

FOUR ASSASSINATIONS IN WORLD IN A DAY; DAGGER, BOMB AND PISTOL USED

NICARAGUA REVOLUTION SUCCESS; ZELAYA TROOPS MADE PRISONERS

PROMINENT PERSONS IN PUBLIC LIFE ARE VICTIMS OF ANARCHIST AND Nihilist.

RUSSIAN BLOWN TO PIECES AT NIGHT

CHIEF MAGISTRATE MURDERED IN THEATER IN BOMBAY; PREMIER YI FATALLY STABBED.

Colonel Karpoff Killed. Publishers' Press. St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—Colonel Karpoff of the Russian army and chief of police of St. Petersburg, was assassinated by Nihilists today.

Magistrate Assassinated. Publishers' Press. Bombay, India, Dec. 22.—Chief Magistrate Arthur Jackson of British India was killed by an assassin today.

Anarchist Wounds Minister. Publishers' Press. Bucharest, Roumania, Dec. 22.—Jonel Barantian, prime minister and minister of foreign affairs of Roumania, was shot and seriously wounded today by an anarchist.

Korean Stabbed. Publishers' Press. Seoul, Korea, Dec. 22.—Premier Yi, head of the Korean cabinet, was fatally stabbed by a conspirator today.

News has been received here of two assassinations and two attempted assassinations in different parts of the world today. A conspirator by the name of Yiet Chiam Ying today fatally stabbed Premier Yi, the head of the Korean cabinet, the result of a political conspiracy. The wound proved fatal and the prime minister is dead. The assassin escaped.

Bomb Used on Karpoff. Colonel Karpoff, chief of police of St. Petersburg, was killed by a bomb. The death-dealing instrument was hurled in the police station by a Nihilist, and Karpoff was blown to pieces. The perpetrator escaped.

Shot By Anarchist. The prime minister of Roumania was shot by an anarchist, and it is believed that he will die. A later report tonight stated that he was dead.

Killed at Theater. Arthur M. T. Jackson, the chief magistrate of Nasik, was assassinated by a native while attending the theater at Bombay, British India. He had been in the Indian service many years.

TAFT TO SEND TWO MESSAGES TO CONGRESS

Washington, Dec. 22.—President Taft is to send a special message to congress on each of the first two days of the session after the holiday recess, January 4 and 5. One will deal with the conservation of the natural resources and the other with anti-trust laws and litigation.

DIVIDEND IS DECLARED.

Texas Central Railroad Pays Semi-Annual Dividend. Publishers' Press. New York, Dec. 22.—The Texas Central Railroad has declared a regular semi-annual dividend of 2 1/2 per cent. It is payable January 14.

Pope Suffering With Cold.

Rome, Dec. 22.—The Pope is suffering with a cold, but is not in a serious condition.



The Modern Santa Claus

KILLED WIFE WITH A HATCHET; THREW SELF UNDER TRAIN

DOUBLE TRAGEDY ENACTED IN CALIFORNIA TOWN.

George Cheuvrent, Prominent Resident of Fresno, Murdered Spouse and Then Suicided.

Fresno, Cal., Dec. 22.—Two of Fresno's most prominent residents figured in an awful tragedy today, following domestic difficulty, as a result of which Mrs. George Cheuvrent lies dead covered with terrible wounds from a hatchet, and her husband lies terribly mangled from being run over by a train. The Cheuvrents had had some trouble, and the husband today secured a hatchet and killed his wife. Then he went to the Southern Pacific tracks and threw himself under a train.

TRAINS WERE LATE.

Christmas Rush Is On and Travel Is Heavy.

Both the Santa Fe and the Orient passenger trains were several hours late Wednesday, due to the fact that the Christmas rush in traveling is so great that the two roads cannot possibly run on schedule time. There are people coming in and going out from all points to spend the holidays. Wednesday about twenty-five people left over the Orient for about five different states in the Union to spend the holidays at their respective homes. Equally as many arrived in this city for the same purpose.

