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Capital City Letter

Austin, Texas, Dec. 8. Judge M. M. Brooks has resigned as judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals in order to be free from official cares and duties while making the race for the democratic nomination for governor. This has been expected for some time, for when Attorney General Davidson sent his resignation to the governor, accompanied by a few comments on those who sought, while holding one office to secure another, Judge Brooks promptly declared that he had no intention of doing this year as he did four years ago and said that he would go out of office at the same time Attorney General Davidson stepped out and make an even start with him along the road leading to the democratic prize next summer.

Important among the incidents of the week is the agreement between the governor and regents of the University by which the University will be permitted to use the income of the permanent University fund for the erection of necessary buildings. Advantage is to be taken of this at once and a library building to cost about \$100,000 erected. This building has long been needed, and has become indispensable if the many valuable books and papers in the library are to be properly preserved. It is probable that the building will be placed on the University campus west of the main building on the south side of the walk leading from the main building direct to the western confines of the campus. It is hoped to begin work on the building in a few weeks and have it completed before the end of next year.

The trial of Henry Clay Pierce on a charge of false swearing,

the indictment containing also a charge of perjury, has been the only case before the fifty-third district court this week and has been the chief topic of conversation. Mr. Pierce is represented by some of the ablest lawyers in the State, opposing the State's attorneys and special counsel all of recognized ability, and the trial has thus far been a legal contest between heavyweights. The jury was impaneled and the State began the introduction of its witnesses, when the defense presented a motion to quash the indictment, backing up the motion with arguments in which four separate original questions were presented to the court. Monday morning these objections were all over ruled and the trial permitted to proceed, but while overruling the defense the court announced that considerable doubt existed if the contentions of the defense were not good.

Adjutant General Newton has given out for publication a defense of the Texas rangers, in which he reviews the disputes between the rangers and other officers which have occasionally arisen and endeavors to show that the rangers were not altogether to blame. He endeavors to dispel the idea that rangers are used principally to enforce the local option laws and declares that the majority of the force is engaged in working up murder or felony cases, breaking up organized bands of cattle thieves and keeping the peace during emergencies.

Several meetings of the board to locate the new experiment farms in the State have been held during the past week, but no action has yet been taken. The members of the board wish to inspect several sites which

have been offered in Williamson, Bell, Denton and other black land counties before making a choice. The selection of a farm in the rice belt has also been postponed until after January 1.

The announcement by the governor that he will appoint the Hon. Felix McCord to be judge of the court of criminal appeals and the Hon. John A. Mobley of Athens, to succeed Judge McCord as assistant attorney general appears to meet with general approbation. Judge McCord is liked wherever he is known and Mr. Mobley during the two terms in the legislature and especially during the sessions of the thirty-first house, when he very nearly captured the office of speaker and was recognized as the chief spokesman for the governor, made many friends who are glad to see him advance in his profession.

The State Board of Education has adopted plans for the West Texas Normal school to be erected at Canyon City and will in a few days advertise for bids for the erection of the buildings. The building is to cost between \$90,000 and \$100,000 and is to be very complete and attractive. It will be mission style of architecture.

The appointment of Clyde D. Smith to the position of register of vital statistics, to succeed Dr. E. H. Lancaster, who resigned to remove to Houston, is considered a wise selection on the part of State Health Officer Brunby. Mr. Smith hails from Wichita Falls, and has served as secretary of the senate for the past legislatures. He has a wide acquaintance in the State and has the reputation of doing well whatever he undertakes.

From now on through the next year politics may be expected to be the chief interest in the capital, for no one has a greater interest in politics than one who lives on politics.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Christian Church at its meeting Wednesday night voted to raise \$100 for the new church fund.

Many persons find themselves affected with a persistent cough after an attack of influenza. As this cough can be promptly cured by the use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, it should not be allowed to run on until it becomes troublesome. Sold by all druggists.

Shoot Down Americans is Zelaya's Order

Washington, Dec. 9.—President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, has ordered his troops to shoot every American fighting with Estrada's revolutionists and kill immediately every American captured, according to advices received early today at the state department from Panama. Decisive action by the department is expected hourly in view of the arrival yesterday of additional American battleships in Nicaraguan waters.

If any such order is carried out by the Zelayan army it is said that United States battleships will land marines and that an effort will be made to take Zelaya a prisoner and hold him, perhaps for an international court martial. Such an order as he has just given, it is held, means murder pure and simple, as revenge against the United States.

City Council.

City Council meet in regular session Tuesday night, with Mayor Lee and Alderman Jackson, Davis, Johnson and Cole present.

The franchise committee were granted more time on the L. L. Stephenson franchise. A motion was made and carried that the petition of the Western Telephone Company be accepted for a franchise and a committee be appointed to investigate and report on same. The Mayor appointed the entire council as a committee with S. A. Penix, Chairman.

Motion carried that tax paying time be extended to January 31st without penalty.

Motion carried that the fire chief order acid and soda in necessary quantities.

County Court.

County Court Convened Monday in regular session and the following business has been disposed of: State vs. W. B. Allen, aggravated assault, found guilty and fined \$25.

State vs. Ben Van Tuyle, violating quarantine law, acquitted. The cases of Harris and Dolman, assault, were transferred to Justice court.

The case of the state vs., Frank McNew, theft of cotton, was called this morning.

The case of contest in the Jno. Roberts will, has been set for tomorrow.

Methodist Church Services.

Sunday Dec. 12, 1909.

11 a. m. "How can we see God?" 7.15 p. m. "The saddest story in History."

All cordially invited to worship with us. C. W. Hearon, Pastor.

Judge G. W. Neill of Brownfield was here Wednesday accompanied by his father, J. W. Neill of Auto.

Frank Good was here from Dawson county Wednesday and said everything up there was "looking good, considering."

A young man by the name of Jess Johnson was shot and killed near Abilene Saturday morning. His father-in-law, C. Ticer, is in jail charged with the shooting. From reports, trouble of long standing had existed between Johnson and Ticer.

A sprained ankle will usually disable the injured person for three or four weeks. This is due to lack of proper treatment. When Chamberlain's Liniment is applied a cure may be effected in three or four days. This Liniment is one of the best and most remarkable preparations in use. Sold by all druggists.

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Dr. Aronson, expert optician, requests us to announce that he will positively arrive here on December 13th and remain a few days. All wanting glasses fitted or work in his line be sure to see him, at Biles & Gentry's Drug Store. 10-2t

Too Cheap For Her.

Recently one of our most fastidious young men bought a pair of overalls and found in them the name of the sewing girl who made them.

He very promptly wrote her a letter with the effusiveness necessary in such a case, and in due time received a reply, which, however, was void of the romance usual in such cases. Here it is: "I am a working girl, it is true, but I make a good living and I do not care to support a husband, as I would have to do if I married some silly noodle who gets mashed on a girl he never saw. Permit me to say that I do not know how my card got in that pair of overalls, and when I do marry, if ever, it will be some fellow that can afford something better than a 47 cent pair of breeches."—Ex.

You had better take advantage of the big discount sale of men's tailor made suits for December and January. We represent two of the best Tailoring concerns in the country.

A. P. McDonald & Co. J. D. Birdwell and wife left Friday night for Dallas where they will reside.

Watches as Gifts

For the birthday, the anniversary or Christmas, a watch is an ideal gift. The business man and woman, the college student, even the school boy or girl needs a watch. How often you hear one say: "I'm proud of that watch ago." My mother gave it to me for a Christmas present 25 years ago.

And then, punctuality is one of the eminently desirable virtues, and a good watch helps to cultivate punctuality.

We'd like very much to show you ours. The stock is splendid, of wide variety, and there is nothing doubtful in what we recommend. We'll reserve your selections if you say. Come to-night.

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Saturday night, Fireman Woods, who lives in the southwest part of town, threw down a lighted match in his house caused the loss of nearly all of their clothing from fire.

They Buy in Carload Lots

That's why they are in position to make you prices that you are looking for. A straight carload of Club House Can Goods just unloaded. They have what you want, no use to run around. You should try their Brandy Peaches, Apricots, Pears, Etc. Club House Mince Meat has no equal. Sweet Pickled Peaches can be had from this store. In fact, if it's to eat, this popular firm can supply your wants. They offer many inducements for your Grocery Trade. Let's try 'em one month.

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BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS

Football collisions simply cannot be prevented.

No one has yet detected Halley's comet with the naked eye.

In many instances automobile scorching is its own punishment.

The one business that will go without advertising is running the furnace.

Quite naturally that damaging cloudburst at Tabasco, Mex., was "hot stuff."

Game is reported scarce in Maine, but there are plenty of guides to blaze away at.

Halley's comet is beginning to look brighter, and so is general trade in this country.

Japan has possession of Korea, but it is still paying installments on the purchase price.

Something like 2,000 years ago Greece ruled the world; now it can not rule itself.

Those who care for that sort of thing can look forward to a busy winter of pugilistic gossip.

The pemmican that has to be cut with an ax and the igloos that have to be built by the ice-man will never become popular in this country.

All the freight cars in the country are in use, but the loads they carry have not been marked down so far as the ultimate consumer is concerned.

Now it is Bulgaria which is facing a crisis. The day in which some of the governments of the world do not face a crisis is a very dull one in contemporary history.

An actor in a Toronto music hall was stricken with blindness in the middle of a song. It might have been better all around had his audience been stricken with deafness.

It is announced that Count Zeppelin is planning to fly from France to New York in his dirigible. It will be a perfectly safe proposition if he does not do any more than merely to plan.

Princess Victoria Louise of Prussia has been appointed colonel of the Death's Head Hussar Regiment. This has no bearing upon the military situation in Europe. Its point lies in the fact that the princess can now wear a Hussar jacket with dolman, trimmed in black astrakhan and silver; a fur bushy with silver decoration; gown to correspond.

Another indication is furnished of the growth of liberalism in China. An imperial edict has been issued recognizing the forthcoming provincial assemblies. These assemblies will create the imperial assembly, charged with the duty of preparing a constitution for the nation. This is the first step taken by the government looking to actual effort in behalf of constitutionalism.

One of the big New York banks has issued a circular criticizing the designs of the latest \$20, \$10 and \$5 gold pieces, saying the coins may be artistic in appearance but are subject to abrasion to an extent which is objectionable. However, the average person into whose possession they come is not likely to object to the design so long as he can get enough of the coins.

China has made another advance toward liberal rule. The government is preparing plans for electing an imperial assembly, which will consist of an upper and a lower house. A number of provincial assemblies are already in existence, and they are giving hearty support to the government's progressive policies, including the suppression of the opium traffic. The new regime in China seems to have made a fair start.

There does not seem to be any doubt that the rainy season has begun in the Philippines. Following the destructive typhoon in Luzon 18 inches of rain fell in nine hours and 26 inches in 24 hours. There was a rise of 60 feet in the Bued river. This beats all storm records in that quarter, and also suggests what might be done in the way of conservation could that surplus water be stored up and kept against the need of a dry period.

It is not necessary for the youngsters to read dime novels to find heroes worthy of imitation. The ten-year-old New York "kid" who refused to keep quiet when burglars threatened him and who in his night dress chased the robbers until he landed them in the hands of the police is far nearer the real thing than any character that can be found in cheap literature. His exploit beat that of the ordinary "Daredevil Dick" clear out of sight.

A Greek war is deproable, not only for the blood spilled, but for the curses words it provokes in the proofroom of a newspaper over the unpronounceable names.

The scientists have noticed changes on Mars which convince them that there has been a terrific convulsion on the planet, one result of which must have been to destroy all life, if any had existed there. Where is the daring aviator who will make a try in that direction and ascertain just what has happened?

EVENTS BOILED DOWN

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN HAPPENINGS SERVED UP IN ATTRACTIVE STYLE.

NOTHING GOOD GOT AWAY

Everything Important That Could Be Confined to a Small Space is Here Found.

Mrs. Antonio Hernandez, a native of Mexico, died Thursday in Dallas. She was several months over 104 years of age and had retained her health and vigor to the very end of her long life.

A terrific gale raged Friday over the British Isles. The steamer Thistlemor, 4,000 tons, went to her doom off Appledere, in Barnstable Bay. It is believed her entire crew of thirty-four men perished.

Thursday afternoon a Denver passenger train just entering Wichita Falls, crashed into the Wichita Falls and Northwestern through passenger train, just preparing to leave the city. One man was killed.

In attempting to cross Elm Fork of the Trinity River, Rufus Dobson, a young man, was drowned Thursday morning near Aubrey. Following a cowpath on horseback, the young man rode into the river.

Dr. Louis A. Beltarin of Havana, Cuba, who was appointed by President Gomez to inspect and purchase horses for use in the Cuban army, is in Ft. Worth and has purchased 250 horses from one local company.

Parties from Missouri are prospecting for zinc at Talihina, Okla. A shaft has already been sunk to the depth of eighty-five feet. Some zinc has been encountered but not in paying quantities yet.

