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ADMITS HE MURDERED 13 PEOPLE

NOVEMBER BUSINESS GOOD, SAYS REPORT

(By Associated Press)
DALLAS, Dec. 28.—Business in the Eleventh Federal Reserve District "hollered before it was hit," according to the November business review of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, released today.

"Things were not as bad as they appeared as far as the cotton slump is concerned," the report declared. "The month showed a good level of business despite the depression and indicated the presence of considerable ability to adjust operations to the conditions."

Evolution Theory of Eskimos is Their Own

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Dr. Knud Rasmussen, the Danish explorer, who recently completed a 20,000 mile dog-sled trip through the Arctic zone, believes the Eskimo has evolved something akin to a Darwinian philosophy of his own, based on the theory that there was a time when animals were converted into men and when there was only one tribe of men but numerous animals.

Eskimo folklore, Dr. Rasmussen said recently before the National Geographic Society, also assumes that there was a period in the earliest dawn of Arctic evolution when all human beings were males. To the Eskimo mind it suggested a peaceful but monotonous and humdrum existence and it terminated when Mrs. Eskimo was evolved from the rib of one of the early lords of Arctic creation.

H. P. Nichols has gone to Ardmore, Oklahoma, where he is spending the holidays with his family. He will return to this section after January 1st.

W. C. Penn and daughter, Miss Katharine, and son, Tom; Mr. and Mrs. Garland Parks and daughter Miss Mary, have returned from Gernyn, where they spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. Harold Tucker.

PASS BLOWS IN NORRIS HEARING

(By Associated Press)
FT. WORTH, Dec. 28.—O. E. Carr, city manager of Ft. Worth, and Marvin Simpson, attorney for Rev. J. Frank Norris, charged with murder and being sued for \$150,000 in connection with the murder, came to blows today after Carr in making a deposition before a notary public, expressed the belief that Simpson had tried to trap Mayor H. C. Meacham with an offer to have Norris killed.

Carr was one of the first to take the stand in today's hearing of the depositions.

The trial Norris for murder will be called on January 10th at Austin. The damage suit was filed by D. E. Chipps Jr., son of D. E. Chipps Sr., whom Norris is charged with killing.

FT. WORTH, Dec. 28.—Depositions in the \$150,000 damage suit of D. E. Chipps, 14, against Rev. J. Frank Norris, Baptist evangelist, for the killing of the boy's father, were resumed today before a notary public, with O. E. Carr, city manager of Ft. Worth, on the stand.

The taking of the depositions started yesterday.

13 LIVES ARE LOST IN FLOOD

(By Associated Press)
MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 28.—Thirteen persons are known today to have perished in floods of four Southern states. Approximately 4,000 persons are homeless in Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee and Kentucky, with the property damage estimated at more than \$1,000,000.

Six are reported dead in Arkansas, five in Mississippi and two in Tennessee as the direct results of the flood.

Three thousand were driven from their homes in Nashville when the Cumberland River overflowed.

Rain was forecast for every Southern state today. While the waters in many of the smaller streams began to recede, apprehension was felt in some sections over the aspect of further downpours.

Like Tastes Found to Attract in Marriage

(By Associated Press)
LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 28.—In marriage, similarity of tastes attracts, contrary to popular belief that persons of opposite tastes attract each other.

This is what Prof. J. E. Adams of the University of Kentucky finds from two sets of questionnaires, replies to which were received from 109 young men and 159 girl students.

The consensus of the young men's opinions: A wife 65 inches in height, 125 pounds in weight, brown eyes and hair, light complexion, slender build, two years younger than the bridegroom, interested in music and literature and with a teaching education.

What the girls prefer: Husbands 70 inches tall, 165 pounds in weight, brown eyes and hair, light complexion, slender build, two years older than the bride, interested in music and literature and a teacher's education.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brown have returned to their home at Cross Plains after a holiday visit to Mr. Brown's parents.