Wind Blows Man No Good. San Bernardino, Dec. 22.—Chris Thompson was blown off his feet while crossing Third street, and sustained a compound fracture of the left leg.

Unemployed, Tried Suicide.

Oakland, Dec. 22.—Out of work and despondent because his three children cried when he told them that Santa Claus could not visit them this Christmas, Frank C. Williams, a painter, attempted suicide.

Burglars May Have Killed Two.

New York, Dec. 22.—Burglars may have turned on the gas which suf-

FORMER COWBOY OF TEXAS PLAINS IS HERO IN NEW YORK

ROPES A WILD STEER ON FIFTH AVENUE.

Street Crowded With Fashionably Dressed Pedestrians and Great Excitement Prevailed.

New York, Dec. 22.—A wild steer escaped from the Sulzberger slaughter house this afternoon while Fifth avenue was crowded with thousands of fashionable pedestrians and automobiles. Mounted Policeman Trainer, who was once a cowboy in Texas and Oklahoma, lassoed the cow. The incident caused great excitement.

GUN ACCIDENTALY DISCHARGED; KILLS FOURTEEN--YEAR OLD BOY

Rushing breathlessly to the farm house of West Wyatt, near here, the 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lee took news of an awful tragedy which occurred three miles away and which cost the life of Baker Lee, 14 years old, his brother, through the accidental discharge of a 22 caliber rifle. The young boy with his older brother, together with another companion, were out hunting, according to details received here. The gun which the boys were using became discharged through some cause and killed the oldest brother.

foated Mr. and Mrs. John Kelly today in their flat in West Forty-eighth street. Mrs. Kelly was dead and her husband died a few moments after the police arrived.

Passengers Won't Budge.

Tacoma, Dec. 22.—In an attempt to force street car companies to give them a 5-cent fare between Tacoma and Fern Hill, 161 men and 10 women spent the night in the street cars or crouching around bonfires along the track, blocking traffic. They won a partial victory. Fern Hill recently was annexed to the city, but the street car company insisted on continuing the old fare of 10 cents.

CHARLES WARRINER PLEADS GUILTY; IS GIVEN SIX YEARS

BIG FOUR TREASURER CONFESSES TO EMBEZZLEMENT.

Had Been Accused of Stealing Enormous Sum of \$624,000—Court Shows No Mercy.

Cincinnati, Dec. 22.—Charles L. Warriner today pleaded guilty to stealing the sum of \$640,000 from the Big Four and was sentenced to six years in the penitentiary. Warriner was formerly treasurer of the road and his defalcations covered a period of many years.

Sheriff Shoots Prisoner.

Yuma, Ariz., Dec. 22.—Former Ranger and Deputy Sheriff Frank R. Wheeler shot Frank Butts in Moretti's saloon with a 41-caliber Colt revolver, the ball entering two inches below the heart, and is not yet located, after much probing. The wound is quite serious, and may prove fatal.

HIS HEART BULLET PROOF.

St. Joseph Mo., Dec. 22.—Francis Drysdale, aged 21, member of a well-known family, who, a few days ago, was shot through the heart, still lives and there is every indication that he will recover.

The Weather. Publishers' Press. Washington, Dec. 22.—Weather forecast for Texas: Fair and cold Thursday, with northeast winds.

WOLGAST GEATS DECISION.

Beats Frank Piccato in a Ten-Round Bout. Publishers' Press. Los Angeles, Dec. 22.—Ad Wolgast of Milwaukee, got the decision over Frank Piccato of Los Angeles, in a 10-round go here tonight.

FIRE DOES \$100,000 DAMAGE.

Administration Building of Golden State School Burns. Publishers' Press. San Jose, Dec. 22.—Fire destroyed the administration building of Santa Clara College here and the damage is estimated at \$100,000.

LITTLE TIM SULLIVAN DEAD.

