

The Miami Chief.

—The Panhandle, the whole Panhandle, to our pride in its past and our hope for its future, add vigorous work in the living present—

MIAMI, ROBERTS COUNTY, TEXAS, DECEMBER 22, 1906.

No. 13

You See the Letter from Mr. Johnson telling me to Continue the Sale Prices Until Christmas. I will do so, but Remember the Reduced Prices Only Good for Cash

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Canadian, Texas, Dec. 13th, 1906.

Mr. Jim Winsett,
Miami, Texas.

Jim, you can continue your sale until December 25th. You have had great success with the sale thus far and I want to thank all of you.

Also I want you to cut down your Dry-Goods and line of Clothing. Also Hats and Shoes. Make a great effort to clean up your stock and collect all your accounts before the first of the year, for we need the money.

Be sure to push things and attend to your collections.

Wishing you a merry trade, I am yours respectfully,

J. F. JOHNSON,
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Only two 2-inch Peter Schutler Wagons at \$75.00. No more at that price.

Don't forget our \$1.75 and \$2 Boys Shoes for \$1.48.

Men's \$3 Hats for \$2.48

Men's \$2 Hats for \$1.39.

DISCOUNTS ON ALL LINES OF GOODS FOR CASH

Men's \$3.50 and \$4 Shoes for \$2.98.

Extra-Heavy fleeced Underwear some sell for 75c we sell for 44c.

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25 ounces KC Baking Powder 18c.

8 bars White Russian Soap 25c.

When in Town Visit the Johnson Mercantile Co's Store Where You will Find What You Want and the Prices Are Right.

We will Continue to Slaughter Prices Until Christmas. Get Your Holiday Gifts Here.

JOHNSON MERCANTILE CO

JIM WINSETT, Manager

NOTICE

According to the provisions of Article III, of the Constitution of Texas, notice is hereby given that the Amarillo Commercial Club and various citizens of Amarillo, intend to apply to the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Texas, to be convened in the city of Austin on the Second Tuesday of January, A. D. 1907, for the enactment of a special law authorizing and providing for the Southern Kansas Railway Company of Texas to abandon and take up all that part of its line of road and track between Panhandle, in Garza County, Texas, and Washburn, Armstrong County, Texas, which was formerly constructed and owned by the Panhandle Railway Company, and about 14.72 miles of railway; and that by the Southern Kansas Railway Company of Texas, under and by force of an act of the Twenty-sixth Legislature known as H. B. No. 123, appearing as Chapter XXV in the published laws of said Twenty-sixth Legislature, and requiring the South-

ern Kansas Railway Company of Texas, in lieu thereof, to construct and maintain its road on a direct line from Panhandle in Carson County, in a south-westerly direction to Amarillo in Potter County, Texas; and prescribe the terms, conditions, and regulations under which said old line may be so abandoned and taken up and such new line constructed.

Witness our signatures, this November 12th, 1906.

AMARILLO COMMERCIAL CLUB.

By JEFF D. BARTLETT,

President,

and JOHN K. SHIREMAN,

Secretary.

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R. B. NEWCOME,

H. B. SANBORN,

WILL A. MILLER, Jr.

To Master English Study the Bible.

Prof. William Lyon Phelps, who occupies a chair in English at Yale, suggests that the entrance examination in English for colleges should be simply from the Bible. He says: "If all the undergraduates in America should be placed in one room and tested by a common examination on the supposedly familiar stories of the Old Testament—I mean on such instances as Adam,

A man with a sprained ankle will use a crutch, rest the ankle and let it get well. A man or woman with an over-worked stomach can't use a crutch, but the stomach must have rest just the same. It can be rested too without starvation. Kodol will do it. Kodol performs the digestive work of the tired stomach and corrects the digestive apparatus. Kodol fully conforms to the provisions of the National Pure Food and Drug Laws. Recommended and sold by Central Drug Store.

New Cure for Epilepsy
J. B. Waterman of Watertown, Ohio, writes: "My daughter, afflicted for years with epilepsy, was cured by Dr. Kings New Life Pills. She has not had an attack for over two years." Best body cleanser and life giving tonic pills on earth. 25c at Central Drug Store.

Eve and the Garden of Eden, Noah, Sampson, David and Goliath, Moses and Pharaoh—the result would be a magnificent contribution to American humor."

After citing an amusing instance of ignorance on the part of "one fine young specimen of American manhood" who thought it was Adam and not Cain, who killed his brother, Prof. Phelps says:

"The Bible has within its pages every single kind of literature that any proposed list of English classics contains."

Ignorance of the English language on the part of the average student is one of the serious problems in American colleges, and the suggestion of Prof. Phelps, despite its sweeping character, has much to commend it. Most of the great orators of England and America used the Bible as the basis of their style. Brougham, Macaulay, Webster and Garfield knew the Bible better than most ministers. Lincoln's literary style was formed largely by study of the King James version. When Macaulay, who began his literary career by learning to read at three years of age, wished to acquire a new language—and he learned most of the principal modern languages—he bought the Bible in that language and his familiarity with it made his study easy.