H. Giesecke and son, H. Giesecke Jr., are here from San Antonio to spend a few days. Mr. Giesecke came up to look after business while H. Jr. came along to visit friends until school reconvenes in the Alamo City next week.

KILLER OF BOY BELIEVED HELD

(By Associated Press)
BORGER, Tex., Dec. 28.—Chas. Halle was charged today by County Attorney Cook with murder in connection with the slaying of Ray Martin, of Denton, who was found dead in a road house near Pantex last Wednesday.

Two other men are also being held in connection with the crime.



To Drill Third Well Near Town of Olfen

Contract for the drilling of a third test well in Southern Rannels county, has been completed. The rig and tools are still at the location but no further steps have been taken to complete the well.

The block has been completed of several thousand acres of several tracts in the Southern part of Rannels county and the Northern part of Conecho county and it was announced on good authority that the well would be drilled within the near future.

A Mr. Johnson and the Noble Oil & Gas Company of Tulsa, Oklahoma, have been awarded the contract for this well. The location has not yet been made but a geologist will come to Ballinger and make the location as soon as possible after January 1st for that purpose.

A standard rig will be erected as soon as the location is made and drilling will start immediately. The contract calls for a 3,500 foot hole.

The acreage acquired by the contractors is partly in Conecho county. Some 2,000 acres of the block are located just across the Rannels-Conecho line. The location, it is understood, will be made near the town of Olfen.

This now gives Rannels county three tests for oil and gas in the Southern section. The Zoch-McCamey No. 1 Bruce is about completed as is the Red Bank No. 1 Fowler. Both are expected to be dusters.

A fourth well, located on the

King farm near Crews, was spudded but drilling was halted as soon as the hole was spudded. The rig and tools are still at the location but no further steps have been taken to complete the well.

Expect Action After First

As is the custom of the big development companies that have been operating in Texas for the past few years, a certain sum is laid aside as a part of their yearly budget for wildcat wells and it is probable that Rannels county will be in line for some more tests in various sections of the county.

In the past other counties have received wildcat tests as a part of their development and Rannels county is thought to be in line for 1927 development and test wells.

A number of holes have been put down in this county but the only showings that ever amounted to much came several years ago on the Russell ranch, 18 miles East of here, when the Gulf Production Company drilled several wells. The first Russell was believed to be a real paying gusher but later proved of little commercial value. Since the leases and wells on this ranch were purchased by the Giesecke interests they have been sold to the Pure Oil Company.

Other locations have been made in the county it is understood in Ballinger, but drilling has not been commenced on any of them.

BALL PLAYERS START DEFENSE

(By Associated Press)
CLEVELAND, Dec. 28.—Tris Speaker and Ty Cobb arrived here today from Washington to plan their defense against the charges of "Dutch" Leonard that they conspired to throw the game between the Detroit and Cleveland teams in 1919.

They were accompanied by an attorney, W. H. Boyd, a representative of Speaker. They immediately went into consultation.

Proper Dress Needed on Rio Street Cars

(By Associated Press)
RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 28.—Correct attire is required of street car passengers here and the rule is rigidly enforced. Men must wear a collar and tie and, on the first class cars, a coat.

A conductor recently stabbed a man who insisted on riding in violation of the collar-and-tie order.

Get today's news today—read The Daily Ledger.

ASKS POWER TO REFUND TAXES

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Congress was asked by Secretary Mellon today to give the Treasury Department authority to refund \$174,120,177, illegally collected taxes for the fiscal year of 1927 and years prior.

The money is to be refunded to about 287,000 taxpayers in amounts ranging from one cent to hundreds of thousands of dollars.

A Self Made Lord

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Earl of Birkenhead, who used to be plain F. E. Smith, lawyer and son of a non-commissioned officer in the British army, is proud of his old family name. Birkenhead is what Americans would call a self-made lord. Lords must have crests and Latin mottoes, so Birkenhead took "Faber meae fortune", which means "Smith of my own fortune."

Be wise and advertise.