King of the Bowery and Pillar of Tammany. Publishers' Press. New York, Dec. 22.—Little Tim Sullivan, king of the Bowery and a pillar of Tammany hall, died here today.

DOCTOR COOK IS CRAZY.

Says H Wellington Wack, Explorer's Lawyer. Publishers' Press. New York, Dec. 22.—H. Wellington Wack, attorney for Cook, in a statement issued today, declared that the explorer was insane. The whereabouts of Cook is not known.

GATES DENIES HE MADE THE SPEECH WARNING GAMBLERS

SAYS HE WAS MISQUOTED IN HIS GALVESTON SPEECH.

Galveston, Dec. 22.—John W. Gates here today denied that he made statements warning boys not to gamble in an address before the South Texas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church. "Betcha-Million" Gates declares that he was misquoted.

He was quoted as saying to the young men of the country that the gambler was always a gambler and warned them against race track betting, speculation in the stock market and all other games of chance.

Johnny Poe Now General.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Johnny Poe, Princeton's great football halfback, is back in the United States, a general. He got the rank in Honduras.

MILITARY COMPANY MEETS.

Regular Weekly Drill Held Wednesday Night.

The regular weekly meeting of the military company was held Wednesday night, at which time several hours was consumed in drilling. The attendance was rather small, due to the fact that Christmas is near at hand and most of the members are too busy to attend. In regard to the fourteen men at Sherwood who are wanting admission into the company, no definite steps have been taken, as the captain has not heard from Adjutant General Newton.

DENEEN'S COURSE APPROVED.

Action in Case of Cairo Sheriff Will Have Strong Effect.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—That Governor Deneen's action in refusing the reinstatement of Frank E. Davis, sheriff of Alexander county at the time of the Cairo lynchings, will have a far-reaching effect in preventing similar acts of mob violence in the future, is the view now taken by those who have investigated the course of these and other riots.

ESTRADA SCORES DECISIVE VICTORY AT RAMA AND CAPTURES 16,000 SOLDIERS OF ENEMY.

WARSHIPS ESTABLISH EMERGENCY HOSPITAL

Detachment From American Cruisers Care for Wounded—Government Army Sustains Loss of 600 Men.

New Orleans, Dec. 22.—A cable from Bluefields says that 19,000 Zelayan troops have been captured by Estrada and have sworn allegiance to the revolutionists. Revolution Successful. Publishers' Press.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The Nicaraguan revolution is successful and the overthrow of the Zelayan government is certain. The state department today received cable advices to the effect that Zelaya's forces at Rama were defeated, with a loss of 600 killed and wounded. Zelaya's army has surrendered to General Estrada. Temporary hospitals to care for the wounded have been established in Bluefields by a detachment from the American warships.

Two Americans Killed.

Bluefields, Dec. 22.—The battle in which General Estrada defeated the Zelayan forces took place outside the city limits of Rama. Two Americans in Estrada's army are reported killed. Commander Shipley, of the battleship Des Moines landed surgeons and doctors to attend the wounded.

MINISTER LEAVES FOR HOME.

Wu Ting Fang Returns to China, but Will Return. Publishers' Press. Washington, Dec. 22.—The Chinese retiring minister, Wu Ting Fang, left today for his home. He said he would return in fifty years if he lived.

VOTE TO INCREASE STOCK.

Directors of Wells-Fargo Make Its Stock \$24,000,000. Publishers' Press. New York, Dec. 22.—The directors of the Wells-Fargo Express company today voted to increase the capital stock from \$8,000,000 to \$24,000,000.

STRIKERS TO RESUME WORK.

Switchmen Will Go Back, Pending a Settlement. Minneapolis, Dec. 22.—Announcement was made today that the striking railroad switchmen will resume work tomorrow pending arbitration of the labor troubles.

ROOSEVELT'S HOSTILITY TO BE SHOWN UP

Washington, Dec. 22.—There is a probability that the congressional investigation into the Ballinger-Pinchot row will develop some interesting facts, according to Washington gossip. Former President Roosevelt is said to be hostile toward some of the officials in the Taft administration and this investigation is expected to bring this to light.