Samuel Taylor Coleridge, the poet, said: "Study of the Bible will keep any man from being vulgar in point of style." Kosuth, the great Hungarian patriot, who electrified American audiences by his eloquence, was asked how he acquired such a mastery of the English language and replied that it was the result of studying the Bible.—New York World.

It is a mistake to use a violent cathartic to open the bowels. A gentle movement will accomplish the same result without causing distress or serious consequences later. DeWitte Little Early Risers are recommended. Sold at Central Drug Store.

Bryan Advises Convention.

William Jennings Bryan in a letter to the constitutional convention of Oklahoma Saturday, makes many suggestions about the organic law for Oklahoma. The convention voted thanks for the suggestions. Bryan recommended that a majority of two-thirds of a jury decide verdicts instead of a unanimous vote. He also advised that the reading of reports of crimes should not disqualify a juror, as the reading juror is better than one who does not read. He advised for initiative and referendum laws and franchises and laws of direct primaries, a corporation and railroad commission, contempt trial by juries, party representation on all election boards, that no director be director in competing corporations and that no corporation be permitted to have monopoly large enough to fix prices. He also advises an inheritance tax.

Another important recommendation is for a board of arbitration for labor troubles composed of three members, two others representing parties in dispute to be added in each case.

The Texas legislature will convene on January 8th.

A Western Wonder.

There's a Hill at Bowie, Tex., that's twice as big as last year. This wonder is W. L. Hill, who from a weight of 90 pounds has grown to 180. He says: "I suffered with a terrible cough, and doctors gave me up to die of consumption. I was reduced to 90 pounds when I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. Now, after taking 12 bottles, I have more than doubled in weight and am completely cured." Only sure cough and cold cure. Guaranteed by Central Drug Store. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

LAND

Power of Attorney has been conferred upon the undersigned to sell direct to purchasers, and to execute deeds for lands in Block Number Three of the I. & G. N. R. R. Co. surveys, Gray County, Texas; also for lots in the new and promising town of Pampa. The rich quality and fast rising value of the land are already too generally known to need much comment. Liberal terms and a low rate of interest. I have also very excellent pastures to rent.

T. D. HOBART,
Pampa, Gray County, Texas.

The Constitutional convention of the new State of Oklahoma at Guthrie has made the following schedule of salaries for State officers: Governor, \$5,000 per year; Secretary of State, \$4,000; Treasurer, \$4,000; Attorney General, \$3,500; Commissioner of State and School Lands, \$2,500; Judges of Supreme Court, each, \$5,000 and necessary traveling expenses; Judges of the District Courts, each \$3,500 and traveling expenses; Railroad Commissioners, each \$4,000 and necessary traveling expenses; members of the legislature \$8 per day and ten cents per mile for each mile traveled in going to and from the seat of government by nearest travelled route; County Judges, each \$2,500, and County Attorneys, \$2,000.

The tobacco growers of Caldwell county are in arms against the trust buyers. Two tobacco plants owned by the trusts have been mysteriously burned. The insurance companies carrying policies on the plants were first advised and these policies canceled, consequently the loss is total. Every other policy on the trust plants in Western Kentucky has been canceled by the insurance companies.—Clay City (Kentucky) Times.

See how freight rates are made to discriminate against the farmer or grower who seeks to send his stuff direct to the consumer. We bought last week a 100 pound sack of rice from a South Texas farmer. The freight to Dallas was 58 cents. Now it does seem that we of Texas should be encouraged to patronize each other and rates would be adjusted accordingly, but how about rates on rice to other points? On the same day this farmer shipped a sack (100 pounds) to Chicago, and the rate was only 42 cents as against 58 cents to Dallas—shipped three times as

King of All Cough Medicines

E. G. Case, a mail carrier of Canton Center, Conn., who has been in the U. S. service for about 15 years, says: "We have tried many cough medicines for group, but Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is king of all and one to be relied upon every time. We also find it the best remedy for coughs and colds, giving certain results and leaving no bad effects." For sale Central Drug Store.

Praise Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

There is no other medicine manufactured that has received so much praise and so many expressions of gratitude as Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is effective and prompt relief follows its use. Grateful parents everywhere do not hesitate to testify to its merits for the benefit of others. It is a certain cure for croup and will prevent the attack if given at the first appearance of the disease. It is especially adapted to children as it is pleasant to take and contains nothing injurious. E. A. Humphreys, a well known resident and clerk in the store of E. Look, of Alice, Cape Colony, South Africa, says: "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to ward off croup and colds in my family. I found it to be very satisfactory and it gives me pleasure to recommend it." For sale at Central Drug Store.

Open the bowels and get the cold out of your system. Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup opens the bowels and at the same time allays the inflammation of the mucous membranes. Contains Honey and Tar. Drives out the cold and stops the cough. Absolutely free from any opiates. Conforms to the National Pure Food and Drug Law. Sold at Central Drug Store.

far for 16 cents less. It is evident that our railways expect us to buy through Chicago regardless of point of origin of the product.—Farm & Ranch.

