Vinson offici-

At Methodist Church

On next Sunday at 11 a. m. and at night, Presiding Elder Putman of Stamford district, will preach at the Methodist burch. Everyone is cordially invited to come and hear him. C. B. MEADOR, Pastor.

Advertised Letters

Willie Malone. Carson Reed. W. H. Pierce. D. D. Robertson. E. A. McKay. Allen Adams. Frank Grothe.

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Stock Holders Meeting. Baskell National Bank

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 D day of January in Haskell, Terms, 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, ng a 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 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 Yuesday, the 10th day of January A. D. 1911, at two o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing a board of directory 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 the free scholarship in the Has-Ting of sine aid. - dec . .

st \$1.30. Uz 65c per sack. T. J. Sims. LOST-on the streets of Haskell a heavy isprobe. The find-er please compunicate with Mrs. John A. Couch.

for you.

dious barn and bug proof stor house 10x12. G. E. Ballew.

Then and Now

Springfield (Mass.) Republican: It takes no far look into what an advance in the comforts of life belongs to the mass of people over the conditions of ong ago. The average of comfort was never so high as now the opening of educ tional adrantages never so broad, and the opportunity for growth and in-dividual advancement never so wide. It is sometimes claimed

that it is less easy for young men to make their way in life than once, but this is a shallow fallacy. There never has been any royal road to material or moral success, but always has the burden been placed upon the in-dividual theroughness, paraisdividual theroughness, percisitency, and that group of imagin tency, and that grand of integin-ation. There is this virtue to be credited to individualism and our competitive conditions that the individual must make his own way by mariting advance-ment. In this fashion character is built and strengt man and

Tied In a Mnet.

Tied in a knot describes the way your muscles feel when they are cramped or when you've been over marcining. Ballard's Snow Linkment takes the kink out of sore or cramped muscles and relieves all aches and pains. If you have a bargain in land list it with Sanders & Wilson; they will advertise and sell it what it is to be free from bodily ailments.

Don't be hopeless about your self when you are crippled with rheumatism or stiff joints of course you have tried ints of things and they have failed. Try Ballard, Soow Liniment,

it will drive eway all aches, pains and stiffness and loaven

you as well as you ever were, Sold by all druggists.

The Correct Time

The correct time to stop a cough or cold is just as soon as cough or cold is just as soon as it starts—then there will be no danger of pneumonia or con-sumption. Just a few doses of Ballard's Horehound Syrup tak-en at the start will step the cough. If it has been running en for cometime the treatment will be longer, but the cure is sure. Sold by all druggists.

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OSCAR MARTIN, Publisher HASKELL - - - TEXAS

CHILDREN IN FIGTION.

SKELL FREE-PRESS

Among male novelists Dickens takes the lead as a delineator of children. All kinds and conditions of them flock through his books. He depicted life as he saw it and wherever he looked there were children, therefore children had a natural and inevitable place in his pages, says the Indianapolis Star. From the Fat Boy of Pickwick Papers to Tiny Tim the procession is long and includes a notable list - David Copperfield. Oliver Twist, Little Nell, Florence Dombey and her brother, Poor Jo, the little Kenwigses, Toddles and many more. If they are not children exactly as readers of this day see them they are children as he saw them and he pictures them with a vividness that gives them a lasting place in the reader's mind. They stand forth more clearly on "memory's wall" than the real personages of history. Several of Thackeray's characters are introduced in their childhood, as Henry Esmond, Pendennis and Becky Sharp, and are brought along to maturity, but this is merely by way of accounting for their later pecultarities and the child portraits leave no special impression. Poe never wrote of children. Hawthorne did, but of dream children rather than those of real life. Later male novelists for the most part ignore the young of thier race. Henry James seldom realizes that children are on sarth. There is "Maizie," to be sure, but Maisie is not a real child. Thomas Hardy is aware of them and introduces Jude as a boy, but dwells lightly on this early life of his hero.

The city clerk of New York has received a letter from a gentleman in St. Petersburg, Russia, who describes himself as a Prince, gives a string of glittering titles and says he is fifty-seven years of age and without fortune, but "desires to marry a person who is very rich." Full directions how to reach the impecunious but hopeful nobleman are supplied, and any wealth American lady seeking such a chance probably will be able to get the high-sounding title on reasonable, not to say bargain counter ters. The fact that a man who bears the title was serving when last heard of as a hotel waiter of course would be no bar to such an alliance or explain why the nobleman is seeking to make an arrangement of the sort pro-



RIO GRANDE PROJECT

MAY GET \$7,355,000 Compose

Project Contemplates \$7,355,000, Cow ering a Period of Some Five Years.

Washington, Dec. 28 .- Seven million three hundred and fifty-five thousand dollars is in prospect for expenditure within the next five years on the great Texas-New Mexico Rio Grande reclamation project. Not only did the special board of engineers, which investigated the various projects, report in favor of allotting for this work \$4; 500,000 outsof the \$20,000,000 bond issue, but the bourd also recommended the allotment out of the regular reclamation service fund the additional sum of \$1,855,000. In addition to this, Congress has already appropriated \$1,000,-000, which money is now being used in the preliminary work of the vast project. The President has approved the recommendations of the special board of engineers, and it is expected that the whole sum of \$7,355,000 will soon be put to the credit of the pro-

It is estimated that between \$8,000,-000 and \$9,000,000 will be required for the completion of the work. The importance with which the special board of engineers was impressed with this particular project is indicated by the fact that although twenty-five projects were examined and about two-thirds of them were provided for out of the bond issue, the Texas-New Mexico project alone is to receive 22 1-2 per cent, or close to one-fourth of the entire

bond issue.