Mexico Has No Objections.

Mexico City, Dec. 22.—Mexico will make no open objection to the administration of President Madriz in Nicaragua. Sub-secretary of State Gamblers made that statement.

Chicago's Budget Ready.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 22.—Chicago's annual budget, appropriating this year more than \$30,000,000, of which it is proposed to raise about \$9,500,000 by a bond issue, has been put on the printing presses and will go to the city council on Monday evening.

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THE GREATEST IMPOSITOR OF THE CENTURY.

There is the optimist in every vocation of human endeavor, and there is an equal, if not a larger, number of pessimists. It is dangerous to be in a class with either, and it is often unpleasant to be associated with them. This within itself creates a demand for what might be termed a happy medium until some one can coin a word suitable to the character, and stop or at least check the great and risky habit of going to extremes. The truth is the truth, and the truth will out sooner or later. There is a great necessity of the American people, especially considering cold facts, deliberating upon them, and accepting the world's events as they come, with more candor and in a more intelligent manner.

The experience which civilization has had with Dr. Cook is only an example of an every-day occurrence. Without the least evidence to support his contentions, a man whose reputation was not even national comes to the front and the world, practically speaking, accepts, in a moment of excitement, that which in reality did not exist, and in a fit of unpleasantness, even before there has been sufficient cause to make a thorough investigation of the records, even before the man has presented the original notes of his observation, the same people, who unite and call him great, crown him with glory, and all but bow at his feet, turn and in scorn brand him as a "swindler," a "liar" and every other contemptible thing. Do not think for one moment that the Press-News is a believer in the doctor, but get this: The Press-News is not in sympathy with a motive which promotes an action and a reaction at the same time.

VALUE OF EDUCATION.

According to an estimate lately returned, there are in the United States 40,782,967 persons over 21 years of age. This vast number of people are divided into educational classes about as follows:

Class No. 1—With school training, 4,682,498.

Class No. 2—With only common school training, 32,862,951.

Class No. 3—With common and high school training, 2,165,375.

Class No. 4—With college or higher education added, 1,071,201.

There is a book published which contains the names of 8000 distinguished men of the United States. Of the 4,682,498 in Class 1, there came 31 of the distinguished fellows; of the 32,862,951 in Class 2, there came 808; from the 2,165,375 in Class 3, there came 1245; from the 1,071,201 in Class 4, there came 5768. Thus it appears that the uneducated child has one chance in every 150,000 to attain a distinction worthy of mentioning in the history of the day. That by having a common school education his chances are increased four times; that the boy with the high school education has twenty-three times as many advantages offered him as the fellow with the common school education, or eighty-seven times the chances of the uneducated; that a college education increases the chances of the boy with a high school education nine times, giving him 219 times the chances of the common-school boy, or more than 800 times the chances of the untrained.

Taking all of this into consideration, it seems, upon its face, a very strong argument for more schools, better schools, and, in the last resort, compulsory education.

Today is the day you must not forget the helpless.

If you like to sit in the shade on a hot summer day, plant shade trees: now is the time.

With all your Christmas shopping

done you will feel somewhat relieved, no doubt.

There is no way to avoid it. Chadbourne street must be paved before San Angelo will become a city.

There is no reason why the thousands should suffer from the lack of room in the large, congested cities. Come to the west and work.

When it comes to getting around things, the Danes of the University of Copenhagen are almost equal to Dr. Cook.

The price of happiness is a secret known to those only who seek to know it. It is an acknowledged fact, however, that wealth is not the captain of its ingredients.

"He has fooled us all from the King of Denmark down."—Bradley. This would indicate that Mr. Bradley had an idea that Dr. Cook would have better success than he has.

The happiest happiness you will ever enjoy will be when you are happy because you made some one else happy. Be a Good Fellow; there is room for your gifts.