Ector County voted in favor of prohibition by an overwhelming majority Wednesday.

Miss Grace Lanham, daughter of Gov. and Mrs. Lanham, is to marry E. C. Connor of Dallas at the gubernatorial mansion at Austin on New Year's day.

Congress has rescinded the president's simplified spelling order and the government documents will be printed in the old way, with Webster as the authority on spelling.

Cattle at the New Mexico Experiment Station, fed on alfalfa hay alone gained 90 pounds for each thousand pounds of hay fed them, or 180 pounds of gain for each ton of hay. A man who can grow five tons of alfalfa per acre would thus realize 900 pounds of beef per acre.—Exchange.

President Roosevelt sent a special message to congress this week in regards to the Japanese matter in another regards to the Panama Canal, and a third in regards to the discharge of the negro soldiers rioting at Brownville, Texas.

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Radio Telegraphy.

"Radio telegraphy" is to be the official designation for the wireless method of conveying communications. This has been decided by the international conference in Berlin, which by the way has resulted in another substantial testimonial to the influence exerted by the United States. An agreement has been reached by the delegates, who signed Saturday the convention which is to regulate the use of the wireless system. Difficulty existed in the beginning because of conflicting claims of rival inventors whose devices are in competition with one another. The representatives of the United States from the beginning took the position that communications between ships at sea and between ships and shore should be entirely free and independent of any rivalry among inventors. There was animated and earnest discussion, but the outcome in acceptance of the American view by most of the members of the conference, though several governments making reservations intended to protect existing agreements with wireless telegraph companies. The conference had to deal with a novel question, since wireless telegraphy has never before been the subject of international consideration, but it would seem an equitable decision was reached, and one in harmony with the increasing spirit of international good will. The period of ratification of the treaty embodying these agreements will end July 1, 1908.

Napoleon's Horsemanship.

Was Napoleon a good horseman? Frederic Masson, whose studies of the emperor know no end, declares that he was a poor rider. In this opinion he contradicts many a writer, as well as all the historical painters. Even in the military academy, it seems, Napoleon was the despair of his riding teachers. Though frequently thrown from his horse, his head was always down on his chest and his legs were bent by his too short stirrups. Hence his back was always crooked when he was in the saddle, while his reins were never properly in hand. It is on record that in attempting at Boulogne to pull his horse suddenly to one side to avoid a headless child, Napoleon went clear over the animal's head and fell beside the child. Details by name—who became, by the way, the father of the celebrated painter, Edouard Detaille. In Wurzburg, Napoleon once had to pay 600 francs damages for riding down a woman. The emperor also rode across country with absolute indifference to his own safety, and was always master of his mount, despite his poor seat. His taste in horses was excellent.

Educational Expenses in Europe.

French statistics show the expenses of the various European states for the education of their subjects. In Germany there is one school to every 700 inhabitants, and on an average 100 children attend one school. The expense amounts to 38.25 cents a head of population. In France there is a school to every 500 inhabitants, a school is attended by 66 children, and every Frenchman contributes 25 cents to the expenditure. In Italy, where there is a school to every 600 inhabitants, a school is visited by 56 children and a pupil costs 16.75 cents. In Spain there is also a school to every 600 inhabitants and 56 children constitute the average attendance. Every child, however, requires an annual expenditure of 25 cents. In England, says the New York Tribune, conditions are similar, but the cost amounts to 27.25 cents for each child. Austria has a school to every 104 pupils and every 1,200 inhabitants, at a cost of 19.1 cents. In Russia there is a school to every 2,500 inhabitants, and the school expenditure of a Russian amounts to 5.5 cents.

The statistics of foreign trade of the United States show that we are importing unusually large quantities and values of agricultural products. But there is no occasion for alarm by our farmers. Sugar and tobacco do not seriously compete with the native output, and coffee, silk and rubber are not rivals for anything grown at home. The American producer who supplies a large part of the world with breadstuffs, cotton and meat is still far ahead of the game, and may rest easy in the assurance that there are some millions of people abroad who regard this country as the chief source of supply for many of the necessities of life.

A Washington woman is suing another for \$5,000 damages because a postal card complaint of the manner in which she treated her children caused her to lose 30 pounds in weight. Some women would welcome a postal card like that. Think of the doctor's bill it saved, to say nothing of the inconvenience of following a diet.

As a rule, the man who can make almost everything numbers a living as one of the things he can't make.

A balloon has ascended high enough to pass completely over Mont Blanc, the famous peak in the Alps, and Santos Dumont has been flying about Paris in an aeroplane of which great things are expected. Yet there are many persons so skeptical as to doubt the feasibility of navigating the air at will.

Mrs. Russell Sage proposes to give her immense fortune to those who won't beg for it. Now, don't all shut up at once.

THE MISTLETOE BOUGH



ERRILY blazed the Yule log in the square, open fireplace, and the dark oak panels of the little room caught and threw back again in softer color the red light of the flames. The flames only burned the brighter, as though determined to outdo the Christmas snowstorm without, and the noise of the gale was lost in the merry splutter and crack of the fire.