The city of Longview has given an order for a combination chemical and hook and ladder truck, to which horses will be used. This will make Longview one of the best protected of the small cities of the state.

Greater New York has cast up its account with the Consolidated Gas Company and found that for gas and electricity it owed what probably will stand as the largest lighting bill on record—more than \$11,000,000.

The government expects to make the sugar trust pay \$8,000,000 in addition to the \$2,000,000 already collected in reparation for various frauds upon the revenues in the importation of sugar during the last few years.

On December 11-18 occurs the pure bred stock and poultry show at Enid, Okla. Entries have been received from more than twenty states. There will be over 243 head of draft horses on exhibition and a total of over five thousand exhibits. Public auction sales of stock will be held during the week.

The verified record of tragedies of the fall hunting season in Wisconsin and Michigan since Sept. 1 is thirty-three persons killed and thirty-seven wounded, so far as reports have been received.

On the authority of President Frank T. Hawley of the Switchmen's Union of North America it was announced in St. Paul, Minn., Sunday that if the railroad managers insist on crushing the switchmen union by the importation of non-union men there is a possibility of a general strike.

Schley & Davis, patent attorneys of Dallas, Texas, announce the issuance of the following patents for the week ending Nov. 15: L. D. Armstrong, Dallas, metallic flue; E. D. Ridgway, Frost, spark arrester; J. G. Hanna, Austin, automatic match box; I. F. Harris, Forrester, cotton chopper; W. A. Jones, Denton, combined churn and ice-cream freezer; A. Burton, Whitesboro, liquid fuel lighting system.

The young son of John Smith of Wellington, Tex., died Saturday as a result of wounds received from a target rifle in his own hands.

John Harvard, a negro preacher who shot and fatally injured Will D. Booth, near Cochran, Ga., Wednesday, was captured by a mob of enraged citizens five miles from there and burned at a stake.

At a regular session held Wednesday in Ft. Worth, the Park Board decided to call on the City Commission next Tuesday for an election to authorize the issuance of \$200,000 in bonds for park purposes.

John Dorimire, living in the eastern portion of Baylor County, was in Seymour, Wednesday, exhibiting a check from a produce company of Wichita Falls for the sum of \$600. The check was given to Mr. Dorimire for a shipment of turkeys, which he raised on his farm, there being 600 of the birds in the shipment.

It was announced in New Haven, Conn., officially Thursday that a Yale alumnus, whose name was withheld, has offered a prize of \$100,000 for the persons who first discover an adequate remedy for tuberculosis.

The naval recruiting station at San Antonio reports that many applications are being rejected because of color blindness caused by cigarettes. Of the number desiring to enter the navy, more than 75 per cent are being rejected. In nearly every case it is the cigarette that is responsible for the weaknesses.

Col. J. C. S. Blackburn of the Canal Zone believes that Theodore Roosevelt will, upon his return from Africa, be assigned by this Government to finish the digging of the Panama Canal, according to a Washington dispatch to the Courier-Journal Friday.

Christmas turkeys are plentiful in the Taylor market and find ready sale at 12 1/2¢ per pound, gross weight.

Five lions and a leopard were burned to death Sunday when cages in the Zoo in Colorado Springs, Colo., took fire from an overheated stove.

J. W. Boyd, manager for the White Gin Company and a very highly esteemed citizen of Malone, Texas, met death Saturday night by cotton cutting in upon him.

With Germany striving to match her strength upon the sea with that of Great Britain, the United States is still the second naval power in ships actually in commission.

The Ocean Prince, from Santos, Brazil, carrying 120,000 bags of coffee, the largest single cargo of the "bean" ever received in the United States, arrived Tuesday.

Vital statistics of Dallas County, as compiled for the month of November, show that the number of births was more than double the number of deaths.

Storm struck Normangee, Texas, Saturday night, doing \$10,000 damage. Two women were slightly injured. Both the Methodist and Baptist churches were blown down.

A gift of \$4,000,000 for the founding home in New York becomes available with the death in that city Friday of John Masterson Burke, one of America's little-known millionaires.

At 9 o'clock Tuesday morning the Texas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, met in its seventh annual session in Jacksonville with Bishop Joseph S. Key presiding.

George McClung sold 325 bales of cotton Saturday to Cole Handle, at Cleburne. The price paid was 14 1/2¢, or a total of \$22,930.41. Mr. McClung had been holding the cotton for about forty days.

George Palmer, champion walker of Oklahoma, started, Wednesday from Oklahoma City, to walk 8,000 miles to New York via San Francisco and return, and expects to finish the trip by Sept. 1, next.

Another \$10,000 land deal was closed in Denton Tuesday when Abe Reynolds purchased the 255-acre farm of G. P. Davis, ten miles north of that city in the Green Valley community for \$10,000.

J. E. Sireen, engineer for the E. L. Shuford Manufacturing Company, of Greenville, S. C., has already begun his work on the preparation of plans for the proposed \$500,000 cotton textile factory in Lawton, Okla.

Saturday and Monday there were several crates of strawberries, grown at Tyler, marketed at 30¢ to 35¢ per quart. The berries were as large and firm as those grown in the spring of the year.

With the wind blowing fifty-four miles an hour Chicago is gripped in the severest storm that has swept over the Great Lakes region this season. Rain, snow and sleet caused the street car companies trouble.

The Sixty-First Congress convened Monday at Washington in its first session. The days proceedings, in a great part, were of a social nature, and practically no business was transacted in either the Senate or the House of Representatives.

Representative Sulzer of New York introduced a resolution in Congress Monday directing the President of the United States to use the army and navy of the country to restore order, maintain peace and protect life and property in Nicaragua.

A genuine blizzard is sweeping through Kansas, Oklahoma and the Panhandle of Texas, and following the snow of Saturday night, there is likely to result some suffering among cattle, though it is just what the wheat planters have been hoping for.

Horace Hooks, a boy of about 14 years of age, of Hillsboro, died Monday from tetanus, resulting from a wound in the palm of his left hand produced by the accidental discharge by him about a week ago of a toy pistol loaded only with a paper wad.

A cataract is rapidly forming on the remaining eye of Gen. Booth, of London, head of the Salvation Army. An operation is inevitable. Meanwhile he is busy addressing meetings, controlling the army and dictating correspondences.

The most aggressive step yet taken by the United States looking toward the protection of American lives and American interests in Nicaragua was executed Thursday when the protected cruiser Albany and the gunboat Yorktown were ordered to proceed at full speed from Magdalena Bay to Corinto on the Pacific Coast of Nicaragua.

Ralph Roland, 9 years old, was killed on a tree falling on him Monday, at Coaling, Texas.

The annual report of Dr. T. B. Bass superintendent of the State Epileptic Colony at Abilene, was received by Governor Campbell Tuesday and shows that institution to be in a satisfactory condition. On Sept. 1, 1908, there were 319 patients in the institution and a total of 157 were admitted during the ensuing twelve months, 24 were discharged improved, 15 died and 351 in the institution on Aug. 31, 1909.

Melvin O. Oley was killed and Deputy Marshal Gooch and Tom Buxley seriously wounded in a pitched battle between Oley and the officer later Tuesday at Klefer, Okla., an oil town fourteen miles south of Tulsa, Okla.

That Fort Worth will continue to be headquarters for the State Farmers' Union, at least until August, 1910, was definitely settled when Tuesday morning representatives of the Fort Worth Board of Trade delivered to the executive committee of the union a check covering back office rent. In addition to pledging the payment of rent for another year.

SIXTY-FIRST CONGRESS MEETS

Speaker Calls the House to Order and Is Applauded by Friends and Enemies Alike.

Vice-President Sherman Presides Over the Senate—Numerous Bills Designed to Carry Out President Taft's Policies Are Introduced in Both Houses.

By EDWARD B. CLARK.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The Sixty-first congress of the United States met at noon today for the first day of its first regular session, with Vice-President Sherman in the chair of the senate, and Speaker Joseph G. Cannon in the chair in the House. While this congressional gathering is the first regular session, it is the second session in reality, for congress met in extraordinary session last spring at the call of President Taft to consider the matter of a revision of the tariff.

Some interest was lacking in the proceedings of the first day in the capitol because at the beginning of the extraordinary session in March last the speaker of the House was elected. Moreover, before the extraordinary session was ended, Speaker Cannon appointed all the committees which are to take legislation under consideration for the next two winters. The appointment of the committees ended the campaign on the part of the members for choice chairmanships and, if the chairmanships were not forthcoming, for seats in the more important subsidiary bodies of the House.

Ready for Work at Once. The members have had time to get over jealousies and rivalries and so is that, so far as committee work is concerned, the House not only is ready to proceed at once to consider legislation, but most of the members have brought themselves into a frame of mind to do what they are called upon to do without regard to their past feelings of disappointment and perhaps, anger.

As is always the case on the opening day of congress, admission to the House and Senate galleries was by card and only those fortunate enough to know senators and representatives sufficiently well to secure admission tickets were allowed to witness the proceedings.

Galleries Are Crowded. The galleries of both House and Senate were jammed with people. All classes of Washington society were represented in the throng of visitors. The diplomatic gallery in the House and in the Senate as well, was filled to its fullest capacity with ambassadors, ministers, attaches and the ladies of the different legations. Members of the families of the president and of the vice-president of the United States occupied seats in the executive galleries; and the cabinet and judiciary and army and navy circles were well represented.

By a rule which was adopted not long ago, flowers are barred from the floor of the House excepting when they are to be used as a tribute to the memory of some deceased member. The result of this rule is that now on the opening days of congress the desks of the members are bare of floral decorations. In the old days



Vice-President Sherman.

Both House and Senate were turned into conservatories for the time of the opening proceedings.

At sharp noon Speaker Cannon called the House to order and asked the chaplain, Rev. Henry N. Couden, to offer prayer. In his prayer which was in a sense a Thanksgiving offering, the chaplain referred to the prosperity of the country, the opportunities of the present and the bright hopes and promises of the future.

Absentees Are Few.

As soon as the prayer was ended the clerk of the House called the roll of membership by states and it was found that there were only a few absences. The roll call ended the reading clerk of the Senate who had appeared in the House was recognized, and he announced that the Upper House had passed a resolution to inform the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate being assembled, that body was ready to proceed to business. The House then was told that the Senate had appointed a committee to study a House committee to inform the president of the United States that a quorum of each house was present and that congress was ready to receive any communication that it may be pleased to make. On receipt of this message

from the Senate, Speaker Cannon appointed a committee to join a like committee of the Senate to wait upon the president. The members of the body directed to notify Mr. Taft that the House was in session were by the appointment of the speaker, the Republican leader, Seneca E. Payne, and the Democratic leader, Champ Clark.

The first day in the House as usual brought out hundreds of legislative measures in bill form, all of which were read by their title only and then referred to the proper committees. It was evident from the tone of the bills introduced that some scores of representatives were anxious to father measures which had been recommended by President Taft as being necessary to carry out proposed policies of progression. The bills ranged from those intended to correct alleged existing evils in interstate commerce to those to give increases of pensions to veterans of the civil war.

Applause Greets Speaker Cannon. If Speaker Cannon anticipates any particular trouble with the "Insurgents" of the House at the coming session,



Speaker Joseph G. Cannon.

also, he gave no evidence of it when he took the chair as presiding officer. He was greeted with great applause from the galleries and from the floor of the House, many of the Democrats and insurgents joining in the demonstration, though in either case possibly the hand-clapping was given as an evidence of regard for the office of speaker, rather than as evidence of any overweening affection for the speaker himself.

With the committees ready to begin work, the House will settle down to its winter's business at once. No bills will be passed immediately because all measures must be considered in committee, and the meetings of the committees will be held daily from now until the Christmas holidays and some of the more important House bodies will sit during the recess. When congress reassembles in January many of the committees will be ready to report bills, and the debates of the winter will begin.

Opening of the Senate.

Vice-President Sherman called the Senate to order at noon. Rev. Edward Everett Hale, the chaplain of the Senate, having died during the summer recess, his place as chaplain, temporarily, was taken by a local clergyman who offered prayer. In the Senate the roll was called and it was found that nearly all the senators were in their seats. The resolutions were adopted to the effect that committees be appointed to inform the House and the president that the Senate had assembled and was ready to begin the business of the session. As was the case in the House many bills were introduced for consideration during the winter by senators who, like the representatives, desire to have a hand in forwarding administration policies.

After a comparatively short session "in the open," the galleries were cleared and the Senate went into executive session behind closed doors for the purpose of considering nominations for office sent to the Upper House by President Taft.

Tests of Diamonds.

Most persons are obliged, in the purchase of a diamond, to rely implicitly upon the word of the man who sells the stone. While many years of observation and experience are needed to become an expert with respect to the value and purity of diamonds, yet there are certain extremely simple tests capable of being made by the most inexperienced.

One is by means of a needle hole pricked through a piece of ordinary cardboard. Looking through the stone tested at the cardboard, one will see two holes if the diamond is genuine—only one if the gem be genuine. The reason for this is that an imitation diamond will give a double refraction, the real stone but one refraction.

