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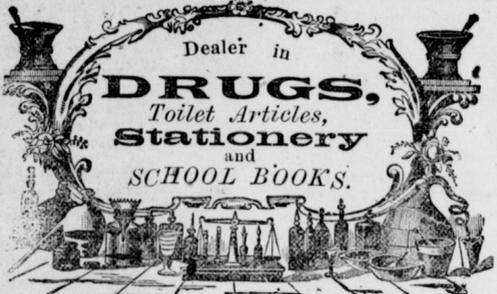
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Notice.

The partnership heretofore existing between J. D. Jefferies and L. C. Beverly, Clarendon, Donley county, Texas, under the firm name of Jefferies & Beverly is dissolved. L. C. Beverly having bought J. D. Jefferies' interest in the business and he will collect all claims due the late firm and pay all of their indebtedness.
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CLUB RATES

We will furnish the following papers and this paper at the annexed prices for the two:

News, (Galveston or Dallas),	\$1.80
Southern Mercury	1.80
Texas Live Stock Journal,	1.80
Scientific American,	3.60
Phrenological Journal,	1.80
Chicago Express	1.80
Texas Farm and Ranch,	1.50

Costly and Inefficient Courts.

Attorney R. W. Hall, of Vernon, is out in an article on "Needed Legislation," from which we extract the following:

The greatest trouble is that we have too many courts and not enough court. This is especially true of the lower courts. Too many courts means too much costs upon litigants, too many salaries, too many idle or half employed officials trying to run them. The fees of the offices will not pay the salaries of the officials, and the commissioners' court is called upon to "shake the plum tree" for ex-officio salaries.

No man can successfully defend our system of district courts. It is a relic of the pioneer days and ought to have passed with its Sancho Panza, the "saddle bags lawyer."

As a substitute I would suggest a modification of the system now in force in many of the states of having a county judge in every county, possessing the qualifications now required of a district judge and having jurisdiction over all matters now given to the county and district courts. Instead of having two courts a year, let his term begin with the terms of the higher courts and continue as they do for nine months in the year. While the court may not be actually in session all the time, whenever there is a case to be tried open the court and try it, if not at once, within a reasonable time at least. There should be special days fixed in each month for jury cases.

In a small county like this (Wilbarger), one competent man could try all civil, criminal and probate cases, preside over the commissioners' court, look after the public schools and still have time to flirt with the school marm and ride on his free pass. In a large county like Dallas or Tarrant, instead of combining these various functions in one man, there should be as many officers as would be required to do the work by dividing the duties among them, always keeping in view the principle that every paid official should have enough to do to keep him busy. The road overseer is about the only official in the state whose compensation is in proportion to his work. The idliest official in Texas today is the district judge. Of course there are some exceptions, but on an average one-fourth of his time is given to the duties of his office and the other three-fourths he spends in loafing around lawyer's offices, fishing, hunting, cavorting around at social functions and making medicine for the next election. The reason of it is that he is given so many weeks at each county site in his district. The business of the term is nearly always completed, or could be, in half the time. The fault is not his, but lies in the system under which we work.

Here is a good set of rules for a postoffice: No letters will be delivered until they have been received. If you don't get a letter or a paper on the day you expect it, have the postmaster look through all the boxes and down in the cellar also. It ought to be somewhere, and he likes to hunt for it just to please you. If your friends don't write to you cuss the postmaster. He is to blame. If he tells you there is no mail for you, put on a grieved face and say, "There ought to be." He is probably hiding your mail for the pleasure of having you call for it two or three times a day. Ask him to look again."—Canadian Record.

A man imagines before marriage that he will be his wife's cup of joy, but finds out afterwards he is only a fly in it.—Ex.

ple's rights must be butchered and their property and liberty jeopardized on account of personal friendship or for sweet charity's sake. Whenever a case is tried before such a judge three or four long discussions must be made by the attorneys on each side upon the simplest questions of practice and evidence, and then three out of five times the court's ruling will be error. It takes ten times as long to try a case before such a judge as it does before a man who knows the law and who can rule without argument on every point; besides, every lawyer at the bar teaches a law school gratis during his term of office with the judge as pupil. The dockets of the appellate courts are crowded with cases appealed from inefficient county courts that ought never to have been appealed, but are carried up there on account of errors committed upon the simplest and most fundamental questions. With a competent judge this would never be. All this means costs to litigants and to the state and counties.

Officers' fees and court costs are entirely too high in this state. The reason of it is that there are so many officers' fees which must be raised in order to support them all. For instance, a clerk gets 50 cents for issuing any kind of a writ and the sheriff is paid from 75c to \$3 for serving it besides his mileage. It can be issued generally with the blanks furnished by the county in about two and a half minutes and served in about the same length of time. I believe in paying an official well for what he does—this must be done in order to get good men—but if public duties are so apportioned and adjusted as to give every officer all the work he can do then there will be no necessity for such extortion as is practiced along some lines of the public service. Why have two courts and two clerks in every county when one of each would be better and cheaper?

The caucus of democratic congressmen held last week resolved, among other things, as follows:

"The democrats in each state and in each congressional district have a right to determine for themselves in their own locality what their policy shall be, to make platforms for, accept pledges from their candidates and to instruct members of congress."

Here is a clear abandonment of the Chicago platform as a party test. Under the above resolution the democrats in any district have the consent of the congressional caucus of democrats to adopt such platform as they see fit and still retain their standing in the party. They may resolve vigorously against the free coinage of silver and enthusiastically in favor of the gold standard and it will not affect their good standing in the party. This is the first step to go back on free silver and the other steps will follow in due time.—Mo. World.

Thomas Scruggins, a farmer near Morrison, Ok., has raised an immense quantity of peanuts on 20 acres of land and is feeding them to hogs, finding that they produce fat quicker and cheaper than corn or any other grain feed.—Canadian Record.

Jack Campbell, who killed E. S. Heyser at Canyon City last August, was cleared by the court at Amarillo last week.

The President's Atlanta Speech.

President McKinley's Atlanta speech contained some fervid expressions, which will be heartily approved by his fellow-citizens who love their country as well as he does, and are just as proud of American prowess.

But when he goes on to identify patriotism with aggression, and dominion over subject people, he excites some thoughts which may make him trouble.

"That flag has been planted in two hemispheres," says the President, "and there it remains, the symbol of liberty and law, of peace and progress. Who will withdraw it from the people over whom it floats in protecting folds? Who will haul it down?"

Is the flag which floats over the Hawaiian Islands the symbol of liberty and law when most of the inhabitants are denied the rights of citizenship and the suffrage made to depend, not upon character and manhood, but upon property? Have only those with property an interest in the government? Is freedom only for the oligarchs?

The government which the President and Congress are to set up in the Philippines—how is it to be supported? The inhabitants will be taxed by Americans to maintain the government of the archipelago in which the Filipinos have no voice. Taxation without representation—our fathers went to war to save themselves from that curse. Are we now to inflict it upon Aguninaldo's followers? There is law in such a scheme, but how much liberty? The Malays are to be governed from the proconsul's palace at Manila, the proconsul will be governed from Washington. Government from somewhere at a distance is not a government of liberty. From the days of Rome's rotten proconsuls it has been a synonym for the hatefullest tyranny. There is no liberty among a people who are not at liberty to tax and govern themselves.

The President's patriotism is not patriotism, but the sentiment of dominion. If it is accepted by the American people they will have to stop thinking of the liberties of their subjects and look to their own, for the colonial question is to-day one of the vitallest of all American questions.—Post Dispatch.

Mrs. J. T. Ham, a lady about 60 years old, who resided with her husband a few miles north of Gordon, got up out of bed Monday night and went to Palo Pinto creek and plunged in, where she was found dead. She was thought to be crazy from the use of morphine.

A note from Anson says: "All the returns in except Round Mound—J. C. Phillips 50 ahead." This indicates the election of Judge Phillips, populist, as county judge of Jones county over his democratic opponent.—Abilene Sentinel.

J. T. Berry, an old time resident and saloonkeeper of Canadian, died in Kansas City last Friday morning as a result of an injury to the brain inflicted by a blow from a tobacco cutter two weeks ago.

Matador Land and Cattle Co. received 4 cars of fine Durham Cattle, Dec. 16 from Harreyville Kan.—Budget.

Little dolls, big dolls, life-like dolls, doll buggies and cradles, and doll furniture at Ramsey's.

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CLARENDON, - - - TEXAS.

PASTURE AND FARN.

Phil Gwin has 140 coming yearlings in San Angelo on feed, which he bought in Coke county.

I. D. Boyd of Crows Nest, Tom Green county, sold three hogs weighing 1030 pounds to Paul Briesch, a butcher, at 3 cents.

Col. D. P. Day recently moved 1000 head of stock cattle from his Ballinger ranch to his new ranch in Crockett county.

During the past thirty days one firm alone purchased in the Territory nearly 10,000 head of Territory cattle to be fed on pasture near Chickasha, I. T.

Abilene is now coming to the front as a feeding point. The pens of the oil mill there, recently completed are rapidly filling up with feeding cattle.

The recent snow and blizzard drove many cotton pickers back to the cities and towns and very much cotton will be left to be plowed under the ground next spring.

M. Z. Smissen of Fort Worth has bought from G. W. Whitehead & Sons, 400 three and four-year-old steers. The steers are to be delivered in January and will be placed on feed at Gainesville.

Up to Nov. 1, 489,567 head of live food cattle were imported into Great Britain against 525,167 in the corresponding period in 1897. This decrease in the receipts of live stock was about made up by increased imports of dressed beef.

Borden & Borden shipped 550 head of cattle to Cuba on the Miami from Galveston. Some of the cattle are from Texas and some are from Mexico. The latter came through from the border in bond.

A. J. Parker of Elmo exhibited a rock one inch long and one and one-half inches wide that had been taken from an abscess on the jaw of a horse. The owner says the rock was in the animal's jaw at least three years, as he has owned him that long.

Mr. Frank Cooley planted peanuts this year and from about one acre he reports having made more money than from several acres of cotton and with much less work. He found ready sale for the nuts. Mr. Cooley lives near Boerne.

J. D. Jackson of Alpine has sold to J. P. French and W. T. Pratt of Temple 400 feeding steers, coming 3s and 4s, at \$2.75 per hundred, weighed up at McGregor, where the buyers will put them on full hull and meal feed.

Col. Parker Earle has set out twenty acres near Eddy, N. M., of as fine asparagus plants as have ever been seen in the Pecos valley. The plants were shipped to the colonel from southern Illinois, and he expects a great yield.

Denver papers say that interest in the range cattle exhibition to be held in that city in January increases as the time approaches and that a number of entries have already been made. It looks as though there would be a large attendance.

