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se it will be SAFEGUARDED BY THE BANKING LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. We are prepared to care for the needs of our customers.

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Capital City Letter

Austin, Texas, Dec. 15. Whatever criticisms have been made of the governor, none of his political enemies have accused him of ever acting hastily. He is one whom it seems impossible to hurry. But when he has made up his mind he usually sticks firmly to the purpose he has formed Since the discovery by the penitentiary investigating committee of abuses in the care and treatment of convicts the questions have been asked daily, what is the governor doing? Apparently he has been doing nothing, but it is evident that he has been thinking and partially, at least,

Judge W. H. Gill of Houston. president of the penitentiary board, announced last Saturday that the Calvert mine convict leases will be terminated within the next sixty days for the reason that it is impossible to work those mines with the equipment at hand and keep the convicts dry. The further statement is de that it is deemed undesirable to work convicts in mines cause of the element of danger in such work.

Judge Gill states also that the Rusk iron furnaces will be closed because they cannot be worked private parties, if any wish to ease them the state merely continuing to mine and furnish the furnaces with ore,

At the same time the exentive looking to further latitude. office authorized the announcement that reforms in the treatment of convicts have been inone of the inspectors, Sam Hawo the sergeant at the coal mines

are pointed to as indicative that corrective measures have begun. It is stated, also, that whipping is to be abolished except at one farm to which the refractory and rebillious convicts will be sent,

and even at this "incorrigible

farm" the strap is to be used on-

ly as a last "resort. The report by Prof. H. H. Hume, the citrus culture expert from Florida, who has examine the coast country of Texas relative to its adaptibility for growing oranges and other citrus fruits, has been made to the agricultural department and is soon to be published in bulletin form for public distribution. The rehe has made up his mind what to port is said to indicate that oranges may be grown in many portions of the coast country, where soil and climate are considered very favorable, as successfully as in Florida or any other part of the country.

At a meeting of the University regents held here last Saturday it was decided to join with the hoard of directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College and seek a constitutional amendment which will permit each institution absolute independence of the other in the matter of drawing upon the University permanent school fund, providing a special tax for maintenance and by the state except at a loss, and building, and equipment needs donate them, to please leave them of the A. & M. College in lien of at the residence of F. B. Gilbert its share in the University per- or deposit them in the boxes left manent fund; also seeking ex. at the different stores in town, tension of the term of office of not later than the 27th of this the members of each board, and month.

The University regents also determined to begin as soon as possible the erection of a library augurated. The resignation of building upon the campus which is to cost something over \$200,000. W. Terrell and Colonel George gists.

Your Pastry Work and You

W. Brackenridge of the board of Colorado to Get Another Railregents have gone north to secure the best architectural de-

signs for the new building. In a ruling given out during the past week by the attorney general's department it is held that sky rockets, Roman candles, pin wheels and that class of fireworks are not included in the description of cannon firecrackers and toy pistols in the act placing a prohibitive tax upon dealers in these latter articles. The law is construed that the prohibitive is placed upon such articles as furnish amusement by the "explosion" and this does not apply to any fireworks except firecrackers and pistols.

The agricultural department has announced the ginner's report for the season showing 2 110,000 bales of cotton ginned in Texas during 1909, This fall only a few bales short of the goverernment report.

In the reports made to the comptroller upon which the state school apportoinment is based, it is shown that Crane county is without even one child of scholastic age. This is one of the few remaining unorganized counties of the state and has been out of the path of the farmer and hom-seeker, being entirely given up to ranching, but it cannot long remain so and it is anticipated that before another year rolls around Crane county will be able to show that she is entitled to a small share, at least, in the school apportionment.

A sprained ankle will usually When Chamberlain's Linimen in three or four days. This Liniment is one of the best and most remarkable preparations in use. Sold by all druggists.

The United Charities request all who have cast off toys that they wish to dispose of and will

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 kins of Denton, and the discharge President Mezes, and Judge A. troublesome. Sold by all drug-

road.

Last Friday evening was the day set and 3 o'clock p. m. the hour, and the tabernacle the place, for the great railroad mass meeting. Mr. E. G. Hammock the railroad promoter had previously made Colorado a railroad proposition which had been accepted by the executive committee of the Commercial Club and the object of this meeting was to get the people as a whole to approve their action. Word had been sent out to

neighboring towns and there was at this meeting a large delegation from Snyder, Dunn, Loraine, Sweetwater, Robert Lee, Bronte and several from Abilene. The largest tabernacie that will comfortable seat 2000 people was more than half full making at least 1000 present of farmers, merchants, ranchmen, bankers, railroad builders and of every trade calling or profession.

Mr. Webb, president of the Commercial Club, called the meeting to order and explained the object of the meeting.

Mr. E. G. Hammock proposes to build a railroad from Robert Lee to Colorado a distance of 50 miles. He agrees to make Colorado a division point, establish nere the roundhouse, machine shops and general offices permanently. He asks of Robert Lee \$50,000, and right-of-way through Coke county. This they already have secured and are now ready to co-operate with Colorado. He asks of Colorado disable the injured person for and Mitchell county \$125,000 and three or four weeks. This is due right of-way from Colorado to to lack of proper treatment, the Coke county line, depot and terminal gounds in Colorado. is applied a cure may be effected He proposes to commence work June 1st 1910 and build the road as rapidly as possible and not one cent of the money to be paid until the first regular passenger train run into the depot here and it was the object of the meeting to formally accept this offer and devise ways and means to raise this bonus.

It is not our purpose to say so much about this meeting but to speak more directly about the ailroad. The meeting was success in every particular, in numbers and enthusiasm. Quite a number of the ladies of the not only inspired the men but showed their interest in their town. Colorado is indeed greatful and proud that our neighboring towns sent delegations and manifested an interest in our

Red hot enthusiasm and enby Dr Coleman, of Colorado, Bob McCauley, of Sweetwater, E. G. Hammock, the railroad man, C. W. McCrutchen, of Rebert Lee, Banker Graham, of Snyder, J. C. Karner, of Sweetwa-Santa Fe, J. B. Chamber, Secre-Snyder and Judge Eidson of Sweetwater. All made excellent speeches, showing the advantages to be gained and that it was up to Mitchell county and Colorado to get busy.

Ed. W. Smith made a motion that this meeting accept the offer by rising vote, and every man woman and child in the vast assembly stood up.-Colorado Re-

Attention

The United Charities will have call meeting at the Y. M. C. A. hall Sturday afternoon, December 18th, at 3 o'clock. Everyone who can is especially solicited to be present as the Society has some important business on

Executive Committee.

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Wake Up.

If the poeple of Big Springs want more railroads to come here let them get together and build factories so as to give the railroads something to haul out. A country that does not send out as much or more of its products than it has brought in the products of some other country will s on become impoverished. We need a Cotton seed oil mill, a salt works, a brick making plant aeveral other industries that will add to the wealth of our town and country. Another thing we should do is to assist and encourage good farmers to settle here and cultivate our untilled lands. Get something for the railroads to haul out and they will be eager to build into our town. No country can be very prosperous long that depends on some other country or locality to manufacture its raw material. Factories not only build up towns but cause the country adjucent to them to settle up with thrifty people because the manufacturing towns make excellent marktown turned out and by this act ets for their produce. Let us

High School Team Wins.

A game of basket ball was played Saturday night on the Y. M. C. A. ground between the High School and the Y. M. C. A. teams, and was won by the former by's score of 24 to 5. The couraging speeches were made High School boys are starting out as though they are going to make a record in basket ball equal to the one they made in bunches.

Watches Gifts

For the birthday, the anniver sary or Christmas, a watch is an ideal gift. The business man and woman, the college student, even the school boy or girl aseds a watch. How often you he watch ago." My mother gave it to me for a Christmas present 25 And then, punctuality is one of

the eminently desirable virtues, and a good watch helps to cultivate punctuality.

We'd like yery much to show you ours. The stock is splendid, of wide variety, and there is noth-ing doubtful in what we recommend. We'll reserve your selec-tions if you say. Come to-night.

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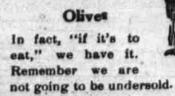
Car load just in Big Springs is ready for sale. Come and get your Christmas bananas now before they are gone. Prices from \$1.00 to \$1.75 per bunch. Large L. L. Smith. Banana man of Denton, Texas.

Make No Mistake ter, who is a contractor on the **Our Coffees** tary of the Commercial Club at

Carry both the flavor and the quality. We are the oldest and the largest exclusive grocers in Big Springs. Our reference is our long list of satisfied customers.

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In fact, "if it's to eat," we have it. Remember we are your Xmas Groceries.



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How severe was the cold you got? Why should a good barber want to pose as a writer?

Soon they'll be cracking jokes about the fellow that rocks the airship.

New York hotels are crowded. No wonder champagne has gone up.

King Manuel of Portugal is looking for a wife to help keep his throne from rocking

Uncle Sam now possesses the fastest big battleship in the world, but feels as peaceful as ever.

Don't be lazy this winter, else you may be seized and put under a machine that detects bookworms.

What if butter does soar if one has the money to buy it and the bread to spread it on? Everything is looking

A super-super Dreadnought is to have a displacement of 30,000 tons. It may soon be necessary to widen the It is claimed that life can be sus

tained in New York city on 13 cents a day, but few are willing to test the matter. Late returns from New Jersey indi

cate that the mosquitoes carried the entire state in spite of the cool

An astronomer says Mars is surrounded by a "gloomy veil." What a striking resemblance to the push beadquarters!

The turbine type of engine seems to have scored a great triumph in the builders' trial test, of the battleship North Dakota.

The taxicab is now up against the finrickishs in Japan, and it is not winning so easily as it did in the contest with the horse.

The camera is conscienceless in the hands of a conscienceless man, whether he be on the top of a mountain or in the depths of the sea.