A PROMINENT INDIAN IS DEAD

Green McCurtain Has Gone to His

Happy Hunting Ground. Kinta, Okla.: Green McCurtain, Governor of the Choctaw Indians, died here Tuesday.

Green McCurtain was one of the most progressive men of Indian blood in the United States. He was 65 years old and was serving his second term as Governor of the Choctaws. For a number of years, too, he was treasurer of the tribe, and handled vast sums of money for the Indians. Long a power in Indian politics, vigorous and forceful character. was known as a fair fighter, and won many of his political battles by force of personal influence. He had large property interests in the Choctaw Nation, was considered among the



ing in shops decorated with the most attractive symbolic ornamentations and displaying with great skill the things most requisite for the coming holiday time. At night, along the thoroughfares, the stranger would see multitudes crowded about street booths to purchase the wares exposed there, all which are significant of the New Year festival, and nothing else. Everywhere the avenue and by-ways, would be illuminated with rows of shining lanterns, bearing trade devices and family crests, all suspended from the low eaves of stores and houses. Never are the streets of Japanese cities and towns so enlivened with gayly dressed crowds and busy traffickers as during the time of our own alien, yet kindred, Christmas excitement.

The specific preparations for the New Year begin about the thirteenth of the last month. Then, within every house in the empire, a general cleaning up takes place. A fresh, green

branch of the bamboo tree, with its leaves and twigs to symbolize good fortune, is used as i duster in completing the thorough sweeping. At this time the soft rice mats of which the flooring in Japanese homes is made are renewed in order that the callers at the New Year may be received where they can enjoy a spotless footing. At this time, too, all matrons and maids are busy getting ready for wear on New Year's day kimonos that shall have no trace in them of the vanished past. To old and young the daily theme of thought and talk is the coming "New Year," full as much as "Christmas" is to us. Outside the hous

full sway, and transforms the thorough gayly colored and evergreen avenues. less streets are turned, for the time b vistas of swaying bamboo and pine trees. each house entrance, according to the purses and taste, stands a kind of archway. Its pine branches, supposedly male and female, or the right and left, and the tall triple bar shafts (both trees symbolic of longevity that is of a hardiness that has borne the storms and struggles of long life into a rugged old age) welcome the visitor. Over head, spanning the space between these uprights of the arch, is a decorated rope always of rice straw, having on it various pendants arranged in series of seven, five and three (lucky numbers). The rope recalls one of the most revered and poetic traditions of the Japanese past. The sun goddess, the ancestress of the imperial house of the empire, was angered with her brother in the ancient days, and in rerenge hid herself in a cave. Darkness then prevalled in heaven and over the earth. The gods, in their perplexity, tried to induce her to come out of her hiding place. But in vain did they appear, until, in a dance they had arranged, she was induced by a taunt that touched her vanity to open the door of her self-chosen dungeon. One of the gods then drew her forth, and, to prevent her running back into the cave, stretched a straw rope across the entrance. The perpetual shining of the sun, secured thereby, remains memorialized in the garlanded barrier hanging above each Japanese portal at New Year's time. Among the most noticeable and significant chjects ornamenting these doorway arches is a scarlet lobster, embedded among some branches of a oush whose old leaves remain unshed until after the young leaves have budded. The lobster's prooked body tells of old age bent with years, while the bush branches around it show how parents remain even while children and children's children may come into being. In the same decoration fronds of fern are placed, whose pairs of leaves symbolize wedded life. The or-ange, whose color brightens the clustered symbols, bears a name which, as a pun, means "gen-erations," and tells of family perpetuity. Sea-weed is there, too, as a memorial of good fortune, commemorating also the prohistoric conquest of Korea by the Empress Jingo. Her troops were in danger of defeat because their horses on the Kodanger of defeat because their horses on the Ro-rean seashore were starving from lack of food. But, by inspiration, she ordered seaweed to be plucked from the waters of the beach and given to the horses, who then were so invigorated that they carried their riders to glorious victory. Gobel white bands of paper wave over the gar-lands of the doorway arches symbolic of the an-cient offerings that have won the favor of "the myriad gods." myriad gods." After busy weeks of preparation at last the closing day of the year comes. On New Year's eve the whole country is antir and every place that needs a light for use or beauty is brightened. All through that night the projections the new. Merchants do not go to bo New Year's day. All the projections the new. Merchants do not go to bo the closing year must be a the closing year must be a the closing year must be a the closing those Japanes the old social order. All Bad luck, that fastings, us to be done away with and propend, filled with harry from of the names lists removal of did tables of Japaness life at the New Year is well shown in one of the names that the day bears, the Ga, "The Three Begin-

breakfast is a feast of symbolism and of good wishes. The New Year's wine, too, is passed around, with the wish that everyone may drink along with the cup a long. long life. A soup containing a peculiar rice pa mochi, is eaten by all, each one wishin others ten thousand years of pleasure and prosarity. Then the household prepare for a day ivity. The busy broom and bamboo du are left idle all the day, for fear that they might sweep out of the house the divine freshness has come into it. All the shops remain close from dawn until the next day. It is the day of the home and of social happiness. There is no "Christmas tree" as the center of the Japanes New Year offebration inside the house, but the is the Kagami mochi or "mirror rice cakes" that are made as conspicuous as the "tree."

that "day."

hold awakens on January 1 every member of the family seeks the others to say "Omede-And then an exchange of presents like our Christmas giving be-gins. The New Year

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casts the other end over screen. Hidden players attach some gift to the free and of the rope, whereby often the best of fun comes, because of the fun comes, prises drawn.

