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There is usually a marked increase in the consumption of table luxuries during the festive season, and in this connection it is entirely important that consumers should use only the best and most reliable goods. Our "select" spices in glass and tin are prepared with extreme care and ground from highly cultivated and plantation grown stock directly imported by ourselves. We have absolute purity, full strength and fine flavor of these goods renders them at once the cheapest and most economical spices on the market. Our "Blonde" Coffee, O. G. Java and "Purity" Baking Powder are standards of excellence.

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To their multitude of friends and customers throughout the State, and wish them all

A Merry Christmas!

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.

GRAND DRAWING

Has Taken Place at E. BAUMAN'S, Christmas Eve, December 24.

Ticket No. 590 won the Seal Plush Coat;
Ticket No. 510 won the Silk Dress, and
Ticket No. 1415 won the French Pattern Hat.

The lucky holders of the above tickets will please call and get their presents.

E. BAUMAN.

DALLAS OPERA-HOUSE.

Grand Opera Festival.

RETURN OF THE FAMOUS EMMA

ABBOTT

Grand Opera Company.

Wednesday and Thursday Nights and Thursday Matinee,

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EMMA ABBOTT'S GREATEST ROLES.

Wednesday Night, Emma Abbott in

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Abbott, Greenwood, Pruette, Broderick, Connell and Signor Michela.

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Sale of Seats will open Wednesday Dec. 23, at 9 o'clock.

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COTTON FACTORS,

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Parties wishing money in advance of shipments are requested to correspond with us.

THE NEWS OF THE DAY.

INDICATIONS FOR TO-DAY.

For the West Gulf States: Fair weather, winds shifting from northeast to southeast, slight changes in temperature.

FOREIGN.

The London Times thirsts for martial law in Ireland—Fears are felt that the fatalities in the Welsh mine disaster will reach 100—The Balkans Congress may meet in Berlin—Troops are being disbanded in Peru. DOMESTIC.—Gen. Hazen is again in hot water, this time his official conduct in the postoffice department being assailed—There was a hot contest on the Wall Street Stock Exchange over the question of a Christmas opening or closing; the concern doesn't close—Schafer defeated Vignaux at Chicago—Thoughtful Cincinnati remembered the newboys last night—The Cincinnati firemen had to inaugurate Christmas eve fighting a fierce fire—An Illinois postoffice near Chicago was plundered by burglars—Sort of a high-low social circle divorce scandal is reported from the New York courts—A couple of brutal butcheries are reported from New Orleans—Maryland oystermen and police fought a naval battle—A case of deadly whitechaff is reported from Philadelphia.

STATE.

C. Anson Jones, Esq., was appointed special master in chancery, in connection with the recent Houston bank failure—A dispatch from El Paso reports an attack upon an Indian encampment in New Mexico and the slaughter of eleven hostile savages—The territory in the vicinity of the recent outrages is greatly aroused—Mr. Jas. B. Roberts, of Fort Worth, has just had extracted a bullet which he received during the late war—Gov. Ireland is sharply criticized at Waco for exercising the pardoning power in the case of Geo. W. Smith, convicted of an embezzlement—The senior member of the firm of L. Cohen & Bro. at Waco recently attacked a man at Waco took up with a stranger and was killed—Mrs. Anderson was attacked by a colored footpad while on her way to market in Waco and assaulted with a knife; her screams brought assistance and her assailant was driven off—Penison is still arrested and over the fire—Lee is still in jail—Pittsburgers are pleased over new coal mine developments—A stranger lifted a healthy money package from the express safe at Big Springs and skipped—Failures at Clarksville and Sherman.

RAILROADS.

A Dallasite decoyed into the Rumber's net talks of Texas roads on Wall Street—George Noble to succeed W. Ward Cummings—A letter advocating the Farmersville route for the Santa Fe—Conductors and brakemen organizing at St. Louis to resist anticipated wages reduction on the Gould roads—Rumor that Texas ticket agents will be asked to swear—Rumored closing of the Gordon coal mines.

THE CITY.

Commencement exercises—The river water question—Real estate transactions—An author on the silver question—Assignment of non-jury cases—Gone home to Christmas—An interesting marriage ceremony—Mr. Pires' case—The Courts—On a tear—Hymeneal—Hotel arrivals.

ROUTING REDSKINS.

Indian Camp Attacked and Eleven Savages Killed—Big Jim Commands. Special to The News.

EL PASO, Dec. 24.—Southern and Central New Mexico is wild with excitement over the ravages of the Indians, and in numerous localities the people are discussing the propriety of putting local troops in the field. A number of volunteers, well trained, are already out and it is now stated that in the raid upon an Indian encampment, early yesterday, eleven savages were killed and thirty of their horses were captured. The party was mainly composed of Mexican residents, and acted under the guidance of "Big Jim," a colored deputy sheriff. The raid took place before daylight. The savages were encamped in the vicinity of the railroad between Clifton and Lordsburg, and the volunteers approached them by riding on a train. The news reached Las Cruces to-day, having been brought by a runner, and had the effect of greatly quieting the people of the town. The savages are all well armed but were completely surprised and fled without making much resistance. They threw down their arms and scattered through the mountains on foot.

HE'S FIXED FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

A Crook Abstracts About \$400 from an Express Safe at Big Springs and Skips. Special to The News.

BIG SPRINGS, Dec. 24.—The safe of F. L. Bacon, agent for the Texas Express Company, was robbed during the day of Dec. 22 of a money package containing \$369 70, but the loss was not discovered for some time, owing to the failure of the consignee, a Mr. McKenzie, to call for it. Suspicion at once fastened upon a cripple who has been around Big Springs for some time, and seemingly without money. From the conductor of the westbound train it is learned that the cripple went to El Paso and displayed quite a sum of money during the trip. It is said to-day he is by this time in the land of the Montezumas.

It is learned that W. A. Lessing, the slayer of Quinn, has been released on bail in the sum of \$2500 by the District Court now in session at Colorado City. This causes considerable surprise among Quinn's friends.

A POSTOFFICE ROBBED.

Masked Men, with Cocked Pistols, Make a Big Scoop at Mt. Forest, Ill.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The postoffice and general merchandise store at the suburban village of Mt. Forest, sixteen miles out of the city, was entered by four masked men early this morning. One of them covered W. J. Cronin, postmaster and proprietor, and his assistant with a revolver, while others ransacked the place. They secured \$200 in cash, \$150 worth of postage stamps, Mr. Cronin's gold watch and a number of miscellaneous articles, to the total value of \$1000. Wm. Freeman, alias Kane, has been arrested on suspicion of being one party.

Alleged Austin Murderer Arrested. Special to The News.

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 24.—An affidavit was this morning made by Officer Curley Martin against a colored man named John Seay, charging him with being implicated in the recent murder of Grace Vance, one of the victims in the recent epidemic of crime in Austin. Seay has been placed in jail and the Austin authorities communicated with.

AFFAIRS IN FOREIGN LANDS.

HARSH ANTI-HOME RULE SENTIMENTS.

Status of the Balkans Congress Matter—Close Vote in the French Chambers—The Welsh Mine Disaster.

THE HOME RULE SUBJECT.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The Times, without advocating any plan of home rule for Ireland, suggests that the Irish difficulty would be solved in three months by excluding the eighty-six Nationalists from the House of Commons and declaring martial law throughout Ireland.

A SEQUEL TO EGAN'S EXPRESSIONS.

His representative has called to-night to the Boston Globe as follows: "The truculent manifesto issued by President Egan, called you last night, was likely to cause ill feeling, is followed to-day by an editorial in the London Times, to the effect that perhaps the best thing to do with Ireland would be to place the country under martial law and expel all the Nationalists from the British Parliament. Startling as this proposition seems, there is not a shadow of doubt that the invitation of the English people at the apparently dictatorial attitude assumed by the Irish party, is almost sufficient to support a bold plan of action, and few persons familiar with the prevailing feeling in England allow themselves to suppose that the time has come when any party, Liberal or Conservative, can maintain the supremacy of its majority that depends upon Irish votes. An Englishman is an Englishman first, and a party man second—when Ireland is concerned, at least; and Mr. Gladstone will hardly be able to prevent his Whig friends from joining his Conservative opponents' efforts to oppose the idea of bowing to the Parnellite demands."

