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Brewery to Dump \$24,000 Worth of Beer.

Oklahoma City, Nov. 19.—Unless they are permitted to sell it and ship it outside of the state, 3,000 barrels of beer, the stock of the New State Brewing company of this city, and valued at \$24,000, will be turned into the sewers and flow away. Such is the statement of Manager H. Y. Thompson. Immediately upon the statehood proclamation becoming effective the New State brewery in this city, constructed some five years ago at a cost of over \$300,000, closed its doors and began making arrangements to turn the building into a cold storage house. The brewery company controlled many saloons in the territory. It is calculated by them that they will ship at least \$225,000 worth of bar fixtures out of the state, and that it will require 500 cars to handle it. Indirectly the loss to the combined interests of this one brewery will aggregate \$230,000. Here in the city a force of 125 men have been employed at the brewery. This force has been cut now to 25 men, and next week it will be cut still more. Manager Thompson has emphatically stated that there would be no fight against the enforcement of the prohibition law from the brewing interests. It was rumored before the election that the brewery interests of the United States would center their strength in a contest of the prohibition laws in the new state, and if possible secure some restraining order preventing the enforcement of the laws.

Manager Thompson states that instructions were sent to all customers in the state to abide by the law.

Killed by a Vicious Stallion.

A special to the Amarillo Panhandle from Canadian, dated last Wednesday, says that George W. Little, a stockman residing in the eastern part of Hemphill county, was killed by a stallion.

The full particulars have not been learned, but it is stated that the stallion caught him by the arm and drug him for about 50 feet and tore his arm entirely from his body, and otherwise injuring him, from the effects of which he died a few hours after.

Mr. Little was about 50 years old, had resided in that county for at least 25 years, and was a good and respected citizen.

He leaves a wife and two children.

Has a Good Start.

Oklahoma's first governor, who recently took the oath of office, says that the objects of his administration will be to "make Oklahoma a desirable place for honest, industrious, moral citizenship, and undesirable as possible for the habitation of lawlessness, graft, greed and monopoly." The new state has an advantage along this line. It has before it the experience of the older states in their efforts to prevent the encroachment of monopolies and trusts, and, being new, there has not grown up an aggregation of pie-eaters, nepotists and political manipulators with which to deal. Let the masters of the new ship of state see that it is kept free of the barnacles whose only object is to retard its progress. —Dallas News.

Rev. Samuel Bettis, the "cowboy preacher," had the male members of the General Baptist church at Hazleton, Ind., where he was holding services, arrested for chewing gum, charging them with disturbing public worship.

The Ohio supreme court holds the Akin law, imposing a tax of \$1,000 on saloons in the state, as valid.

Profits in National Banks.

Washington, Nov. 19.—Just at the present time figures showing the profits from National banks are interesting. According to the report of the comptroller for 1906, shareholders in National banks for the year ending March 1, 1906, were paid dividends to the amount of \$80,831,561 on \$779,544,247 capital, the average rate being 10.4 per cent., the highest since 1870. Based on capital and surplus, the ratio was 6.8 per cent.

The net earnings were \$113,662,529, or 9.5 per cent. of the combined capital and surplus. The average rate of dividends paid by national banks annually from 1870 to 1906 (37 years) was 8.42 per cent. The aggregate net earnings of the banks during the period in question were \$2,313,396,556, from which dividends were paid to the amount of \$1,780,712,714, which is over three times the average annual capital.

Says Express and Railway Companies Are the Same.

The Missouri railway commission is seeking to lower the exorbitant rates of the express companies, and charges that the express companies belong to the railway companies, and operate under a different name to extort heavy charges. Chairman Knott says:

"Under the present arrangement the express companies are paying the railroads 50 to 55 per cent of their gross earnings for simply hauling their express matter. We have failed to find an excuse for such an exorbitant charge, which must be allowed as an expense, and which the people must pay.

"It has been my impression that the express companies and railroad companies are the same, only operating under different names. I know this to be the case in one instance, that being the Missouri Pacific railroad and the Pacific Express company. This was confessed by an officer of the express company under oath.

"This being the case universally, it is only a matter of the railroads taking money out of one pocket and putting it back in the other.

"We have never been able to get the names of the stockholders in the various express companies. We have never been able to find out what the millions of capital stock of the express companies consist.

"Should they go into court to contest our rate, all these things will be probed to the very bottom, and, I believe, when they are probed, we will have a good excuse for a still further reduction of the rates."

Federal Receiver Again Defies the State.

There is a clash between State Comptroller Stephens and Federal Receiver Dorchester, of the Waters-Pierce Oil company, paying the way for further trouble in state and federal courts. Stephens demanded payment of gross receipt taxes for all business transacted by Receiver Dorchester under the new state laws. Dorchester refused to pay the taxes unless ordered by Federal Judge Bryant through a regular court order.