But this great day of begin with its idling and many ple ures, at last comes to a close. On the second day of the year the duty of work is celebrated. In the home the children strive to show to their parents the best they can do in penmanship or in memory of things to be learned. Girls try their first ornamental needlework or piece of music; mere pen their shops with a show of receiving their rat goods for the year. On the street many proted specimens of the trades of their masters. namented specimens of the trades of their masters. Heavily loaded wagons, brilliantly decorated with lanterns, flags and advertisements, drawn by oxen covered with many colored cloths, pass from dis-trict to district, accompanied by singing and danong workman

Toward the evening of the second day street peddlers, crying "Treasure ships for sale!" go about among the crowds. They sell rough draw-ings of the "Seven Gods of Happiness," afloat in a boat. Multitudes buy these caricatures of an ancient sacred group, much as we might buy s olctured Santa Claus. That night the "treasure obtain must lie under one's nillow. " must lie under one's pillow. The dream come then mean much for the rest of the ening year.

On the third day of the New Year the fit of the towns have their annual parade and give public exhibitions of acrobatic skill in many places. These exhibitions are no mean shows. Some of the performers display an agile ability in climbing, balancing and leaping that is of an extraordinarily

new year are red letter days, until the fay comes, when assemingly a most comining of the whole festal season takes place Indeed, all the days of the first forinight of the ing of the whole testin senson takes place. The people after that settle down to the commosphase order of regular daily labor. The Japaness people at the present time do not take this closing event more seriously to heart than we of this land now regard the ride of Tam O'Shanter; bit, theoreti-cally, the inhabitants of the informal regions dur-ing the first fortnight of the new year have as merry a good time as the people of this world. On the fifteenth day, however, the instruments of tor-ture in hell begin to work again. On this day it is that the temples consecrated to Emms 0, or the fifteenth day, now or a spin. On this day it is that the temples consecrated to Emms 0, the king of Hades, are crammed with devotees and gather large sume of offerings from factual sin-mers. It is a wonderful sight, a temple of Emms 0 in mid-January, in one of the great cities. A Ro-man carrival could not be more josting, jetty or absurdly funny. Japanese fan making is at its freast there, and all that is done seems to be for-given the worshipers, if their contributions to the infermo, are generous. With the festival of this god the new year on earth and under the earth has for the Japanese passed away as a frast, and life's duties fairly begun again. Of course the Japanese New Year is today fast losing some of its eid-time characteristic fasting tions, but enough of its unique qualintness and e after that settle down Of course the Japanese New Year is today losing some of its eld-time characteristic fun-tions, but enough of its unique quaintness sharm remain to give it distinctiveness among festivals of the nations, and to keep 10 an e-tor foreign tourists to enjoy.

enuff sometimes a great many others speeze. At least this is what happened on a New York subway train. boy, a youth of seventeen, asserts that he had a cold, for which he took the snuff, and that in doing so some of the stuff was spilled, and thus others were set to sneezing. But irate passengers assert that the lad deliberately threw the souff about the car, creating such a paroxysm of ancesing that the train was almost shaken from the rails. At any rate the boy was arrested and taken be fore a police magistrate, who lectured the prisoner as "one of the worst rowdles brought here" and gave him five days in the workhouse. Which shows that New York laws are not to be sneezed at.

Su The lawyer abbreviates perhaps more than any writer in his attempt to keep pace with the redundant phraseology of legal documents. And printed books of precedents, such as the indispensable Key and Elphinstope, teach him the recognized contractions. For instance, "exs," "ads," "trees" and "ass" do duty for executors, administrators, trustees and assigns, while daughter is written "daur," and a solicitor is referred to as a "solor." In fact, every word on a draft of a deed or will capable of contraction is cut down to the utmost limit, only, of course, to be extended when the document itself is engrose

The population of Iowa has deereased during the past ten years ne of the people of France might reciprocate by worrying a little about race suicide in this country.

Alexander the Great's route to India has been discovered, but the road is in need of repairs that other rors will not use it for some vet

Even the hobble shirt has its value, "lady" accused of kicking another dy" in New York proved that she wearing a hobble skirt at the Although the magistrate was domon be immediately d the defendant. a the de

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and his closest friends always maintained that he had no political ambitions in the State, When elected Tribal Governor the jast time it was for life, or until all tribal affairs were finally wound up.

Big Ranch Sold. Brownsville: H. L. Hilliard, presi-

dent of the Central National Bank of St. Louis, acting for a syndicate, purchased the Las Mestenas ranch of 61,-000 acres in Hidalko County. The property lies twelve miles north of Mercedes and eleven miles west of Raymondville. The sale was made by Judge H. L. Borden of Houston at \$11 an acre. He bought the ranch two years ago for about one-half the selling price.

Three Collisions; 7 Deaths Tuesday. Near Parkersburg, W. Va., on Baltimore & Ohio railroad: Dead 4. injured 2. Near Farber, Mo., on Chicago & Alton railroad: Dead 3. Near Pawtucket, R. I., on New York, New Haven & Hartford, 1 severely injured. Total killed 7, injured 3.

Soil Survey of South Texas. Washington: The Department of Agriculture this winter will undertake an extensive soil survey in Southwest Texas that will take in Bee, Live Oak, McMullen, LaSalle, Atascosa, Frio and Dimmit Counties. Uvalde, Medina and Maverick Countles may be included in this work, which is to pe done during the winter when the field force can not work very well m colder regions.

Molsant Makes Record. New Orleans: John B. Moisant, president of the International Aviation Company, and one of the foremost of the aviators who will take part in the Dallas aviation meet Jan. 4-8, Satur-day established world's aeroplane record when he flew over the city of New Orleans for 46 minutes and 10 seconds. This is declared to be the longest flight ever made in a heavierthan-air machine over a city anywhere in the world. The best previous flight over a city was less than 20 minutes, and crossed the community as quickly as possible.