IRELAND.

A MURDERER CONFESSES.

CORK, Dec. 24.—Wm. Sheehan, convicted on Saturday last of the murder of his mother, his brother Thomas and his sister Hannah Sheehan, and sentenced to be hanged on Jan. 20, next, has made a confession, exculpating his brother-in-law, Daniel Browne, from all participation in the murder.

BOYCOTTING RESUMED.

The arrangement by which the Cork Steam Packet Company was to agree to the terms of the cattle dealers has not yet been consummated. At the last moment a quarrel arose between the representative of the company and the drovers and both parties refused to sign the agreement. The boycotting of the steamship company has been resumed.

THE ARCHBISHOP IS BETTER.

DUBLIN, Dec. 24.—The most Rev. Marcus Garvey Beresford, archbishop of Armagh, who was thought to be dying a few days ago, is recovering.

PERU.

TROOPS DISBANDED.

Special to The News.

LIMA, via Galveston, Dec. 24.—The remaining forces of Col. Relyazie entered the city yesterday and all men wishing to leave the ranks were allowed to do so, each receiving one silver dollar. The battalion of young men which was formed to do duty at the palace and preserve order in the city during the absence of the police force were disbanded yesterday, with the return of the police force to their duties and the re-establishment of order. It is no longer considered necessary that ex-President Iglesias and his ministry should continue in the city.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY ARE RAPIDLY PUSHING FORWARD PREPARATIONS FOR THE INAUGURATION OF THEIR SYSTEM.

The Government has charged its representative here to impress upon the council of ministers the desirability of reconsidering the contract entered into April 10 last between the Iglesias Government and the Callao Dock Company, it being prejudicial to the commerce and prosperity of the people.

CHILL.

A COSTLY THEATER.

VALPARAISO, Dec. 24.—Concerts will be given in the Municipal Park to celebrate Christmas.

It is stated the construction of the new theater up to the present time has cost \$400,000, and it will require \$100,000 more to complete it. It is expected to be finished by the 1st of January.

A NEW PAPER.

SANTIAGO, Dec. 24.—On Monday next a new paper called the Figaro will be published with the object of supporting Senator Jose Manuel Solmaceda, the Liberal candidate for the Presidency of the Republic. Several well known writers will contribute to this paper.

WALES.

THE TERRIBLE MINE TRAGEDY.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A dispatch from Pont-y-Fridd, Wales, states that searching parties have been working all night and still continue at their task in hope of recovering the bodies of the unfortunate miners who lost their lives in the Lerridde pit by the fire damp explosion last evening. Seventy-five bodies have already been recovered, and grave fears are entertained that the number killed will reach fully 100, if no more. The scenes in and around the entrances to the mine are pitiful in the extreme, as each body is identified by some relative or friend, and their lamentations are heart rending. Women with their children cluster around the corpse of husband and father, wringing their hands and tearing their hair in their agony of grief.

FRANCE.

A CLOSE SHAVE.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The Chamber of Deputies this evening voted the grant of 75,000,000 francs asked by the government for the continuance of operations in Tonquin. The vote was 274 in favor of the grant to 270 for the reduction to 19,000,000 francs recommended by the Tonquin committee. The majority in favor of the government is so small as to lead to rumors that the Brisson ministry will deem it equivalent to a vote of censure and will resign.

THE BALKANS QUESTION.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—It is now believed that the January congress of the powers to settle the Balkans question will be held at Berlin instead of Vienna, in deference to Prince Bismarck's expressed wish. It is supposed that the chancellor desires to withdraw the congress from the influences that would inevitably surround it at the Austrian court in favor of the anti-Russian party. Greece has issued another note to the powers demanding a ratification of her frontier and asserting that Turkey has never given her what the treaty of Berlin prescribed. Greece will press these claims before the congress at Berlin this month, and thus still further complicate the labors of the ambassadors.

ENGLAND.

A LULL IN POLITICS.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Little attention is paid to politics in these first hours of the holiday season. The customary rejoicings and festivities are in full swing and everything else is, for the moment, laid aside. The theaters are doing an excellent business, especially the holiday pantomimes.

A CONGO RAILWAY GRANT.

The concession to construct and operate a railway between the upper and lower sections of the Congo River has been granted to the Congo Railway Company, organized in Manchester. The contract was signed today. The company's first issue of stock will be for £1,000,000. Books of subscription will be opened on Jan. 14.

TURKEY.

RECRUITING VIGOROUSLY.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The conscription of recruits for the Turkish army is being rigorously enforced in Thessaly, and is bringing ruin upon the country by the draining of its laborers, shepherds and husbandmen.

SCOTLAND.

THE PIG IRON INDUSTRY.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The amount of pig iron made in Scotland during 1885 will be 1,008,562 tons. The stock on hand amounts to 384,935 tons.

BUSINESS TROUBLES.

FAILURE AT CLARKSVILLE.

CLARKSVILLE, Dec. 24.—J. M. Anderson, general merchant at Clarksville and Annona, gave a mortgage of trust to-day to W. B. Aiken, Lewis C. Stiles and the Citizens' Bank, giving possession of his entire stocks of goods at the two places, to sell and appropriate the proceeds to the payment of home creditors. The secured creditors hold claims amounting to over \$1800, the mortgages being the chief beneficiaries. The assets will probably cover the amounts secured, but there are supposed to be many outside creditors whose importunities hastened on the finale.

ATTACHED.

MONTEREAL, Dec. 24.—Drexler, Morgan & Co. have attached the stock yards property of A. Acer & Co., of this city, for a claim of \$40,000.

BRUTAL BUTCHERIES.

Two Cruel and Unprovoked Killings Reported from New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—Two unprovoked murders, occurred here to-day. Ben Lee, an aged colored man, occupying an isolated house on Gentilly road with his family, was called to his door and shot down by James Jackson, who was abetted by Moss Williams, both negroes. Lee had a quarrel with these men some time ago. The two murderers escaped into a swamp.

Bob Bell, who lost his position as policeman of the criminal court some time ago, for tampering with witnesses in behalf of his brother-in-law, Joe Casey, a notorious tough, on trial for murder, and who since has been employed at the exposition, was shot in the backbone by another brother-in-law, William Casey, and instantly killed. Bell has been drunk for two days, and to-day was found and carried home by his wife. William Casey says that as soon as he entered the house Bell began to beat his wife brutally and threatened him. Shortly after Bell renewed the quarrel and drew a revolver, when he (Casey) fired on him twice. Pat Casey, William's brother, who was present, corroborates his brother, but Mrs. Bell declares that her husband was shot down without cause or provocation by her brothers in her presence. The Casseys were arrested.

THE FIRE RECORD.

AT CINCINNATI.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 24.—One of the most stubborn fires with which the department in this city has had to contend for some time occurred at 7 o'clock to-night at No. 17 Public Landing. Just after the alarm had been sent in and before the engines arrived there was an explosion and dense sheets of flames burst from the lower windows of the building, which is occupied by the Western Paint and Roofing Company. The establishment is five-stories high and the floors were all loaded with oil, grease and other combustible material. Half an hour after the fire was discovered the floors had fallen in and the building was a complete wreck. The Western Paint and Roofing Company's loss is estimated at \$40,000 and \$50,000. Insurance on the building was owned by Geo. W. Schoenberger and was valued at \$30,000 and is only partially insured. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

SANTA CLAUS AT CINCINNATI.

