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For the Trade You Have Given us This Year and Earnestly Hope at all times will be appreciated.
W shing you a Happy New Year, We beg to Remain,
Yours Respectfully,
B. L. Boydstun, Baird, Texas.



CALLAHAN COUNTY COAL.

## Mr. Editor: In continuing the

 subject of the extension of coal i this county I will try to show by tine leflinet in the Coal Mert thus placing our county within those coal measures, and giving us a rea sonable hope to expect to find coal if properly prospected for. In the first place it will be necessary to give a brief outline of the different age of the earth as recognizedstandard works on geology
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he appe ance of animal li
11. The Silurian age, or the ag
III. The Devonian age, or the age of fishes.
V. Carboniferous age he age of coal plants.

## reptiles.

VI. The Mammalian age, or the ge of mammals.
VII, The age of man.
These ages take their names from the dominant class of life then exist ing upon the earth. The mollushs, like the oyster, clam, jelly-fish, is the lowest order of life and was the first to appear in the order of creaion, and each successive age show ates in man. The general plan of the in man. The genganization of the different age the organization of the different age
of the earth seems to be to prepare of the earth seems to be to prepare
the earth for higher orders of anima ife. The different ages are not marked and governed by the rock of that age, but by the fossils indieative of the life of that age. The different formations of rock, suéh as sandstone, limestone, clay, slate, etc. dxring the different ages. In sone laces on the earth's surface, such as

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the curred ts of the river bring down the sand and deposits it near the mouth, while the lighter silt is carried further on. In the former case making the sand deposits and the latter the clay, to be at later periods by upheavals or subsidences of the by uptearals to be burried and cover ed up by succeeding strata until by the weight of such superincumbent strata and internal heat of the earth the whole mass is formed into solid rock. The rocks of the Azoic age are mostly crystalline and free from fossils, as we would expect, being formed while the earth was still in a seni-fluid condition and before the dawn of the lowest order of life,
The rocks of the Silurian age we the first to show fossils, as they were formed when the waters were teeming with mollusks of all kinds. the limestones, as they were formed from the shell and remains of the mollusk
The Devonian age is made kno The next, the Carboniferous age, in which the sand-stones, the limestones, the clays and all the formathe fossils of the Acrogens and the Sige fossills of the Acrogens and the coal plants of Sigillaria, the great led to believe at that period the chor. of the atmos was warm and moist, and the atmos. phere was heavily surcharged with
the deadly carbonic acid gas, very essential for plant growth, but death te animal. For untold ages this growing to maturity, falling, gave place to others, which following the piace to others, wormed great beds of these vegetable remains, which in turn following some great convulsion of nature, became the beds of seas and lakes, were covered forms of nature
by layers of lime stone, shale or sand stone, entirely dependent upon the
rock making conditions at that particular location. Another upheaval and dry land again appears; again plant life is renewed, the same con
ditions still existing, other layers of vegetable matter are formed, other layers of rocks are formed and so on to the end of the period until from deduced that for every foot of coal deduced that for every foot of coal
produced fifty feet of rock was formd. After untold ages the pressure above and the heat below converted these different layers of vegetable matter into different seams of coal. Now this Carboniferous age is the one we are mostly interested in because then is when our coal was made and is the one to which 1 will devote have its beginning in the Carboniferous age. On the contrary that was its culmination age, but way back in the Azote age we have the begining of plant life in the Algea or sea-
weeds. We can easily see the necessity for plant life preceeding animal life as it was upon the plant life that the animal life existed and these algae have not become extent, ceeding ages still serve the purpose of food for the lower order of life. In the Devonian age the "Acrogens" first appeared; came to their climax in the Carboniferous age, and are
now with us in the ferns and palms of tropical countries, but in much
smaller type. Right here I will insert the aphorism of the great naturalist Linnaeous as I will be using the expressions thh "growth of rock" and the "breathing of plants. classifying the three great kingdoms grow. Plants grow and breath. Animals grow, breath and move.
Taking up again the Carboniferous age, and bearing in mind that all anmal life up to this age was of rer h this time no animal life was ver this the no animal life was
upon all existed in the
waters we can see that the object of the Ald nighty was not so wuch the
storing up fuel for coming generations as it was to prepare the earth for a hi cher type of life. The at mosphe fo at that time was mostly
carbonid acid gas. Plants breath in carbonic acid gas. Plants breath in oxygen, thus fixing in their own con stitution the element, "carbon" ani mals (warm blooded) breath in ox gas, thus eliminating from their sys tem the waste element carbon. Thus in our time this beautiful balance in the purity of the atmosphere is kept up. During the Carboniferous age the excessive carbonic acid gas was then eliminated from the air and
stored away in the coal measures and thus this coal became an inciden and not a cause in the economy of creation.
We find the world prepared now for a higher order of life. Not a new creation by any means, but sim ply an evoldtion from the lower or-
der, as the mollusk, which was in other words stomach, go the vertabrat , or back bone of the lish and his gills for breathing be So move abo upon land an breath the
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H. SCHW ARTZ