Before the log sat a youth and maiden, and for a little time they sat in silence reading their future in the red coals; and though neither told the other of their dream, each felt that their futures were the same.

Suddenly the young man turned towards the girl. "I bought a bit of mistletoe to-day," he said. "Do you know the origin of its use? Shall I tell you the story?"

"Yes," she answered, her lips scarcely moving. "And you will promise not to interrupt?"

"Yes, yes," was her unobtrusive reply. He laid a green spray with crimson berries upon her brown curls, and bending near her, began:

"Baldr, the son of Odin, the old Norse god, was called the Good because of his kind and loving nature, and wherever he went among the gods or men he was received with the kiss of peace."

The young man hesitated a moment, then he caught sight of the green spray that crowned the fair face of the girl, and he was emboldened.

"Like this," he whispered. He waited a moment, and then seeing the



"Like This."

brown eyes turned inquiringly towards him, he continued—

"But Baldr in his dreams was warned that his life was in peril, so he called the gods together, and giving them the kiss of peace—the gods were numbered by the score," he explained, "and you promised not to interrupt. He told them of his fears, and they resolved to do all in their power to prevent the calamity."

The wife of Odin made all things on earth swear to injure him, but she overlooked the mistletoe, which she thought too puny. She did not know its power as I do. All right, I'll continue. After this Baldr used to supply all the fun for the gods, who would throw all sorts of things at him and improve their aim because they knew he could not be harmed.

"And Baldr used to return a kiss for each blow, and if he got hit six times he would give six—like this. But Loki, that unpleasant fellow whom no one used to ever kiss (like this), learned that the mistletoe had taken no oath, so he got a little spray and sharpened it, and then went to watch the fun."

There was an old blind god called Hodur, who couldn't see him, and Loki went up to him and whispered, 'Don't you want to hit Baldr and get a kiss' (like this); and Hodur said, 'Yes.' So Loki gave him the mistletoe and guided his throw, and Baldr was pierced through, and fell dead, and he couldn't kiss anybody any more (like this), and everybody was stricken with sorrow. So after trying to get back his life they gave up the job, and laid him on his ship, placed a spray of mistletoe over his head, and all the Valkyrs, a lot of pretty girls who used to be the messenger boys for the gods, came and kissed him (like this), and that is why on Christmas eve anybody can kiss anybody else (like this) if they only have a spray of mistletoe over their head."

"What has Christmas eve got to do with it?" asked the maiden, reaching up for the spray in her hair. As she said it she started.

"Oh, Tom," she cried, "these berries are red! How could you make such a mistake! All your time wasted and—"

The young man looked perplexed. How had he failed? The girl, like a frightened spirit, passed through the door. Soon a hand thrust inside the curtains and a face looked shyly through.

"Tom," she said, "that holly didn't count. It wasn't fair; but I've got a piece of real mistletoe now. Tell me all about Baldr over again!"

As it struck Hornblower. William H. Hornblower, whom Dave Hill kept off the federal supreme bench, illustrates in this way his anti-expansion views:

"I feel like this on the Philippines. A client of mine came into my office the other day, looking solemn."

"What's the matter?" I asked. "My colored coachman has died and remembered me in his will, said he."

"Oh, that was nice of him," I said. "Nice," said my client. He has made me testamentary guardian of his ten minor children.—St. Paul Dispatch.

TERSELY TOLD OF TEXAS

A NEW SITUATION PROOF AGAINST SENATOR BAILEY EXPLAINS TRANSACTIONS WITH PIERCE.

Texas and Pacific a Military Road Under Federal Charter. Austin, Texas, December 12.—By agreement there was submitted in the Supreme Court this morning on written arguments and the previous oral argument in the case of Texas and Pacific Railway Company vs. State of Texas, in which the railroad company presents a novel question in that it claims exemption from the one per cent Love tax, because it was chartered by an act of the Federal Congress as a Federal post and military road and that no State can levy an occupation tax on it. It claims to be exempt from State regulation or occupation tax, since it is a Federal institution engaged in carrying interstate commerce. The Supreme Court held that the other roads were subject to the tax, it being declared valid, but none of them have Federal charters, being chartered under the laws of Texas and State institutions for that reason.

Should the Texas and Pacific receive exemption it would save no small amount of taxes, while its competitors would be forced to pay them.

Medicos to Meet in Paris. Dallas: With three hundred physicians in attendance three sessions of the North Texas Medical Association were held Wednesday, the program for the day being concluded with an address last night by Dr. F. B. Turek, a Chicago specialist. Paris was selected as the next place of meeting. The following officers for the ensuing year were elected: Frank D. Boyd, Fort Worth, president; J. W. Larsen, McKinney, vice president; S. D. Moore, Van Alstyne, secretary; C. A. Gray of Bonham, treasurer.