Considerable wheat was sown in the Kemp community in the Chiskasaw nation after the rains came, and it has had enough warm weather to bring it out and give it a start to grow, and with favorable weather it ought to do well.

Shipping hickory nuts from Texas is a new business. A Tyler firm shipped a carload a few days ago and arrangements have been made to ship two more, and to secure a market next season for all the hickory nuts produced in Texas.

The success attained at Barstow in growing to perfection and marketing at good price a high grade of table grape, equal in every respect to California grapes, has led to quite a sentiment in favor of grape growing, which will doubtless be quite a leading industry.

The sixth annual meeting of the Territorial Agricultural, Horticultural and Irrigation society will be held at Kingfisher, Ok., Jan. 3, and continuing in session three days. Interesting papers from prominent men of Oklahoma and elsewhere have been announced.

Farmers around Velasco are very enthusiastic over the prospects they have of getting rid of their vegetables this season for a cash consideration without the risks of shipment themselves. Nearly every farmer will plant largely.

President at Savannah.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 19.—The reception of President McKinley and the members of his cabinet by the people of Savannah Saturday more than equaled in hospitality and completeness of arrangement any previous experiences which have marked the presidential trip in the south. The enthusiasm of the citizens and the 15,000 persons who it is estimated came to the city from the surrounding country to greet the president, was fully equal to the demonstrations which have distinguished the trip in other cities.

At the banquet Saturday night in the DeSoto hotel, where the presidential party stopped, President McKinley, amid frequent applause, addressed over 200 persons.

The president's party arrived early in the day. In twenty-seven carriages, drawn by white horses, the party was driven through the streets, black with cheering thousands, to the city parade grounds, where a stand had been erected. Ten thousand troops were drawn up opposite where the president and the members of the cabinet stood. On the outskirts of the parade grounds, held back by sentries, about 10,000 sight-seers pressed forward to get a glimpse of the visitors. Mrs. McKinley remained in a carriage, near the reviewing stand. In the shadow of a towering monument to the Confederate dead lay the left wing of the long line of troops. Maj. Gen. Keifer in command, gave the signal for the march past to commence. A sheet of steel flashed out against the background of trees as the bayonets of the men rose to their shoulders, and the line began to form.

After passing the president, beside whom stood Maj. Gens. Wheeler, Shafter and Lawton, each colonel came on the stand and witnessed the march past of his own regiment. The sight was grand.

Brig. Gen. Wheaton, commanding the first division of the seventh army corps, followed Gen. Keifer. Behind him came the following infantry regiments: Second South Carolina, ninth Illinois, fourth Illinois, third Georgia, third Nebraska, first Texas, forty-ninth Iowa and sixth Missouri.

Then with their coats on, the red flaps turned back, came the second artillery, regulars, the first Maine battery of heavy artillery and light batteries F of the second, C and F of the third, D of the fourth and D of the fifth regular artillery. Every regiment was headed by its band. The men marched in splendid alignment, and looked in excellent condition. The president stood bareheaded, acknowledging salutes, while the crowd cheered as the commands marched by.

In a little over an hour the troops had completed the review and the presidential party drove off to the river front. The streets were lined with people, who cheered incessantly.

At 2 o'clock the president boarded the steam pilot boat J. H. Estill and proceeded down the Savannah river for about ten miles. Salutes were fired from the wharves, every ship was gaily strung with bunting and their crews yelled lustily as the Estill sped by. Whistles screeched, flags dipped, and until the outskirts of the city was reached the river bank was dotted with groups, who enthusiastically sent cheer after cheer over the water for President McKinley. The object of all this enthusiasm stood on the starboard side of the pilot boat, waving his hat and handkerchief to those on the shore and on other vessels.

Went to Church.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 19.—President McKinley spent Sunday forenoon quietly and attended services at the Wesley Monumental church, Rev. Dr. John A. Thompson conducting the services. In the afternoon they reviewed the different regiments, visiting the first Texas just at retreat, driving up the regimental headquarters street, turning into company C, Emmett rifles, street to the rear of the regiment, returning through company M, Fannin guards street and out upon their journey.

Gen. Lee on arriving at Havana said it was his duty to preserve life and property, and that he proposed to do so with equal justice to Cubans, Spaniards and in fact people of all nationalities.

Favors State Militia.

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 19.—Gov. J. F. Johnson, in an interview, said:

"The recent war shows how necessary it is to have a well organized and disciplined body of state troops ready for instant service. The standing army should be supplemented by such a body. I trust all the states will respond to the call of Gov. Bloxham, and that a large number of delegates will assemble at Tampa, Fla., on Feb. 8 to consider the reorganization of state militia service."

SOUTHERN NEWS.

Len McMan, while fooling with a gun near Leesburg, Ala., shot his wife.

On the third trial, Henry Giles was acquitted of the murder of Joe Gatliffe, at Richmond, Ky.

S. F. Harber, recently buried at Richmond, Ky., was the fourth husband his widow had buried.

A passenger train on the Southern railway turned over near Greensboro, Ala. Several persons were injured, but none killed.

The Illinois Central railway is seeking to secure five miles of river front at New Orleans, in consideration of building a monster levee.

A moonshiner's distillery was raided near Tompkinsville, Ky., and a mash pot containing over 600 gallons of brew destroyed.

Burglars entered Williams' store at Caulksville and Connor's store at Chinnville, Logan county, Arkansas, blew open the safes and got about \$800. The towns are ten miles apart, and the burglaries happened the same night.

Col. W. L. Schley, a cousin of Admiral Schley and a Mexican war veteran, died at Baltimore. He was the founder of the Order of the Red Men.

Mrs. Ruby Beryl Kyle, an authoress, died at Birmingham, Ala. She was a Unitarian, and requested that a Hebrew minister officiate at her funeral, which was done.

Rev. B. F. Bedinger, late superintendent of Presbyterian home missions in Alabama, has been appointed superintendent of the Palmer orphanage, at Columbus.

The body of E. L. Berry, who escaped from the Mississippi insane asylum, was found in Pearl river, near Jackson.

The late Mrs. Sarah Withers left a legacy of \$30,000 for a public library at Nicholasville, Ky., to be under the supervision of the Presbyterian church.

The secretary of war has approved the application of the New York Monument association for the location of an \$80,000 peace monument in Lookout park, on the point of Lookout mountain.

At Clarksburg, W. Va., Miss Hattie Goff, sister of Judge Nathan Goff of the United States circuit court, was married to George T. Porter, son of the late Gov. Porter of Indiana.

Henry Walker, a wealthy citizen of Norfolk, Va., was found dead in Brooklyn, with two bullet wounds in his temple and a revolver with two cartridges exploded clutched firmly in his right hand.

Jesse Edwards of Lacey Springs, Ala., was found frozen to death near his father's home. He had been hunting, and was probably lost.

Pleas Coin killed Hunt Kesterson and mortally wounded Fred Berk in Lee county, Virginia. Coin had had trouble with his victims and notified them he would kill them on sight.

A maniac with a rifle held up a train near Gadsden, Ala., and ran the passengers out of the coaches. The train finally went on, and the lunatic was put in jail at Gadsden.

Just across the Kentucky line, near Fincaastle, Tenn., Jno. Morgan and Jas. Savage, two farmers, fought with knives. The trouble was about a fence. Morgan lived an hour and Savage died next morning.

Fire destroyed the coal tippie and haulage system at the Sumter coal mines, twenty miles below Birmingham, Ala., temporarily throwing several hundred people out of employment. The mines have an output of thirty cars per day.

Harry Fitzhugh Thornton, aged 75 years, a veteran of the Mexican war and a lineal descendant of Matthew Thornton, one of the three signers of the declaration of independence from New Hampshire, died at Lexington, Ky.

George Narreto, who died near Hammond, La., was an extensive planter. He was the father of fifteen children, four of them dead. He had forty-seven grandchildren, sixty-nine great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. His living descendants, therefore, number 132.

Over 15,000 cattle are being grain-fattened for market within a radius of ten miles of Norman, Ok., and probably as many more in the county. This is affording the farmers an excellent market for corn fodder and hay right at their doors. The cattle are all first-class animals which have passed inspection by the live stock sanitary board.

Pine Bluff, Ark., is flooded with counterfeit silver dollars, dated 1890.

At Tuskegee.

Tuskegee, Ala., Dec. 17.—The special train bearing the Alabama legislature reached Tuskegee at 6:30 a. m. yesterday, and was soon followed by the regular and special trains from Montgomery and Atlanta. The procession formed at the Tuskegee depot and marched through the city on the way to the normal school.

In the carriage with the president were Gov. Johnston of Alabama, Col. Foster of Tuskegee and Booker T. Washington. In the other carriages were Mrs. McKinley and other ladies of the president's party, members of the cabinet and Gens. Wheeler, Shafter and Lawton.

The president and party first reviewed more than 600 boys and 300 girls of the normal school, and 200 children of the training school.

President McKinley showed much interest and pleasure as with uncovered head he reviewed the procession. After the procession of students came some fifty floats, representing all departments of the school work. Many of these were conspicuous by way of contrast, one representing the old way of doing things, the other the new way. These floats drew forth tremendous applause.

After this procession all present followed the president to the beautiful new chapel. Only about 3000 people gained admittance. Singing by the students of plantation melodies, the most quaint and beautiful of the black belt section, was a special feature, and was greatly enjoyed by the president and the entire audience.

Booker T. Washington introduced Gov. Johnston, who in turn introduced President McKinley. The president and Gen. Wheeler were listened to with special attention.

The president spoke of the work being done by the Tuskegee institute, and wished it success. In part he said:

"Nowhere, I think, could a more delightful location have been chosen for this unique educational experiment, which has attracted the attention and won the support even of conservative philanthropists in all sections of the country.

"To speak of Tuskegee without paying special tribute to Booker T. Washington's genius and perseverance would be impossible. The inception of this noble enterprise was his, and he deserves high credit for it. His was the enthusiasm and enterprise which made its steady progress possible, and established in the institution its present high standard of accomplishment. He has won a worthy reputation, as one of the great leaders of his race, widely known and much respected at home and abroad as an accomplished educator, a great orator and a true philanthropist."

Montgomery's Welcome.

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 17.—The president and his party were given a magnificent welcome in the Confederacy's first capitol yesterday.

Mayor Clisby introduced the president with a well worded speech at the station. The whole party was then taken in carriages through the leading business and residence streets to the old Confederate capitol. The entire route was ablaze with the national colors, while the tremendous crowds lined the streets as far as the eye could reach. No such gathering has been seen here since Mr. Cleveland's visit during his first term.

Capitol hill was one mass of humanity when the lines of carriages, escorted by the local military companies reached there at 3 o'clock.

