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Going to Leave

After Christmas we will move into our new quarters next door north of Rix & Co.

For the next fifteen days you will have a chance to buy your Christmas groceries at prices that will be to your entire satisfaction. Haven't time to quote prices now, but it might be to your advantage to come and see. We carry the stock, of quality the best; prices always in keeping with the times. We want your trade

Pool Brothers

Badger Club Organized.

A new club, to be known as the Big Springs Badger Club, was organized Saturday afteroon with thirteen charter mems. J. B. Harling was elected ident and J. V. Worlover stary and treasurer. It is a at organisation and will meet alsoly the first Saturday in

Important gossip. Save \$1 to \$3. Buy Ladies Belt Pins, Gar-

Leather Shops. Everything in high-class jewelry at Arnold-Tankersley Drug Company.

was here this week the guest of goods in our store

Man's Meeting.

ters with Silver Buckles. Art the men's meeting at Y. M. C. A. every Sunday. Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. All men cordialy invited.

Dress shirts at 40c, 75c, \$1.00 and up. These are cut prices. L. O. Ramsey of Sierra Blanca The assortment is large. No old Well, if this escapes the waste basket I will come again. A. P. McDonald & Co.

Contract Let.

Tuesday afternoon the contract for the construction of the First and built of brick. Work has al- vice-president, Reagan presided. to Lubbock. ready been commenced on the rapidly to completion.

has been increased from \$25,000 music for the occasion. All reto \$35,000 in order to accommo- port a good time and a splendid a consideration, or bonus from date those wanting stock. It has meeting. all been taken and fully paid up.

Knott News.

Beaumont, is building four new pect to have the amount raised raised. houses on the section south of by January 1st. the city of Knott.

Mr. Smith has just moved in

na Richardson of Westbrook are News. visiting relatives at Knott. I think we have the best land

in West Texas, and there is room Land is still cheap.

We have church three Sundays Judge L. A. Dale will address in the month and Sunday School

> was greatly enjoyed by all. P. B. Posey and Mr. T. M. Hancock are on the smiling list.

West Texas Boosters at Colorado.

State Bank and the Currie store sociation of Commercial Clubs cial club of this city, and Mr. S. building were let, W. B. Wester- held its quarterly meeting at S. Lees and his attorney, Judge man being the successful bidder. Colorado Tuesday. The attend: George, a proposition was sub-The building will be built on the ance was fairly good and a most mitted to Lubbock by Mr. Lees lots south of the Ward building, interesting meeting was held. In for the construction of a railroad will be one story 50 x 100 feet, the absence of President Buie, from some point on the Santa Fe

Those attending from here excavation and it will be pushed were B. Reagan, Fox Stribling, W. G. Hayden, W. E. Cope and The capital stock of the bank the Rix orchestra, who furnished

Railroad Talk.

The committee securing sub-The Knott community is get- scriptions to the railroad bonus ting on a boom. P. B. Posey, of are meeting fair success and ex-

Mr. O'Donnell left Thursday for Stanton, where he will make sensible, practicable one and on his section south of the Hack- arrangements for raising the boberry section. We are glad to nus there. It is probable that he welcome all such men as are will visit Dallas and St. Louis coming in. Mr. Smith will erect before his return to confer with two houses on his land at once. parties in regard to financing the Mr. Ray Green and Miss Leo- proposition .- Dawson County

Money

at Knott on Wednesday night la- lots will be charged 25 cents they go after it. drayage extra. Please bear this in mind and pay drivers on delivery.

STONE & CARPENTERS

Lubbock May Get Road. As a result of a meeting of

The Central West Texas As- representatives of the commer-

The proposition, as we understand it is this: That Mr. Lees will build, or cause" to be built, a railroad from some point on the Santa Fe railroad to Lubbock for Lubbock of \$50,000, right-of-way through the county and depot grounds in the town of Lubbock, which proposition has been aecepted conditionally, the conditions being if the bonus can be

Mr. Lee's proposition is a very seems to be almost unanimously endorsed by our people and as a result they are taking right hold of the proposition and subscribing liberally.-Lubbock Ava-

Midland Gets College.

The committee from the Texas Christian University were at Midfor more good men to get homes. Coal and Wood is money. It land last week and selected a site takes this for us to get it and we for the Christian College. The are not allowed to touch it until citizens of Midland donated 225 we pay for it, and therefore, we acres of land near town and have got to sell for CASH, and \$2,5000 in cash. When the peo-The entertainment given all orders for coal or wood in dol- ple of that town want a thing

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

HARTZOG & BOYETT.

Presents - Thousands of Them -at REAGAN'S

BIG SPRINGS. - - TEXAS

Count Zeppelin probably thinks that the seroplane is all right as a toy. In 1,000 years, says Nansen, the end of the world will come. Which end

Male servants in the Argentine cap-Ital get 66 cents to \$2,20 gold a day and female help 49 cents to \$1.10.

explorer?

Count Boni de Castellane has not been saying much recently, but we feel safe in assuring the public that he is not sawing wood.

If, as a scientist claims, trees think, it would be interesting to knowatheir opinion of the man who deliberately

Missouri man has his life saved by a package of eigarettes in his inside pocket. Don't cheer-a brier pipe would have been just as effective.

Cato learned Greek at the age of 80 years, owing to the fact that he was not living in a country where every fool was permitted to carry a gun.

William Howard Taft will be the only president with a middle name since Chester A. Arthur. All but seven of our 26 presidents have been blessed with but a single baptismal name.

Counterfeit \$5 bills are in circulation. The prudent man will scrutinize his \$5 bills before he takes them in, and the truly honest man will look carefully at his before he pays them

In the mountain regions of Cuba there are many ridges and valleys of extremely fertile land, nearly all untouched, and existing practically as they did before the time of the Span-

A Chicago judge has decided that a baby carriage must have lighted lamps if it is pushed on public ways after dark. This will reduce the terrible

Prof. Zueblin recommends internarriage of the races. It is a cold day when the professor does not bring forth a new idea and the temperature has been noticeably high through this present fall.

Two-cent postage stamps of a new design have just been issued, and later those of higher denominations will appear. The two-cent stamp will be adorned with a portrait of Washington in profile from the Houdon statue.

Zinc mining in Mexico has become important only in the last three years. The most important sinc deposits are near Monterey. At Calera there is a large amount of mixed suphide ore, Potosi is also producing zinc ore.

As a part of the reception to the American battleship fleet, Japan arranged that each American vessel should be met and escorted to its station by a Japanese vessel of similar rank and power. Could anything be eater, as a cordial hand-shake with the mailed fist?

Following the example of the Danish government, the National Red Cross association of America will issue special stamps this year for use on Christmas mail. The stamps will not serve as postage, but will carry only holiday greetings. The revenue will go to the Red Cross fund for fighting tuberculosis.

Word came recently from Stefanson, the arctic explorer, that he came near having to spend winter at Point Barrow for want of matches. The natives would not go farther into the wilderness with only filnts and steels. He finally secured matches from whaling vessels and pushed on. It is an interesting comment on the material progress of the world that uncivilized people have come to regard comparatively modern inventions as indispensable.

The cruisers and gunboats of the navy keep up their target practice, as | Mississippi. well as the big battleships. And the official reports-forwarded from the commander of our naval forces in indippine waters show excellent re-The figures will not be made known until the reports reach Washington, but it is stated in connection therewith that all records have been broken. The Yankee tar continues to be a sharpshooter, no matter what craft he sails in.

The ancient Greeks had recommended the use of sterilized water. Rufus of Ephesus in the first century of this era taught that "all water from rivers and ponds is bad, except that from the Nile. Water from rivers which flow through unhealthy soil, stagnant water, and that which flows near public bathing places is harmful. The hest water is that which has been boiled in baked earthenware vessels, cooled and then heated a second time before orinking."

The house of Verona which the guides in that city have pointed out to tourists as the home of Juliet's parents and the place where Romeo wooed her was burned last month. Although the house was marked with a tablet setting forthits relation to the famous story which Shakespeare has immortalized, scholars have long doubted the Veronese legend. About all that longed to the right period. Now traveler will have to be content with looking at the reputed grave of Juliet

ENTERPRISE THE WEEK'S EPITOME

RESUME OF THE MOST IMPOR-TANT NEWS AT HOME AND ABROAD.

FROM EVERYWHERE

Carefully Digested and Condensed Compilation of Current News o Domestic and Foreign.

Tom Teller of Wichita Falls was ac zidentally shot through the leg Wednesday while in a restaurant with a rifle, which he thought was unloaded.

Thousands of cattle on the ranges in Colorado are reported to be starving. with the prospect that there will be unprecedented loss to the cattlemen during the winter.

The United States and Germany have arranged for a postal rate on letters of 2 cents instead of the existing rate of 5c. The new rate goes into effet on January 1.

The Grayson County Medical Association adjourned Thursday evening. A resolution was passed requesting the National tuberculosis exhibit to be brought to Sherman.

M. D. Brown of the Navarro Oil Company of Corsicana made his appearance in North Fort Worth Friday and began to secure the right of way for a pipe line for natural gas.

The Kansas City Stock Yards Company will begin, the first week in January, the erection of a new eightstory Live Stock Exchange building and new cattle and hog pens.

Eight hundred and thirty dollars revenue off fourteen acres of peanuts, or nearly \$60 an acre, is what W. D. Pockrus did with his peanut crop

southeast of Denton this year. The burning of the Garza School building from an unknown cause mortality caused by overspeeding baby Thursday night is the third public school building in Denton county to

be burned in the last two months. Her owners say the steel freighter R. M. Clemson, sunk in a gale at Duluth Saturday. Tugs are searching the lake. The crew numbers 25 and probably all are lost,

Seven frame dwelling houses and a two-story business building was the toll claimed Friday by the encroaching water of the swollen Arkansas river, eating their way into the heart of Pine Bluff, Ark

Another enterprise is to be added to interprising Palestine. R. J. L. and Frank Morris and C. M. Key have purchased the necessary machinery and while the Tiro General. I San Luis, will erect buildings for a large crate and box factory.

> Dennis Lawson, a prominent young cattleman of Mill Creek, Okla, died Friday afternoon at Mulkey, a few miles east of here, from a gunshot wound received in the stomach Friday Club, the Trade League and the

> The stewards of the First Methodist church held a meeting Sunday in Club auditorium in Dallas Tuesday Beaumont and passed a resolution re- night, were combined into a central questing ladies to remove their hats organization, to be known as the during services in the church in order not to obstruct the view of people sitting behind them.

> The past week made a banner record for the United States navy recruiting station at Dallas, a total of switch at Haney, a siding eleven miles twenty men being enlisted. This is the best record of any one week since the first of August, and the pace promises meeting point, in which two were to keep up, according to Lieut, Wilbert Smith, the officer in charge of the recruiting station.

The second annual exhibition of the Hill Coounty Poultry and Pet Stock Association opened in Hillsboro, Tuesday, with nearly 1,000 birds entered, they having come from all sections of Texas and many from Louisiana and

A telegram from French West Africa says that a detachment of French Spahis have had a serious engag; ment with a band of Moors The French lor, in killed one lieutenant and twelve privates, while the mamy suffered heavily and was routed

After choosing Brownwood, Texas as the place of the next annual session and electing officers and winding up unfinished business, the convention of the Daughters of the Confederacy closed in Terrell Friday.

A tragedy occurred in Ardmore, er Ford, a boy of 12 years, is dead, with three buckshot in the back. Policeman Smith Redmon is wounded with four shot, and William Bellew was shot in thirty places from the

hips to the head. Mrs. Nicholas Errington of Chicago, who was traveling with her 10-yearold daughter, Tuesday, in a hotel in Memphis, Tenn., forced the girl to take carbolic acid and then drained the vial herself, ending both lives in a

short time. Corsicana: While making a gas connection at the residence of J. P. Wooten Thursday evening an explosion oc could be said of it, says the Youth's curred in which the plumber, Bur-Companion, is that the building be gess, was severely burned. Mrs. Wooten and son and Mrs. Clayton of Athens received slight burns,

Robert Brode, an old and respected TWO DEAD; STREET RIOT Wednesday morning.

Saturday afternoon about 5:20 o'clock Mrs. Mary Freeman was found dead in her home in Corsicans.

The National Life Association of Dea Molnes, Towa, was granted a Reense to do business in Texas.

Active work is in progress on new flouring mill in San Angelo, which is to be ready by the first of the new

A. H. Mywaters, a prominent citizen and banker, was sticken with parlysis at his home at Roxfon Thursday af-

The town of Browning, of several hundred inhabitants, nine miles north of Morris Ok., has been entirely wiped out by fire.