Carboniferous is itself succeeded by
Mamma" latinge, named from the
Mamma latin word for breath, as young, and being of the Vibitarous class (bring forth young alive) we naturally expect to find them on the land, and being of a higher order of
life, though still possessing all the he rudamentary organs of the lowe life. We find them now warm blooded, true circulation of the blood, and lungs with two lobes, One striking exception to the Mammal being land animal, is found in the whale, but we should not he surprised at hat as it has been a "casus-belle" whenever handled, as it is said to have "swallowed Jonah," but now
from the construction of its throat such was.an impossibility, and as i is the environment of a life, that
shapes its developement and exist. hapes its developement and exist that the whale in the very early days of its existence was a perfect land animal, but in the struggle for existence, it was driven into the water for both protection and sustenance. As we may yet expect by the com target gun, that the frog will lose is amphibious character and live in water alone, or that the contin-
al clumbing of the telephone and ual clmbing of the telephone and
telegraph poles by man mayt yet deelope the prehensile organ of his anticedents so that he can hang by
while he works with both his tail while
hands and feet.
Next and last in order is the age of man. Man stands as the embodiof the creation of animal life, he tands creation of animal life, he stands today as the finished product
the result of the long struggle of dethe result of the long struggle of de-

| dery lowest order of life to that of of the earth that plant |  |
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| the very highest type. Yet we are taught to believe that man was not always so. At one period of his ex istence he ran around on his all tours and was by no means the ruler of the animal kingdom, but in the course of time he learned to stand upright and use his fore feet as hands, and later on learned the use of fire, both of these being great civilizing epochs |  |
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| in the age of man and that same time during this period. God "breathed into his nostrils the |  |
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| breath of life; and man became a living soul" but when, is not within the province of Geology to state. |  |
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| With this knowledge of the geolog. ical formations, the Geologist is prepared to examine the records of the different ages as recorded and preserved in the everlasting rocks. When he starts out to hunt for coal, |  |
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| he knows he must consult the records of the Carboniferous age. He |  |
| ent kinds are all common to the dif- |  |
| ferent ages, yet he knows that the records therein are only of the age |  |
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| in which they were formed. He exammes the different strata and out. |  |
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| crops in his search for coal to see what fossil they contain, and what they do not contain and from the in- |  |
| formation thus gained, he is able to tell if they are in the Carboniferous |  |
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| age or not. If they are not he marks the point and if they are he |  |
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| marks the point, and this point by point he defermines the lines, as marking the coal measures as desig- |  |
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| nated in my last letter. But the determination of the coal measures |  |
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$\qquad$ rtiality shown, one man's money is as good as anothe