Wells-Fargo Raises Wages. Fort Worth: At a meeting held recently in Kansas City, of the officials of the Wells Fargo Express Company it was decided to some of the employees of the company a raise in salary as a Christmas present. All employees who have been working one year and have not received a raise in that time will be benefited. This will take in about 7,000 men, who now work for the company and will affect one or two of the local men.

Two Trainmen Killed. Fort Worth: A Texas and Pacific freight train ran into the rear end of a regular Katy local at Watauga Wednesday morning about 1:30 o'clock, and as a result Conductor Barton and Brake-man Cobb of the Katy train were killed and the engineer on the Texas and Pacific badly injured. There is a bill at Watauga and the Texas and Pacific train was going down it at a rapid speed when it struck the one standing.

To Build Orphans Chapel. Dallas: Plans are being drawn for a new school building and chapel to be erected at Buckner Orphans' Home at a cost of about \$25,000. The chapel and school will be built of cement stone and will be used exclusively for the orphans. Work is expected to begin on the building as soon as the plans have been furnished and bids received. The proposed structure will be completed, it is declared, by next summer.

To Establish Big Brick Plant. Waxahachie: R. L. Ingram of Midlothian and D. L. Joynt of Ganssels have gone to Ohio to inspect and purchase brick making machinery for a plant that is soon to be established at Midlothian. Upon their return a company will be organized and chartered for the purpose of manufacturing brick. The plant will be located about three miles west of Midlothian on the H. & T. C. railroad.

Milner's New Place. Austin: In the acceptance of the position of Commissioner of Insurance, Banking, etc., at a salary of \$2,500, Col. R. T. Milner of Rusk will be compelled to relinquish the presidency of the Texas division of the Southern Cotton Association, which has a salary of about \$2,000 per annum. Col. Milner's successor will be elected at the meeting of the association to be held in this city some time next month.

Sad End of a Useful Life. Austin: Dr. J. M. Gaddy, aged fifty-four, was killed Thursday by falling off a passenger train. He was in the sleeper and got up and walked to the platform and fell off the train, which was going about twenty miles an hour. He was in company with his son-in-law, Rev. Frank Norris, of Dallas, and was en route to San Antonio to be placed in the Moody Sanitarium for nervous prostration.

Progress of Trinity Work. Dallas: A. S. Adams, who has the contract for the work on lock and dam No. 6, on the Trinity River, was in the city Thursday. He says that the tramway from the site of the dam to the gravel pits is ready for use. The machinery he expects to use in the work is partly installed and will be all ready soon. Dirt will fly, he says, about December 20, and he expects to complete the contract work by June 1, 1907.

Love Tax Matter Goes Up. Austin: It has been decided by the railroad to appeal to the United States supreme court the injunction suit of the Texas and Pacific railway against the State officials, in the Love tax matter, and it was agreed with the State that the other injunction suits may remain upon the docket of the supreme court to await the decision of the supreme court of the United States.

Body Bore Marks of Violence. Brownwood: From the ruins of a residence, which was burned to the ground early Sunday morning, searchers took the body of H. C. Pride, an unmarried man who lived in the place, an elderly couple keeping house for him. When the remains were removed it was seen that the skull had been crushed in two places, leading to the inference that the man had been killed before the building burned. An arrest was made.

Representative Dimmitt Dead. Sherman: Robert P. Dimmitt, of Benjamin, Knox County, aged 59 years, member of the House of Representatives from the One Hundred and Fourth District in the last Legislature, died Thursday at Fort Worth of Bright's disease and was buried at West Hill Cemetery in this city Friday afternoon, following services held at 3:30 o'clock.

Negro Coal Heavers Strike. Taylor: Ten negro coal heavers employed in the coal chutes of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway at Granger, north of Taylor, struck for higher wages and quit work. During the rush of cotton picking, season these laborers were paid \$2 a day of ten hour's work. Since labor became more plentiful the wages of the heavers were reduced to \$1.75 per day, hence the strike.

Accidentally Shoots Himself. San Marcos: Postmaster Owen Ford was instantly killed here Friday morning. The tragedy was enacted just as he got out of his carriage in front of the office. He got out of the carriage and told the driver to wait until he got his gun. Just then the driver heard the report of a pistol and when he got to Ford he was dead. The ball entered the temple and death was instantaneous. The shot is believed to have been accidental.

Took Conductor's Change. Dallas: Mack Williams, a conductor on a South Harwood street car, was relieved of about five dollars' worth of change on his car at a late hour a few nights since. He was standing on the back platform when the car neared Grand Avenue. A negro man was standing on the step as if to get off the car. The negro thrust his hand into the pocket of the conductor and filling it with small change, ran out into the darkness.

New Law Building Commenced. Austin: Ground has been broken for the new law building at the University of Texas. It is to be a modern three-story structure with basement and arranged for the purpose it is to serve. Besides the class and lecture rooms, there will be a library, study halls, reception rooms and offices of the professors and instructors. It is hoped to have it ready for occupancy by the middle of April.

Senator Bailey Explains Transactions With Pierce. Austin, Texas, Dec. 7.—Senator Joseph W. Bailey yesterday gave to the press an open letter addressed to Attorney General Davidson replying to the open letter written by the Attorney General last week. This was done after a conference with friends and after an exchange of letters between the Senator and the Attorney General.