When Gov. Johnston escorted President McKinley into the hall there was a tremendous demonstration.

Gov. Johnston made a brief speech in which he took occasion to say that Alabama had nothing to take back for what she did in 1861, but that she was back in the Union to stay and that she welcomed the president of the reunited country to the historic spot around the assemblage.

The president made a speech which was loudly applauded. He spoke in complimentary terms of Alabama and eulogized Wheeler and Hobson. A reception was held at the governor's office which was attended by hundreds of people. Hobson's mother heard the president speak.

Wants Confederates Admitted.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Representative Rixey of Virginia yesterday introduced a bill for the admission of Confederate as well as Union soldiers to all soldiers' homes and like institutions maintained by the government. Although somewhat in line with the president's suggestion in his speech at Atlanta, this referred to government care of Confederate cemeteries, whereas, the Rixey bill refers to living ex-Confederates who are "maimed, crippled or needy."

Rocked Embassy.

The British embassy at Washington was subjected for several minutes to a vicious bombardment with brickbats by Joseph W. Pearson, a Washington printer. One of Sir Julian Pauncefote's daughters was struck on the foot and slightly hurt by the first missile thrown by Pearson. Several windows, the glass in the storm doors and the great plate glass doors of the embassy, which were magnificently cut in a design of the British coat of arms, were smashed and ruined. Sir Julian requested that Pearson be held until Secretary of State Hay was informed of the incident.

Sir Julian and his daughters were sitting in the drawing-room when there was a crash and the rattling of falling glass. Miss Pauncefote leaped to her feet with an exclamation of pain. Half a brick lay near Miss Pauncefote's foot, which had been struck and cut. In a few minutes the police were on their way to the embassy. Meanwhile Pearson took a position under the post-cochere and began to bombard the storm doors, soon smashing the glass out of them. Behind these were the main doors of the embassy, great sheets of plate glass, into which the arms of the embassy were cut. These glasses were imported, and were valued at \$300 each. Pearson deliberately stood in the port-cochere and threw his remaining missiles at these fine glasses, breaking one after the other. A policeman reached the embassy and arrested Pearson. He refused to reply to questions. He is 26 years old, and has been working for the electric street railways recently. It is thought he is insane.

For Philippines.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The first evidence that the United States regards the Philippines as a permanent possession was furnished in an order issued yesterday by Adj. Gen. Corbin to officers of troops destined for those islands, notifying them that their commands will be absent at least two or three years. This step has the approval of the president, and the order goes out under the sanction of Gen. Miles.

The troops designated by these orders are the third, fourth, twelfth, seventeenth, twentieth, and twenty-second regiments of the regular United States infantry. The location of these troops are: Third, Fort Snelling; fourth Fort Sheridan; twelfth, Jefferson barracks; seventeenth, Columbus barracks; twentieth, Fort Leavenworth; twenty-second, Fort Crook. It is the present understanding that the twentieth will go by way of San Francisco on the arrival of the Scandia from Honolulu, and three of the regiments at least will go by way of the Suez canal.

The regulars mentioned are in a sense going as colonizers and with special transportation facilities. Officers and non-commissioned staff officers will be allowed to take their families with them on the transports, and will get half rates for meals. Sick men and married men who do not desire to enlist will be permitted to be transferred to other regiments. Mounted officers will be allowed to take their horses. The men will be required to take with them personally only the regulation amount of baggage for a transfer from one station to another.

The policy as to these six regiments will be pursued in all the other regiments which will be needed in the Philippines to fill the places of the volunteer regiments, which are gradually to be withdrawn.

Car Famine.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 17.—The car famine has become so serious that the entire grain trade of St. Louis is crippled and exporters find it almost impossible to obtain cars to carry their grain to the seaboard. It would take more than 1000 cars to fill the orders which have been received. Every railroad running into the city suffers from the shortage of equipment. There are thousands of bushels of grain in St. Louis elevators which were sold for shipment several months ago, but can not be shipped because the railroads are not able to furnish cars.

The American peace commission has started home, leaving Paris the 16th.

In the Goddard-McCoy fight at Philadelphia the latter got the decision.

Bryan and Bailey conferred at Washington.

Agoncillo has lodged a protest with the American peace commissioners on behalf of Aguinaldo.

A CHRISTMAS GHOST.



JUST a commonplace house in the middle of a block on Thirty-fourth street—a queer place to find a ghost, and little Miss Rollins was one of the last persons an up-to-date ghost would be supposed to visit.

She was a matter-of-fact little woman, on the shady side of forty, although, as to that, if she had chosen to keep the fact to herself, no one would have placed her at a day over thirty-five.

She had come to New York to do her Christmas shopping. There were stores in her own town, good ones, too, where she could have parted with her Christmas spending money quite profitably, but home shopping was an every-day affair, while this New York trip was the one dissipation of her quiet, correct, commonplace life.

People who knew her well said she liked to get away from home at holiday time,—there were scenes and memories to run away from—that there was an unold story away back in her life somewhere. At all events, the quiet little woman seemed unlike her calm self as the holidays drew near.

There were others, and they were in the majority, who saw only the Miss Rollins known by the world in general, and smiled at the idea of anything sentimental, declaring if there had ever been anything out of the ordinary in her life she would not be one to run away from it.

Be that as it may, for fifteen years Miss Rollins had not missed her fortnight's visit to the big city. She always spent a generous sum, too, although she was not a rich woman. The economies she practised before and after this annual outing were entirely her own affair. There were a dozen or more on her list, children principally, who were always remembered—their gifts were sent to them from New York, giving them an added value, perhaps. Miss Rollins never returned till the holidays were well over. She passed the last two weeks of every year in what was to her a whirl of gaiety, then returned to commence the year again in the old regular, monotonous round, her only outside interests being the weekly prayer meeting and the Sabbath service. Occasionally, but by no means regularly, she indulged in a church soiree. As the object of these affairs was to bring the people together and make them acquainted, she tried to live up to the idea and do her duty in this respect, so she shook hands with the minister and the deacons and certain of the members, always being especially careful to notice children and strangers. After these occasions people said to each other, "What a pleasant lady Miss Rollins is!" At other times they merely remarked that the little old maid was well enough in her way, but something of a crank in her desire to be left to herself.

This particular Christmas was just like the others to Miss Rollins, except that her pocketbook was lighter than usual; not that that made her unhappy—it was merely one of life's happenings and she always took them as they came, but it necessitated some fine calculating to accomplish her purpose. Instead of taking Mrs. Bowen's second floor front, she concluded the third floor hall room would answer her purpose quite as well. Her little gifts must be selected with great care, in order that they might give the usual amount of pleasure to the recipients, though possessing less money value. As to her own particular pleasures, for she always indulged in several visits to theater and opera, why, that was easily disposed of. The front seats were not at all necessary; she had always indulged in them, to be sure, but that was no reason why she could not be happy in a back seat or even in the gallery. Her sight and hearing were perfect and her social standing could not possibly be injured by sitting a few hours with the people who, from choice or necessity, bought half-price tickets. The money question being disposed of, the little woman proceeded to enjoy the holidays in her usual manner, with these few exceptions.

The hall bedroom was clean and comfortable, though it was somewhat cramped. There was room for her trunk—just room and nothing to spare. She did sigh a little over that, for she was accustomed to plenty of room, so her kind-hearted landlady came to her relief by offering to let her put the trunk in the third story back room, which was empty just at present. The man who occupied it had gone off in the country somewhere for the holidays. He was a Californian but was spending the winter in New York. Mrs. Bowen did not know that he had any regular business, but he seemed to do a great

deal of writing; perhaps he wrote for the papers.

The man's trunk was in the room, a trunk much like her own with the initials "H. M. D." on one end. Miss Rollins stared when she saw it as though quite taken by surprise.

"That's Mr. Dornell's trunk," Mrs. Bowen said, in answer to the look on Miss Rollins' face. "It'll be right in your way there when you want to get to your own, so we'll move it and put yours there; he won't mind."

It was dark when Miss Rollins' trunk arrived and she got little Kate Dennis, the chambermaid, to help her unpack and carry a few things into her room.

"This room's haunted!" Kate said bluntly, as she shrugged her shoulders and looked round as if expecting to see something spring from one of the corners.

"Who haunts it?" Miss Rollins asked, with a smile at the girl's foolishness.

"A man killed himself here once; they found him in that big closet. They say he comes back here whenever the room isn't occupied. They say he stays mostly in the closet, but he rattles the door-knob sometimes as if he wanted some one to let him out."

"Who told you all that nonsense? You look too sensible a girl to talk about ghosts!"

"I know two girls who used to live here and they told me they'd seen him. Mrs. Bowen discharged Mamie O'Shea for talking about it."

"She did quite right. I'm not going to tell her that you have talked about it, but I'd advise you not to say such things any more."

"Don't you believe in ghosts, ma'am?"

"Certainly not!"

"I wouldn't come in this room alone after dark for anything. I'd be afraid o' my life!"

"You're a foolish girl. You must not believe all the nonsense other girls tell—you'll get yourself in trouble talking this way to Mrs. Bowen's lodgers; you ought to know better."

The girl was silenced, if not convinced, and Miss Rollins heard no more of the ghost until the night when she saw him for herself.

That was the night before Christmas. She came in late from the theatre—she had invited Mrs. Bowen to go with her and they sat in the parlor awhile talking over the play.



STANDING PERFECTLY STILL.

It was nearly twelve when Miss Rollins started to go up stairs.

"I must write a letter before I go to bed," she said, standing with her hand on the banisters. "I want Kate to mail it for me early in the morning."

"Go into the back room if you like; it is warmer than yours and there's a desk there."

Miss Rollins thanked her and with a laugh Mrs. Bowen went on:—"You don't take stock in ghosts, I suppose? They used to say that room was haunted, but nobody's troubled the place since I've had the house. A man did commit suicide there once."

"I am not afraid of ghosts. Who was the man?"

"I don't know. He shot himself. They found his body in the closet the next day."

"Horrible! Poor fellow! But I am not afraid. I don't suppose he wants to come back to that closet."

She shuddered a little as she seated herself at the old-fashioned desk and commenced to write. She glanced at the closet door several times and a creepy feeling came over her. The ink dried on her pen just because the thoughts wouldn't come fast enough to keep it moving. She glanced at the closet door, then at that trunk with "H. M. D." on the end in white letters, then tried to go on with her letter.

"I'm an old simpleton," she said in her thoughts. "I used to be nervous and fidgety enough when I was a girl, but I thought I had got over that years ago. I must finish this letter and go to bed."

As the letter was never mailed, but was found in the waste basket several days after, there is no harm in reading it here. It was written to her old friend, Anna Chatfield, who was living out in Colorado somewhere, and whom she had not seen for nearly twenty years. She always wrote to her just before Christmas and sent her a little remembrance.