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## SHOULD SENATOR bAILEY BE

 RETURNED TO THE SENATE?This is a question that is consid ered seriously by thousands of Tex ans who a few months or a few week ago considered the election of Senaor Bailey as a foregone conclusion The Star never considered the question in any other light than that
Senator Bailey should be reelected until Attorney General Davidson published his letters to Senato Bailey showing various amounts of money paid to Bailey by Henry C Pierce, President of the Waters Pierce Oil Co. owned by the Standard Oil Co, as evidenced by vouchers now in possession of the Attorney General. Even then Tue Star di not doubt that Senator Bailey could clear himself of the charge that be had been securing large sums of money from Pierce, beginning with
the first day the two met in St. Louis. the first day the two met in St. Louis. It was announced from Washing on with a great flourish of trumpets that Senator Bailey was coming to Texas and make short work of Davidson and would drive all his enemies into the sea and so on. In Justice to Senator Bailey some of these hombastic statements, probably all, have been denied by the senator But he came to Texas, held a con sultation with his friends for two days at Austin and gave out an answer to Attorney General Davidson. In place of proving that he had not received any money from Pierce, as charged by Davidson, and that the vouchers, held by the Attorney cencral were forgeries as ins friends expected, to the surprise of thou sands of loyal democrats and no doubt to many of those who claim to be his close personal and politica friends, the Senator admitted that he borrowed all the different sums of money charged by the Attornes General except one small item of 8200. Senator Bailey says he bor rowed this money from Pierce, but rowed was Company's books "on account of Texas business." This was wholly unexpected by The Star and by thousands of other loyal democrats who like The Star could not be classed as personal or political friends of our brilliant Junior Senator, but whose political creed is as sacred to them as the Bible is to the Christian or the Koran is to the devout Mahomedan, and with them party ties and party nommations are sacred. But here is a nominee who acknowledges that he has borrowe money for years from a president of
a branch of the Standard $O_{n}$ : Company, one of the most merciles trusts in existence, thus indirectly placing himself under obligations to this trust whether he so considers it so or not.
Senator Balley says he has done no wrong, and that he has a right to borrow money from whom he pleases. The Star will say that it does not believe Senator Bailey is corrupt. Personally the editor has defended Senatur Bailey from this charge by some of his former friends, but that is not the point. Thi country is in a life and death struggl with the trusts and combines of corporate wealth, and we cannot aflin and able men as Senator Bailey is, and we regard him as one of the ablest men who ever sat in the United States Senate, who will allow themselves to come under pecaniary obligations to officials of these unlawful, and in this case an outlawed trust. Even Senator Balley's be and most steadfast friends will ad mit privately if you will talk to them the right way that Senator Bailey
was "mdiscreet" in this matter, but Senator Bailey will not admit that he has even been "Indiscreet", and
says if elected he will do it again. Is this the kind of men you expect to throttle the trgats in the halls irtuous life.
party nomination has always been
held sacred with us and some of our old time political enemies will admi that Tue Star never faltered in defense of Democratic principles and democratic nominees when assailed oy populist and repubheans. Senator Bailey is the nominee of the Semocratic party for United States made without a full knowledge of Senator Baileys dealings with the sator Bailey, s dealings with Oil Company, indirectly
standard tandard Oil Company, indirectly hough it may have been, therefore the people have a right to a rehear-
ing whether Senator Bailey and his ing whether Senator Bailey and his managers admit it or not. And another thing our best frinds at home and abroad are divided; some for and some against Senator Bailey and under these conditions it is not pleasant to antagomze either side nd we do not propose to do so i possible to avoid it further than to ay what we believe is honest and right in the matter in this issue be ore the people.
Now The Star is not strictly antiBailey as some might view it. Sen tor Bailey stands the peer of any man in congress and we would like o see him remain there but only on ondition that he would cut loose from those entangling dealings with such men as Pierce. Will he do it ' He can promise his friend do this withous any loss of digni y to himself and he should do so at once. Is Senator Bailey would do this most of the opposition to h1m in the state would cease at once. Sen ator Bailey denounces those who oppose him as liars, scoundrels and hyenas, etc., who only want to ruin him. This may be so with a very few, but we do not believe it is true as to the great mass of the democrats who oppose him. If Senator Bailey will give assurance that be will have nothing further to do with uch men as Pierce he will have lit le opposition in the legislature and will go back to Washington with practically a united party in Texa for him. Possibly he can be re elected without making such promise bst if he does and continues to ho mologate with the trust magnater or the next six years, the fight tna he has had this time will be like th dettysburg in the Civil war.
The Star has faith in Senato Bailey, it believes him honest and Cearless and wants him to remain in Congress (and he may do so anyway to the end of his days perhaps, wheth we want him or not) but if he wants to have free salling he will have to ut Pierces' acquantance. The peo ay Bailey has them hypnotised, but the day is coming when they will listen to reason and comon sense. A whoop-hurrah-spectacular campaign can, $t$ last forever. The people are in deadly earnest in opposition to the trusts and they expect therr pub lic servants to have no private deal ings with them. This will eventually apply to Senator Bailey if, they do not make it apply in this campaign will he attempt to run rough shod over the people because he received a nomination last july when but lit the of his dealings with Pierce were known? TuE Star hopes Senato Bailey will do what his judgment tells him ne ought to do, promise to
have nothing more to do with thes have nothing more to do with these
trust officials and the people will tand by him now and hereafter, su if he don't do something of the kind one of the fiercest political fights is coming in this state that has ever
been known. No been know
his party.
newspaper men attend the Bailey mass meeting at Bair Eugene Moore, of the Strawn Enter prise; and J. W. Orayton, of the Taylor County News. We regret that we were absent when some of