The three-year-old Boston boy who has mastered the primer in two weeks will be in Browning before his playmates are out of pinafores.

The railroads have the honor to report that there are no longer any empty freight cars standing on the sidings. Prosperity has "came.

Women who wear big hats find little satisfaction in the declaration of a teacher that men have a right laugh at such pieces of headgear.

An English workhouse has trans ferred all its sporing contingent to the deaf dormitories. The humanitarian movement is widening on all sides.

The secret society man who gave the sign of distress to the jury which was trying his case, has rightly now a jailer.

The queen of Holland has invented an improved baby carriage. Over in Holland the best people continue to regard it as worth while to raise

This country never did dread any foe that it might have to face, so that its possession of the greatest Dreadnought ship is typical of its character istic attitude

A Chicagoan has won the title of a model husband. Doubtless he did the thrashing of the children bimself, instead of throwing the burden on an overworked wife.

Something surely is doing in this country when one of the New York trunk lines of railroads finds its traffic for September and October greater than in any two months of its previous history, and is able to expend \$85,000,000 for new equipment and betterments.

The new tennis court at the White House occupies a place near the large fountain on the south lawn and a per fect view of it may be obtained at all times from the portico and windows of the White House. Thus if the presi dent plays, Mrs. Taft can sit in a rock ing chair at the window with her sew ing and watch him nimbly hopping around to meet the ball.

The announcement that the Culebra cut is half completed foreshadows the finish of the Panama canal. The cut is through "the backbone of the hemisphere," the ridge which passes down and connects the "three Americas." The work there has been steadily pushed under the supervision of the American engineers, who took up the task the French excavators left undone. Assurance that the cut will be completed in four years strengthens belief in the assertion that the canal will be ready for operation by 1915. @

Will South America never learn that the revolutions are a dangerous foe to its progress?

The curative properties of radium have been for sometime recognized, but the expense involved has placed the treatment far beyond the reac of the average man. Every encouragement, therefore, is to be given the movement undertaken by scientists to establish such treatment under charitable auspices. It will be another step forward in ameliorating the ills of hu-

THE ENTERPRISE MANAGUA MOBS **DENOUNCE ZELAYA**

DISLIKE FOR RULER IS VIGOROUS LY SHOWN BY CROWD. POLICE POWERLESS.

CHEER FOR UNITED STATES

Nicaraguan Ruler's Violation of Armistice and Massarce of Revolutionists Incites Riots.

Managua, Dec. 15 .- The people of Nicaragua are in open revolt against Zelaya without check from the police. They are crowding the streets and give vent to unrestrained denunciation of the administration. Shouts of "Long live the liberty!" "Long live the United States!" "Long live Mexico!" "Long live Estrada!" are heard on every side.

The street demonstration began last night following denunciatory speeches in Congress, and the temper of the people was madly excited by the report that a battle had been fought and won by Vasquez, commander of the Zelaya forces around Rama, and that Varquez had massacred a large number of revolutionists.

With this report came the rumor that Vasques had violated the armistice, and it was not considered likely that he would do so unless under instructions from Zelaya. The reports lost nothing in passing from mouth to mouth.

As the Mexican Minister was the guarantor of the armistice, it is stated that that official will ask for his passports unless satisfactory explanations are made.

BOY FARMERS REWARDED.

Secretary of Agriculture Presenta Diplomas of Merit to Youths.

Washington: Diplomas of merit Tuesday were presented by Secretary Wilson to Dewitt Lunday of Mississippi, Elmer Haller of Arkansas and Ralph Bellwood of Virginia, under 18 years of age, for special proficiency in agricultural pursuits. The recipients are among 12,500 engaged in the boys' demonstration work in the Southern States. Each planted one acre of corn and cultivated it under instructions from the department.

Shoots Woman to Death. Dillaboro, N. C.: Because, as he alleges, they were trespassing on his property and used obscene language in the presence of his family when ordered away, Elijah Children Sunday shot and killed Miss Belle Frizzle and seriously wounded her companion, Cole Bard.

Vanderbilts Join Goulds.

Wichita, Kan.: Cornelius Vanderbilt announced here Tuesday that the Vanderbilts have become financially interested in the Missouri Pacific Railroad, a Gould road, and confirmed the tor in that company.

Love Resigns; Hawkins Succeeds. Austin: The Government Tuesday received the resignation of Thomas B. Love, Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, to become effective Feb. 1. 1910, and immediately announced that he would appoint William E. Hawkins to the vacancy.

Seven-Lives Lost.

Cincinnati, Ohio.: Seven persons lost their lives, seven others were injured, two probably fatally, and about fifty others had narrow escapes from instant death in a fire which destroyed a four-story tenement and lodging house Tuesday.

Rev. Snyder Stabbed to Death. Stephenville: Rev. R. L. Snyder was stabbed Tuesday, from tht effects of which he died on the spot where the altercation took place. This trouble was near Huckaby, about twelve miles north of here.

Start Harmon Campaign. Washington: Well defined and well supported plans have just been made in Washington to start the campaign of Gov. Harmon of Ohio for the Democratic nomination for President of the United tSates.

San Angelo Public Building. Washington: W. G. Perry, Super intendent of Construction of Public Buildings, has been ordered from Dalton, Ga., to San Angelo, Texas., to assume charge of the construction of the \$120,000 building at San Angelo.

King of Beiglum in Serious Condition. Brussels: King Leopold, who has been seriously ill the past fortnight, but who was believed to be convales cent, suffered a sudden relapse Sunday and his condition is very grave.

U. S. Ships at Corinto.

Washington: The cruiser Albany and the gunboat Yorktown have joined the gunboat Vicksburg at Corinto, on the Pacific coast of Nicaragua. Their arrival has been announced to the Navy Department.

Five Hundred Bales for \$36,000.

Marshall: W. T. Twyman Tucaday made a sale of 500 bales of cotton to B. C. McElroy for over \$36,000. This makes about the third large cotton deal in Marshall in the past few days.

NEWS FROM **OVER TEXAS**

The first dirt on the Paris and Mount Pleasant Railroad was broken M

Rain fell generally over the state of Texas Thursday and Friday, according o reports.

The bond election at Rochelle Friday carried, 75 to nothing. It provides for the issue of \$10,000 worth of bonds for erecting a school building.

The President Monday nominated Horace H. Lurton, of Tennessee, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Robert Weems, 17 years old, of Hartingen, fell into a vat of boiling syrup at the syrup mill Friday at Browns ville, and was probably fataly injured. The infant child of T. H. Laster, liv-'ng near Broadway, Lamar county, was choked to death Friday by swalowing a pecan kernel, which lodged in its windpipe.

A disastrous fire occurred Monday n the city of Valdiva, Chile. Eighteen blocks of buildings were destroyed and thousands rendered homeless. The loss is estimated at \$2,500,000.

J. W. Powers, of Gainesville, a cotton buyer, Tuesday loaded 500 bales of cotton for export, selling it at \$14.25c. During the month of November 66, 000 cars were handled in the Katy yards in Denison, which is 9,045 in excess of the cars handled during No-

vember, 1908. The 14-month-old son of J. M. Rich ardson, of Sherman, was seriously burned Tuesday, the infant's clothing catching fire from an open grate. Re-

covery is doubtful. The Attorney General at Austin Monday filed a motion in the Waters Pierce Oil case to have the Court set aside \$74,000 to be paid to the State

of Texas as tax on gross receipts. The first really cold weather of this season was experienced at Alilene Monday night and Tuesday morning when the thermometer registered be tween 20 and 35 degrees.

In a street duel with knives at Alicia, Arkansas, a town located near Little Rock, Saturday, Miss Norr Owens was fatally injured by Miss Stella Belk, and died within a few minutes after the cutting.

The engineering corps of the Mer phis, Paris and Gulf Railway reached Clarksville Monday, and are now encamped in the southern suburbs of the city working on south and west toward Sulphur Springs and Dallas.

Wildcats are reported numerous in the Warsaw community in the southern portion of Kaufman county. J. R. Randolph recently killed a large wild-cat within 200 feet of his home, These cats have been catching many chickens in taht vicinity.

The November bulletin of the Texas State Board of Health, which show that during the month of October there were 1,022 deaths in Texas with 4,159 births. Of the births 2,035 were males, 2,124 females 3,874 white, 28f black, 4,046 alive, 113 stillborn.

trespassing on his property and used obscene language in the presence of his family when ordered away, Elijah Children Sunday shot and killed Miss Belle Frizzle and seriously wounded her companion, Cole Bard, at Dilisboro,

Schley & Davis, patent attorneys of 401 Main street, Dallas, Texas, announce the insuance of the following patents to Texans for the week ending Dec. 4: E. M. Buckhannan, Sulphur Springs, plow: W. H. Dunn, San Autonio, device for sharpening rasors; E. Englund, El Campo, land-roller; J. M. Godoy, San Antonie, automatic switch; J. N. Young, assignor to S. W. King, Dallas, oil burner. Trade-marks: National Coffee Co., Ft. Worth, coffee.

J. H. Aiken, a prominent Mason, aged 58, who came to Waco to attend the grand lodge, died of heart disease Tuesday. The remains were sent to Salado, Bell County, his home, with a Masonic escort.

More than 25,000,000 deposits accounts are carried on the books of the banks of all classes in the United States and insular possesisons, according to statements contained in the annual report of Lawrence Murray. Comptroller of the Currency, laid before Congress Friday. The aggregate deposits on April 28 last were about \$14,425,165.

Col. James Wilson, for many years Bouthwestern passenger agent of the Chicago and Alton, has just returned to Fort Worth from a hunting trip in the Davis Mountains of West Texas, where he killed a black bear weighing 200 pounds.

The Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company Monday had as amendment to its charter approved and filed at Austin providing for an extension from Lomets, on the San Angelo branch, through San Saba and Brady to a point in Concho County, a distance of 103 miles.

