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Quannah Bank Resumes

Quannah, Tex., Dec. 19.—The charter of the Citizens' National Bank of Quannah, Texas, has been approved and notice has been given that it will open for business Tuesday morning. The new bank succeeds the Quannah National Bank, which was closed by authority of the board of directors on Dec. 12.

Sufficient money has been shipped into Quannah to pay all the depositors of the Quannah National Bank upon demand. The officers and directors of the new bank are Sam Britt of Childress, president; W. R. Edrington of Fort Worth, vice-president; Ralph Hughes of Quannah, cashier; and J. J. McAdams, a prominent cattleman, and Arthur Moseley, a flour miller and cotton grower, all of Quannah, have been elected directors. There are a few minor stockholders besides those mentioned.

Checks drawn on the Quannah National Bank are today being received at par, and it is estimated that business has increased 50 per cent since morning.

Quannah, Texas, Dec. 20.—The Quannah National Bank that failed Dec. 12, resumed business today with J. E. Ledbetter, the former president, at the cashier's window.

During the first hour 304 deposits were made and one check cashed for \$6. The same ratio of business continues up until noon.

No Paper Next Week

As has been our custom for the last four years, we will not issue a paper next week. 51 weeks of six days each is about as much as the average man works in the run of a year. We don't wish to be more industrious than the average, and then we like a little rest occasionally. There will be no more paper until January 6th, when we will come again with our sleeves rolled up for the beginning of a new year's work. We want you all to have a merry Christmas, and a happy New Year.

We're still selling the best cook stove on the market. The price is extremely low.—Hughston-Henry and Co.

Address to Prohibitionists

Gainesville, Texas, Dec. 18.—The following address to prohibitionists has been issued:

To the Prohibitionists of the Thirteenth Congressional District: At the recent State-wide prohibition organization meeting in Fort Worth the undersigned were appointed on the State-wide prohibition campaign executive committee. We realize that what we need next year is qualified voters for the constitutional amendment for prohibition. A voter without his poll tax receipt or certificate of exemption will be useless to the cause. Therefore we urge upon the prohibition voters of the State, and especially of our district, the Thirteenth Congressional District, to qualify themselves while it is yet time for this great contest. Let every man get his poll tax receipt or certificate of exemption before the time expires. If you are not sure about needing a certificate of exemption go at once and see your Tax Collector. All young men coming of age must have certificates of

exemption. All men over 60 living in cities of 10,000 inhabitants and over must have certificates of exemption. The safest way for every prohibitionist to do is to call on his State and County Collector, and also his City Collector, and see just what is necessary for him to do in order to vote next year. Then no mistake will be made. Do not take anything for granted, but attend to this at once.

This must be attended to before January 31, 1911, as to the State poll tax or certificate of exemption. But in some cities the time has been moved up. For instance, in the city of Gainesville the city taxes are now due and must be paid before December 31, 1910. So it is important for the voter to know this and to pay in time. See if you are to pay city taxes sooner than heretofore.

As stated above, the safer way is for each voter to go at once to his respective Tax Collectors, State and city, and learn what he must do. Please do this at once. Your vote will be needed, and negligence now can not be repaired.

County papers please copy.

WALKER HALL

Wilbarger County.

ROBERT E. COPER

Cooke County.

Members of Committee from Thirteenth Congressional District.

Buy Tin Shop

T. L. Hayes has bought J. D. Pinkerton's tin shop and is now in charge of same. Mr. Hayes is one of our best citizens, is interested in the growth of the town and the development of the country and deserves liberal patronage in his new chosen business. Mr. Pinkerton left Sunday for Rule for a short visit, from which place, we understand, he contemplates pushing on west and finally landing in California.

For Sale

One mile southeast of court house in block 126-Orient Heights Addition to town of Crowell one 20-acre block, \$30 per acre if sold at once. Address W. F. Terry, Lueders, Texas.

New Hardware

As was stated last week in these columns, J. H. Self & Son have sold their stock of groceries to Massie-Vernon & Co. They will remain at the old stand in the hardware business. They have carried all the while limited stock of hardware but will now put in a complete stock.

Massie & Vernon are selling down the grocery stock and as soon as they can handle them in their own store building the remainder will be added to their stock.

Candy Sold at Postoffice

The ladies of the Methodist church will sell home-made candy at the postoffice on Christmas eve.

A Beautiful Monument

A beautiful monument has just been placed at the site that marks the last resting place of G. T. Crowell who died a year ago. Mr. Crowell was a member of the W. O. W. lodge at this place and carried insurance in that order to the amount of a thousand dollars, \$700 of which was appropriated by Mrs. Crowell and this sum was augmented by the lodge to the amount of \$200 for the monument making its cost \$900.

The unveiling will be postponed, it is said, until spring time when favorable weather may be expected.

Union Christmas Tree

A Union Christmas tree by the Christians and the Presbyterians will be had at the Christian church Saturday night, program commencing at 7.30.

Six Hours in a Mule

The most uncomfortable predicament, it seems to us, that one could get into would be to get sewed up in the carcass of a mule. And yet if the Fort Worth Star-Telegram gives it correct, that is just what happened a few days ago in Georgia. We reproduce the dispatch because of the singularity of the incident and because of its peculiar interest to us as well as to many of our readers who know the victim of the mischief players. It goes like this:

"Young Harris, Ga Dec 19.—Bart Brown of Gum Log, this county, has just emerged from the unusual experience of being sewed up six hours on the inside of a mule's carcass. Yesterday Brown and other bibulous companions after imbibing much moonshine whiskey, were mending their wobbly ways homeward down the road.

"The going" was too neary for Brown, and he collapsed by the road side, near the carcass of "Old Humpback," who had

been carrying the mail to and from Brasstown for 10, these many years, but who left the government service several hours before Brown and his companions came along.

"The practical jokers, seeing Brown helpless, hastily transformed the mule into a lower-berth and stowed Brown away, stitching up the hide with strings. The sleeping man finally awoke and began yelling. After several pedestrians had been badly frightened, two men came up and hearing shrieks, cut the stitches and let Brown out, cold, sober and badly frightened.

"Brown is now on the water wagon, but swears vengeance. He compared his experience with that of Jonah, but said the government was not quite so fast."

It is altogether probable that Bart will hereafter be a little skittish of dead mules and may not be quite so indulgent. Such experience as "thang ar" is pretty tough.

B Sharp Club

Miss Portia Brindley entertained the B Sharp club Wednesday afternoon.

An interesting program was rendered by the members.

Officers were elected.

On Saturday, November 26 the club was entertained at the home of Miss Rose Hays.

Miss Una Self won the prize in the Humming Bird Contest.

Adjourned to meet Dec. 10 at Marie Harris, club called to order by president and business was transacted.

We had a very profitable lesson in the History of Music.

After a very pleasant evening we adjourned. SECRETARY.

Now's the time to order your new suit. Your choice of 175 samples at \$15.00, no more or no less. Call and look at my samples. T. H. Talley.

Christmas Gifts

Just a few more days and "Old Santa Claus" will make his annual visit and bring good cheer and happiness to the human family. We have a few suggestions to offer "Old Santa" before he begins his 1910 trip. Below we enumerate a few seasonable goods that are useful and appropriate and will give the recipient genuine pleasure every day during the coming year.

Fancy decorated cracker jars	\$2.00 to \$3.00
Fancy decorated cups and saucers	.75 to 1.25
Fancy decorated fruit dishes	.25 to 2.00
Fancy decorated cake plates	.25 to 1.50
Fancy decorated pitchers	.75 to 3.00
Fancy decorated comb and brush tray	2.00
Fancy decorated shaving mugs	.25 to .50
Silver knives and forks	4.50 to 6.00
Silver table spoons	4.00 to 5.00
Silver teaspoons	1.25 to 2.25
Silver cream ladles	1.25
Silver gravy ladles	3.00
Fancy pearl handled pocket knives	1.00 to 2.50
Diamond edge safety razors	1.00 to 2.00
Carbo Magnetic razors	2.50
Universal coffee percolators	3.50 to 4.50
Carving sets	1.50 to 3.50

And numerous other articles that will be useful and appropriate Holiday Gifts. The price that we are making on our decorated ware is fully one-third less than other stores are asking for the same quality of goods. Thanking you for past favors and assuring you that we will appreciate your future business, we are,

Hughston-Henry & Company

The largest and only complete line of Saddlery and Harness in Crowell

Gibson Brothers

Keep a full line of Shelf Hardware, Enamelware, Cutlery, etc.