In his letter to the Attorney General, Senator Bailey asked for the privilege of seeing the vouchers and other documents which he understood the Attorney General claimed to have in his possession. Attorney General Davidson replied asking that Senator Bailey first reply to his questions and saying that if Senator Bailey would deny that he received money from H. C. Pierce he would, under proper conditions show the papers in question.

Senator Bailey, in his open letter, declares that the Attorney General prescribed an impossible condition. He reiterates his former statements that he has never directly or indirectly received any money from the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, but says that he has frequently declared in his speeches that he not only represented Pierce and others in the Tennessee railroad matter, but had represented Pierce in many other matters. He reiterates the propriety of these employments and that specifically answers the question of the Attorney General.

Senator Bailey answers the other questions. He criticizes the course pursued by the Attorney General and declares that certain large corporations whose interests he opposed in Congress are endeavoring to destroy him.

There were three girls of them, all merry, light-hearted and thoughtless, but this evening a new seriousness was upon them. For one thing, mother had gone to bed with a sharp neuralgic attack that somehow was becoming, of late, a too frequent occurrence. Another was that father had just given them their Christmas allowance for the year, and under the strain the sweet old merry Christmas of long ago has lost its charm.

"Oh, don't you preach," cried Mag, "we've got obligations, we have friends, and the result is our \$10 will melt in their behalf like snow before the sun. I'd be ashamed to look them in the face if it didn't."

Joyce crept softly into her mother's room. The light was turned down low. The figure on the bed did not stir. Joyce slipped over and looked down at the pale sleeper. "Darling mother," she whispered, "how white her cheeks are, and her hands, too, how thin. I wish I might kiss them. I'm glad she's gone to sleep. Perhaps when she wakes the pain will be gone."

She turned to go away, but a pair of slippers sitting side by side at the foot of the bed arrested her. She stooped and picked one up, striking it softly. Joyce was always the affectionate one of the family. Then she looked at it. The sole was pitifully thin, and there was a little break in afternoon and cried about it. That reminds me. I'm going up to see how she is."

Just Like a Woman. She received a Christmas present. Her friends all said 'twas nice. But she was awfully disappointed. For she couldn't learn the price.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Mournful Thought. How oft on Christmas morning, Our joyous greetings knocking, We find ten-dollar stockings, In a silk ten-dollar stocking.—Judge.



The Christmas Guest

BY CHARLES H. CRANDALL. Cold sweeps the wind in every hill and valley, Its kisses glaze the rivers and the sea, It drives its steeds through avenue and alley, And laughs to see the shivering people fly. Yet by the hearthfire glowing the north wind shall not rest, Where glad hands are bestowing cheer for the Christmas Guest.

Good people all, wherever ye are dwelling, In crowded streets or on the lonely farm, Join in the Christmas message, sweetly swelling, And make each home a haven bright and warm, For hearts, if true and lowly, The manger-crudles are, Where comes the Child-Guest holy With love, the guiding Star.

MOTHER'S CHRISTMAS

By SUSAN HUBBARD MARTIN. There were three girls of them, all merry, light-hearted and thoughtless, but this evening a new seriousness was upon them. For one thing, mother had gone to bed with a sharp neuralgic attack that somehow was becoming, of late, a too frequent occurrence. Another was that father had just given them their Christmas allowance for the year, and under the strain the sweet old merry Christmas of long ago has lost its charm.

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Joyce looked at it also. The had been patched, the collar mangled, the buttons missing. Joyce remembered with pang it was the best one mother had. She swept the wrapper of the and took up the little worn slipper. Mag and Fan were still holding up the old wrapper. "Think we girls ought to make a ceaseless round of duties day by day with no thought of relaxation. Joyment. The work must be on time. Girls must have their company their holidays. There was little or money left for her when young girls were properly fed clothed. And as Mag, Fan and looked at the patched, threadbare wrapper, it told a tale more eloquent than any words, representing to three hitherto thoughtless daughters the sacrifices daily made for them never mentioned.

Fan wiped a tear away, so did Joyce's eyes were already full. "If we don't take better care mother, perhaps we won't have very long," said Joyce, solemnly. "Girls," she added, "let's do something. Say we put five dollars of our ten away for her, and fix up things. I will, anyway. I'm going to get her a handsome pair of Juliet trimmed in black fur, and enough to make her a pretty dress. Mag, will you make it?"

Mag sprang up. "Yes, I will, I will," she cried, "and I will give \$5 to never realized that mother was being quite as poor clothes as she. "I'll give as," said Fan, as she "We haven't money enough to round anyway. Let us be brave tell our friends so. Perhaps in end they'll thank us for it."