The heaviest snow at Gainesville in three years covered the ground Wedneeday half an inch thick. It frome on t'e ground, making travel slow and dangerous. Wheat growers are glad.

Thousands of letters bearing the Red Cross stamps are being sent to the Dead Letter Office in Washington, or held at postoffice for postage. Notwithstanding the plain instructions in-sued in connection with the sale of the Red Cross stamps, quite a number of letters are being mailed bearing these stamps in lieu of regular post-

IMPORTANT NEWS OF THE EN TIRE WEEK REDUCED FOR BUSY READERS.

CONDENSED AND I

Carefully Prepared for Those Wh Posted on Events.

One of the largest cotton deals made in the county was made in Marshall day, in Oakland, Cal. Wednesday, The State Bank sold to W. E. Ross of this city 1,000 bales of cotton for \$75,000.

The report is current in Managua that there has been a severe engagement, near Rama, between the Govern ment troops, commanded by Gen. Vasques, and the revolutionists, with heavy loss of life. William Bowner, a young man about

the farm of Bob Blythe, four miles east lesday beneath a large tree which he had cut down upon himself. In caucus Wednesday, in Washington, the Democrats elected Senator H. D. Money of Mississippi as minority

nation was presented Tuesday That the Controller of the Currence is an agent of the Government, with power to examine into the affairs of National banks, was decided in favor of the Government by the Supreme Court of the United States Monday

ator Culberson of Texas, whose resig-

According to Assistant Attorney General Henshaw, of Oxlahoma, of the State Corporation Commission, no atcompromise the 2c fare litigation by accepting a passenger fare of 21/20 per For the month of Novem

The Department of Agriculture a Austin Thursday issued a ginners' report for November showing 2,084,403 bales of cotton ginned in Texas up to Dec. 1, this year, as compared with same time last year.

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

Organizers have begun to work in New York to recruit members for an international union of stenographers and typewriters. The organizers say that there are 500,000 stonographers and typewriters in the United States and Canada eligible for the union. It has been decided by the cla

fication committee of the Post Department at Washington, that the words, "not to be opened until Christmas Day" or other similar inscription may be written only on such parcels bear postage at first-class rates. States. Extraordinary precautions Okis., sold for \$8.30 per 100 pounds. ere taken to make sure that the longthe university authorities.

at the stock yards in Kansas City, just had an interview at Washington years was established. In July, 1882, Signal Corps. several car loads of hogs sold at \$8.80. This was due to a cholera epidemic in Denton Tuesday when Abe Reynolds In the United States Circuit Court, Granted a stay of ten days to Charles 697. Morse, convicted banker, facing a on on conviction of misappropriation of National bank funds, and referred counsel's motion for a new trial for Morse to Judge Hough, who originally

tried the case. The explosion of two gas tanks in the so-called Kleinsbrook, on the Elbe front at Hamburg. Tuesday, was fol-lowed by an extensive fire and the loss of many lives. The explosion was one to a leak in a new gasometer.

been secured by the military court of inguiry into the "shooting-up" of Brownsville Wednesday, that members of the Twenty-Fifth into the "shooting-up" of Complaining that the City, and it will be no fake," was Tex Richard's positive declaration in Boston Thursday.

Complaining that the hers of the Twenty-Fifth infantry, colored, who were in the fort, fired upon the town at the time their companions worth, one of the Confederate pension-were racing through the streets of the Texas town, shooting right and the request was complied with. ored, who were in the fort, fired upon the town at the time their companions

A new trunk line railroad from St Louis to Texas, Arkansas and Okinmis to remain the project assurance of the re-G. F. Moore, president of the re-ntly organized Manufacturers' Raily of St. Louis.

The seventy-fourth annual enumunication of the Masonic Grand Ledge of Texas began Tues, in Waco. 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 fodge in nearly one thousand is delinquent in dues or failed to report.

citizens' committee 2160,000 bonus to secure the Mesophis, Puris and Gulf Railroad for Terrell, are at work making a general canvass of the city. The citizens are sub-scribing liberally.

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thers injured as a result of a tene

The record price for hogs was again broken on the St. Joseph market Fri-day when a top of \$8.50 per 100 was

Diamonds and jewelry valued at \$300,000 were stolen from the apartment of Mrs. John William Jenkins in New York Bunday.

On the main street of Eufaula, Okla Wednesday, a man named Spake was shot and killed. Five shots struck Spake, who died almost immediately. After reading the accounts of two local murders and suicides, Daniel B. Groff killed his wife and himself Fri-

Two immigrants were three men and woman injured in an eccident to a northbound Chicago and Northwestern passenger train in Chicago Sunday.

It was announced Saturday that J. M. Alderdice, a prominent farmer of Ellis County, had received an offer of 121/2c per pound for his entire cotton crop next year.

21 years old and a hand employed on The first flight in a heavier than all aerial craft ever attempted in Mexico of Decatur, was crushed to death Wed- will be made early next week near this capital by Alberto Braniff, who has

just returned from France. Twenty-six Moslems were executed at Adana, Turkey, Sunday in connection with the April massacres. Great leader of the Senate, to succeed Sen-

crowds witnessed the executions. Charles K. Hamilton in the Glenn Curtiss seroplane at St. Joseph, Mo., Sunday, during a snowstorm, made two and one-half miles in 31/4 minues.

The turkeys of Central Kentucky were pooled and sold at auction in Louisville, Ky., Friday. 18c a pound for the fowls alive being paid by a local

packing firm.

Charles B. Withington, inventor of the first automatic grain binder and known as the "father of the grain bindtempt is being made by the State to ing industry," died Monday at his residence in Janesville, Wis.

> railroads in the United States thus far reporting, show total gross earnings of \$38,668,812, an increase of 10.5 per cent over November last year.
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> Dr. Rushing, in a statement in the

DeSoto (La.) Parish Medical Society 1,998,946 bales reported up to the Friday, announced a new theory, that pellagra springs from a mouth disease of dogs. The Nicaraguan legation in Wash-

ington is no more. Big vans have car-ried off the furniture and the other appurtenances of the house in O street, where President Zelaya's representatives the were domiciled.

Hundreds of cattle have died and the value of a much larger number has been impaired by the present cold

ording to J. D. Lindamood, a promment cattleman of Tecumseh.

Many firemen overcome by smoke 00 hotel guests driven scantily clad into the lcy streets and property val-ned at approximately \$750,000 destroyed in the work of a fire Tuesday night,

weather and snow in Oklaho

in Kalamasoo, Mich. For the second time within a week the record price on hogs was broken The North Pole observations of Dr. in Ft. Worth Wednesday when a car Cook arrived at Copenhagen Wednes- load marketed by the Farmers' Union day on board the steamer United Gin and Elevator Company of Hinton

heralded data was delivered safely to be the scene of army flying machine When hogs sold at \$8.40 a hundred from Congressman Slayden, who has Tuesday, a record for twenty-seven with Gen. James Allen, chief of the

Another \$10,000 land deal was closed that had passed through the country. purchased the 285-acre farm of G. P. Davis, ten miles north of that city in Friday, in New York, Judge Noyes the Green Valley community for \$10,

Thirty-five passengers on a street term of fifteen years in a Federal pris- car were injured, none fatally and few seriously Wednesday night in In-dianapolis, Ind., when the car was struck by an inbound Ponnsylvania passenger train crossing and huried

> Mrs. N. O. Curtis and Mrs. Cop were thrown from a buggy Friday in Palestine, and Mrs. Curtis received fa-tal injuries, Mrs. Copeland sustaining a tractured arm and other injuries. "The Jeffries-Johnson bout will be

> ting a state pension each quarter was more trouble than the pension was

rolls. His request was compiled with Press dispatches show that the sold wave continued Wednesday. A farmhand near Marion, Ohio, froze to death, as did another man at Okla-

homa City and one at Chicago.

A severe earthquake occurred to
Suam Friday, causing considerable

A Busted Illustes.

"A thing of beauty is a joy to used to think so." "Do think so now?" "Nope: 1 he her in curi papers and house at

Men and Morality. All the great othical teach ristotle and Plato down to Spencer have been men. Man, and not we created that immense moral to public conscience.—Harold Own I

When we are young we make a our minds to try and get what m want; when we have arrived at y of discretion we decide to try as want what we can get.—Jerome E. le

Information, "You may never have heard of Resaid Mrs. Lapsling. "but it's a bat that they teach fishing in some of the English colleges. I've often base Prof. Studyman, who used to live is London, tell of the time when he was a senior angler."

Idea an Old One. In using dogs as alds to sentrice, the Italian army, as a Roman news paper points out, has merely revive a custom prevalent among the ancient Greeks and Romans.

Hard to Find Rest.

One of the leaders in New York's ousiness world, who is also a comple nous philanthropist, writes from a vaeation resort, where he went to rest: There is no rest in the country for a man who receives mail."

Boomerange of Celluloid Boomerangs are now made of estwloid and hard rubber. Celluloid is better than cardboard because it is waterproof, light, very hard to break and can be worked into the peculiar

curve and twist so necessary to give

the boomerang its singular proper-Cat's Peculiar Actions. There is a black cat on Railroad street, Thomaston, Conn., that makes a point of escorting women and children home. When the party reaches its destination the cat returns to its place and escorts other persons in the same way, keeping up this strange so-

tion until about 10 o'clock at night. Rende D'Amour. Wife (to her husband who runs round her, watch in hand)-"Good gracious, Karl; are you mad!" Husband-"I was only just finding out how long it took to run round you so that I should know if you were any slimmer when you came back from Marienhad."—Fliegende Blactte

No Extra Strain. Highblower (to prospective butler) Seventy-five dollars a month? Why, that's all I pay my bookkeeper!" Butler—"But he doesn't have to associate every day with your family, mir!"-Puck.