H. H. Hardin & Co.,

LUMBER

One Block North Square

Crowell, Texas

The First State Bank
of Crowell, Texas

TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS:—

We again wish to thank you for the bountiful business you have given us in the past and assure you we will greatly appreciate your future business. Wishing you a Merry Xmas and a VERY, VERY Prosperous 1911, are are,

Yours very truly,

THE FIRST STATE BANK, Crowell, Texas

The First State Bank
of Crowell, Texas

The HOME CIRCLE Column

Thoughts on Christmas

The time draws near the birth of Jesus, the Christ. Over the world comes a change, momentary but wonderful. For one day the principal motives of human effort cease to act and give away to their opposites. Charity replaces greed; kindness replaces jealousy and hate; brotherhood replaces competition. Rivalry in acquisition yields to rivalry in giving. For one day in the year the conduct of the Christian world conforms not merely in hollow pretense, but in reality, to the precepts of Jesus. There is on earth, if not peace, at least the willingness to cease from strife, and if one day is a little too brief to perfect the feeling of good will toward men, still, considering how great the change is from ordinary habits, we contrive a fair imitation of it. Considering, too, that the Christmas spirit is expected to last for one day only, the world shows, it must be admitted, great respect to the Galilean shepherd by taking so much pains to give an air of verisimilitude to its brief submission to this rule. For one whole day in the year we are Christians indeed as well as in name.

The brotherhood of man is the most fertile of all truths. Whatever is good in modern civilization comes from accepting it; whatever is bad by denying it. Democracy is the teaching of Jesus expressed in government, but thus far the expression has been timid, tentative and inadequate. Inventions will make it possible to express his teachings in industry and commerce. Some wholesale softening of the heart will make us apply his teaching in conduct. There are psychic

waves now permeating the world which seem to indicate that some such transformation of civilization may not be far away. Perhaps the kingdom of heaven is nearer than we think with brotherly love for its constitution and justice to all men for its practice. Then Gethsemane and the crown of thorns will become symbols not of tragic failure, but of triumph, and the Christmas spirit will be the spirit of every day in the year.

A right round merry Xmas.

Joy be with you, peace and good will.

A happy home, health and happiness be thine.

In this world not only well wishing but well doing is a colossal virtue.

The life we live gives value to our words and wishes, and so dear reader, we hope your kindly wishes and cheery greetings may be golden.

Christmas, the home day, the Christmas day! May its lessons and its blessings gladden all hearts and make a truth of common salutation. "A Merry Christmas to You."

Peace on earth, good will toward men," the grandest of all carols, dearest of all angel hymns—time has destroyed none of its sweetness and has preserved all of its promise.

May love and joy cross the threshold of every home, peace cover the dear ones as a mantle, and gladness so abound, and memories for a moment may be forgotten.

The great and essential fact about Christmas is this: that it is the celebration of a birthday. Hence, we will do well to have in remembrance Him for Whom the day is named and in Whose honor it is appointed to be kept. And having in mind the shepherds and the stable, we will remember how His life, begun in simplicity, was lived to the end of it in accordance with this beginning.

It is far more important that parents realize that this pagan error of the ascendancy of Santa Claus should not mislead our children on Christmas Day. In whatever way we may choose to celebrate the day let us somewhere, at the beginning—before breakfast or—keep a brief space wherein some one may read the second chapter of Saint Matthew and Saint Luke, closing with the singing of an old Christmas carol, old words to old music in the old way. Then, if you please, let Santa Claus come into the day, but let us remember well what the original Santa Clause, the good Saint Nicholas of Myra, stood for. He showed himself a saint and earned the reputation which has been his through generations by one dominant characteristic: relieving the necessities of a poor family. He went around very quietly, when nobody was looking, and put things in through the window. Thus he has a right to a modest place in our festivities. Let us follow his example. Let us think of one or two, or more according to our means, to whom we may bring in a quiet, friendly way an added pleasure, with whom we may somehow share the overflowing happiness which fills our fortunate days. And this we will do in the name of Him whose anniversary we keep, remembering His poverty, and how He went about doing good, and how He told us that we ought to love others even as He loved us.

Think of Him, who was a man

A Few Xmas Suggestion

Mother

Linen towels
Table linen
Dresser scarf

Father

Bath Robe
Slippers
Smoking Jacket

Daughter

Hand bags
Sweaters
Handkerchiefs

Son

Sweaters
Caps
Gloves

For the Whole Family

Big Juicy Red Apple
Nice Fresh Pecans
Fancy California Oranges
Delicious Candies
Fresh Mince Meat
Citron

Fresh Dates
Fresh Figs
Fresh Raisins
English Walnuts
Almonds
Coconuts

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of sorrows, acquainted with grief, and without a home; yet from His presence an ocean of consolation has spread and covered the earth with its waters of healing.

OLD PENNSYLVANIA MILL

An old landmark of Schuykill county is Brown's mill, which has been grinding corn since the year 1800, hence running for 110 years. Nearly everybody between the Dauphin county line and the Little Schuylkill River knows John Adam Brown, who has run the mill for the last 51 years.

When this mill was started this section of country was a part of Berks county, for Schuylkill county was not incorporated until 1811. John Adam Brown, grandfather to the present John Adam Brown, erected the mill and was succeeded by John Brown and now John Adam Brown has turned the business over to his son, John E. Brown, who represents the fourth generation of ownership of the mill. John Adam Brown was seventy-one years of age October 4.

A PHASER.

Employer—I want a maid who is strictly honest.

Applicant—Sure, and O'm that, mum. O'm not willing to say yer are out when yer are in.

HEADWEAR.

"Your crown is in jeopardy," said the prime minister.

"I know it," replied the petty king. "People nowadays don't seem to have any more respect for a crown than they have for a last year's straw hat."

SAY BOYS IN FLATS ARE GOOD.

Professor Hoben of the University of Chicago thinks that the small flat is detrimental to the proper development of the boy, but the women of Chicago who have discussed the subject say that they have as good boys living in flats as those who live in houses.

Self-Shavers Charged Extra Chicago, Ill., Dec. 19. At a meeting of the Chicago Barbers' Association tonight members will vote on a proposition to charge every man who shaves himself at least 50c for a hair cut.

Some members of the organization are urging that the self-shavers be charged even a higher price. The price to the man who gets shaved in a barber shop will remain the same as heretofore. Barbers say it is an easy matter to tell a man who shaves himself.

"You see," said a barber yesterday, "when a man who shaves himself comes in, he never has his neck shaved. So when we get a fellow who has the back of his neck covered with hair, all we have to do is to say to him: 'A hair cut is a dollar to you, mister,' and then if he don't produce, out he goes."

Meet me at Ferguson Bros.

For Sale

1920 acres in Ford County, about 11 miles Southwest of Crowell, on Good Creek. Plenty of never-failing water, as Good Creek runs through the tract. A survey of the proposed new railroad from Vernon southwest by the way of Crowell runs through the center of this tract. This is a good proposition for someone who wants to buy a small ranch or to cut up into several small farms. Perfect title. Price \$15 per acre. 1-3 cash, balance easy.

Apply to W. T. Knox, Coleman, Texas.

Meet me at Ferguson Bros.

For Sale

Milch cows, fresh, good ones. Price, \$40.—H. Bulkeley, north from Crowell 3 miles, west 2 miles.

Meet me at Ferguson Bros.

W. R. WOMACK

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Residence Phone 175

Store Phone 119

Christmas Gifts in Furniture and Art Squares

\$25.00 Gen. Axm. 9x12 art square now \$22.50
\$22.50 Saxony Axm. 9x12 art squares now \$20.00
\$22.50 Khorrassan Axm. 9x12 art squares now \$19.00
If two or more bought at the same time by one party \$1.00 less on Gen. Axm. and 50c less on others. All other rugs and square art greatly reduced prices.

\$17 and \$16 top Brus., 9x12 now \$15.00
\$18 towel weave rug, 9x12 now \$15.00
\$9 Crex. grass rug, 9x12 now \$8.90
\$7.50 Crex. grass rug, 8x10 now \$7.00
\$6.50 fourth wood three-fourth cotton, 9x12, \$6.00
6 ft. broleum sq. yd., \$2.12
6 ft. broleum sq. yd., \$1.85
6 ft. broleum inlaid sq. yd. 90c

Christmas is coming says little house-maid and some pretty and useful things are in our store



DAVENPORTS
One \$45 Imp. lea. \$40.00
One \$35 Imp. Mission \$35.00
One \$32.50 Imp. Pl. oak \$30.00
One \$19.50 red plush sofa \$14
One \$25 box couch sofa \$19
One \$13.50 plush sofa \$10
One \$35 solid brass bed \$27.50
One \$15 gold col. iron bed slightly damaged \$14.00
Two \$25 square post iron beds \$22.50
One \$20.00 square post iron bed \$18.00
One \$14.00 round post iron bed \$13.50
One \$12.50 round post iron bed \$10.00
This week only

MATTRESSES
Two "Dreamland" regular value \$17.50 now \$16.50
Four only \$15.00 value \$12.50
All are bargains

friends, do you know that the most appropriate gifts that you could possibly give is something for you home? something that each member of the family can have an interest in and enjoy. a dollar spent privalously for toys and brie-a-brae is a dollar lost. it is better to spend 70.00 for a good substantial piece of furniture than to spend one dollar foolishly. it is generally a rule with most store of all kinds to put up good stiff prices on everything during the holidays, but i am going to break the cusiom by reducing prices on most everything.