Dispatches have it that the University of Copenhagen wishes to announce to the world its mistake in accepting Dr. Cook's story. It is useless; we all know about it.

The papers of Copenhagen are of the opinion that Dr. Cook's greatest shame is his abuse of their university. We have a very serious doubt as to whether the doctor has any shame at all.

Well, there are lots of people who would be willing to accept a term of six years' imprisonment in the penitentiary in the event they would be allowed to get away with innocent stockholders' \$600,000. Lucky Warriner.

The University of Copenhagen offers explanation: "The Danes of the University accepted the word of the explorer as that of a gentleman." Evidently they were of the opinion that a gentleman would not lie.

There are yet a few people who are of the opinion that good roads would not prove beneficial to the public. One thing is evident, they have either failed to consider the question seriously or they have never had the privilege of knowing what good roads mean.

If all the members of Mr. Taft's cabinet could reach the same conclusion as was announced by Attorney General Davidson not long since, the personnel of that body would certainly witness a change, and if the good-natured president would use a little more discretion in the selection of their successors, there would evidently be more interest taken in the affairs of interest to the nation.

Texas has had several different kings during the last few months, and it is difficult to determine which would prove the most successful ruler had he the right of way. However, a diversity along most any line is welcomed by the majority. If you want to be the parent of a king, here is the secret: Plant cotton, raise chickens, hogs, cows, horses, mules, and all the different products the soil will produce and support, and you can't miss it. The turkey is king for today.

SAN ANGELO.

San Angelo, pearl of the wide domain! Where chaps and saddles and the goaded steer Passed as pass the sterner law and reign.

To soften into lo! our modern year: Where the flash And the dash Of cowboy some the shimmering desert air, A passing vision of the mighty Do and Dare, A memory of the free, beyond compare— Foundation of San Angelo, San Angelo the fair!

Authorless a Suicide. Boston, Dec. 22.—Miss Marian Dickinson, writer of childhood stores and poems, committed suicide by hanging at the McLean Asylum at Waverly. She had been at the hospital two years, going there from her home in West Springfield. She was 46 years old.

Menelik Dead Again. Rome, Dec. 22.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Jubtili says that Emperor Menelik of Abyssinia died a few days ago. The news of his death was withheld until the arrival at Addis Ababa, the capital of Lidj Jeassu, the heir to the throne, and his father with troops.

Suspend Surveying. The surveying for the Sterling City and San Angelo Santa Fe route has

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Concho Drug Store

been suspended until after the holidays, and a party of engineers arrived today. The are J. T. Evans, E. H. Parsons, E. Davis and R. J. Window.

MISS VAN SANTVOORD TRIED. American Girl in Turin Gets Ten Months for Libel, But Goes Free.

Rome, Dec. 22.—The trial of the suit for slander against Miss Van Santvoord, who is reported to be a cousin of ex-President Roosevelt, ended at Turin with her conviction.

She was sentenced to ten months imprisonment, but her liberty was

given her conditionally on her good behavior.

She was charged with defamation of character by Capt. Montanari and his wife, who was formerly Helen Day of Boston.

Czar as a Private Soldier.

London, Dec. 22.—The Russian "Court Bulletin" recorded lately that the Czar walked about Livadia for two hours wearing the uniform and carrying the accoutrements of an infantry soldier in order to test the equipment.

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FOR SALE—A life scholarship in the San Angelo Business College. Inquire at The Press-News.

ERT AND GRAVEL—Excavating and foundations, houses moved and anything in the teaming line. Jim Cummings.

FOR SALE—Some choice lots close to river line, and if you intend to build will loan you the money to build with. C. W. Heckert.

FOR SALE—\$700 diamond ring for \$450; \$250 cash, balance on six months' time. Address box 405, San Angelo, Texas.

A CHRISTMAS snap: 150 feet frontage, only 5 blocks from Landon Hotel. Splendid neighborhood. Price \$1500. Easy terms. If you want this don't delay. J. C. Wren.