Alberto Vargas Dies To-morrow.

Tomorrow, Friday Jany, 4th 1904 2 p. m. Alberto Vargas, the Mex ican convicted of the murder of Mis Emma Blakely will pay the penalty with his life.
The scaffold was erected last week by Grant Bowlus and other carpenters just north and near the walls of the Court House. The structure is strong and simple in its arrangement consisting of a frame work of strong lumber with a platform erected about eight feet from the ground. Above this is a strong beam from which the rope is suspeded. A trap door in the center of the platform has been arranged, this door is held place by an iron bar attached to lever. The prisoner will be placed on this trap door with the noose around his neek the other end fasten ed to the beam above. When all is
ready sheriff Irvin will pull the lever and the body will drop about seven feet. Not a pleasant duty by any means, for one to perform, but it is the law, not the Sheriff that says. Alberto Vargas must die and the sheriff is the only instrument of law to carry out its commands. Ve gence is mine, I will repay say
It is not pleasant to contemplate the fact that the boundary of life is the fact that the boundary of life is given time, must pass to boundless eternity, but society for its own protection has enacted laws that punishes murder with death or imprisonment for life at the discretion of the jury. In this case the jury wisely, we believe, gave the death penalty

The crime for which Alberto Yargas will pay the deach penalty was the muriler of Miss Emma Blakely at the Sigal Hotel October 19th last, a full account of which was published in Tus Star at the time. The Mexiean stabbed hy
and it was believed for sever that he would die, but he was tried and convicted at term of District Court. Ale o take an appeal and was The officers say he seems signed to his fate and is signed to his fate and is
unconcerned. A Catho
from Abilene, has visited

Senator Bailey says tha
cent of the preachers and cent of the good women in for him. We suppose he the women on his good fooks and caught the preachers on
tucky race horees.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Buckles visit ed relatives here the latter part of last week.
Dr. I. W. Powell, of Mif souri, who
apen a few days visiting phis mother spent a few days visiting and other relatives in Ba
 J. C. Ross and fa mily
through town Monday bount
Edwards County whery they
locate. Callahan Coun y lo
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of the best families in the county
but Tum but Tus Star hopes the will prosper
in their new home. in their new home.
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and is expected here tonight and to be with him in his last moments tomorrow on the scaffold. The following letter from Vargas appeared in he Fort Worth Record yesterday

I am in prison now and I consid myself a happy man because what done at first I wasn't sorry for, but fterwards I gave my thoughts to it am sorry; but at the same time it is immaterial to me-"to be happy to be unhappy.
From the bottom of my beart 1 have been feeling, that I done wrong, ot because I have offended any one on this earth, but because I have of ended my God. I killed this young woman because I was crazy in love with her and not knowing if she did ove me or not and because I thought he didn't love me and I love her, it be best for both of us to get out of this earth.
My love for her was so big couldn't express myself and thinking of that was the cause of my craziness and I couldn't control myself, Af. er that I gave it my thought many times during the day and night to ry to prevent doing the terrible act Sometimes I would feel better and control myself and say I wouldn't do It , and at other times there would come to my mind that I would do it on very short notice. Finally, after studying over and over thas. things the time came all at once and I committed the terrible act.

I know that after I am gone, the readers of this they won't thiak I done the right thing, but at the same time if they only knew my feelings in the way I thought I was treatedI done the right thing. And I will tell you that anyone is liable to do it at any time and at any momentthat is if they get in the same fix that I was in.
"A good many men in this worid

## just as soon have gold as honor. In

-To end my words. lead and gone I will stit ject of criticisin many
the subpeople whichI don't care $\begin{gathered}\text { ys of the } \\ \text { Good-by }\end{gathered}$ to the world.