(By Associated Press)
FARWELL, Tex., Dec. 28.—Farwell was agog today as the word passed about that George Hassell, farmer, who last Saturday admitted slaying his wife and eight step-children, had signed a lengthy statement in which he not only detailed the slaying here but also told of murdering four others, a woman and three children, in California in 1915.

Hassell made his statement to J. D. Thomas, county attorney, and Jim Martin, sheriff, of Parmer county, here late yesterday.

HOLIDAY LIQUOR CLAIMS 42

PRO AGENTS FIND BARLEYCORN DEAD

(By Associated Press)
SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 28.—Prohibition agents fell back in confusion here today when they broke into a house and found four or five men seated around a coffin.

One of the agents, however, ever lifted the lid on the coffin and discovered the corpse was none other than "John Barleycorn."

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The death toll from Christmas liquor drinking in greater New York today had risen to 23, with scores, perhaps more than 100 persons under treatment in hospitals for alcoholism.

In Chicago seven deaths have been reported. Others were: Detroit, five; Des Moines, two; Milwaukee, three; and Omaha, two.

Roses in All Cloths

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Roses, roses everywhere, says Fashion, and they are being made of everything from chiffon to oilcloth.

Sleeves are wide at the shoulder and tight at the wrist, or vice versa, or just tight all the way down.

Tulle is used for several very new evening frocks, especially in black with short black fringes.

"Undies" are short, full and few.

Veils are almost fancy dress. You never see a modern woman wearing one.

Waists may be almost anywhere, with the new bloused bodies they may be nowhere, and no harm done.

Yellow, in all the golden shades, is a favorite color for evening wear.

Zippers are being used to fasten gloves, gaiters and handbags.

Robert W. Hooper, of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, and C. L. Cerba, also of Dallas, are here visiting Mr. Hooper's parents, Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Hooper. They visited in San Angelo Tuesday.

Be wise and advertise.

Hassell is alleged to have confessed to the murder of his wife and eight step-children in a 3,000-word statement made public late Monday afternoon. The statement, however, was made earlier in the day. The children were sons and daughters of his brother who was killed in Oklahoma some two or three years ago.

Hassell made this confession after he had attempted to take his own life a few days ago by stabbing himself in the chest. He was taken to Clovis, N. M., for treatment, later being removed to the county jail at Farwell, where he is under constant guard of a deputy.

Feeling in Farwell against the accused man was intense Monday night following the statement, and Sheriff Martin was taking every precaution to protect the accused man.

Hassell told of killing the eldest step-son, a boy of about 21, whom he shot to death two days after killing the remainder of the family, as he was sleeping after a card game. The son was away at the time of the killing of the rest of the family, and when he returned, Hassell told him the remainder of the family was in Oklahoma. He played cards with his step-father until he fell asleep and then Hassell shot him and placed him in the dugout with the others.

Hassell refused to give the names of the persons he said he killed in California or the place, but said it occurred in 1915.

"It was a good job and no one ever will know," the statement says.

Hassell spent about ten years in California.

The confession quotes Hassell as saying the slayings were

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Ballinger needs many things and part of them could be accomplished in 1927 if the citizens would set their minds to do them. Co-operation is the thing needed most here to accomplish the improvements that would mean much for this city.

Sale of the A. & S. to a major railroad would give better service over the route between Ballinger and Abilene, and with prospects for extending the line to San Antonio. Sale of this road is being talked and Ballinger citizens should encourage such action.

Uncle Sam's postal clerks are resting a little easier now after a real holiday rush in all sections of the country. Uncle Sam did a big business here and the boys at the local postoffice are thankful to be able to breathe again. They served the citizens well while they worked so hard to distribute the mails here Christmas week.

Despite the fact that bad stretches of road are found in almost every section of West Texas, visitors are making trips in their automobiles in all directions. Highways in some places are almost impassable but the chugging cars and determined motorists find the going easy, they declare. Hard surfaced roads should be on this county's program for 1927.