Ghastly Find In a Thicket.

Brownwood: The unidentified body a man was brought from a lonely ket in a pasture, three miles west Brownwood, where a youth discoved the body. The man's throat was out from ear to ear and a new razor found by his side. Mystery sursound by his side. Apathe Cor-tends the affair, although the Cor-ten's verdict was suicide. The dead t's overcoat was folded under his aper in his pocket hore the name of Muelkir

her cave in the olden time. For eleven days these cakes remain decorated with fruits and fic elevated on whitewood trays. Then they form part of a family feasting.

cakes represent the round mirror, in which the sight of her face enticed the sun goddess out of

Throughout Japan the New Year's day is the one complete holiday of the year. Boon after breakfast all the members of the families, dreamed in their newest clothes, take to the gardens, parks and streets for characteristic pleasurings. Uni-versal visiting is a social law-calling on friends and relatives in person or by card. Universal gift making is indulged in, messengers being sent bearing presents all around the household and friendly circles. Distinctive and exclusive them. In certain parts of Tokyo, for example, treats are almost impassable because of the bosts of the players of this game. As far as one an and the scene is one of bewildering m the stir of the dresses of the girls, active in their sport as so many of our ayers. Gayly ornamented battledores flash where, and the air is full of the bright, fu rywhere, and the air is full of the oright, nut ing toys that are struck from one to another mayor. Penalty for defeat usually means a esque markings of the face with strokes of ob-tool ink. One may see thousands of shild nerry under the comical markings imposed up heir foreheads and cheeks.

Kite flying is another peculiar New Tear me. And bite flying in Japan is a sight orth going far to see. The variety of shape, nething permit sousness of coloring, the extraordina many of these toys, is something per Japaness. Then the skill shown in ering the kites is marvelous. They hum as the the in January breeze with a sort of or volume of sound, and, at times, they su-upon antagonist filers, like hawks, i their glass-dust-covered cords out their free, thus making them the property own masters. There is hardly a more ing spectacle than one of these friendly is a the air of Japan-se kites, under the pr killed men who manage th

distinctive entertainment for the New sition is furnished by groups of masked who go about the streets led by a maxilike creature, whose grotesque sites much most terror among shil-setics of these moticy growds are mirgine svil spirits from the Japanof these noticy around proles will spirits from the Jap well as to add payety to the Many other unique to the a he first day; too many to the best here.

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Austin, Tex., Dec. 24 .-- The nin-Austin, Tex., Dec. 24.—The nine deenth annual report of the Railroad Commission has been completed and sent to the Governor. It will be the asual documents containing all cur-rent tariffs, rate orders and regula-tions, also elaborate statistical tables giving detailed statement of all com-mon carriers reporting to the com-mission. There is also included a aumber of recommendations, among them being the enactment of a stat-ute permitting the commission to cell on any District or County Attorney to ate permitting the commission to call on any District or County Attorney to institute and prosecute suits for viola-tions of the commission's regulations or statutes which the commission is obarged with enforcing. In the latter recommendation it is specifically stated that it is in no sense a reflec-tion on the Attorney General's Depart-ment, but an endeavor to relieve aim of much work and to expediate raff-read Hitigation.

Main line uniferse and branches 23,-510 miles, increase 708 miles; yard track and sidings 3,409, increase 178 miles, an appropriate increase of 857 miles. New line placed in operation 08 miles, old lines \$10 miles, and ther increases 77 miss. There are ut 23 1-5 of marrow guage and 14 tiles of iron rails of the main line

There were 208 persons killed and 135 injured on Texas railroads, a crease of 28 killed and 81 injured, iscrease of 28 killed and 81 injured, compared with the preceding year. Texas railroads hid in service 3,036 ocomotives, an increase of 138; pas-enger cars 1,239, increase 70; freight ars 44,882, increase 250; company mars 5,892, increase 37; a total of 48, 80 cars are fitted with train brakes and 49,418 with automatic couplers. Not owning locomotives, coaches or cars of any kind are the Danison and Padilo Suburban, EI Paso and South-intern, Paris and Great Northern, toos and Northern Texas, Peons Riv-et, Licuis, San Francisco and Tex-as Oldhern Kames of Texas and

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Washington, D. C.: The Senate has adopted Senator Culberson's joint esolution providing for the remark-ing and recognizing of the existing coundary line between Texas and New Mexico. This action followed he reading in both houses of a plain-poken message from President Taft in the subject.

SENATE SETTLES BOUNDAR

on the subject. In this message the President takes the ground that justice in the case is all on the side of Texas, and points out that New Moxico's course might open the way for the instigation of tion of an unnecessary and imoper character.

The constitutional convention re-"The constitutional convention re-cently held in the Territory of New Mexico," the President says in the opening paragraph of his message, "has submitted for acceptance or re-jection the draft of a Constitution to jection the drait of a Constitution to be voted upon by the voters of the proposed State, which contains a clause purporting to fix the boundary line between New Mexico and Tex-as, which may reasonably be con-strued to be different from the boun-dary lines heretofore legally run, marked, established and ratified by the United States and the State of the United States and the State of Texas, and under which might be set up and litigation instigated of an unnecessary and improper character." The action of the Senate means that the old line will stand, and that the two to three mile strip claimed by New Mexico along the western border of Texas will remain in Texas