At El Paso, Tuesday, ground was broken for the construction of a \$65,-000 ice plant and also for an \$85,000 flouring mill. Texas has risen from eighth to

third place in the rank of lumber-producing states, according to a report of the cut for 1907. Mrs. J. H. Hughes was struck and

run over by a Texas & Pacific locomotive at Sherman, Tuesday. She died in twenty minues. The Weatherford interurban subscription is now \$50,000, and it is

claimed the amount will, in a few days, feach \$75,00. William Biggey, Chief of Police of San Francisco, drowned Tuesday night,

while returning across the bay in the police patrol iaunch. Preparations are being made to occupy the new \$100,000 hospital recently completed in Temple for use of

the Santa Fe employes. Over one hundred running horses have arrived in El'Paso to take part in the sixty-day midwinter race meet, which opened there Friday.

The site offered by Mrs. Esteele Chatham has been accepted for the postoffice building to be erected at Clarksville. The price is \$5,000.

The property of John A. Brown priced to the government at \$29,000, has been accepted by the Federal authorities as the site for the new public building in Cleburne.

When James McCormick, a prom inent planter of Uvalde, La., came to the gateway of his home Saturday night in response to the request of two negroes, he was fired on and killed.

Assistant Attorney General Crawford has ruled that persons qualified to vote in local option elections to be held between the present and Feb. 1, must possess poll tax receipts issued to them prior to February, 198.

Thirty additional men are to be employed at the Dalias postoffice to assist in the expeditious handling of the Christmas mails. Fifteen additional clerks and fifteen additional carriers are authorized to be put on duty Dec. 16.

The Commercial Club, the 150,000 Chamber of Commerce.

Because frosty Tails coused the wheels to slide when the airbrakes were applied to a fast southbound Santa Fe train upon passing the south of Amarillo, a collision occurred with the northbound train at the killed, two seriously hurt and a number of others more or less seriously injured.

It is reported here that Iowa capitalists have purchased a site near Seminary, Miss., for the erection of a paper mill, the pulp to be obtained from ony trees. The plant is to cost \$100.

Remaining at his post, though danger threatened, A. A. Reppard, was alowly scalded to death when his engine turned over and pinned him under the wreckage, one mile from Aaron, Ga., on the Savannah, Augusta and Northern rallway early Sunday.

Chas. Eckstromer, Swed sh Vice-Consul in St. Louis, killed himself by drinking prusic acid at his home

T. L. Cowrat, a prominent citizen of Bonham, killed himself at his home in the north part of town Tuesday morn-Okla., Tuesday evening in which Luth- ing. The entire charge of shot from a shotgun went through his head.

Tyler Commercial Club is now distributing free a booklet, descriptive of East Texas, beautifully illustrated with photographs of fruit and truck farms in Smith county.

The senior class of the state university at Austin has decided to give to the institution, before leaving, a me morial window, to be placed in the main entrance of the university.

Harvey B. Cobb, aged 77 years, died Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Fart Mabry in that city Septe in Dallas. He had resided in Texas 1:30 o'clock Tuesday, Imme for more than fifty years.

died Thursday at her home from the after effects of the injuries.

POLICE CLASH WITH LEADER OF ED THOROUGHFARE.

THREE ARE FATALLY INJURED

Velley of Bulleta Fired at Policemen Instantly Kills One-Two Officers and Preacher Dying.

Kansas City, Dec. 9.- In the very hadow of the city half in this city and less than a half mile from the business center, a riot, in which religious fanatics and police were the participants, and in which a hundred shots were fired Tuesday afternoon, resulted in the death of one policeman and a 13-year-old girl, fatal injuries to three and slight injuries to two other persons.

The dead: Charles Dalrow, a patrolman; Lola Pratt, aged 13. Fatally injured: John Sharp, known as "Adam God," a street preacher; Michael Mullane, a patrolman; Patrick Clark, a police sergeant. Slightly injured: Harry E. Stege, policeman; George M. Holt, probation officer. The trouble occurred at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when the streets of the business market and City Hall were crowded with people. While the battle as in rogress the participants traversed an entire block, the final stages of the fight being enacted directly across the stret from the police station,

Confederates Take Action.

Hillsboro: At the regular monthly meeting of Hill County Camp No. 168, U. C. V. a resolution was adopted memoralizing the Thirty-first Legislature for an increase in the appropriation for pensions for Confederate veterans entitled thereto to an amount sufficient to pay the full limit of \$8 per month and to have eliminated from the conditions upon which the pensions are granted the pauper's oath now required to be taken by applications for opensions; also that an amendment to the constitution be submitted to provide for allowing pensions to all Confederate soldiers not now receiving them, who made honorable records and who are in indigent cfreumstances,

West Texas Clubs Meet.

Colorado: The Central West Texas Commercial Clubs met in Colorado Puesday. The occasion had been duly advertised and considerable prepara tion had been made by the local club for the reception of the clubs. At the depot several hundred of Colorado's leading citizens had assembled to meet the visitors and members of the clubs and extend them the hand of

San Angelo: The Anti-Tuberculosis Association of Tom Green County is going to get busy right away with work in hand. Many citizens have joined and already a nice sum has been subscribed for carrying on the work. Officers and members are alive to the necessity for intelligent and

Ask More Protection for Game. Dallas: Under the direction of the Texas Field and Sportsman, petitions to the Legislature are being circulated asking for certain changes in the game laws of the State for the better pres ervation of game birds and anims

Conductor Nelson Dies.

Amarillo: Conductor W. H. Nelso who was injured in the Santa Fe wreck near here Sunday morni died late Tuesday afternon from his injuries. He was apparently improving rapidly until a few minutes before his death, which came very suddenly and as a shock to his family who were at his bedside. Fireman Holstein, who was injured at the same time, is reported improving and will prob: ly recover.

Prairie View Normal.

Austin: E. L. Blackshear, principal if the Prairie View Normal School for s, located at Prairie View, recmodate 1200 instead of 500 pupils and the establishment of a fac that must enable the school to be self-sustaining. His report was filed with the governor Tuescay. It covers se blennial period ending last Aug

McCue Cace on Trial.

Fort Worth: The last of the twelve home of his daughter, Mrs. C. H. Hall 1997, was accepted and sworn in at Helen Troy of Houston, the girl until Wednesday morning in or who was so badly burned Wednesday, that the attorneys might spend the died Thursday at her home from the afternoon talking to their witnesses d arranging all preliminaries

It May Be Your Fate

To have your house burned down tonight. One can never tell what mine such a thing may happen. The question naturally arises, ARE YOU is SURED? If not, do you think it would be wise to have us issue a police at once? It is most decidedly penny wise and pound foolish to be withe insurance when the danger of fire is always present, when ruin may one at any time. Call on us at our

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CHRISTMAS GIFT..

N making your holiday presents, give some useful article---something that will last. In purchasing my stock I kept this end in view, so that you will find in my store now the best selection of useful articles and handsome presents ever brought to Big Springs, Texas. Solid Silver Toilet and Manicure Sets, also a line of cheaper ones. The prettiest line of Cut Glass and Silverware ever brought to town. Almost anything you want in this line.

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PIPES, ETC.

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Pipes, Cigars, Pocket Knives, Combs, Brushes and thousands of other articles suitable for presents for both old and young, and at prices you can afford. Come in and see our lines and make your selection

CANDIES .- "Made Last Night", beautiful Christmas packages, just received by express

These things are good and the prices are right. I want you to visit my store and make it headquarters. You are always welcome here.

Reagan's Drug Store

ocal and Personal

here this week. Fine pipes at Arnold-Tanker

J. D. Sawyers of Dublin, was

sley Drug Co. J. H. O'Brien of Stanton was

here Tuesday. Best perfumes 5c to \$5.00 per

bottle at Ward's. G. T. Walker, postmaster a Auto, was in town Tuesday.

Real bargains in Christmas goods at Ward's.

Dolls, Dolls! Polls! Arnold-Tankersley-Drug Company.

Those Ox Blood carved garters make everybody look some. Art Leather Shops.

Pecans at Green's at \$13.50 per

Stick pins for Xmas presents at Arnold-Tankersley Drug Co.

8-4t Fort Worth on a few days vaca- the interest of his paper.

Cuff buttons for Xmas presents at Arnold-Tankersley Drug Co.

J. G. Carter and wife of Glasscock county were shopping here Monday.

Gold watches for Christmas presents at Arnold-Tankersley Drug Co.

Jno. Boatright and H. M. Moore have gone to the T. & P. hospital at Marshall.

Watch fobs for Christmas presents at Arnold-Tankersley Drug Company.

Dr. S. G. Cain has moved his office over Reagan's drug store.

Brooches for Christmas presents at Arnold-Tankersley Drug Company.

Editor Jones of the Borden Brakeman H. L. Mauzy is in Citizen spent Wednesday here in

> Watch chains for Christmas presents at Arnold-Tankersley Drug Co.

J. F. Ball, of the firm of Ayers & Ball, was here the first of the week from Pecos.

Bracelets for Christmas presents at Arnold: Tankersley Drug Company.

D. G. Fields of Colorado was here this week on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Chas. Morris.

Waist sets for Christmas presents at Arnold-Tankersley Drug Company.

J. O. Gibson and family returned Saturday from a visit to relatives at Weatherford.

Christmas presents at Arnold- Drug Co. Tankersley Drug Co.

Miss Doshia Spearman and brother, Cleve, of Garden City were here the first of the week.

J. J. Coffee, of Dawson county, spent Saturday and Sunday here, the guest of his son, R. C. Coffee. Come early and get first choice.

Signet rings for Christmas presents at Arnold-Tankersley Drug Co. S. N. Young and family have

gone to Fort Worth where they will make their home. Gold rings for Christmas pres-

ents at Arnold-Tankersley Drug Company. The C. E. Frost & Co. bank-

rupt stock of saddles and harness has been sold to A. G. Hall. Diamond rings for Christmas

resents at "Arnold-Tankersley \$5.00 bills at \$1.39 would have

to be advertised as we do our belt pins—at cost. Art Leather Co.

Favorite Headache Tablets are the best, at Ward's. 12-tf

Everybody buys Christmas Gold - headed parasols for presents at Arnoid-Tankersley

W. B. Allen has sold his coal and wood business to Stone and Carpenter who continue it at the same place and will appreciate the patronage of the public.

Dolls up to \$10.00, all kinds. Arnold-Tankersley Drug Co.

T. F. Palmer, of Erath county, was here Friday on his way to Dawson county where he has bought land and expects to make his home.

We place quality above everything in Christmas presents. Arnold-Tankersley Drug Co.

Mrs. M. D. Moorman of Durant, Oklahoma, came in Sunday on a visit to her daughters, Mesdames R. E. Russell and S. H. building, makes a specialty of ter the holidays.

would have to be advertised as have to be advertised the same we do our goods.

Art Leather Shops



Buy the best-Buy Eupion

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to the man who gives all his mind to his business. You cannot do that if you spend half your time in worrying over how to guard vour cash. No way you can devise is as safe as depositing it in

WEST TEXAS NATIONAL BANK

can give ali your attention to your business without having the slightest worry about the safety of what you already have.

Toilet sets for Christmas presents at Arnold-Tankersley Drug Company.

After the 11th of this month the store of J. W. Fisher will be open after 7 p. m. on account of Christmas display.

J. O. Gibson, the tailor, in the front basement of the Ward Spain, and will remain until af- cleaning and pressing cloth-

Silver dollars at 38c each \$50.00 bills at \$31.49 would as we do sash pins at cost.

Art Leather Shops.

You'll be compelled to buy a whip and whip yourself after Christmas if you don't buy some of our leather goods before Christmas. Art Leather Shops.

J. W. Neill of Auto, was in town Tuesday and said the people out his way are about through picking cotton and some of them have commenced to break land for another crop.

W. B. Stephens of Coleman, spent yesterday here. He had been on a prospecting trip to Roswell, New Mexico, but did not like that country.

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urniture and stoves.

PRESIDENT TO CONGRESS

Message Read to Both Houses of National Assembly

LEGISLATION CALLED FOR

Financial Standing of the Nation Declared Excellent-Control of Corporations, the President Thinks, Should Be Left to the National Government-Labor Leaders Come In for Criticism-Respect for Law Vital to the Well-Being of Country.

Washington.-The message of President Roosevelt was read in both houses of congress Tuesday. In substance the document was as follows: To the Senate and House of Representatives: The financial standing of the nation at the present time is excellent, and the financial management of the na-tion's interests by the government dur-ing the last seven years has shown the most salisfactory results. But our cur-rency system is imperfect, and it is ear-nestly to be hoped that the currency commission will be able to propose a thoroughly good system which will do away with the existing defects.