"Dear Anna," the letter began, "It is late, after midnight, in fact, but I shall not feel happy tomorrow if I do not write you letter. I don't feel like myself tonight, somehow—I am more like the foolish Mary Rollins you used to know. Perhaps it was the play. You know I never go to the theater except when I come down here to New York once a year. The play was a sad one; the story of it was something like my own life—you know, Anna dear! People here call me prim, sensible, matter-of-fact; they don't know how silly I am. They don't understand why I run away from myself every year because I am not strong enough to live through the holidays! Well, you know dear, how I come down here and take this way to fight my little fight with fate—then go back and take up the life which for so many years has been a mere existence."

"It is twenty years tonight since Howard and I were married! Ah, I never told that before, not even to you—it is the only secret I ever kept from you, Anna! We were married in Philadelphia that time I went to visit Nellie Ames—do you remember? He made me promise not to tell; his people would be very angry, he said; they wanted him to study law, to establish himself well before settling down. Then his uncle sent for him to come to California—it was such a good chance for him—he would come back in two years and claim me. You know how I waited, Anna. Just before father died I tried to tell him, but he was too ill, so, having no mother, I kept my own counsel and no one ever knew. Then, when Howard wrote that he was coming home and that we would be married on Christmas Eve, I made my preparations, sent out my invitations and looked forward to a very happy Christmas. Christmas came and went, but no bridegroom! Weeks later a letter came, saying he had been injured, had fallen from his horse; he had also lost his position—he had given up the law—he would wait a year, perhaps, then he would have a home for me. As time passed, people whispered that my lover had jilted me. I never told them it was worse than that—that my husband had deserted me! I was a motherless girl and there was no one to sympathize, except you, dear, and I was too proud to tell you all. I left the little town that had known my humiliation and went to Radville, where I have lived ever since, where they know me as Miss Rollins, the little old maid, and they don't know I ever had a romance in my life."

"Tonight it all comes over me till I am angry with my own weakness. In the room where I am writing is a trunk with his initials on one end—a mere coincidence, of course, but I would like to blot out those letters—my eyes keep turning to them and—"

Miss Rollins laid her pen down a moment; her hand was tired and she stopped to rub it a little. Then she heard a slight noise—was it the closet door? Oh, how foolish! It was nearly one o'clock and she was tired and nervous—she would let the letter go for tonight and finish it in the morning.

She took the paper from the desk and started to rise, then sank back with a little scream and the paper fell from her hand. Before her stood a tall man with a smooth shaven face and iron-gray hair; he was very pale and a stream of blood trickled down one side of his face! He was standing perfectly still, looking at her; he made no move, and after that one little scream she could not have uttered a sound. How she reached the door she never knew, but she managed to get to her room and lock herself in.

"The ghost!" she whispered to herself, "have I seen the ghost, or was it imagination? My nerves must be in a terrible state—I ought to have gone to bed; no, it was not imagination—I surely saw something, a white-faced, bleeding man! Oh, it was dreadful! He never moved—just stood there looking at me with piercing eyes and the blood trickling slowly down his face. I shall never forget it!"

She lay awake for hours and was too ill to rise in the morning. Kate brought her some breakfast and, seeing her white face, exclaimed:—"Lor, Miss Rollins, you look like you'd seen the ghost!"

"I have!"

The words came of themselves almost, but she went on:—"I was nervous and tired and I thought I saw something last night, but of course it was all a mistake—don't say anything, Kate. I wouldn't have any one know I could be so foolish. Now, go to my trunk, will you, Katie, and bring my gray flannel wrapper; I think I will sit up here in the rocker a little while before I dress. I shall be all right at dinner time."

Kate went for the wrapper, but, to her surprise, the door of the "third story back" was locked. Thinking Miss Rollins must have locked it and taken the key, she was about to start back toward the little hall room, when she heard a groan. With a scream she ran into Miss Rollins' room and shut the door.

"What is the matter, Katie?"

"The ghost, ma'am—he's in there now. I heard him groaning!"

"Oh, what an old simpleton I was to frighten you with what I said! Come, I'll go with you."

"But the door's locked, ma'am; we can't get in, and I know I heard something in there."

Just here there was a light tap on the door and the poor girl fairly shivered until she heard Mrs. Bowen's voice, then the door was pushed open.

"What is the matter up here? I was on the floor below and I heard a scream."

"This foolish girl says she heard some one groaning in the back room. She is afraid to go in there for me."

"The door's locked; I can't get in," the girl muttered.

"Who could have locked it? I'll go and see to it myself."

Mrs. Bowen tried the door and found it locked. She also heard groans inside, but her nerves were in fine condition—only an unpaid board bill could upset them—so she very calmly and decidedly shook the knob and in firm tones demanded:

"Who is in there? Is it you, Mr. Dornell?"

A minute later the door was opened and a man stood there in dressing gown and slippers, with a handkerchief bound about his forehead.

"Why, what is the matter, sir? Are you ill?"

"I met with an accident last night, Mrs. Bowen. There was snow on the steps and I slipped and cut my head. I came in quite late and I must have frightened a lady who sat here writing. I had to come back to the city sooner than I expected. There is a fearful pain in my head this morning, but I don't think it is anything serious."

Mrs. Bowen had two Christmas invalids on her hands. When Miss Rollins confessed her fright of the night and told how near she had come to a belief in ghosts, they had a good laugh over it. The ghost recovered in time for a hearty dinner, but Miss Rollins was still very pale and she trembled quite perceptibly when Mrs. Bowen presented the ghost.

They were alone in the parlor for a few minutes after dinner when Mr. Dornell, deliberately crossing the room, stood before Miss Rollins.

"Don't you know me, Mary?"

"Is it—Howard?" she asked, with quivering lips.

"It is Howard, Mary! I want you to forgive me."

She said nothing—just sat there, a pale, sad-faced little woman, not the firm, decided little old maid of the last fifteen years.

At length she rose from the chair and tried to pass him.

"Oh, yes—I forgive you, of course. I shall go home today, so—goodby."

"Oh, no, Mary, it isn't goodby! I've been wicked and selfish all these years, but at least, Mary dear, I have never loved any woman but you. I just kept staying away—I couldn't seem to succeed in anything, somehow, and I kept chasing an imaginary fortune. I found a real one two years ago and I came back to share it with you, my poor little neglected wife. I went to your old home, but you were not there—I have advertised in the New York papers several times. When I saw you last night I was so taken by surprise—the blow on my head had stunned me a little and I could only stand there looking at you. Let me make up to you, Mary, for all these years of neglect! I am not a bad man—only a poor, weak specimen of humanity."

"But I am an old woman now, Howard. It is better as it is, and I have become quite used to living my life alone."

"Isn't there a bit of the old love left, Mary?"

"I wish I could say no, Howard, but it would not be true. I have been weak enough to keep on loving you!"

"Then I will not let you go—you are my wife even if the world does not know it. We will have another wedding and I will do what I can to atone for all these wasted years. You won't say no, Mary dear?"

She did not say anything at all, for the tears came, choking her voice, but relieving her overcharged nerves.

A few evenings later there was a little wedding in Mrs. Bowen's parlor, and the rest of "Miss Rollins'" New York visit was turned into a wedding trip, in which she was not obliged to take half-price seats at the theater, or occupy the hall bedroom.

CARL FOSTER.

No Short-Haired Barbers.

The Berlin Guild of Barbers has issued a broadside against employees and apprentices wearing close-cropped hair. At a recent meeting of the guild it was declared, upon the suggestion of the worthy Herr Obermeister Wohl-schlaeger, that a young hair-dresser "ought not to have his own hair dressed after the fashion of a rat, but to exhibit a tasteful, elegant and scrupulously careful appearance."

Patriotism.

Quester—"What do you suppose it is that drives so many of our urban citizens to the mountains and lakesides during the summer?" Jester—"Love of country, of course."—Detroit Free Press.

Maj. Randle Killed.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 20.—Maj. I. G. Randle, a well known capitalist and citizen of this city, was shot and killed by H. P. Erwin, a farm hand of Kaufman county, residing at Forney, last night in front of Lang's restaurant, on Main street. Five bullets entered Randle's body. The causes that led to the tragedy are veiled in mystery, but are thought to have been over land matters. Erwin was jailed. A pistol, cocked, was lying by Randle's shoulder. Randle was well known over the state. He formerly lived at Bryan. Several years ago he killed E. S. Randall in a difficulty in this city and after several trials was acquitted.

Austin Matters.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 20.—The matter of purchasing a sugar plantation upon which to work convicts did not come up for further consideration at yesterday's meeting of the state penitentiary board. One of the members of the board stated that owing to the shortness of the time when a change of administration will take place it will be impracticable to advertise for new bids and that no action will be taken in the matter under the present administration.

Mayor Oscar Lovenskiold of Corpus Christi and H. M. Noel, a bond and stock broker of St. Louis, were here yesterday consulting with Judge E. P. Hill, second assistant in the attorney general office, in reference to a Corpus Christi bond issue of \$90,000.

No Discharges.

Greenville, Tex., Dec. 20.—N. S. Sherman of this city, who is in Washington, recently called at the war department to see about getting three boys of the third Texas regiment discharged, yesterday a letter arrived for him from Adj. Gen. Corbin, saying that no more discharges of individuals will be granted as the companies of the third regiment are now reduced to the minimum number allowed. But he stated that just as soon as regulars could be sent to take their places the whole regiment will be mustered out. This seems to dispose of the idea that the regiment will be sent either to the Philippines or to Cuba.

San Jacinto Battlefield.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 20.—Judge T. A. Fuller, first assistant in the attorney general's office, returned here from Houston, where he represented the state in the trial of the San Jacinto battlefield condemnation cases. One hundred and thirty-five acres were condemned, the price to be paid being \$20 per acre. The commissioners also obtained an agreement with the owners of the remainder of the land to purchase same at \$25 per acre, making 250 acres in all that will be secured. If the defendants do not appeal the matter can be closed at once and the battlefield ground secured by the state.

Horrible Death.

McKinney, Tex., Dec. 20.—R. J. Steels met with a horrible death here yesterday evening while working at the bottom of a 35-foot well. A bucket of rock was being pulled to the top when the contents were accidentally emptied back into the well. A heavy rock struck the deceased on the head, knocking him senseless. He fell with his head in the water, which was about eighteen inches deep. The alarm was given and it was perhaps thirty minutes before help reached him. The unfortunate man gave his last struggle just before being lifted up. Only a small cut was visible on the head and the presumption is that he was dazed and fell with his head in the water and thus strangled to death.

Service Extended.