AN EAST TEXAS DEVELOPMENT

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When the thirty-mile extension of the Santa Fe north from Longview into Cass County is ready for opera-tion 150,000,000 tons of non-magnetic fron ore will be thrown upon the market. Already the Texas Coal & Iron company is preparing, through its Dallas financial agents, to incor-porate in this State, and the next faw

porate in this State, and the next few years is expected to see the most won-derful mineral development in East Texas the State has over known. It is proposed to carry this ove at the rate of about 1,000,000 tons a year to tide water, load it upon great steel barges and carry it to the furnaces of Chespeake hay and Philadelphia. These crafts will return to Texas laden with the best quality of West Virginis coal. Not only is a tremendous supply of from made available to supplications that already supplying the basic elements of steel. bittent THE PARTY HAR PARTY but k

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the des sir he expostulated, the you understand what bearing his has on the case? How was the The iron ore haal to tide water, as



he said in response to my invitation to dinner, "and, anyhow, there's no use dining out when I pay the same, dinner or no dinner, where I am stopof a The day had been hot, and the first

foor dining room was sultry in spite of the paims and fans which attempted to simulate the verdure and breezes of the country. It was crowded, too, with a typical

ammer night crowd, and, after sitting for a few minutes in a sweltering corner, we got up and went to the smaller dining room upstairs. Here it as not so warm, and we settled our-

selves comfortably by a window. Over in a corner half a dozen boys on their way back to school were rate ging a perspiring waiter, a proceeding so exactly to McKnight's taste that be insisted on going over to join them. But their table was full, and mahow that kind of fun had lost its mint for me.

tayed som Not far from us a very stout, mid disaged man, apoplectic with the heat, was elephantinely jolly for the benefit of a bored-looking girl across the table from him, and at the next table a newspaper woman at alone, the last edition propped against the water bottle before her, her hat, for coolness, on the corner of the table. Were sountering slowly down the road as I sought up with them. As usual, the was a motiey Bohemian crowd.

caught up with them. As usual, the little man was busy with some ab-struse mental problem. "The idea is this," he was saying, his brows knitted in thought, "if a istthanded man, standing in the po-sition of the man in the picture, should jump from a car, yould he be likely to sprain his right abkie? When a right-handed man princes for a leap of that kind, my theor is that he would hold on with his right hand, and alight at the proper me, on his I looked over the room casually, while McKnight ordered the meal. Then my attention was attracted to Then my attention was attracted to the table next to ours. Two people were sitting there, so deep in conver-sation that they did not notice us. The woman's face was hidden under her hat, as she traced the pattern of the cloth mechanically with her fork. But the man's features stood out clear in the Webt of the condition on the and alight at the proper me, on his right foot. Of course-" "I imagine, although 1 bo't know," interrupted McKnight, " at a man either ambidextrous or one-armed, jumping from the Wash ston Filer, would be more likely to land on his me, on his in the light of the candles on the

table It was Bromson! "He shows the strain, doesn't he?" McKnight said, holding up the wine your valuable time."



then back to me. When she looked, away again I breathed ensier. "Who is it?" asked McKnight under his breath. "Ontario." I formed it with my

lips rather than said it. McKnight's ried. I needed time to think. sysbrows went up and he looked with "Mr. Blakeley," she said qu increased interest at the black-gowned Saure.

I ate little after that. The situation was rather bad for me, I began to see. Here was a woman who could, if she wished, and had any motive for so doing, put me in jail under a capital

doing, put me in jail under a capital charge. A word from her to the po-lice, and polite surveillance would be-come active interference. Then, too, the could say that she had seen me, just after the wreck, with a young woman from the mur-dered man's-arr, and thus probably bring Alison West into the case. It is not surprising, then, that I ate little. The woman across seemed in no hurry to go. She loitered over a

tops boys sat began to grow a little polsy; the fat man, now a purplish bade, ambled away behind his slim bade, ambied away bening his and companion; the newspaper woman pinned on her business-like hat and

stalked out. Still the woman at the next table waited.

It was a relief when the meal was over. We got our hats and were about to leave the room, when a waiter touched me on the arm.

"I beg your pardon, sir," he said, "but the lady at the table near the window, the lady in black, sir, would

like to speak to you." I looked down between the rows of I looked down between the rows of serted, with a confidence I did not tables to where the woman sat alone, feel. "We can produce at any time her chin still resting on her hand, her black eyes still insolently staring, this time at me.

"Til have to go," I said to McKnight hurriedly. "She knows all about that She was clearly disappointed. "Well, affair and she'd be a bad enemy." "I don't like her lamps," McKnight

observed, after a glance at her. "Better jolly her a little. Good-by."

CHAPTER XX.

The Notes and a Bargain. I went back slowly to where the woman sat alone. She smiled rather oddly as I drew near, and pointed to the chair Bronson had vacated.

"Yes, I sent for you." one roused herself and sat erect. "Now, Mr. Blakeley, have you found those papers ?"

"The papers? What papers?" I par-

"Mr. Blakeley," she said quietly, "I think we can lay aside all subterfuge. In the first place let me refresh your mind about a few things. The Pitta-burg police are looking for the survivors of the car Ontario; there are three that I know of-yourself, the young woman with whom you left the scene of the wreck, and myself. The wreck, you will admit, was a fortunate one for you." I nodded without speaking.

"At the time of the collision you were in rather a hole," she went on, looking at me with a disagreeable smile, "You were, if I remember, accused of a rather atrocious crime. In the set of the set well, rather unpleasant." I was thrown a bit off my guard.

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"You remember, also," I said quickly, "that a man disappeared from the car, taking my clothes, papers and everything." "I remember that you said so," Her

tone was quietly insulting, and I bit my lip at having been caught. It was

no time to make a defense. "You have missed one calculation," I said coldly, "and that is the discovery of the man who left the train." "You have found him?" She bent forward, and again I regretted my hasty speech. "I knew it; I said so." "We are going to find him," I as-

proof that a man left the Flier a few miles beyond the wreck. And we can find him, I am positive."