Problem of Salem Housewives. Mass, has passed an ordinance for-bidding any factory, store or private residence to blow or shake dust out of the doors.-From the Circle.

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Christian Church Sunday There will be preaching ser-

invited. E. S. Bledsoe, Pastor.

Have you heard of Juanita flour the best on earth.

McGowen Bros. Miss Ethel Read returned Dallas, and was accompanied ing program for the occasion. home by her sister, Miss Gladys, who will spend the holiday with

Read The Enterprise.

her parents.

Work on the Cole hotel is progressing rapidly and it is expectvices Sunday morning at 11 ed it will be finished at an early and evening at 7:20. You are date.

> Just received a large shipment of the best Maple syrup. McGowen Bros.

Sunday night the ladies of the C. W. B. will conduct the services at the Christian church, and Wednesday night from a visit to have arranged a very interest-

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Local and Personal

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G. W. Cornell. J. D. Sawyers of Dublin was here this week.

WANTED-By middle aged lady, no incumberance, with good reference, a position as cook or housekeeper in private family. State wages in first letter. Mrs S. B. Campbell, Hamlin, Texas.

J. J. Cole and sons returned Saturday from overland trip to Roswell, New Mexico.

Rev. C. W. Hearon attended the meeting of the meeting of the Methodist Stewards of the Colorado district which was held in Colorado on the 8th.

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

The executive committee of the United Charities have placed boxes at the different stores in town for the purpose of receiving any goods that may be donated. While you are making your offering of goods dont forget the empty stocking of the children who have no one to fill their earth to enjoy a merry Christlook back upon with pleasant

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 tenpneumonia. Sold by all drugg-

Mrs. Vaughan of Coahoma, who underwent a surgical operation at the sanitarium Tuesday, is getting along nicely.

For reliable jewelry for Christmas presents, see Johnston.

Mrs. P. G. Stokes, who has been in the sanitarium about two weeks, is getting along nicely and will return home soon.

Nothing is appreciated so much as a reliable watch or jewelry of any kind for presents. Johnston can supply your wants.

R C. Sanderson returned the first of the week from a visit to

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

Frank Cooksey of Dawson county was here Wednesday.

Carload of Michigan Salt just prived at Pool Bros.

T. P. Devenport and W. J. Avers visited Lamesa Wednes-

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

J. W. Brooks of the eastern part of the county was in town yesterday.

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

McGowen Bres.

If you are looking for something especially nice for Christmas presents, go to Reagan's drug store.

Dolls at less than cost at Reagan's drug store.

Rev. Wilson C. Rogers attended the meeting of the State Board of missions of the Baptist church which was held at Dallas this

Ramer's Chocolates at Biles &

Rev. Pinkney Hawkins will preach in Jones Valley Sunday

FIRE INSURANCE. Let me write our policy.

J. C. Baird.

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Georgia's State Chemist Praises "Nature's Gift from the Sunny South"

J. H. McCandless, State Chemist of Georgia, before a recent gathering of Cotton Seed men, gave emphatic praise to the high quality of Cottolene. He said:

"The sale of this product and the proclamation that it is made of cotton seed oil have done more to bring cotton seed oil truthfully and favorably before the public than anything else in recent history."

Mr. McCandless then pointed out that a pure, refined, vegetable-oil product such as Cottolene, is the only assurance a woman has of a clean, digestible, cooking fat.

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D. P. Strayhorn sold Mr. Buchanan two acres of land guest of Miss Iva Christian. south of the Cole & Strayhorn addition this week for \$200 per acre. Some people are inclined stockings. The best wav on to give that part of town a black eye, but this sale and others that mas is by making others merry have been made outshere recentin a way that they will always ly, show that it is valuable property and is going to be in demand from this time on. The town has got to go that way.

For handsome Christmas presents go to Reagan's drug store.

If it's a Christmas present for a gentleman you want, call on us. We have many thing suitdency of the disease towards able. A. P. McDonald & Co. p



Here is a gift that will prove useful every day for years to come. A veritable marvel of convenience

aces distinct advantages not found in any other fountain pen. great favorite with writers the world over and a most acceptable gift. Make your selection now. Gift pens in Christmas boxes.

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Buy your shoes where you get the best for the price you pay. We sell the Nettleton Shoes for men and the Red Cross Shoefor women. See our stock. A. P. McDonald & Co.

Free De Voe's Weather Chart and Calenders at Reagan's.

A beautiful line of ladies neckwear now on display at Avera & Hance Co.

Henry's Commercial College, Snyder, Texas, will teach you nore real sure enough business, just like it transpires in anoffice, store room and Counting house than any other Commercial School in Texas.

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

"Mound City Paints may cost a trifle more, but-! R. Rengan." Everything in the feed line at the new feed store, west of Ex-

Ayers & Hance Co., has just received by express a handsome

line of ladies hand bags. Blank bills of sale and vendor lien notes for sale at this office.

You ought to try a pound of President coffee. McGowen Bros.

A nice line of fur sets just received at Ayers & Hance Co.

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

Hartzog & Coffee.

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

Miss Meadows of Dallas is the Services at Christian Church Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11:00 a. m., and

> Junior Christian Endeavor at 4:00 p. m.

> Senior Chri-tian Endeavor at 6:15 p. m.

> Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

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.

Buy your best girl a set of these beautiful furs for a Christmas present at Ayers & Hance

Dolls at half price at Reagan's.



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

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train. Real cars on a real track, pulled by a real locomotive that makes smoke will not seem a wonderful thing

to him, as it does to the little Johnny of to-day. The lad of the next century will want a model of the latest airship in his Christmas stocking. He will expect a working model, too-one that will sail through the flat like a live bird, and perhaps carry his own weight.

Within the last bundred years steam and electricity have been developed and it is entirely reasonable to imagine that within the coming century men will travel through the air as commonly as they now travel over the land. The automobile, the trolley car, the railroad train, and the horse as a draft animal-all will be gone. Men will use the earth, as the birds do, for a resting place for their homes and the principal source of food supply; but when they want to move from one place to another, they will mount into the ether, even as the birds do, and flay swiftly and safely to

It is probable that there will not be a wheeled vehicle of any kind on the streets of a great city on Christmas day, in the year 2009. Our tunnels system will have developed until the vast subterranean net work of bores, chutes and pneumatic tubes will carry on the heavy traffic of the city, without noise or confusion. The streets will be given up to pedestrians-to those who walk for pleasure or wish to travel short distances. The sidewalk as it is now will be no more, but the entire width of the street will be given up to foot passengers. There will be neither car tracks nor moving vehicles to annoy.

The suburbanite who does not fly to work in 3009 will be shot through a pneumatic tube, traveling the five, ten, or fifty miles of distance in a space of time that may be only a few seconds, and certainly cannot be more than a few minutes. It may be that few people will walk anywhere in the year 2009. When man learns to fly he will scorn walking as too slow a means of progress. Perhaps our great-grandchildren, who no doubt will live in immense apartment buildings towering a half mile from the ground, may go for weeks at a time without setting foot to the

With the passing of the Christmas sleigh there will be no longer any need for reindeers for Santa Claus. He, too, will travel by airship, and while the old Santa Claus will be a myth, the new Santa Claus will be as real as the bewhiskered and befurred boys who now entertain the children in the department stores.

It is not hard to imagine that the big stores will develop the Santa Claus idea to the point that Christmas purchases will be delivered on Christmas eve by an airship driver made up to imperdred years from now, if you want to avoid the rush and do your Christmas shopping in your own apartments, the scientists

probably will have provided for you a combination of telescope and moving picture machine by means of which you can connect your room with the toy department and see the display by wireor perhaps by wireless—and at the same time you get prices and leave your order with the clerk by

But perhaps the woman of 2009 will enjoy the mad rush of the shops as much as she does today during the holiday season, and then she will go to the big store and order her toys and presents. The store could deliver them through the pneumatic package tubes which will go to all parts of the city, but it will be more poetle to have them delivered by Santa Claus.

Christmas eve a score or a hundred Santa Clauses will set out from the various shops with their airships laden with Christmas gifts to be delivered at the various addresses. It will no longer be necessary to "deliver all goods in the rear" of the big apartment building, but whether you live on the twentieth or two hundred and twentieth story of the big house you will have your own private airship landing, and while the family is gathered at the door to receive Santa Claus the airship will settle on the landing and the cheerful 'Merry Christmas" of the aeronaut will greet you as he hands in the packages.

The Christmas tree of a hundred years from now will be an electrical marvel. Festoons and wreaths of rainbow colored lights and "chasers" will scintillate from its green branches. But the presents that hang on it will be even more won-

There will be dolls as large as the little girls who will receive them. There will be dolls that can walk and with the improved phonographic arrangements of snother century there will be dolls that can talk and others that can sing beautiful songs. Some of them, no doubt, will be able to dance gracefully and to do tricks that would seem miraculous if performed by an automaton to-day.

The mechanical toys of 2009 will be marvels of perfection. The most imaginative man cannot possibly conceive of the new things that will be invented in the way of machinery, but it is safe to assume that the wireless transmission of power will be perfected. Wheels will spin without any visible motive power. Power may be taken from the sun's rays or wireless power stations may be operated by the waves, the waterfalls, or even the winds. Before the coal supply is exhausted the need for coal, either for warmth or power, will have passed away.

And whatever triumphs men make in the industrial world they impart to their games and

in one of these big buildings, while the machin ery will be out of sight, domestic affairs will be so mechanical, even automatic, that you can get almost anything the family needs simply by turning on a switch or pressing a button.

The fint dweller of that distant day will not be othered with servants or the servant problem. By pressing a button the Christmas dinner will come up noiselessly from the kitchen on the mechanical

waiter or perhaps in a pneumatic tube.