How he Treated Poor Little Urchins Who Sell Daily Newspapers.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 24.—The Evening Post of this city to-night tendered the newboys a Christmas benefit at Music Hall. Ten thousand tickets had been issued, and the immense hall was crowded with people. Mayor Smith and Edwin Stevens, president of the Chamber of Commerce, made short speeches and several persons of local prominence addressed the urchins. The programme was furnished by the newboys themselves and included songs, recitations, dances, etc., eliciting frequent applause. At 10:30 one of the editors, disguised as Santa Claus, made a liberal distribution of presents to the boys, each one receiving a substantial token of his appreciation of their services.

A Building Collapsing.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 24.—At 7 o'clock this evening the third floor of Nos. 55 and 60 Hanover street, crashed down into the second floor, the support having given away. The third floor is occupied by Albert B. Schultz, show case manufacturer, and the second by Wm. Riddolph as a prayer warehouse. The front walls are bulged out and the whole building is in danger of collapsing. Travel on that portion of Hanover street is prohibited.

Charged With Crookedness.

WOBURN, Mass., Dec. 24.—Thomas A. Hill, water registrar and clerk of the Board of Sinking Fund Commissioners, was to-day held in \$2000 bond for the grand jury in charge of forging the name of James Maguire, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, to his bond. The case is arousing great interest.

THE TORMENTING TRIPLE TIE.

THE PLAY-OFF IS AGAIN ATTEMPTED.

Hippodrome Insinuations Refuted—Schafer Wins Over Vignaux to a Small but Admiring Audience—Sporting Notes.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The play-off of the second tie for the champion billiards of the world commenced to-night between the Parisian Vignaux and Schafer, the New Yorker. The attendance in Music Hall was light, because of the wide spread impression that the match was a hippodrome. In billiard circles, however, it is asserted that this could not possibly be the fact, because of the well known antipathy of Schafer and Slosson for each other. They are far from good friends—so far that they "never speak as they pass by."

Schafer caught the black ball on the bank, as usual, and he rolled up 30. Vignaux only caught 1 and Schafer followed with a Christmas egg, as did also Vignaux.

Small runs ran along until the seventh inning, when Schafer captured 82 in a bunch, leaving the game: Schafer 100, to Vignaux 123. Schafer again

FULL DOWN HIS CARBIDAN JACKET and rattled off 51 buttons with an almost continual click. The nervous ball-shover never seemed more nervous.

Vignaux ran against space and he got it, leaving the game on the twelfth inning: Schafer 226, Vignaux 161. In the fourteenth inning the Frenchman took a reef in his shirt collar and began battling with the balls. He gathered studs for his wife and pairs of shirt front jewels to the number of 100.

Vignaux broke upon the fifteenth inning on an easy masse, after a run of 60.

In the seventeenth inning Schafer got the balls in the lower left corner and executed the wonderful work of holding the objects across the balk line equivalent for 51 billiards, the ivory never going more than an inch apart. He dropped on an easy pull. In the second inning of the twenty-second inning, at the thirty-second shot, Vignaux was saved by

A RANK "SCRATCH," the object ball rolling out of all calculated distance, but kissing pleasantly, and at the proper time. It seemed to be a lucky circumstance, as he kept hammering away until eighty more were added in the records.

In the twenty-eighth inning Schafer made his thirty-run of 61, with the game 668 for the French, and Germany with 433. In the beginning of the twenty-ninth inning, Schafer warmed up and entered upon one of his phenomenal runs. The play was open, principally all-round the table at times, and again he would cluster them down the center, kissing, coaxing and cuddling the spheres, but they would break badly every half-dozen shots. Finally the little New Yorker got them in good humor, and while the audience observed in silent hours at times, the globes kept good company until tapped heavily in a difficult masse at the end of

SPORTING NOTES.

NEW ORLEANS RACES.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—First Race, one mile and an eighth; Ligan first, Hot Box second, Rowdy Boy third. Time—2:04. Second Race—One mile and a sixteenth; Violin first, Brown second, Rio Grande third. Time—1:59 1/2. Third Race—One mile; Gov. Roberts first, Tack second, Shoby third. Time—2:03. Fourth Race—One mile and an eighth; John Sullivan first, Mordaunt second, Beechenbrook third. Time—2:03 1/2. The next races will be run Friday.

KING VS. KITTSON.

Another Very Sensational Divorce Case with a Bon Ton Boy in It

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Details of a sensational nature were related to-day in the Supreme Court before Judge Donohue, in the matter of the claim of a woman known as Mary King, and also as Almira Clark, for alimony and divorce from H. L. Kittson, a young son of the wealthy stock raiser, Commodore Kittson. The woman, who is said to be the proprietress of a disreputable house at 515 Sixth avenue, presented affidavits that young Kittson married her on April 25, but abandoned her soon afterward. She asserts that young Kittson is wealthy and able to support her or pay her expenses. Young Kittson, in his affidavit in reply to her charges, swears that he was under age in July; that he has no property, but is supported by his father, with whom he lives at the Windsor Hotel; that he knows nothing of the alleged marriage, except that he went to the woman's house on April 24, became intoxicated, lost consciousness and was afterwards told by her that he had married her in the house, a clergyman having been called in for that purpose; that he repudiated the woman's claims and was not in his right senses or capable of contracting a marriage at the time referred to. Mary King, the defendant's mother, testified that the woman King or Clark called twice at her rooms in the Windsor Hotel and claimed that young Kittson was her husband, and that she would make him live with her. Upon being ordered out, the woman threatened to kill both Mrs. Kittson and her son. Com. Kittson testified that his son has no property except what he chooses to give him from time to time, and that he depended on him for support. Judge Donohue reserved his decision.

A Strange Corpse.

PELHAM, Ill., O., Dec. 24.—A four-year-old daughter of Usher Bashon died Sunday and was buried Monday. The undertaker noticed a peculiar rigidity of the body and unusual hardness of the flesh, as though petrified, but no investigation was thought necessary. Tuesday, however, the father became exercised about the matter and took the body up. It is now at the home of Dr. Charles B. Mason, the appearance excites the amazement of all who have seen it. Its flesh on every part of the body is as hard as iron and gives forth a dull ringing sound when rapped with knuckles. No embalming fluid was used.

THE LOCAL NEWS FROM WACO

A DASTARDLY OUTRAGE PERPETRATED.

Gov. Ireland Criticised for Issuing a Pardon.—A Bankrupt Merchant Arrested. The Inventory and Attachments.

Special to The News.

Waco, Dec. 24.—J. W. Neilly was brought in from Moody to-day and committed, charged with horse stealing. The arrest was an astonishment to all who knew him. He is very respectably connected and his parents are possessed of means. The prisoner says the charge is a mistake, as will be established when he has a hearing.

THE GOVERNOR CRITICISED.

Gov. Ireland is being sharply criticised for using the pardoning power in the case of Geo. W. Smith, convicted at the last term of the District Court on a plea of guilty and sentenced to a term in the penitentiary for embezzlement.

MISPLACED CONFIDENCE.

A mild mannered, soft voiced individual named Charles French talked himself into good fellowship with J. W. Inabnit, of West Station. After taking in the city as sober and obedient strangers, they put up at the Farmers' House.

THE WILSON-HUNTER TRAGEDY.

President Wilson, who had the fatal rencontre with Allen Hunter, on Sunday, at Bosqueville, came in to-day and surrendered himself to the authorities. The facts in the case are substantially those wired to THE NEWS at the time of the killing.

A BOLD OUTRAGE.

A bold and dastardly outrage was perpetrated at 7 o'clock this morning within earshot of the City Hall. As Mrs. Alice Anderson was on her way to market she was confronted by a barefooted negro who demanded her money.

Weatherford.

WEATHERFORD, Dec. 24.—Last night City Marshal D. C. Bratton (was in a saloon on the north side of the square when a Mr. John Nolan began violently to abuse him.

Denton.