Albizto Vargas.
The letter was written on stationiary from the oflice of T. A. Irvin, sheriff
and tax collector of Callahan county. Best surray horse in town for sale. 5 ff John Trent.
T. B. Harris, of Admiral, was is after lumber Monday.
Mr. and Mrs. Van Jones and chuldren went out to spend Christmas with Mr. Jones's mother, at Garden City. Van has returned bit Garden City. Ian has returned bes and children remained.
Mrs. Jones

The Star omitted to mention last week the change in the firm of Ray \& Glenn, blacksmiths. Will Ray has bought out W. J. Glenn and will continue the business at the old stand.

## PAY UP.

All parties knowing themselves indebted to me will please come pay longer, 1 am not able to carry you any onger, no matter how little you owe

## LOCAL OPTION ORDER

According to promise made Judge Jackson before he retired from office we begin publication of the Local Option order by the Commissioners. Court By agreement publicatio was io be postponed antin instruction out in compliance with instructions
of District Judge J. H. Calhoun of District Judge J. H. Calhoun
pubhication was held up until this publication was held up until this
week. In the absense of any orders or instructions from the proper authorities the publication is begun

## THE HOME NATIONAL BANK

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## tation to call Jan. 9th. <br> NEW YEAR REEEPTION.

T. \& P. R'y SCHEDULE. east bound


Miss Mildred Tisdale visited a Abilene Tuesday.
Miss Dora Warren has returned from a few days visit with Niss Ruby Hill.
Miss Alice Gulliland left Tuesday or school at Polytechnic College, 4t. Worth.

Mrs. Max Miller, of Abilene, visited her mother, Mrs. Bauman, last Friday and Saturday.
Mrs. Leslie Powers and litcle daughter, Clarine, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Fulton.

Miss Laura Blythe returned Monday from Dallas, where she spent the holidays with relatives.
well and Rupe

Gray Powell and Rupert Jackson eft Wednesday for Arlington where they are aty Jding Carlile Military

Miss Manche Gilliland returned ome from Putnam Monday.

Walter Arnold, of E1 Paso, spent day ortwo with his mother last

Mrs, John Fraer hes Ye from a wisit to returned t. Worth.

Grandma McFarlane who has been siting in Reagan County for some me returned home a few days ago. Jamaican Lady Speaks Highly Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Mrs. Michael Hart, wife of the crintendent of Cart Service at yston, Jamaica, West Indies s, used Chamberlain's Cough Requedy for coughs, croupe and whopoing cough and has found it beneficial. She has implicit contidence in it and would not be without a bottle of it in her home Sold by All Druggists.
John Dill, of Rising Star, an old ime Brown County man, an acquaintence of the editor in ye olden time, was a delegate to the Bailey mass meeting Saturday.

Dangers of a Cold and How to Avoid Them.
More fataltes have their orgin in cause. This fact alone should mate ed yest $\{$ day from Fort Werth and Dahas, "
visiting.

Benton fones visited old Baird friends a few days ago.
Miss Bessie. Walker, who has been visiting her brother, Jas. H. Walker and family, returned to her home at Putnam today.

Miss Willie Flogd returned to Ardmore Monday to resume her duties as teacher in the Public School there.
Sheriff J.V. Cunningham and Judge T. A. Bledsoe, of Abilene, were on the train yesterday noon bound for Austin.

Mr. Lem Lambert attended the marriage of his cousin, Mr. Will Burson and Miss Minnie McKinney near Putnam Sunday.

Quite a crowd of the young peo ple of Baird attended the Misistrel show given by the band boys at Putnam last Friday night.

Reynaud and Cornie Stroube left Tuesday for their home at Mangum, Okla,, after spending several' days with their little friends here.

Mrs. W. J. Norton, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. McGowen and other relatives here, returned, Tuesiay, to her home at Ft. Worth.

Capt, and Mrs. J. W. Jones were in from the ranch the first of the week. Mrs. W. E. Gillliand and Master Haynie and Ellen and Eliska went home with them for a few days.
W. O. Spencer from the Bayo was in town Monday.