It is claimed that there is no safe having any perceptible effect upon a genuine diamond. Hydrochloric acid will, if dropped upon a glass table of glass, corrode it, but upon the same table it will have no effect at all. —Simpson's Weekly.

GAVE UP

ALL HOPE

After Four Long Years of Suffering, Mrs. Dean of Benbrook Was Finally Relieved by Cardui.

Benbrook, Tex.—"I feel like it is my duty to advise other women to take Cardui, the woman's tonic," writes Mrs. L. C. Dean, of R. F. D. No. 4, Benbrook, Tex.

"I suffered for four (4) long years with female complaints. Such a miserable person as I was! I had three doctors, but they did me no good, and I gave up all hope of being relieved."

"At last, my doctors advised me to take Cardui, the woman's tonic. I took four bottles and now I am well. Cardui saved my life and I am well enough for it. I have prescribed it with great success for young girls and women with various forms of female complaint."

"Cardui is a real boon to suffering women. I am thankful for the good it has done me and I know it will cure others."

This remarkable letter from a lady who has actually tried Cardui, ought surely to convince you of its genuineness and induce you to give it a trial for your troubles.

Purely vegetable, perfectly harmless, non-intoxicating and free from all deleterious ingredients, Cardui is the ideal remedy for all weak, suffering women, young and old.

You are urged to get a bottle at the drug store and commence its use today.

NOTE—The Cardui Home Treatment for Women consists of Cardui (60), Theobald's Blood-Treatment (25¢), or Veto (50¢), for the liver, and Cardui Antiseptic (50¢). These remedies may be taken singly, by themselves, if desired, or three together, as a complete treatment for women's ills. Write to: Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions, and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent in plain wrapper, on request.

A HINT.



The Boss—That's an ancient-looking coat you're wearing, Mr. Shrimp.

Mr. Shrimp—Yes, sir; it's the one I got when you last raised my salary!

Not Her First Purchase. This is a baby story they tell out at Belmont: A woman called at a dry goods store to look at some baby dresses. The clerk showed her a line valued at five dollars each, and talked volubly about "how proud" the mother ought to be over the baby. He suggested that possibly she might want a more expensive dress.

But the mother did not seem to "enthuse" a bit over the clerk's gush. "How many children have you?" asked the clerk, cautiously.

"Oh, this is the eleventh," she replied, carefully scanning the price tags.

And out came a line of baby dresses with a more modest list of prices.—Kansas City Journal.

Sentiments for Husbands.

"When a man really loves his wife he ought to combine all his nicest sentiments toward other women into one big sentiment for her."

"He should show her the respect he feels toward his mother; the politeness he shows other women, and the responsibility he feels toward his sister."

"To all of that he should add the great love he should feel for a wife."

RESULTS OF FOOD Health and Natural Conditions Come From Right Feeding.

Man, physically, should be like a perfectly regulated machine, each part working easily in its appropriate place. A slight derangement causes undue friction and wear, and frequently ruins the entire system.

A well-known educator of Boston found a way to keep the brain and the body in that harmonious co-operation which makes a joy of living.

"Two years ago," she writes, "being in a condition of nervous exhaustion, I resigned my position as teacher, which I had held over 40 years. Since then the entire rest has, of course, been a benefit, but the use of Grape-Nuts has removed one great cause of illness in the past, namely, constipation, and its attendant evils."

"I generally make my entire breakfast on a raw egg beaten into four spoonfuls of Grape-Nuts, with a little hot milk or hot water added. I like it extremely, my food assimilates, and my bowels take care of themselves. I did my best power and physical condition much greater and I know that the use of the Grape-Nuts has contributed largely to this result."

"It is with feelings of gratitude that I mention this beneficial, and trust it may be the means of adding others in their distress to my health."

Look in page for the little book, "The Food of the World." There's a Reason. Write to the Ladies' Advisory Dept. for your copy. It will tell you why you should eat Grape-Nuts, and how to get them.

W. A. McGowen

Joe McGowen

McGowen Bros.

"The People That Want Your Business"

Staple and Fancy Groceries and Feed

Give us your next order. We can please you both in quality and price. Phone 330.

Produce Bought and Sold

Next Door South of McCamant Drug Co.

Local and Personal

Build sidewalks.

We have just received a nice line of bibles. Biles & Gentry.

Alderman S. A. Penix was in Lamesa this week.

"Mound City Paints may cost a trifle more, but—! B. Reagan."

J. M. Witten of Konohassett was a Big Springs visitor Monday.

\$4 buys a boys suit worth \$5 at Ayers & Hance Co.

Mrs J. E. Millhollon of Stanton was here this week on a visit to friends.

Everything in the feed line at the new feed store, west of Express office.

Just think you can get a mans suit well worth \$20 for only \$16 at Ayers & Hance Co.

J. S. Crumpton of Lamesa spent several days here this week.

Blank bills of sale and vendor lien notes for sale at this office.

Mrs. Can Powell returned Monday from a visit to Portales, New Mexico, and Fort Worth.

Your prescriptions will be filled correctly and priced right if taken to Reagan's.

An elegant line of men's vests just received at A. P. McDonald & Co.

R. L. McCamant made a business trip to Dallas the first of the week.

You ought to try a pound of President coffee.

McGowen Bros.

Try a sack of wheat shorts for your cow. Get them at C. S. Wagon Yard.

P. D. Burns, and Riley Burns and wife of the North Conecho country were in town Monday.

We have just received a nice line of Bishop's crystalized fruits. Biles & Gentry.

The greatest line of drawn work in the west at Ayers & Hance Co.

Dr. E. H. Happel left Monday night for Waco to attend the meeting of the Masonic Grand Lodge.

Go to The Gem City Furniture Co. for the Macey Sectional Book Case. Can get any style or finish.

Notice

For Sale—My horse and phaeton buggy. Dr. Baird.

Let us write your cotton insurance. The cost is small and the protection is great.

Hartzog & Coffee.

Fresh wheat shorts are fine cow feed. Sold at C. S. Wagon Yard.

The S o a s h Semi—Monthly special came in this morning bringing about ninety prospectors.

The Eye or Universal Camera.

The eye is like a camera, it snaps an object and forms an image, (on the retina) while the artist (The Soul) with the great eternal instrument, (The Mind) has the picture gallery, (The Brain) for finishing and retouching.

All the pictures we take are afterward produced in our art gallery, we can paint some, which are indeed of very little value, while the ideal Universal pictures taken from within and above can't be purchased for all the fortunes on this planet.

We can all, (if we will) gather the most beautiful collections we can possibly imagine. It pays here and in the hereafter.

See Dr. Aronson, if this great camera needs adjustment, he will arrive Dec., 14th and will remain a few days, with office at Biles & Gentry's drug store. Next add will be entitled, The 3rd Light.

The Place to Buy

Hardware, Glass and Queensware, Wagons, Buggies, Plows, Windmills and water supply materials of all kinds is at our store. We can fit you up with any kind of galvanized sheet iron work from our own shop. :-: :-: :-:

The Western Windmill Co.

See Burton -Lingo Co.

M

For All Kinds of Building Material.

W

All our lumber is Under Sheds

A. J. Prichard

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW AND NOTARY PUBLIC

Will practice in all Courts. Room 2, Ward building. Come and see us. Big Springs, Tex.

We need factories.

NOTICE—Those that owe me please call and settle. I want the money now. Respectfully, Dr. Baird.

Let us frame your pictures for Christmas. New line of mouldings and matboards just in. Gem City Furniture Co.

All kinds of musical instruments at bargain prices at Reagan's Drug Store.

For Sale—Second-hand two-horse power Morse - Fairbanks gasoline engine, in use every day will be sold cheap. Call at this office and see it at work. 45tf

FOR SALE—Almost new Smith Premier typewriter, been used but little, will be sold at a bargain. Inquire at this office.

For Sale—One spring wagon will be sold cheap. Also one 22-caliber rifle good as new. Apply at this office.

Our Line of Candies and Crystalized Fruits

Is Surpassed by None

We Have:
Huyler's Chocolates
Huyler's Chocolate Almonds
Ramer's Chocolates
Ramer's Chocolate Almonds
Bishops' Crystalized Cherries
Dates Stuffed With Walnuts
Pineapple Glace
Figs stuffed With Nuts

We have these in 1-2 lb. 50c and 1 lb. \$1 packages.

Biles & Gentry

Dr. E. H. Happel

DENTIST

Office over First National Bank. Big Springs, Texas.

The Good Herefords Bulls in Service

Stretton 9404, son of Corrector 48076. Marchon 21st, 116244, son of (imp) Marchon 79035. My cows are of the best strains.

FRANK GOOD, Sparenberg, Tex.

Dr. E. A. Lang

DENTIST

Crown and Bridge Work a Specialty. Office over Fisher Bros. Store. Office phone 358. Residence 241.

CITY CHILI PARLOR

Chili, Enchiladas, Chili and Eggs and Nice Tamales Every Day. M. GONZALEZ Proprietor



Handsome Xmas Presents

If that is what you are looking for it will pay you to go to Reagan's Drug Store.

A splendid assortment of things especially nice.

Jewelry, Cut Glass, Toilet Sets, Umbrellas, Hand Bags, Bibles. Thousands of Gifts that are fine.

Dolls at Half Price

Reagan's Drug Store

We are Now Putting On Display

One of the Handsomest Stocks of Xmas Goods

Ever Shown in the City

We are a little late in getting some of our stuff in, and in fact, we still have some stuff out, but we are expecting one of the biggest rushes in this line we have ever had and are prepared to take care of it. This department has been a success from the start

with us, and we point with pride to our past record and assure you that you will make money by seeing us before you buy. We expect to see you all in our store in the next few days. Then we can SHOW YOU.

THE WESTERN WINDMILL CO.

THE ENTERPRISE

W. V. ERVIN, Editor.

Big Springs, Texas

Entered at the Big Springs, Texas, Post office as Second-Class Matter.

Subscription, \$1.50 A YEAR

In a thousand years, according to a medical expert, our feet will have turned to hoofs. O' blessed dream of a cornless and bunionless era!

The prohibitionists carried Calahan county Saturday by a majority of 88 votes, which is a gain of seventeen votes in two years.

Owing to failing health, Senator Culberson has resigned as chairman of the Democratic Caucus. He may be succeeded by Senator Bailey.

It has been decided, by a Cleveland judge that a husband need not wash the dishes. No judge has the nerve, however, to rule that a husband need not put the cat out at night.

Business men, have you thought of the condition of the roads leading into our town since the rains? You had better get together and see that they are repaired. You know that the farmers are not going to come to Big Springs over poor roads when there are good roads leading to other towns.

The officers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South and the school board at Cleburne have refused to let W. J. Bryan deliver his lecture, "The Price of a Soul," in either the Methodist church or the auditorium of the high school, because Bryan has expressed himself on the tariff issue in a different light from Senator Bailey.

"If you have \$10 to spend," said the late P. T. Barnum, "spend one for the article and the other nine in advertising it."

The old gentleman knew a thing or two when it came to advertising. Barnum said some years ago. "I can overlook anybody on earth except printers. The man who can stick type and the next morning talk to thousands while I am talking to one is the man I am afraid of. I want him for a friend."

Some idea of the general use of false teeth may be gathered from the statement that twenty millions of them are exported from America to England, every year. When we consider that probably not more than half the inhabitants of Great Britain indulge in the luxury of false teeth no matter how many grinders they have lost, these figures would seem to indicate that nearly every one in England suffers from defective or missing teeth. As far as observation goes, the United States is no better off than England in this respect.

Howard county is neglecting a valuable asset when it fails to encourage and develop the dairy interests. Belton last year paid into hands of the farmers more than \$30,000 for dairy products and a greater amount should be distributed from Big Springs each year. The creamery proposition is one of the best profit-makers that can be connected with the farm. Prepare to produce the product for a creamery and this important industry will come, as sure as night follows day. Lots of money is sent out of Big Springs each year for dairy products.

The Strawn Enterprise throws out this bit of warning, that might be of value to the community that has not yet been invaded by the species of graft named: Beware of the barbwire fence fiend, who puts the lighting rodshark in the rear. He proposes to the farmer to put an eight wire fence at 8 cents per foot. This seems so cheap the farmer usually signs

the contract, and when the bill comes in, which it is sure to do, the deluded farmer finds he has agreed to pay 8 cents per foot for each wire. When the scheme works he has to surrender his farm in part payment and give his note for the balance. Hence we say beware?

One of our exchanges says: "Plant alfalfa, peanuts, broom-corn and more hogs and you can live better on less money. Our farmers should have a variety of crops." And its a fine combination; one that will make your bank account on the right side of the ledger. Diversification seems to be the only safe method of farming in any country, and when a man has a combination like the brother editor suggests above, he will make a landing on some of them sure.—Ex.