"But you have not found him yet?" so be it. Now for our bargain. You will admit that I am no fool."

I made no such admission, and she smiled mockingly.

"How flattering you are!" she said. "Very well. Now for the premises. You take to Pittsburg four notes held by the Mechanics' national bank, to have Mr. Gilmore, who is ill, declare his indorsement of them forged. "On the journey back to Pittsburg

two things happen to you: You lose your clothing, your valise and your papers, including the notes, and your are accused of murder. In fact, Mr. Blakeley, the circumstances were most singular, and the evidence-well, alnost conclusive."

I was completely at her mercy, but I gnawed my lip with irritation. "Now for the bargain." She leaned over and lowered her voice. "A fair exchange, you know. The minute you put those four notes in my hand-that minute the blow to my head has caused complete forgetfulness as to the events of that awful morning. am the only witness, and I will be stlent. Do you understand? They will

we decided to plerce this iron field Anito a which will comment with Sents Fe line and haul to tide-in. It is also reported that a smelter will be put up at Port across the bay from Galves ton. Experts decline that the ore in all of easy access, in fact the more wonderful from fields in the South wonderful frem fields in the South. This ison was known to exist many years ago, and G. A. Kelly, who start-ed in Jefferson first used this ison, which was picked ap and loaded in wagons and hauled to Jefferson.

temubileen Candidate fer Gov Ones Republican Gandidate for Gov, Post Worth: James G. Lowden was recently paroled from the Federal prices and came house to spend the middays with his family. He com-plained of beins til mourday evening and died unkrostedly, a short time attenuart. Mr. Lowdon was round technically guilty of violating the Fed-oral bentting inw and given a prison antenue. His friends contended that he was not originally guilty and maght rehomently in his behalf. Mr. Lowdon has a inspe number of Grands in all parts of the State.

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represented by a maximum transpor-tation charge of \$1 a ton, is what has induced the Santa Fe to go ahead with the extension into Case County. It is proposed to your this transm-done rotume of freight down the Bast Texas lines to Bollvar point, where it will be handled over the new far-minals there contructed. Further con-struction is anticipated to connect the Santa Fe through Case County and on the north for a new short line between Galveston, through Beaumont, and on to St. Louis. "Basides iron are, oil has recently been discovered in Case County at Petrolia and what is described as one I the most wondartul sections of Texas now springs into prominence. The dis-triot is tributary to Houston by the in-ternational and Great Northern short line from Longview.

ine from Longview.

Three Men Killed in Wreck. Grounville: A serious and fatal wreck occurred in the city limits of Greenville Sunday moralny. Three men the engineer, fireman and head brekeman, were instantly scalder to brakeman, were instantly scalder to death by the escaping steam from the engine. The three men who lost their lives were pinioned under the heavy pieces of steel. The engineer was festened to his seal and there died before he could be released. The fire-man was pushed by the coal down against the door of the firebox and the the through a state of the means and the through a state of the state All of

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"Anyhow." I interposed, "what dif-creace does it make whether Sullivan

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"On his back," I said promptly, "bend toward the engine." "Very sell," he retorted, "and what then? Your heart lies under your fifth interestal space, and to reach it a right-handed blow would have struck or down or directly i

atther down or directly it. "But, gmtlemen, the point of en-trance for the stiletto wa below the heart, stiling up! ' Harrington lay with he head toway the engine, a person in the aisle mit have used the tori had." McKnist's eyes son it mine and he winked at me solem y as I unos-tentational transferred he hat I was cartying to my right hand. Long training its largely conterbalanced heredity it my case, bu I still pitch ball, phy tennis and c ve with my left hat. But Hotchkiss was too busy with h theories to no pe me. We pre only just in time for our train took to Baltimos, but Mc-Knight ook advantage of a second's delay t shake the stati a agent warm-by by to hand.

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man, n' friend." The gent looked a tiffe uncertain. "The young lady wa the one who told m to keep still," staid. McKight glanced at me, gave the agent's hand a final shake, and elimbe on board. Bu I knew per-lightly hat he had gues of the reason setly pat be

Hotchkiss, too had little to was reading war his notas vas very silen stopping nov penciled addi left the train "I suppose it dorr that she ties Propably. I did no Outous, her locki Preficted. calar-

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"I Beg Your Pardon, Bir; the Lady in Black, Sir, Would Like to Speak to

list as if he read from it. "Who's the man "Bearch me," I replied, in

"Certainly." I sat down opposite her and glanced at a suckoo clock on the wall. "I am sorry, but I have only a few ministes. If you--" She laugh-ed a little, not very pleasantly, and opening a sm?" black fan covered with upsnaties. I ared it slowty. "The fact is," she said. "I think we are about to make a bargain." "A bargain?" I saked itscredulously. "A bargain?" I saked itscredulously. "You have a second advantage of me-ton anow my name"--I pound sup-cestively and she took the cue. "I am Mrs. Convery," she said, and helped a srumb of the table with an overmanicured finger. The name was second that, this might be the wamen whom remov Way. When the chicken came, I still found myself gasing now and then at the abstracted couple near me. Evidontiy the subject of conversation v unpleasant. Bromen was esting the, the woman not at all. Finally got up, pushed his chair back noisi thrust a bill at the waiter and stalk

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call off their dogs."

My head was buzzing with the strangeness of the idea.

"But," I said, striving to gain time, "I haven't the notes. I can't give you what I haven't got."

"You have had the case continued." she said sharply. "You expect to find them. Another thing," she added slowly, watching my face, "if you don't get them soon, Bronson will have them. They have been offered to him already, but at a prohibitive price." "But," I said, bewildered, "what is

your object in coming to me? If Bronson will get them anyhow-" She shut her fan with a click and

her face was not particularly pleasant to look at.