Hillsboro, Tex., Dec. 20.—For some time an effort has been on foot to get the free delivery of mail extended to the Rose Hill addition of the city. Harry Beck, the postmaster, after considerable correspondence with the post-office department announces that the department authorizes the extension as soon as citizens of Rose Hill build a quarter of a mile sidewalk to connect Rose Hill with the city. It is expected that free delivery will consequently be in operation there within fifteen days.

Red River Booming.

Denison, Tex., Dec. 20.—The rains have raised Red river, and the old stream is higher now than in some time. All the creeks have been raised considerably by the rain in the last day or so.

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Did you ever consider how many poor, but deserving children there are who might be made happy, not only through the holidays, but long after, by some inexpensive, but useful gift? Then on the other hand, how often we see money lavished upon those who are unacquainted with pinching necessity, whose whims have been gratified until there is no appreciation farther than a little vain pride.

Land Commissioner Finger has made a clean sweep in the land office, and out of thirty-nine desks occupied by old clerks only eleven of the number are to be retained. Down in Hall county where he has a brother and a few special friends, there were three applicants for clerkships, all of whom were given the cold shoulder. His appointments were made in counties he will need two years hence to be reelected, and Hall county can still stand to the rack without fodder.

According to reports the recent rains extended from El Paso to Texarkana and from Texline to Sabine Pass. The ground in the Northern half of the state had previously been loosened up by snow and freezing and put in condition to absorb and hold the maximum of moisture. The rains will start the wheat crop and send it away into next spring without need of further moisture. In fact, the rain practically assures the wheat crop, which was languishing all over North Texas and the Panhandle.

MARION BUTLER has done another, what we consider, very foolish thing. He has proposed an amendment to the pension appropriation bill providing: "That from and after the adoption of this bill every pension law shall apply to every invalid soldier, widow, minor child, dependent relative, army nurses and all other pensioners, without regard to whether said soldier was enlisted in the Federal or Confederate service during the civil war." To carry out this plan the amount carried by the pension bill is increased from \$144,000,000 to \$244,000,000, and the number of agencies increased from eighteen to thirty. Will fusion democrats all become more extravagant with public funds than the republicans?

WHILE there can be no possible significance in the number "13" for evil, there are train men who run in and out of Clarendon who will not use a "13" caboose and raise a roar if they are pulled by a "13" engine. It is a superstition without foundation. The most useful, successful and satisfactory locomotive on the Baltimore & Ohio system is No. 1313. It is one of their ten-wheel locomotives with three seventy-eight drivers, built under contract by the Baldwin company, and is not the best of the lot, but the best on the road for running record and for repairs. It has been constantly in service for nearly nine years, has never had an accident to itself or to any car it has hauled, has been late less times than any other engine in use by the company and has cost almost nothing for repairs. Whole years have passed without having to send this engine to the repair shop, although the other nine engines which were built at the same time, by the same man and from the same material are laid up frequently. It is also claimed that No. 1313 is the most economical fuel burner on the road.

We wish all our patrons, both advertisers and subscribers a merry Christmas, hoping that the year just closing has been a profitable one to all of them.

MOST of the press boys will regret to note the resignation of Eli Hirshfield, assistant general passenger agent of the Denver road, to take effect Jan. 1st. He is an affable gentleman, as well as a hustler for business.

Compromisers Are Not Reformers.

It was Jro. P. Altgeld who said: "Let me repeat that compromisers, traders and neutral men never correct abuses, never found or save free institutions, and never fight for human rights. They always become instruments for the enemy. Wherever they are in control the party is unworthy of the respect of mankind. Only men of convictions and courage can save this land. Only the men who stand erect ever get recognition from the great Speaker who presides over the deliberations of the universe."

To this the Independence, Ia., Farmer's Advocate adds:

"Nothing is truer than the above. Nothing is settled until it is settled right, and nothing is settled right that is half compromised away. The present is a contention of the masses against the classes; human rights against special privileges. There should be no compromise on the question of human rights. Government should be for the benefit of the many and not of the few. Otherwise it is better to have no government at all. The few have no right to tax the many for their special benefit. It is a form of slavery. All men should have equal opportunities. The earth is rich and from its abundant resources all men can live sumptuously if the opportunities are not shut off by legal enactment. God made the earth for all men and not a few. The few have no right to control it and no law can give them the right because God has decreed otherwise. Legalizing a wrong does not make it right.

"Men who lead the great reform movement must not only be up with the times but have the courage to contend for the rights of man. Such men as Wendall Phillips and William Lloyd Garrison. These men thundered against chattel slavery until it fell before the storm of indignation which their efforts had aroused. Now let the fight be kept up against industrial slavery and no compromise made and it will in the future share the fate of chattel slavery."

At a conference of the leaders of the Iowa Democracy Tuesday it was decided to abandon the 16 to 1 issue in the next campaign, making the fight on state issues merely.

With the closing year we can say Clarendon's commercial importance has been more marked during the year than most any town on the road. Her growth is of a permanent nature and people are daily coming into the county hunting homes. There has not been a business failure here for over five years, and during the next year we look for several new business institutions and new residences will go up with more frequency than in the past.

The Illinois State Grange, which met at Springfield Dec. 14, passed a resolution in favor of the state furnishing all text-books used in the public schools at actual cost of publication. The work to be done by convicts in the penitentiary.

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Some Railroad Records for 1898.

A special train of an engine and four cars on the Chicago & Northwestern made a new record between Chicago and Omaha Sept. 16. The run of 493 miles was made in nine hours and twenty-nine minutes. The train left Chicago at 8 in the morning and pulled into the Omaha union depot at 5:29 in the evening.

In September of this year the Pennsylvania Company hauled the greatest freight train in the history of railroads. This record-breaker was made up of 130 cars of coal, which gave a total length of 3887 feet—a trifle less than three-quarters of a mile. The total weight of the train behind the engine tender was 5212 tons, of which 3693 tons was the weight of the coal. The train made the run eastward from Altoona to Columbia in 14 hours. It was hauled by a single engine of the giant "65" class, which is one of the largest in the world, and weighs 118 tons.

Yesterday the army reorganization bill was offered by the house committee on military affairs. The bill, which is known as the Hull bill, is what is asked for by the administration, and asks for a standing army of 100,000. The democrats of the committee will offer a substitute making the regular or standing army 30,000 men, but giving the president the power to call for 60,000 additional men if necessary, and making their term of enlistment one year. It also contemplates letting the state military organizations enlist in a body and choose their own officers.

Drunken Huddums.

A special train of the First Mississippi volunteers, which were mustered out at Columbia, Tenn., Tuesday left for Meridian Wednesday. Hundreds of the soldiers were intoxicated and fired volleys into the depots as they passed, and shot at the farmers along the road. Near Entaw, Lucy Thomas, a colored woman, and her son Moore, were shot. The boy was killed and the woman will die.

The railroad authorities telegraphed to the station agents ahead to save themselves, and every depot south of Entaw was deserted when the train arrived.

The depot at Toombsub, Miss., was almost destroyed by bullets.

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Fire at Longview destroyed E. P. Bass' saloon, C. E. Crain's grocery, and L. Newman's place of business. All were burned out and are a total loss. Partial insurance.

A Tennessee lady, Mrs. J. W. Towle, of Philadelphia, Tenn., has been using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for her baby, who is subject to croup, and says of it: "I find it just as good as you claim it to be. Since I've had your Cough Remedy, baby has been threatened with croup so many times. But I would give him a dose of the Remedy and it prevented his having it every time." Hundreds of mothers say the same. Sold by Ramsey.

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No. 1, Mail and Express—
Arrives 6:35 a. m. Leaves 6:45 a. m.
Local, No. 13, daily except Sunday—
Arrives 3:20 p. m. Leaves 7:35 p. m.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

Baptist, 2d, 3d and 4th Sundays at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.—Rev. L. Tomme, pastor. Sunday school 10 a. m. Prayer meeting every Tuesday night. Sunbeams 4 p. m. every Sunday.

M. E. South, services every Sunday—Rev. J. M. Sherman, pastor. Sunday school 10 a. m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night. Junior Epworth League at 3 p. m. Epworth League at 4 p. m. every Sunday.

M. E. every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.—Rev. George Evans, pastor. Sunday school 10 a. m. Junior Epworth League 4 p. m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night. Epworth League every Monday night.

Christian, — Elder F. T. Denson, pastor. Services 3d Sunday and Saturday and Friday night before. Society of Christian Endeavor every Sunday at 5 p. m. Sunday school 10 a. m.

St. John the Baptist (Episcopal), Rev. David Holmes, rector. Services first three Sundays of each month, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Church seats free to all.

Presbyterian, 3d Sunday—Rev. J. W. Smith, pastor. Sunday-school 3 p. m.

Catholic, 3d—Rev. J. A. Lenert, priest in charge.

SOCIETIES.

I. O. O. F.—Clarendon Lodge No. 381, meets every Thursday evening in their hall, over the Bank of Clarendon. Visiting brothers are made welcome. JNO. LAUGHLIN, N. G. W. T. JONES, Sec'y.

EVENING STAR ESCAPMENT No. 143 I. O. O. F. meets 1st Tuesday night in each month. G. C. HARTMAN, C. P.

JOHN SIMS, scribe.

A. F. & A. M.—Clarendon Lodge No. 700, meets 2nd Saturday night in each month over the Bank of Clarendon. GEO. MORGAN, W. M. A. M. BEVILLE, Sec.

CLARENDON CHAPTER—U. D. R. A. M.—Meets the first Friday night in each month at 8:30 o'clock. Visiting companions cordially invited. J. K. PALMER, H. P.

G. F. Morgan, Sec.

W. O. W., Woodbine Camp No. 476—Meets in Odd Fellows Hall 3d and 4th Friday evenings. Visiting choppers invited. JNO. SCOTT, O. C.

W. R. SILVEY, Clerk.

Business locals ten cents per line first insertion, five cents for subsequent, and all notices run and are charged for until ordered out. Job work cash on delivery, other bills on first of month.

Business Locals.

For kindling go to Anderson.

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Santa Claus headquarters at Ramsey's. Go see it.

Stocking's Drug store for school supplies.

Genuine Baker Wire at Anderson's.

Everything nice for Christmas presents at Ramsey's.

The Morgan Lumber Co., will trade lumber for cattle.

See the saddles and harness that H. W. Taylor is making.

Maple Syrup fresh from the Vermont Hill's at Anderson's.

See the Magestic steel range at H. W. Taylor's.

Barrett strives to please his customers both in shaving and hair-cutting.

For well casing and pipe of all kinds go to Taylor's.

For nice Xmas candies, oranges, bananas, cracker jacks and coconuts, CALDWELL & JACQUES.

The real Buckwheat Flour such as our grandmothers used, go to Anderson's.