This Is th. Litt of Fatalities Due

OF YAOUIS IN MEXICO
aek the store of an Italian end After Imbibing Mescal Torture Death slomily Propri
tor and wife.

Bisbee, Arkz, Dee. $29-$-Ten men,
women and children were murderad women and chidren were murdered
by the Yaquil Indtuns during the reent ovtbreak. The Indians also stoot two others and took three women away
captives to their stronghold in the hills, after destroying the town of The Indians returned after nearly two hours of plunder, rot and arron
beims rirgsteneed away by a work traln
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Lenecho was a raliroad statuon with
 thamites. Thic only Amorricans in the
 fled to the tort and and kave well alliliars.
 walk tuat iay between two tents it away, were looted and burned. The
Indians first made an attack on the store and cantina run by a Mexican.
While the Italians drank mescal from his cantina and plundered the place
they slowly tortured him to death. The nquan's wife, a Mexican woman, was
in a delicate condition, and the India..s tortured her. The house was then
burntd, the bodies along with it. The station agent and his family lay under
the plank walk and listened to the shrieks of the tortured.
itants, who escaped from the inhabbuts, who escaped from the town,
murreot and thed themseres of with the prisoners
captured in the first charge carder and torture of the
captured in the first charge.
About 8 o'elock the whi Tng of its approach, and gave warnIng of its approach, and the Yaquis
hastily left
arrived arrived about two hours after the
firing of the first shot. Ging of the first shot.
General Torres arrived at the scene of the massacre the next day from
Guaymas and took charge of the or-
ganization of a puntitive expedition.

bailey carries comanche.

- y a Large Majority Senator Victorious In Democratic Primaries.
Comanche. Tex., Dec. 31.-In the Democratic primaries Saturday Sen-
ator Batley carried nineteen boxes, ator Batley carried nineteen electios,
lost three. and three held no electing
His popular vote was 976,37 beting in the negative. The senator's friends
here fired anvils and had bonfires. that while he is opposed to Senator
Bailew's reelection Bailews reelection, should no fur-
ther developments result he will vote for the senato
primary result.
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gether.
Waxahachie Boy Tours the World. Waxatachle, Tex, De., 28., Dutikose
Dobson, a Wixatachie boy, has juse combon a Waxahachie boy,
compled a tour of the world. Gin and Cotton Burn.
Brady. Tox, Jan. $1 .-$. w. w.


Eighty Prisoners in Jail.
Guthrie, Jan. 1.-There are elghty
orisoners in Feieral jail. At Nance, France Bishop Loran,
was fined sio for striking a gendarme Representative Beall will endeavo
to have a subtreasury located at Dal

Dallas boy named Morris Rose
shocked to death by an electric
he witte chlild of a negro named
e was burned to death at Temple
R. Bookwalter, an Oklahoma City
fabilites are placed at s17,
The mayor of Erestel, Mex, and hte
sons were seriously shot by three
ard D. Mackey, a leading ranch.
of Beaver county, Oklahoma, is gin of George Innes at Cache
was destroyed by fire. Loss it
wa lonel W. D. Mann of Town Toples
acuitted at New York on perjury
ne Parker, a negress, reputed
16 years old, dropped dead at
Ppp Jackson, a negro blew oft the
top, the head of his son near Rip
ley. Okla. W. F. Farquhar, a brakeman. was
crusted to death between cars at Nav. The body of a white female Infant
prematurely born, was found at Dalla
 strychnine.
F. Tasto. F. Tasto, Sr ., a prominent farmer,
fataily shot himself in the head near
Marion. Tex. Roman candle badly mangled the
left mand of Rev. W. s. Lester near
Terrell. Tex. thector Youngren was held up by
three muen at Oklahoma city and re
lieved of 880 . In a a shooting affray at Delwood.
Fale. two white men and four negroe
were wo While sititing on a box at Ponca city
Okin. entertaining triends. Augusi
 The cracker factory at New York
ot Harrit He Hotmes was consumed
by fire. The loss is s750.008 Allen yercantile building and con
tents at Meridian, Okla., valued 39,000, was consumed by fire Mazatlap. Mex, has a warded a con.
tract tor sewers to an Enishish firm
The contriet price is $86.000,000$. At Broken Arrow. I. T., Lee Carpen
ter was shot and killed Louls Coker and George Roberts were arrested. Andre Giron, who eloped with the
cron prinecs of saxon, was martid
at Brussels to Mlle. Jeaine Berin.
 M. Jil. Barnett of Houston was acci
dentaly hit on the stomath by a
sedede hammer and soon died in ag.
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Salaries of elegraphers and trat masters on Beaumont division of the
Santa Fe hive been increased 10 per
cent
Texelve miles from Mount Pleasan Tex. Robert Whitmore was shot
death. Leot
rendered. Hon. C. . Rogers, a member of th
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## RED SIGNAL NOT SEFE Failure of Engineer to Observe a Danger Warning Callses