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POSTED—WARNING NOTICE—Keep off my premises: Glenmore farm, Gardner, farm on South Concho, Spooner place and Lake Concho. Fishing, hunting, trespassing will be prosecuted. Charles B. Metcalfe.

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FOR SALE—170 acres first-class land two miles south of Mereta, on Eola road. Would take \$1000 or \$1200 in cash and San Angelo property at cash price.

FOR RENT—Two new modern brick buildings each 25x90 feet, on North Chadbourne street.

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DO YOU want a cozy cottage of 4 rooms, occupying ground 70x155 feet, southeast corner of block on South Chadbourne street, convenient to the Orient devot, nice lawn, trees and barn? Only \$600 cash and the balance monthly. This is a splendid opportunity. Perhaps it is for you. J. C. Wren.

FOR RENT—Five-room house, almost new, on Twentieth St., close to car line. C. W. Heckert.

WANTED.

WANTED—To rent three rooms for light housekeeping. No sick people or children wanted. Phone 951.

WANT TO SELL—4 last spring bucks, subject to register. Will show 6 to 9 inches of hair now. Mothers will show 10 to 14 inches. Can see them at 420 Preusser street.

WANTED—A white woman to do general housework in small family on ranch. Good wages. Phone 264. Mrs. Joe Montague.

WANT TO sell 4-year-old milk cow. Making one pound of butter per day now. \$35. Can see her at 420 Preusser street.

Cattle Withstood Cold.

"Cattle have withstood this severe cold spell remarkably well," declared Col. J. S. Dabney Tuesday. "It is true that the snow has covered the ground for two or three days, but stock has been able along the hillsides to get some grass and weeds. Another thing that has been a great help to the stock in West Texas during the cold wave is that most of the cattle are fat. I have not heard of a single case of a cow freezing, but I do say this blizzard will cause the cattle to shrink in flesh to some extent. We are very fortunate, though, in not losing any stock."

"This snow will prove to be beneficial in the long run. It is equal to a good rain, and that is what we have been needing for several weeks. The longer the snow stays on the ground and does not freeze the better it is going to be to the grass. It will give it time to get started to growing and the cold will not hurt it then. A little fresh and green grass just now would help the cattle in West Texas wonderfully. If the sun shines a week or two we will have plenty of green grass for the stock."

PROHIBIT BILLIARD PRIZE.

Pool Halls Cannot Give \$5 for the Week's Highest Mark. Declaring that under the laws of Texas it was gambling, pure and simple, the district authorities recently issued orders to local billiard halls to discontinue the act of awarding a weekly prize to the person making the highest mark in billiards.

Miss Lola Waller leaves Friday for a three weeks visit with relatives in Waco.

TWELVE PAGES TODAY.

MOVING PICTURES MAY SPOIL FIGHT

WOULD PUT TOO MUCH THEATRICAL IN JEFF-JOHNSON GO.

Suggested That Bout Be Puled Off First and Pictures Posed for After it is Over.

BY JEFF THOMPSON.

(Publishers Press Special Service.)

New York, Dec. 22.—Moving pictures are going to spoil many a good fight in this country and among them may be the Jeffries-Johnson fight. Why not let the fighters in the big scraps pose for the moving pictures, going through the same movements and blows as in the actual mill after the scrap is held? The moving pictures promoters say this would spoil the pictures. They say people would not pay to see posed pictures. Even so, but the fight will not be spoiled then. I am against mixing theatricals with fighting. Give us the old time scheme of straight out and out boxing, with less intermixture of picture promoting and political scrapping over the bids.

There is no doubt in my mind that Jeffries can put it over the big dark man, but he will have to be careful. What a farce it would be if Gleason and Rickard would whisper in Jeff's ear at the beginning of the second or third round:

"Now, Jeff, be careful. Do a little more stalling. Remember no knock-out until the nineteenth round, for we've got to watch the pictures."