Dorchester declared he would not request such an order, and Comptroller Stephens declared he would not apply to or recognize a federal judge in the premises. The matter has been passed up to the state attorney general's department.

Mrs. A. Rosner gave birth at Goodhale, Minn., Wednesday to her sixth pair of twins born since 1898. She is the mother of 25 children.

Pa.—Well? Tommy—Does an inheritance tax punish a man for being dead or his heir for being alive?—Harper's Weekly.

Cortelyou to Relieve Stringency With Certificates.

Secretary Cortelyou has made the important announcement that as a means of affording relief to the financial situation, the treasury would issue \$50,000,000 of Panama bonds and \$100,000,000 certificates of indebtedness or as much theory as may be necessary. The certificates will run for one year and will bear 2 per cent interest.

The secretary's action in coming to the relief of the financial situation meets with President Roosevelt's hearty approval, and the plan is the outcome of the several White House conferences which have been held within the past few days when the financial situation was under consideration.

Secretary Cortelyou says the Panama bonds will afford most substantial relief, as the law provided that they may be used as a basis for additional national bank circulation. He also states that the proceeds from the sale of the certificates can be made directly available at points where the need is most urgent, and especially for the movement of the crops, which he says "if properly accelerated will give the greatest relief and result in the most immediate financial returns."

The secretary calls attention to the attractiveness of the bonds and certificates as absolutely safe investments.

Secretary Cortelyou adds that these relief measures will enable him to meet public expenditures without withdrawing for that purpose any appreciable amount of the public moneys now deposited in the national banks about the country.

Enormous Cost of Crime.

According to Pardon Attorney Thomas Speed Mosby, of Jefferson City, Mo., the actual cost of crime in the United States at this time is more than \$200,000 a year. For some time he has been gathering criminal statistics. In discussing this matter he said:

"If we consider also the well-known nonproductiveness of the criminal classes generally, this would bring the estimated burden of crime up to fully \$500,000 a year. Every honest man in this country, who is the head of a family, is obliged to pay not less than \$25 a year on this account, and the per capita cost of crime is much more than the per capita cost of education.

"According to the most reliable sources of information, about one in every 320 persons in the United States is either a pauper, a lunatic or a criminal, and our degenerate population alone would make a city larger than the national capital."

Life Term for 74-Year-Old Man.

A. A. Pierce, 74 years old, was convicted Tuesday in Judge Denton's court at Paris, Tex., of criminal assault, and the jury returned a sentence of life imprisonment. The victim was the 7-year-old daughter of a farmer with whom he had lived about three months. The trouble occurred several months ago and the child was not physically injured.

Pierce had lived in northern Lamar county more than 20 years. He had no family and lived about with the farmers, doing odd jobs for his board. He is a veteran of the Union army, claiming to have served under Pope.

The druggists of Winfield, Kan., have agreed that all drug stores, except one, shall be closed on Sunday, and each druggist shall have a turn in keeping open.

Bryan Says Wall Street Gamblers to Blame.

Mr. Bryan, in a speech at the Jackson club banquet in Lafayette, Ind., declared with much fervor that President Roosevelt should be not held responsible for the present financial stringency. The blame, he said, should be laid at the door of Wall street gamblers. Mr. Bryan said that the man who would withdraw money on deposit from the banks at the present time for hoarding purposes was like a man who refused to aid his country in time of war. The Nebraskan also spoke in favor of the postal savings banks.

Building Owners Liable for Damages.

Chicago, Nov. 19.—A decision by the Illinois Supreme Court that the owners of property rented for saloon purposes are liable for damages in cases of illegal sale of liquor by their tenants was the subject of comment today. The court's ruling is declared to be more sweeping than in any similar case heretofore. It places the property owners in danger of wholesale prosecutions, and especially in cases where the saloon keepers themselves have not much property on which to recover damages. The court holds that "not only actual damages but also vindictive or exemplary damages may be had against an owner of a building who had no knowledge of the illegal sale of liquor made by his tenant if the violation of the law is established against the tenant."

Loss From Car Shortage.

Hereford, Texas, Nov. 19.—Cattlemen of this vicinity are in need of 500 stock cars in which to ship their cattle and are daily losing money because of the failure of the railroad companies to furnish the cars. Orders that were placed with the railroad six weeks ago have either been ignored or the railroads have refused positively to send out the cars. A prominent cattleman said yesterday:

"There is not a town on the plains but is losing large amounts of money on account of the railroads not furnishing shipping facilities on notice. Complaint comes from every quarter. The railroads make no promises and while the shippers and buyers are waiting the pleasure of the company the cattle are losing in weight and marketable values."

Ex-Senator a Briber.

A jury at Findlay, O., returned an indictment against ex-Senator Thomas McConick for alleged bribery in connection with the Standard Oil company case last June. Byron Williams was indicted several months ago for a like offense. It is alleged that an attempt was made to bribe Juror Charles Thompson, and that McConick was at the back of it. Thompson was to get \$500 if he voted for acquittal, it is alleged.