When mother came downstairs Christmas morning, she gave a gasp of surprise. A gay little wreath holly hung by the window. Attached to it was a large white card which bore these words:

"MOTHER'S CHRISTMAS. May She Have Many of Them. A pretty brown wrapper with velvet collar and cuffs hung over the back of her favorite chair. A dainty pair of house shoes lay beside it, trimmed in black fur. Near them was a dingy sacking, soft and warm, of a gray material finished off by a tassel of scarlet and a bow of ribbon. A shawl of white and blue hung over one arm of the chair. Pairs of kid gloves lay across it. The sofa was a handsome comforter of pink silkline artistically knitted with blue. This was Fan's gift.

Mag sighed. "Isn't Joyce a character?" she said to Fan when the younger sister was safely out of the room. "Joyce," replied Fan, decisively, "is a dear. I wish we were more like her. I'm not sure, too," she added, thoughtfully, "but that she is right."

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DEC. 22, 1906.

Now make a noise like Christmas. Horse blankets at the Harness Shop. Collars from 16 to 23 at the Harness Shop.

Sheriff R. P. Hutton of Dalhart lodged in Miami over Monday night.

We learn that Judge Carter contemplates moving his family to Armarillo about the first of February.

For pure flavoring extracts, the very best in the city, go to the Central Drug Store.

Jim Coffey was up from Canadian Tuesday. He expects to move back to Miami the first of next month.

Attorney C. Coffey left Tuesday on a visit to his brother, Glenn Coffey, at Globe, Arizona. He also expects to visit the eight-section portion of West Texas during his absence.

Postmaster R. C. Fitch expects to spend Christmas on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. J. Frank Cox, who now lives at Cloud, Oklahoma. Miss Lucile Ewing will accompany her grandfather on his visit.

Dealers say that those who have used Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets are quite loyal to them and can not be persuaded to take any substitute. Get a free sample at Central Drug Store, give them a trial and you, too, will want them in preference to any. They cure stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation.

Mr. and Mrs. Winsett of Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. Corson of Canadian, and Mr. and Mrs. Mead of Miami will go out to the ranch of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Ledrick to spend the Christmas holidays, and there they will be joined by Mr. and Mrs. Dave Pope. The five ladies are all sisters, and their mother, Mrs. White of Canadian, will also be present at this gathering.

A bargain in two Second-hand side-saddles at the harness shop.

There were three deaths in Wheeler County Thursday night. Mrs. Rufus Parks died at her home near Mobeetie; Jim Dickinson of Mobeetie lost a child by typhoid fever and a child of Mr. Rodgers of Wheeler died of pneumonia.

E. C. DeWitt & Co. of Chicago, at whose laboratory Kodol is prepared, assures us that this remarkable digestant and corrective for the stomach conforms fully to all provisions of the National Pure Food and Drug Law. The Kodol laboratory is a very large one, but if all the sufferers from indigestion and stomach troubles could know the virtue of Kodol it would be impossible for the manufacturers to keep up with the demand. Kodol is sold by Central Drug Store.

T. E. Parton of Wheeler County was in Miami yesterday. Mr. Parton says he has three hundred acres in wheat which looks fine. He also has nearly five hundred acres in cotton and has not picked any of it yet. His method is to let all of the bolls open and then go over the field but once. He says his cotton is ready for the pickers now but that he would not be able to secure help until after the holidays.

Beginning with the new year all stamps sold at presidential post-offices will have the name of the town and state printed on them. It is the scheme of the postoffice department to trace stamp sales more accurately than now possible. This method has been used for years in Liberia and Mexico.

There are five Saturdays in this month—or five days of issue for THE CHIEF. We are going to claim one for a holiday, so the paper will not appear again until the first regular day of issue in the new year—January 5th, 1907.

A Christmas Tree.

Arrangements are being made to have a town Christmas tree at the Court House on Christmas night. Everybody is invited to co-operate with the committee to make the tree a success and to come to the tree Christmas night.

Saddles that will suit you at the Saddle Shop.

Notice!

All parties indebted to the firm of Johnston Bros. & Co. will please settle with me at once. All accounts not paid by January 1st, 1907, will be placed in the hands of an attorney for collection. Respectfully, C. W. POOR.

Miami, Dec. 7th, 1906.

Saddle blankets at the Saddle Shop. Call and see them.

A Rare Entertainment Planned.

The public is promised a treat in music and an elocution recital at the Presbyterian church in Miami on the night of December 24th—or Christmas eve night. Reader, Miss Elizabeth Vashiti Bellenfante, who holds a diploma from Prof. Lewis Spencer Daniels of National reputation. Music under the direction of Prof. Cranker, Misses Mary and Laura Todd of Canadian, advanced scholars of Prof. Cranker's. Also assisted by local talent. Violin, L. C. Fink.

Long Tennessee Fight

For 20 years W. L. Rawls of Bells, Tenn., fought nasal catarrh. He writes "the swelling and soreness inside my nose was fearful all I began applying Bucklen's Arnica Salve to the sore surface; this caused the soreness and swelling to disappear, never to return." Best salve in existence. 25c at Central Drug Store.

A New Rock machine.