Here We Are

I have recently purchased the J. K. Quinn's stock of merchandise of Crowell, and realizing the fact that the present status of money matters is oppressing and knowing to that our stock is entirely too large, so, using a street vernacular, we are up against it, to which there is only one solution which is to **Cut Out the Profit** in order to be in line with present conditions which we have done and going to continue doing till our stock is greatly reduced. If you will call at my store and get prices you will be convinced that your **dollars** will roll further and gather more goods in my store than any other place in town. We have some dainty ladies collars just arrived that would make your friend a nice Xmas present. Call and see them before they are picked over. Also have a few large pictures framed that would add greatly to beautifying a home. We are selling these pictures at a price that you could make your friend an appreciated present at but little cost to you.

We have a complete line of Groceries and can offer you for this week
 17 lbs. sugar \$1.00 5 lbs. best coffee 85c 1 bu. spuds \$1.15

Come and see us, we want to get acquainted with you, whether you buy or not. Thanking you in advance for a consideration and wishing you a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

B. T. Lanier

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VELVO LAXATIVE LIVER SYRUP

"Old Hoss" Heard from

A long and rambling letter has been received from the "Old Hoss" in which he declines to meet Rev. G. G. Hamilton on the Bebel free love proposition which he himself submitted to Mr. Hamilton, assuring him that the "Old Hoss" would accommodate the preacher on the said propositions "on short notice." The "Old Hoss" claims that his heart action is 105 pulsations per minute, and that when he is "disturbed" it runs up to 130 and 135. We would advise the "Old Hoss" to let the preacher alone for he is certain to be "disturbed" in such a mix-up to an extent that will send his treacherous old heart up to about 250 causing spontaneous combustion and complete annihilation of that corporeal conglomeration which he calls his physical aggregation.

The "Old Hoss" names a number of agitators who he says are anxious for a "go" at the preacher, every one of whom has had his chance and has fail-

ed to come across. Clark has been asked through the public prints to open the columns of the paper of which he is editor. The Oklahoma Pioneer to a discussion of the charges which Hamilton has made against Socialism. His reply was the silence of the tomb. Noble and Hickey have had their chance put up to them in black and white on the questions of religion and marriage, but there was "nothing doing, Maria." If "Old Hoss" can find an agitator fool enough to take his place on the propositions he has submitted in his booklet, viz:

- "1. Bebel teaches the doctrine of free love.
- "2. The socialist party is responsible for Bebel's teachings and must accept what he says," will guarantee that Hamilton will remove the said agitator's hide in short order. Now, "Old Hoss," is find your substitute. Barcus is willing; trot out your kumrid, since you are afraid of your own propositions.

We hate to be hammering at a

thing that is as dead as socialism in Foard County, but all over West Texas and Southern Oklahoma the kumrids are saying Hamilton will not debate. The dirty liars! Let them get a man for the "Old Hoss" on his Bebel propositions and there'll be something doing. Next!

Hunters Kill Big Buck

All the game in West Texas has not been killed by a long shot. A small crowd of hunters from this county went over into Cottle last week and picked up one of the finest bucks that ever raced over the West Texas prairies. Carl Thacker, John, Arthur and Zeke Bell constituted the party. Arthur Bell is the one who is said to have killed the deer. The boys brought it in from the Richards pasture where it was killed and exhibited it here Tuesday. It was one of the original type of chair-horned specimens and is estimated to have weighed four or five hundred pounds.

League Program

Bunnie Williams, leader. Subject: The fullness of time and God's great gift. Hymn. Reading of scripture lesson. Prayer. Calling of roll and secretary's report. Hymn. Leader's address. A Common Language—Grace Self.

The Roman Highways.—Garland Burns. The Knowledge of God.—Mary Ragland. Solo by Mabel Willhoit. Prayer. Reading of program. Hymn. League benediction.

The Christmas Seals are here and can be procured until New Year.—Mrs. L. H. Freedman. Mrs. Bell Crowell and children left yesterday for Cisco to spend the holidays with her parents.

INGENIOUS PIGMENT MAKERS HIS FLOWERS FOR THE SICK

They Get Colors From Egyptian Mummies, Horse Hoofs and Other Strange Sources.

The ingenuity of the makers of pigments for the use of artists has been drawn upon so heavily that the manufacturers have been obliged to employ for the purpose all manner of animal, vegetable and mineral substances. Even the mummies of ancient Egypt have been utilized by the color makers.

The corpse of the old Egyptian was resorted to in the finest bitumen, and the remains thus treated in the countries gone present on being unwrapped today an appearance quite like that of light-colored leather. Now it has been found that when the bitumen and the leather-like remains are ground down by machinery there may be obtained therefrom a beautiful brown pigment especially prized by artists who paint portraits. This pigment is particularly effective in depicting certain shades of brown hair.

Among the other colors obtained from strange sources may be mentioned Prussian blue. This is made by fusing the hoofs of horses with impure potassium carbonate.

Sepia is the dark fluid discharged by the cuttlefish to render the water opaque for its own concealment when attacked by its enemies.

The cochineal insect furnishes crimson and purple, lake and carmine, while ultramarine blue is obtained from the precious metal known as lapis lazuli.

Raw sienna is natural earth from Sienna, and when burned becomes burnt sienna. Gamboge is the yellow sap of a tree that grows in Siam.—Harper's Weekly.

HAD THE WISDOM OF SOLOMON

New York Police Magistrate Disposed of Complicated Case in Way That Satisfied Everyone.

Sometimes everyday occurrences here in the bustling twentieth century go to indicate that even the wisdom of Solomon can be duplicated. The other day Policeman Kiernan appeared before Magistrate Freschi in the Harlem police court, New York city, with David MacLean. MacLean desired to complain against Bernard Levy for keeping a goose in his apartment. "Why do you keep the goose?" inquired Magistrate Freschi. "It is to fatten, your honor," explained Levy, "to fatten for the great feast next Tuesday." "Ahem," said Magistrate Freschi, "it seems to me this is a very complicated case. Here is an Irish policeman, with a Scotch complainant who wants to make information against a Jew before an Italian magistrate. The only thing I can see to do in this case is to postpone it for one week, and in the meantime we will allow the defendant to eat the evidence."

HE HAD A WIFE.

A deacon on his way to church often noticed a man cutting the lawn about his house or weeding the flower beds. It troubled the good deacon, so one Sunday morning he said:

"Neighbor, wouldn't you like to leave your work this morning and attend service with me?" "Oh," said the man, "I really would like to, but I have a wife, and you see I have to do the things she plans for my health when I am at home."—National Monthly.

HOW FOX GOT MEAL.

The wily methods of the fox have been described by a resident on the banks of the Murray river, Australia, who has had occasion to watch his work lately. The animal, after walking along the branch of a tree overhanging the river, dropped quietly into the stream, leaving only its head above water. A mob of wild ducks swooped down in the vicinity, and in curious bent, swam towards the fox, who snapped up one, and with it swam to the other side of the stream.

RIGHT KIND OF MAMMA.

"Oes!" says the first little boy. "I hate to go home. My mamma always wants to give me a bath every evening."

"So does mine," says the second little boy, "but I don't mind it. My papa is a doctor, and she always gets a bath to chloroform me, so I never know a thing about it until it is all over."—Canada Monthly.

Aged Buffalo Man Who Devotes His Time to Raising Blooms to Give to Invalids.

Mr. Pryor is in his seventy-eighth year, and devotes all of his time to raising flowers and distributing them to cheer the sick. His garden is a small back yard plot, but passersby on Harvard place have been delighted for years with glimpses of its beauty as seen from the street. Those who have been favored with a closer inspection this summer and fall are filled with wonder how so much beauty could be made to bloom in so small a space.

Mr. Pryor, whose hair is as white as the snowiest aster in the place, and about as luxuriant, explained why he raises the flowers, in his unassuming way.

"I would not sell one of them. I find more pleasure in giving them to the sick. They give so much pleasure to those that I could not look for any greater reward than their smiles when they see them." "My wife was an invalid for 47 years. In all that time I was the one who watched by her bed nights. She was very fond of flowers. That is how I became fond of them. She wanted them in every room in the house. When one became faded she would speak of it and ask for fresh ones. It was the pleasure she took in them that led me to give them to other sick people when she passed away about four years ago."—Buffalo News.

NOTHING HAPPENED



Reynold—By Jove suppose I should forget myself and let this sailboat turn turtle. What would you say?
 Phoenix—I would say you had turned lobster.

GOOD TURN TO THE CAT.

Members of the Boy Scouts promise to do some good turn every day. At a dinner given in New York in his honor by the Boy Scouts of America, General Baden-Powell said the following:
 "The other day in Canada I heard about a little Canadian boy who, when he went to bed, suddenly recollected that he hadn't done a single good turn that day. His conscience was gnawing at him. He heard a little squeal in the corner of the room, and he got up and released a mouse that had been caught in a trap. Then he gave it to the cat."