DENTON, Dec. 24.—The Knights of Labor ball and banquet last night was a grand success. About \$50 above expenses was realized, which has been forwarded to the Knights at Galveston, who were sufferers by the great fire.

MANOR.

Sad Accident to a Little Boy—A Big Christmas Tree.

Special to The News.—MANOR, Dec. 24.—A little son of John French, who lives near this place, arose this morning, went into the yard, and climbed a tree by a pole that was against it.

Jefferson.

JEFFERSON, Dec. 24.—In the District Court the order of business as announced from the bench is as follows: The State docket was set for the first and second weeks of the term, the civil jury docket for Monday of third week, Jan. 4. But several capital cases having been set for days in the third week leaves the court at leisure to take up the non-jury docket and the demurrer docket on Monday of the second week, Dec. 29. Those cases on the non-jury docket should be in attendance on the 25th, those whose cases are on the civil

GENERAL WASHINGTON NEWS

MR. SPARKS MAKES ANOTHER RULING.

The Muss Mr. Mueller Has Made—Gen. Hazen Again in Official Hot Water—Other Capital Cullings.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—John L. Graves of Missouri has been appointed special timber agent of the general land office.

IN ANOTHER HARD POINT DECIDED.

In the case of William J. Hamilton vs. the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, involving the claims of settlers to a tract of land within the limits of the grant, which was resisted by the company on technical grounds, respecting the original settler's qualifications as pre-emptor, Commissioner Sparks holds, that the settlement of the claim proven by occupation and improvement, although not placed on record, excepts the land from withdrawal and that the railroad company cannot be heard to attack the settler's qualification or compliance with the law under the public land laws of the United States.

IT IS FEARED THAT THE PUBLICATION OF CONSUL GENERAL MUELLER'S REPORT TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT, WITH ITS INDISCREET REFERENCES TO GERMANY'S HATED AMERICAN IDEAS, ETC., WILL RENDER OUR RELATIONS WITH GERMANY MORE STRAINED THAN THEY HAVE BEEN.

It is feared that the publication of Consul General Mueller's report to the State Department, with its indiscreet references to Germany's hated American ideas, etc., will render our relations with Germany more strained than they have been. It probably lead to Mr. Mueller's recall. Mr. Mueller is known as a "forty-eighter," or one of those forced to leave Germany on account of being connected with the revolution of 1848.

AGAIN AFTER HAZEN.

The Star says that Mr. Moses Bradshaw, the private secretary of ex-Representative Robeson, of New Jersey, who was private secretary of Judge Gresham, when he was Postmaster General, intends, it is said, to renew the fight against Third Assistant Postmaster General Hazen, which he began when he was in the department.

STATE CAPITAL NOTES.

New Charters—Public Revenue—Something on the Tap in Land Matters.

AUSTIN, Dec. 24.—The following charters were filed to-day: Felton Foundry and Manufacturing Company of Texarkana; capital \$20,000. The Lasker Real Estate Association of Galveston; capital \$50,000. Incorporators W. Lasker, Leon Blum, B. Adoue, Jake Davis and Julius Rumm.

Illicit Still Raided.

Special to The News.

SULPHUR SPRINGS, Dec. 24.—Collector Henderson and Deputy United States Marshal J. E. Robertson have been planning a trip to capture an illicit still in Franklin County, and yesterday he and Deputy Marshal Robertson left with two good men.

Overdosing a Patient. Sick Husband—

Did the doctor say that I am to take all that medicine?—Yes, dear. Sick Husband—Why there is enough in that bottle to kill a mule. Wife anxiously—Then you had better be very careful, John.

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TRYING TO SAVE THE PIECES

FROM THE BROKEN BANK AT HOUSTON.

C. Anson Jones Appointed Special Master in Chancery—Proceeding by Creditors and Action of the Court.

Special to The News.

HOUSTON, Dec. 24.—Many of the creditors and depositors of the City Bank appeared, through their attorneys, before Judge Masterson, sitting at chambers, this morning, to ask that a co-receiver with Capt. B. F. Williams be appointed to handle the affairs of the collapsed institution. The court was opened at 11 o'clock, but the principal object, the appointment of a co-receiver was not made on account of the attorneys not having their petition ready. The matter was, however, at their request, laid over till 8 o'clock this afternoon, when the Judge announced that he appointed C. Anson Jones, Esq., as special master in chancery in the case.

INTER OCEAN.

He died at dawn in the land of snows.

A priest at the left, a priest at the right; The doomed man praying for his pitiless foes, And each, with holding a low dim light To pray for the soul of the dying.

But Windsor Castle was far away; And Windsor Castle never so gay, With her gorgeous banners flying.

The hero was hung in the windy dawn—" 'Twas splendidly done, the telegraph said: A creak of the neck, then the shoulders drawn: A heave of the breast—and the man hung dead.

And oh, never such valiant dying! And Windsor Castle was never so gay, With its fops and its foibles on that windy day, And its thousand banners flying!

Some starving babes where a stark stream flows; 'Twas winding banks by an Indian tow; A frenzied mother in the freezing snow; While softly the pitying snow comes down To cover the dead and the dying.

But Windsor Castle seemed never so gay— She was sowing red dragons' teeth that day— While God's four winds were flying!

—JOAQUIN MILLER.

A Postal Engineer.

The following is an exact copy of the report made by an engineer to the traffic manager of the New Jersey division of the Pennsylvania Railroad:

Now, Mr. Sanford, you wish me to state the cause of detention to five sixty-eight. The wind was high and the steam was low. And the train behind was a heavy tow. And the steam was poor and wouldn't burn. The steam was gone and wouldn't return. And so we stopped upon the hill. And the angels whispered, "Peace, be still." The steam was exhausted, the engine, too. And so we cut the train in two. And that's the way we got it down. To the far famed city of Bardonia never so gay. Now, Mr. Sanford, don't feel cross. But show this report to Mr. Moss. And he if he chooses to Mr. Waite. And lay all the blame to five sixty-eight.

—Exchange.

A Great Treasure.

By the death of Mrs. Newberry the city of Chicago secures the greatest endowment for a public library the any American city holds.

The late Walter L. Newberry was one of the early settlers of Chicago, who "entered" a large tract of land on the north side, and had the sagacity or the inertia to hold on to a large part of it through all periods of panic as well as through all periods of speculation. He died on board a steamer between Liverpool and New York some seventeen years since, leaving a widow and two daughters. He left a will giving one-half of his estate for the purposes of a public library to be situated in the north division of Chicago provided his daughters should die without issue but this provision of the will was not to be executed until after his wife's death. The two daughters died without issue, and now the death of the widow is announced by a cable telegram from Paris. The portion of the estate which falls to the daughter is estimated at \$2,500,000. When Mr. Newberry died there seemed to be slight chances that the city would ever get this benefaction. The two daughters, being attractive as well as rich, were most anxious to avoid the risk of being married and becoming the mothers of families, the more especially as one provision of the Newberry will left the bulk of the estate to the daughter who should first be the mother of a male child, and should give him the name of Walter Newberry. Both daughters died of consumption a few years after the death of the father. So Chicago now comes by her own, in part, for the advance in real estate which has made this great benefaction possible might equitably be claimed as a public dowry. Certainly Mr. Newberry did very little to earn the \$2,500,000, unless it be earning to deny one's self of the luxuries and even the comforts which wealth puts in one's reach. He was an extremely pious man, and one of the least public-spirited of all the wealthy men whom the unexampled growth of Chicago has heaped great riches. But the whirlwind of time has not only given Chicago the means for establishing the greatest public library in the land, but has rescued from the hands of Walter Newberry from oblivion and inscribed it among those of the benefactors of the human race.

GLOVES FOR ALL TASTES.

Pearl browns are taking the lead. Undressed kids generally are in very good demand. The greatest demand in kid gloves is still for four buttons.

There is an active trade in cashmere gloves, both in color and black. In kid gloves there seems to be an increasing demand for five buttons, pinked tops. The expected demand for five-button kids has not reached all expectations; it is about equal to that of six buttons.