We don't know whether there was any Christmas liquor in Ballinger or not. But if there was nobody got drunk enough to be arrested for drunkenness by either county or city officers. The condition of the liquor supply for New Year celebrations is not known. Other Texas cities are suffering from raids by the federal prohibition agents.

While the 1927 program has been mentioned, here's a few more items that should be carried out; more paving for Ballinger, especially in the residential sections; better mail service between Ballinger and Abilene; an amusement park on Elm Creek; a new court house; more new business houses; more homes for permanent citizens; a larger and better water supply; better telegraph service; a new bridge across Elm Creek on the Ballinger-Ft. Worth highway.

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Voluntary military training at Pomona College, Claremont, Cal., is more successful than the compulsory system, abandoned two years ago, said Maj. George A. Sanford, commandant of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

Detroit's city hall will be replaced by an elaborate structure on the Detroit River as the nucleus of a civic center if plans of Councilman John C. Lodge materialize.

To have survived 10 forest fires in more than 200 years only to fall victim to the lumberman's axe was the fate of a fir tree in the Blackfoot Valley of Montana.



ALMA RUBENS and WALTER RIDGON IN FOX FILMS
 SUPREME ATTRACTION "MARRIAGE LICENSE?"



GEORGE OSWEN and JANET GAYNOR IN FOX PRODUCTION "SUNRISE"

Admits He Murdered Thirteen People

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prompted by persistent quarrels with his wife which had grown out of his alleged intimacy with one of the step-daughters. "I had just quarreled with my wife and gone out to the barn and taken a drink of whiskey," the statement says. "When I returned my wife again began quarreling with me. I grabbed a

hammer, where it came from I do not know, I struck her and she fell to the floor. "About that time the smallest baby began crying and I reached down and choked it. Then I secured a stocking and tied it around the baby's neck. "I don't know why but when I saw what I had done I decided that I had best go on and kill the whole outfit."

Mrs. Isla Wilcox, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, is here visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. G. Jennings.

Woman Church Leader Urges Sisters To "Be Strong and Valiant Men"

The Rt. Rev. John Gardner Murray, D. D., Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, has formally and officially endorsed the Bishops' Crusade for a reawakened and militant faith which the Church will conduct throughout the country beginning January 6. This is the unique movement in which the Bishops of the Episcopal Church propose boldly to challenge the entire membership of the communion to a renewal of their religious pledges to meet the pressing demands of the modern age.

Following Bishop Murray's approving statement, announcement is made that the Woman's Auxiliary of the Church, with a world-wide membership of 500,000, has pledged its utmost efforts, through Miss Grace Lindley, Executive Secretary, to the Crusade.

Declaring that the aim of the Crusade is to "stir the very soul of the Church, and present to the world a living, breathing gospel of hope and love," Bishop Murray makes this special appeal to his clergy: "Tell your people that the whole Church, for the first time in her history, is now actively moving forward with every agency of her being, fully united in furthering a plan which seeks the salvation of human souls through Christ and His appointed means of grace."

He invokes the activities of the men and women of the Church in its behalf, and makes a particular plea for the participation of the youth and children in the campaign. Miss Lindley, in marshalling the great body of the Woman's Auxiliary for the sweeping movement contemplated, quotes the striking injunction of St. Theresa:

"I would have you, my daughters, be strong and valiant men."
 Enlistment of the Two hundred Crusaders who will cover every section of the country at special services, mass meetings, conferences, &c., in the conduct of the Crusade, is going forward rapidly at Washington. Practically every one of the eighty-eight dioceses is now organized for the effort. A notable feature is the large number of laymen who are volunteering for service.

Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Darst, D. D.



The Rt. Rev. John Gardner Murray, D. D., Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, who officially endorses the Bishops' Crusade.

Bishop of East Carolina, and Director of the Crusade, says:

"The enthusiasm of the laity for the Crusade is particularly encouraging. The hope for the future lies in Christian-minded bankers, bricklayers, brokers, lawyers, mechanics, statesmen, clerks, doctors, chauffeurs, &c. We want to say to each of these, 'Pick a man of your size, and win him to the Christian cause.'"