Geo. Nickel has a new machine for making concrete building stones. It has plates for various shapes and designs and does not require pallets. The machine can be sold to farmers for \$25 and they can manufacture their own building purposes. Dr. Mr. Nickel will contract to make the rock and do the building.

A Pretty Tribute to Childhood's Santa.

Chas. A. Dana, the great New York editor, gave this answer to the little girl who wanted to know if there was really a Santa Claus, her faith having been shattered by some smart grown-up. No sweeter sentiment ever fell from the editorial pen. Mr. Dana said:

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance, to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished. You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men who ever lived can tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supreme beauty and glory beyond. It is real! Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding. No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, may, ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

For chapped and cracked hands nothing is quite so good as an application of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Put it on before going to bed, use an old pair of gloves and see what a difference the morning will bring. Sold by Central Drug Store.

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Christmas Gift!

Next Tuesday is Christmas! Of all days this is the day we celebrate. Others may prefer the Glorious Fourth, or some other day, but Christmas has a charm of good will and merriment that is not encountered at any other time of the year. It comes at the right time for us, when it is neither too hot nor too cold, and is the more opportune as a suitable time on which to dance out the old year while dancing in the new.

Of course, considering the origin and the meaning of the word and day, we are not consistent in our methods of celebrating. We might very naturally be expected to do more good and make less noise than we do. However, all agree that it is properly a day of hope and good cheer. For centuries we and our ancestors have observed the rule of the poet—

"At Christmas play, and make good cheer, for Christmas comes but once a year."

There is not a merrier or more hopeful people in the world than the brightly populace of the Panhandle at this time, and thousands of hearty greetings will be sent to friends and loved ones in other States, and still we have plenty to pass around to each other.

THE CHIEF wishes that its readers and the rest may enjoy Christmas and do all in their power to make it a happy day for others. Consider the good things that have fallen to us as a people, there is certainly no reason why we should not feel grateful, be happy and love one another.

The "Fair."

The Woman's Home Mission Society will hold a "Fair" at the Graham building on Main street on Saturday December 22nd, beginning at 2 p. m.

In connection with the Bazaar, the ladies of the separate booths will sell home-made candies, house plants, fancy articles, etc. One worthy feature will be an exhibition of the Art Class of Miami.

Ten cent tickets will be sold at the door, which will entitle the holder to admittance to the entertainment at the Court House on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, the program of which is as follows:

Chorus
Recitation Mrs. Olive Solo
Solo Mrs. Bessie Gunn
Recitation Mrs. McCulliston
Solo (Vocal) Mrs. Winsett
Recitation Florence Hendricks
Violin Solo L. C. Fink
Recitation Miss Bellenfante
Duet Mary and Laura Todd
Short Talk Miss DeBusk

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TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT.

QUARTERLY REPORT OF JOHN STUMP, County Treasurer of Roberts County, Texas, of Receipts and Expenditures from Aug. 1, 1906 to Nov. 14th, 1906, inclusive:

JURY FUND, 1st Class.

Balance on hand August 1st, 1906.	\$436.42	
To Amount received during quarter.	171.50	
By Amount paid out during quarter.		127.00
By 2 1/2 per cent commission on amount received.		4.28
By 2 1/2 per cent commission on amount paid out.		3.17
By amount to balance.		473.47
\$473.47—Balance on hand.	\$609.92	\$609.92

ROAD and BRIDGE FUND, 2nd Class.

Balance on hand August 1st, 1906.	\$4357.63	
To Amount received during quarter.	5.25	
By amount paid out during quarter.		6.00
By 2 1/2 per cent commission on amount received.		.13
By 2 1/2 per cent commission on amount paid out.		.15
By amount to balance.		\$4356.60
\$4356.60—Balance on hand.	\$4362.88	\$4362.88

GENERAL COUNTY FUND, 3rd Class.

Balance on hand August 1st, 1906.	724.53	
To Amount received during quarter.	24.35	
By Amount paid out during quarter.		1005.67
By 2 1/2 per cent commission on amount received.		.61
By 2 1/2 per cent commission on amount paid out.		25.14
By amount to balance.	292.54	
By Balance—\$282.54	\$1031.42	\$1031.42

COURT HOUSE and JAIL FUND, 4th Class.

Balance on August 1st, 1906.	7424.83	
To Amount received during quarter.	8.74	
By Amount paid out during quarter.		15.95
By 2 1/2 per cent commission on amount received.		.22
By 2 1/2 per cent commission on amount paid out.		.40
By amount to balance.		7417.00
\$7417.00—Balance on hand.	\$7433.57	\$7433.57

Respectfully submitted, JOHN STUMP County Treasurer, Roberts County, Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }
COUNTY OF ROBERTS, } I, J. A. Mead, Clerk of the County Court, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of the report showing Receipts and Disbursements by the County Treasurer of Roberts County, Texas, from August 1st, 1906, up to and including November 14th, 1906, and approved by the Commissioners Court of said County on the 14th day of November, 1906, as the same appears now on file in my said office.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court this 18th day of December 1906.
J. A. MEAD.
(Seal) Clerk County Court, Roberts County, Texas.

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