Best, largest, nicest and cheapest toys at Ramsey's. Buy while you can get choice, before they are picked over. Great variety.

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You may get twenty bright silver dollars absolutely free at Dr. Stocking's store without risking a cent in a lottery.

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To Jacksboro by Rail.

The Rock Island line is now completed to Jacksboro, and commencing with Aug. 29th, regular train service was inaugurated with following schedule:

Leave Jacksboro 6:00 a. m.
Arr. Ft. Worth 10:10 a. m.

Returning

Leave Ft. Worth 3:50 p. m.
Arr. Jacksboro 8:15 p. m.

For the present, trains will be run daily except Sunday.

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LOCAL ITEMS.

No lottery in the Klondike.

Anti-rusting tinware at H. W. Taylor's.

For all the latest novelties in Jewelry see Jno. M. Clower.

Rev. G. S. Hardy spent Monday in Childress.

Mrs. J. S. Morris left this morning for Ft. Worth.

Mrs. L. C. Beverly returned from Fort Worth Saturday night.

Ward Calvert, of Wichita Falls, spent a few days here this week.

Joe Smith and W. G. Ross were in from Gray county trading Tuesday.

The postmaster will take holiday Monday by closing the office after 9 o'clock.

Two daughters of Rev. T. F. Roberson arrived here from Plainview yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Titley will spend Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. R. L. Collins.

Miss Isla Switzer has been one of the holiday clerks at Dr. Stocking's emporium this week.

Mrs. L. S. Schooler left for Richmond, Mo., Tuesday night where she will spend the winter.

Fred Stocking and Miss Bessie Chamberlain will be home tonight from Ft. Worth University to spend the holidays.

Mrs. Simpson and Mrs. Driscoll will spend Christmas down in Texas, the former at Ft. Worth, the latter at Cleburne.

Mrs. Dugdale, who was one of the unfortunate victims of the cyclone at Duncan, I. T., some months ago, is visiting Mrs. Wm. Cain.

Mrs. Gene Smyer left Wednesday morning for Wichita Falls where Mr. Smyer is employed and will make their home there for the present.

There will be Christmas trees tomorrow night at the Baptist, Methodist, south, and Christian Sunday schools. There will be one by the Episcopal school Jan. 3rd.

Prof. Blankenship and wife will spend Christmas at Crowell. Misses Lizzie Beverly, Edna Thacker, Nettie Cope and Pearl Thompson will also visit their parents at the same place.

MARRIED—At the residence of Rev. G. W. Graham Wednesday evening Mr. James Capehart and Miss Mittie Boyd, Rev. Graham officiating. We extend congratulations and our good wishes.

Rev. W. A. Dameron, of Washburn, will preach Sunday and Sunday night at the Christian church. Services will continue each night to Thursday night, and perhaps all week. Mr. Dameron thinks some of locating in Clarendon.

The Rev. A. A. Nichols, the new pastor of the M. E. church, will preach here Sunday and Sunday night. He arrived here Tuesday night and will bring his family from Kansas and live in Clarendon as soon as a house can be obtained.

There will be morning prayer, sermon and holy communion at the Episcopal church Christmas day at 11 o'clock. Subject: "The Prince of Peace." At 7:30 o'clock evening song and sermon; subject "The Angel's Song." Sunday school and bible class, 10 a. m.

People do not call on a Doctor when they want legal advice neither should people who want watches, clocks, jewelry or silver ware go to people who do not make that a study but come to a Jeweler who has made it a life time study and can give you the best goods for prices you pay for much cheaper and inferior goods. So when you want anything call on Jno. M. Clower. 26 years experience.

Cliff White will go to Ft. Worth tomorrow.

Don't forget the Klondike box at Caldwell & Jacques.

Trains have been hampered a great deal all this week by snow north of Texline.

Mr. Asel Cross will leave this morning to spend Christmas in the lower part of the state.

Remember that in settling your account with Caldwell & Jacques you get a key to the Klondike box and you may get more from the box than your account was.

Work has been suspended for two weeks on the Methodist college on account of the extreme cold weather, but will be pushed after the holidays as fast as the weather will permit.

Rev. Lenert announces the following services at the Catholic church Christmas day: Services at 6, 8 and 10 a. m. At 6 and 10 o'clock high masses. One of the features will be a crib in the church, signification, "Birth of our Savior." All most cordially invited.

There was a surprise wedding at the Clarendon hotel Wednesday night. Mr. W. C. Jones, of Denver, Col., was met here by Miss Mona Denley from Galveston and late of England, and were married by Rev. D. Holmes. Miss Denley was accompanied from Galveston by Mrs. Moody, wife of the life insurance man.

Genuine Rogers & Bro., silver ware and Seth Thomas clocks for sale by Jno. M. Clower. Come see and price before buying.

Have you seen the display at Dr. Stocking's store.

The superior of the Sisters of the Incarnate Word, under whose direction the Catholic school will be, were here last week. They were well pleased at the success so far attained, and expressed themselves ready to open school on or about Jan. 15. In a few days they will send out a prospectus, which will explain the various courses of studies, also the rates of tuition. These prospectus can be had at Father Lenert's. Work has been pushed rapidly on the school building, notwithstanding the bad weather, for which Messrs. Lenert and Jupe deserve credit.

The disposition of children largely depends on health. If they are troubled with worms they will be irritable, cross, feverish and perhaps seriously sick. White's Cream Vermifuge is a worm expeller and tonic to make them healthy and cheerful. Price 25 cts. Sold by H. D. Ramsey.

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Taken by the year; can you afford to do without it?

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A little girl of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cross died suddenly of croup Wednesday and was buried yesterday at the cemetery.

Mr. J. R. Kerchville, a relative of T. M. Pyle, visited here this week. Mrs. Pyle went to Memphis yesterday.

In biliousness, Herbine, by expelling from the body the excess of bile and acids, improves the assimilative process, purifies the blood, and tones up and strengthens the entire system. Price, 50cts. For sale by Ramsey.

Mrs. Caruth, sister of Mrs. J. D. Jefferies and Miss Bertha Warner, was married last week in Arkansas City, Kas., to Mr. Newton Grogan. They spent Saturday, Sunday and Monday here and left Tuesday on the southbound train and will visit at Childress, Quanah and Fort Worth then proceed to Bonham, where they will make their home.

Have you a cold? A dose of Ballard's Hoarhound Syrup at bed time will remove it. Price 25 and 50 cts at Ramsey's.

The bazar and entertainment given Wednesday night by the ladies of the Episcopal church was well patronized and the net receipts were over \$100.

There is no medicine in the world equal to Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for the cure of throat and lung diseases. This is a fact that has been proven in numberless cases. Here is a sample of thousands of letters received. "I have tried Chamberlain's Cough Remedy while suffering from a severe throat trouble, and found immediate and effective relief. I can unhesitatingly recommend it."—Edgar W. Whittemore, Editor Grand Rivers (Ky.) Herald. For sale at Ramsey's drug store.

The finest line of heating and cooking stoves at Anderson's.

See the great variety of fancy stationery at Ramsey's. Holiday goods.

A. M. Beville leaves today for Sulphur Springs to join his family, already there, in a holiday visit. R. B. Hooks goes to Waco and Horace Morgan to Smithfield to spend the holidays.

I write this to let you know what I would not do: I would not do without Chamberlain's Pain Balm in my house, if it cost \$5 per bottle. It does all you recommend it to do and more.—J. K. Wallace, Wallaceville, Ga. Chamberlain's Pain Balm is the best household liniment in the world, and invaluable for rheumatism, lame back sprains and bruises. Be ready for emergencies by buying a bottle at Ramsy's drug store.

The suit between J. N. Kendall and F. M. Page set for last Saturday was again continued by the former.

Do not fail to see Anderson's stoves before buying. Highest grade of goods at prices of the low grade, everybody pleased with the stoves that Anderson sells. Come and hear testimonials from our own folks.

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To Beautify Grounds.
 Austin, Tex., Dec. 17.—Strong recommendations will be made to the coming legislature for the improvement and beautifying of the capitol grounds, and an adequate appropriation for this work will be requested. The appearance of the grounds surrounding the magnificent capitol buildings is the subject of adverse comment by every visitor to this city. Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds J. R. Mobley has done his best with the limited means at his command to put the grounds in somewhat presentable shape. The recent rains have made the driveways in the grounds almost impassable, and they now resemble muddy country roads. The matter of improving and beautifying these grounds has come before every legislature ever since the completion of the \$3,000,000 building, but the members of the law-making bodies have taken such a view of the situation that nothing has ever been accomplished in the way of a suitable appropriation. It is expected that the next legislature will take a broader and more liberal view, and that steps will be taken to place the grounds in condition somewhat in keeping with the grand building which they surround.

Plan Agreed On.
 Tyler, Tex., Dec. 17.—At the meeting of the creditors of the Tyler Banking company yesterday the committee appointed to examine into the affairs of the bank and report upon some plan of settlement of its affairs submitted their report. They reported that a plan of settlement had been inaugurated, which was in substance that about \$28,000 of the creditors had agreed to take certain paper of the bank in settlement of their claims; that there was on hand enough cash and cash items to pay off the unremitted collections and preferred claims, and enough paper remaining on hand to arrange with the other creditors and depositors; that whatever small depositors remaining could be paid off with certain assets, which could easily be converted into cash. They reported that this plan was, they believed, feasible and could probably be accomplished if time were extended for that purpose.

A motion was then carried unanimously that Mr. S. H. Cox be appointed a committee of one on behalf of the creditors to co-operate with the bank officials to carry out this plan.

Liquor on Red River.
 Texarkana, Tex., Dec. 17.—The grand jury of Miller county, Ark., has been holding a session in East Texarkana for the past week, and they have brought in several indictments against the captains of steamboats plying on upper Red river. The bills charge the boatmen with running saloons and selling liquor within the county limits without county license. Capt. Michael was brought into town last night under arrest, but was released on bond this morning and returned to his craft, which is tied up at Garland City. The boat captains claim that they have taken out river license with the federal government, and this covers the case. The officials of Miller county, however, argue differently.

Soldiers at Home.
 Cleburne, Tex., Dec. 17.—Capt. George M. Duncan of company I, third Texas infantry, stationed at Fort Ringgold, came in yesterday, and will spend the holidays with relatives and friends. Allen Kilpatrick of the same company also arrived and will spend the holidays with his parents. Capt. Duncan has quite a number of souvenirs of his stay in Florida and on the Mexican border, and entertains his friends with many stories of soldier life.