"One of the troubles of the Christian Church," Bishop Darst declares, "has been that the love of Church, for many people, comes from the power of its past—the glory of its history. That is all right. But many people are trading on that and making no contribution to those coming after them. Soldiers in the trenches did not ask, 'Where did we come from?' They said: 'Where do we go from here?'"

Searchers Still Digging For Lafitte's Booty

(By Associated Press)

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 28.—The fabulous pirate's gold of Jean Lafitte, notorious buccannier, still lures treasure hunters to the marshes of Southern Louisiana.

A century has not diminished the search for Spanish doubloons and pieces of eight supposed to have been cached by the freebooter somewhere along the great coastal stretch Southwest of New Orleans. So avid have been the diggers on the plains from Barataria and Grand Terre to the Texas border that in several sections, plots of land resemble deserted shell-holed battlefields.

On Pecan Island, in Vermillion parish, six miles from the Gulf of Mexico, trees have been uprooted and bones, pottery, arrowheads and other relics removed from the Indian mounds there, but no treasure has been found. Excitement prevailed among residents of the Vermillion bay section a little more than a year ago, following the report that a treasure trove had been unearthed but the find never materialized.

Lafitte, most authorities agree, died in Silan, Yucatan, in 1826, although some say he perished at sea nine years earlier.

The romantic figure of Gulf coast tradition always contended that neither he nor his men were engaged in piracy. He claimed that he had authority from the republican party of Mexico to cruise Southern waters and make life hard for opponents of the political body. General Morales,

president of a revolutionary party, is reported to have given Lafitte a ship to aid him in obtaining assistance for the "patriotic" cause. The vessel was said to have been presented by Col. Ellis P. Bean, acting in behalf of Morales.

Lafitte, according to tradition, dealt in slaves in Louisiana and Texas. He also smuggled goods, including silks and liquors, which were transported to the interior in wagons and by boats that plied the rivers and bayous. Tangible evidence that Lafitte and his men ever buried any treasure is lacking.

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Mrs. J. C. Cook has returned from a visit to relatives in Lampasas.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Luther Bagwell and Miss Hattie Albright
 Eugene Evans and Miss Effie Bagwell
 Fred Crow and Miss Buna Williams
 Herbert Wahl and Miss Elizabeth Wilde.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Bruce have returned from Arlington, where they spent Christmas with Mrs. Bruce's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sanford R. Yates.

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Movies

Wealth vs. Beauty in Film Due at Palace Tomorrow

A question of sociology, long a subject of deep inquiry among studious minds, comes tomorrow to the screen of the Palace Theatre under the title of "Joanna," featuring Dorothy Mackaill and Jack Mulhall.

The question is whether a modern girl of sound moral outlook can overcome temptation if provided with the luxuries of wealth.

To settle this question a banker and a sportsman provide a poor but attractive dress model with a million dollars. She doesn't know who are her benefactors and is instructed not to inquire. But she is permitted to spend the money as she chooses.

The development of the plot from this angle is reported by those who have already seen the film to be highly interesting and absolutely true to life.

Edwin Carewe directed and produced "Joanna" for First National. In the supporting cast are Paul Nicholson, George Fawcett, Lillian Langdon, John T. Murray, Edwards Davis, Bob Hart and two newcomers, Dolores del Rio, and Rita Carewe, daughter of the producer.

"Padlocked" Closes Run at the Palace Tonight

That all modern youth is not flaming youth, and that parents should be their children's best friends and not their severest critics are the inevitable conclusions one reaches after viewing "Padlocked" at the Palace Theatre, closing a two-day run here tonight.

This celluloid version of Rex Beach's absorbing Cosmopolitan Magazine serial hits the bull's-eye of entertainment because it appeals to the eye, the heart and the mind. Allan Dwan, the director, has given the picture an extravagant mounting that makes it pictorially attractive. Moreover, he has succeeded in keeping the story keyed to a high dramatic tempo throughout, so that the interest is sustained right up to the final fadeout. In this he has been ably assisted by Becky Gardiner and James Shelley Hamilton, scenarists, who have contributed a smooth and logical continuity.