There has been such a large demand for suede gloves that stocks have run very low and in some cases entirely exhausted.

In mosquitoes the demand for eight buttons as a street glove has held its own for undressed; glace has decreased to minimum.

The "Normandie" kid glove is meeting with great success on account of the new system of cut employed in its manufacture and the fine quality of the goods and workmanship.

With the coming ball and opera season an active request will make itself felt for undressed and in good shape, and is said to be undressed from twelve to thirty buttons length, without lace.

Evening gloves for ladies run from four to twenty-two buttons, and from the length of them the inference is they come above the shoulder. Unfortunately, however, they are not that kind of gloves.

Fran A.—"Ach? How dull and sad your children always seem." Fran B.—"Yes, alas! My husband and I have done all we could to make them cheerful, but even whippings from his side have no good effect."

A special novelty in kid gloves is a long mousquetaire or button glove, of undressed kid (chevreuse), with what is called "Jovian" (or "Tyrol") chain stitching on the back. This stitching resembles a fine, close satin braid on the two outside rows, while the other is a fine, irregular line of cord silk stitches. The stitching matches the gloves in color, and is in no way conspicuous, but extremely effective, and is said to make the hand more slender. This will be one of the most popular styles for the coming season.

A New Daily Paper.

EL PASO, Dec. 24.—The Evening Tribune, the new daily newspaper, was issued here this afternoon. Charles W. Green, formerly editor of the New Mexican, of Santa Fe, is publisher. It is well edited and printed like the Daily Bulletin, another newspaper. The Tribune will take the place of the Times. The Times also take them, and in a few days a lively newspaper war will be waged in the city.

WEST TEXAS STOCK NOTES.

El Paso Land and Stock Journal.

Messrs. Miller & Erskine, Tom Green County, recently purchased a lot of fine Hereford bulls from Fort Worth parties.

J. W. Riddle and S. V. W. Jones, of Eagle Pass, have formed a partnership to kill the deer and sheep on the New Mexico range for cars. The first shipments are to be made this week.—Texas Stockman.

Americans have paid to English breeders in the last six or eight years nearly or quite \$2,000,000 for their cattle. They have probably paid for transportation these cattle to America, and the expense of putting them through quarantine, nearly \$700,000 altogether.

The Presidio County News notes the arrival of Mr. Don Lu Frelis, of Falls County, Tex. Mr. Frelis arrived a few days in advance of his cattle, which number 1000 head, which he intends locating near Fort Davis, provided he can obtain suitable range for them.

Mr. Seymour of Richards & Seymour, came in from Presidio County Saturday and called on the Stockman. His firm is holding 6000 beeves on Col. Ellison's range, and will drive them through to Montana in about a week. He reports that the range near Presidio County filling up quite rapidly with stock, too rapidly, he fears, for the good of that county.—Texas Stockman.

The large cattle herds continue to emigrate westward to newer and wider ranges. The man with the herds is coming in so fast that the long horns barely get away without having their tails chopped off. The last two days Durant Bros. shipped thirty cars of cattle to their new ranch north of Toyahvale. Lynch shipped five cars to W. W. Tuttle, El Paso, and W. Mills shipped six cars to C. M. London, Russell Creek, I. T. These are all parts of large herds which have ranged about here in five or six years and make a total of about 600 cars shipped from Abilene to new ranges the past six months. Their places are being filled with finer stock on farms. This land is so rich and the soil so fertile, that tempting to the thrifty farmer to longer remain free to the longhorn.—Abilene Reporter.

FORT DAVIS NEWS.

Mr. Levin Stewart, of Presidio, is quite sick at Marfa. Dr. George saw him Tuesday evening and says he certainly has sunstroke.

Mr. Tom Merrill left last Friday with several car-loads of cattle for the New Orleans market. Mr. Chas. Mahle was the pioneer shipper, and he did well with his shipment.

We are informed that Mr. J. F. Ellison, the new commissioner, will prove quite an acquisition to the people here. He has announced a good worker and possesses a store of sound judgment.

County Commissioners' Court met on last Monday at Marfa for the transaction of business. Authority was granted by them to the County Judge to advertise for bids to build a courthouse and jail, not to exceed \$75,000 for both, buildings to be of stone and brick; all bids to be in by Jan. 2, 1886.

There are four cases of smallpox at Murphyville. Mr. Walker, J. C. Bird, Willie Nations and Mr. McKinney are now down with the much dreaded disease. Mr. Bird attended the races recently at Presidio, and it is presumed that he contracted the disease whilst there, as it is raging near there on the river to an alarming extent.

Mr. R. B. Kelley was attacked in his own house at Marfa on Saturday evening about 5 o'clock by four Mexicans, who assailed him with their knives, evidently with the intent of carrying him up in good shape. They cut him across the cheek, about the throat, and made an ugly gash across his throat, which fortunately did not sever the jugular vein. Mr. Kelley killed a Mexican at Marfa on the 1st of November last, and this party was, no doubt, a self-constituted body of avengers. Mr. Kelley knows all of the perpetrators by sight, and will readily identify them on any occasion offered. They made good their escape, and are now plucky, no doubt, their avocation in the sunny clime of Mexico. Kelley was doing well at last accounts.

CHRISTMAS EVE.

How It Was Celebrated at the Churches—Numerous "Trees."

"Christmas comes but once a year, and when it comes it brings good cheer." At least the little folks who are the recipients of the many copious gifts of confections, baskets of fruits and numerous toys with which the Christmas trees at the various churches were laden last evening, think so. And they were all out of their little beds at a later hour than usual last night in attendance upon the festivals at each one's own place of worship or Sunday-school. The children are many, but all of them appear to have been well provided for. Nearly every church in the city had a Christmas tree and every Christmas tree was laden with fruits, confections and toys sufficient for all who had demands upon it. One lady was heard to regret the absence of one of the pupils of the mission chapel with a degree of solicitude that indicated how well the flock is watched and tended when one little lamb from so large a number is so quickly missed. But then in the arrangement of the trees provision was made for all and all were expected.

There is a good deal of sameness about Christmas trees. Some are handsomer than others and richer in display, some are larger than others and more fruitful, but all are alike in their general character and purpose, and what is said of one will generally serve for all, and that is the presents were freely distributed, and the hearts of the children were gladdened while the elders looked on with conscious pride and pleasure, and many a bright and youthful aspiration were excited by just such occasions as that of their later day Christmas eve.

A novel feature of the Baptist Church celebration was the contribution of a potato by every person admitted. While such contribution entailed no expense to the donors, the aggregate, together with other donations, made up quite a nice little contribution to the poorer. These were exercises, consisting of music and recitations, before the distribution of presents from the tree, and at the conclusion the pastor, Rev. Mr. Hanks, was presented with a handsome gold-headed cane by Mr. W. L. Williams, on behalf of the ladies of his congregation.

At the Chapel of the Incarnation the little folks gathered early and were sent away happy, each with appropriate gifts, a package of toys and a toy. Dr. W. R. Sutton, who has had charge of the Sunday school of this Chapel about three years, has succeeded in increasing the number of his little flock from less than a dozen when he took charge to an average attendance of thirty-four, and only one or two of his whole number of children were absent from the festival last night.

The Congregational Street Christian Church had an incident somewhat out of the ordinary on such occasions, being nothing less than a marriage ceremony. The tree was unusually large and was one of the handsomest in the matter of decoration ever seen in the city. Of course it was laden with the usual burden of Christmas trees.

At the Congregationalist Church the presents to the little ones were principally distributed, each one receiving a counterpart of the others' gift, so that there could be no possible ground for jealousy or complaint of partiality.

The church of the First Presbyterian Church had their Christmas tree in the vacant building at the corner of Elm and Harwood streets, as their church edifice is at present undergoing repairs. The tree was planted in the matter of decoration, and many were they who gathered round it. Presents were distributed with a liberal hand and all were made happy.