Suicide of a Captain.
 Sabine Pass, Tex., Dec. 17.—Capt. Overgaard of the Norwegian bark Dilshur, from Belfast, committed suicide in the cabin of his ship Thursday night. Early yesterday morning the steward entered the cabin and was horrified to discover Capt. Overgaard hanging by the neck from a rope tied to a cross-beam of the skylight.

Boy Shot.
 Houston, Tex., Dec. 17.—While the children of the Taylor street school were playing at sham battle between American and Spaniards, little H. Woolen was accidentally shot with a little 22-caliber rifle, the ball taking effect in the lower part of the side. Dr. Wagner, who made the examination, is of the opinion that it touched the liver.

The department of education at Austin has purchased \$19,400 of Baylor county bonds.

Atlanta's Jubilee.
 Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 16.—The second day of the Atlanta peace jubilee opened auspiciously. As on Wednesday, the crowds were enormous, excursion trains arriving at short intervals from all directions.

Breakfast was served to the president and the members of his party in the private dining room of the Kimball house at 9 o'clock, after which the cabinet members devoted an hour to their mail. The president spent the morning in his room. The ovation given President Cleveland at the capitol Wednesday by the members of the legislature was the greatest reception ever given an American citizen in Atlanta, and his speech having relation to the care of the Confederate dead has fired the hearts of southerners with an admiration for the chief executive. Gen. Joe Wheeler is cheered at every step, and Gens. Lawton, Young, Oates and other army officers are heartily received at each appearance. The feature of yesterday was the civic and military parade which passed through the streets during the afternoon, starting from the corner of Garnett and Whitehall streets at noon. The procession proceeded to Exposition park over Alabama, Broad, Marietta and Peachtree streets. The parade consisted of ten divisions, under command of Grand Marshal A. J. West. Six thousand infantry, 10,000 school children, 400 carriages, containing 1500 people, 1000 members of secret organizations, 500 Confederate veterans under command of Gen. Joe Wheeler, 1600 laboring men, 100 officers and marshals, twelve bands, 100 Grand Army men, a squad of policemen, 200 mounted police, members of the Young Men's Christian association and ministers of the Evangelical association, 200 members of the Capital City club and Fulton club, the Atlanta fire department and representatives of 500 civic organizations from all parts of the south took part in the parade.

The president and other distinguished guests in carriages were at the head of the pageant. They were escorted by the third New Jersey and fifteenth Pennsylvania, which came from their winter camp at Athens for the occasion. The president was compelled to bow almost continuously to the cheers which assailed his ears from the crowded sidewalks and the windows of the buildings along the line of march. A roar of welcome denoted the position of Gen. Joe Wheeler and his band of cavalymen who followed him through the civil war, and the wizened leader was at times compelled to force his horse through throngs of would-be worshippers who blocked his path.

Arriving at Ponce de Leon avenue, the president and party reviewed the parade. Among those on the stand with the executive were: Mrs. McKinley, Maj. Gen. Shafter, Hon. George R. Peck, Hon. Lyman J. Gage, Hon. Charles Emory Smith, Hon. Charles F. Warwick, Secretary of the Navy Long, Lieut. Hobson, Hon. John Addison Porter, Gov. Allen D. Chandler, Mayor Collier, Col. William A. Hemphill and ex-Gov. W. Y. Atkinson.

After the parade had passed the reviewing stand, the president and the other guests of the city were driven to Piedmont park, where they were the guests of the Piedmont Driving club at an elaborate luncheon.

The clubroom reception ended, the president was driven to the agricultural building of the exposition, known as the auditorium. Seven thousand persons rose from their seats as the chief executive entered. The band played "The Star-Spangled Banner," amid considerable applause, but when the strains of "Dixie" filled the building the crowd went wild.

President McKinley stood up and waved his hat above his head. Mr. Hemphill, president of the jubilee committee, made a lengthy speech.

He was followed by Gov. Candler in an address of welcome. As the president stepped forward the large audience applauded heartily. The speech was punctuated by constant cheers.

A carriage containing Gens. Shafter and Lawton collided with another vehicle at Atlanta, Ga., and both were thrown out, but not injured.

Against Standing Army.
 Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 16.—At its annual convention the American Federation of Labor declared by an almost unanimous vote against a standing army in the United States, which is in reality recognized as a protest against expansion of the spirit of imperialism as it was termed by the delegates.

The issue came to the hands of the convention through a resolution which grew out of suggestions in President Compton's annual report.

From the Orient.
 Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 16.—The steamer Empress of India, which has arrived here from Hongkong and Yokohama, brings the following advices: An agreement has been concluded between the Japanese and Chinese governments for the lease of an anchorage for Japanese vessels at Foo Chow to the extent of 20,000 tsubo.

Marquis Ito is said to have recently expressed to Viscount Takashima and Marshal Nocu a very pessimistic view in regard to the future of the Chinese empire.

"There is no man in China who can rescue her from the impending collapse," said he. "The country is so big as to defy all attempts at renovating it."

Indeed, the marquis should not be surprised if he should find a sad fate over China within a rather short space of time, say three years.

The armored cruiser Kaiser, the German flagship in Chinese waters, ran on a rock and had to be beached in Samah bay.

The Danish steamer Active, Capt. Hansen, lies a total wreck 200 yards off shore near Tamsui, Formosa.

Bryan's Letter.
 Washington, Dec. 16.—The war department has made public the following letter from Col. W. J. Bryan, resigning his commission as a volunteer officer:

"Camp Onward, Savannah, Ga., Dec. 10.—The adjutant general, United States army, Washington, Sir:—The dispatches from Paris announce that the terms of the treaty between the United States and Spain have been fully agreed upon, and that the commissioners will sign the same as soon as it can be engrossed. Believing that under present conditions I can be more useful to my country as a civilian than as a soldier I hereby tender my resignation to take effect immediately upon its acceptance. Respectfully, etc. W. J. BRYAN, Colonel third regiment Nebraska volunteer infantry.

The letter bears indorsements from division and corps commanders under whom Col. Bryan served.

It Passed the House.
 Washington, Dec. 16.—The urgent deficiency appropriation bill making provision for the army and navy for the next six months displaced the Nicaragua canal bill in the senate, preventing even the taking of a vote on the question of postponement until after the holidays, as had been intended. The deficiency bill was passed after a spirited discussion, turning principally on the point of keeping the volunteer soldiers in the service.

The house surpassed all previous records in the expedition with which it passed the pension appropriation bill. This bill in days gone by has been one of the most fruitful themes of acrimonious partisan debate, but yesterday's, although carrying \$4,000,000 more than the act for the current year it was passed in twenty minutes without a word of criticism.

An Estimate.
 Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—The acting secretary of the treasury has submitted to congress a copy of the communication from the secretary of the interior containing a supplemental estimate for the expenses of the commission to the five civilized tribes. The estimate is as follows: For salary of four commissioners, \$23,000; expenses of commissioners, employes, etc., \$60,000; for salary of employes, including secretary of the expenses of the commission, \$3,500; provides that so much of the appropriation as shall be necessary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1899, shall be immediately available.

W. O. Richards of Texas bought 72,000 acres of land and 7000 cattle from Kansas City parties.

Five divorce suits were filed at Sherman, Tex., in one day.

A rubber combination has been formed at Trenton, N. J.

After Bandits.
 Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 16.—A large force of deputy marshals and sheriffs are in pursuit of the bandits who attempted to hold up the Arnett State bank at Earlsboro Wednesday night, but as they have escaped into the thick woods in the Seminole reservation there is little prospect of their being captured. They secured about \$300 from the Arnett store, but nothing from the bank, as the time lock was on and the safe could not be opened.

A play is never satisfactory when a person is left over when the pairing off occurs in the last act.

An engaged girl is made a great deal of in society.

A hard thing to do is to borrow money without security.

The World's Supply of Wheat.
 An English expert claims that the wheat producing soil of the world is unequal to the strain that will be put upon it. Even now when the food supply is ample, thousands die because their disordered stomachs fail to digest the food they take. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters strengthen and tone up the stomach and digestive organs.

An educated fool is a bigger nuisance than an illiterate one.

Samsol's Pure Face Powder.
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Many 12-year-old boys look as if they needed a washing.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.
 For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

A hypocrite makes more trouble than a fool does.

THE HOPE OF THE CONTINENT.
 Western Canada the "Bread Basket of the Empire."

The attention directed to the wheat fields of western Canada during the past year has caused thousands of settlers from different parts of the United States to make their homes there during the past few months. They report that their experience corroborates what had been told them of that wonderful country, and they are sending back to their friends most favorable reports. During the past summer a number of Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota editors visited western Canada, and the following extracts are from a very flattering letter written for the Germania of Milwaukee by its able contributor, Prof. Sheridan:

"The numerous elevators along the line, towering so far above the surrounding country that they may be seen for many miles distant, sufficiently indicate that the chief industry is the growing of wheat. At the village of Indian Head more than a million bushels of wheat were marketed last year. This was but a fraction of the amount of the same product marketed at the larger cities of Brandon and Regina. At Indian Head the representative of the Germania was told by a farmer that he was about to harvest his third crop of wheat from the farm upon one ploughing given it the fall of 1895, the crops of the current year and of last year having been sown upon the stubble of the preceding crop. This farmer expected a yield of not less than forty bushels to the acre. The farms are very large. The absence of hills and rocks contributes to making farming on a large scale an easy matter. There was an abundance of evidence that the country surrounding the cities named above is an extensive region of fertile lands, furnishing as great an opportunity for cattle-raising and dairying as for the growing of wheat."

"We were surprised to find here a rich growth of nearly every species of cultivable plant known in Wisconsin. Various species of trees were growing, showing that its soil and its climate are favorable to the growth of forests. The writer had never seen a more promising growth of wheat, oats, and garden vegetables than was observed here. The experimental farm of Wisconsin, located at Madison, produces nothing better."

"The people along the line of the railroad, however, assured us that we were still far distant from the northern limit of the wheat-growing belt, and that five hundred miles farther north wheat and other agricultural products were cultivated with success. The inhabitants do not depend solely upon the growing of wheat, but utilize vast acres in raising cattle. The growing grain and vegetables showed that a plentiful supply of rain had fallen during the current year."

"From this city (Calgary) our party was taken north 200 miles to Edmonton, a town of 5,000 people situated on the north Saskatchewan river. The country at this point is beautiful, presenting very much the appearance of many sections in central and southern Wisconsin. The people are engaged in mining for gold, and in raising wheat, potatoes and cattle; dairying is also followed. This valley seems to be favored with sufficient rainfall to produce a luxuriant growth of grain and vegetables. The soil is very fertile and timber is abundant. Fields of wheat were observed that promise a yield of forty bushels per acre. The many good farmhouses seen from the railway are evidence of the prosperity of the settlers. Edmonton is the terminus of the road and the place where the overland expeditions start from for the Yukon, it being about 800 miles from Dawson City."