FIFTY LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS AT HALF PRICE OR LESS

Fifty Young Men and Women
Made Prosperous, Happy
and Independent
for Life

Walden's Practical Business Colleges, Austin, Texas, and Lake Charles, La., will save you from \$50 to \$100 on a Complete Business or Shorthand Course. Their Special \$100 offer will make you a bookkeeper and stenographer—total cost. It pays board, tuition and stationery. Scholarship for both courses unlimited. No better courses anywhere, at any price. Why pay more?

They Went Like Hot Cakes
Twenty special scholarships placed on sale the 16th of last August were "snapped" up in less than ten days—two weeks before the opening of the fall term. They went like hot cakes, and the fifty offered above will go in the same way. Why? Because this \$100 proposition represents the greatest value ever offered by a business college.

Look to Your Interest
Young man, young woman, parents—why not investigate the above special offer?
The next term opens January 3, 1910. Address either school for elegant catalogue and circulars.

The Wise Age.

At ten years of age a boy thinks his father knows a great deal.

At fifteen he knows as much as his father.

At twenty he knows twice as much.

At thirty he is willing to take his advice.

At forty he begins to think his father knew something after all.

At fifty he begins to seek his advice.

And at sixty, after his father is dead, he thinks he was the smartest man that ever lived.

The above correctly states the stages through which one passes. At about 18 or 20 the boy feels wiser than he ever does afterwards and thinks he knows more than he ever does know, but he knows after awhile to respect the wisdom of his father, especially after he becomes a father. There is an education in all of the experiences of life. The parent educates the child and the child in turn enlarges the vision of the parent. Brothers and sisters exert an influence upon each other, and another part of our knowledge is gathered from rubbing up against the world.

There is a common saying that a young man has to sow his wild oats. This a complacent excuse given for youthful indiscretions, but it does not state the truth. It is not necessary that a boy should be bad in order to be good afterwards. It is, from all standpoints, that his life be so regulated from the beginning that the memory is not stained by scars and blots.

Specialist

I will be in my office in the Eddings building Dec. 20, 21, 22, 23. Treat all diseases of eye, ear, nose and throat; also have glasses and pay special attention to fitting them. Consultation and examination free. 11-2
J. E. SMITH, M. D.

For Sale.

100 acres of land, 20 miles southeast of Big Springs, 65 acres in cultivation, all fenced and cross fenced, two room house and well, will take \$15 per acre, \$500 cash, \$500 in 1911, \$500 in 1912 at 9 per cent interest, payable on or before.

J. M. Witten, Konohasset, Tex.

The ladies of the Christian church opened their bazaar in the Eddins building yesterday morning and will continue it until tomorrow night. Be sure to patronize them. They have lots of things that will make useful and appreciated Christmas presents.

J. A. BAGGETT Fruits, Confectionery and Cigars

Carries the finest line of Candies in town. See him for your Christmas Candies and Fruits.

This is the Season We Worry Over

What we are going to buy for Christmas. If you will visit our store you can see many suggestive gifts—too numerous to mention—all marked in plain figures. We extend to all a cordial invitation to come and inspect our line.

Biles & Gentry

10 Per Cent Discount on JEWELRY

As an inducement to our customers to do early holiday buying we shall sell until December 15th. RINGS, DIAMONDS, CUT GLASS and CHINA at 10 per cent LESS THAN MARKED PRICES (Watches and Clocks excepted).
Each year the buying of Christmas gifts is put off until the last week or ten days.
This makes it impossible for us to give the attention to customers we would like. It gives us no opportunity to restock our lines.
It gives you a picked over line to select from and is altogether most unsatisfactory to you and ourselves.
Those who wish to take advantage of this 10 per cent EARLY HOLIDAY DISCOUNT SALE may come in, make their selection now, make a cash deposit on same and we will lay aside until you want them.

Big Springs **I. H. PARK** JEWELER

Services at Christian Church
Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.
Preaching at 11:00 a. m., and 7:15 p. m.
Junior Christian Endeavor at 4:00 p. m.
Senior Christian Endeavor at 6:15 p. m.
Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

First Presbyterian Church.
Sunday school 9:45, morning service at 11, evening service at 7:30, mid-week service, Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Visitors and strangers are cordially invited to attend this church.
John S. Thomas, Pastor.

For anything in paint see Biles & Gentry.

To Trade for Stock
Will trade 160 acres of land, nine miles northwest of town for cattle, mules or good mares. Inquire at this office.

A. J. Adams informs us that he has secured the agency of the White Steamer Automobile for the counties of Martin, Midland and El Paso.

Dr. E. O. Ellington, dentist, office over McCamant & Co.'s drug store. Office phone 281, residence phone 2 6tf

For Sale or Trade.
320 acres of land 10 miles south of town, 50 acres in cultivation well improved. Price \$10 per acre. For further information apply at this office.

Make Up Your Xmas List This Week

Then bring it to us; we can fill it complete with dainty, useful gifts. Our new stock is larger and brighter than any previous showing. There are the many gifts for men, women and children, and ones that will be appreciated.

- For women we show the new white sweaters, in all sizes, at \$2.45
- The dainty colored Sweaters for women & girls 2.45
- Dainty Kimonos in the large floral designs, well made, all sizes, in bright shades, at \$2.00 to \$10.00
- Dainty Hand Bags, in the black and colors, many styles to choose from, at 50c to \$2.50
- New Belts in the elastic, plain silk and patent leather, all have the new buckles, at 50c to \$1.50
- Elegant piece of hemstitched Linen for the dining room in the way of Scarfs, etc., at 50c
- Handsome hemstitched Towels in the pure linen, many patterns, large sizes, at per pair 50c to \$1.00
- Dainty line of Handkerchiefs in the plain, embroidery and lace edges, many styles, at 15c to 35c
- Little child's sets of Gloves, leggins and caps, in white, at \$1.25
- For men and boys we have the daintiest styles in the new Ties, in plain, stripe, and fancy designs, put up in boxes, at 75c
- Others equally as pretty, but not in case, at 25c-50c
- Pretty silk Mufflers, in the white and colors, at \$1.00
- Fancy suspenders in the best styles and shades, 50c
- Fancy Supporters in pretty boxes at 25c
- For men we show the Bradley Knit full fashioned Muffler at 50c and \$1.25
- Men's Sox and Ties to match put up in box.
- Also Sox, Tie and Handkerchiefs to match at \$1.25 and \$1.50 per set.
- Make your selection from the stock at once.

The Home of the Just-Wright Shoe for Men and the Beautiful La France Shoe for Women

One Price Cash Store
BERRY & DEVENPORT
214 Main Street

J. W. Carpenter is having a well drilled on his five acre tract of land in the Cole & Strayhorn addition.

For Rent: Two nice office rooms. See R. L. McCamant. 5-tf

J. O. Gibson makes a specialty in cleaning, pressing, alterations, etc., phone 325.

The West Texas Workers Conference that was to have met with the Baptist church on the 14 and 15 of this month, has been changed to January, 11 and 12. This was done because of the meeting of the State Mission Board falling on that date. The same program will be carried out, banquet and all.
Wilson C. Rogers, Pastor.

Pure wheat shorts at C. S. Wagon Yard. Try a sack for your cow.

First car of Michigan Salt ever shipped this far west just received at Pool Bros. 9-tf

A newspaper office is, by common consent, a clearing house for all kinds of information. Here are settled to the satisfaction of at least some all questions of political economy, theology and kindred subjects. Even the domain of medicine and surgery is entered. However, the line must be drawn somewhere. We felt like calling a halt when a subscriber asked us the German name for "monkey wrench." We did not know. We looked it up; are glad we did. We are almost sorry to have to take the space and publish it. But for the benefit of our friend we wish to state emphatically that the German name is "universalschraubenschlüssel."—Texarkana Courier.

For sale or trade—440 acres of good land 4 miles south of town. Inquire at this office.

THE RESUE

Don't Wait Till The Late Follow the Example of Springs

Rescue the double comes. It keeps you sharping trouble—diabetes. This will show you how to cure Texas, the cured me trouble at give relief. It is working as the reason for the back, and too frequent causing me much annoyance. Dean's Kidney Ward's I am of my trouble, and same for me. For sale 50c. Foster-Mil New York. sole agent. Resue—take no other.

Christmas A Hundred Years From Now

It may be the same old Christmas, no doubt, but it will be celebrated under vastly different conditions.

Unique Holiday Feature

An imaginative writer has undertaken to forecast the Christmas celebration of 2006.

You will find the result in the next issue.

Don't Miss This Feature It's a Wonder!

Baptist Church.

Sunday School 9:15 a. m.
Preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m.
Sunbeams meet at 3 p. m.
Jr. B. Y. P. U. meets at 3 p. m.
Sr. B. Y. P. U. meets at 4 p. m.
Preaching by the pastor at 7:30 p. m.
Subject, for Sunday morning Dec. 12th, "Religion."

All services are held at the court house, and everybody is cordially invited to worship with us.
WILSON C. ROGERS, Pastor.

See The Gem City Furniture Co. for new line of matings; some good patterns and very best quality.

The first session of the Sixty-First Congress Monday at noon. President Taft's message to congress will be found in this paper. Not many weekly papers in West Texas will furnish the message to their readers.

FOR SALE. 7 yoke of good well trained work steers in good flesh. H. S. Miller, Big Springs, Texas, box 156, or phone ranch.

The Soash Land Co., are moving their office to Soash and will erect a concrete building to accommodate their office. We understand that is to be headquarters of the Company.



It binds with your foot

Sold by A. P. McDONALD & CO. The Shoe Men and Gents' Furnishers

Special Clubbing

Offer Every intelligent man wants to keep up with the news of his own community and county. Therefore he needs a good local newspaper. He also needs a paper of general news, and for state, national and world-wide happenings, he will find that

The Semi-Weekly Farm News

has no superior. The secret of its great success is that it gives the farmer and his family just what they need in the way of a family newspaper. In addition to its general news and agricultural features, it has special pages for the wife, the boys and the girls. It gives the latest market reports and publishes more special crop reports during the year than any other paper.

For \$2.25 Cash in Advance

we will send THE SEMI-WEEKLY FARM NEWS and THE ENTERPRISE, both for one year. This means you will get a total of 156 or pages. It's a combination which can't be beat, and you will secure your money's worth many times over. Subscribe at once at the office of this paper.

Land For Sale

320 acres 9 miles northwest of town, 100 acres in cultivation, 140 acres grubbed ready for plow, 2 sets of improvements, price \$20 per acre bonus, \$1.00 due state, one-fourth cash, balance in five annual payments.

320 acres in Martin county in shallow water district, will sell or trade for unincumbered residence property in Big Springs.

Three room house, lot 75x140 feet in Hair's addition. Price \$860.

320 acres 10 miles south of town, 40 acres grubbed and broke, price \$0.00 per acre, \$1,500 cash, balance easy payments. For further particulars, see

W. V. Ervin

GARY & BURNS CO.

IF IT'S NOT GOOD WE'LL MAKE IT GOOD

Do you know that these eight words are your protection in trading with us. We have lived up to this policy since we started in business and find that it has made for us many friends and customers. We believe you prefer to deal with a house that will make good any just complaint. It's human nature. We will be glad to have you remember us the next time you are in need of anything in our lines.

GROCERIES DRY GOODS

GRAIN

Your orders will have prompt and careful attention, and you get first quality goods at reasonable prices.

Gary & Burns Co.

BIG SPRINGS TEXAS MIDLAND

STONE & CARPENTER Dray and Transfer Men

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS IN WOOD and COAL

AGENTS FOR... The Texas Co.'s Coal Oil

Stove Gasoline and all kinds of Lubricating Oils. Try our Homelight Coal Oil and our Stove Gasoline, guaranteed to be the best. Ask for our oils and take no other. If your merchant don't handle it, see us. If you want Oil or Gasoline, Wood or Coal, come to see us. If you can't come send for it and you will always be treated fair

...TWENTY YEARS IN BIG SPRINGS...

Remember us when you want wood or coal, or hauling of any kind done

Our Reference — ANYBODY

Frank B. Jones

B. O. Jones

JONES BROTHERS Grocers

Quality, Price and Quantity

Are the main points of your Grocery purchases, and when these are considered we will sell you your Groceries

Prompt Delivery

Phone 297 Rear Ward Building

TAFT'S MESSAGE IS SENT TO CONGRESS

Currency Reform, Waterways, Creation of Body to Deal With Interstate Commerce and Other Topics Handled.

Government Expenditures and Revenues a Most Important Question—Relations with Other Nations, Nicaragua Excepted, Are Declared to Be Generally Satisfactory.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The president today transmitted to congress a message substantially as follows:

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

The relations of the United States with all foreign governments have continued upon the normal basis of good will and understanding, and are very generally satisfactory.

Europe.

Pursuant to the provisions of the general treaty of arbitration concluded between the United States and Great Britain, April 4, 1898, a special agreement was entered into between the two countries on January 27, 1904, for the submission of questions relating to the fisheries on the North Atlantic coast to a tribunal to be formed from members of the permanent court of arbitration at The Hague.