Wouldn't that be fine? Fancy one whispering such a thing into the ear of John Sullivan or Charley Mitchell in the old days! Of course every pug is in the game for the money he can get out of it and fighters have come to learn that the people will see them on the boards. Just look at the examples of it: Fitzsimmons, Corbett, Sullivan, Nelson, Jeffries, Johnson and a dozen more. Even Freddy Welsh lost no time in getting into the music halls after winning the lightweight championship of England. Well, I don't blame them; I'm out for the coin myself.

Of course it would come. Both Jeffries and Johnson are alleged to be very sore over the clause in the articles which forbids either to fight before entering the ring on July 4 next. Here is what Sam Berger said. Listen:

"I never saw Jeff so sore as he was over that clause. Why, he doesn't want to go around on the stage coining money. He wanted to lick up Kaufmann, Barry, O'Brien and a few others before the big day. He's a regular bear cat on fighting now. Jeff always intended to do a great deal of fighting before the big go, but here comes that clause and spoils the whole program. Jeff needs a scrap or two to warm him up. Kid McCoy told me that when he made his re-entry in the ring with Jim Stewart he was stricken with stage fright so badly that he did not know his right hand from his left. I don't mean that Jim will have stage fright, but then he needs a couple of preliminary scraps to get the kinks out."

Tex Rickard, the Salt Lake City fight magnate, had this to say:

"That clause is all right. Suppose Jeff should have met a fighter and got his hands bunged up so that the big mill with Johnson will have to be

postponed. What kind of a hole would that leave us in?"

Wise lad, Tex.

Billy Madden, the old time fight manager, has an idea for bringing forward some new material in the heavyweight line. Bill has twenty-five aspirants for the heavyweight honors on his hands, all unknown and callow youths, but, as Bill says, they are there with the goods.

"You know elimination night would be a great thing for this likely stable of mine," said Bill the other day when he dropped down from Cairo, N. Y., where he is running a physical culture retreat.

"I wouldn't want a purse for each man. All I would ask for is enough to give the boys training expenses and I'll take the fellow who wins and make a champion of him. I found Jack McAuliffe, Jack Dempsey and Charley Mitchell in that way. Mitchell when he weighed 142 pounds could beat most of the big fellows that we had at that time and he later proved that he was all there. The greatest fighters in the world were first found

at tournaments. Why, even in Frisco they found their best boys in that way. Jimmy Britt, Al Neil, Frankie Neil, Eddie Hanlon, Abe Attell, Monte Attell, Al Kaufmann, all big fellows. We have a punk lot of heavyweights now. I would like the chance of bringing orward a winner."

In the selection of Large Tim Sullivan for stakeholder for the big row between Jack and Jeff the followers picked a good sport. Tex Rickard was set on getting Eddy Graney to act as referee.

"Nix on the referee business," said Eddy. "I am through with refereeing and everybody ought to know it by this time by the way I have advertised the fact. Anyhow, I have other things to attend to. I will be at the big fight with the bells on, but not as referee."

Oklahomians Complimentary.

"I am now in San Angelo for my first time," asserted F. L. Morris of Wauletka, Okla., who is here prospecting. "For several years I have been wanting to come out here and look over West Texas. Many people where

I live have been in this part of Texas prospecting. They have returned with stories of commendation about West Texas, which led to my visiting the long talked-of country.

"This is a very fine country, though and I am not a bit sorry of my trip. I am rather glad to be here during this blizzard, for I know it is awfully cold in Oklahoma. As to whether or not I am going to purchase any land out here I cannot say, but I am considering the matter."

No Damage to Sheep.

Frank Wyatt, one of the old time sheep men of West Texas, says that the recent blizzard has done no great amount of damage to the sheep in West Texas. "In some places where the sheep were clipped late, and where they were fat, the sheep have suffered from the cold," he stated. "The snow has been severe with them, but they are getting plenty of feed now along the hillsides where most of the snow has melted."