At the Tabernacle, corner of Main and St. Paul streets, a small admission was charged. There was quite a large attendance and the distribution of presents was preceded by some very pleasing literary and musical exercises by the children of the Sunday school.

At St. Patrick's Church, midnight seemed to yield inspiration to the touch of them when the music of Willard's mass in dulcet tones was heard to float heavenward. Prof. Beckman, Miss Murnane and other trained voices participated in the choir, which was of as high an order as could well be organized from amateur musicians. The building was packed, and the congregation included the devotees of different religions from the oldest to the latest.

Church Notes.

St. Paul's Reformed Church (German): Christmas service and Communion at 11 a. m., by Rev. E. De Gehen, pastor. Subject: "The Christmas Tree." Sermon, "Gloria in Excelsis," by Mrs. De Geller.

False Alarm.

There was a false alarm of fire this morning at 12:30 o'clock, but the fire department were out and ready all the same, being on the lookout for the usual danger attending Christmas fire displays.

Interviews to Order.

This style of ready made interviews, in regular stereotype blocks, is being peddled to patent inside papers by an enterprising Philadelphia journalist. It is a talk with a newly arrived actress, and is quite an improvement over the old style interviews that wasted so much type and increased the bill in the counting room:

"O, ever so much" with a delighted little laugh, "I think the people are so kind—so appreciative you know."

"That depends. Of course, my stay in America will be regulated by my manager. As for myself, I could live here forever."

"They are simply beautiful. Our European theaters are so old-fashioned, and the decorations are dull and uninviting. There's a nice touch of life and sparkle in the American theater that one is enthused at once."

"Much more. But when they are kinder in their criticisms. I just felt like crying last night when they called me before the curtain last time."

"I believe so. I am sure I shall like the West. From all that I have heard, they are a rugged, whole-souled sort of people out there, who, while rough in their way, are sincere in their praise. O, yes, I think I would be just perfectly delighted."

"Not after we were three days out; but during the first forty-eight hours I never left my berth. It's an awfully nasty sensation, isn't it?"

To this can be added an interview with the same actress when she returns to England, or Bogomafatah, or wherever her home may be. It can be put in a very few words, and ought to read something like this:

"Yes; arrived yesterday. Thanks. Had an awfully jolly time."

"Oh, they're a rum lot. They like blood-curdling drama, but to be fashionable, they must come to see the foreign stars."

[Laughing.] "Money seems no object. That's the only good point in American audiences—their willingness to part with their cash."

There is no place like home with Red Star Cough Cure—the conqueror of colds.

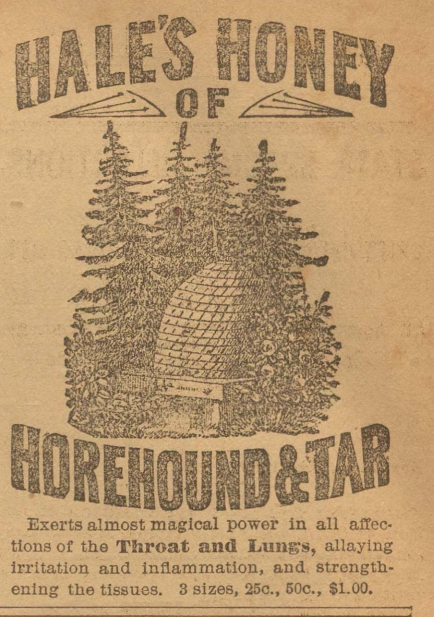
Uvalde.

UVALDE, Dec. 24.—Sheriff Baylor arrested to-day a young man calling himself W. M. Delano, alias Ed Miller, wanted in Socorro, N. M., for murder. There is said to be a reward of \$500 for his apprehension.

Uvalde is to have a lively time this Christmas. Quite a number of young stockmen from Pecos and Presidio Counties are to take part in the festivities.

Santa Claus at Alvarado.

ALVARADO, Dec. 24.—This evening the cares and vexations of life were laid aside and all Alvarado assembled at the Methodist Church to hail the advent of Santa Claus, who appeared in person to the great satisfaction and amusement of the "little ones." The church was brilliantly illuminated and beautifully decorated with ever



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RIEL.

Inter Ocean.

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But Windsor Castle

STATE SPECIAL SELECTIONS.

DRIFT CAUGHT IN THE NEWS DRAG NET.

All Sorts of Items of the Day Culled and Condensed from Every Point of the Compass in Texas.

Specials to The News.

McKinney. McKinney, Dec. 24.—T. A. Richardson, hailing from Alabama, was up before Mayor Armstrong for carrying concealed weapons. He successfully pleaded that he was a traveling man and entitled to carry a pistol.

Capt. W. W. Merritt, inspector of prison camps, was in the city to-day. Being questioned as to the charges contained in a Denton paper, seriously reflecting on the prison management and the State executive, and which charges were copied into The Galveston News, Capt. Merritt stated that he had thoroughly sifted the matter; that Ashley, alias Brown, a pardoned convict on whose statements the Denton paper predicated its charges, had left the State; that Geers had accepted to the Governor and other officials except him (Merritt).

The pupils in the music class of Madame Richarde gave a fine entertainment last night. To-night three Christmas trees and a ball at the Shain opera-house are furnishing amusement.

The pupils of the city schools were dismissed for the holidays yesterday evening, closing an exhibition flattering to themselves and creditable to the teacher.

Marshall.

MARSHALL, Dec. 24.—The ladies of the Presbyterian church gave a dinner and supper last night for the benefit of the church. It was a pleasant affair and a success financially.

The spirit of improvement in town continues. Over thirty houses are in course of construction, and several contracts let for others. All though general business is slow, and at this season of the year, yet the constant building of new houses and other evidences of improvement prove that Marshall is not a "dead town" by any means.

A turkey shooting on an extensive scale commenced this afternoon, and will be continued to-morrow. There are twenty-five turkeys to be killed. Entries, 10 cents a shot, with rifle at 100 yards, shotgun at 75 yards, pistol at 50 yards. The names of contestants engaged in the sport.

Rev. J. T. McBride, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, is in the city to-day.

On Wednesday, by Rev. J. A. Ward, at the residence of G. W. Munden, Mr. Charles Boytt and Miss Alice Burnett were married.

Gainesville.

GAINESVILLE, Dec. 24.—The race set for to-morrow between Blis and Billy D. has been declared off. The backers of Billy paid the forfeit.

An entertainment is being given to the children of St. Paul's Sunday School to-night at Major Gramble's residence. The entertainment will be given at 8 o'clock.

The colored Aid follows a public installation of officers to-night at their hall. Father Levy, who has been quite sick, is considerably better.

Marion Woodall, of the Pecos Valley staff, is in the city.

A meeting of the Cook County Teachers Institute is to be held here to-day and to-morrow. Judge Piner adjourned court to-day and left for home this evening.

Texasarkana.

TEXASARKANA, Dec. 24.—Considerable excitement was caused on Broad street last night by the firing of a pistol five or six times by an officer at a negro, who was heading for the Arkansas side at breakneck speed to evade arrest for carrying a pistol. Numbers of people were yet on the street, it being the principal thoroughfare, and it is considered almost a miracle that no innocent person was injured. The practice of officers shooting at escaping persons charged with simple misdemeanors is condemned by the public as unbecomingly to a negro in this case escaped, it is presumed, without a wound.

Mr. Eugene W. Jordan, cashier of the Iron Mountain Railway office at this place, was married to Miss Rosa Hatfield, at the residence of the bride's parents, to-night, by Rev. J. H. Higgins, of the Presbyterian Church, officiating.

Palestine.

PALESTINE, Dec. 24.—The incandescent electric light is to be introduced in this city from a central station, the necessary arrangement having been concluded to-day by S. T. Croniz, a representative of that system, and a number of prominent business men of Palestine. The power plant and all the electrical appliances have been ordered, and the work of installing 500 lamps will begin early in January next. The principal business houses, together with most of the better class of residences, are to use the light.