After your Christmas dinner is over the dishes will disappear as silently and swiftly as you could wish. Some sort of mechanical dish washer in the kitchen will take care of them-or, what is more likely, they will be made of a cheap composition and will be destroyed by burning after they are used once. The antiseptic precautions of the me ern surgeon will be common to the kitche next century and bygiene will be a real science.

When you have eaten your Christmas dinner, M you want to go out for the evening you can press a button and an aerocab will come to the landing at your door. Or, if you prefer it, you may drop down the pneumatic elevator to some point 50 or 100 feet below the surface of the earth and be whirled through the pneumatic subway at a dixxy rate of speed to your destination. Only the speed will not nake you dizzy. You will not be able to feel it. You may sit is your cushioned car, well lighted and warmed and ventilated by some process yet to be discovered, and before you realize it the miles will speed away and you step out to the opera or the

If you prefer to remain at your apartments the telautoscope attached to your telephone may be connected to any theater you desire, and you can sit in your easy chair and smoke while you see the play projected on the wall like the most perfect moving picture. All the stage settings will be there to make the play seem real, and the improved tele-phone will bring every shade and subtle inflection of the actor's voice to your ear.

It seems certain that this telautose ment-the exact word to describe it will be co after the process is discovered—will be one of the triumphs of the coming century. It will cushle you to see the person you are talking to over a

The flight of the coming airship probably will be so rapid that the business man and even the salaried worker, if he loves the country, can have a villa or a cettage at a great distance from the city and go to work in his own airship at slight out. On Christmas day in the good century to come this flight in the air will be the means of many family reunious that are impossible now. A few hours will take one to the most distant part of the country, and the practical cessation or business during the holiday week will leave all tree to foregather with the loved ones and pay deferred visits.

TRY GYROSCOPE CAR

Coach on Single Rail Tested in England.

inventor's idea is to Carry Passengers the Principle of a Spinning Top-First Trial a Success.

Manchester, Eng.-A 22-ton railway ear, 40 feet long, 13 feet high and 16 feet wide, mounted not on regular trucks but one single line of wheels, with not a support but that line of wheels. That's the first thing to picture. Then put 40 passengers inside the car and run the whose com bination around on a single rail at 25 miles or more an hour, and you have the spectacle that was presented be fore the Royal Society of England several days ago on the war office grounds near Chatham. It was first public demonstration of the full sized working model of the new gy roscope car, first made public before the Royal society on May 8, 1907, by its inventor, Louis Brennan, C. B.

The demonstration was successful even beyond expectation. The car ran smoothly and without vibration taking curves and irregularities in the track with perfect safety and absolute stability, loaded or empty, fast or slow. There never was the least tendency on the part of the car to leave the rail, so perfect was the gyro cope control. Two gyroscopes were used, weighing three-quarters of a ton each, and making 3,000 revolutions a minute in a vacuum. A gasoline engine furnished the motive power through the means of an electric dynamo. Mr. Brennan was overjoyed at finding that the stability of the gyroprinciple was even more marked in a full-sized model than in smaller one.

The principle of the gyroscope is that of a spinning top. Some thirty years ago Mr. Brennan, who was then ir Australia, became beset with the idea that this principle could be applied to railroad construction and operation in a way which would revolutionize land transportation all over the earth.

It has always been known that on an ordinary two-railed track friction and jarring prevent the use of any but 12 per cent. of the total power de



eloped by a locomotive. The two railed track is also dangerous in that it has a safety limit of rpeed at about seventy-two miles an bour, after which spreading of rails and breaking of wheel flanges become not only possible, but probable, except in the cases where the equipment is kept at its highest state of perfection. It was this that led to the development of the ponorall, a single-railed overhead track from which the care were sus-pended. Not only was a great deal of friction thus overcome, but many of the common dangers were entirely done away -: U. Nevertheless, the suspended type of motorall was not purfect. It had dangers of its own, and besides this the cos. of construction was immense.

It was figured that if a single rail could only be laid on the ground and a car or train run over it railway confection. With a rail on the ground, however, the center of gravity would necessarily be above the line of sup-port, and gravity was one thing which man had never yet successfully over-come. Slowly the idea of the s,in-ning top and then of the gyroscope worked itself out in the mind of the

the Brennan torpedo, controlled by the British war department, and as he had been through some practical me-chanical experience he started in to develop the gyroscope car. And in May, 1907, he made his invention pub-

Golf, the game of presidents, has penetrated even to Bagdad. Where the Caliph Haroun once walked in mutti with his vixier, prosaic Germans



Miss Smiff-Oh, doctor, do know you look perfectly killing this Doctor-Thank you, but

'm off duty, you know

AGONIZING ITCHING

Eczema for a Year-Got No Relief Even at Skin Hospital-in Despair Until Cuticura Cured Him.

"I was troubled with a severe itchng and dry, scrufy skin on my ankles, t, arms and scalp. Scratching made worse. Thousands of small red pimples formed and these caused intense itching. I was advised to go to the hospital for diseases of the skin. Idid so, the chief surgeon saying: "I never saw such a bad case of eczema." But I got little or no relief. Then I tried many called remedies, but I became so bad that I almost gave up in despair. After suffering agonies for twelve months, I was relieved of the almost unbearable itching after two or three applications of Cuticura Ointment. I ontinued its use, combined with Cuttcura Soap and Pills, and I was completely cured. Henry Searle, Little Rock, Ark., Oct. 8 and 10, 1907." Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., Sale Props., Bosto

Stated In Cold Figures.

It costs on an average about \$250 to cure an incipient consumptive or to care for an advanced case of tuberculosis until death. If he is left in destitute circumstances without proper attention he will surely infect with his disease at least two other persons, and gossibly more. Considering that the average life is worth to society in dollars and cents about \$1,500, the net loss which would accrue to a community by not treating its poor consumptives in proper institutions would be, for each case, including those who are unnecessarily infected, at the very lowest figure, \$4,250. On this basis, if the poor consumptives in the United States who are now sick were segre gated from their families, and either kept in institutions until they died, or else cured of their disease, the saving to the country would be the enormous sum of \$1,275,000,000.

The Vacant Chair. What sad memories linger around the old vacant chair. Sitting in the middle of the floor, with a plaintive look about its frayed and seemingly weary back, it brings back a tumultuous riot of sad recollections that time can never efface. Volumes of bitter anguish come to me when I arrive home in time to catch the milkman swiping the loose furniture around the publicity, and strike my best toe against the rocker of the old vacant chair. Then, forgetting for the moment my unclad feet, I kick the chair on the other rocker. That is when the sadness and suffering that lingers around the old chair comes out with an extra edition and great chunks of gloom settle over me like a herd of ill

Safe Place for the Author. "In a small town where the audience calls for the author of the piece to come before the curtain, he always feels better if the curtain has a lot of local advertisements on it," said

natured files.-Oregon Journal.

the manager.
"Why so?" asked his friend. "Why, the people in the audience are not going to throw eggs and take a chance on spotting their own adver ments, are they ?"-Yonkers States

HABIT'S CHAIN

An ingenious philosopher estimates that the amount of will power neces sary to break a life-long habit would if it could be transformed, lift a weight

of many tons.

It sometimes requires a higher degree of heroism to break the chains of a pernicious habit than to lead a for lors hope in a bloody battle. A lady writes from an Indiana town:

"From my earliest childhood I was s over of coffee. Before I was out of my is I was a miserable dyspeptic, suf ering terribly at times with my stom

"I was convinced that it was coffee that was causing the trouble and yet I could not deny myself a cup for breakfast. At the age of 36 I was in very poor health, indeed. My sister teld me I was in danger of becoming

a coffee drunkard.

"But I never could give up drinking coffee for breakfast, although it kept me constantly ill, until I tried Postum. I learned to make it properly according to directions, and now we can hardly do without Postum for breakfast, and care authing for coffee.

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

THE WESTERN WINDMILL CO.

Star, is so elated over the recent prohibition victory in Callahan county that he has increased the size of his paper.

We this week received a circular from a liquor firm in which they state that with every gallon the wise old rooster that was stead of bad ones in your neighwould be more appropriate.

number of enthusiastic Corn vertise." Clubs in different counties farth-er east. It would be interesting for the boys and cause them to take a deeper interest in farm low men out the rut. Many have

corngrowing.

A Moral.

about me."

of whiskey sold they would give standing near, "that you don't bor, and you will think more of seems to us that a six-shooter done. You lay an egg and wadboys of Howard county form a If you want to cut any ice in this Corn Club? There is quite a community you must learn to ad-

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E. E. WILLIAMSON Phone 368

A duck which was faithful to obscurity because everyone else ings .- Dallas News. business during the summer and seems in such a hurry, caring aid several dozens of large fawn only for their own welfare and colored eggs complained that she never paying any attention to wasn't appreciated. "See that others. Give a caress instead of Editor Gilliand, of the Baird hen over there," said the duck; a kick, a kind word instead of a "she hasn't laid as many eggs growl, and you will feel better. as I have, nor as big, but she has Before you criticise, be sure you books written about her and are above reproach along the verses composed in her honor, same line. Wear a pleasant while nobody is saying a word face-don't cry because luck seems against you for the time "The trouble with you is," said being. Look for good points in-

as a premium a nice watch. It tell the public what you have each other.—Burlington Times. In other words, buck up and dle off without saying a word, show some spirit. Believe in but that sister of mine never lays yourself, in your friends and in Boys' Corn Clubs are getting one without letting every one in your town and country. Broaden to be quite popular, why not the the neighborhood know about it. out, lengthen your vision, agree

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both courses unlimited. No better
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Twenty special scholarships placed on sale the 16th of last August were "anapped" 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 over offered by a business col-

work and give more attention to been lost just because there to be agreeable, and forget your seemed to be no one near at the petty troubles while you strive critical moment to lend a helping earnestly yet temperately to bethand. Many have gone down in ter your condition, and surround-

Specialist 5

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Knight Templar Service. Big Springs Commandery, No

31. Knight Templars, will hold Christmas abservance services at church. The sermon will be preached by Rev. E. S. Bledsoe. Everybody is cordially invited to be present.