During the period from July 1, 1901, to September 20, 1908, there was an increase in the amount of money in circulation of \$202,991,299. The increase in the per capita during this period was \$7.06. Within this time there were several occasions when it was necessary for the treasury department to come to the relief of the money market by purchases or redemptions of United States bonds, by increasing deposits in national banks; by stimulating additional issues of national banks notes, and by facilitating importations from abroad of gold. Our imperfect currency system has made these proceedings necessary, and they were effective until the monetary disturbance in the fail of 1907 immensely increased the difficulty of ordinary methods of relief. By the midduring this period was \$7.06. Within this ordinary methods of relief. By the mid-die of November the available working balance in the treasury had been reduced to approximately \$5,000,000. Clearing house associations throughout the coun-try had been obliged to resort to the expedient of isguing clearing house cer-tificates, to be used as money. In this emergency it was determined to invite subscriptions for \$50,000,000 Panaga Google emergency it was determined to invite subscriptions for \$50,000,000 Panama canal bonds, and \$100,000,000 three per cent. certificates of indebtedness authorized by the act of June 13, 1808. It was proposed to redeposit in the national banks the proceeds of these issues, and to permit their use as a basis for additional circulating notes of national banks. The moral effect of this procedure was so great that it was necessary to issue only \$24,631,980 of the Panama bonds and \$15,436,500 of the certificates of indebtedness.

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During the period from July 1, 1901, to
September 30, 1908, the balance between
the net ordinary receipts and the net
ordinary expenses of the government
showed a surplus in the four years 1902,
1903, 1908, and 1907, and a deficit in the
years 1904, 1906, bos and/or fractiomat part
of the fiscal year 1909. The net result
was a surplus of 800,253,412.64. The financtal operations of the government during
this period, based upon these differences
between receipts and expenditures, resuited in a net reduction of the interestbearing debt of the United States from
\$857,141,040 to \$857,253,390, notwithstandingthat there had been two asizes of Panama
canal bonds amounting in the aggregate
to \$54,631,590, and an fasue of three per
cant, certificates of indebtedness under
the act of June 13, 1838, amounting to
\$15,436,590. Refunding operations of the
treasury department under the act of
March 14, 1900, resulted in the conversion into two per cent, consols of 1930 of
\$250,300,400 bonds bearing higher rates of sion into two per cent. consols of 1300 of 8200,300,400 bonds bearing higher rates of interest. A decrease of \$8.607,506 in the annual interest charge resulted from these operations.

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In short, during the seven years and three months there has been a net surplus of nearly one hundred millions of receipts over expenditures, a reduction of the interest-bearing debt by ninety millions, in spite of the extraordinary expense of the Panama canal, and a saving of nearly nine millions on the annual interest charge. interest charge Control of Corporations.

As regards the great corporations en-gaged in interstate business, and espe-cially the railroads, I can only repeat what I have already again and again said in my messages to the congress. I be-lieve that under the interstate clause of the constitution the United States has complete and paramount right to controi all agencies of interstate commerce, and I believe that the national govern-ment alone can exercise this rights with wisdom and effectiveness so as both to secure justice from, and to do justice to, the great corporations which are the most important factors in modern busi-ness. I believe that it is worse than to attempt to prohibit all combinations as is done by the Sherman binations as is done by the Sherman anti-trust law, because such a law can be enforced only imperfectly and sinequally, and its enforcement works almost as much hardship as good. Instrongly advocate that instead of an unwise effort to prohibit all combinations, there shall be substituted a law which shall expressly permit combinations of the substituted as the substitute a there shall be substituted a law which shall expressly permit combinations which are in the interest of the public, but shall at the same time give to some agency in the national government full power of control and supervision over them. One of the chief features of this control should be securing entire publicity in all matters which the control of the chief the control of the chief features of the control should be securing entire publicity in all matters which the control of th control should be securing entire publicity in all matters which the public has a right to know, and furthermore, the power, not by judicial but by executive action, to prevent or put a stop to every form of impropes favoritism or other wrongdoing.

The railways of the country should be put completely under the interstate commerce commission and removed from the glomain of the anti-trust in a The power of the commission should be made, thoroughgoing, so that, it could exercise completely supervisions and control over

correlated supervisions and control over the facue of securities as well as over the ranging and leaving of rates Axregards rates, at least, this power should be summary. Hates must be made as low as is compatible with giving prop er returns to all the employee of the rails road, from the highest to the lowest, and proper returns to the shareholders, but they must not, for insidnce be reduced in such fusition as to beceasifule a cut in the wages of the employee or the station. the abolition of the proper and legitimate profits of honest shareholders.

Telegraph and telephone companies engaged in interstate business should be put under the jurisdiction of the interstate commerce commission.

It is very example; to be wished that our people, through their representatives, our people, through their representatives, should act in this matter. It is to the interest of all of us that there should be a premium gut upon invidual initiative and individual car

pacity, and an ample reward for the great directing intelligences alone competent to manage the great business operations of to-day. It is well to keep in mind that exactly as the amerchiat is the worst enemy of liberty and the reactionary dhe worst enemy of order, so the men who defends the rights of property have most to fear from the wrongdoers of great wealth, and the men w 5 are championing popular rights have most to fear from the demagogues who in the name of popular rights would to wrong to and oppress honest business men, honest men of wealth for the success of either type of wrongdoer necessarity obvites a violent reaction against the cause the wrongdoer nominally upholds. the wrongdoer nominally upholds.

Need of Centralization.

The proposal to make the na-tional government supreme over, and therefore to give it complete control over, the railroads and other instruments of interstate commerce is merely a propos-al to carry out to the letter one of the prime purposes, if not the prime purpose, for which the constitution was founded. If does not represent centralization. It represents merely the acknowledgment of the patent fact that centralization has already come in business. If this irre-sponsible outside business power is to be controlled in the interest of the general way; by giving adequate power of con-trol to the one sovereignty capable of ex-ercising such power—the national govern-ment To abandon the effort or national control means to abandon the effort, or all adequate control and yet to render likely continual bursts of action by state legislatures, which cannot achieve the purpose sought for, but which can do a great deal of damage to the corporation without conferring any real benefit on

There should be regulation by the national government of the great Interstate corporations, including a simple method of account keeping, publicity, supervision of the issue of securities, abolition of rebates and of special privileges. There should be short-time franchises for all corporations engaged in public business, including the corporations which get power from water rights. There should be national as well as state guardianship of mines and forests. The labor legislation hereinarter referred to should concurrently be enacted into law.

To accomplish this, means a certain increase in the use of—not the creation of —power, by the central government. The power already exists; it does not have to be created: the only question is whether it shall be used or left idle—and meanwhile the corporations over which the power ought to be exercised will not remain idle. The danger to American democracy lies not in the least in the concentration of administrative power in responsible and accountable hands. There should be regulation by the na

will not remain idle. The danger to American democracy lies not in the least in the concentration of administrative power in responsible and accountable hands. It lies in having the power inaufficiently concentrated, so that no one can be held responsible to the people for its use. Concentrated power is palpable, visible, responsible, easily reached, quickly held to account. Democracy is in peril wherever the administration of political power is scattered among a variety of men who work in secret, whose very names are unknown to the common people. It is not in peril from any man who derives authority from the people, who, exercises it in sight of the people, and who is from time to time compelled to give an account of its exercise to the people. Legislation for Wageworker.

There are many matters affecting labo and the status of the wageworker to which I should like to draw your atten-tion, but an exhaustive discussion of the problem in all its aspects is not now necproblem in all its aspects is not now mecessary. I believe in a steady effort, or perhaps it would be more
accurate to say in steady efforts
in many different directions, to bring
about a condition of affairs under which
the men who work with hand or with
brain, the laborers, the superintendents,
the men who produce the market and the
men who find a market for the articles
produced, shall own, a far greater share
than at present of the wealth they produce, and be enabled to invest it in the
tools and instruments by which all work
is carried on. As far as possible I hope
to see a frank recognition of the advantages conferred by machinery, organization and division of labor, accompanied
by an effort to bring about a larger share
in the ownership by wage-worker of railway, mill and factory.

Postal Saving's banks will make it
easy for the poorest to keep their savings in absolute safety. The regulation
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ings in absolute safety. The regulation of the national highways must be such that they shall serve all people with equal justice. Corporate finances must be supervised so as to make it far safer than at present-for the man of small means to invest his money in stocks. There must be prohibition of child labor, ...minution of women tabor, shortening of hours of all mechanical labor; stock watering should be prohibited. bor. ...minution of women tabor. shortening of hours of all mechanical labor; stock watering should be prohibited, and stock gambling so far as is possible discouraged. There should be a progressive inheritance tax on large fortunes. Industrial education should be encouraged. As far as possible we should lighten the burden of taxation on the small man. We should put a premium upon thrift, hard work, and business energy; but these qualities cease to be the main factors in accumulating a fortune long before that fortune reaches a point where it would be seriously affected by any inheritance tax such as I propose. It is eminently right that the action should fix the terms upon which the great fortunes are inherited. They rarely do good and they often do harm to those who inherit them in their entirety. There should no longer be any paltering with the question of taking care of the wageworkers who, under our present industrial system, become killed, crippled, or worn out as part of the regalar incidents of a given business. As far as concerns those who have been worn out. I call your attention to, the fact that definite steps toward providing old-age pensions have been taken in many of our private industries. These may be indefinitely extended through vibratary, association and contributory schemes, or through the agency of savings banks, as under the Massachusetts plan.

Urgent Need of Reform.

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Our present system, or rather no system, works dreadful wrong, and is of benefit to only one class of people—the lawyers. When a workman is injured what he needs is not an expensive and doubtful lawsuit, but the certainty of relief through immediate administrative action. No academic theory about "freedom of contract" or "constitutional liberty, to contract" should be permitted to interfere with this and similar movements. similar movements.

Pending a thoroughgoing investiga-

tion, and action there is certain legis lation which should be enacted at once intion which should be enacted at once. The law passed at the last session of the congress granting compensation to certain classes of employes of the government should be extended to include all employes of the government and should be made more liberal in its terms. There is no good ground for the distinction made in the law between those engaged in hazardous occupations and those not so engaged. The terms of the set capations and those not so engaged The terms of the act pro-viding compensation should be made more liberal than in the present more liberal than in the present act. A year's compensation is not ade-quate for a wage-earner's family in the event of his death by accident in the course of his employment. And in the event of death occurring, say, ten or eleven months after the accident, the family would only receive as com-sation the equivalent of one or

its employes compares most unfavorably with that of every country in Europe—even the boorest.

I renew my recommendation made in
a previous message that half-holidays
be granted during summer to all wagsworkers in government employ.

I also renew my recommendation that
the principle of the eight-hour day
should as rapidly and as far as practicable be extended to the entire work cable be extended to the entire work being carried on by the government; the present law should be amended to embrace contracts on those public works which the present wording of the act seems to exclude.

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I most earnestly urge upon the congress the duty of increasing the totally inadequate salaries now given to our judges. On the whole there is no hody of public servants who do as valuable work, nor whose moneyed reward is so inadequate compared to their work. Beginning with the supreme court the judges should have their salaries doubled. It is not betiting the dignity of the nation that its most honored public servants should be paid sums as small compared to what they would earn in private life that the performance of compared to what they would earn in private life that the performance of public service by them implies an ex-ceedingly heavy pecuniary sacrifice. It is earnestly to be desired that some

method should be devised for doing away with the long delays which now obtain in the administration of justice, and which operate with peculiar severity against persons of small means, and favor only the very criminals whom it is most desirable to punish. These long delays in the final decisions of cases make in the final decisions of cases make in the aggregate a crying evil; and a remedy shou, i be davised. Much of this intolerable delay is due to improper regard paid to technicalities which are a mere hinderance to justice. In some noted recent cases this over-regard for technicalities. over-regard for technicalities has re-sulted in a striking denial of justice and flagrant wrong to the body politic

Labor Leaders Criticised.

At the last election certain leaders of organized labor made a violent and sweeping attack upon the entire judiciary of the country, an attack couched in such terms as to include the most upright, honest and broad-minded judges, no less than those of narrower mind and more restricted outlook. Last year, before the house committee on judiciary, these same labor leaders formulated their demands, specifying the bill that contained them refusing all compromise, stating they wished the principle of that bill or nothing. They insisted on a provision that in a labor dispute no injunction should issue except to protect a property right, and specifically provided that the right to carry on business should not be construed as a property right; and in a second provis-Labor Leaders Criticised. business should not be construed as a property right; and in a second provision their bill made legal in a tabor dis pute any act or agreement by or be-tween two or more persons that would not have been unlawful if done by a single person. In other words, this bill legalized blacklisting and boycetting single person. In other words, this bill legalized blacklisting and boycetting in every form, legalizing, for instance those forms of the secondary boycett which the anthracite coal strike commission so unreservedly condemned, while the right to carry on a business was explicitly taken out from under that protestion which the law throws over property. The demand was made that there should be trial by jury in contempt cases, thereby most seriously impairing the authority of the courts. All this represented a course of policy which, if carried out, would mean the enthronement of class privilege in its crudest and most brutal form, and the destruction of one of the most assential functions of the judicary in all civilized lands.

The violence of the crusade for this legislation, and its complets failure, illustrate two truths which it is essential our people should learn. In the first place, they ought to teach the workingman, the laborer, the wageworker, that by demanding what is improper and impossible he plays into the hands of his foes. Such a crude and vicious attack upon the courts, even if it were temporarily successful, would the vitably in the end cause a violent reaction and would band the great mass of citizens together, forcing them to stand by all the judges, competent and incompetent alike, rather than to see the wheels of justice stopped.