"You are dense," she said insolently. "I want those papers-for myself, not for Andy Bronson."

"Then the idea is," I said, ignoring her tone, "that you think you have me in a hole, and that if I find those apers and give them to you you will et me out. As I understand it, our friend Bronson, under those circum-stances, will also be in a hole." She nodded.

"The notes would be of no use to you for a limited length of time," I went on, watching her narrowly. "If they are not turned over to the state's attorney within a reasonable time there will have to be a nolle pros-that is,

will have to be a nolle pros-that is, the case will simply be dropped for inck of evidence." "A week would answer, I think," she said slowly. "You will do it, then." I laughed, although I was not espe-cially cheerful. "No, I'll not do it. I expect to come across the notes any time now.

"No, I'll not do it. I expect the come across the notes say time now, and I expect just as certainly to turn them over to the state's attorney when I get them." Bue got up suddenly, pushing her chair back with a noisy grating sound that turned many gras toward m. "You're more of a fool than 9 thought you," the meword, and lafe me at the table. (TO BE CONTINUED.)

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the first day of March A. D. sold. 1905, and of record in the deed of trust record of Haskell Coun- or less, and part of the survey ty, Texas, in book 5, pages 415 of 1267 acres patented to J. S. et seq., did convey the real es- Bounds, assignee of Rebecca E tate bereinafter described to Farrow on May 4, 1887 by pat Horace H. Cobb as Trustee, for ent No. 582, volume 36, a. the purpose of securing The W. stract No. 691, said 400 acres C. Belcher Land Mortgage Com-pany, a corporation of Tarrant part of said survey. However, County, Texas, or its assigns, since the execution of said deed bond of even date with said 400 acres have been released deed of trust, for the sum of from the operation of the same, Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,- and these portions so released gether with interest thereon ac- to be sold under this notice; cording to certain coupon there- and reference is here made to to attached, and certain inter- pages 436 to 448 of volume 5

been made in the payment of ty. Texas, and to page said bond whereby the power o 161, of volume 6 of the deed has become operative.

as substitute trustee.

And whereas, said William H. Cobb has now failed and refused ber, A. D. 1910. 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 hold- is erroneously called "dry farmer of the past due indebtedness ing," has made its greatest prounder the above mentioned gress in those states which are and sell said real estate in the the country. By the introduc- practically continuous in the soil in proper quantities and manner provided for in said tion of this system farms are soil during the growing season properly combined. costs of this foreclosure. Now, therefore, notice is here. by 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 country. said day, at the court house The illustrations given on this door in Haskell in said county page are ample proof of the valof Haskell, State of Texas, offer for sale and sell at public vendue or outery to the highest bidder for cash certain real estate and property described in and conveyed by said deed of this city, the "father" and piotrust. The real estate to be neer of scientific soil culture, we tion. sold is situated in the northwestern part of Haskell County, and is described as follows: First Tract: Being survey o 265% 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 ume 54 of the deed records of

said release is recorded for a full of the various props. WHEREAS, T. G. Carney and description of that portion of

Second Tract: 400 acres more 000.00), due March 1, 1910, to- will not be included in the lands page 250, volume 39 of the if we are to reach the high limit "Why all this attention to the seems possible.

> Witness my hand at Haskell, Texas, this 9th day of Decem-

> > GORDON B. MCGUIRE, Substitute Trustee.

SCIENTIFIC FARMING BEST

Scientific soil culture, or as it ond, coupons and notes, and in or border on what is loosely tion we have concluded that a vital to the growth of plant as as requested me to advertise called the semi-arid region of certain chemical action must be water, but both must be in the

Haskell County, Texas where obtain the largest possible yield be fit for cropp of a dozen aeas

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The first "For the dry country the thing to do is i he surface wife, Lizzie Carney, by their said survey which has been so essential thing is to not waste, worked down to aurface. Deed of Trust in writing, dated released and which will not be or permit the waste of moisture. Almost certain rill come My contention has long been some rains in th ime. If the water that in most of this country and the field is left in nearly all seasons we have soon dissapeare iorins enough water if only we have at the surface is favors not been wastefui and extrava- evaporation and out the gant. This applies to regions the air. The mpst be s will stop that are regarded to be very broken up an humid. One great trouble has evaporation and permit the perbeen that farmers have had all meation of the air in proper their training in regions where quantities. P the soil ottom of the water is free and abundant and down near the in the payment of a certain of trust certain portions of said they have never had the idea furrow is loose ad open; if so, that it may be necessiry to con-serve the moisture. This is one be packed. This, bourger, thould point which ought to greatly in-terest every farmer. "While the conservation of falls and another crust is

the moisture is an important formed, then must the crust be factor, it is by no means all. It again broken up with the harest notes. All more particular- of the deed of trust records of is only one of the many vital row. This is the process of sumdescribed in said deed of Haskell County, Texas, and to things to be carefully considered mer culture.

And, whereas, default has deed records of Haskell Coun- of yield in all fields that now soil when there are no crops? You are getting ready for the

"The physical or mechanical future. You are storing water sale given in said deed of trust of trust records of Haskell Coun- condition of the soil is the all which falls this year that you ty, Texas, and to pages 49 and important factor, as it has more may use it next year or the And whereas, Horace H.Cobb, 50 of volume 54 of the deed to do with the quantity and year after. You are putting the Trustee appointed in said deed records of Haskell County, Tex- quality of the crop yield than soil into that certain physical of trust failed and refused to as, where the releases of certain any other one thing. If the seed condition for the control and act as such after his appoint- parts of said 400 acres are and root bed is not properly pre- utility of air and water that you ment, and thereafter William recorded, for a full description pared all the after cultivation may enlarge the bunus in that H. Cobb was duly appointed of the portion of said 400 acres can not bring the highest yield. soil. You are assisting nature under the powers and authori- which has been released, and No matter how much moisture in the chemical processes which ties given in said deed of trust which will not be sold. No matter how much moisture in the chemical processes which you have conserved in the soil lead up to the ideal condition below or how completely you for the seed bed and the increase may keep the weeds out you can of available fertility or plant not reach the high limit of yield food.