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He was a sensible and practical man, and, putting this and that together after watching the Leghorns work up in the oat loft, and seeing them about the nests, singing, laying and cackling, he soon came to a conclusion. The eggs are worth more than the oats," he said to his wife. "I'll keep them at it if I dan."

And he did. He had a stack of oats outside the barn lot in the corner of the field, and so he just fed that loft with fresh oatas they were worked down, and he kept those hens busy all the winter.

It was in February-nearly March-when he told me about it, and that those hens had been the greatest source of profit during the winter that he had. "Why," he said, "they fed the cows, fed us and paid for the oats with their eggs."

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Already have arrangement-ommenced for the summer school for farmers and summer normal for teachers to be held in before going to his ranch in July 1910 at the A. & M. College of Texas. The first session last summer was a success in every particular. Cotton classing will be one of the features. It is expected the attendance will be large.

Work on the second story of the W. A. Tunstill building on Main Street, was commenced last week and will pushed rapidly to completion.

Earnest Larkhart, an attorney from Brownfield, attended county court here this week.

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CHAPTER XXVII-Continued.

was not the first time the Wil ms Cache gang had sworn to get him and had worked together to do it. for the first time it looked as if they might do it. A single chance was left to Whispering Smith for his life, and with his coat slashed with bullets, he took it. For an instant his fife ing on the success of a trick so ap gly awkward that a clever man have failed in turning it. If his hould play free in the scabbard sched for it, he could fair to no, releasing it as he plunged the saddle, and make a fight on his feet. If the rifle failed to release be was a dead man. To so narrow an saue are the cleverest combinations imes brought by chance. He ped his empty revolver, ducked a mud-hen on his horse's neck threw back his leg, and, with all the on he could summon, caught rip of his muley in both hands. He made his fell heavily to the ground, landing on his shoulder. But keeled from the saddle the last ng that rolled over the saddle. like the fissh of a porpoise fin, was the barrel of the rifle, secure in his hands. Karg, on horseback, was already bending over him, revolver in hand, but the shot was never fired. A 30-30 bullet from the ground knocked the gun into the air and tore every knuckle from Karg's hand. Du Sang spurred in from the right. A rifle-slug like an ax at the root caught him through the middle. His fingers stiffened. His six-shooter fell to the ground and he lutched his side. Seagrue, ducking ow, put spurs to his horse, and Whisring Smith, covered with dust, rose a the battlefield alone. Hats, revolvers and coats lay about

him. Face downward, the huge bulk of Hill Dancing was stretched motionus in the road. Kars, crouching beside his fallen horse, held up the dy stump of his gun hand, and Du Sang, 50 yards away, reeling like a drunken man in his suddle, spurred his horse in an simless circle. Whis-pering Smith, grunning softly to the side of his own trembling animal, threw himself into the saddle, and, adjusting his rifle sights as the beast plunged down the draw, gave chase to

CHAPTER XXVIII.

The Death of Ou Sang. Whispering Smith, with his horse in a lather, rode slowly back 20 minutes later with Seagros disarmed ahead of The descried battle-ground was alive with men. Stormy Gorman, hot for blood, had come back, captured Karg, and begun swearing all over again, and Smith listened with simiable surprise while he explained that seeing Dancing killed, and not being able to tell from Whispering Smith's peculiar tactics which side he was shooting at, Gorman and his companions had gone for help. While they angrily aurrounded Karg and Seagrue. Smith slipped from his horse where Bill Dancing lay, lifted the huge head from the dust, and tried to turn the glant over. A groun greated the at-

open your eyes! Why would you not do as I wanted you to?" he marmured bitterly to himself. A necond grown answered blue. Smith shock and internal her alled for water, and from a canteen tered a string of oaths. lie; but his efforts to re done; then he knelt beside him and distance in which, uninjured, he could Sengrue.

store consciousness were unavailing. | put his hand on Du Sang's hand. "Tell | have placed five shots within the com-He turned to where two of the cowme where you are hit, Du Sang. Put
pass of a silver dollar. Firing for
toys had dragged Karg to the ground
your man to it. In K-the stomach?

We special Smith peart, he had, deand three others had their old comLet me turn you on your side. Easy. splite the fearful shock, put four bulpanion Seagrue in hand. While two Does your belt hurt? Just a minute, seld huge revolvers within six inches now; I can loosen that." of his head, a third was adjusting a

rope-knot under his ear. Whispering Smith became inter-"Hold on!" said he, mildly, what is loose? What are you going

"We're going to hang these fellows," answered Stormy, with a volley of anything I can do for you?" hair-raising imprecations.

"Oh, no! Just put them on horses under guard."

"That's what we're going to do," exclaimed the foreman. "Only we're going to run 'em over to those cottonwoods and drive the horses out from under 'em. Stand still, you tow-headed cow thief!" he cried, slipping the noose up tight on George Seagrue's neck.

"See here," returned Whispering Smith, showing some annoyance, "you may be joking, but I am not. Either touch Du Sang. do as I tell you or release those men.'

"Well, I guess we are not joking very much. You heard me, didn't you?" demanded Stormy, angrily. "We lift Du Sang on the horse. The boys are going to string these damned crit- seem to be afraid of getting blood on ters up right here in the draw on the their hands." first tree.

Let me turn you on your side. Easy.

"I know you," muttered Du Sang, thickly. Then his eyes-terrible, rolling, pink eyes-brightened and he swore violently.

"Du Sang, you are not bleeding much, but I'm afraid you are badly hurt," said Whispering Smith. "Is there "Get me some water."

A creek flowed at no great distance below the hill, but the cowboys refused to go for water. Whispering Smith would have gone with Seagrue and Karg, but Du Sang begged him not to leave him alone lest Gorman should kill him. Smith canvassed the situation a moment. "I'll put you on my horse," said he at length, "and take you down to the creek."

He turned to the cowboys and asked them to help, but they refused to

Whispering Smith kept his patience "Karg, take that horse's head," said he. "Come here, Seagrue; help me

With Whispering Smith and Sea Whispering Smith drew a pocket- grue supporting Du Sang in the saddle

His Revolver Dropped to the Ground.

knife and walked to Flat Nose, slif the | and Karg leading the horse, the caval-

cade moved slowly down to the creek,

where a tiny stream puried among

the rocks. The water revived the in-

jured man for a moment; he had even

strength enough, with some help, to

ride again; and, moving in the same

halting order, they took him to Reb-

stock's cabin. Rebstock, at the door,

refused to let the sinking man be

brought into the house. He cursed

Du Sang as the cause of all the trou-

ble. But Du Sang cursed him with

oaths that if he had given the boy

Barney anything but a scrub horse

they never would have been trailed.

More than this concerning the affair

Du Sang would not say, and never

said. The procession turned from the

door. Seagrue led the way to Reb-

stock's stable, and they laid Du Sang

Afterward they got a cot under him.

With surprising vitality he talked a

long time to Whispering Smith, but

at last fell into a stupor. At nine

o'clock that night he sat up. Ed Banks

and Kennedy were standing beside the

cot. Du Sang became delirious, and

in his delirium called the name of

Whispering Smith; but Smith was at

Baggs' cabin with Bill Dancing. In

a spasm of pain, Du Sang, opening his

eyes, suddenly threw himself back.

The cot broke, and the dying man

rolled under the feet of the frightened

horses. In the light of the lanterns

they lifted him back, but he was bleed-

The surgeon, afterward, found two

fatal wounds upon him. The first shot,

passing through the stomach, ex-

plained Du Sang's failure to kill at a

ing slowly at the mouth, quite dead.

on some hay.

rope around his neck, pushed him out

of the circle, and stood in front of him.

"You can't play horse with my pris-

oners," he said, curtly, "Get over

here, Karg. Come, now, who is going

to walk in first? You act like a school-

Hard words and a wrangle followed,

but Smith did not change expression,

and there was a back-down. "Have you

fellows let Du Sang get away while

you were playing fool here?" he asked.

"Du Sang's over the hill there on his

"Then we will look him up," sug-

"Don't go over there. He'll get you

"Let us see about that. Seagrue,

you and Karg walk shead. Don't duck

Just over the brow of the hill near

which the fight had taken place, a

man lay below a ledge of granite. The

horse from which he had fallen was

grazing close by, but the man had

dragged himself out of the blinding

sun to the shade of the sagebrush

above the rock-the trail of it all lay

very plain on the hard ground. Watch-

ing him narrowly, Smith, with his

prisoners ahead and the cowboys

riding in a circle behind, approached.

The man in the sagebrush turned

Smith walked to him and bent

The wounded man, sinking with

shock and internal hemorrhage, ut-

Smith listened quietly till he had

"Are you suffering much, Du

gested Smith. "Come, Sengrue."

If you do," cried Gorman.

"Du Sang?"

his head.

down.

or run, either of you. Go on."

horse, and full of fight yet," exclaimed

boy, Gorman.

lets through his coat before the rifleball from the ground, tearing at right angles across the path of the first butlet, had cut down his life to a question of hours.

Bill Dancing, who had been hit in the head and stunned, had been moved back to the cabin at Mission Springs, and lay in the little bedroom. A doctor at Oroville had been sent for, but had not come. At midnight of the second day, Smith, who was beside his bed, saw him rouse up, and noted the brightness of his eyes as he looked around. "Bill," he declared, hopefully, as he sat beside the bed, "you are better, hang it! I know you are. How do you feel?"

"Ain't that blamed doctor here yet? Then give me my boots. I'm going back to Medicine Bend to Doc Torpy.'