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The wageworkers, the workingmen. the laboring men of the country by the way in which they repudiated the offort to get them to cast their votes in response to an appeal to class hatred, have emphasized their sound patriotism and Americanism. Such an attitude is an object lesson in good citizenship to the entire nation.

Judicial System Sound. Judicial System Sound.

Our judicial system is sound and effective at core, and it remains, and must ever be maintained, as the safeguard of those principles of liberty and justice which stand at the foundation of American institutions; for, as Burke finely said, when liberty and justice are separated, neither is safe. There are, however, some members of the judicial body who have lagged behind in their understanding of these great and vital changes in the body politic, whose minds have never been opened to the new applications of the old principles made necessary by the new conditions. Judges of this stamp do lasting harm by their decisions, because they convince poor men in need of protection that the courts of the land are profoundly ignorant of and out of sympathy with their needs, and profoundly ignorant or hostile to any proposed remedy. To such men it seems a cruel mockery to have any court decide against them on the ground that, it desires to preserve "liberty" in a purely technical form, by withholding liberty in any real and constructive sense.

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There are certain decisions by various courts which have been exceedingly detrimental to the rights of wage-workers. This is true of all decisions that decide that men are, by the constitution, "guaranteed their liberty" to contract to enter that men are, by the constitution, "guaranteed their liberty" to centract to enter
a dangerous occupation, or to work an
undesirable or improper number of hours,
or to work in unhealthy surroundings;
and therefore cannot recover damages
when maimed in that occupation, and
cannot be forbidden to work what the
legislature decides is an excessive number of hours, or to carry on the work
under conditions which the legislature
decides to be unbesithy. Decisions
such as those nullify the legislative
effort to protect the wage-workers who
most need protection from those employers who take advantage of their grindlng need. They halt or hamper the movement for securing better and more equitable conditions of labor.

There is also, I think, ground for the
belief that substantial injustice is often
suffered by employes in consequence of
the custom of courts issuing temporary
injunctions without notice to them, and
puntahing them for contempt of court in
instances where, as a matter of fact,
they have no knowledge of any proceedings. Organized labor is chafing
under the unjust restraint which
comes from repeated resort to this
plan of procedure. Its discontent
has been unwisely expressed, and
often improperty expressed, but there
is a sound basis for it, and the orderly and law abiding people of a community would be in a far stronger position for upholding the courts if the undoubtedty existing abuses could be provided as lingt.

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injunction Must Remain. The power of injunction is a great equitable remedy, which should on no account be destroyed. But safeguards should be erected against its abuse. In substance, provision should be made that no injunction of temporary restraining order issue otherwise than on notice, except where irreparable injury would otherwise result; and in such case a hearing on the merits of the order should be had within a short fixed period, and, if not then continued after hearing, it should forthwith lapse. Decisions should be rendered immediately, and the chance of delay minimized in every way. Moreover, I believe that the procedure should be sharply defined, and the judge required minutely to state the particulars both of his action and of his reasons therefor, so that the congress can if it desires examine and investigate the same. For many of the shortcomings o

For many of the shortcomings of justice in our country our people as a whole are themselves to hinme, and the judges and juries merely bear their share together with the public as a whole. It is discreditable to us as a people that there should be difficulty in convicting murderers, or in bringing to justice men who as public servants have been guilty of corruption, or who have profited by the corruption of public servants. The result is equally unfortunate, whether due to hairsplitting technicalities in the interpretation of law by judges, to sentimentality and class consciousness on the part of juries, or to hysteria and sensationalin the dally press. For much of failure of justice no responsibility this failure of justice no responsibility whatever lies on rich men as such. We who make up the mass of the people cannot shift the responsibility from our own shoulders. But there is an important part of the failure which has specially to do with inability to hold to proper account men of wealth who behave badly.

The Modern Corporation.

The huge wealth that has been accumulated by a few individuals of recent years. In what has amounted to a social and industrial revolution, has been as regards some of these individuals made possible only by the improper use of the modern corporation. A certain type of modern corporation, with its officers and agents, its many issues of securities, and its constant consolidation with allied undertakings, finally becomes as instrument so complex as to contain a greater number of elements that, under various judicial decisions, isnd themselves to fraud and oppression than any device yet ayolved in the human brain. Corporations are necessary instruments of modern business. They have been permitted to become a menace largely because the governmental representatives of the people have worked slowly in providing for adequate control over them.

Our great clusters of cosporations, huge trusts and fabulously wealthy multimillionaires, employ the very, best lawyers they can obtain to pick flaws in statutes after their passing; but they also employ a class of secret agents who seek, under the advice of experts, to render hostile legislation innocuous by making it unconstitutional, often through the insertion of what appear on their face to be drastic and sweeping previsions against the interests of the parties inspiring them; while the demaggues, the corrupt creatures who introduce blackmailing schemes to "strike" corporations, and all who demand extreme, and undesirably radical, measures, show themselves to be the worst enemies of the very public whose loud-mouthed champions they profess to be.

Real damage has been done by the manifold and conflicting interpretations of the interestate business can be effective only if it is vented with full power in an administrative department, a branch of the federal axecutive, carrying out a federal law; it can never be effective in the states and the nation; it can never be effective in the bastes and the nation; it can never be effective in the bastes and

wield such vast and far-reaching power as in the United States. All that is necessary is that the courts as a whole should exercise this power with the far-sighted wisdom already shown by those fludges who scan the future while they act in the present. Let them exercise this great power not only honestly and bravely, but with wise insight into the meds and fixed purposes of the people, so that they may do justice, and work equity, so that they may protect all persons in their rights, and yet break down the barriers of privilege, which is the foe of right.

Forest Preservation.

If there is any one duty which more than another we owe it to our children to perform at once, it is to save the forests of this country, for they constitute the first and most important element in the conservation of the natural resources of the country. Just as a farmer, after all his life making his living from his farm, will, if he is an expert farmer, leave it as an asset of increased value to his son, so we should have our national domain to our children, increased in value and not worn out. There are small sections of our own country, in the east and in the west, in the Adirondacka, the White mountains and the Appalachtans, and in the Rocky mountains, where we can already see for ourselves the damage in the shape of permanent injury to the soil and the river systems which comes from rackless cutting of timber, to the first that deforestation is due to the actual reckless cutting of timber, to the first that freyitably follow such reckless cutting of timber, to the first that freyitably follow such reckless cutting of timber, to the small reckless cutting of timber, to the small reckless cutting of timber, to the first that freyitably follow such reckless cutting of timber, to the first migratory beams or sheep, the unchecked wandering of which over the country means destruction to forests and disaster to the small home-makers, the settless of limited means.

Thanks to our own recklessness in the use of our splendid forests, we have already crossed the verge of almost further misched being down; and it would be in the highest degree reprehensible to let any consideration of temporary convenience or temporary cost interfers with such action, especially as regards the national forests which the nation can now, at this very moment, control.

The lesson of deforestation in China is a lesson which manking should have leaved many times already from what has occurred in other places. Denudation leaves naked soil; then gullying sut a down to the bare rock; and mean while the rock-waste burle

manent commission authorised to co-ordinate the work of all the government
departments relating to waterways, and
to frame and supervise the execution of
a comprehensive plan. Under such a
commission the actual work of construction might be entrusted to the reclamation service; or to the military engineers
acting with a sufficient number of civilians to continue the work in time of war,
or it might be, divided between the rectamation service and the corps of engineers. Funds should be provided from
nurrent, revenues if it is deemed wiseviberwise from the sale of bonds. The
useential thing is that the work should
go forward under the best possible plan,
and with the least possible delay. The
time for playing with our waterways is
past. The country demands results.

The president urges that national
parks adjacent to national forests be

parks adjacent to national forests be placed under the control of the forest service of the agricultural department; he also points out the benefits derived from pure food legislation.

The message continues: Needs of the Secret Service. Last year an amendment was incor-porated in the measure providing for the secret service, which provided that there should be no detail from the secret service and no transfer therefrom. The amendment in question was of benefit to no one excepting to criminals, and no one excepting to criminals, and it seriously hampers the government in the detection of crime and the securing of justice. The chief argument in favor of the provision was that the congressmen did not themselves wish to be investigated by the secret service men. Very little of such investigation has been done in the past; but it is true that the work of the secret service agents was partly responsible for but it is true that the work of the secret service agents was partly responsible for the indictment and conviction of a sen-ator and a congressman for land frauds in Oregon. I do not believe that it is is the public interest to protect criminals in any branch of the public service, and exactly as we have again and again dur-ing the past seven years prosecuted and exactly as we have again and again during the past seven years prosecuted and
convicted such criminals who were in
the executive branch of the government,
so in my belief we should be given ample
means to prosecute them if found in the
legislative branch. But if this is not
considered desirable a special exception
could be made in the law prohibiting the
use of the secret service force in investigating members of the congress.

Postal Savings Banks. Poetal Savings Banks.

I again renew my recommendation for postal savings banks, for depositing savings with the security of the government behind them. The object is to encourage thrift and economy in the wage-earner and person of moderate means. It is believed that in the aggregate vast sums of money would be brought into circulation through the instrumentality of the postal savings strumentality of the postal savings

Parcel Post. In my last annual message I commended the postmaster-general's recommendation for an extension of the parcel post on the rural routes. The establishment of a local parcel post on rural routes would be to the mutual benefit of the farmer and the country storekeeper, and it is desirable that the routes, serving more than 15,000,000 people should be utilised to the fullest practicable extent. Education.

Education.

With the limited means hitherto provided, the bureau of e ducation has rendered efficient service, but the congress has neglected to adequately supply the bureau with means to meet the educational growth of the country. I carneotly recommend that this unfortunate state of affairs as regards the national educational office be remedied by adequate appropriations. This recommendation is urged by the representatives of our common schools and great state universities and the leading educators, who all unite is requesting favorable consideration and action by the congress upon this subject.

The president points out the necessity of better organization of the vari-

sity of better organization of the various bureaus responsible for the public health, and urges the placing of all soldiers' homes under the jurisdiction of the war department.

Statehood. On the question of statehood the

I advocate the immediate admission of New Mexico and Arizona as states. This should be done at the present session of the congress. The people of the two territories have made it evident by their votes that they will not come in as one state. The only alternative is to admit them as two, and I trust that this will be done without delay.

Interstate Fisheries.

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I call the attention of the congress to the importance of the problem of the fisheries in the interstate waters. On the fisheries in the interstate waters. On the Great Lakes we are now, under the very wise treaty of April 11 of this year, endeavoring to come to an international agreement for the preservation and satisfactory use of the fisheries of these waters which can not otherwise be achieved. Lake Rrie, for example, has the richest treeh wafer fisheries is the world; but it is now controlled by the statutes of two nations, four ctates, and one province, and this province by two different ordinances in different counties. All these political divisions werk at cross purposes, and in no case can they achieve protection to the fisheries, on the one hand, and justice to the localities and individuals on the other.

Foreign Affairs.

Cuba.

In Cuba our occupancy will cease is about two months' time; the Cubas have in orderly manner elected their sea governmental authorities, and the island will be turned over to them. Our occupation on this occasion has lasted a little over two years, and Cuba has thrien and prospered under it. Our carses hope and one desire is that the people of the island shall now govern them selves with justice, so that peace and meder may be secure.

Japanese Exposition.

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The Japanese government has penponed until 1917 the date of the great international exposition, the action being taken so as to insure ample time in which to prepare to make the exposition all that it should be made. The American commissioners have visited Japan and the postponement will merica to be represented at the exposition. Not since the first international exposition has there been one of greater importance than this will be, marking as it does, the fiftleth anniversary of the ascension to the threne of the emperor of Japan. The extraordinary leap to the foremost place among the nations of the world made by Japan during this half century is something unparalleled in all previous history. I take this opportunity publicly to state my appreciation of the way in which in Japan, in Australia, in New Zealand, and in all the states of South America, the battle feet has been received on its practice voyage around the world. The American government can not too strongly express its appreciation of the abounding and generous hospitality shown our ships in every port they visited.

As regards the army I call attention to the fact that while our junior omcors and enlisted men stand very high the present system of promotion by seniority results in bringing into the higher grades many men of mediocre capacity who have but a short time to serve. No man should regard it as his vested right to rise to the highest rank to the army any more than in say The Army. in the army any more than in any other profession. It is a curious and by no means creditable fact that the should be so often a failure on the by no means creditable fact that there should be so often a failure on the part of the public and its representatives to understand the great need from the standpoint of the sergice and the nation, of refusing to promote respectable, elderly incompetents. The higher places should be given to the most deserving man without regard to seniority; at least seniority should be treated as only one consideration. seniority; at least seniority should be treated as only one consideration. In the stress of modern industrial competition no business, firm could succeed if those responsible for its management were chosen simply on the ground that they were the oldest people in its employment; yet this is the course advocated as regards the army, and required by law for all grades except those of general officer. As a matter those of general officer. those of general officer. As a matter of fact all of the best officers in the highest ranks of the army are those who have attained their present posi-tion wholly or in part by a process of selection.