KEPLER'S THREE LAWS.

The three laws of planetary motion, discovered by Kepler, upon which modern astronomy is based, are:
 1. Each planet revolves in an ellipse, with the sun at one end of the foci.
 2. Each planet moves in such a way that the line drawn between the center of the sun and the center of the planet passes over equal areas in equal periods of time.
 3. The square of the time of a planet's revolution around the sun is proportional to the cube of its mean distance from the sun.

NO DOUBT ABOUT IT.

"I love you!" he cried, passionately.
 "Do you love me alone?" she asked, after the manner of cautious maidens.
 "Gee! That's when I love you most," he replied, somewhat ambiguously.

NEW EXPLORATION IDEA.

The French government is seriously considering a plan to explore Algiers and the Sudan by means of airplanes, for the purpose of ascertaining the most desirable locations for airship stations.

Austin Letter
 When the moon shall have waxed and waned a few times more the 32nd Legislature will have been in session. The eyes of the nation are upon Texas. The sovereign voters of the State have declared for a halt in legislative adventure and that document known as the Democratic Platform has actually demanded legislative rest. It is the custom for members of the legislature to look upon "platform demands" with as much sacredness as the children regarded the Ark of the Covenant and have we in the 32nd Legislature an Uzziah who will dare to lay hands on it?

Progress is always preceded by revolution, and Texas is now passing through a peaceful revolution. In all rapid changes in governmental policies there is always an element that perishes for want of adaptability and there may be some members of the 32nd Legislature who will turn turtle and sink into political oblivion but the legislature as a whole will stand by the party. It is as natural for some people to make laws as it is for a fish to swim and many a big bass may founder in the legislative halls during the next session of the legislature but there is a God in Israel who will harken to the voice of the people.

No legislature ever assembled under more inspiring auspices and none has ever faced the responsibilities that now confront the legislature of Texas. It is the special mission of this body, to tune our laws to the merry hum of industry and invite capital by making two smiles grow where one frown grew before.

There are a number of laws that need revision. Any shoe-maker can make a shoe but to make one to fit is the test of talent. The I. & G. N. situation will never be settled until it is settled right. The righteous indignation of the 31st legislature was aroused over the failure of the I. & G. N. R. R. to pay its debts and restitution was demanded from the body of the property but this plan destroys the value of mortgage bonds, and roads depending upon the sale of their bonds to construct their properties are out of business. The legislature evidently intended that the I. & G. N. should pay its debts and that railroad building should proceed, but the results are the opposite. The I. & G. N. has not paid its debts and railroad construction is at a standstill and it is up to the 32nd legislature to wave the magic wand that will start construction again.

Then there is the Tax System that needs revision. The full rendition law has degenerated into a free will offering from property owners to the support of government and gross inequalities have crept in the assessments as between counties between properties within each county. A few years ago the state became seriously alarmed over the fact that the railroads were watering their stock and the result was a railroad commission to properly value railroad properties. During the present administration the state went into the stock watering business itself and poured \$200,000,000 of this abundant liquid into the tax values of the railroads; at least the railroad commission values railroad property at \$210,000,000 and the Tax Commission at \$409,700,000. When it comes to jugging railroad values the state of Texas can make Wall street look like thirty cents. If the legislature has a genuine attack of honesty why not launder its own dirty linen before taking in washing? Oh, consistency, thou art a jewel.

Try a sack of Mountain Peak flour. There is no better. Fully guaranteed.—McKown Grocery Company.

Meet me at Ferguson Bros.

Foard County News

KIMSEY & KLEPPER, Publishers

Entered at postoffice at Crowell, Texas, as second class mail matter.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1910

The Dallas News is preparing to issue another Texas Almanac in January. These little books are brim-full of valuable information about Texas, and it is expected that the next number will reveal the fact of great material progress in the State within the last year.

Unless the people get a move on in the tax paying business more than they have already done, business will pick up wonderfully for the tax collector during January. Of the \$41,000 to be collected we are told \$35,000 remains yet to come in within the next month.

Some of those who would enjoy the Christmas holidays with eggnog complain at the high price of eggs. It is an uncertain thing to anticipate such a glorious celebration of the Saviour's birth in that way on account of the high price of eggs and the uncertainty of the arrival of expressed bog.

The Government is one of the country newspapers' strong competitors in the printing of envelopes, but a loud protest has been made by the printing establishments all over the country and it is hoped that the Government will be put out of the business by the Ton Velle bill now before the U. S. Senate.

The past two years in Texas are regarded as hard ones because of the drouth, and yet the amount of bank deposits would indicate great prosperity. Even in our little town in a county of only 6,000 people the two banks carry not less than \$200,000 deposits at this time, which is an average of \$33.33 1-3 clean cash per capita.

People are too much inclined to complain about "hard times." The trouble is most of us have a hard time getting possession not of all we need, but of all we want. Quit your complaining and be contented with well-enough. Do your duty as you find it and let the future take care of itself. That is the proper spirit by which to be guided.

The Texas Commercial Secretaries Association besides being a most useful organization to the state at large, is also helpful to the individual clubs and Chambers of Commerce throughout the state. The organization provides the clubs of the state with a list of names of persons desiring to locate and make investments in Texas and is of material benefit to local clubs in advertising their towns and sections.

The tax valuations as rendered to the assessor of this county for 1910 amount to approximately \$3,750,000. Of course that is not the real value. There is no such thing in Texas as full rendition of taxes. The consequence is the inequality of burden of the support of State and County government. What is the matter with our legislature? Could it not find something to do in the matter of properly adjusting this thing called taxation so that the burden would fall on all alike?

The credit system used by many farmers in the state is more damaging to agricultural interests than the boll weevil. No farmer can thrive and pay the debts of his neighbors which is the inevitable result of the credit system. Debt is a hard task master and it saps the vitality of every man and every industry that is within its clutches. The merchant and banker should help the farmer

get upon a cash basis. When the farmer has a good bank account we are all prosperous.

Many of us might take an advanced step in the direction of reform during the coming year by giving more attention to local developments. It is unfortunate that a town must put up with some whose entire interests are tied up in the little wall called self. Selfishness is not the spirit that builds towns and brings people to the country. Town builders are constructed on a broader gauge and made of more refined material. Local pride is no less a laudable characteristic than national patriotism, because the average man has more to do directly with local affairs. Let us commence the writing of a new and more glorious record by first stepping out of self.

W. J. Bryan has declined the invitation to the political love feast at Baltimore. Whether he intends to withdraw from politics entirely or not we believe it is the wise thing for Mr. Bryan to do. The country has lost confidence in him as a leader in politics. Perhaps he is too honest. He is recognized as a great and good man, but lacks the elements of leadership. He is a great lecturer on moral subjects and is not a poor preacher, and the nation is proud of him as a representative American citizen. It is doubtful if he loses the esteem of his admirers by declining the invitation to go to Baltimore.

The News is not ignorant of the criticism that has fallen upon the few persons in the country that have been fighting socialism. These have not only come from individuals but from contemporary publishers. The great majority of the people have, however, watched the fight where it has been carried on and rejoice now at the victories won against the evils of socialism. The world is sadly in need of men who have the courage to fight the devil in whatever form he may appear. The country papers might be a great force in stamping out evil if they had the backbone to assert their honest convictions.

It has been the unexpressed belief of this paper for a long time that certain contributions to the country press, which have been generally admitted and given free publicity, should be charged for at the regular advertising rates. These are such as Obituaries and Cards of Thanks. The News has never made any charges for publishing such as these, but if they are to be paid for the paper must make the charges. We shall therefore start out with the New Year with this added reform and charge for Obituaries and Cards of Thanks the regular advertising rate of 5 cents per line.

The Texas Commercial Secretaries Association has under consideration a novel plan of advertising Texas throughout the North and East by moving picture shows. The plan as outlined contemplates that the charts used by the Association in its lecture course on Industrial Texas will be thrown on the canvass of the moving picture circuit to tell the moving picture patrons of other states of the marvelous advantage in Texas. The moving picture method of commercial advertising is rather experimental but a Moving Picture Syndicate having confidence in the results and anxious to demonstrate the effectiveness of the picture film as a carrier of industrial opportunities has made the Association a flattering proposition which the organization may accept.

Texas needs capital to develop her resources and transportation capital at that. We need a billion dollars to build railroad lines so demanded by the commercial

clubs of the state. The following resolution was passed by the Texas Commercial Secretaries Association at their Waco meeting setting forth the views of the organization on this important subject: "Ample and convenient means of transportation being necessary to successful agriculture, and as large sections of the state are but meagerly supplied with such means, we favor such legislation as will encourage the investment of capital in the construction of new lines of railroad and the extension and improvement of existing lines so that all parts of the state may be furnished the necessary and convenient means of transportation."