Personal Politics.

This time next year, when the Presidential, the State and the county elections will be in full blast times may be somewhat more lively than they are at the present time.—Laredo Times.

If the Times will point out just how political conditions can be more lively than now, without dynamite is used, it will publish a live and interesting item. The whole state is seething with political excitement. Hardly a day passes without a red-hot political speech, and political newspapers are full to the brim. Of course no great and important public questions are being discussed. Of course we all belong to one party; but the issues are of the personal kind, and that is what "makes the wildcat wild."—Dallas News.

STATE NEWS.

Wood sold in Denison this week as high as \$6 50 per cord.

The residence of John Carpenter at Granbury was damaged \$500 by fire Monday.

For the second time Jim Jones has been given life sentence on the charge of shooting to death near Garland Bob Lyles and wife.

A Dallas jury in the case of Jim Jones, charged with killing Bob Lyles and wife, brought in a verdict of guilty, and assessing punishment at life imprisonment.

Gov. Campbell has appointed W. D. Fisher of Hemphill county to be district attorney of the 35th district to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of B. H. Kelley.

Bids for the construction of an addition to the Federal building at Tyler will be opened at Washington Monday. The appropriation for the addition amounts to \$40,000.

There was a washout on the Rock Island between Fort Worth and Dallas Tuesday night and Wednesday morning all trains were derailed by way of the Texas and Pacific.

The Austin Tribune, the Austin afternoon daily paper, suspended publication temporarily Tuesday. The lack of business in Austin for the last two weeks is said to be the cause of the paper's suspension.

Fort Worth now has one of the largest, if not the largest, policemen on its force of any city in the south. W. A. Koehn, appointed second extra policeman, is 6 feet 7 inches in height and weighs 300 pounds.

Dr. Livingstone Barnes, a dentist of Dawson, Navarro county, was Tuesday night found wounded and lying on the pavement in Dallas. He had been shot thru the left arm, but when conveyed to the city hall refused to tell how he was shot. Spectators saw two men struggling on the ground when the shot was fired.

The young men of Texas are waking up to the value of an industrial education. At the opening of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, eager students thronged the corridors of the institution begging to be admitted. The former natatorium had been cut up into rooms to accommodate the expected crowd. The number of tents used last year was trebled. More students were put into each room than formerly. Still every train brought applicants who had failed to secure a room in advance. When 600 men had been received into the college, President Harrington called a halt. There was no place to lodge them and no teachers to teach them. Many boys were forced to go back home to wait until another session opens. "Give me a chance," begged one disappointed young fellow with tears in his eyes. "Put me anywhere, under any conditions; I must have an education." Two boys persuaded a professor to let them live in an unoccupied servant's house. Four sleep in an attic. Seventy-two are occupying tents. The men who live in them do not realize that, in thus uncomplainingly submitting to hardships in order to obtain an education, they are playing the part of horses. The tents, however, are surprisingly comfortable.—College Bulletin.

St. Louis parties are bidding on \$11,000,000 worth of government certificates and \$2,000,000 canal bonds.

A women's Methodist missionary society has \$32,000 tied up in the Knickerbocker Trust company failure.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

BRYAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 16.—The announcement of Mr. Bryan that he would be a candidate again for the presidency "if needed" has been received with a great deal of interest in Washington. It at least puts the democratic party in a more assured position than their opponents because they now know what they have to expect, while the republican party is still "up in the air." It is generally conceded that Mr. Bryan will think he is needed and that his announcement of willingness is tantamount to a demand for the nomination. Of course, it is possible that he will not get it, but those who have been watching the course of politics believe that he can force his own nomination if he so desires just as surely as Mr. Roosevelt could force his re-nomination if he desired. The only difference is that the one party knows what to expect and the other does not. The sentiment for Bryan is strong in the south according to people who have just come from there and if the conservative wing of the democratic party wants to get a man to beat Bryan for the nomination, it will have to come out in the open and pick him speedily and positively. The announcement will force an almost immediate line up of the two factions of the party. It has been intimated that Mr. Bryan will not run again if President Roosevelt accepts another nomination, and some people profess to think that the Bryan announcement will be the one thing needful to draw a third term announcement from the White House. It can be said, however, that there are many people who think Bryan would be the one man who might defeat President Roosevelt for reelection with the third term as an issue.

DISTILLERS DEFRAUDING UNCLE SAM.

Nearly every executive government officer who comes into office turns up some dereliction or develops some new point that his predecessor had overlooked. Commissioner of Internal Revenue Capers has discovered something of this sort that is more important than the average. He finds on examination that in a number of states, especially in Virginia and North Carolina, there has been systematic cheating of the revenue going on for some years. The reports thus far been made to the treasury department show that the revenue frauds in the two states named have amounted to almost \$2,000,000 in the past two years. They have been committed by the collusion of gaugers and storekeepers with the whiskey manufacturers. Some of the big distilleries have run through twice or four times as much grain as they were given credit for on the revenue books and almost a quarter of the whiskey that has been made in the regions under suspicion has been made without paying the government tax.