In accordance with the provisions of the special agreement the printed case of each government was, on October 4, last, submitted to the tribunal, and the arbitration case of the United States is now in course of preparation.

The American rights under the fisheries articles of the treaty of 1898 have been a cause of difference between the United States and Great Britain for nearly 20 years. The interests involved are of great importance to the American fishing industry, and the final settlement of the controversy will remove a source of constant irritation and complaint. This is the first case involving such great international questions which has been submitted to the permanent court of arbitration.

The president tells of the sending of a commission to investigate the interests of the United States and its citizens in Liberia, the commission's report now being under examination by the department of state.

He also notes the invitation extended by the Norwegian government to take part in an international conference next year to devise means to remedy existing conditions in the Spitzbergen islands, and of its acceptance under certain reservations. Mention is made of several international conferences, and then the president urges that provision be made for American participation in the world's fair at Brussels next year. The questions arising out of the Belgian annexation of the Congo Free State, he says, are in a more hopeful stage.

Latin America.

The message speaks with enthusiasm of the settlement of the boundary dispute between Bolivia and Peru, and of the fourth Pan-American conference, to be held in Buenos Aires next July. Mention is made of the Argentine republic's great international agricultural exhibition, which is to open in May, 1910, and the president continues:

To-day, more than ever before, American capital is seeking investment in foreign countries and American products are more and more generally seeking foreign markets. As a consequence, it is all countries there are American citizens and American interests to be protected, on occasion, by their government. These movements of men, capital, and commodities bring peoples and governments closer together and so form bonds of peace and mutual dependency, as they also, naturally, sometimes make points of friction. The resulting situation inevitably imposes upon this government vastly increased responsibilities. This administration, through the department of state and the foreign service, is leading all proper support to legitimate and beneficial American enterprises in foreign countries, the degree of such support being measured by the national advantages to be expected. A citizen himself cannot, or should not, divest himself of the right, nor can this government escape the obligation of his protection in his personal and property rights when these are unjustly infringed in a foreign country. To avoid needless vexations, it is proper, in considering whether American enterprises should be encouraged or supported in a particular country, the government should give full weight not only to the national, as well as to the individual benefits to accrue, but also to the fact whether or not the government of the country in question is in its administration and its diplomacy faithful to the principles of justice, equity and justice upon which alone depend international credit, in diplomacy as well as in finance.

The Pan-American policy of this government has long been fixed in its principles and remains unchanged. With the changed circumstances of the United States and of the republics to the south, many of which have great natural resources, stable government and progressive ideals, the apprehensions which have arisen to the minds of the people of the United States have nearly disappeared and new doctrine as it exists nor any other permitted to operate for the perpetuation of irresponsible government, the neglect of just obligations or the invidious allegations of dominating ambitions on the part of the United States.

Beside the fundamental doctrines of our Pan-American policy there have grown up a realization of political interests, a community of institutions and ideals and a flourishing commerce. All these bonds are being greatly strengthened as time goes on and increased facilities, such as the Latin American, supply the means for building up the national intercontinental commerce of the future.

My meeting with President Diaz and the greeting exchanged on both American and Mexican soil, I hope, to signify the good relations existing between the two nations, which there is no vestige of a shadow of a doubt, is a fact. I am happy to say that the

relations which for so long vexed our cases with Venezuela have been settled within the past few months and that, under the enlightened regime now directing the government of Venezuela, provision has been made for arbitration of the remaining case before The Hague tribunal.

On July 30, 1909, the government of Panama agreed, after considerable negotiation, to indemnify the relatives of the American officers and sailors who were brutally treated, one of them having, indeed, been killed by the Panama police this year.

The sincere desire of the government of Panama to do away with a situation where such an accident could occur is manifest in the recent request in compliance with which this government has sent the services of an officer of the army to be employed by the government of Panama as instructor of police.

This government was obliged to intervene diplomatically to bring about arbitration of the claims of the Emery Company against Nicaragua, which it had long before been agreed should be arbitrated. A settlement of this troublesome case was reached by the signature of a protocol on September 15, 1909.

Many years ago diplomatic intervention became necessary to the protection of the interests in the American claim of Alsop & Co. against the government of Chile. The government of Chile had frequently admitted obligation in the case and had promised this government to settle it. There had been two abortive attempts to do so through arbitral commissions, which failed through lack of jurisdiction. Now, happily, as the result of the recent diplomatic negotiations, the governments of the United States and of Chile, actuated by the sincere desire to free from any strain those cordial and friendly relations which both are bound to have, have agreed by a protocol to submit the controversy to definitive settlement by his Britannic majesty, Edward VII.

Since the Washington conventions of 1892 were communicated to the government of the United States as a consulting and advisory party, this government has been almost continuously called upon by one or another, and in turn by all of the five Central American republics, to exert itself for the maintenance of the conventions. Nearly every complaint has been against the Zelaya government of Nicaragua, which has kept Central America in constant tension and turmoil. The response made to the representations of Central American republics, as due from the United States on account of its relation to the Washington conventions, have been at all times conservative and have avoided, so far as possible, any semblance of interference, although it is very apparent that the considerations of geographic proximity to the Canal Zone and of the very substantial American interests in Central America give the United States a special position in the zone of these republics and the Caribbean sea.

I need not rehearse here the patient efforts of this government to promote the safe and welfare among these republics, efforts which are fully appreciated by the majority of them, who are loyal to their true interests. It would be no less unnecessary to rehearse here the safe and welfare among these republics, efforts which are fully appreciated by the majority of them, who are loyal to their true interests. It would be no less unnecessary to rehearse here the safe and welfare among these republics, efforts which are fully appreciated by the majority of them, who are loyal to their true interests.

The Far East.

In the far east this government preserves unchanged its policy of supporting the principle of equality of opportunity and scrupulous respect for the integrity of the territory of each nation, which policy it pledged the interested powers of both east and west.

Mention is made of the sending of students to America by the Chinese government, of China's progress toward the eradication of the opium evil, and of this government's continued cordial relations with the Japanese empire.

The Department of State.

Favorable action by congress on the estimates submitted by the department of state is urged, especially legislation for the development and reorganization of the department to make it efficient in furthering our foreign trade. Improvement in the consular service is noted. Mr. Taft then says:

Under a provision of the act of August 5, 1909, I have appointed three officials to assist the officers of the department in collecting information necessary to a wise administration of the tariff act of August 5, 1909. As to questions of customs administration they are cooperating with the officials of the treasury department and as to matters of the needs and the exigencies of our manufacturers and exporters, with the department of commerce and labor, in its relation to the domestic aspect of the subject of foreign commerce. In the study of foreign tariff treatment they will assist the bureau of trade relations of the department of state. It is hoped that this co-ordination and bringing to bear upon this important subject all the agencies of the government which can contribute anything to its efficient handling, as a consequence of Section 2 of the tariff act of August 5, 1909, it is the duty of the secretary of state to conduct as diplomatic business all the negotiations necessary to place him in a position to advise me as to whether or not a particular country unduly discriminates against the

United States, in the sense of the statute referred to. The great scope and complexity of this work, as well as the obligation to lead all proper aid to our expanding commerce, is the expansion of the bureau of trade relations as set forth in the estimates for the department of state.

Government Expenditures and Revenues.

Perhaps the most important question presented to this administration is that of economy in expenditures and sufficiency of revenues. The deficit of the last fiscal year, and the certain deficit of the current year, prompted congress to throw a greater responsibility on the executive and the secretary of the treasury than had heretofore been declared by statute. This declaration imposes upon the secretary of the treasury the duty of assembling all the estimates of the executive departments, bureaus, and offices, of the expenditures for the current fiscal year, and of making an estimate of the revenues of the government for the same period; and if a probable deficit is thus shown, it is made the duty of the secretary to recommend the method by which such deficit can be met.

The report of the secretary shows that the ordinary expenditures for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 1910, will exceed the estimated receipts by \$24,075,520. If to this deficit is added the Panama Canal amounting to \$38,000,000, and \$1,000,000 to be paid on the national debt, the ordinary receipts and expenditures will be increased to a total deficit of \$73,075,520. This deficit the secretary proposes to meet by the proceeds of bonds issued to pay the cost of construction of the Panama Canal. I approve this proposal.

The policy of paying for the construction of the Panama Canal, not out of current revenue, but by bond issues, was adopted by congress in 1899, and there seems to be no good reason for departing from the principle by which a part at least of the burden of the cost of the canal shall fall upon our posterity who are to enjoy the benefits of it. The more reason for this view because the actual cost to date of the canal, which is now half done and which will be completed January 1, 1915, shows that the cost of engineering and construction is due to a substantial enlargement of the plan of construction by widening the canal 100 feet in the Culebra cut and by increasing the dimensions of the locks, to the underestimate of the quantity of the work as originally planned, and to an underestimate of the cost of labor and materials, both of which have greatly enhanced in price since the original estimate was made. In order to meet the deficit for the ensuing fiscal year, I directed the heads of departments in the preparation of their estimates to make them as low as possible consistent with the imperative necessities of the service. The secretary of the treasury, that the estimates for the expenses of the government for the next fiscal year ending June 30, 1911, are \$1,257,756,000, instead of \$1,139,705,200, as originally estimated. In addition to engineering and construction, the other expenses, including sanitation and government, and the cost of the Panama Canal, increase the cost of \$75,435,000, to a total of \$75,435,000. The increase in the cost of engineering and construction is due to a substantial enlargement of the plan of construction by widening the canal 100 feet in the Culebra cut and by increasing the dimensions of the locks, to the underestimate of the quantity of the work as originally planned, and to an underestimate of the cost of labor and materials, both of which have greatly enhanced in price since the original estimate was made.

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To reduce the cost of permanent administration, says the president, a thorough reorganization of bureaus, offices and departments would be necessary. An expert accountant has been making an investigation into this matter and the result of his work shows opportunity for both substantial reductions in cost and increase of efficiency.

Frauds in the Collection of Customs.

I regret to refer to the fact of the discovery of extensive frauds in the collection of the customs revenue at New York city, in which a number of the subordinate employees in the warehouse department were found guilty of a conspiracy, and in which the beneficiaries were the American Sugar Refining Company and others. The frauds consisted in the payment of duty on underweight sugar. The frauds were more extensive than the American Sugar Refining Company all that it is shown to have been defrauded of. The sum was received in full of the amount due, which might have been recovered by the collector, but there was an express reservation in the contract of settlement by which the settlement should not interfere with, or prevent the criminal prosecution of anyone who was found to be subject to the same.

Criminal prosecutions are now proceeding against a number of the government officers. The treasury department and the department of justice are co-operating to discover all the wrongdoers, including the officers and employees of the companies who may have been privy to the fraud. It would seem to me that an express reservation in the contract of settlement, pending the probing by the treasury department and the department of justice, as proposed, might by giving immunity and otherwise prove an embarrassment in securing conviction of the guilty parties.

Maximum and Minimum Clause in Tariff Act.

Two features of the new tariff act call for special reference. By virtue of the clause known as the "maximum and minimum" clause it is the duty of the executive to consider the laws and practices of the countries which are the source of the products and merchandise of the United States, and if the executive finds such laws and practices not to be unduly discriminatory against the interests of the United States, he is authorized to reduce the minimum duties provided in the bill as to go into force. Unless the president makes such a finding, then the maximum duties provided in the bill, that is, an increase of 25 per cent, ad valorem over the minimum duties, are to be in force. Fear has been expressed that this power conferred and duty imposed on the executive is likely to lead to a tariff war. I believe that such a result need be anticipated.

The discretion granted to the executive by the terms "unduly discriminatory" is wide. In order that the maximum duty shall be charged against the imports from a country, it is necessary that he shall find on the part of that country not only discriminations in its laws or the practice under them against the trade of the United States, but also that the discriminations found shall be unduly, that is, without good and fair reason. I believe

that this power was reposed in the president with the hope that the maximum duties might never be applied in any case, but that the power to apply them would be the great deterrent to any unduly discriminatory law or practice. I therefore recommend legislation providing for the appointment by the president of a commission with authority to examine the law and equity procedure of the federal courts of first instance, the law of appeals from those courts to the courts of appeals and to the supreme court, and the costs imposed in such procedure upon the private litigant and upon the public treasury. I recommend that the procedure be simplified and expediting the procedure as far as possible and making it as inexpensive as may be to the litigant of little means.

Injunctions Without Notice.

The platform of the successful party in the last election contained the following: "The Republican party will uphold all times the authority and integrity of the courts, state and federal, and will ever insist that their powers to enforce their process and to protect life, liberty and property shall be preserved inviolate. We believe, however, that the rules of procedure in the federal courts with respect to the issuance of the writ of injunction should be more accurate, reliable and equitable than the present rules, and that no injunction or temporary restraining order should be issued without notice, except where irreparable injury would result from delay, in which case a speedy hearing thereafter should be granted."