"Padlocked" is a story of paternal repression and its effect on a spoiled young girl of today. Lois Moran, the wistful heroine of "Stella Dallas," gives an inspired performance as the modern daughter, who braves the dangers and temptations of Broadway night life in pursuit of a dancing career. Noah Berry, as the old-fashioned father, whose zealous reform efforts drive his daughter from home, scores a distinct personal triumph in a very difficult role. Louise Dresser,



JOAN RENEE AND GEORGE O'BRIEN IN "THE SILVER TREASURE" A WILLIAM FOX SUPREME ATTRACTION

the third featured member, brings both sincerity and convincingness to her part of a society woman with a past.

Helen Jerome Eddy, Allan Simpson, Florence Turner and Charles Lane are among the supporting players who acquit themselves with distinction.

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When your back is sore and lame or lumbago, sciatica or rheumatism has you stiffened up, don't suffer! Get a 35 cent bottle of old, honest St. Jacobs Oil at any drug store, pour a little in your hand and rub it right on your aching back, and the soreness and lameness is gone.

In use for 65 years, this soothing, penetrating oil takes the pain right out, and ends the misery. It is absolutely harmless and doesn't burn the skin.

Nine States Confer Master Farmer Title

(By Associated Press) CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—A summa cum laude of agriculture has been created—the title of Master Farmer.

From the shadow of the American farm, those who raise the country's foodstuffs are stepping into a new floodlight of recognition which honors them in their life work as famous artists, statesmen, surgeons or the like are honored for their achievements.

The movement was started a year ago by the Prairie Farmer, agricultural publication here, and since has spread to eight other states.

In each instance, Master Farmers are selected by agricultural publications, which receive nominations of candidates from whoever cares to make them, and then spends a year investigating

and scoring the candidates. They are graded on a 1000-point basis, divided as follows: operation and organization of farm, 260; business methods and ability, 200; general farm appearance and upkeep, 90; home life, 300; citizenship, 150.

At a banquet, usually attended by leading agricultural experts of the country, the Master Farmers are awarded gold medals and given their "degree."

Master Farmers are selected in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Minnesota, North Dakota, Nebraska, Michigan, Iowa and Texas.

Gentlemen Prefer Brown

(By Associated Press) PARIS, Dec. 28.—One of the major features in men's styles is the dark brown lounge suit in many shades which is gradually pushing the more flashy type off the Paris map. The suit is usually in fine and soft woolen fabric.

Mixtures in the weaving is varied and sometimes there is a vague plaid line in the material, which may be either in a lighter brown or in a much deeper tone that verges upon the black.

Trousers and coat do not always match in weave. One or the other may be plain.

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Direct Primary Due for Attack in the West

(By Associated Press)

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—The direct primary method of nominating candidates for office, which has fought a few preliminary bouts over the country for its existence, will do some final sparring in the legislative ring of the Middle West when the biennial business of making and unmaking laws starts in January.

Issues as varied as a heavy tax on tobacco to effect a reduction in the real property tax, to entire reorganization of state government, face assemblies of the various states, but the primary law is up in front for consideration.

Indiana will be asked to repeal the law outright.

The Ohio assembly probably will be asked to submit a constitutional amendment modifying the statute.

In Illinois, the fate of the law is in the hands of the Supreme Court, and if it is held unconstitutional, the fight will be thrown into the legislature for its re-enactment.

Rolling into the assemblies as another important subject will be

TERRIBLE PAIN

Alabama Lady Tells How She Obtained Relief by Taking Cardui. Feels Fine and Enjoys Life Now, She Says.

Talladega, Ala.—Mrs. Mary Hardy, 406 Henderson Avenue, this city, says that seven years ago she "got down sick" and was unable to attend to her household.

"I have never been so weak before or since," she says. "I had a terrible pain in my side—so sore in my side and the lower part of my body."