In the case of B. B. Hastings, charged with embezzling money from Martin Henzie, the jury remained out two hours and returned a verdict of guilty, assessing the punishment at two years in the penitentiary.

Mount Pleasant.

Mount Pleasant, Dec. 24.—Lots of people are in town to-day, tomorrow being Christmas. Taking into consideration the number of people in town and date of the year, all passed off quietly until darkness began to show itself. The warwhoop was then sounded by a man named John Durigan, an employe of the Texas and Louisiana Railway at this place. This man had been hunting all day for a fighter, claiming he was the champion of this part of Texas. He found his match eventually in Mr. J. B. Reed, who satisfied his wants.

Flano.

FLANO, Dec. 24.—Mr. J. A. Davis and Miss Lulu Wainscott, who were married near Richardson last night, accompanied by their attendants, Misses Lizzie Skiles, Ella Hufnines, M. A. Allen and J. W. Skiles, were here to-day.

A grand turkey shooting took place near town to-day. A large number of turkeys were killed.

The social party at the residence of Mrs. Geo. Cassell last evening was a pleasant affair.

The main feature of the entertainment to-night at the Methodist Church was a present of some kind for every child in town.

Brownwood.

BROWNWOOD, Dec. 24.—The passenger coach arrives promptly every day at 1 o'clock p. m., attached to construction, and is fairly packed with passengers.

Capt. N. H. Ricker, of Ricker, Lee & Co., left this city to spend the holidays in Galveston with his family.

Capt. Joe Owens and family will spend their Christmas in the palace car out here in the bayou city of the west.

H. A. Kloppenstehner, an old Western Union man, is here in charge of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe telegraph office.

Longview.

LONGVIEW, Dec. 24.—The first Christmas entertainment came off last night at the opera house, consisting of vocal and instrumental music by a number of ladies and gentlemen.

Officers of Longview Lodge, Knights of Honor, have been elected as follows: E. B. Haglund, dictator; J. N. Allison, vice-dictator; Alex McGill, assistant dictator; A. S. Taylor, past dictator; E. B. Levy, chaplain; W. T. White, lodge reporter; W. R. Bass, financial reporter; C. E. Carter, treasurer; F. H. Wood, guide; J. D. Hoyer, guardian; J. C. Turner, outside sentinel.

Lively on the Street.

New York, Dec. 24.—The usual holiday frolic on the Stock Exchange was gone through with to-day with more than usual disorder and excitement. Amid all the fun there was an under-current of ill-feeling on account of a division of opinion as to whether the exchange should be closed on Saturday or not. Deacon White made a speech in favor of closing, and said that if the Exchange opened it would be the only exchange in the world that would be doing business on that day.

The governing committee, after a hot debate, voted 19 to 15 against closing. The decision was hissed by the "losers" and cheered by the "workers." The "Nineteen Wise Men," as the boys call them, take the

WOODOOING OF A VARNISHER.

A BOSS PAINTER DIES FROM WITCHCRAFT

A Big Sensation Caused by a Philadelphian's Horrible Fate—Mackerel and Onions Fall to Exercise an Evil Spirit.

Special to The News.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—Some ignorant people here are greatly exercised over an alleged case of witchcraft. George W. Kelpin, a well-known boss painter of this city, died this morning. He had been sick off and on for the past six months. Dr. T. C. Williams, of 567 North Fifth street, who attended Kelpin for some time prior to his death, says that he died of nervousness, the result of starvation. Kelpin believed that he was bewitched. Kelpin was a first-class mechanic, and when the proprietors of the Girard House concluded to add a cafe to the hotel he was engaged to do the painting and to furnish the big mirrors and all the glass used in the doors and the windows of the store.

Kelpin didn't like the ready cash way take and a large contract, and Samuel Love agreed to furnish Kelpin with the cash. He gave him \$7000 in all, \$1000 a week, and Kelpin went ahead with the work. He finished the job, and his bill was \$17,000.

A BEWITCHING BAG. One day shortly after the cafe was opened Kelpin went there, and while standing talking to Mr. Love he took a little bag out of his pocket, and holding it up said: "Do you see that? Well, I wouldn't take \$10,000 for that. I'm bewitched, and that's the only thing that will save me."

Mr. Love laughed at him, but Kelpin insisted that the little bag was possessed of a great magic power. Mr. Love took Kelpin to George Moore, one of the proprietors of the hotel, and told Mr. Moore what Kelpin had said about being bewitched and about the little bag in his vest pocket. Mr. Moore ridiculed the story, and Kelpin ought to be ashamed to talk so. Kelpin finally agreed to tear up the little bag and to abandon the thought that some one had an evil power over him.

Shortly after this he was taken sick, or at least he imagined he was sick, and he told his wife and his 20-year-old son, Charles, that Mr. Love had bewitched him. Both Mrs. Kelpin and her son are firm believers in the power of the "bewitching" bag. Mr. Love went to see Kelpin. He found the painter lying on a lounge. Kelpin said that he was bewitched, and appeared frightened at Mr. Love's presence. Mr. Love went away, determined to try to cure Kelpin of his foolish belief.

A colored woman named Sarah Williams, who lives in Camden, washes for the Kelpins. Mrs. Kelpin told the woman that her husband was bewitched, and the woman Williams told her that she knew a colored witch in Camden who could break the spell. Mrs. Kelpin was delighted, and the colored witch, who lives at Mrs. W. Spruance, of Broad way and Liberty street, Camden, was brought for. She told Mrs. Kelpin that she could break the spell, and ordered Mrs. Kelpin to put some old horseshoes under her husband's feet, and to hang onions and mackerel on the wall.

MACKEREL AND ONIONS. The next visit the voodoo doctress made, she told Mrs. Kelpin to tie a raw mackerel on the sole of each of her husband's feet and take raw onions and make poultices of them and tie the poultices on top of his head, behind his ears, and around his wrists. This treatment was to drive the devils out of the man's nerves and restore him to full physical and mental health. Mrs. Kelpin did as directed.

A few days after Mr. Love's first visit, he called again, accompanied by Dr. Williams, of Walnut street, and Messrs. Moore and Gordon, the proprietors of the Girard House. They found Kelpin with the mackerel on his feet and the onion poultices on his head and wrists. Dr. Williams told Kelpin that the application of mackerel and onions was ridiculous, and that he was not bewitched; that there was no such thing as witchcraft, and that the physician removed the mackerel and onion poultices and prescribed some nerve tonic, telling Kelpin that there was really nothing the matter with him, and that if he would take the medicine he would be able to work in two or three days. Dr. Williams and Messrs. Moore and Gordon were then left, and Dr. Williams, at Mrs. Love's request, visited Kelpin several times, and finally found out that Kelpin was not taking the medicine that had been prescribed, so Dr. Williams ceased his visits.

Mrs. Kelpin frequently told Mr. Kelpin that he was bewitched, and the man worried his wife and son for several weeks before his death he did not touch food.

A CANE CREMATED. Mr. Love presented Kelpin with a gold-headed cane while the work in the Girard House was being done. Mr. Love inquired about the cane recently, and he said to-day that Mrs. Kelpin had smashed it to pieces and burned the gold head, cane and all, because she thought it was bewitched.

Dr. Thomas C. Williams said: "I did not know anything about the voodoo doctress, but I did know that Kelpin did not take the medicine I prescribed, and I never took any when I first attended him. Mrs. Kelpin adulterated with some mysterious mixture. The man starved himself to death. He wasted away to a skeleton. I believed he was being poisoned by somebody all the time, and he frequently told me the only way to get rid of his enemy was to die. He said there was no use in his taking food, because he had the evil in his stomach. The man didn't eat one square meal the last two months he lived."