A raid has been made by the treasury agents on one of the suspected stills and workmen were found carrying whiskey in buckets and filling up barrels outside the bonded warehouse. There was a lively fight before the men were captured and several penalties will be inflicted as a warning. There is evidence in hand for a score of other arrests and the whiskey men do not know where the lightning is going to strike next.

Of the two offenses against the body underating is more immediately dangerous than overeating. It saps the strength from the start. Safety and sanity may lie in discreet selections of food based on personal peculiarities. They are not promoted by absurd theories.—New York World.

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For offering to give away a drink of whisky County Judge Hooker fined at Oklahoma City a man \$50 and gave him 30 days in jail.

Oklahoma legislature will meet at Guthrie. The state will pay expenses of the work and give Guthrie \$1,000. The courthouse will be used for executive offices, \$7,000 to be paid the county each year up to Dec. 31, 1910.

Now is the time to keep the plows going and have the land turned over as long as possible before planting time. The winter freezes will thoroughly pulverize it, putting it in the best condition for crop production next year. The land that is plowed deep now, and then takes the winter snow and rain is not going to dry out in the spring.

We note in a Colorado paper that a man harvested from a four-acre tract 88 tons of pumpkins, netting him over \$300. They were sold to a canning factory. There is no land that will produce more or better pumpkins than ours, and the above furnishes a clue as to their disposal. A small cannery does not cost much and such a plant could be made profitable. Why not put it on foot?

We are no financier, but it strikes us that the southern and western banks could serve a better turn for the country in loaning nearer home and thus develop enterprise and industries that are needed, than to loan to eastern concerns or dubious "investors" in wildcat schemes who start a panic when called on to pay up. We believe, too, that bank reserves should be kept in south and western centers. When this is done the failure of a few Wall Street gamblers will not even be known outside of New York.

Engagements of gold from abroad for importation to relieve the financial stringency in the United States are nearing a total of \$75,000,000. Heidelberg, Ickelheimer & Co. and the Guarantee Trust company, both of whom have already made large engagements since the present movement began, announced Tuesday they had concluded negotiations for an additional \$1,000,000 and later for \$500,000. This brings the total engagement up to \$72,900,000.

Report made to directors of State Fair of Texas shows that profits from the last fair will approximate \$100,000. This is a pretty neat sum. And the patronage was largely augmented by free advertising given it by the country press. The Chronicle cut it out of the "free list" several years ago. It is in business for the money there is in it, and can afford to pay for its advertising, and is made to do so by the city papers. A large number of chumps in the smaller towns, however run their stuff free.

General Booth in an address to the Salvation Army in Berlin Thursday said people everywhere seemed to be tiring of religion. He said there were 2,000,000 people in London who had never entered a church.

That financial system which permits a bank to lend 75 per cent. of the money of the preacher and the church officer to gamblers on Wall street for their nefarious purpose should be stopped.—Farm and Ranch.

The burglarizing of C. L. Giddens store by small boys last week is a stern reminder to some parents in town that they had better look closely after their offspring. If there is no law to reach such cases some merchants may try a shotgun soon.—Childress Post.

Damage as its totaling nearly \$75,000 against the Fort Worth & Denver railroad will be tried during the present term of district court at Childress.

Bailey Organ in Deep Water.

The staff correspondent of the Fort Worth Record, who is doing all he can against Attorney General Davidson, made the statement a few days ago that a brother of the latter owned Standard oil stock, hence the attorney general had failed to bring an ouster suit against the Texas Oil company. This followed a similar charge by Mr. Bailey. The article also said Governor Campbell had admitted that Davidson's brother owned such stock. The following shows the falsity of the charges:

Austin, Tex., Nov. 20.—Gov. Campbell positively denies that he told a correspondent of the Fort Worth Record and Houston Post that he knew that the brother of Attorney General Davidson owned stock in the Texas company, but he admits having expressed his belief that the Standard Oil company owns stock in the Texas company. The correspondent mentioned, in an Austin dispatch published this morning, said that Gov. Campbell in a conversation Tuesday morning declared that Senator Bailey's assertion that Davidson's brother was connected with the Texas company was correct; also that Gov. Campbell had said it was his opinion that the Texas company was a subsidiary company of the Standard Oil company. Both of the statements were repeated several times.

Gov. Campbell today positively denied having said that Davidson's brother owned stock in the Texas company. He said he knew of no stockholder in said company except J. S. Cullman, and he authorized a denial.

Upon the other hand Gov. Campbell acknowledged having said he believed the Standard Oil company owned stock in the Texas company.