"Across my back ached, and I was so nervous I couldn't stand up. I had just about given up when some one who came to see me began talking about Cardui. This caused me to get it. I took about two bottles before I saw much improvement."

"After this, though, I picked up right away. I slept better at night. I was hungry, enjoyed my food, which I hadn't done for some time."

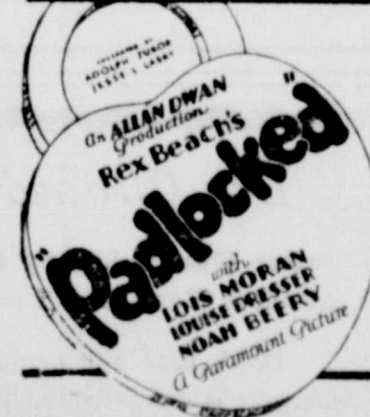
"The pain and soreness gradually left my side. I regained my strength. I took about six bottles and left off for awhile, then took two or three more. . . I feel just fine, enjoy life and can work now, too."

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issues pertaining to the automobile and revolving around it.

Iowa is going to try to bond the state for \$100,000,000 for funds to pave roads. A proposed two-cent gasoline tax in Illinois has caused a furor of discussion in advance of the legislative session, in Minnesota, Ohio, and Indiana, where gasoline taxes have been in existence for two years or more, efforts will be made to increase the tax.

There will be a struggle in Wisconsin to abolish the personal property tax and substitute an income tax.

A heavy tobacco tax to reduce real property burdens is proposed in Michigan.

The Ohio legislature's biggest problem is to devise ways and means to prevent the state from going broke. There will be an estimated deficit of \$5,000,000 July 1, next, and additional revenues of \$5,000,000 to \$7,000,000 annually must be provided if the

state's bank balance is to keep up with its expenditures.

Game Breeding Gains as Kansas Industry

(By Associated Press) TOPEKA, Kans., Dec. 28.—A new industry has sprung up in Kansas with the virtual disappearance of fur bearing game in most parts of the state.

Game breeding, less than ten years ago a hobby of the naturalist, has assumed commercial proportions.

Within the last two years 105 game breeders' permits have been issued by the fish and game department. Thirty-eight of the permits were for skunk breeding, 14 for raccoon, two for fox and one for mink. Other permits were issued for opossum and muskrat breeding. Thirty-five game bird and water fowl breeders were licensed in the two years.

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Notice of Constable's Sale of Personal Property

STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Runtels:
By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable Justice Court of Precinct No. 2 of Jones County, Texas, on the 22nd day of December, A. D. 1926, by the justice of the peace thereof, in the case of J. W. Stevenson vs. N. R. Dailey, No. 1898, and to me as Sheriff of Runtels County, Texas directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, within the hours prescribed by law for Constable's Sales, on the 8th day of January, A. D. 1927, at the court house door in Ballinger, Runtels County, Texas, the following described property to-wit:

One Ford Turing Car, motor No. 8764873, being a 1924 model. Levied on as the property of N. R. Dailey to satisfy a judgment amounting to One Hundred and One and No-100 Dollars in favor of J. W. Stevenson, and costs of suit.

Given under my hand this, the 28th day of December, A. D. 1926.
R. E. McWILLIAMS,
Sheriff, Runtels County, Texas.
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ANOTHER DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED BY GOVERNOR

(By Associated Press)
AUSTIN, Dec. 28.—Governor Ferguson today commuted to life nucleus of a prison the death sentence of Councilman Emmett Vestal, sentenced in materialize. county for murder.

was given as the To have survived 10 for commutation. in more than 200 years on fall victim to the lumbermen of Wichita Falls, axe was the fate of a fir tree during the holi- the Blackfoot Valley of Montana. Gray, who time visit-

To Hold Foreign Trade Meeting in Houston Jan. 11

(By Associated Press)
HOUSTON, Dec. 28.—Interest in the projected foreign trade conference here January 11, 12, seems to be gathering momentum. Ernest L. Tutt, manager of the Houston office of the United States Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, reports an increase in inquiries from over the state on the heels of an announcement that experts from the Washington office plan to come and discuss foreign trade as it applies to Texas.