I believe that in compliance with the promise thus made appropriate legislation should be adopted. The ends of justice will best be met and the chief cause of complaint against ill-considered injunctions will be removed by the enactment of a statute forbidding hereafter the issuing of any injunction or restraining order, whether temporary or permanent, by any federal court, without notice and a reasonable opportunity to be heard on behalf of the party to be enjoined; unless it shall appear to the satisfaction of the court that the delay necessary to give such notice and opportunity would result in irreparable injury to the complainant and unless a written finding, which shall be spread upon the court minutes, that immediate and irreparable injury is likely to ensue to the complainant, and shall define the injury, state why it is irreparable and shall also indorse on the order issued the date and the hour of the issuance of the order. Wherever, however, such injunction or restraining order issued without previous notice and opportunity by the defendant to be heard should be of force of the statute expire and be of no effect after such notice and opportunity to be heard within seven days or such less period as the court may fix, unless the injunction or order is extended or renewed after previous notice and opportunity to be heard.

War Department.

In the interest of immediate economy and because of the prospect of a deficit, I have required a reduction in the estimates of the war department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911, to \$1,100,000,000, which brings the total estimates down to an amount forty-five millions less than the corresponding estimates for last year. This could only be accomplished by cutting out new projects and by revising the estimates for the period of one year all progress in military matters. For the same reason I have directed that the army shall not be recruited up to its present authorized strength, but that it shall be recruited to a temporary strength of 100,000 men, in better condition and until the whole question of the expediency of adopting a definite military policy can be submitted to congress. I believe that the interests of the military establishment are seriously in need of careful consideration by congress. The laws regulating the organization of our armed forces in the event of war are in need of revision in order that the organization can be modified so as to produce a force which would be more consistently apportioned throughout its numerous branches. To explain the circumstances which have led to the present situation, I would like to see the organization made a lengthy discussion, and I postpone it until the first convenient opportunity shall arise to send to congress a special message upon this subject.

The Navy.

The return of the battleship fleet from its voyage around the world, in more efficient condition than when it started, was a noteworthy event of interest alike to our citizens and the naval authorities of the world. Besides the beneficial and far-reaching effect on our personal and diplomatic relations, the marked success of the ships in steaming around the world in all weathers on schedule time has increased respect for our navy and has added to our national prestige. The navy is in the coming season comprehensively reorganizing the organization of all corps of the navy will be presented to congress, and I hope it will meet with action suited to its urgency.

Expedition in Legal Procedure.

The deplorable delays in the administration of civil and criminal law have received the attention of committees of the American Bar association, and of many state bar associations, as well as the efforts of the judges and jurists. In my judgment a change in judicial procedure, with a view to reducing its expense to private litigants in civil cases and facilitating the dispatch of both civil and criminal cases constitutes the greatest need in our American institutions. I do not doubt for one moment that much of the lawless violence and crime to be exhibited in the future will be due to the uncertainty and injustice growing out of the delays in trials, judgments and the execution thereof by our courts. Of course these remarks apply quite as well to the administration of justice in state courts as to that in federal courts, and without making invidious distinction it is perhaps not too much to say that, speaking generally, the defects are less in the state courts than in the federal courts. The expedition with which business is disposed of both on the civil and criminal side of English courts under the modern rules of procedure makes the modern rules of procedure seem archaic and barbarous. The procedure in the federal courts should furnish an example for the state courts. I presume it is impossible, without an amendment to the constitution, to unite under one form of action the proceedings in equity in the federal courts, but it is certainly not impossible by a statute to simplify the procedure both at law and in equity in those courts. It is not impossible to cut down still more than it is cut down, the jurisdiction of the supreme court, so as to confine it almost wholly to constitutional questions. Under the present statutes the equity and admiralty procedure in the federal courts is under the control of the su-

preme court, but in the pressure of business to which that court is subjected it is impossible to hope that a radical and proper reform of the federal equity procedure will be brought about. I therefore recommend legislation providing for the appointment by the president of a commission with authority to examine the law and equity procedure of the federal courts of first instance, the law of appeals from those courts to the courts of appeals and to the supreme court, and the costs imposed in such procedure upon the private litigant and upon the public treasury. I recommend that the procedure be simplified and expediting the procedure as far as possible and making it as inexpensive as may be to the litigant of little means.

Ship Subsidy.

Following the course of my distinguished predecessor, I earnestly recommend to congress the consideration and passage of a ship subsidy bill, looking to the establishment of lines between our Atlantic seaboard and the eastern coast of South America, as well as lines from the west coast of the United States to the Philippines, China, Japan and the South Pacific. The profits on foreign mails are perhaps a sufficient measure of the expenditures which might be tentatively applied to this method of inducing American capital to undertake the establishment of American lines of steamships in those directions in which we now feel it most imperative that we should have means of transportation controlled in the interest of the expansion of our trade.

The president recommends the admission of New Mexico and Arizona as separate states, and strongly opposes legislation looking to the election of a territorial legislature for Alaska.

Conservation of National Resources.

In several departments there is presented the necessity for legislation looking to the further conservation of our national resources and the improvement of the same importance as to require a more detailed and extended discussion than can be entered upon in this communication. For that reason I shall take an early opportunity to present a special message on the subject of the improvement of our waterways, upon the reclamation and irrigation of arid, semi-arid, and swamp lands; upon the preservation of our forests and the reforestation of the same; upon the reclassification of the public domain with a view of separating from agricultural settlement mineral, coal, and phosphate lands and after belonging to the government, the same to be made available for the utilization of water power.

The White Slave Trade.

I greatly regret to have to say that the investigations made by the bureau of immigration and other sources of information lead to the view that there is urgent necessity for additional legislation and greater executive activity to suppress the recruiting of the ranks of prostitution from the streams of immigration into this country—an evil which, for want of a better name, has been called "The White Slave Trade." I believe it to be constitutional to forbid, under penalty of imprisonment and fine, the transportation of persons for purposes of prostitution across national and state lines; and by appropriating a fund of \$50,000 to be used by the secretary of commerce and labor to employ a special inspector it will be possible to bring those responsible for this trade to indictment and conviction under a federal law.

Bureau of Health.

For a very considerable period a movement has been gathering strength, especially among the members of the medical profession, in favor of a concentration of the functions of the state and federal government which have to do with the promotion of public health. In the nature of things, the medical department of the army and the medical department of the navy, in addition to the department of health, seem to be no reason why all the other bureaus and offices in the general government which have to do with the public health or subjects akin thereto should not be united in a bureau to be called "bureau of public health." This would necessitate the transfer of the marine hospital service to such a bureau. I am aware that there is a wide field in respect to the information in regard to the states in which the federal government cannot exercise jurisdiction, but we have seen in the agricultural department the expansion into widest usefulness of a department of living sanitation. 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NO ALUM
No Lime Phosphates

Miss Tennie Erwin has gone to Abilene where she has accepted a position in the Epileptic Colony. Just received a large shipment of the best Maple syrup. McGowen Bros.

Walter McDonald, who has been in Alabama several months, returned last week.

See Ayers & Hance Co., for a ladies tailored suit, worth \$25 for \$17.50.

G. R. Everett of Glasscock county was trading here yesterday.

The greatest danger from influenza is of its resulting in pneumonia. This can be obviated by using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, as it not only cures influenza, but counteracts any tendency of the disease towards pneumonia. Sold by all druggists.

Christian Church Sunday
There will be preaching services Sunday morning at 11 and evening at 7:20. You are invited. E. S. Bledsoe, Pastor.

Ask J. O. Gibson to show you the latest things in fall and winter suitings.

Carload of Michigan Salt just arrived at Pool Bros. 9-11

Use Michigan salt for your pork at the new feed store, west of Express office.

Juanita flour is the perfection of the best mills in Missouri. McGowen Bros.

W. B. Slaton and Miss Ethel McCarty of Tahoka were married at the Court house Wednesday afternoon by county judge Morrison.

Ramer's Chocolates at Biles & Gentry.

It May be Your Fate
To Have Your House Burned Down Tonight

One can never tell what minute such a thing may happen. The question naturally arises, "ARE YOU INSURED?" If not, do you think it would be wise to have an issue a policy at once? It is most decidedly penny wise and pound foolish to be without insurance when the danger of fire is always present, when ruin may come at any time. Call and see us at our

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Big Springs, Texas

Mrs. J. W. Ward and Blake Vanlear, of Big Springs, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harmon the past week.—Baird Star.

Will sell cheap or trade a one horse buggy, good as new, for a light spring wagon. G. W. Cornell.

Jno. Robison was here yesterday from the Fish ranch in Dawson county and loaded out with supplies.

Try Alfalfed for your milch cow and you will use no other, guaranteed to be the best on the market. Sold by the new feed store, phone 305.

Some cotton has been brought in this week and has sold for good prices, local buyers were paying above 14 cents for it yesterday.

Arkansas Apples.
A car of Arkansas Apples now on the track, all varieties, wholesale and retail. J. H. Wise.

J. W. W. Spencer of Big Springs spent Saturday and Sunday here with relatives. Mr. Spencer left Monday for Houston where he goes on business.—Carbon News.

Vital Statistics.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the city of Big Springs:

Section 1. That all physicians, surgeons or accouchers (midwives) who may attend at the birth of a child in this city, or in the absence of such attendance the father of such a child or if such have no father then its mother shall report the fact together with name, sex, color and such other data relating thereto as may be prescribed by the rules promulgated by the State Board of Health within five days from the time of the birth to the city secretary as hereinafter provided for. Any physician, surgeon or accoucher or parent who shall fail to make the report above provided shall be punished by fine of not less than five dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars.

Section 2. Every person acting as undertaker shall file with the city secretary a certificate of death and obtain a burial permit from the city secretary in each case (including stillbirths) in which he so acts, and all persons furnishing a coffin or box in which to bury the dead shall be included within the term undertakers. It shall be the duty of such undertaker to accurately and properly fill out the death certificate in so far as regards the name, age, sex, nativity and such other "personal and statistical particulars," and further, he shall obtain from the physician or coroner the answers to questions under the heading of "medical particulars," of the death certificate. Any undertaker who shall fail to file the certificate of death above provided or who shall bury the body of any deceased person without first obtaining a burial permit from the city secretary, shall be fined in any sum not less than five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars.

Section 3. The body of any person whose death or burial occurs in this city shall not be interred, deposited in a vault or tomb, cremated or otherwise disposed of or removed or transported from this city until a permit for burial, removal or other disposition shall have been issued by the city secretary, and no such burial or removal permit shall be issued by the city secretary until a complete certificate of the death has been filed with him as hereinbefore provided; Provided, that a transit permit issued in accordance with the law and health regulations of the place where the death occurred may be accepted by the city secretary as a basis upon which he shall issue a burial permit. Any person who shall

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cause or permit to be interred, cremated, deposited in a vault or tomb, or otherwise disposed of or removed or transported out of the city the remains of any deceased person without having first obtained the permit above provided for from the city secretary, shall be fined in any sum not less than five dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of every physician in the event of a death (including stillbirths) occurring in any case at which said physician is the last in attendance, (or in the event a coroner shall hold a inquest to ascertain the cause of death, the said coroner's duty) to promptly and accurately fill out the question in the form of the death certificate when the death certificate is presented by the undertaker. Any physician or coroner who shall fail or refuse to promptly and accurately fill out the questions in the death certificate when requested by the undertaker shall be fined in any sum not less than five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars.

Section 5. In the event of a death occurring without a physician in attendance and the services of a coroner not necessary, it then shall become the duty of the city health officer to investigate the case and to issue the certificate of death.

Section 6. All certificates of births and deaths shall be made in the manner prescribed, and on the form of certificate as supplied by the State Board of Health.

Section 7. It shall be the duty of the aforementioned city secretary to record in a permanently bound book all births and deaths which are reported to him together with such statistics and data which shall be furnished him by the birth certificate and death certificate. And it shall be the duty of said city secretary to transmit all such original birth and death certificates received during the preceding month to the State Register of Vital Statistics at Austin, Tex., on or before the 10th of the following month.

Section 8. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage. Approved Dec. 7, 1909.

Attest: **GEO. D. LEE,** Mayor.
M. D. WILLIS, Secy.

FIRE INSURANCE. Let me write your policy. **J. C. Baird.**

Do your holiday shopping early while the stocks are unbroken. You will get better service and avoid the usual rush of the last few days of the season.

A. L. Echols and R. E. Powell of Coahoma were here Monday. Uncle Willis Aycock of Lees was here yesterday.

Billiard and Pool Tables

Write or phone for low prices and easy terms

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One Man Sand Cement Brick Machine

Make your own brick. Build your own house. Be independent. Write for price and circulars describing how it can be done.

303 Commerce St. Dallas, Texas

The rainfall from last Sunday morning to Monday night made a total of 25.8 inches. This is one of the heaviest rains ever known here in November. It put a fine season in the earth, gave the winter weeds on the range a good start, and put out plenty of water everywhere.—Sterling City News.

We have added to our stock of Buster Brown's Hosiery women's, boys and girls hose, try them. They are the best.

A. P. McDonald & Co. The ladies of the Christian church want to entertain you at the Eddins building.

Have you heard of Juanita flour the best on earth. McGowen Bros.