The commercial clubs of Texas stand ready to aid the farmers and most of them do so by assisting in purchasing improved seed; holding agricultural and live stock exhibits; assisting in organizing farmers institutes and Boys corn clubs, etc. The state association sounded the key note at the Waco convention by passing the following resolution: "We demand an adequate support of a department of agriculture to the end that that department be made an effective aid to the farmers of Texas and a reliable source of information to the homeseeker and capitalist. We demand such appropriation as may be necessary for the creation of demonstration farms in the several sections of the state, so that the farmer, the truck grower and the stock raiser, may buy bulletins to be issued by the department of agriculture from time to time, acquaint the agricultural masses with the adaptability of soil and climate to those products that will yield the best and most profitable returns on intelligent labor."

Christmas Gifts for Workers
Chicago, Ill., Dec. 19.—Workers in Chicago's factories, mercantile establishments and banks will receive from their employers \$1,500,000 in Christmas gifts. Some of the gifts were presented today in gold coin. Thousands are remembered in the way of increased salaries. These are not included in the \$1,000,000. The largest Chicago aggregate sum to be given in gifts is that of the International Harvester Company, the appropriation of which amounts to \$500,000.

Gifts aggregating \$300,000 are to be dispensed among the thousands of employes of Armour & Co. The 7,500 hundred employes of the K. T. Crane Company are to share in \$425,000, equal to 10 per cent of each employe's yearly salary.

Predicts 25c Cotton
New Orleans, Dec. 19.—W. P. Brown, noted bull leader in cotton, predicts 25 cent cotton. He was on the exchange today, after a prolonged absence in New York, and he was given a warm welcome. Mr. Brown's chief reason for being so bullish on cotton, is the great prosperity of the South, which enables it to market its cotton to the best advantage.

"People thought I was crazy last year when I said cotton would sell at 20 cents a pound," Mr. Brown said. "The time is coming, though, when 25c a pound will be heard of. The march of the boll weevil is irresistible; it is more of a factor in putting prices up than most people think."

Letter to Santa Claus
Dear Santa Claus
I want a foot ball and a train that runs on a track, bring that street car at the drug store to Franklin and me.
WILLIAM ELDRIDGE.

You can buy Barb wire cheaper in Crowell than any other town in the country.—Hughston, Henry & Co.

Meet me at Ferguson Bros.

GROCERIES

We believe there is always an opportunity for some persons but not always for every one. But now we are going to offer this opportunity to the people of Foard County and adjacent territory. FOR THIS REASON---We have just bought the large stock of Groceries of J. H. Self & Son and adding this to our already large stock. We are going to offer for the next ten days at the old Self stand all staple and fancy groceries at prices that will interest you and save you money. We have more goods than we have room, hence your opportunity is now, if you wish to lay in your winter supply, call at the old Self stand.

MASSIE-VERNON GROCERY CO.

A Large Hog

Rob Parker sold a hog here yesterday that weighed on foot 610 pounds. The hog was fat but had been fed only about 2 months and was a two-year old. Of course there are bigger hogs than this but it is what is called a big one. By feeding it a few months longer it could be made to weigh a good deal more. It illustrates what we can do in that line.

Lost Some Money

I lost a \$10 bill and a \$5 bill Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday morning somewhere between the court house and my home in West Crowell. Finder will oblige by returning to me.—W. M. Cavness.

B. Y. P. U.

Subject: Missionary meeting, China.
Song: "I'll Go where you want me to go."
Prayer.
Scripture reading: John 14: The Comforter promised, by leader.
Paper on mission work in China—Miss Mabel Crowell.
Talk by Bro. Billington: "Object of Medical Missions."
Song: "Work for the Night is Coming."
Prayer for the missionaries.
Reading of minutes.
Business Meeting.
Closing song.

THE FLANNEL PERIL

A great many people have learned by experience that flannelette is a highly inflammable material. Yet it is a favorite fabric for children's night dresses. The New York Medical Journal thinks it is time physicians should call the attention of mothers to this danger, and the British Fire Prevention committee has already taken action in the matter. The committee recommends in a recent report that the words "burn rapidly" shall be worked in the selvage of the material.

The News for one year only \$1.

Meet me at Ferguson Bros.

C. T. Herring Lumber Company

Dealers in

Lumber and Building Material

Crowell, Texas



H. A. Hunter

LIVERY MAN

First class rigs and reliable drivers. Transit teams a specialty
Cab Meets All Trains

Crowell.

Texas

Crowell Realty Co.

(INCORPORATED)

Owners of Farm and Ranch Lands in small or large tracts. Also owners of both Business and Residence Lots throughout the town of Crowell. If you wish anything in our line, it will pay you to figure with us.

SOLD ON SMALL PAYMENTS AND EASY TERMS

Crowell Realty Company, Inc.
CROWELL - TEXAS

The News wants to do your Printing.

The House that Sells for Less



A few suggestions for Xmas--Globe-Wernicke Book case, a leather Davenport, a library table, a dining table, a nice dresser, iron bed, an upright folding bed, a nice rug, in fact most anything in the way of furniture would be a nice Xmas present for the wife or daughter. We have a nice stock to select from. See us before you buy, we will make the prices right.



Crowell Furniture Company

People

I have a good firstclass all fresh line of Groceries, and I am going to sell them out, and if you want groceries come and see me. My prices will be right.

Respectfully,

I. R. VANNOY

LOCAL and PERSONAL

The News one year \$1.00. Meet me at Ferguson Bros. For fancy apples go to F. Young.

The Bradleys mufflers at Clark's.

When you want T. H. Talley, phone 129.

Fresh ribbon cane syrup at Vannoy's.

Business hymns, at R. B. Edwards & Co.'s

Apples, oranges, nuts--best grade.--Vannoy.

See Clark's line of shoes--they are the Walk-Overs.

See Ferguson Bros. for everything in the drug line.

We have the latest on buggies.--Johnson & Andrews.

When you want a good tailor, call 129.--T. H. Talley.

Buy your Christmas presents from R. B. Edwards & Co.

A good variety of Xmas goods now on hand at Ringgold's.

Wool shirts \$5.00 a pair. Others \$1.25 and up.--Clark.

The News will trade papers for stove wood cut into stick length.

E. F. Grayson of Truscott is in Crowell Thursday on business.

J. R. Edgin and family moved into their new home Wednesday.

Just received, boys' suits, ages 5 to 8, at R. B. Edwards & Co.

The best of all poultry and stock medicines at Ferguson Bros.

R. M. Magee made a business trip to Quannah the first of the week.

J. E. Fish of Vivian called at the office Wednesday on business.

Ed Mercer has been very busy for several days putting out trees.

If you want to swap it, list it with Bray & Baker; they will do the rest.

It's a Newton. Nuff sed, if you want a wagon.--Johnson & Andrews.

The new house being built by Charley Green is under good headway.

John Sims of Foard City becomes a new reader of the News this week.

Meet me at Ferguson Bros.

Don't wait any longer to have your photo's made for Christmas. Come now.

Percy Ferguson came in Wednesday from Clarendon to spend the holidays.

Visit the Crowell Holiday Company while in Crowell. North side of square.

The farmers report their winter crops doing well since the rains last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Westbrook of Truscott were trading in Crowell Tuesday.

The largest stock of new rubber over shoes in Crowell.--R. B. Edwards & Co.

Richard Lynn was here Monday from Truscott, where he is working in a bank.

How about those Xmas photos? Better not wait too long about it!--Sink's Studio.

An all-wool coat sweater at Clark's for \$2.50 to \$3.00. Others \$1.50, \$1.00 and 50c.

Bargains in made-to-measure clothes at T. H. Talley. Come and see for yourself.

Alf Bond and family have moved to town and occupy the J. W. Cope residence.

Fresh ribbon cane syrup by the gallon, barrel or any way you want it.--Vannoy.

Miss Ruby Aldredge left this afternoon for her home in Denton to spend Christmas.

We have just received a car of Baker Perfect Barb wire.--Hughton, Henry & Co.

W. H. Lindley has moved from Foard City to Crowell and will make this his home.

We handle buggy and wagon harness, collars and collar pads.--Hughton-Henry & Co.

T. M. Beverly and family left Tuesday for Plano and McKinney to spend the holidays.

We have a full line of farm implements. See them before buying.--Johnson & Andrews.

School work has been suspended this week and the teachers' institute has been in progress.

Don't fail to try some of that fresh ribbon cane syrup at Vannoy's. Shipment just received.

Christmas gifts for everybody at the Crowell Holiday Company's store north side of square.

Meet me at Ferguson Bros.

Buy a Columbia Phonograph for a Xmas present for the family. Only \$20.00.--Williams Bros.

Two business houses for rent on Main Street north of Hardin's Lumber yard. See the News.

Please don't wait too long about those Xmas photos. It takes time to finish them.--Sink's Studio.

Miss Mary Ragland leaves this afternoon for Pilot Point to spend the holidays with her parents.

Just received a full car of Maitland Nut coal which I am selling at \$8.50 delivered.--Dave Thomson.

The death of the little 4-year old Mexican child of the family living here occurred Friday of last week.