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"It is very hard for the farmto the preparation of the soil. "Air is just as necessary an element in the soil as the water, use at some other time, but it but both must be there in prop- is actually being done, and there er quantities. If there is too is no use arguin, with facts. much air and too little moisture Neither can the morage farmer nitrification ceases. If there is appreciate that the tain tillage too much moisture and too this year may if timely and little air the effect is the same. properly done will increase the. From experience and observa- crop next year, or that air is

deed of trust for the purpose of being cultivated right now where if we are to grow the largest "The tendency of the moisture paying the amount due on for years it was regarded as im. crops. The chemical action is is to go downward, if there is said bond, together with the possible to grow anything but unquestionably dependent upon enough so that the ordinary expense incurred and the other short grass and small brush, a certain ideal or perfect con- force of gravity can openite. and the heavy yields coming dition of the soil-a physical But it will sole down into the from the so-called" dry regions" condition that will carry in the lower portions of thesoil by have attracted the attention of soil just the ideal quantity of illary attracion. Thus the farmers in all sections of the both air and water-and then as become moistened down for ev. soon as the soil becomes reason- eral feet. The e is abundant The illustrations given on this ably warm nature's work begins, evidence to profe that by p "The soil mulch is for three er working of the surface ue of scientific soil tillage. (We purposes-to more readily ad- moisture content may be are unable to reproduce the ill- mit the rain when it comes, to ected down fits or six fe ustrations.) Through the cour- admit of a free circulation of some soils. This layer of tesy of Mr. H. W. Campbell of air into the soil and to prevent five or six fet is literally the loss of moisture by evapora- farmer's cister. It may ceive a fresh surply of mois "Sometimes the cultivation is in July or August or in the a tion of the underlying principles not deep enough or sufficiently dle of winter, and it is just of this system, which will be of frequent and a crust forms at important that the supply interest to farmers everywhere the top of the firm soil under- saved and stored one time and may be applied with suc- neath the mulch. This crust another. There ore in time cess in any state in the union shuts out the air to a degree ample moisture prepare under all conditions. The pho- and it matters little then how drouth,



As this old year 1910 draws to a close and the New Year approaches we are looking over our past year's business. We find that with all the hard times, drouth and other things, we have had a good years business. and here and now we take pleasure in thanking our customers. It is a pleasure to us to know that they have given us the nice business they have and it is a greater pleasure tor us to ac knowledge our thanks and appreciation. . . .

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tographs show Mr. Campbell in perfectly may be the supply of "As to saving this moist specting two fields of corn, of moisture, for the growth will the soil mulch is the best this If there is hervy crop on

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loose mulch to a depth of over to the subject of 'summer cul- small particles of pil broken two feet, and field no 2 showed ture' or 'summer tillage' and this layer to be two or th practically no moisture to a what it is and what is accom- inches deep. If it is a layer depth of over three feet, the soil plished by it. In the first place dust it will either blow away being so dry that it was drawn summer culture is not summer really aid in the weste of out of the hole with difficulty. fallow. The latter contemplates water. But a my The difference in the two meth- permitting the field to lie fallow particles of soil w ods was an abundant yield of for at least a large part of the prevent loss of wa fine corn on the one hand and a season. Summer culture con- ration. At the s total failure on the other, con- templates the working of the a mulch will perm ditions being the same in both field and doing this for a specific air to the soil and purpose. The primary purpose the chemical pro-In discussing the reasons for is to secure good tilth of the "I have given the success of scientific soil cal- soil. The incidental purpose is tions of the appli to store the water in the soil, system so that f Take as an illustration a field tually hold the p "Scientific soft culture is sim-ply a question of disking, plow-ing, harrowing, packing and cul-tivating the soil in such a manner as to be able to utilize the the land may be hard and hence the devol eat. air, water and light and possible to work, or it may not ystem leads



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Today, Decmeber 31st, m books closed for good. While will continue the Idsiness thru next week noming will be charged and I am going to ask count to come farand expect y note or ward and settle up.

Respectfully. S. L. ROBERTSON.

A New Overland.

E. E. Marvin has sold a b Overland automobile to W. Whatley for use on a daily auto line from Haskell to Rule. Messrs, Marvin and Whatle

went to Dallas a few days and drove the car over land from that point. Mr. Marvin is th local agent for the sale of Ove land auto

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Ratiring from business fo good, Saturdays sight Januar 7th 1911 my store will close Monday the file and will com unde merce to invite the be done lich will take the a sma is store will then a system. In n principle. ad fail owners ent of the great man

my three sons. Jno. E., and R. V. Robertson. I want to commend the boys to the people as honest and capable and will be fully able mancially to conduct the business along con-servative lines. Your patronage will be appreciated by them as well as by your humble servant. S. L. ROBERTSON

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BORN December 28th. 1910, to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Smith, a ten ound son.

E. Couch is working in the postoffice at Weinert th while Postmaster Rickel enjoying a visit in Miliam a during the holidays.

T. C. Morgan, who former fived at Munday, but who move to Spur shout a month ago, w In Haskell this week on busine the was a pleasant caller at the e Press office while in eity.

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T. F. Armour of J in man called at our offic ay and gave to a silver disc