"The members of the association made the acquaintance of the Canadians of the Northwest and learned something of the vast extent of their territory and of its great resources, which are destined to make it our most formidable commercial competitor in the world's markets for the sale of agricultural products. We learned that the Northwest Territory of Canada, instead of being a barren waste, as taught by our geographies of a quarter of a century ago, is capable of sustaining an empire of fifty millions of people."

For further information apply to Canadian Government Agent, Department Interior, Ottawa, Canada, or to Dr. Richardson, Houston, Texas.

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Will Not Succed Him.
 The Rev. Dr. Thomas Hall will not succeed his father, the late Rev. Dr. John Hall, as pastor of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church in the City of New York for the reason that he has accepted the chair of Christian Ethics in the Union Theological seminary, which was vacated by the Rev. Dr. Charles A. Briggs. Dr. Thomas Hall was prominent among the supporters of Dr. Briggs during the famous Briggs controversy.

Y. M. C. A. Officer.
 Commodore "Jack" Phillip, who was captain of the battleship Texas during the war with Spain, has been elected a member of the Young Men's Christian Association international committee and chairman of the sub-committee in charge of the association's work in the navy.

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MILITARY AND NAVAL NOTES.

Japan claims the biggest soldier in the world.

The supply ship Comal carried 150 tons of provisions to Havana for distribution.

A committee has been formed in Havana province to relieve immediate wants.

Private August Kinsley of company E, sixth infantry, was stabbed in the abdomen at San Antonio. The injured man was taken to the hospital at Fort Stabed.

From the declarations of Gen. Weyler it is believed that a union of his followers and those of Senors Sagasta and Robleto will take place after the treaty of peace is ratified.

Charles P. McClure, a member of company G, fourth Texas infantry, died at Camp Mosby hospital of typhoid fever after an illness of seventy days. His remains were interred at Eastland, his home.

The transport Mobile has taken the one hundred and sixty-first Indiana, the third battalion of the second Illinois and one company of the fourth Virginia from Savannah, Ga., to Havana.

The mortality in Santa Clara province, Cuba, is 24 per cent less now than it was before the American Red Cross society began its distribution of relief supplies.

Sylvester Scovel, newspaper correspondent, who was excluded from all naval ships and yards and army reservations and posts by formal order, has been restored to favor.

The United States fish commission, together with experts, is to make a careful research into the fishing interests of Porto Rico. This is the most important scientific party which has yet been sent into the new possessions of the United States.

John F. Dill struck William Osborne on the head with an ax at Anniston, Ala. Osborne died. Deceased, who was a camp follower of the fourth Kentucky, had been staying with Dill. He threatened the latter's life. Osborne is said to have killed fourteen men.

The dedication at Key West, Fla., of an iron fence inclosing the remains of the sailors who were killed by the explosion of the Maine, as well as from the Winslow, one from the Marblehead, one from the Newport, one from the Yankee and thirty-seven others was imposing.

Private Porter W. Resonant, troop D, tenth cavalry, was found with a terrible bullet wound in the throat at Huntsville, Ala. He spoke only a few words after he was found. He stated he had been held up by two soldiers and shot.

W. T. Stead, the well known English editor, who has returned from a visit to Rome, says that the pope is not hostile to the American policy regarding the Philippines, but on the contrary is ready to co-operate with the United States in restoring order there.

Maj. Gen. John B. Brooke testified before the war investigating commission that the volunteers at Camp Thomas were supplied with antiquated tents, some were unarmed and some had only one blanket. There was an abundance of food, but a scarcity of drugs.

Venezuela's brief in the boundary dispute between that country and Great Britain about British Guiana has been completed by ex-President Harrison. The ex-president will go to Paris in March to attend the meeting of the board to which the matter was referred.

John D. Hayes, who served as a Red Cross nurse with the second United States infantry at Santiago, shot and killed his brother Edward, proprietor of a hotel in New York. Deceased accused his brother of taking funds from the hotel and the killing followed after a quarrel.

The youngest chaplain in the navy is said to be Rev. Frederick C. Brown, 25 years old, now on the Iowa, which is on her way to Manila. He will be the only chaplain in the fleet, since there is none on the Oregon. He was appointed to the service last April, being at that time pastor of the Unitarian church of Middleboro, Mass.

TEXANETTES.

The Gainesville Salvation Army give a dinner to the poor Christmas eve.

Henrietta has a new opera-house. Hico is to have a sixty-ton oil mill.

C. L. Bush is Gatesville's new postmaster.

A large black eagle was killed near Crowley.

Fifteen wild turkeys in one bunch were seen near Paris.

San Antonio had a two and a half inch snowfall on the 14th.

Mrs. Mary Duffan, a well known Austin lady, died suddenly.

In a shooting affair at Cisco "Red" Hull was badly wounded.

The store of the Temple hardware company was burglarized.

The North Texas Medical association meets next year at Bonham.

An aged man was found dead on a street in Dallas a few nights ago.

The Belmont hotel, Dallas, was destroyed by fire. Loss about \$3500; insurance \$2500.

D. M. Borden, who was run over by a train near Franklin, and had both legs amputated, died.

Fall term of district court for Grayson county has adjourned; the shortest term in seven years.

J. M. Keith's residence at Cookville, Titus county, burned. It was valued at \$1000, with \$600 insurance.

Mrs. Rosa Schmelling, en route Chicago to visit her parents, died on a stage coach near Brownsville just before reaching her parents' home. Consumption.

Pensions granted to Texans: Original: Taylor Morgan, Waco, \$6; Austin Haynes, Lampasas, \$8. Original widows, etc.: Josephine Goodman, Bynum, \$8.

Two old pioneers were laid away in the Georgetown churchyard, twelve miles northwest of Sherman, the same day. They were "Grandpa" Leslie, aged 82, and S. Guyton, aged 73.

At a meeting of the Bonham city council an ordinance was adopted fixing the salary of the mayor at \$60 per month, and aldermen \$2 for each meeting of the council.

B. W. Glasgow of Waco has been elected principal of the Sherman high school, succeeding Prof. Finer, who becomes chief clerk in the state educational department.

At an enthusiastic meeting at Corpus Christi of the committee recently appointed by the board of trade, a committee was named to visit neighboring towns to solicit funds with which to purchase a steamer for the Corpus Christi and Galveston trade.

Messrs. Rosborough and others of Marshall offered premiums for the best samples of tobacco raised in Harrison county. Many farmers sent in samples. Two expert tobacco men not interested were the judges. Four premiums were given. Some samples were fine.

A movement has been started by the I. S. Ross chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy at Bryan to build a Ross memorial hall there. The building will include a large hall with connecting alcoves, a library and stage and a very handsomely ornamented front, with tablets bearing appropriate inscriptions.

Mayor E. A. DuBose and L. C. Todd, the committee sent from Waxahachie to investigate the workings of southern cotton factories, have returned. They visited Birmingham, Ala., Atlanta, Ga., Abbeville, S. C., Charlotte, N. C., and other places, and had an encouraging report.

A large force of hands are at work at Ennis, staking out and excavating for the new Central shops and roundhouse. The foundation will be laid in eighteen inches of cement. It will require 400,000 bricks for the wall of the building, which will be 176 feet long and 92 feet wide.

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There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 73c.

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Clarence Darrow, a Chicago lawyer, delivered a speech before the American Federation of Labor at Kansas City Saturday on "The Courts and the Workingmen," in which he said:

"Theoretically all people are equal before the law, but practically wealth has the same influence before the courts that it has in the other walks of life. It is almost impossible for a poor man to obtain his rights before the courts that it has in the other walks of life.

"For centuries the law has constantly been growing to favor the rich and to destroy the poor. Our law is made in two ways, first, by legislatures, and next by the courts. Everyone knows that most of the legislatures have been corrupt for last twenty-five years; that they have been in the employ of the corporations and that legislation has been made in those interests rather than in the interests of the people. No matter how ignorant a man may be his decisions go down as the law. The young lawyer who shows ability is soon picked up by the corporations and it is not long before he is elected to the bench. In all sections the the railroads and corporations have the ablest lawyers in their employ.

"Assuming that they are honest these men go on the bench with the prejudices which universally belong to a class. After they are elected their associations are officials of corporations, men who view all questions from the standpoint of the strong. It is natural that their sympathies and tendencies should be with the strong. It is not necessary to believe that the judges are corrupt; it is only necessary to view their conduct as you do that of every other man, to understand that it is absolutely impossible that the law should be equal between the rich and poor.

"The law today has become a club in the hands of the strong. Instead of protecting the weak it is used to catch them in its devious coils. The most glaring instance of oppression is the modern device of government by injunction. Judges who have been the tools of corporations have issued injunctions against large bodies of striking workingmen. These injunctions have been sent broadcast without naming the defendants, while they have not had the opportunity of a hearing before a jury of their peers.

"In their blindness the great moneyed institutions have been ready to abolish trial by jury. It requires no deep learning to see that this is a plain violation of the principles of law. While the judges pass upon the law they are bound to the people for the faithful discharge of their duty. They are subject to the supreme law and the will of the people themselves. They are no higher than the law or higher than the people, and it will be a sad day when the workingmen accept the contention that the dictates of judges are not subject to the same criticism and censure as the official acts of every other man.

"So long as the courts persist in the present system any body of men may be sent to jail any time they see fit to strike. These questions are safe only in the hands of a jury and it is the duty of organized labor to create such a public sentiment as will restore to the people the privilege which the courts have wrested from them—that of trial by jury."

Let those populists who staid in their fields on election day, picking 4-cent cotton, take note of the fact as to how long it will be before the thumbscrews of oppression will be given another turn. Before another opportunity is had to vote the products of labor will take another tumble and the farmer will be picking 3-cent cotton. Mark the prediction.—Waxahachie Tribune.

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The returns for the constitutional amendment relative to the compensation of legislators shows that 35,000 votes were cast for, and 255,000 in round numbers against, the amendment, defeating it by 220,000.

Isaac Brock, of McLennan county, is said to be the oldest man in the United States; he was born in 1788 in North Carolina and is therefore now 110 years old. If he lives two years longer he will have lived in three centuries. He is still in good health with the exception of his eyesight. He remembers a great many events that took place during the days of Jefferson and Jackson.—Pioneer Exponent.

Sunday night Ft. Worth, after two weeks of snow and drizzling rain, was visited by a heavy rain. Saturday the fall was 2.6 inches, most of it in three hours' time. Three families of negroes were flooded out at Jones and Railroad avenues and twenty odd persons were rescued from four or five feet of water by the police and domiciled at the city hall for the night. Several others of the lower parts of the city were flooded out, but beyond the injury to personal effects from muddy water, no damage was done.

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