Attorney General Davidson was asked about this latter statement, and in reply he asked for proof that the Standard Oil company owns stock in the Texas company or in any other company doing business in Texas, other than those already sued. He said that he wanted all the evidence he could get, and thought the governor or citizens having it should furnish it to the attorney general's department.

Governor Campbell, in reply, said he based his belief on the late Governor Hogg's statement that he (Hogg) saw Standard oil "tracks" in the Texas company, and that he (Campbell) had no other proof.

Col. W. S. Davidson, of Beaumont, prepared the following statement which he requested given publicity; "To the public: Senator Bailey is reported to have said in his San Antonio speech that the brother of Attorney General Davidson owned stock in the Texas Company and seemed to imply that because of that fact the Attorney General had refrained from bringing suit against that company. As I am the only brother the Attorney General has in the state, I assume that Mr. Bailey intended to convey the impression that I was a stockholder in the Texas Company. I am at a loss to know the source of Mr. Bailey's information, as I do not own nor did I ever own any stock in the Texas Company, either directly or indirectly, either in my own name or in the name of any other person. As I am a private citizen, engaged strictly in my own business, it appears to me strange indeed that Mr. Bailey would have made a statement about my affairs so utterly at variance with the truth, when upon proper inquiry he could so easily have learned the facts. W. S. DAVIDSON.

Owing to cancellation of orders from several large cities 1,000 cigar makers are idle at Tampa, Fla.

We buy and sell second-hand furniture, stoves, etc. We also repair furniture. Tatum Mercantile Co.

Antique Cut Glass.
Antique cut glass requires special handling if the brilliancy of the glass is to be retained, and the ordinary periodical wash in hot soapsuds—which is usually meted out to the contents of the china and glass cupboard—is not sufficient. Only tepid water should be used to clean the articles, a lather being made on a stiff brush with good soap, and this should be worked into the design so as to clear the interstices of dust, the glass being then immediately enveloped in sawdust, absorbing all the damp. Finally a cloth should be used to give a polish.

Favors Postal Banks.

The plan of Postmaster General Meyer to establish postal banks has been wrought out with a great deal of care and involves a system which, if put into effect, will be an improvement on the systems now in vogue in European countries.

Briefly stated, the plan is that the department shall receive deposits at all money order postoffices. Depositors will there be furnished with books, in which deposits will be receipted for. The postmaster will then transmit this money to the department at Washington, which will acknowledge its receipt direct to the depositor. This money will then be taken and deposited by the Government in the banks of the Congressional district from whence it came, the only requirement being that they shall be Government depositories for the Treasury Department. Upon such deposited it is proposed that the Government pay interest at the rate of 2 per cent. There will be no security given, but the agreement is to be that the Government shall be the preferred depositor, and shall be repaid before and other division of funds is made, in the event of insolvency. Thus the Government is absolutely protected, and is at the same time in a position to guarantee the security of the funds of depositors. It is the intention to keep the limit of deposits down to a few hundred dollars, that to be settled by legislative enactment.

Other nations have found the postal savings banks a great aid in the handling of their finances. England provides for the investment of funds in Government securities from a single shilling up to £500, though not more than £200 shall be invested in a given year. She has taken in, through her postal savings banks, not far from \$800,000,000, and finds that this money helps immeasurably in handling the gigantic problem of her interest-bearing debt. She has nearly 10,000,000 depositors. France has 4,345,000 depositors, who have deposited \$229,000,000. Italy has over 5,000,000 depositors, and some 400,000,000 in deposits.

It is said to have been an Italian who first discovered the possibilities of the American money order system as a postal savings bank. He had the order made payable to him self, and held it until he needed the money. The Government has discouraged this use of the system, but it has been a popular one with the foreigners, who grew up to putting their money in the post-office.

Two Little Roads Refuse.

The Oklahoma corporation commission, in notifying the Fort Smith and Western railway to comply with the 2-cent fare provision of the constitution, received the road's refusal to establish the 2-cent rate. Under the constitution, failure to comply with the order of the commission subjects the corporation to a fine of \$500 for each day of a violation.

The commission has received complaints from the Midland Valley and the Wichita Falls and North-western railway, stating that they cannot make a profit on 2-cent fares and asking for re-establishment of the 3 cent rate.

Indian Land Frauds.

The senate committee in investigating the charges of fraud in the sale of Kickapoo Indian lands, completed the examination of witnesses at Shawnee Tuesday.

Such a gigantic fraud is reported to have been uncovered, that it is believed it will prevent congress removing the restrictions on lands belonging to the five civilized tribes.

Senator Curtis, who heretofore has favored the removal of restrictions, says that since taking part in the investigation, he will oppose it in the United States senate.

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National Park Committee Meet.