In the morning Whispering Smith, who had cleansed and dressed the wound and felt sure the bullet had not penetrated the skull, offered no objecion to the proposal beyond cautioning him to ride slowly. "You can go down part way with the prisoners, suggested Whispering Smith. Bill. "Brill Young is going to take them to Oroville, and you can act as chairman of the guard."

Before the party started, Smith called Seagrue to him. "George, you saved my life once. Do you remember -in the Pan Handle? Well, I gave you yours twice in the Cache day before yesterday. I don't know how badly you are into this thing. If you kept clear of the killing at Tower W I will do what I can for you. Don't talk to anybody."

CHAPTER XXIX.

McCloud and Dicksie.

News of the fight in Williams Cache eached Medicine Bend in the night. Horsemen, filling in the gaps between telephones leading to the north country, made the circuit complete, but the accounts, confused and colored in the repeating, came in a cloud of conflicting rumors. In the streets, little groups of men discussed the fragmentary reports as they came from the railroad offices. Toward morning, Sleepy Cat, nearer the scene of the fight, began sending in telegraphic reports in which truth and rumor were strangely mixed. McCloud waited at the wires all night, hoping for trustworthy advices as to the result, but received none. Even during the morning nothing came, and the silence seemed more ominous than the bad news of the early night. Routine business was almost suspended and Mcloud and Rooney Lee kept the wires warm with inquiries.

At the noon hour McCloud was signing letters when Dicksie Dunning walked hurriedly up the hall and hesitated in the passageway before the open door of his office. He gave an exclamation as he pushed back his chair. She was in her riding suit just as she had slipped from her saddle. "Oh, Mr. McCloud, have you heard the awful news? Whispering Smith was killed yesterday in Williams Cache by Du Sang."

McCloud stiffened a little. "I hope that can't be true. We have had nothing here but rumors; perhaps it is these that you have heard."

"No, no! Blake, one of our men. was in the fight and got back at the ranch at nine o'clock this morning. I heard the story myself, and I rode right in to-to see Marion, and my courage failed me-I came here first. Does she know, do you think? Blake saw him fall from the saddle after he was shot, and everybody ran away, and Du Sang and two other men were firing at him as he lay on the ground. He could not possibly have escaped with his life. Blake said; he must have been riddled with bullets. Isn't it terrible?" She sobbed suddenly, and usury, and, while Whispering Smith McCloud, stunned at her words, led listened, told Rebstock with bitter her to his chair and bent over her.

"If his death means this to you, think of what it means to me!

A flood of sympathy bore them to gether. The moment was hardly one for interruption, but the dispatcher's door opened and Rooney Lee halted, thunderstruck, on the threshold.

Dicksie's hand disappeared in her handkerchief. McCloud had been in wrecks before, and gathered himself together unmoved. "What is it, Rooney?"

The very calmness of the two at the table disconcerted the dispatcher. He held the message in his hand and shuffled his feet. "Give me your dispatch," said McCloud, impatiently. Quite unable to take his hollow

eyes off Dicksie, poor Rooney advanced, handed the telegram to Mc-Cloud, and beat an awkward retreat. McCloud devoured the words of the message at a glance.

"Ah!" he cried, "this is from Gor don himself, sent from Sleepy Cat. He must be safe and unburt! Listen: Three of the Tower W men trailed into Williams Cache. In resisting arrest this morning, Du Sang was wounded and is dying to-night. Two prisoners, Kars and Seagrue. G. S.

"Those are Gordon's initials; it is the signature over which he telegraphs me. You see, this was sent ast night long after Blake left. He is safe; I will take my life on it."

Dicksie sank back while McCloud re-read the message. "Oh, isn't that a relief?" she exclaimed. "But how can it be? I can't understand it at all; but he is safe, isn't he? I was heartbroken when I heard he was killed. Marion ought to know of this," she said, rising. "I am going to tell her."

"And may I come over after I tell Rooney Lee to repeat this to headquarters ""

"Why, of course, if you want to." When McCloud reached the cottage Dicksie met him. "Katie Dancing's mother is sick, and she has gone home. Poor Marlon is all alone this morning, and half dead with a sick headache," said Dickste. "But I told her, and she said she shouldn't mind the headache now at all."

"But what are you going to do?" "I am going to get dinner; do you

want to help?" "I'm going to help."

"Oh, you are? That would be very "Funny or not, I'm going to help."

"You would only be in the way." "You don't know whether I should or not."

"I know I should do much better it you would go back and run the railroad a few minutes" "The railroad be hanged. I am for

dinner." "But I will get dinner for you." "You need not. I can get it for my

Belf." "You are perfectly absurd, and if

we stand here disputing, Marion won't have anything to eat."

They went into the kitchen disputing about what should be cooked. At the end of an hour they had two fires going-one in the stove and one in Dicksie's cheeks. By that time it had been decided to have a luncheon instead of a dinner. Dicksle attempted some soup, and McCloud found a strip of bacon, and after he had cooked it, Dicksie, with her riding-skirt pinned up and her sleeves delightfully rolled back, began frying eggs. When Marion. unable longer to withstand the excitement, appeared, the engineer, flushed with endeavor, was making toast.

The three sat down at table together. They found they had forgotten the coffee, but Marion was not allowed to move from her chair. When the coffee was made ready the bacon had been eaten and more had to be fried. McCloud proved able for any part of the program, and when they rose it was four o'clock and too late, Mc-Cloud declared, to go back to the office that afternoon.

Marion and Dicksie, after a time, at tempted jointly to get rid of him, but they found they could not, so the three talked about Whispering Smith. When the women tried to discourage McCloud by talking hats he played the wheezy piano, and when Dicksie spoke about going home he declared he would ride home with her. But Dicksie had no mind that he should, and when he asked to know why, without realizing what a flush lingered in his face, she said only, no: if she had reasons she would give none, McCloud persisted, because under the flush about his eyes was the resolve that he would take one long ride that evening, ever to take again—and would not be balked.

Dicksie, insisting upon going home, went so far as to have her horse brought from the stable. To her surprise, a horse for McCloud came over with it. Quiet to the verge of solemnity, but with McCloud following, Dicksie walked with admirable firmness out of the shop to the curb. Mc-Cloud gave her rein to her, and with a smile stood waiting to help her mount.

She was drawing on her second glove. "You are not going with me." "You'll let me ride the same road, won't you-even if I can't keep up?" Dicksie looked at his mount.

would be difficult to keep up, with that horse." "Would you ride away from me just because you have a better horse?" "No, not just because I have a bet-

ter horse."

He looked steadily at her without speaking.

"Why must you ride home with me when I don't want you to?" she asked, reproachfully. Fear had come upon her and she did not know what she was saying. She saw only the expression of his eyes and looked away, but she knew that his eyes followed her. The sun had set. The deserted street lay in the white half-light of a mountain evening, and the day's radiance was dying in the sky. In lower tones he spoke again, and she turned deadly white.

"I've wanted so long to say this Dicksie, that I might as well be dead as to try to keep it back any longer. That's why I want to ride home with you if you are going to let me." He turned to stroke her horse's head Dicksie stood seemingly helpless. Mc-Cloud silpped his finger into his waistcoat pocket and held something out in his hand. "This shell pin fell from your hair that night you were at camp by the bridge-do you remember? I couldn't bear to give it back."

Dicksie's eyes opened wide. "Let me see it. I don't think that is mine." "Great heaven! Have I been carry ing Marion Sinclair's pin for a month?" exclaimed McCloud, "Well, I her, at any rate."

"Where are you going?" Dicksie's voice was faint,

"I'm going to give Marion her pin." "Do nothing of the sort! Come here! Give it to me."

Mr. McCloud, Have You Heard the Terrible News?"

shock like that, it really is your pin?" "Oh, I don't know whose pin it is!" "Why, what is the matter?"

"Give me the pin!" She put her hands unsteadily up under her hat. "Here, for heaven's sake, if you must have something, take this comb!" She slipped from her head the shell that held her knotted hair. He caught her hand and kissed it, and she could not get it away.

"You are dear," murmured Dicksie, "if you are silly. The reason I wouldn't let you ride home with me is because I was afraid you might get shot. How do you suppose I should feel if you were killed? Or, don't you think I have any feeling?"

"But, Dicksie, is it all right?"

"How do I know? What do you mean? I will not let you ride home with me, and you will not let me ride home alone. Tie Jim again. I am going to-stay with Marion all night."

CHAPTER XXX.

The Laugh of a Woman,

Within an hour, Marion, working over a hat in the trimming room, was startled to hear the cottage door open and to see Dicksie quie unconcernedly walk in. To Marion's exclamation of surprise she returned only a laugh. "I have changed my mind, dear. I am going to stay all night."

Marion kissed her approvingly. Really, you are getting so sensible I shan't know you, Dicksie. In fact, I believe this is the most sensible thing you were ever guilty of."

"Glad you think so," returned Dickste, dryly, unpinning her hat; "certainly hope it is. Mr. McCloud persuaded me it wasn't right for me to ride home alone, and I knew better than he what danger there was for him in riding home with me-so here I am. He is coming over for supper, too, in a few minutes."

When McCloud arrived he brought with him a porterhouse steak, and Marion was again driven from the kitchen. At the end of an hour, Dicksie, engrossed over the broiler, was putting the finishing touches to the steak, and McCloud, more engrossed, was watching her, when a diffident in any event. He had made up his and surprised-looking person appeared mind for that ride—a longer one than in the kitchen doorway and put his he had ever taken before or expected hand undecidedly on the casing. While he stood, Dicksie turned abruptly to McCloud.

> "Oh, by the way, I have forgotten something! Will you do me a favor?" "Certainly! Do you want money or

"No, not money," said Dicksie, lifting the steak on her fork, "though you might give me a pass."