A Horse's Dream

is to be able to feed on such fresh, clean and toothsome Oats, Hay, Bran and such feed as he gets when they are brought at our store. If the poor beast could only talk he would ask you to buy his food where it would be sweet, clean and wholesome, as you always find it at



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FOR OLD PEOPLE.
After reaching the age of forty the human system gradually declines. The accumulated poisons in the blood, cause rheumatic pains in the joints, muscles and back. These warnings should be promptly relieved and serious illness avoided by using the following prescription which shows wonderful results even after the first few doses and it will eventually restore physical strength.

One ounce compound syrup of Sarsaparilla; one ounce Toris compound; half pint of high grade whiskey. This to be mixed and used in tablespoonful doses before each meal and at bedtime. The bottle to be well shaken each time. Any druggist has these ingredients or can get them from his wholesale house.

A Risky Thing.
"I think I'll go home."
"But it's only 11 o'clock, old man."
"Well, there's nothing doing at the club."
"I know; but consider. Once I went home at 11 o'clock and came near establishing a dangerous precedent."

Sufficient Evidence.
"Father was evidently drinking again last night."
"What makes you think that?"
"He asked the janitor when he came in."
—Louisville Courier-Journal.

No, Alonzo, we wouldn't advise a man with an impediment in his speech to go to a speakeasy for treatment.

For Headache Try Hicks' Capudine.
Whether from Colds, Heat, Stomach or Nervous troubles, the aches are speedily relieved by Capudine. It's Liquid—pleasant to take—Effects immediately. 10, 25 and 50 cent Bottles.

A girl thinks a man impertinent if he tries to flirt with her and indifferent if he doesn't.

"I'm tired of that not-much-of-any-thing flavor." "I'm fond of that dell-dell Wringle's Spearmint flavor."

A man can get a lot of enjoyment out of an automobile by selling it.

HAVE YOU A COUGH OR COLD?
If so take once Allen's Lung Balm and watch results. Simple and effective. All dealers. Popular price—25, 50 and \$1.00 bottles.

Don't believe everything you hear over a telephone wire.

Lewis' Single Binder, the famous straight 50 cigar—annual sale 9,000,000.

As an eye-opener, what's the matter with an alarm clock.

Dr. Fero's Pleasant Pellets regulate and irrigate stomach, liver and bowels. Sugar-coated, they graze. Easy to take as candy.

A giggling girl is apt to become a cackling woman.

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS
ALL KIDNEY DISEASES
PHEUMATISM
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CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS
Positively cured by these Little Pills.
They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Too Hearty Eating. A perfect remedy for Bile, Nausea, Drowsiness, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Coal-blasts, Pain in the Side, TORPID LIVER. They regulate the Bowels. Purely Vegetable.
SMALL PILL. SMALL DOSE. SMALL PRICE.
Genuine Must Bear Face-Similar Signature. REFUSE SUBSTITUTES.

H. CLAY PIERCE IS FREE MAN

JURY RENDERS VERDICT ACQUITTING DEFENDANT OF CHARGE OF PERJURY.

ATTENDS SALE OF PROPERTY

The Big Oil Property Brings Near a Million and a Half Dollars.

Austin, Dec. 8.—Acting under instructions from Judge Calhoun, the jury Tuesday morning rendered a verdict acquitting Henry Clay Pierce of the charges of perjury and false swearing made against him by indictment in connection with the affidavit which he made at the time the Waters-Pierce Oil Company was granted a permit to do business in Texas in May, 1900. This charge was given when Judge Calhoun sustained the defendant's plea of immunity upon the ground that Pierce had as an involuntary witness given testimony in the case of the State against the Waters-Pierce Oil Company and that he was entitled under the laws of Texas to immunity.

This afternoon Pierce stood a free man upon the steps of the court house while the properties of the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, Security Oil Company, Navarro Refining Company and sixty-five cars belonging to the Union Tank Line Company were being auctioned off by the receivers of said companies under anti-trust judgments secured by the State.

The properties of the Waters-Pierce Oil Company were sold to Col. Sam W. Fordyce, the well-known financier and railroad magnate of St. Louis, who is a close personal friend of Mr. Pierce. He made the bid of \$1,431,741.78 for himself and associates, declining at this time to say who these associates are. The final inventory value of the property was \$1,358,000. Notice was given that the properties of the Waters-Pierce Oil Company are subject to a mortgage of \$5,000,000 of which \$3,500,000 is outstanding in the hands of holders, for values, and that said mortgage covers this property.

John Sealy of Galveston, the well-known banker, bought the properties of the Security Oil Company, which are subject to a mortgage of \$2,500,000 and accrued interest, an aggregate of \$3,500,000, for the sum of \$85,000; the property of the Navarro Refining Company for \$750,000, and the sixty-five tank cars of the Union Tank Line Company for \$40,000, which latter sum is \$35,000 less than the amount of the judgment secured by the State. There were no other bidders except mentioned, and the sales were devoid of interest.

Safe Blowers Get Busy.

Corrigan: Using a heavy charge of nitroglycerin, expert safe-blowers about 1 o'clock Tuesday morning demolished the vault and safe of the State Bank of Corrigan. All doors were blown from their hinges and the strong-bolts and bars reduced to debris. The robbers secured \$2,950, all the cash the bank contained, a good portion of the reserve being kept in other banks.

No Masonic Lodge Delinquent.

Waco: The seventy-fourth annual grand communication of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas began Tuesday. The address of Grand Master J. J. Davis of Galveston made it evident there had been wonderful growth in the Masonic order in Texas, and not a single lodge in nearly one thousand is delinquent in dues or failed to report.

Diaz May Be Mediator.

New Orleans: Well defined rumors are that President Diaz of Mexico has tendered his services as mediator in an effort to settle the dispute between the United States and President Zelaya, growing out of the killing of Cannon and Groce, the young Texan from Hempstead.

14.25c For 500 Bales.

Gainesville: J. W. Powers, a local cotton buyer, Tuesday loaded 500 bales of cotton for export, selling it at \$14.25c.

Hogs Sell at \$8.40.

Kansas City: When hogs sold at \$8.40 a hundred at the stock yards Tuesday a record for twenty-seven years was established. In July, 1882, several car loads of hogs sold at \$8.80. This was due to a cholera epidemic that had passed through the country.

Six Above in Oklahoma.

Oklahoma City: This section experienced the coldest weather for December in its history Tuesday morning, the thermometer registering 6 degrees above zero.

Proposed Texas Building.

Washington: Senator Bailey introduced a bill asking \$200,000 for a Federal building at Amarillo. Representative Smith introduced bills to appropriate \$100,000 for a public building at Ballinger and \$100,000 for a building at Stamford.

Baby Fatally Burned.

Sherman: The 14-month-old son of J. M. Richardson was seriously burned Tuesday, the infant's clothing catching fire from an open grate. Recovery is doubtful.

BACKACHE IS KIDNEYACHE.

Usually There Are Other Troubles to Prove It.

Pain in the back is pain in the kidneys, in most cases, and it points to the need of a special remedy to remove and cure the congestion or inflammation of the kidneys that is interfering with their work and causing that pain that makes you say: "Oh, my back."



Thompson Watkins, professional nurse, 420 N. 23rd St., Parsons, Kan., says: "For some time I was annoyed with sharp twinges across the small of my back and irregular passages of the kidney secretions. Since using Doan's Kidney Pills, I am free from these troubles."

Remember the name—Doan's. Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

JUST SUIT HER



Employer—What we want is a night watchman that watches—somebody who can sleep with one eye open and both ears, and who is not afraid to tuckie anything. See?

Applicant—I see, boss; I'll send me wife round.

SKIN ROUGH AS BARK.

Baby Boy Had Intense Itching Hum.—Scatched Till Blood Ran.

Found a Cure in Cuticura.

"Our son, two years old, was afflicted with a rash. After he suffered with the trouble several weeks I took him to the doctor but it got worse. The rash ran together and made large blisters. The little fellow didn't want to do anything but scratch and we had to wrap his hands up to keep him from tearing the flesh open till the blood would run. The itching was intense. The skin on his back became hard and rough like the bark of a tree. He suffered intensely for about three months. But I found a remedy in Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment. The result was almost magical. That was more than two years ago and there has not been the slightest symptom of it since he was cured. J. W. Lauck, Yukon, Okla., Aug. 28 and Sept. 17, 1908."

Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Props., Boston.

An Ever Ready Opening.

The editor suddenly became conscious that some one was standing behind him. Looking round, his glance fell upon a seedy looking individual with the eyes of a crank.

"I beg your pardon," said the newcomer, "but is there an opening here for a first-class intellectual writer?"

"Yes," grimly responded the editor. "An ingenious carpenter, foreseeing your visit, has provided an excellent opening. Turn the knob to the right, and do not slam the door as you go out."—The Sunday Magazine.

Taught by Experience.

"So the jury returned a verdict without leaving the courtroom," said the visitor.

"Yes," answered Broncho Bob. "That's the way Crimison Gulch juries always do nowadays. The boys have had so much trouble that they stay where they are instead of taking chances on getting separated from their hats and overcoats."

Think of it! They charge as much for that imitation stuff as they do for real, delicious, fragrant WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT.

I cannot praise a fugitive and cloistered virtue, unexercised and unbreathed, that never sallies out and seeks her adversary.—Milton.

One Thing That Will Live Forever, PETTIT'S EYE SALVE, first box sold in 1807, 100 years ago, sales increase yearly. All druggists or Howard Bros., Buffalo, N. Y.

When his satanic majesty tempts some people they want him to get behind them—and push.

Eyes bright? Digestion right? WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT is fine for digestion.

It takes a woman to tell a secret and magnify its importance.

EXPOSURE TO COLD and wet is the first step to Pneumonia. Take Perry Little's Painkiller and the danger is averted. Use equal for colds, sore throat, quinsy, etc., 25c and 50c.

Many an heiress buys a gold brick in the form of a husband.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. We children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, always joins, cures wind colic. See a bottle.

In a man's life the greatest necessity is more money.

WORTH KNOWING.

Simple Remedy That Anyone Can Prepare at Home.

Most people are more or less subject to coughs and colds. A simple remedy that will break up a cold quickly and cure any cough that is curable is made by mixing two ounces of Glycerine, a half-ounce of Virgin Oil of Pine compound pure and eight ounces of pure Whisky. You can get these in any good drug store and easily mix them in a large bottle. The mixture is highly recommended by the Leach Chemical Co. of Cincinnati, who prepare the genuine Virgin Oil of Pine compound pure for dispensing.

A Revelation to the Cook.
A happily married woman, who had enjoyed 33 years of wedlock, and who was the grandmother of four beautiful little children, had an amusing old colored woman for a cook.

One day when a box of especially beautiful flowers was left for the mistress the cook happened to be present, and she said: "Yo' husband send you all the pretty flowers you gits, missy?" "Certainly, my husband, mammy," proudly answered the lady. "Glory!" exclaimed the cook. "he guttenly am holdin' out well."—Ladies' Home Journal.

There All the Time.
It is told of Dr. Thorold that he was once asked to give away the prizes at a school belonging to the London school board.

In the course of his opening address he gravely asked the children, "Which was the largest island in the world before Australia was discovered?" When the youngsters gave it up, he said in the same grave way, which made them laugh all the more, "Why, Australia, of course; it was there all the time!"

How's This?

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Women's Secrets

There is one man in the United States who has perhaps heard more women's secrets than any other man or woman in the country. These secrets are not secrets of guilt or shame, but the secrets of suffering, and they have been confided to Dr. R. V. Pierce in the hope and expectation of advice and help. That few of these women have been disappointed in their expectations is proved by the fact that ninety-eight per cent. of all women treated by Dr. Pierce have been absolutely and altogether cured. Such a record would be remarkable if the cases treated were numbered by hundreds only. But when that record applies to the treatment of more than half-a-million women, in a practice of over 40 years, it is phenomenal, and entitles Dr. Pierce to the gratitude accorded him by women, as the first of specialists in the treatment of women's diseases.

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For the Newest and Best, the Original Idea and Happy Thought in Christmas Gifts see Our Bright Fresh Stock of Beautiful and Desirable Holiday Attractions

Now that December has come with its days of snow flurries mingling with the soft and subdued splendor of the passing year, one's thoughts turn to the home and the friends and the dear friends that make one's life so well worth living, and along with that thought one is reminded that the Holiday Season is upon us and that this is the time to choose presents for the same dear friends.

Gifts for Men

Something for a man seems often to be a puzzling question for the ladies. Don't puzzle any more, here are many items that will please him:

- Cigars; this always suits the smoker.
- Smoking sets; few things he appreciates more.
- Shaving sets; a very practical gift.
- Collar and cuff boxes; very useful always.
- A medalion; for his room.
- Fountain pen; he will like this if he writes.
- Books; can't go amiss on this if he is a reader.
- Oxford bibles; if he still use it.
- Sterling novelties; many expressly for men.
- Pocket books; we have the kind that men like.
- Pocket knives; he doubtless needs a new one.
- Ink stands; new ones that will please.
- Hair brushes; fine ones for gift purposes.
- Cloth brushes; have them with fancy backs.
- Military brushes; made for men.
- Hat brushes; many styles to select from.
- Traveling sets; useful whether he travels or not.
- Clocks; get one for his room, sure to please.
- Shaving mirrors; a very useful article.
- Jewelry; no one of things in this line.
- Watches; one of the very finest gifts.