Mayor Jasper N. Haney, president of the National Park association, has issued the following call:

"The committee of seven appointed to handle the national park proposition will meet at the office rooms of the Chamber Commerce in Amarillo at 10 o'clock a. m., sharp on Tuesday, Nov. 25, 1917.

"The committeemen are as follows: L. T. Lester Canyon City, Captain Chas. Goodnight of Goodnight, Harry Tracy of Tulia, Henry Nobles of Amarillo, Judge L. Gough of Hereford, Judge R. D. Doak of Claude, W. E. Armstrong of Plainview.

"Mrs. Charles Goodnight has also been appointed on said committee and requested to organize the ladies of the Panhandle in the great work sought to be accomplished. "JASPER N. HANEY, "Chairman Late Committee."

Cotton Shortage.

The crop reporting board of the bureau of statistics, reporting on the amount of cotton ginned to Nov. 14, finds from a consultation of all the reports from correspondents throughout the cotton growing states, that 7,311,202 bales were ginned to Nov. 14.

This is compared with 8,562,242 ginned to the corresponding period of a year ago, and 7,501,180 two years ago.

Of this amount Texas only reports 1,709,584 bales against 2,995,791 last year, showing a shortage of 1,286,207 or a little over one-half of last year's ginning.

STATE NEWS.

J. A. Rainey had his hand and arm mangled in the oil mill machinery Wednesday night at Colorado. He formerly lived at Cooper.

While the 8-year-old son of Mrs. Bonin of San Antonio was playing with a shotgun Tuesday it was discharged, killing the boy's 5-year-old brother.

The city council of Childress has decided to order a steam fire engine and a chemical engine. The order will be placed, as the city is without fire protection of any kind.

The Mineral Wells Electric system, owned by J. D. Beardsley, has gone into the hands of a receiver. The recent financial troubles have been such as to prevent Major Beardsley from borrowing money to carry on the enterprise.

A man at Dallas Thursday stood before the S. W. U. medical college and severed his windpipe with a knife. He was taken to a sanitarium. In order to facilitate breathing it was necessary to insert a tracheal tube. A note was found on his person saying sickness had made him a pauper and he bequeathed his body to the college before which he sought to take his life. On the back of a handbill was written: "There is no money to bury me, as my family is needing the necessities of life."

A 12-hour rain fell over Texas from Texline to Galveston and from El Paso to Texarkana Monday night and Tuesday morning. On the Texas and Pacific heavy showers were reported from every station through to El Paso. Heavy rains caused the dam at Teague, near Mexia, to be partially washed away. In south Texas all the smaller streams are overflowing and the rivers are at the flood stage. The heaviest precipitation is reported at Lockart, where the rain gauge showed a measurement of 8 1/2 inches during one night. At Nacogdoches residences along Talbot creek were under water to the first floor, 4 inches of rain falling there.

For underwear, gloves, many dry goods and other notions, at special prices. See Tatum Mercantile Co., Noland building.

Just as Good as Ever Too.
An old physician of the last generation was noted for his brusque manner and old fashioned methods. One time a lady called him in to treat her baby, who was slightly ailing. The doctor prescribed castor oil. "But, doctor," protested the young mother, "castor oil is such an old-fashioned remedy."
"Madam," replied the doctor, "babies are old-fashioned things."—Exchange.

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We have had three days of rainy weather, and rejoice to see the sun shining again.
J. W. Stewart has bought and moved into the house formerly owned by F. A. Hudgins.
Hanson Arnold returned Sunday from Pecos City where he has been for three months.
Judge J. F. Bradley got three first premiums on his sweet potatoes to the Dallas fair.
B. Roy Houghton is attending the fair at San Antonio.
M. W. Liddell has bought and moved into the house purchased from J. M. Elliott on Harrison street.
Lang Morgan got his finger badly mashed in the cogs of a feed cutter Thursday evening.
Robert Preston and wife of Clarendon spent Sunday here. Mrs. Preston remained until Wednesday visiting her sister, Mrs. Homer Calvert.
Rev. J. P. Wheeler, of Odessa, Tex., has been spending several days here, visiting friends and relatives. M. C.

Program B. Y. P. U., Sunday November 24.
Subject—"Cuba." Leader, Adrian Brown.
Scripture Reading—Psalm 33.
Prayer.
"Material Things"—Alma Bond.
Hymn—"Onward, Christian Soldiers."
"Educational Outlook of Cuba"—Lalie Woodward.
Scripture Reading—Rom. 14:12-23—Dorinda Tatum.
"Religious Outlook"—Lola Lacy.
Scripture Reading—1 Cor. 6:9-10—Beulah Bond.
Hymn.
Prayer.
ADRIAN BROWN, Secretary.

"Little Things."
It is the little things which count, no matter what we are doing, and every hour is made up of 60 minutes. If we learn to look after the minutes, we will find we have plenty of time; but one hour can not borrow from another. The burdens of today must be born by today; tomorrow's shoulders will not fit them.—Rx.