The scope of retiring boards should be extended so that they could con-sider general unfitness to command for any cause, in order to secure a far more any cause, in order to secure a far more rigid enforcement than at present is the elimination of officers for mental, physical or temperamental disabilities. But this plan is recommended only if the congress does not see fit to provide what in my judgment is far better, that is, for selection in promotion, and for elimination for age. Officers who fail to attain a certain rank by a certain age, should be retired—for instance, if a man should not attain field rank by the time he is 45 he should of oqurae be placed on the retired list. General officers should be selected as at present, and one-third of the other promotions should be made by selection, the selection to be made by the president or secretary of war from a list of at least two candidates proposed for each vacancy by a war from a list of at least two candi-dates proposed for each vacancy by a board of officers from the arm of the service from which the promotion is to be made. A bill is now before the congress having for its object to secure the promotion of officers to various grades at reasonable ages through a process of selection, by boards of efficers, of the least sfficient for retirement with a percentage of their pay depending upon length of service. The bill, although not accomplishing all that should be done, is a long step in the right direction; and I carnestly recommend its passage, or that of a more completely effective measure.

National Guard.

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Now that the organized militia, the National Guard has been incorporated with the army as a part of the national forces, it behooves the government to do every reasonable thing in its power to perfect its efficiency. It should be assisted in its instruction and otherwise aided more liberally than heretofore. The continuous services of many well-trained regular officers will be essential in this connection. A bill is now pending before the congress creating a number of extra ufficers in the army, which if passed, as it ought to be, will enable more officers to be trained as instructors of National Guard and assigned to that duty. In case of war it will be of the utmost importance in have a large number of trained officers to use for turning rew levies into good troops.

were in the provenent of the sup-wery way has been extraordinary, and hey have gained for more experience in battle tactice than they would have gained if they had stayed in the Atlantic waters. The American people have cause for profound gratification, both in view of the samelient condition of the fleet as thosen by this grains, and in view of the

Killed By Train.

On last Monday morning about 7 o'clock, as the section hands either by being hurled from a and the coroner's jury in their inquest Monday returned a verdiet to that effect.

Decedent was a painter residing in Big Springs, having come to Coshoma Saturday night to visit his brother, Dave Reid, who conducted the City Restaurant here. It was his intention to return to Big Springs on the passenger Sunday night, and was last seen alive when on his way to the depot to wait for the train.

One phase of the accident which is most mystifying, is the fact that from the marks left on the ground by the body after it was struck, and the manner in which the contents of a parcel which he was known to have had in his possession, and other effects from his person were strewn along beside the track, his death was beyond a doubt caused by an eastbound train, when it had been his avowed intention to go west. One leg was broken just above the ankle, the shoe being torn from that foot and thrown some distance while the other leg was fractured above the knee. One arm and a rib on the left side were also fractured, while the only markes of violence about the head consisted of a fracture of the nose and a small cut on the forehead. The body had evidently skidded along the ground for a distance of about twenty feet, diagonally away from the point of impact, striking and overturning a fifty or sixty-pound rock, onr-third of which was bur-

have resulted instantly, as one had made away with a ton of trousers leg was caught upon a coal and several boxes of goods barb and held in such a manner containing candy, etc., and were that a slight struggle would have unloading some hay when Sherreleased it. There are various iff Beverly caught them. The theories as to how the unfortu- young culprits spents the night but of course no one will ever court Wednesday where they know the exact manner in which were put under a \$100 bond each it came about, as, so far ae is to await the action of the grand known, he was alone at the time jury .- Midland Reporter. of his death.

The remains were taken to Big Springs Monday by relatives, and at Ward's. were interred there Tuesday. Decedent was about fifty years of age and had resided in the county ome time. It is a very sad and unfortunate occurrence and the bereaved relatives have the sympathy of the entire community in the hour of their sorrow .- Coahoma Courier.

Gold pens-any priceat Wards.

Belt pins one-dollar to three dollars at Ward's.

The Howard County Teachers Institute will meet on the 18th of December and remain in session until the evening of the 23rd of said month. The program, which appears separately, is based on W. H. Bender's book entitled "The Teacher at Work." This is a very useful book for teachers, and is recommended by State Superintendent, Cousins, in the following language: "I find it a very practical and helpful book. I will be glad to have it offered to the teachers of Texas for their preparation for cer-tificates and for more efficient work in the school room." Each teacher is expected to secure a copy of this book in order to un-derstand his subject and to prepare it properly. These books can be had at the County Judge's office at the cost price of 75 cents L. A. DALE. Co. Judge, Howard Co.

Cake plates 25 cents to \$5.00

at Ward's.

Water sets operdollar to three

Tax Committee Meet.

Hon. B. B. Cain, o of Tyler chairman of the committee on were going to work, they discov- taxation of the Texas Commerered the dead body of S. B. Reid cial Secretaries Association has lying on the right-of-way near the called a meeting of his committee west end of the yards. The con- at Fort Worth at the headquardition of the body would indicate ters of the association in room 3, that deceased came to his death of the Wheat building, at 10 a. m., Wednesday, December 16, passing train or by being struck to consider the subject of taxaby one while on or near the track, tion. The subject of taxation was referred to this committee by resolution at the Galveston conference of Commercial Clubs June 20th, but the tax committee considered it advisable to wait the result of the 1908 assessments in order that all the tax laws could be given a fair trial and have an opportunity to demonstrate their merits.

Hon, L. T. Dashiel, state tax commissioner, has accepted an invitation to be present at this meeting and will no doubt be able to give the committee considerable information of value in the consideration of the subject. The press reports indicate that the annual report of the tax commission which is made to the governor, will soon be given to the press and it is possible that the committee may be given the benefit of the information and recommendation contained in this report.

The tax committee of the Texas Commercial Secretaries' Association has never specifically outlined its position on this subject for the reason stated above, and they are anxious to receive information and advice from every available source before committing the organization on this important subject.

Ladies' watches \$10 to \$75.00 at Ward's.

Boys Rob Box Car.

Last Tuesday Ollie Carter, Osied in the sand, and bringing up car Cunningham, Lynne Jones against a barb wire fence, where and Will Whitaker were caught by Sheriff Bob Beverly, taking It would seem that death must goods from a box car. The boys nate affair might have occurred, in jail and were arraigned in

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pins and belt buckles. Will sell home here several years. He many at cost this month.

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Christmas and New-Year cards

Ostermoor hotel reported to the ball team was here Tuesday and Miss Margie Oliphant proprietor, J. D. Porter, that played two games with the High some one had entered his room School team and won both. We and robbed him of his money, did not learn the exact scores The robber went out on the roof made in the two games but if of the building and officers were what heard is correct we are phoned for. When they arrived ashamed to publish it, as we proved to be Will Houser, a a little. We are overstocked in sash young man who has made his was searched and the missing money was recovered. Houser waived an examing trial and his We are waiting to please you bond was placed at \$500 which

> Jewel cases one-dollar to ten dollars at Ward's.

C. Spearman and Miss Hattie May Beard were married in Guaranteed fountain pens, Tuesday, Dec. 8, Rev. Sherma

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the burglar was arrested and thought our boys could play

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Frank and Charlie Sholte were up from Big Springs a few days the first of the week visiting their mother, Mrs. M. L. Sholte

Henry Barber and wife came in from Big Springs last Saturday from a visit to his moth-I. P. Inman, of Big Springs was in town the first of the week and informs us that after January the 6 he will again cast his lot with us. We most heartily welcome him.-Midland Reporter.

China Berry sets, \$1.00 to \$10.00

Miss Pearl Johnson is visiting friends in Weatherford.

Chocolate sets \$1.00 to \$10.00, at Ward's. You will get your choice in

Christmas goods at Ward's.

The Voting Contest.

The following is the standing of the various contestants in the Enterprise's Sunday night a guest at the The Decatur College basket Popular Young Lady Voting Contest: Viola Adams . Mae Thomas Alice McCright Audrie McWharter Birdie Andrus 1.200 Ethel Crowder Dochia Griffen Flora Lewis Lottie Cranfell . A bandsome \$10.00 gold bracelet, will

be given to the first young lady bringing us \$2000 on Subscription. The winner of the first special prize is barred from competing for this prize.

Ladies' hand bags one-dolfar to ten dollars at Ward's.

C. W. B. M. Day.

The Christian Church will observe C. W. B. M. Day at 7:30 p. m., on the second Sunday in December.

-PROGRAM-Missionary Chorus. Invocation B. Reagan.

C. W. B. M. and Missions in the

United States-Mrs. W. V. Ervin. Song by the Juniors. South America-

Mrs. O. G. Kershner. Jamaiea - Mrs. S. J. Tynes. Duet-Song-

Mesdames Pope and Ford. Mrs. S. Stegall. Solo- Miss Margaret Crawford. Mexico- Mrs. S. D. Bainbridge. Porto Rico- Mrs. J. D. Birdwell. Quartette-

Mesdames Ford and Reid. Messrs. Reed and Dale. L. A. Dale. -Voluntary-Song-Prayer-Benediction.

Post eard albums, 25c to \$3.00 at Ward's.

Born-To A. E. Prichard and wife on Monday, a fine boy.

Hand-painted pictures \$5.00 to \$20.00 at Ward's.

Born-To M. D. Jordan and wife, Thursday, December 10th, a girl.

Medallions 15 cents to \$0.00 at

C. E. PROGRAM, Dec. 13th.

Subject: Books 'that delight s strengthen.-Prov. 4:1-9. Leader: Miss Barnes Reagan.

Prayer.

The Bible a library, not a book Rev. E. S. Bledsoe. The books of the bible that ave been most helpful to me,

and why-Mrs. J. P. Greene. The missionary book that has been most helpful to me.-Mar-

shall lngham.

Song. The biography that has been nost interesting to me.-Prof. C.

The cry of the city .- Mr. Robert Flynt.

Aliens or Americans.-Mr. Earl Read.

The Frontier-Walter Barrett. Song and prayer. The how and why of foreign

missions-Miss Leona George. Missions striking home.-Dav-

d Wooster. Bible references,

Song-Mizpah.

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Coahoma News From The Courier

Manager Polk of the Coahoma gin gave the Courier man a few figures in regard to one man's cotton crop in the Coahoma section, that will look pretty good in print. A. L. Echols planted one having the most votes to re-200 acres to cotton last spring; ceive same on Christmas day. the gin has just finished the last of 150 bales, which makes an avprincipal that what is worth doing | making some improvements. at all is worth doing well.

W. W. Jarrett of Pittsburg, an old friend of W. C. Bass, left for Stanton Tuesday after a few days visit here.

W. C. Winston of Roswell was in Coahoma Tuesday on his way ters. home from Caddo Lake where he had been on business.

Charley Hanley of Killeen, an old friend of our townsman, J. E. Feeler, came in Saturday and left Sunday for his farm north of Big Springs.

Brooks & Chambers say they can see no signs of a break in the building prospects and they have work engaged a long way ahead.

of the Vincent neighborhood was trading in Coahoma Monday. He reports a good rain in his secnearly all gathered.

D. J. McKinley returned from place. Allen, Kansas, Wednesday night accompanied by Ira Stoneberger and A. C. Sullivan, both of Allen, whoewill spend some time here prospecting.

Farlow Brooks, brother of contractor Brooks, arrived with hi family from Mason Sunday and they will make Coahoma their future home.

C. L. Perminter arrived Monday and will assist his brother in the drug store in the future.

J. W. Brooks has purchased a lot on the north side and will. build a residence in the near future. .

J. W. D. Perminter will give a vote with every 25 cent purchase to apply on a handsome present for some little boy or girl, the

McCright Bros. have made quite an improvement in their erage of three-fourths of a bale store front by replacing the upper to the acre. These bales aver- half of the doors with glass. It aged 500 pounds each and the adds greatly to the appearance cotton was of good quality. Mr. and also helps light the interior. Echols raises cotton fust like he These gentlemen have caught the does everything else-on the right spirit and are continually

J. E. Feeler and little daughter visited Big Springs Teesday.

D. J. Barnes of El Paso, was in town Monday prospecting.

The Coahoma Bank is now doing business in its new quar-

C. C. Barry and family were among the Big Springs visitors Wednesday.

W. E. Bass sold lot 20 in block 1, Coahoma, to a Mr. Franklin. Tuesday for \$150.00.

The Coahoma gin reports 1800 bales turned out up to Wednesday morning, December 2.

Mrs. Hawk of Big Springs sister of Mrs. O. D. Bass, passed Mr. Berry, a prominent farmer through Coahoma this morningon her way to Pittsburg. She was met here and accompanied by her neice, Geraldine, who tion last week and says cotton is will spend some time visiting her grandmother at the above named

> A. L. Echols and wife visited Big Springs Wednesday.

100 pounds.