The body of Kelpin presents a ghastly appearance. A big gash over the right eye, and a big bruise over his forehead, and a figure like a face, and his nose has been broken. Dr. Williams said last night that Mrs. Kelpin told him the other day that her husband had attempted to get up and had fallen on his face on the floor. Dr. Williams thought the man too much emaciated to have been able to move. The Kelpin family have always been known as very sensible people outside of their belief in witchcraft, scientifically combined in exactly the same manner causing the arrest of the voodoo doctress, and having an investigation made relative to the dead man's disfigured face.

BITTER BREAD.

Complaint is frequently made by those who use baking powders that they leave in bread, biscuit or cake raised by them a disagreeable, bitter taste. This taste follows the use of all impure baking powders, and is caused either by their containing alum (introduced to make a cheap article), by the impure and adulterated character of the ingredients used, or by the want of proper proportions of acid and alkali to act upon and destroy each other, while producing the largest amount of raising power. We are satisfied in this assertion from the unqualified statements made by the government chemists, who after thorough and exhaustive tests recommended the "Royal" for governmental use because of its superiority over all others in purity, strength and wholesomeness. There is no danger of bitter bread or biscuit where it alone is used.

OLD DEFENDERS.

BALTIMORE'S HEROES OF 1812 INTERVIEWED.

John C. Morford, 89 Years Old—George Boss, 92—Samuel Jennings, 89—John Peddicord, 90—Nathaniel Watts, 90. The Secret of Longevity—The Other Side of the Prohibition Question.

Special to The News.

[From the Baltimore (Md.) Saturday Night.] No sane man will dispute the righteousness of temperance in all things. As physical ailments were kept by the use of such things as dirt—that which is commonly called such is only matter out of place; so moral science teaches that proper use of anything made for man is never wrong, but that in the course of such using of things as a means to present day when prohibition has become almost a national problem, when the adherents of that cause have graduated from a movement which urged merely temperance of one themselves so intemperance their well-meant fanaticism as to demand the absolute prohibition of the manufacture and sale of necessary stimulants, it may well be questioned whether they have not gone a little far. They may have had a pure and body assert among other awful things that alcohol, however used, shortens human life, it would be well to place examples beside assertions.

A view of getting at solid facts, it was decided that a reporter should be sent to interview a number of old gentlemen in this city; men who were well enough known to dispel any illusions that might be held concerning their ages or probity. The reporter concluding that the remaining members of the Old Defenders' Association were about as well known as any persons in this city, he set out upon his mission.

Mr. James C. Morford, 89, lives on Bond street, was first seen. He was particular to impress upon his hearers that he is a genuine temperance man, and he exhibited a badge of the "Winnaschert" Temperance Society which he helped to organize in 1841. He kindly gave a sketch of his life and said that his father kept a public house upon the old York road where good liquors were sold. He said he had never been assisted, when a boy, at the bar, occasionally, but seldom touched a drop of liquor. After joining the temperance society he became a total abstainer. In his old age, however, he ridiculed a man who said that he was a city and a little pure liquor a real benefit. "I hardly think that a man of my age is apt to be led astray by it," said he good-humoredly, "but recollect, I am still fit for temperance."

Mr. Samuel Jennings, 89 years old, was next seen. This handsome and venerable man with a profusion of silvery hair and beard was found in his room enjoying a glass of beer. He said he was always in the habit of taking a little liquor whenever I feel the need of its benefits. "My daughter told the reporter that he used malted drinks successfully as food for his old age."

Mr. Nathaniel Watts was next interviewed. He is nearly ninety. He is quite talkative and has a clear mind, although he has difficulty in getting around. He said: "I have never been an abstainer. I have always taken a stimulant when and where it was needed. When I was a young man I superintended a farm. In those days we neither reaped with machine reapers nor used any such things as that. I was after a 'through' was cut we used to go back and bind sheaves. I was a great worker in those days and generally got up at the colored hands who worked under me. One hot day I drank too much cold spring water while overheated and was immediately prostrated. That time, sir, I was saved by a dose of good whiskey. The great trouble is that you can seldom get a pure liquor, and I say it is the best stuff that does all the harm." Here the old gentleman went to a secretary and taking out a bottle and glass, pressed the pencil upon a little whiskey that a friend had sent him.

"That, sir," said he, "is what I call a pure article. This is Duffy's pure malt whiskey. That's like it used to have in my time." He visited Mr. Geo. Boss, who is in the ninety-second year of his life at his quaint old mansion on South Bond street. Mr. Boss was at breakfast and as his memory is much impaired and faculties generally on the wane, he was not much interested in the reporter's account of the old gentleman who walked out to the garden, which was once a portion of the old farm, in which the grandfather of the present Mr. Boss had a new jurisdiction. The reporter was entertained by the wife and grand-niece of the old defender. The former is a hale old lady who says that in a married life of over sixty years she had never known a husband to lose his mind through the influence of liquor. She said that he had used it as a medicine during his life, and when he was a sea captain he always kept some good whiskey or brandy by him, and considered it his duty to have it on hand. To the question as to whether the old gentleman found anything beneficial in stimulants at the present time, the other lady replied that she had procured upon the last of the year a friend some of Duffy's pure malt whiskey and gave it to him with good effect. She further said that an invalid lady in the same house also used a little now and then, and would sometimes request the use of it.

Mr. John Peddicord, between 89 and 90 years old, is at the Aged Men's Home. He is quite active, and he greeted the reporter kindly. His eyes twinkled when the reporter stated his errand and he assured the scribe that he had all his life been a temperance advocate, but having contracted a cough recently which weakened him considerably, he was having a bottle of Duffy's pure malt whiskey by him, and contrary to his usual rule, tried it.

"Well," asked the reporter, "what was the result?" The gentleman smiled mischievously and replied, "Well, something helped me up about that time, certain."

The reporter left pondering deeply upon the truth he had just heard. He was satisfied that he had never seen a man of such old heroes was proof positive that they had prolonged their dear old lives by proper attention to nature's laws, and the claim of the prohibitionists that stimulants are not the cause of longevity had fallen to the ground.

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LOCAL NOTES. The Knights of Labor have a membership of 800 in Dallas. The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gray was buried yesterday. Dr. W. H. Sutton has received a living Christmas present—some of those twelve pound boys. The small boy with the tin trumpet was about at midnight, but there was no roaring lion to be seen. John Candle, charged with stealing a mule in Denton County, gave bond yesterday in the sum of \$500. Mr. R. D. Lewis, freight agent of the Gould system at Dallas, gives notice that his freight offices will be closed to-day, and only perishable freight will be delivered. The city officials and employees were yesterday paid two-thirds of their December salaries, most of which went towards making things look bright and cheerful for the great occasion. Lenway & Connelly yesterday made a donation of turkey to the prisoners in the county jail and George Probert sent them a large quantity of cakes, while presents of good things were sent by several others. Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to the following couples: C. C. Reed and Virginia Helm; E. M. Hooper and D. T. James; J. T. Calweel and Lucy Stanley. The last mentioned couple were married at the Stanley residence fourteen miles from the city.

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THE following is another defense of river water. DALLAS, Dec. 24, 1885.—Mr. P. W. Linskie, chairman of city water committee, sir: I have the honor to report that in 1881 I had the Trinity River examined also by Prof. Mallett, who then held the chair of applied chemistry in the University of Virginia, and who was appointed by the National Board of Health to examine drinking water for the cities and towns in the United States. He was appointed because of his ability as a chemist. With the advice and aid of Dr. E. M. Tillman, of this city, himself a master in science, and at that time a member of the City Council, I procured four gallons of water myself from the Trinity River where the pipe crosses the river now, and shipped it to Prof. Mallett at the university. He subjected the water to all the improved methods of examining water, by chemical action, microscopic examination, and by concentrating all of the impurities in said water, then injecting these impurities hypodermically into rabbits. The injecting of the impurities into rabbits failed to produce fever or any other injurious result.

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