We are glad that many are buying early, you will get what you want if you come now.--Williams Bros.

Just received a car of the very best Maitland Nut coal which I am selling at \$8.50 delivered.--Dave Thomson.

W. Johnson of Pottsboro is here visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. L. Ferguson, and his son, Alfred Johnson.

My friends I have groceries at very lowest prices and very best grades. Why not buy from me?--I. R. Vannoy.

We are overstocked on stalk cutters and will sell at a reduced price until stock is reduced.--Johnson & Andrews.

J. S. Booth of Margaret left in the city yesterday and while here renewed his subscription to the News another year.

Just received a new car of Emerson buggies. Call and see them.--Johnson & Andrews, next door to Ringgold's.

We are now prepared to charge storage batteries for automobiles. All work guaranteed.--Electric Light and Power Plant.

Considerable preparation has been made for Christmas tree exercises and good times are expected tomorrow evening.

Just received a car of new buggies, something swell. Will pay you to see us before buying.--Johnson & Andrews.

Fred Newell has returned from Edmond, Okla., where he has been attending school. He will return after Christmas.

We have the celebrated one-sided drop Ledbetter lister planters, the best on earth. Guaranteed.--Johnson & Andrews.

Jim Crone, another of the beloved comrades, left this week for South Texas where he will join his family in their new home.

Dr. Chas. F. Cherry of Margaret was a visitor at this office Tuesday, adding his name to our list and placing a card in the paper.

There is no better flour in this town than Security. Sold by I. R. Vannoy. It is absolutely guaranteed, only \$3.00 per 100 pounds.

Ringgold is now in his new quarters on the northwest corner of the square and invites the public to come and inspect his holiday goods.

Wanted--To buy Texas lands. Write at once. State conditions of land and name terms and price. Address V. S. Scott, Sidney, Ohio.

Found--A purse containing some money. Owner may get same by proving property and paying for this local. Mrs. J. W. Duncan. 38 11

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Womack left Monday for Jackson, Miss., where they will spend the holidays with their relatives in the old home state.

FOR SALE--A two-room house, good dugout, cistern and barn, three lots, close in, \$1,000 cash, if sold within 30 days. Call at News office.

E. S. Gardner, vice-president of the First State Bank of Hollis was in the city Tuesday. Mr. Gardner reports his country in a prosperous condition.

Meet me at Ferguson Bros.

A. E. Gentry of Canadian has bought D. H. Smith's tailor shop. Mr. Gentry intends to make Crowell his home. His family arrived Tuesday.

Say, now, boys, if you keep that girl from going with the other fellow you have got to have the latest style buggy. We have it.--Johnson & Andrews.

The fall and winter of 1910 has been exceptionally pleasant. No extremely cold weather and but few dust storms. We have an ideal climate. Come to Foard county.

We want your trade on implements, vehicles and wagons. We have the right goods at right prices. See us.--Johnson & Andrews, next door to Ringgold's.

The Crowell Holiday Company are opening a holiday store on the north side of the square in the brick building formerly occupied by the Crowell Grocery Company.

If you are in the market for a new buggy see Johnson & Andrews. They have the most stylish vehicles in town. Johnson & Andrews, next door to Ringgold's.

J. H. Lilly who is working on the Prairie View ranch called at the office Saturday and ordered the News a year for himself and also for his brother, C. E. Lilly, at Sabanno, Texas.

The Crowell Holiday Co. have opened up their store and have the finest display of that kind of goods ever brought to Crowell.

In this issue will be found their ad which you will do well to read.

We have rental property, merchandise, and Okla. and Mo. land in exchange for land in Foard and adjoining counties. List with us if you want a deal; we do the business.--J. E. Bray Land Co.

Meet me at Ferguson Bros.

"I Am Glad"

writes Mrs. Ethel Newlin, of Liberty Center, Ind., "that I began to take Cardui, for it has cured me, and I will never forget it. "I cannot praise Cardui too highly for what it did for me. Before I began to take it, I was very bad color, suffered great pain and weighed only 105 pounds. Now I have a good color, do not suffer and weigh 125 lbs."

Take CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

Beware of strong, noxious, mineral drugs, that sink into your system, like lead to the bottom of a basin of water.

Cardui is purely vegetable and contains no poisonous minerals, or dangerous drugs.

It is perfectly safe and harmless, for use by old and young, and may be taken, as a tonic, for months, without any possible harmful effect. Try it.

Mrs. J. D. Pinkerton returned Tuesday from Rule for a short stay, leaving Wednesday for Wichita Falls where she will join her husband. They will then visit in East Texas before going to California.

For rent one livery stable, known as the Blue Front, price \$30 per month. Also have 113 acres of land for sale or trade, all fenced, part in cultivation, most all tillable land. Will exchange for town property. Price \$20 per acre. Apply to owner, J. E. Collins. 37-11

The News for your job printing.

Meet me at Ferguson Bros.

To the Citizens of Crowell and Foard County, Greeting:

We wish to thank you one and all for your kind treatment and patronage which we have enjoyed for the past three years, which has enabled us to prosper as you have prospered. Your help has been a help to us, and we trust that we have been able to do something for you in the past that has been of material benefit to YOU, and now as the New Year will soon dawn upon us with all its possibilities, we wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year, and should adversity come to you, we are willing to help you along until the clouds have rolled away, as we have always tried to do, we ask you to make our Bank your Bank, and always feel at home with us, whether you have a dollar or not, we are, yours to serve, we GUARANTEE your deposits with an individual responsibility of over Three Million Dollars.

The Bank of Crowell

J. E. BRAY

T. F. BAKER

J. E. BRAY LAND COMPANY

We sell and exchange all kinds of lands, city property and merchandise. If you want results list your property with us, we can exchange it for what you want. Good Missouri, Oklahoma and Eastern property to exchange for land in Foard County.

CROWELL TAILORING AND HAT CO.

T. R. TALLEY, Proprietor

Cleaning, Pressing, Alterations, and Repairing
Old Hats Cleaned and Blocked

Give us a liberal share of your patronage and we will convince you that we do nothing but first-class work.
If our work pleases you tell others, if not, tell us

I HAVE now opened a jewelry shop in your city, and am prepared to do any kind of repairing in this line, I do nothing but first-class work, all work strictly guaranteed. Call and see me. Hart's drug store. **A. C. Gaines**
Glasses fitted.

E. F. Hart

DEALER IN

Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Dye-stuffs, Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Surgical Instruments, Books and Stationery, Also Brushes, Combs, Soaps, Extracts, Fine Perfumery, Fancy Articles, etc. Every article of best quality at lowest prices.

West Side Square

Crowell, Texas

HOW TO KEEP THE HUSBAND

Good Advice for the Wife to Follow When Her Spouse Becomes Cold and Indifferent.

Here is an article entitled "When Husbands Grow Cold," and the time designated is that in which the wife is irritable and complaining; all the time has some little headache or nervous tension on hand. She is not sick enough to excite sympathy, and very easily the husband becomes cold and indifferent. Then the article goes on to give this advice:
"Set about keeping yourself in perfect health. Diet, exercise, breathe deeply, take care of your complexion, dress your hair in a pretty and modest fashion, select your garments with tasteful care, and then occupy your mind with books and music, and, when it is possible, take an interest in outdoor sports; make new acquaintances and find subjects to talk about intelligently."

That seems to be good advice, whether needed or not. But the adviser goes on to insist that the woman should entertain her husband, command his admiration, and make him awfully lonely when she isn't around. But she will never do it by sniffling. It is a woman who writes that advice, else the word sniffling would not be used.

ONE MAID'S WISDOM



Miss Slick—Do you enjoy moonlight excursions?
Miss Slick—Not unless it's a cloudy day.

3=7=52

If you live in Foard County you want three meals a day, seven days a week, fifty-two weeks a year. The where to buy problem, the what to eat problem and how to save problem can be easily solved if you'll only come to this store to get your dining table supplies.

Our customers are healthy because they eat Pure Food. Our customers are contented because they save time, worry and money by trading at a Grocery store that gives full weight, full value or your money back.

Notice the Big Stick in our window.

Crowell Grocery Company

Two Doors North of Postoffice

SAN JOSE

is just outside of the city of San Antonio.

San Antonio is the biggest town in the biggest State in the Union, and is nationally known as the resort city of the Southwest.

Do you know of a resort town of over 100,000 people that does not support one or more suburban towns?

The Construction Company began laying the rails on the South Flores street car line which is being extended into San Jose. The water pipe that is being laid for San Jose's water supply will be completed this week.

Now with street cars and railroad transportation into San Antonio, with a complete waterworks system, free to the town, macadamized streets and cement walks, these lots will be worth from \$1,000 to \$3,000 in a short while.

Get in on the ground floor of this investment and buy now. \$10 down and \$10 per month buys one of these lots.

Write to us for more information.

TERRELL WELL COMPANY

A. D. POWERS, General Sales Manager
Gibbs Building San Antonio, Texas

SPELLING DEVICE.