Almost immediate need for a foreign outlet for Texas products is seen by Mr. Tutt. Texas is growing, he says, to be not only the biggest exporter of cotton in the world, but is gradually becoming an exporter of many other products. Within five years, he believes, the production of Texas citrus fruit will have reached many times the present volume, while rice, figs, onions and other commodities are becoming increasingly important.

This means, Mr. Tutt said, that Texas is interested in a diversification of markets through which these crops may be distributed. It is important, he declares, that Texas have various fields into which its products may be sold "so that in the event of unfavorable conditions in one market, there will be other outlets and our products will move just the same."

Moreover, Mr. Tutt believes, a larger volume of exports and commodities out of Texas "will certainly have a stabilizing effect on all lines of business throughout the state."

The machinery for accomplishing it already is functioning in the federal bureau of foreign and domestic commerce.

"This bureau is one which devotes its entire staff to the development of American business, primarily in foreign countries," Mr. Tutt said. "The bureau's organization may be compared to a double funnel, one funnel opening out into all principal trade centers in all foreign countries and one funnel opening out into all the important commercial centers of the United States. The apexes of these funnels meet in the staff of the Washington bureau."

"The staff at the foreign end of this funnel is composed of 300 commercial attaches, trade commissioners and their assistants in 42 foreign ports and about 1,000 consuls in about 300 foreign trade centers."

"These men are continually scouting for opportunities for the sale of American merchandise. They are making reports continuously by mail and cable. This information is passed back thru the funnel to the Washington staff, which appraises and compiles it and passes it out through the funnel to the various district and co-operative offices of the bureau in 55 of the principal commercial centers of the United States. In turn this information and these opportunities are passed out to American business men."

"Or this organization may be turned around to function in the opposite direction. The personnel of the district and co-operative offices are continually mingling with domestic business men. They

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learn what business men in this country have for sale. These facts are passed out through the funnel to foreign representatives who lay it at the doors of foreign purchasers.

"It will be interesting therefore, to all our wideawake business men to attend one or the other of the forthcoming foreign trade conferences, in Houston January 11, 12, and at Dallas, January 13, 14, in order that we may discuss ways and means of increasing the volume of export trade in our state."

Home Dances Rare in New York; Guests Too Numerous

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Expanding guest lists are darkening the ballrooms in New York mansions.

Only a few of the families in Knickerbocker society still use their own homes for dancing parties. The scene of daughter's debut has shifted to the fashionable clubs, restaurants and hotels, where the debutante of today makes her bow to a thousand guests.

Each year there have been more persons to whom the daughters must be introduced. Cutting-in became the vogue at dances and

the young ladies, measuring their popularity by the number of young gentlemen who sought them out, insisted upon a "stag line" of as many eligible men as popularity by the number of legs and other friends of the invited guests increased the attendance.

Some of the older families, however, consider it unnecessary to include such a large representation of society at their parties, so they continue to use their homes for the affairs. They include Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, the James A. Burdens, Mrs. White-law Reid, the C. B. Alexanders, the Otto H. Kahns, and several others.

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Hunt is Renewed for Elusive "Kettlefoot"

(By Associated Press)
BOONE, N. C., Dec. 28.—The annual hunt for "Kettlefoot" is under way.

For the past decade, hunters have gone forth into the Black Mountain district, but rarely have they caught even a glimpse of the famed creature.

"Kettlefoot" is a black bear. Hunters who declare they have approached near enough to take a shot at him say that he weighs around 600 pounds, is extraordin-

arily fleet, and possessed of an uncanny ability to avoid capture. Herders and farmers of the Black Mountains know "Kettlefoot" intimately. Looted barnyards, devastated hen roosts, and trampled truck patches have been regarded as signs of one of his visitations. The big bear got his name from the peculiar shape of his track which is said to resemble an old-fashioned iron kettle.

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