 DREADFUL DISASTER Dense Fog Rendered It PificuitDiscern objects and Train hits
Another, Many Deaths and Injuries Resulting.

Washington, Dec. 31.-An appalling far as can be ascertained at midnight and the injury of about fifty more. occurred aoout $6: 20 \mathrm{p}$. m., Sunday on
the Baltimore and Ohto railroad at Terra Cotta, a suburb of Washington. Frederick City, Md., local train No. station, was run into by a train made
up of eight empty pasenger coaches
bound from the west for whshington It is said that the engineer of the emp-
ty train failed to see the signal inds ty train failed to see the signal indi-
cating that another train was in the
block and plunged ahead on its mis. slon of death.
Nothing since the Ford theater dis.
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government clerks were killed by the collapse of a portion of the buy the
has produced such a shock as this dis. has produced such a shock as this dis-
aster. No railroad acecdent within a
great many years in the District of
Columbia has approached it in magnt. Columbla has approached it in magnl.
tude. A dense fog and drizzing rain
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night, and to the inability of the en.
gineer of the rear train to see the sig.
nal that another train was in the nal that another train was in the the
block, is attituted the cause of the
accident. The grade at the place
wher the tragedy occurred in wher the tragedy occurred in down-
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special train which had been sent
to Terra Cotta brought the injured. whose wounds had been hastily dress.
ed, and they were sent around to the various hospitals.
Three died on way to the city,
and one death occurred in and one
hospitals.
The eng
 type of passenger engines used on
the road. The fact of its size prob-
ably saved it from total destruction. ably saved it from total destruction.
and because of this Harry Hildebrand and his fireman escaped with their
Iives. Hildebrand is said to have
been a substitute. He was arrested.
toget ogether with his fireman. No formal
charges wave been placed against
them, but they will be held pending investigation.
The wrecked train was composed
of an engine a smoker and two day
oahces. The two rear coaches were of an engine, a smoker and two day
coahces. The two rear coaches were
reduced to kindling wood and the rear of the smoker was telescoped.
So great was the impact that the
local train was scattercd along the ocal train was scattercd along
track for a considerable distance. Thaddeus T. Rodey, a laborer, was
working at Terra Cota plant at the
time of the wreck. He says he heard time of the wreck. He says he heard
a loud noise which sounded like an explosion. He ran out to the track
and saw two women, one of whom was alive, and whom he assisted to her.
It as only a dinute when, he said.
Man pathetic scenes were enacted Man pathetic scenes were enacted
along the track. He immediately tel. phoned the news to the Baltimore and
Ohio Southwestern railway at WashIngton. Traffic was delayed by the
accident. and it was after mldnight
before the bodies of the dead could before the bodies of the dead could
be brought to the city.
There was an entire absence of any thefts. As soon as absence of
bodies were covered and laible the aside odies were covired and latid aside rom the city to bring them here. Many pathetic scenes wer enacted
in the vicinity of the wreck as rela In the vicinity of the wreck as rela-
tives searched amid the fog and dark-
ness for the bodies of their loved ones, ness for the bodies of their loved ones,
whom they feared were in the wreck.
From the eapeare is is believed that nearly all the vic ims were killed outright or died
within a few minutes after the acci-
dent. E. O. Bolt, one of the most prom.
Dr.
inent physicians of Washington, and nent physicians, of Washington, and
his sons, Edwin, seven years old, and
himen Sinclair, five years, were passengers
on the train. Edwin was killed and on the train. Edwin was killed and
the father and other son are missing.
It is feared by their friends that they wer among the list of unidentified
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