Excellent Dramatization. Second Number Y. M. The dauntless "Capitola," he-

coine of the "HIDDEN HAND," Hon. Luther Manship, of Misbright, spirited, childlike and in- sissippi, will appear Friday night nocent, will be played by a prom- December, 18th, as the second ising new actress in the Fred G. number of the Y. M. C. A. Ly-Conrad production of the play at ceum Course, at the opera house. the Big Springs Opera house Monday, Dec. 14th. There is let us say that his is not a lecture naturally much interest to see but rather an evening of enterhow the new impersonation of tainment, blending humor and Mrs. Southworth's most famous pathos in a most charming and character will compare with the original way. He takes a sunny nany others. Manager Conrad view of life, brightening and has secured a good company for bringing human hearts closer tothe tour of the play this season, and given the excellent dramatization by Eugene Moore the attention it should have.

I wenty-five A1, 10c cigars for two-dollars at Wards'.

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County Court.

J. J. Ake plead guilty to the theft of wood and was fined \$2.50 and costs and one hour in the county jail. &

Melton Broughton was tried on the charge of shooting horses, and being found guilty by the jury, was fined five dollars and

The jury was discharged for the term Wednesday. Court will be in session next week.

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Set rings, one dollar to fifteen dollars at Ward's.

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ars at Ward's.

The Christ Child and the Rose. (A Legend.)

There's a legend of the Christ-child, Walking in His garden fair, Mid the flowers of every country.

Cherished with the tenderest care; nd He sought in every floweret For the dew-drop clear and bright,

From the tiny purpled violet.
To the billy's chalice white. Till He paused beside the red rose Radiant in her beauty rare, .

and looking in her crimson heart,

Found a dew-drop sparkling there. Then He laid His childish fingers On the rose of crimson bue, Till it waited forth a fragrance Sweeter than ambrosial dew.

You will learn from time, the teacher. Humso hearts are like the rose, And our faith is like the dew drop-Brighter still it lives and glows.

When our Lord shall seek the faithfu Let Him find us like this flower, With our hearts serenely resting On the promise, 'Faith is power."

MRS. F. D. BARKER. One lot Dressed Dolls special prices while they last at Ward's.

at Ward's. Two-dollar Teddy Bears one dollar at Ward's.

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\$1.00 buys one pound of bes Pecans at Green's at \$13.50 per disinfectant known-Kresso Rea 8-4t gan sells it.

Lyceum Course.

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Coal and Wood is money. It akes this for us to get it and we are not allowed to touch it until we pay for it, and therefore, we have got to sell for CASH, and all orders for coal or wood in dola- lots will be charged 25 cents drayage extra. Please bear this in mind and pay drivers on de-

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Fred Wilson, our former towns man, who left here for New Mexico some three weeks ago in com pany with Tom Watson and Frank Akers, returned Tuesday night, and states that all three have located land in the southeast corner of the territory, twenty-five miles south of Monument. M., and sixty-five miles north Fancy parasols \$3.00 to \$15.00 of Pyote, Texas, on the T. & F Fred says the land is good, and that the other boys have claims adjoining his. He will take some horses back with him.

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ship him.

neved far,

East

gleamed pearly white In that strange radiance. Somewhat And leaning on his staff, the carpenter, loseph of Nazareth, musing, stood: "Lord, who am 17" he marveled in his soul,

Like some pale illy, drooping on its

And washed with heaven's dews.

"That thou shouldst deign from thy exalted place To cast thine eyes upon me and to say Behold! he shall be warden to this

This pearl of perfect womanhod, more pure Than any of the daughters of mankind From the beginning of the world and down Through all the ages that are yet to

pearl,

dawnl Lol shelter she shall find, and sustenance And one round arm encircled the fair As if the newly-awakened mother love

Lay listless, with transparent fingers' curved though she clasped some blossom

Some rare, sweet flower she was fain to keep And cherish always. Joseph took the

And held it in his rough, toll-hardened paim, Wondering at its softness, the blue

veins That threaded all its whiteness, and the bloom That made a sea-shell of each finger-But he forebore, though sore his hear

did yearn. To clasp the little sleeping new-born Whose golden head lay pillowed

her arm, Thinking: "It were not well for her or him That he should waken suddenly." Heaved the soft breast of Mary, and

her eyes, Like heavenly blue flowers, opened wide. Meeting the gaze of Joseph, as he knelt In reverent adoration. Her low tones

Thrilled like acolian strains; her tender smile Flooded his soul like sunshine as she Joseph, my husband, I have dreamed

a dream! The Angel of the Lord hath been again. Saying: 'Behold! that which thou hast brought forth

This night is the Redeemer of the Even Messiah!" But a grave voice

As she ceased speaking: "Peace to all And, lo, there stood upon the threshold one

Who bore much gold and frankincense and myrrh In his two hands. And Joseph an-

swered: "Gir, Peace be unto thee, now and ever-

And, lo, there came two others bear And precious spices, who likewise "Peace and good will!" And Joseph

made reply: "Peace unto thee and thine forever-

AWOKO The songbirds in the clustering olive And tinged with light the roofs of Really Loving Hearts,

There is a certain couple who decided to separate awhile ago. It seemed that they were not affinities, after all, and life together was unendurable, so the wife packed up her belongings and was preparing for a trip home. At the time of parting she picked up their little pet dog and tucked him under her arm, while her other managed the suit case, G

THE TIE THAT BINDS (SOME). Affecting Reconciliation Between Two

"Why, you're not going to take Trixy!" exclaimed the husband. "Of course I am," she announced. "I

couldn't live without him." "Well, I can't let the little fellow go," he insisted.

"And I simply won't leave him," she declared.

So they argued for half an hour, at the end of which she decided to stay. and unpacked to cook dinner, at which Trixy was the guest of honor.

LEWIS' "SINGLE BINDER."

A hand-made cigar fresh from the table, wrapped in foil, thus keeping fresh until smoked. A fresh cigar made of good tobacco is the ideal smoke. The old, well cured tobaccos used are so rich in quality that many who formerly smoked 10c cigars now smoke Lewis' Single Binder Straight 5c. Lewis' Single Binder costs the dealer some more than other 5c cigars, but the higher price enables this factory to use extra quality tobacco. There are many imitations; don't be fooled. There is no substitute! Tell the dealer you want a Lewis "Single Binder."

A Multiplicity of Fathers. Ardyce had been learning to sing "America" at school and was trying to teach it to brother Wayne. One morning his father heard him shouting: "Land where my papa died, land where my papa died."

Ardyce Interrupted: Wayne, not that way. It is "Land where our fathers dled."

Wayne's expression could not be described as he tipped his head sidewise, and in a very surprised tone gravely asked: "Two of 'em?"—Delineator.

Not "Just as Good"-Ut's the Best One box of Hunt's Cure is unfailingly, unqualifiedly, and absolutely guaranteed to cure any form of Skin Dis-ease. It is particularly active in promptly relieving and permanently curing all forms of itching known.

Eczema, Tetter, Ringworm and all similar troubles are relieved by one application; cured by one box.

Why He Was Angry. In Boston the property man had fitted a scene with unusually handsome gold furniture and asked Mme. Bernhardt bow she liked it.

"Oh, bon! bon!" she exclaimed, whereupon the property man promptly bundled the furniture off the stage. "She said it was bum," he ex-

Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it Bears the Bears the Signature of Cart Hilitak

In Use For Over 30 Years. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

Not a Philosophic Enterprise. "Young Mr. Bliggins is thinking of proposing.

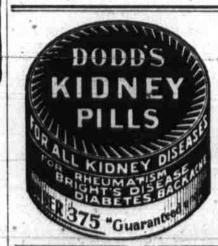
"Yes," answered Miss Cayenne; "but I doubt if he will ever do so. The only way for a man to get courage in such matters is to stop thinking."

TO DRIVE OUT MALARIA AND BUILD UP THE SYSTEM. Take the Old Standard GROVE'S TASTELES GHILL TONIC. You know what you are taking the formous is plainly printed on every botic showing it is simply Quinine and Iron in a tasteles form, and the most effectual form. For grow, people and children, 80c.

"He caught me in the dark hall last night and kissed me. "I guess that will teach him to keep out of dark Halls."-Houston Post.

For Headache Try Hicks' Capudine. Whether from Colds, Heat, Stomach or Nervous troubles, the aches are speedily relieved by Capudine. It's Liquid—pleas-ant to take—Effects immediately. 10," 5 and 50c at Drug Stores.

A sick man forgives his enemies with the understanding that it doesn't hold good if he gets well.





OYSTERS \$2.50 per dozen sexiod cans, the from beds, natural cyster flavor retained. Ice is from beds, natural cyster flavor retained. Ice is packed outside of cans. Il years in the cyster business GIVENS PACKING COMPANY, Corpus Christi, Tex

Star-led, and, lo, it standeth o'er this roof. A sign celestial!" Then each laid aside His mantle and his sandals, bowing, low Before the mother and the holy child, Crying: "All hall, Redeemer of the World King of the Jews, all hall!" and they did break Boxes of precious cintments, and the Was heavy with the perfume of rare And costly spices, cinnamon and And sandalwood and cedar, and the scents' Distilled from blooms in gardens of the East, And ambergris and frankincense and nard. And they laid down their offerings of price, Soft yellow bars and bags of shining dust, All intermixed with amethysts and pearls And carbuncles and diamonds and the pale Lack-luster topax. And the foremost Unclasped the heavy chain of beaten That hung about his swarthy throat and showed Its curious pendant, fashloned in strange wise And hammered from a nugget, soft and pure, For uncouth semblance to a rugged Speaking in awed, low tones of prophecy: "A voice cried in the desert wastes, 'Arise! Take of pure gold a nugget large and bright And hammer it into a massive cross Such as the common criminal, condemned To die, yields up his shrinking spirit on, And hang it to the chain about thy neck, And when thou comest to the journey's end Lay It within the mother's hand, that May read therein a sign.' Lo, I have According to the word!" And Mary's eyes Grew wide with terror, as her fingers closed About the gleaming symbol, for she As in a dream, three crosses on a hill, And, nailed between two thieves of aspect vile. Upon the middle cross, a tortured form That moved her strangely with a sense of loss And wee unutterable, for multitudes Surged round the sufferer and scoffed at him, Crying, in mocking tones: "Hail, King of Jews!" But he that hung cast downward nity. ing eyes,

Full of meek pardon and of tender

Gasping: "Forgive them, Father! Oh,

Thy children, for they know not what

And in those dying orbs compassionate

She saw a semblance of the holy light

That shone within the eyes of her

And moaned: "Take it away-the

i shudder at the phantasies it brings!"

At which the strangers out of the Far

Arose and gave their blessing to the

And passed into the night. And Mary

The sleep of sweet forgetfulness,

Who stood in place of father to the

Watched the sweet pair until the morn

forgive

they do!"

fair babe,

East

while he

trees

cross of gold!

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To Holiday Shoppers

We were a little late in getting our line of Christmas goods in and displayed, but we think that we have the best line in town to select from and think you will say so when you see it. Come where there is plenty of room and plenty of time and plenty of clerks and plenty of goods to select from. Come as often as you like and you will always be met with the glad hand whether you want to buy anything or not.

Western Windmill Co.

Fancy Vases, 15c to \$15.00, at Ward's.

J. W. Ingham was the victim of a painful accident Tuesday morning. He was standing on a just above the wrist.

\$1.50 Teddy Bears for 75c, January 16, 1837. at Ward's.

Deputy sheriff Long arrested L. W. Hobson Friday. He was going under the name of L. H. Malone and was acting as special agent for a life and accident insurance company. He is wanted in Montague county on a of that county came in Saturday night and left Sunday morning with his prisoner.

One-dollar Teddy Bears for Fifty-cents at Ward's.

Statutes Twenty-Five cents to Five-Dollars at Ward's.

Diamond rings Five-Dollars to Three-Hundred-Dollars

at Ward's.

Mrs. Virginia Price, who has been a resident of Big Springs wagon, to sample a bale of cot- since 1883, died at her home in lon when the team moved the the south part of town at 12 wagon which caused Mr. Ingham o'clock, December 3d, and was to fall and break his left arm buried in Mt. Olive cemetery Saturday afternoon. She was born in Memphis, Tennessee,

> Diamond brooches \$10.00 to \$75.00 at Ward's.

W. J. Williams, aged 61 years, died at his home twelve miles north of town Monday and was buried in the Odd Fellows' cemetery Tuesday afternoon. He had charge of forgery and the sheriff been in poor health for some time but his condition was not serious until a week or so before he died. He was a good citizen and leaves several children to mourn the loss of a kind father.

goods for less at Ward's.

Coahoma News From The Courier

Dr. Alexander purchased a fine thoroughbred three-months-old and his sister. Poland China pig from W. Coates Tuesday morning.

Miss Alma Pridmore is authorized to solicit business for the Courier, to receipt for money paid, and also to gather news for ment to warrant her in devoting cousiderable time to increasing the paper's circulation. The Courier will be printed in its own office on and after December 18.