"He's one of the most stupid boys I ever met."
"And yet he seems to have accumulated money. Fortune appears to have knocked at his door."
"I don't believe she merely knocked; she must have marched right in."
London Tit-Bits.

Unduly Considerate.
Mr. Shackley, who had been ordered by his physician to lay aside all his business cares for three months and take a vacation, reluctantly complied. At the end of that time he returned, looking and feeling much better, and his medical adviser congratulated him on his improved condition.
"I didn't like to speak of it at the time," said the doctor, "but when you went away I strongly suspected you of having myocarditis."
Mr. Shackley cringed with mortification.
"If I had anything of yours in my possession, doctor," he said, with strong feeling, "or if you suspected me of having it, you ought to have told me so right then! You don't think I am a thief, do you?"
By a hasty explanation of the nature of myocarditis the doctor mollified his indignant patient and averted a scene.

The Surprised Miser.
"A certain old miser, though a millionaire," said a Washington man, "insisted on wearing the shabbiest kind of clothes. An old family friend endeavored one day to persuade the miser to dress better.
"I am surprised," he said, "that you should let yourself become so shabby."
"But I am not shabby," said the miser.
"Oh, but you are," said the family friend. "Remember your father. He was always neatly, even elegantly, dressed. His clothes were very handsome."
"The miser gave a loud laugh.
"Why," he shouted triumphantly, "these clothes I've got on were father's!"

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However humble the home may be,
Or tried by sorrow by heaven's decree,
The blessings that never were bought or sold,
And center there, are better than gold."

THANKSGIVING REVERIES.
For many years, aye, almost since first this country had a name, it has been the custom of the people to set apart one day in the year, after harvest time, for thanksgiving and praise to the Great Ruler of the universe for His loving kindness and tender mercies. Who can live in beautiful America and not believe that there is a God, and that it is His pleasure to prosper the liberty-loving people of this great country. The evidences, strong, indisputable, convincing, are on every hand.

The greatest of feast days in America should be one of rejoicing and thanksgiving by all people. This is the harvest time for the gathering of thanks for the blessings of the year. Thanksgiving Day was first established in the United States by the Pilgrims at Plymouth, New England, replacing Christmas as the great family festival, and has been gradually adopted in other parts of the country. Congress recommended days of thanksgiving annually during the Revolution, and Washington, in 1789, after the adoption of the constitution. Other days of national thanksgiving have been proclaimed, and since 1863 the last Thursday in November has been annually proclaimed by the president as a national Thanksgiving Day.

In this munificent land of ours, as voice of famine, pestilence and disasters common to other lands, and where peace and plenty so universally abound, and civilization in its highest type so exalts humanity, we are thoroughly doubly blessed and our autumns are golden in more ways than one, and as sowers and reapers, the children of men, particularly in the bounds of this latitude, can do no less in gratitude than absorb and reflect the sunshine so lavished upon them.

Freely we receive, then freely give,
Bless as ye are blessed;
Yield forth in the life you live
The purest and the best.

This is the harvest time for thanks. True, there have been trials, calamities in some places, homes destroyed, losses and sorrows, but taking the country over our blessings have been many and far outnumbered the dark appalling things of life. In spite of many evils there has been as much of true sympathy, of genuine benevolence, of a cordial spirit, of brotherly love and good fellowship, we can keep our thanksgiving in the spirit of the scriptural admonition, "Be ye thankful."

It has come to be that we hear too much about feasting and too little about thanksgiving. The house-wife whose menu reads:

- Oysters on the Half Shell
- Tomato Soup, Celery,
- Roast Turkey, Creamed Potatoes,
- Chicken Pie, Baked Sweet Potatoes,
- Pickles, White Bread, Brown Bread,
- Cherry Sauce, Orange Tarts,
- Mince Pie, Pumpkin Pie,
- Cake, Fruit, Coffee.

Will likely have very little time for another reading:
Song of Praise,
Prayer, Singing,
Address, Prayer,
Singing, Prayer,
Love Feast,
Old Hundred.

Let us be thankful that however difficult and full of temptation life may be, we are given wisdom that suffices for daily living. No part of man's nature is so strengthened by right choice as the conscience. It is the still, small voice that we must listen for, and the oftener we hear it and obey, the clearer and fuller is its tone. It is the delicate intuition that is dulled and finally destroyed by the doings of evil.

Let us be thankful that most men are blessed with the righteous desire to do good and to deal fairly by their neighbors.

DRAGGING OF ROADS.

Split Log Drag's Inventor Tells How to Use It.

MAN THE GREATEST FACTOR.

D. Ward King Emphasizes Necessity of the First Dragging—How to Hitch Your Team and Regulate the Drag. Making Good Roads Without Money.

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You have been told how to make a drag, and I have tried to give you some slight idea of the benefits to be had by a little judicious effort. And I am now to show you, as best I may, how the drag should be used.