A teacher who found her younger pupils very deficient in spelling has used this device with success. Each day the children write the spelling words from dictation, writing each word on every other line of the paper, dividing each into syllables. The papers are exchanged and corrected. Each child then takes scissors and cuts out each word spelled correctly, cutting each syllable apart. The cuttings are put in a box, each child takes a handful and is given two minutes to put as many words as he can together. The next minute he may go to any near neighbor and take any missing syllable. If the words are put in the box each day, at the end of the week the excitement becomes very great, as fifty or more different words may then be made.

WASTED TIME.

The hobbies of the rich collectors are sometimes as silly as those of the street boy. A French banker who died recently left a collection of 63,000 cigar bands, each differing in some particular from the others. These had cost him 50 years of smoking and had been arranged systematically in a number of specially constructed cabinets. None of his children shared his taste, so it was decided to sell the bands. When put up to auction the collection, which had entailed the expenditure of much time and money, realized 20 francs.

LITERAL INTERPRETATION.

"I'm glad they're going to take the pork barrel out of congress," said Mrs. Biggins, who had just returned from the ladies' class in current events.
"Indeed?" cried her husband.
"Yes; members of congress may not be able to economize on their lunches so easily, and they'll give more thought to the cost of living."

HIS OPPORTUNITY.

"I am going to propose to the most beautiful girl in town to-night."
"Why not do it right now? We are all alone."

Notice

This is to notify the public that we will be closed December the 26th, 1919, and January 2nd, 1920.

THE FIRST STATE BANK,
THE BANK OF CROWELL.

For Sale

I have three fine cows for sale, one fresh and others will be fresh in a short time. Also some chickens and pigs. W. E. Truesdell, Margaret, Texas.

Don't forget that we sell Moon Bros. buggies. The most durable and easiest riding buggy on the market for the money. Be sure to get the genuine Moon Bros. when you buy. Hughston-Henry & Co.

Mr. Ed Cates and Miss Ola McMillon were married Sunday. These young people are favorably known and live in the Catesville community. The News wishes them a happy married life, as they well deserve.

Uncle Ben Meason and family, Jack Meason and family and Tobe Yont and family all left Sunday for Big Sandy where they will make their future home. Uncle Ben sold his farm while the others rented theirs.

The wife of Mr. Buckhannan who lives some few miles from town died Sunday and was buried in the Crowell cemetery Monday. Mrs. Buckhannan had been in poor health for more than a year. The immediate cause of her death, we are told, was some form of lung trouble.

Dr. R. L. Kincaid received a telegram yesterday that his mother was dead and left on the afternoon train for the home at Garden City, Texas.

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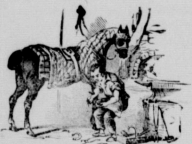
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BRAIN AND THE INTELLECT

Factors That Oppose the View That Size of Former Determines the Mental Capacity.

Many persons believe that there exists a distinct relationship between the size of the brain and intellectual capacity. There are certainly facts which run counter to this view. One salient example is that of the French statesman, Leon Gambetta, whose brain weighed only forty-two ounces. On the other hand, the heaviest brain weighed 84 ounces, in spite of the fact that he is stated to have been inclined to idleness. A brain weighing 82 ounces once belonged to a Scandinavian peasant, of whose intellectual status it may be said that "previous to the age of seventy he never showed signs of any extraordinary intelligence." A female Indian dwarf had a brain which weighed no less than 77 ounces, a trifle heavier than the brain of Tougenoff, the celebrated Russian novelist.

The average weight of the human brain has been variously put as from 32 to 58 ounces, and an analysis of the brain weights of 60 intellectual men works out at an average of 63 ounces, which is not much superior to the average. Evidently quantity of brain substance is of less importance than quality in respect to the possession of intellectual qualities of a high order.

CHEATING THE GUINEA BOYS

How the Natives Have Been Persuaded to Eat Wallaby Where the Delicacy is Scarce.

Human nature is pretty much the same everywhere, even in New Guinea, as the following story shows:

In certain parts of New Guinea, wallaby, a species of kangaroo, are very plentiful, and the traveler in search of sport finds the pursuit of them an exciting occupation. Wallaby steaks are a refreshing change from canned meats, and the natives are only too glad to have the remnants of the carcass.

On one occasion a Britisher had been ashore in one of the sparsely populated regions of the coast, and secured four wallaby, an ample supply for his whole party, native guides and servants included. But he found that, although wallaby is regarded as such a delicacy that no trouble is considered too great to obtain it, none of the native boys in the party would touch it.

This was a mystery until one of them explained that they had been trained in childhood in the belief that, if they ate wallaby before reaching a certain age, it would stop their growth.

These boys all belonged to the part of the country where wallaby are few and one can imagine the crafty old folks seated round the festive pot and winking at one another as the young people declined the succulent dainty.

CARNEGIE IN NEW ROLE.

The genius and thrift of the famous brothers Chambers, who left their mark on Scottish literature, have often been subjects of Dr. Andrew Carnegie's praise. He has long manifested a keen interest in the Chambers' institute, a remarkable memorial of the famous Scotsmen in their native town of Peebles. It is stated that he has placed £10,000 in the hands of the Master of Elibank, M. P., and Sir Henry Ballantyne for the purpose of remodeling, extending and generally improving the institute.—Exchange.

NEW WAY OF SERVING RICE.

More than 70,000,000 acres are annually put under rice in India, and samples of all the varieties produced have been analyzed. One of these is peculiar in that it is too glutinous to be boiled in the ordinary way. This difficulty is avoided by boiling it in bamboo tubes, and after being thus prepared it is left in the tubes to be eaten cold, especially by travelers. When the rice is to be eaten the bamboo is peeled off, and a long roll of rice appears, which forms an excellent substitute for bread.

REAL DILEMMA.

"What's the dilemma?" asked one small boy.
"Well," replied the other, "it's something like this: If your father says he'll punish you if you don't let your mother cut your hair, that's a dilemma."

PSYCHOLOGY OF TOUGH GANGS.

Block has examined 100 members of gangs and compared these young men with Columbia freshmen. Gang is the well known designation given to a company or band of young men acting together for a disreputable purpose.

Although he cites many authors, Block does not give a definition of a gang. He notes the marked inferiority in accuracy, memory, hearing and tactile sensation in contrast to the Columbia freshmen. The gangs have in their favor only eyesight, speed and estimation of time, and if a large number of subjects is taken different results may be obtained. When the finer faculties, as memory and accuracy, are taken into account the students are by far superior.—New York Medical Journal.

RANKS HIGH IN PROFESSION.

Ernest Rutherford, professor of physics in the University of Manchester, is the highest living authority on radio-activity. He is credited with the discovery that all matter in its ultimate constituents is the same, and many of the problems of arrangement and combination have been solved by him. Professor Rutherford was born in New Zealand in 1871. He was educated in his native country and went afterward to Trinity college, Cambridge. He was for a time professor of physics in McGill university, Montreal.

PLEASANT HONEYMOON.

The honeymoon is being spent on the south coast, the bride wearing a green costume with a black hat.—Herald, Wimbledon.

We know of few pleasanter distractions for the early days of married life.—Punch.

WORRYLESS WORRY.

"What a funny expression Mrs. Portly wears."

"Yes, she is trying to worry."

"Trying to worry?"

"Yes, she heard that worry would make a person thin, and she don't know how to worry."

A BATTLE-SCARRED HEROINE

Young Woman, When Asked How She Lost Her Leg, Was Always Ready to Answer.

There is a rather attractive young woman in Cleveland who had the misfortune to fall down stairs a few years ago and fracture one of her knees so badly that the limb had to be amputated. The young woman, of course, walks with the aid of crutches. She is not in the least sensitive about the matter, and she doesn't mind informing properly introduced people of the nature of the accident which marred her.

She has set a limit, however, and she was compelled to use it one afternoon recently. She got into a Payne avenue car and found herself in the same seat with a sharp-eyed woman who seemed to take a whole lot of interest in her and her crutches. She scrutinized the young woman's face carefully for a couple of minutes, then turned her attention to the workmanship of the crutches, which she even took the liberty to handle curiously. Then she looked the young woman over again, and leaned over to her: "D'ye mind tellin' me how you lost your leg?" she asked.

"Not in the least," responded the young woman, amiably. "I lost it in the battle of San Juan hill."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

FISH AND THE MOON.

A recent report of the Scotch fishery board mentioned a curious habit, which, according to fishermen, is associated with fish, the phases of the moon, it was asserted, having a very direct connection with the willingness of the fish to be netted. To test this theory statistics were obtained of the catch of herrings from 1860 to 1900, with the result that the biggest catches were found to have coincided with new moons and the smallest with full moons. The report suggested that a full moon enabled the nets to be seen much more easily than at the times of new moon or the crescent phase, or that the tides, which vary with the lunar phases, were possible factors in the matter.