I. P. Barrett of Garden City was here Friday of last week.

J. S. McCright was among the visitors to Big Springs Monday. Miss Maud Lay visited friends homa." and relatives at Garden City a

New subscribers this week are: Louie Hutto, Coahoma; Farl Roland, Ccahoma; Jesse Brook and Why pay more for Christmas S. B. Capps, Mason, Texas; (last goods when you can get better two through courtesy of J. W.

few days last week.

ranch this week and his residence ca City, Okla., Tuesday night, as busy as a bee the past few will be occupied by W. W. Lay and will, immediately take charge days unpacking and displaying his

D. R. Reid fine sold the City cently purchased. Restaurant to R. R. Ray of Vincent, who will take charge immediately, so we are informed.

J. O, Harbour of Killeen, fathseveral days here visiting and prospecting.

Several trunks belonging to G. E. Brock, our new hotel man, arrived Tuesday, and the colored porter who had the pleasure of Wednesday where she will visit there is absolutely no foundation unloading them said something relatives for some time. when he wiped his dusky brow and remarked: "Gawd! seems like everybody's comin' to Coa- in this issue of the Courier, and business, which be had an oppor-

slowly the past week owing to the ness. cold weather which has prevailed

whiteface calf to his folks at her home at Winnsboro, Texas, the interim he will occupy the Jonesboro, Texas, Tuesday, as a after an extended visit with rela- Saunders building on north Main Christmas gift. It was a beauty, tives.

R. L. Powell is moving to his G. E. Brock arrived from Ponof the Brooks Hotel, which he re- large stock of beautiful Christmas

I. P. Barrett & Co. have this week opened and placed on display a magnificent stock of boliday goods suitable for Christmas er-in-law of J. E. Feeler, came in gifts, and their store blooms with cannot be suited here, must truly the paper. We hope she will Tuesday morning and will spend beautiful presents of all descript be difficult to please.

> Nineteen hundred bales will just about cover the output of the Coahoma gin to date.

The First State Bank of Coahome publishes its first statement hear even if he had sold his drug makes a fine showing for the tunity to do some time ago. Cotton has been coming in length of time it has been in busi-

ace Davenport of the Vincent on the north side immediately af-C. C. Saunders shipped a fine community, left on Tuesday for ter the first of the year. During

One of those natural plays that has no

wicked women with painted faces and white-

J. W. D. Perminter has been

Santa Claus has arrived at the City Drug Store and opened his pack of Christmas gifts, and the person, either young or old, who

Dr. R. L. Alexander wishes to correct a statement which has been going the rounds here of late to the effect that he is plau-Mrs. R. Polk left for Midland ning to leave here soon. He says has had no intention of leaving

J. R. Puckett has sold his residence to Farlow Brooks and will Miss Nash, sister-in-law of Hor- begin the erection of a new one,

Play That's Just Right



Speaking of laughter, you can find the real simon pure article, the sort that filters through your system and makes the whole world glad, Right here in this



washed careers, no loathsome men nor

any shocking

episodes. "Your Money's Worth, or Your Money Back."

MRS. E. D. E. N. SOUTHWORTH'S GREAT NEW YORK LEDGER STORY

BIG SPRINGS OPERA HOUSE, MONDAY, DECEMBER

Tom Still, of Couroe, while out unting Wednesday was accidentally thot and fatally injured:

Early Friday morning nre destroyed the saw mill belonging to S. G. Thilds located about six miles south of Timpson.

The committee on work of the Ma conic grand lodge is conducting its ansual school, with 200 delegates pres-

Dallas' bid for the maneuvers of the Army of the Gulf will be presented to Luke E. Wright, secretary of war, by United States District Attorney William H. Atwell.

Postal receipts at the Denison postoffice for November were \$2,159.30, an pcrease of \$61.99 over the same nonth last year and \$623.40 over Norember, 1903.

A campaign looking to the enactnent of the Legislature making face track betting in Texas an offense, was maugurated by the Dallas Pastors' Association Monday.

The Katy's new passenger station which has just been opened to the public in Waxahachie is one of the nost conveniently arranged buildings of the kind on the road in Texas.

Marentine Juan de los Santos of Madrid, Spain, arrived in Austin Tuesday morning to lay claim to thirty acres of land which, he says, is located within the heart of the city.

Work of tearing down the building occupied by the Superintendent of Dounty Schools and the Tax Assessor and Collector was commenced Satur tay in Tyler, preparatory to building the new court house.

State Treasurer Sam Sparks is finding it necessary frequently to return tills sent to his office by county of ficials of the state. Some of these bills are so mutilated and worn as to be almost unrecognizable,

Lester E. Ogg and party from San Angelo made an automobile trip last week of 350 miles in fourteen hours. Considering that the drive was made over various kinds of roads, rough, rock and steep at places, this is the best time reported in this section of the state.

When the Katy passenger train reached Hillsborp at 6:55 o'clock Wednesday it brought the nearly life less body of W. F. Roberts of Dallas, who, after leaving Lakenon, six miles north of here was taken violently ill He died a few moments after being taken from the train.

When Rev. Dr. William R. Huntington, rector of Grace Church, New York, sat down to his breakfast Tuesday morning, he found under his plate a check for more than \$40,000, voluntarily contributed by members of his congregation as a token of their

Galveston continues to lead New Or in grain exports. The report of clearances of grain from New Orleans during November last insued by the New Orleans Board of Trade shows that Galveston again went far ahead of the rival port in corn exports, but fell behind slightly in wheat.

With the advent of the Stamford ind Northwestern Railway, it is practically certain that Stamford will secure a wholesale drug store, a planing mill and a number of other enterprises that will add largely to the "tin bucket brigade."

A family of seven persons, all of whom were bitten by a mad dog, arrived in Austin Friday from Boyce, to be treated at the Pasteur Institute One of the children died before the family reached Austin.

Mrs, M. J. Crowell, aged 60 years, wife of a farmer living ten miles from Wichita Falls, broke her neck by fall ing downstairs. She was found by her thildren upon their return from school and had evidently been dead several

Twenty-three representatives of com-mercial bodies of Alvarado, Venus, Ce dar Hill and other places, met with the Midlothian Commercial Club Friday to discuss ways to secure interur ban proposed from Dallas to Cleturne

Visitors to Paris Wednesday from Garrett Bluff, twenty miles southwest of the city on the river, reported that there was a distinct earthquake shock there and for a few miles up and down the river at 7 o'clock Monday

David Tanglin, who was placed it the Haskell jail on Nov. 3, charged with killing his wife, died Thursday morning from the effect of eating natches. He had attempted suicide ta various ways.

desire. But I stick to Grape-Nuts."

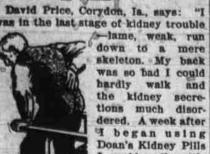
"There's a Reason."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle
Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

Ever read the

PROVED BY TIME.

No Fear of Any Further Trouble.



I could walk without a cane, and as I continued my health gradually returned. I was so grateful I made a public statement of Sunday school—and you don't." my case, and now seven years have passed, I am still perfectly well." Sold by all dealers. 50c a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.



nothing.

He-Well you once said you could refuse me nothing, you know.-Chips.

TORTURED SIX MONTHS

By Terrible Itching Eczema-Baby's Suffering Was Terrible - Soon Entirely Cured by Cuticura.

"Eczema appeared on my son's face. We went to a doctor who treated him for three months. Then he was so bad that his face and head were nothing but one sore and his ears looked as if they were going to fall off, so we tried another doctor for four months, the baby never getting any better. His hand and legs had big sores on them and the poor little fellow suffered so terribly that he could not sleep, After he had suffered six months we tried a set of the Cuticura Remedies and the first treatment let him sleep and rest well; in one week the sores were gone and in two months he had a clear face. Now he is two years and has never had eczema again. Mrs. Louis beck, R. F. D. 3, San Antonio, Tex., Apr. 15, 1907."

Why He Remembered.

By some shuffling of the social cards the clergyman and the dog fancler were at the same afternoon tea. The wandering talk unexpectedly resolved itself into the question. Who were the 12 sons of Jacob? Even the cleric with the reversed collar had forgotten, but the doggy man reeled off the names without error, from Reuben down to Benjamin.

The clergyman looked surprised.
"Oh, I'm not great shakes on Scripture," said the man with the fox terriers, "but those are the names which some chap gave to a dozen pupples I'm willing to sell."

Expert Pocket-Picking. An old lady was accosted in a London street by a well-dressed and reed-looking stranger, who effusively claimed her as a friend. "I really don't believe you remember me!" she ana this season by a large margin exclaimed, reproachfully, and the old lady, never doubting that her memory was at fault, confessed that she could not quite recall the name. "Ah, but I have changed it since you knew me, said her interlocutor, gayly, and after a few more lively speeches she passed on, having possessed herself meanwhile of the old lady's purse.

Sniffles and Nerves-

Reep to yourself during warm, nerve-irritating weather. It is related that an Atchison man and wife dearly love each other. She is a perfect lady, and apologizes when she says "shucks." But one night, when they were sitting on the porch, presumably enjoying the tender twilight, she suddenly picked up a stool and threw it at his head. "I am not insane," she said, calmly, when he turned a frightened gaze on her; "I am simply worn out by the manner in which you sniffle at the end of every sentence!"-Atchison Globe.

CAUSE AND EFFECT Good Digestion Follows Right Food.

ladigestion and the attendant discomforts of mind and body are certain to follow continued use of improp-

Those who are still young and robust are likely to overlook the fact that, as dropping water will wear a stone away at last, so will the use of heavy, greasy, rich food, finally cause

loss of appetite and indigestion. oss of appetite and indigestion.

Fortunately many are thoughtful staple, Dr. Mitchell's Eye Salve. It is mough to study themselves and note the principle of Cause and Effect in the on sale here also. Price 25 cents. the principle of Cause and Effect in their daily food. A N. Y. young woman writes her experience thus:

"Sometime ago I had a lot of trouble from indigestion, caused by too rich food. I got so I was unable to digest scarcely anything, and medicines seemed useless.

"A friend advised me to try Grape-Nuts food, praising it highly, and as a last resort I tried it. I am thankful to say that Grape-Nuts not only re-lieved me of my trouble, but built me up and atrengthened my digestive or-

WHAT WOULD HE HAVE SAID?



"Get up, Jack. You mustn't cry like a baby! You're quite a man now. You know if I fell down I shouldn't cry, I should merely say—"
"Yes, I know, pa," but then—I go to

LAME BACK PRESCRIPTION

The increased use of "Toris" for lame back and rheumatism is causing considerable discussion among the medical fraternity. It is an almost infallible cure when mixed with certain other ingredients and taken properly. The following formula is effective: "To one-half pint of good whiskey add one cunce of Toris Compound and one ounce Syrup Sarsaparilla Compound. Take in tablespoonful doses before each mual and before retiring."

Toris compound is a product of the aboratories of the Globe Pharmaceutical Co., Chicago, but it as well as the other ingredients can be had from any good druggist.

News from the Settlement. "We are not exactly happy on the way, but we are not too mean to shout 'Amen' when the rest of the world cries 'Halleluia!'

"Just how the editor knew we had possum for dinner last Tuesday is more than we can tell, but he came just in the nick of time and dined with us. "We have much for which to be

thankful. We raise our own turkeys, but turkey for dinner is so common in our settlement that we sometimes forget to thank Providence for it. "There is no news to speak of, ex-

cept that we'll all build up this old country if we keep the saw in the log, and keep the sawdust flying."-Atlanta Constitution.

An aim in life is the only fortune worth the finding; and it is not to be found in foreign lands, but in the beart itself.-R. L. Stevenson.

TO CURE ACCOUGH

Or Break a Cold in 24 Hours

Mix two ounces of Glycerine and a half ounce of Virgin Oil of Pine compound pure with a half pint of Straight Whisky. Shake well and take a teaspoonful every four hours.

The genuine Virgin Oil of Pine compound pure is prepared only by The Leach Chemical Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, and is put up only in half-ounce vials, each vial securely sealed in a round wooden case to insure its freshness Oil. and purity.

Ready with the Answer.

Miss Baxter, feeling the effects of a torrid afternoon in June, was attempting to arouse the interest of her languid class by giving, as she supposed, an interesting talk on the obelisk. After speaking for half an hour she found that her efforts were wasted. Feeling utterly provoked, she cried: Every word that I have said you have let in at one ear and out of the other. You"-pointing to a girl whom she noticed had been particularly inattentive throughout the entire lesson-"tell me, what is an obelisk?"

The pupil, grasping the teacher's last words, rose and promptly answered:

"An obelisk is something that goes in one ear and out the other."-Success Magazine.

Every Woman Will Be Interested. If you have pains in the back, Urinary, Bladder or Kidney trouble, and wan' a certain, pleasant herb cure for woman's ills, try Mother Gray's AUSTRALIAN LEAF. It is a safe and fiever-failing regulator. At all Druggists or by mail 50 cts. Bample package FREE. Address, The Mother Gray Co., Le Roy, N. Y.