The drag you have made, measured by the best, may be good or poor, and its quality will have an influence on the results obtained. But the man is the greatest factor. A good man with a poor drag will improve a road more than will a poor man with a good drag. So before getting to the drag I want to remind you of a few facts which you know perfectly well, but may, unless I caution you, escape your attention for the moment when you first begin to drag. First, you will be certain to improve your road if you are in earnest, but must not expect to construct a five-year-old road in five minutes or in five hours. Five long years are required to construct a five-year-old road. The benefits I have described cannot be



BEST LOG DRAG.

got at the first dragging, yet it is equally true that without the first dragging they never can be realized. Then I would have you remember you are apt to do better work after a year's experience. And your team also do good, ascertain what you want them to do. The team will learn presently to walk to suit the drag, and you will find that helps much. At first you will find yourself driving the team and ignoring the drag. Shortly thereafter you will be caught driving the drag and ignoring the team. Experience will teach you to give attention to both simultaneously.

Hitch to the chain at a point which compels the unloaded drag to follow the team at an angle of about 45 degrees, then step on and regulate it by shifting your weight from point to point. The action of the drag is governed by four things—first, by the distance of the double trees from the drag, which is regulated by slipping the chain backward or forward through the hole in the ditch end of the drag. The length of the chain determines the hold taken on the ground. To make the chain longer is equivalent to adding weight to the drag. If the drag is too heavy, shorten the hitch. Second, the place where the clevis is fastened to the chain. When you desire to move much earth place the clevis pretty close to the ditch end of the drag and stand with one foot on the extreme end of the front slab. Hold the team



DRAG IN USE.

steadily at a slow walk when using this hitch. Third, the position and condition of the steel cutter. Half an inch below the edge of the slab is enough for the steel to project. If the steel is very sharp, put less of your weight on the front slab. Fourth, your own position. If you want to move dirt, proceed as advised in No. 2. In a soft spot step back on to the rear slab. On a hard spot step to the front and drive very cautiously, for if the steel catches on a root or strikes a solid bowlder the drag might tip over. When the drag elogs step to a point as far from the ditch end of the log as possible and pull your team toward the center of the road for a few steps.

In order to do all these things satisfactorily a safe platform should cover the space on top of the stakes between the slabs. Use inch boards; nail to three clevis; place two clevises so they will drop just inside the end stakes; place third clevis so it will not

Interfere with main stake; make the clevis to fit neatly between the slabs, bust space the boards an inch from each slab and from each other. These cracks will allow earth to sift through. If you make the spaces much wider than an inch you will catch your shoe heel.

Here is the recipe for tanking good roads without money and with the least possible expenditure of time and energy: Assuming you have your drag made, hitch the team as directed and drive down one wheel track to your neighbor's front gate and back on the other wheel track, with one horse on each side of the rat and with the drag moving the loose earth toward the



REGULATING THE DRAG BY STEPPING ON IT, center of the road. One trip will answer, but another one or two will hasten matters. After the next rain drag in the same manner, and following the third, fourth and fifth rains, when the center of that portion of the roadway you have been dragging will be the highest. It may be rather narrow; if so, plow one shallow furrow on each side the dragged portion, turning the furrow in the road. Spread this loose earth over the road with the drag. By this operation the road has been widened about two feet. Plow no more until after another rain. Plow after each rain until the road is wide enough to suit you. If you follow this plan you will have a good solid road from the beginning. There will be a minimum amount of mud and dust, the center of the road will be always fit for travel, and you can build the grade as high as you wish. The road will be very much better from the beginning, but it will not reach its highest state of efficiency until it has been dragged regularly for four or five years.

Plan A New Road.

The West Texas and Northern Railway Company has been organized at Stanton for the purpose of constructing a line of road from Amarillo to Stanton and finally southwest into Mexico. The incorporators are said to be backed by moneyed interests in the east and it is announced that surveys will be made at once.

This proposed line will run parallel with the proposed Panhandle Short Line that was to have been constructed south from Amarillo, and it is reported that some of the promoters of the latter road have taken an interest in the new project and that the short line proposition is no longer considered.

Logical Witticisms.

Any man can be a good fellow as long as his money holds out.

Fall styles in raps are being advertised by spiritualistic mediums.

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You never hear a married man boast that he never made a mistake in his life.

Carrying coals to Newcastle is a good bit like giving nerve tonic to a book agent.

A man doesn't have to take his wife out in an automobile to get a good blowing up.

Because love is blind is no reason why a lover should make a spectacle of himself.

The more children a woman has the less time she has to attend mother's meetings.

Many a woman worries more about owing a cill than she does about owing the butcher.

A man may think he can hide some of his sins from the Lord, but he is a fool if he thinks he can hide any of them from the neighbor women.—Denison Gazetteer.

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