"But I should hate to have you go away anywhere-" "I don't want to go anywhere, but I

never had a pass, and I think it would be kind of nice to have one just to keep. Don't you?' "Why, yes; you might put it in the bank and have it drawing interest."

est on passes?" "Well, a good deal of interest is felt in them-on this division at least.

"This steak is-Do they give inter-

What is the favor?" "Yes, what is it? How can I think? Oh, I know! If they don't put Jim in

a box stall to-night he will kill some of the horses over there. Will you telephone the stables?" (TO BE CONTINUED.)

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Then spoke a voice, "Behold the source of lard!"

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or boarders, but as children. They are placed in childless, that they have all the advantages of a public school education.

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Geo. Harvey was tried and con-victed in the district court at Sweetwater last week for "bootlegging." The jury returned a verdict of guilty and assessed sey of Big Springs. O'Donnell will be heard from after a while.

The location, water supply and the fine country surrounding it, will be factors in building up a location of the fine surrounding it, will be factors in building up a location of the locati and Judge Shepherd granted the request, holding that the law was unconsitutional, therefore, null and void. There seems to be a conflict of penalties in the local option law passed by the 31st legislature.—Colorado Record.

The Third Sight.

The first sight is to see others as they are. Second sight, to see others as we are. When we earn first to see others as they are with their bost qualities, we not only awaken their best to come out, but are unfolding out best in the same time. Then

S. Henry, the President of the College for a number of year's and known him to be reliable and the system of instruction he teaches to be thorough, because dren of Texas and place them in the agent time hardest task in the world, for the mardest task in the world, for the mardest task in the world, for the mardest task in the world, for any more time. Fort Worth, closes its eleventh we must first discover the great secret of "Know thy self," to solve this problem, we must constantly "scale the heights" where not only could we find ourselves but can get the third sight in the same time. If your first and second sight need attention, see Dr. Aronson, for the third sight, christian homes for adoption.

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fish, Sam?" Sam in the meantime had caught a flounder, which is white on one side, with a whiteness that looks like raw fish meat.

"All right, Massa Reuben!" called out Sam. "I'se comin' des ez soon ez I kotch de uvver ha'f o' dis here fish.' -Washington Times.

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"Is the editor out?" asked a visitor to the office of the Ridgeville Banner. "Yes, sir," answered the editor's small assistant. "He's gone out to put away a jug of licker left by a subscriber."

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Now that December has a me with its days of snow fluitues usingling with an- soft and subdued splendor of the pussing year, one's thoughts turn to the house and the tireside and the dear freed- that makes ones life so well worth living, and galong with that thought one is reminded that the Holiriay Season in upon us and that this is the time to choose presents furthe same

Gifts for Men

Something for a man seems often to be a puzzling question for the ladies. Don't puzzle any diore, here are many terms that will please bette: Curars, this always string the smoker.

Smoking sets; few things he spare Chies more.
Shaving sets; a very practical gift.
Collar and east hoose; very useful

A medaltion : for his room,

Fountain pen; he will like this if he Books; can't go amiss on this If he is

Oxford hibles; if he will use it. Sterling novelities; many expressly

Picket books; we have the kind that Pocket knives; he doubtless needs a

lik stands; new ones that will please Hair brushes talibe ones for gift pur-Cloth brushes; have them with fancy

Military brushes; made for men. Hat brushes; many styles to select

Traveling sets; useful whether he Clocks; get one for his room, sure to

Shaling mirrors; a very useful article Jewelry; no end of things in this line Watches; one of the very finest grits.

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

Pocket knives; hard to find a better

Games, we have all the new and popwatches; you can't find anything

Brushest he needs tollet arricles for Pictures: one for his room.

Sterling novelties; many snitable ones Musical instruments; just what he

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 dells and we sell them at very close prices in many instances for little over buil what some dealers charge. Bring in the little looks to see the dolls, it is always a treat to them.

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China dolls Kid bodies. 25e to \$2.50 Doll heads 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 destrable for young and old. They are treasured for a lifetime and pover 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 in cludge all the latest and most popular givels together with standard fiction, posity of Also books for girls, books ir byy- and books for the little people had fan find anything you want and

the regularly sell most books at less than published a prices, often much less and these low prives prevall throughour the holiday seaso

50 Good Cigars, \$2

Fine China

Fine as our stock was last year it is excelled in everyway this season. The designs get more behavided all the while China is one of those things that you can always give with a restainty 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

Scarf Pins 25c to \$10

Games

The sale of games increases yearly Instructive and amoving games are part of the equipment of every modern home attractive to both ald and young.

Burnt Wood Supplies, Lowest Prices

Provide Music

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

Pyrography Sets and Supplies

Sundries

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

Fountain Pens \$1.50 to \$6

Traveling Cases

A handsome, useable, durable gift. Just the thing in many instances. 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

Kodaks \$1 to \$20

Art Vases

Both demestic 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 bere you can always fine 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 or-nau ents 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 lates 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, after and cel-fuloid. Magnificent gifts for the gent let sex. 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 Manhoure sets, collar and out boxes, shaving sets. toilet cases, work boxes, handkere hief tioxes, glore boxes, makin baxes, abote 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

Books; scores of them especially for Pen knives, few base them all need

Pocket books; plenty of them here Work boxes; kinds made solely for

Musicale instructments; guitars and Pictures: certain to please

Polet articles: all sorts of these.

Toolet articles: all sorts of these. Watches; every girl hopes for one. Games; many kinds at many prices

Perfumest even little girls like per Diamond Rings \$5 to \$300

Bibles; small exfords sure to please

High Grade Stationery

Fine box papers are always in de mand for gifts, especially among the people at home. We have the finest paper ever shown in the city and the prices are right on them. These rare

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 perbet gift. Watch combines every element that makes a gift worth having The production of wa ches has reached sei-nuitle a stage that really excellent ones can be hat 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 ev-ery size and kind. Prices \$1, \$1.85; \$4-35, \$4.50, \$8, \$10, \$15, \$2, \$35, \$30, \$75.

Postal Card Albums 25c to \$3

Jewelry

The presents given this year it 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. crifts of beauty, gifts of utility and gifts at any price you care to pay. This one line will afford you a selection wide enough to cover every gift you have to buy, while every price we make is the lowest to be had any where.

Hand Painted Pictures \$5 to \$25

Cut Glass

When you buy cut glass you want the linest. We have superby specimens from the best makers in the land. Prices are reasonable as those who are posted on cut glass will recognize.

posted on cut glass will recognize.

There is no lady in the land, married or single, who would not frize a pace of cet glass. It represents the some of elegance in worth Expensive rather but worth its cost for those who can afford it and who seeks gifts of greep thous beauty and value. Our assort meat includes a wide range of items. Some small, cost little, others large costing more, but all sold at most reasonable prices.

Special Prices on Dressed Dolls

Shaving Sets

Fine variety of laney betseptited with high grade regard, etc. We also have Safty Razor Sets at various prices.

Statuary

This is an item that will always be rather rare in the average home, hence all the more desironble for those who wish something artistic and different Our line is truly artistic, and we prediet that they will go rapidly so those who wish to make sure of a good so pertion about beome soon 50 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. The to \$10.

Ladies' Parasols, 3.00 r to 15.00

Cameras and Supplies In our photo depratmet you 'il find gifts for the child, young man, young lady, the middle-aged or elderly. A camera is sepething that is interesting from childhood to did are. We carry a superb stock of the Eastman. You can buy a kodok here at any price from \$1 up. There are severe of things for gifts

in our photo lige, Pearl Brooches \$3 to \$10 Set Rings \$1 to \$20

Christmas Cards

Dainty hand painted ones. Leastiful. 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 with. We have beautiful ones at all prices.

Candies

We have just received a fresh stock of King's Chocolates and Con Bons iff 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 Christ mas and New Years' giving. All prices from 10c to \$2.50.

Smokers' Articles

Cigars, pipes, tobacco, cigar jurs, cigar holders, cigar cases, mateir 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 notof different colors.

Perfumes

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

Magnificent Medallions-Hand Painted Pictures

So targe is our stock of these beautiful pictures this year and so taking are subjects that it is bard to adequate ly 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; 50, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$4.01 as \$0.00 and \$10.00. \$4.00, 88 00 and \$10.00.

Shirt Waist Sets

Mirrors

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

Come Early and Often

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It is pleasant to realize the ! fact that the hearts of all kindly disposed people are warm with love for their friendand that they choose that some token of love and Triendship 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 con-ult this dist, make a memorandum, and then come and see other things we have no space

Bu affection. Books: padded leather gift editions,

for in-tance. eart calendars; these always pleases Albums; all the late designs.,

Toilet cases, a superb gift. We have Manieure sets; every women wants

Photo-horders: always need them

Glove and handkerchief boxes and Work toxes; nice line of these. Photo frames; in metal, collutord and

hurnt wood Fancy candlestick sphare to have ennowadays. 4.
Fine china; never any doubt about

Cut glass: no woman ever gets to much of this. Vasses; we have a beautiful array.

Wave crest ware; the ladies rave over Medallions: can't miss it on this item

Chafing dish; no woman is happy till she gets one.
Jewelry; a hundred gifts in this line. Sterling novelties; no more suitable

Gold pens; with pearl handle of

Mirrors; hand mirrors in all style-Jewel boxes many beautiful kinds. Watchest always peerless gift. Pocket books: in all the new leathers Confectionery; we have King's in

Celluloid and plush goods: dozens of tipe presents. Perfume; one thing that is always suitable. Set silver knives and forkt. Set tea

or taide spoons. Set olive forbs. Cold meat fork. Cream or gravy ladles Sugar effell. Butter knife. Carving

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 silver were 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 poust never be left out of your calculation in making up your list of holiday gifts. Come and see the new thrugs. Special low

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 ansurpassed. You are urged to examine it before buy-

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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