The Split Skirt.

Patience-I see half of the people call them sheath skirts, and the other half call them directoire gowns. Patrice-Yes; I was sure there'd be a split about it.

Weighty. "He is what I call a massive think-

"Yes; he has to run his train of thought in sections."-Kansas, City Journal.

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

Truth is violated by falsehood, and it may be equally outraged by silence.-Ammiau.

women have to bear.

Makes Pain Go Away

Are you one of the ones who pay in toil

For your right of way through this

If so you will find Hunt's Lightning Oil A friend which will aid in the strife, To those who earn their own way by their own labor, accidents coccur with painful frequency. Burns, bruises. cuts and sprains are not strangers to the man who wears corna on his hands. A better remedy for these Groubles does not exist than Hunt's Lightning

" Grown-Up Children.

It is not only the frivolous whom the spirit of childishness is just now leading astray. Silliness is the fashion even among the wise. Women especially affect a kind of childish shrewdness in talking of serious subjects. Like children who have the habit of romancing, they lose the sense of reality, and because they never talk exactly as they think they begin to think exactly as they talk .-London Spectator.

Rewards Constantly Paid.

The rewards of great living are not external things, withheld until the crowning hour of success arrives; they come by the way-in the consciousness of growing power and worth, of duties nobly met, and work thoroughly done. Joy and peace are by the way.-Mable.

For Colds and Gripp-Capudine. The best remedy for Gripp and Colds is Hicks' Capudine. Relieves the aching and feverishness. Cures the old-Headaches also. It's Liquid-Effects immediately-10, 25 and 50c at Drug Stores.

There is nothing more sincere than the sympathy a defeated candidate generates for himself.

Women, of course, suffer more pain than men. These pains are due to general weakness, to deranged

Lift them off, with Wine of Cardui, that welcome, helping hand, that all women may grasp, to help

Take Cardui

functions, to diseased organs, to over-work, worry, nervous debility, and many other burdens that

and Lixing Jenna

acts gently yet promptly on the bowels, cleanses the system effectually. assists one in overcoming habitual constipation, permanently. To get its beneficial effects buy the genuine. Manufactured by the

CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO. SOLD BY LEADING DRUCGISTS-501 BUTTLE



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If a mieted with } Thompson's Eye Water W. N. U., HOUSTON, NO. 50, 1908.

Are your shoes going down hill? They haven't lived up to the desman's say-so. Take our say-so this time. Get stylish White House Shoes. They fit from tip to counter.

From welt to top face, they meet the graceful shape of your foot. And they hold that shape.

WHITE HOUSE SHOES.
FOR MEN. \$3.50, \$4,00, \$5.00 and \$6.00.
FOR WOMEN. \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$5.00. Buster Brown Blue Ribbon Shoes for youngsters. Ask your dealer for them.

THE BROWN SHOE CO., Makers

Burn This

Kicks. Harry Payne Whitney e day his own and other noted horsemen's racers were shipped from London on the Minnehaha, said of the death of racing in New York:

"A good many jockeys have been hard hit. A jockey told me last week a very sad tale of misfortune. I listened sympathetically."

"'Ah, Joe,' said I, 'when a man is down, few hands are extended to him." "The jockey as he chewed a straw, smiled bitterly.

"'Few hands-yes-that's right,' he said, 'but think of the feet.'

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any ease of Catarra that causet be cured by Hall's Catarra Cure. Catarris Cura.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Chency for the last is years, and believe him perfectly housenesses in all business transactions and financially able to earry out any obligations made by his firm.

WALDING, KINNAN & MANVIN.

Wholesaic Druggists. Toledo, O.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 15 cents per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.

Take Hall's Earnly Fills for constipation.

Puzzled.

New Yorkers had been warned to boil water. "What for?" they asked, with languid interest.

"To make it safe to drink," replied the sanitary official "But why drink it?" they queried, with a keener curiosity.-Philadelphia

Ledger.

Good Thing to Know.

Those who traverse the alkali plains of the west and inhabit the sand blown regions of Texas, find daily need for a reliable eye salve. They never drug the

A Death Each Second. The number of deaths in the world annually is \$3,333,333, or \$1,954 per day, 3.730 per hour, 60 per minute, or one per second. It is estimated that the population of the earth at the present time is being increased at the rate of about 16,500,000 annually.

Don't Delay The season of coughs and colds is not yet past-they will be prevalent for some months to come. neglect or experiment with them. Use the safe and sure remedy—Simmons' Cough Syrup. It heals the soreness and stops the cough.

Later on some of our street conractors may get a chance to repair some of those pavements made of good intentions.

Mrs. Katie Burlison, of Goreville, Ill., writes: "I suffered with female troubles and was so sick I could not stand on my feet. Finally, I began to take Cardui, and soon began to mend. Now I am able to do all my housework and am in much better health than I was

themselves out of the slough of disease.



Lazy Larry-Woof! Just to think with all this wasted effort, I could have won the Marathon race!

Lachrymose. "Pa, Mary's upstairs crying again." "What's the matter this time

ma?" "I can't just make out whether it's because she's afraid Jim won't ask her to go to the theater to-night or whether she hasn't anything fit to wear, if he should."-Detroit Free Press.

#It Knocks the Itch"

It may not cure all your ills, but it does cure one of the worst. It cures any form of itch ever known-no matter what it is called, where the sensa tion is "itch." it knocks it. Eczema Ringworm and all the rest are relieved at once and cured by one box. It's guaranteed, and its name is Hunt's Cure.

An Opinion Confirmed. "That's the toughest piece of steak I ever struck," said the man in the restaurant.

"I guess you're right, sir," replied the waiter; "the man who had it before said the same thing!"

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. didrec teething, softens the gume, reduces in ation, allays pain, cures wind colin. Esc a bottle A poor appetite is a good thing-for

the boarding house keeper. get a Be package of Allen's Foot-Ease It gives quick relief Two million packages sold yearly

A four-foot coal seam yields 6,000 tons an acre.

Old Virginia Cheroots

You Save three

before." Try it. Sold at all druggists, with full directions for use.

useless heads 5 Pay

three good smokes

OLD VIRGINIA CHEROOTS

Are 5c Cigars Without the Head

> Therefore 3 for 5c



It's the useless head you throw away that makes three cigars cost you 15 cents. Old Virginia Cheroots are all cigar-no waste. You pay only for what you smoke. 5 cents for three-instead of 15c.

Sold Everywhere

Malaria Makes Pale Sickly Children

The Old Standard GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria and builds up the stem. You know what you are taking. The formula is plainly printed on every bottle, showing it simply Quinine and Iron in a tasteless, and the most effectual form. For adults and children. 50c.

FADELESS DYES

& BURNS COMPAN

IF IT'S NOT GOOD WE'LL MAKE GOOD

DID YOU EVER CONSIDER The advantage of trading with a firm that carries practically everything you need? You have most of

your bill in one place, and with us you can count on your orders receiving prompt and careful attention. Let us figure on your next order; we'll save you money.

BIG SPRINGS and MIDLAND, TEX.

DOES Your Watch KEEPTIME?

Maybe it hasn't been cleaned for two or three years and needs attention.

ring it in and we will make it new---or as good as when it was new.

We have the equipment to do all kinds of repair work and take pride in doing it right. ..

Our prices are no higher than elsewhere; in fact they are less, because we repair to stay repaired.

MITCHELL and PARK.

Druggists and Jewelers,

See Burton -Lingo Co.

For All Kinds of Building Material

> All our lumber Is Under Sheds

O. K. Restaurant

is the best place in Big Springs to get your meals. Short Orders at all hours.

You Are Always Welcome

JNO. MILLHOLLON

NOTICE.

No hunting, fishing or camping allowed in the Moss Spring pasture. No hunting or trespassing in any way in any of my other D. A. RHOTAN. pastures.

The Tunstill building is receiving the finishing touches, and when completed will be occupied by Pool Bros'. grocery store. It will make a handsome store room and they expect to move into it during this month.

Did you know we are selling our stock of hats at 25 per cent discount for the remainder of December? That will mean something to you, considering our prices are already cheap.

A. P. McDonald & Co.

Are You Getting What You Want in Meat?

We can furnish you with young Beef, Pork, Turkeys and Chickens, in fact everything good to eat, till Christmas, and Groceries 10 per cent cheaper than anywhere else in town. Where is that good stuff?

Read's Store and Market, Of Course Elew Read Co., Props. Phone 180

A. J. PRICHARD

Notary Public

Will Practice all the Courts Rooms 1 & 2 in Ward Bldg. Come and see us. Big Springs, Texa

DR. BENWAY.

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON Office Over Fisher Bros.

E. W. Douthit was in Wednesday from his ranch southeast of

building three more.

Made from healthful

grape cream of tartar

Will make twice as much good

bread, biscuit and cake, pound for

pound, as the low priced imitations

made from alum and alum phos-

phates, and will make the food

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder

is not only economical but makes

the food more wholesome.

appetizing and healthful.

A Mistaken Husband.

"Where did you get that new cloak, wife?" Oh! ha, ha, I had Lawrence, the tailor, dye it for me." Phone 309. 8-4t.

Beginning tonight all business houses will remain open after 7 o'clock to accommodate the holi- must stoop over, when to stoop means the stores during the day.

every purse.-J. L. Ward. The price is the thing.

ranch, was here Wednesday. on the land and make it his House since the home. Mr. Jones bought from ton and expects to gin 100 more this season. He has seven ten
lots on the land and make it his For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster—Milburn Co., Buffalo. New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other. ant houses on his place and is West 6th streets. Consideration \$5,000.

WOMEN'S WOES.

Blg Springs Women Are Finding Relief

It does seem that we men have more than a fair share of the aches and pains that afflict humanity; they must "keep up," must attend to duties in spite of constantly aching backs or headaches, dizzy spells, bearing down pains; they day shoppers who cannot visit torture, They must walk and bend and work with racking pains and many aches from kidney ills. Kidneys cause We're sitting up for you Santa more suffering than any other organ of Pecans at Green's at \$13.50 per Claus, with the right thing for the body Keep the kidneys well and 8-4t every person; the right price for health is easily maintained. Read of a remedy for kidneys only that helps and cures the kidneys and is endorsed by

town.

W. B. Gavin, the man who was hurt while attempting to board a freight train in the yards here on the 3d, died Friday of his injuries.

Lawrence, the tailor, dyes for ladies Monday's and and Tuesday's and is hard pressed for gents the rest of the week. Phone 309.

Will P. Edwards, farmer, merchant and ginner at Lucian Wells ranch, was here Wednesday.

Laxative Quinnine Cold Tabets, cure colds, at Ward's. 12-tf

J. D. McDonald for new and second hand goods. Phone 414.

Iron Tonic Pills, a great nerve tonic, at Ward's.

in their place, but they are not necessarially the most acceptable to God. Nor are they always the most edifying to man. Character is built up more by task than by tune, and in God's sight an anvil in a blacksmith shop may be as sacred as the high altar under St. Peter's dome, and the humble blacksmith as righteous as the high priest of a stee pled shrine. The grime of honest toil is a badge of honor to him who is worthy to wear it. If it means that work has been shunned, cleanlinees becomes a erime. A rag with the soil of the shop or field upon it may be as holy as the scented millinery of an archbishop.—Dr. Jacobs.

Take Ward's Pink Blood and Liver Pills, best on earth. 12-1



Notice.

Having purchased the coal and wood business from W. B. Allen, together with his good will, we are now anxious to serve our friends with the best coal and wood in the city. We cater after both city and country trade. We will not give you a stick of wood or pound of coal that you do not buy, but we will give you every pound of coal and every stick of wood that you pay for. Get the habit and trade with the old reliable. Yours for business.

STONE & CARPENTER. Phones 102 and 440.

A beautiful assortment of pleasing gifts, perfectly adapted to the wants and requirements of every Santa Claus in town. Everything fresh and sparkling at our store for same. Ward. with the brightest new goods of the season .- J. L. Ward. The price is the thing.

The Enterprise? We need the He was elected Grand Scribe of

C. P. Program-December 13th, 1908

Song. Prayer.

Subject: Solomon Dedicates the Temple. @ 1 Kings, 8:1-11. Leader-Mr. Earl Read.

Character of Solomon-Miss Bernice Lee.

The Temple-Prof. Barker. -Social Greetings-

Motto:-By a Class. Questions and lesson explained by teacher.

Reading-Miss Lilly, Mauldin. Duet-Miss Margaret Craw-ford and Mrs. G. W. Pope. Benediction,

Everybody cordially invited.

FREE-A thimble for every little girl in Texas that will call

C. L. Alderman returned Saturday morning from Waco where he attended the meeting of the How about that \$1.50 you owe Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas. the Grand Royal Arch Chapter-

Honest toil is not only honersbie, but it is worshipful as well. There are many who think that worship consists principally of pealms and anthems and sermons BAKING POWDER and prayers. These are all good BRAN AND FLOUR

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