Gifts for boys

There are too many of these to tell of for some lines are so large as to permit of choosing for every boy of your acquaintance.

- Books; this is the standard gift for boys.
- Pocket knives; hard to find a better thing.
- Games; we have all the new and popular ones.
- Watches; you can't find anything finer than these.
- Brushes; he needs toilet articles for his room.
- Pictures; one for his room.
- Sterling novelties; many suitable ones.
- Musical instruments; just what he wants.
- Toys in abundance for the small boy.
- Purses or pocket books.
- G. A. Henty's books for boys.

Dolls

We make a special effort to get dolls and we sell them at very close prices, in many instances for little over half what some dealers charge. Bring in the little folks to see the dolls, it is always a treat to them.

- China dolls 5c to 25c
- Kid bodies 25c to \$2.50
- Doll heads 10c to 75c
- Rubber Dolls 10c to 75c
- Bisque dolls 25c to \$8.00

Books

There is hardly a person who has Christmas gifts to buy who should not consider the selection of books. Books are equally desirable for young and old. They are treasured for a lifetime and never lose their value. Large as our stock was last year it is almost double this season. The variety is greater and the stock throughout is larger. It includes all the latest and most popular novels together with standard fiction, poetry, etc. Also books for girls, books for boys and books for the little people. You can find anything you want and can be suited no matter what price you wish to pay.

We regularly sell most books at less than publisher's prices, often much less and the low prices prevail throughout the holiday season.

50 Good Cigars, \$2

Fine China

Fine as our stock was last year it is exceeded in every way this season. The designs get more beautiful all the while. China is one of those things that you can always give with a certainty that it will be prized. We might take a whole page telling you about the various items of China. All we can do is to urge you to make a note of it and be sure to see it.

Scarf Pins 25c to \$10

Games

The sale of games increases yearly. Instructive and amusing games are part of the equipment of every modern home. It is such agencies that make home attractive to both old and young.

Burnt Wood Supplies, Lowest Prices

Provide Music

It is sound sense to provide those things that are most wanted for if the wish is a reasonable one. In every home where there are young people some musical instrument is desired. Christmas is the ideal time to give this ideal present. We can furnish anything you need in this line. Violins, guitars, mandolins, etc.

Pyrography Sets and Supplies

Sundries

There are scores of suitable gifts in our regular line of sundries that you can well buy for family giving. These are common sense presents. Such items as these in abundance: hair brushes, clothes brushes, tooth brushes, nail and hand brushes, hat brushes, hand brushes, mirrors, combs, etc.

Fountain Pens \$1.50 to \$6

Traveling Cases

A handsome, useable, durable gift. This is another new item this year.

Berry Sets \$1 to \$12

Gold Pens

You want good ones and those we carry are the finest the market affords. First quality gold pens and genuine pearl handles, plain or braided. Each in box.

Kodaks \$1 to \$20

Art Vases

Both domestic and imported vases. This is an item that you can give with a certainty that it will be cherished. From 25c to \$22.50.

What You Want When You Want It

Watches, Diamonds, Solid Gold Jewelry

We could more than fill this page with suggestions from our jewelry stock. Remember when in doubt that here you can always find something suitable in this department and that each gift lasts a lifetime.

Work Baskets 25c to \$3 Clocks

Clocks these days are made to be ornaments as well as useful. Many new kinds made also for bedroom, dressing tables, etc., that are attractive gifts. Made in china and fancy metals. Small and large. We have a splendid line of the latest ones at all sorts of prices. \$1.00 to \$15.00.

Plain Gold Rings \$1 to \$10 Toilet Cases

We have some beautiful toilet and dressing cases in plush, silver and celluloid. Magnificent gifts for the gentleman. Prices range from 75c to \$18.00 used to cost double.

Best Perfumes 5c to \$5 per Bottle

Celluloid Goods

There are few gifts more popular than these. Our stock includes Manicure sets, collar and cuff boxes, shaving sets, toilet cases, work boxes, handkerchief boxes, glove boxes, necktie boxes, photo boxes, etc.

Anything You Want in Hammered Brass

Gifts for Girls

There should be no trouble in the selection of this class, especially when you come to this store. Here are a few hints:

- Books; scores of them especially for girls.
- Pen knives; few have them all need them.
- Pocket books; plenty of them here.
- Work boxes; kinds made solely for girls.
- Musical instruments; guitars and others.
- Pictures; certain to please.
- Toilet articles; all sorts of these.
- Watches; every girl hopes for one.
- Cases; many kinds at many prices.
- Bibles; small editions sure to please.
- Perfumes; even little girls like perfume.

Diamond Rings \$5 to \$300

High Grade Stationery

Fine box papers are always in demand for gifts, especially among people at home. We have the fine paper ever shown in the city at prices are right on them. The qualities for 25c to 75c.

Xmas and New Year Cards

Watches

If in your family or among your friends there is a person who needs a watch, this will be a perfect gift. Watch combines every element that makes a gift worth having. The production of watches has reached a scientific stage that really excellent ones can be had for small prices. Whether buy a cheap or expensive watch here you will get a good one at the price, and our guarantee as to its quality. Our assortment includes every size and kind. Prices \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.00, \$8.00, \$10.00, \$15.00, \$20.00, \$25.00, \$30.00, \$35.00, \$40.00, \$45.00, \$50.00, \$60.00, \$70.00, \$80.00, \$90.00, \$100.00, \$125.00, \$150.00, \$175.00, \$200.00, \$225.00, \$250.00, \$275.00, \$300.00.

Postal Card Albums 25c to \$3

Jewelry

The presents given this year if it be jewelry, will be kept and esteemed a lifetime. Jewelry is enduring, and in a stock such as ours there are gifts for people of every age and station in life. Gifts of beauty, gifts of utility and gifts at any price you care to pay. This one alone will afford you a selection wide enough to roster every gift you have to buy, while every price we make is the lowest to be had anywhere.

Hand Painted Pictures \$5 to \$25

Cut Glass

When you buy cut glass you want the finest. We have superb specimens from the best makers in the land. Prices are reasonable as those who are posted on cut glass will recognize. There is no lady in the land, married or single, who would not prize a piece of cut glass. It represents the acme of elegance in worth. Expensive rather than worth its cost for those who can afford it and who seeks gifts of exceptional beauty and value. Our assortment includes a wide range of items. Some small, coat little, others large, costing more, but all sold at most reasonable prices.

Special Prices on Dressed Dolls

Shaving Sets

Fine variety of fancy sets fitted with high-grade razors, etc. We also have Safety Razor Sets at various prices.

Statuary

This is an item that will always be rather rare in the average home, hence all the more desirable for those who wish something artistic and different. Our line is truly artistic, and we predict that they will go rapidly, so those who wish to make sure of a good selection should come soon. 5c to \$5.00.

Your Choice in Books 5c to \$3

Manicure Sets

Something to consider if you have a young lady to please. Many kinds to pick from. 75c to \$10.

Ladies' Parasols, 3.00 to 15.00

Cameras and Supplies

In our photo department you'll find gifts for the child, young man, young lady, the middle-aged or elderly. A camera is something that is interesting from childhood to old age. We carry a superb stock of the Eastman. You can buy a kodak here at any price from \$1.00 up. There are scores of things for gifts in our photo line.

Pearl Brooches \$3 to \$10 Set Rings \$1 to \$20

Christmas Cards

Dainty hand painted ones. Beautiful embossed cards and some simply with a spray of holly to send with gifts. No better line in town.

Christmas Booklets

Artistic line. You'll undoubtedly want some of these to send to friends as tokens of good will. We have beautiful ones at all prices.

Candies

We have just received a fresh stock of King's Chocolates and Confections in fancy holiday packages. No purer, richer or more delicious confections can be had than these. The packages are most dainty and artistic and designs are especially appropriate for Christmas and New Year's giving. All prices from 10c to \$2.50.

Smokers' Articles

Cigars, pipes, tobacco, cigar jars, cigar holders, cigar cases, match cases, etc. in variety. Anything you select here will be sure to suit the smoker.

Postal Albums

A modern gift. We have a large stock, including about all sizes and styles. Have them bound in cloth and leather of different colors.

Perfumes

The finest goods the world produces. We have the choicest imported and domestic odors in the daintiest Christmas packages. We also have these exquisite perfumes in bulk.

Magnificent Medallions-- Hand Painted Pictures

So large is our stock of these beautiful pictures this year and so taking are the subjects that it is hard to adequately describe them. You will have to see them soon as many are already sold. Medallions charm everybody. We sell them at less than regular prices and the following range of prices will give you some idea as to the extent of the assortment: 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.00, \$6.50, \$7.00, \$7.50, \$8.00, \$8.50, \$9.00, \$9.50, \$10.00, \$10.50, \$11.00, \$11.50, \$12.00, \$12.50, \$13.00, \$13.50, \$14.00, \$14.50, \$15.00, \$15.50, \$16.00, \$16.50, \$17.00, \$17.50, \$18.00, \$18.50, \$19.00, \$19.50, \$20.00, \$20.50, \$21.00, \$21.50, \$22.00, \$22.50, \$23.00, \$23.50, \$24.00, \$24.50, \$25.00, \$25.50, \$26.00, \$26.50, \$27.00, \$27.50, \$28.00, \$28.50, \$29.00, \$29.50, \$30.00, \$30.50, \$31.00, \$31.50, \$32.00, \$32.50, \$33.00, \$33.50, \$34.00, \$34.50, \$35.00, \$35.50, \$36.00, \$36.50, \$37.00, \$37.50, \$38.00, \$38.50, \$39.00, \$39.50, \$40.00, \$40.50, \$41.00, \$41.50, \$42.00, \$42.50, \$43.00, \$43.50, \$44.00, \$44.50, \$45.00, \$45.50, \$46.00, \$46.50, \$47.00, \$47.50, \$48.00, \$48.50, \$49.00, \$49.50, \$50.00.

Shirt Waist Sets

Mirrors

We have as fine a line of hand, tripartite and shaving mirrors as the market affords. Have them in a variety of shapes and finishes. Wide range of prices.

Come Early and Often

It is pleasant to realize the fact that the hearts of all kindly disposed people are warm with love for their friends and that they choose that some token of love and friendship shall be given at the blessed Christmas time when the church bells throughout the world are announcing the old, ever new message: "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."

Gifts for Ladies

Those who are puzzled as to what to give a lady had better consult this list, make a memorandum, and then come and see other things we have no space to mention.

Books; padded leather gift editions, for instance.

Art calendars; these always please.

Albums; all the late designs.

Photo holders; always need them.

Toilet cases; a superb gift. We have fine ones.

Manicure sets; every woman wants one.

Glove and handkerchief boxes and sets.

Work boxes; new line of these.

Photo frames; in metal, celluloid and burnt wood.

Fancy candlesticks; have to have 'em nowadays.

Fine china; never any doubt about this.

Cut glass; no woman ever gets to much of this.

Vases; we have a beautiful array.

Wave crest wares; the ladies rave over it.

Medallions; can't miss it on this item.

Chaffing dish; no woman is happy till she gets one.

Jewelry; a hundred gifts in this line.

Sterling novelties; no more suitable present.

Gold pens; with pearl handle of course.

Mirrors; hand mirrors in all styles.

Jewel boxes; many beautiful kinds.

Watches; always peerless gift.

Pocket books; in all the new leathers.

Confectionery; we have King's in boxes.

Celluloid and plush goods; dozens of fine presents.

Perfume; one thing that is always suitable.

Set silver knives and forks. Set tea or table spoons. Set olive forks. Cold meat fork. Cream or gray ladles. Sugar shell. Butter knife. Carving sets.

Diamond Brooches \$10 to \$300

Jewelry Novelties

We have scores of new things in our jewelry department. We picked things for the people who seek new things and urge you to make your choice while the assortment is unbroken. Our jewelry stock also includes all sorts of fine goods of a standard character that you ought to see. Lowest prices.

Bill Possums, all Sizes

Silverware

It is worth your while to see these things in our holiday stock of silverware even though you do not intend to buy in this line. Silverware includes so many items and affords so wide a range of prices that it must never be left out of your calculation in making up your list of holiday gifts. Come and see the new things. Special low prices.

Chocolate Sets \$1 to \$20

Beyond a doubt the most magnificent display of Holiday Goods to be seen in our store. We may add to that in variety and value it is unsurpassed. You are urged to examine it before buying.

This is our thirteenth year in Big Springs, and during this time we have studied the wants of the people and we think our experience means a saving of dollars to you. Gifts for every member of the family and friend

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