New Food-Branding Law

Washington, Dec. 19.—As a result of a conference with a delegation of New York and Chicago business men today, Representative Mann of Illinois, chairman of the House Committee on Inter-state Commerce, will introduce tomorrow a substitute for his bill amending the pure food law relating to the branding of packages of food, drugs, medicines and liquors. The substitute which is designed to serve as a model for uniformity of legislation by the States on the subject, provides that if the net quantity of the contents of the packages is not plainly and conspicuously marked on the outside in terms of weight, measure or numerical count, the article will be deemed misbranded.

The bill is intended to take effect immediately upon passage, but no penalty will be enforced for any violation as to the products prepared prior to eighteen months after its passage.

Teachers' Institute

The teachers of Foard County met in their annual institute work Monday and elected Prof. Cavness president and Miss Nellie Southern secretary.

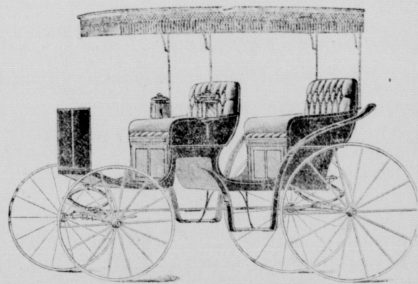
The attendance has been unusually good and the interest strong. Of the 34 teachers in the county 33 have answered to roll call each day and all have responded promptly to duty on the daily programs. Quite a number of people in town have availed themselves of the opportunity of frequent visits to the institute and report the discussion of the various subjects relating to their work intensely interesting.

Tresspass Notice

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AMERICAN GIRL'S SURPRISE

English Woman Writes Home About the Queer Doings on This Side of the Water.

A friend of mine has gone to the United States for her holidays and she sends me an account of her experiences so far at an hotel in Massachusetts, says a writer in the Lady's Pictorial.

"We are enjoying the usual bathing, motoring and sailing immensely," she says. "We cannot help, however, being somewhat surprised to see the young people going about together without a chaperon for whole days.

"They disappear after breakfast, return to their meals, or not, without anybody showing the least anxiety or concern. After dinner they are out walking, or are to be found on the piazzas until a very late hour. "They are mostly beautiful swimmers, and one sees them in the water in pretty black silk suits, trimmed with Irish lace, black silk stockings and black or bright-colored bandana handkerchief caps. The latter are also worn for motoring to keep the hair tidy under the hat, often no hat is worn at all.

"It is a great mystery to us where the women leave their husbands. They are in the hotel with their children, but only two men represent the stronger sex here. Everyone is very sociable; you know them all in 24 hours, and they invite you for a ride in their motors or a sail in their yachts after such a short acquaintance."

QUITE CORRECT



Jim—He says he has a weak heart. Jack—Well, he's right about it, at least it's brittle if it isn't weak. Why, his heart is broken by three or four girls every summer.

WONDERFUL IMPROVER.

F. H. Elliott, the secretary of the American Automobile association, laughed, at a dinner in New York, over some of the absurd claims made against automobiles.

"If an automobile runs over a pig," he said, "it is sure to be a blooded Berkshire. Every chicken slaughtered is a pedigree bird worth \$10 or \$20. A yellow argument car is a whitened-forger. A calf is always of Alderney or Guernsey blood."

Mr. Elliott smiled. "To tell the truth," he said, "molding seems to improve live stock like crossing it with an automobile."

WHEN HE DIDN'T DRINK.

Lord Talbot's Malahide, in a witty after-dinner speech, came out very strongly for woman suffrage. "Whenever I hear the suffrage contended," said Lord Talbot, "on the score of woman's protected, sheltered, petted life, I think of a poor woman I once questioned in England. This poor creature had been beaten by her husband in a drunken fury. The man had been drunk and appears, for on days running. 'My good friend,' I said to her, 'does your husband always drink like that?' 'No, my lord,' she answered, 'Sometimes I gets hold of work!'"

ACCOMMODATING.

Cobbie—I should like to loan you that \$10, old man, but I know it would be if I did—it would end our friendship.
Stone—Well, old chap, there has been a great deal of friendship between us. I think if you could make it \$5 we might worry along on half as much.—Laf.

HORSES AT LOWER PRICES.

Increase in the number of automobiles in New York is not bringing down the price of horses. The average price for a horse is \$119, and outlets cost \$14 more.

NEW WORK FOR LIBRARIAN

She Is Asked to Do Some Translating Into German to Please a Foreign Correspondent.

When the telephone bell rang Miss Longworth, the librarian, hastened to answer it. The day was stormy, and few people had been into the library, so that she was glad of an interview, even over the wires. She at once recognized the voice of one of the indefatigable "latest novel" readers.

"What can I do for you?" she asked, pleasantly. "Shall I have a parcel of books ready for Johnny to take up to you when he comes in after school? Three cards belonging in your family are here now."

"It's so stormy we kept Johnny at home," said the voice at the other end. "Can you—do you know German well?"

"Fairly," said the librarian; "do you? Would you like an interesting German story? I can choose two or three for you?"

"Merely, no!" came in a subdued shriek. "I couldn't read a word of them. Am you busy just this minute? If you aren't, would you spell out for me in German, 'I miss you worse and worse, and mother says my appetite isn't what it was.' My dearest friend is in Berlin, and I thought if I could just put that, underlined, at the end of my letter, it would mean so much more to her than if I said it in English. Please spell slowly because I can't write fast while I have to hold on to the receiver with my other hand. Now I'm ready to begin."

USE FOR CHARRED TREES

Partly Burned Cedars of the Far West to Be Utilized by Railways for Piling.

At last some use has been found for the great areas in the far west, where fires in times past have left behind them a track of blackened and charred trees. It has been found that the slight burning makes the trees singularly well adapted for service in exposed places and the engineers of the Santa Fe railroad have determined to give the idea a thorough test. With this purpose in view, they have contracted for 1,500 pieces from a tract of burned cedar. While these furnished in this order will be used entirely as piling, it is said that later on they will be used as supports for telephone and telegraph wires in places where the color would be no objection. If this experiment results well, and it is being closely watched all over the country, then the vast areas of burnt-over forest lands throughout the northwest will take on an added value and aside from the more value of the timber removed the clearing of the land will open the way for a new growth on land now covered with fallen trunks and branches.

LIKE A GAS METER.

"But don't judge a man by appearances," said Mayor G. S. Marshall, at a banquet in Columbus. "Jackson Wentworth, after an absence of thirty years, returned to the home of his youth. Jackson had a slight affection of the skin which made his nose very red. Hence, when he called at the parsonage, the old minister remarked: 'Mr. Jackson, my man, I'm afraid you've become a hard drinker.' 'Don't judge by appearances, Dr. Stentley,' said Jackson Wentworth. 'I hardly average two glasses of beer a week.'"

OVER THE TEACUPS.

"Clancy—Glory be, Mike! What's the weather wid your face? Did some man mistake ye for a strike-breaker?
Clancy—They did not; 'twas only me wife mistook me for a bride-fleet, begot!
Clancy (puzzled)—What do ye mean?
Clancy—She give me a gineros chiny stower!

HOPEFUL, INDEED.

"Is Muggius of an optimistical turn?"
"Is he! Why, he can laugh while he's playing solitaire."

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Texas Tax Values

Austin, Tex., Dec. 2.—The total taxable valuation of the state of Texas is \$2,382,637,058, according to the tax rolls which have been received by the Comptroller's Department. This is an increase of \$72,833,432 over the valuation of 1909, which was \$2,309,803,626. Likewise it is an increase of \$12,942,504 over the estimate prepared for the Automatic Tax Board when the State tax rates were fixed, the estimate giving a valuation of only \$2,369,695,554. The estimated valuation was an increase of \$59,791,928 over 1909, while the real figures taken from the rolls show an actual increase of \$72,833,432.

The year 1909 showed an increase of over \$100,000,000 over 1908, but the increase this year is considered remarkable on account of the drought throughout Texas. Though it be not as large as the increase of the previous year, general satisfaction is expressed with the amount of it, and it is regarded as a wonderful showing for the prosperity of the state.

The fact that the valuations show an increase over the estimates also means that the state will realize more from the ad valorem tax rate of 4c than was

accounted for when the estimates were made. This will increase the income from the ad valorem tax as well as from the school tax very neatly.

National Divorce Law

It is announced that the National Reform association which met in Pittsburgh recently will have a uniform divorce bill prepared and introduced in the legislature of every state. Obviously, if enacted in every commonwealth, it would put the Reno divorce mill out of business and the validity of a decree of separation granted in one state would never be questioned in another. If properly drawn a uniform divorce law might work admirably but it is evident that the National Reform League does not know that the Ohio legislature will have an abundance of trouble and responsibility this winter without tinkering with the divorce law, which has been a bone of contention ever since the days of the patriachs and the prophets. All the indications are that the Democratic lawmakers will be kept tolerably busy fulfilling party platform pledges and if the question of the material relation comes up the session will last all summer. Toledo Blade.