Bomb Thrown at Bishop.

Lisbon, Dec. 21.—The anniversary of the revolt of the Seminarians was marked by the throwing of a bomb at the Bishop of Braganza. He was not injured. No particular political significance is attached to the act.

TO PATRONS OF San Angelo Water, Light & Power Co. AND CITIZENS OF SAN ANGELO

The San Angelo Water Works Company desires accurate information at all times from its patrons as to their supply of water and electricity.

We have one of the best plants in Texas and we intend that the service shall be as perfect as it is possible to make it, with the latest and best engines dynamo s,pumps, etc., in fact, an up-to-date plant in every way and well paid, efficient and courteous employees.

Covering with our mains, as we do, a large territory, four miles by five in extent, and supplying nearly two thousand patrons, it is impossible for us to inspect the supply of each customer. We, therefore, request that you will kindly mail us a postal card whenever you need repairs, alterations, discontinuance, renewal, installation of water, light or power, or of any explanation of misunderstood account. We will file this written information and give prompt attention to each card.

The San Angelo Water Works Company does no plumbing or wiring, but will promptly refer all needs of that kind to reputable concerns in the city, who can promptly do this work at reasonable prices.

The San Angelo Water Works Company will make extensions wherever the demand for water, light and power will justify the expense and will make favorable terms to those outside reasonable limits, where the patrons desire to construct mains. We urge all citizens to keep in mind the fact that in case of fires they must notify the Waterworks Station, Phone No. 10, instantly. The turn of a valve starts direct pressure on the mains with our large three million gallon pump; steam is always ready, and we say with pride, that there is no city in Texas better prepared to put out fires than San Angelo with our unlimited water supply, high pressure and the best volunteer fire brigade in the state.

We are prepared to supply electric current for power or heating as well as lighting. Motors for sewing machines, coffee grinders, machine shops and other uses are cheap and very convenient.

The citizens of San Angelo are our patrons and must be our business friends. We welcome friendly criticism and information and will do our part, and with your patronage and assistance the San Angelo Water Works, Light & Power System hopes to be a model.

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for individual pictures. Nothing has ever been shown in the city as fine and artistic and all lovers of art are invited to inspect this selection.

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Real Estate Transfers.

Paul Abstract and Title company's report, recorded Dec. 22, 1909:

Southwestern Improvement company to W. G. Bridges, \$2200. Conveys lots Nos. 5 and 6, in block No. 31, Westmoreland addition.

T. H. Garrett, Jr., to Boyd Cornellson, \$300. Conveys lot 4, in block 27,

Park Heights addition.

J. H. Young to J. S. Ramsey, \$624. Conveys 200 acres, part of J. G. Meckel survey.

B. G. Kilgore et ux. to J. S. Davis, \$620. Conveys lots 18 and 19, in block C, Miles addition.

M. Lasker to Wade Henderson, \$150. Conveys lot 9, in block 1; lot 16, in

block 10; west one-half lot 5 and 16, in block 3, Lasker's addition.

Set Fire to Forest.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—Louis R. Webb was convicted by a jury in the United States district court of setting fire to the forest in the Klamath reservation and destroying a great amount

of timber. It was charged that the fire was started to drive game. Webb contending that he was "back firing" to save his cabin on a mining claim. Sentence was deferred.

Rancher Found Dead.

Oakland, Dec. 21.—The body of Frank Titus, a rancher, was found in

Sunol Creek. There were no marks of violence on the body, and it is believed that he was accidentally drowned.

Miss Stella Watson left for her home in Denison Tuesday afternoon after spending several days with her sister in this city visiting.

F. L. Smith of Dallas went to Milos on a business trip.

Roy H. Garland went to Milos Tuesday.



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THE MEN'S STORE



TO HOLD CHRISTMAS RACES ON SATURDAY

TRACK NOT NOW IN CONDITION FOR EVENTS.

Several New Entries Lately Will Add Interest to the Affair, as Will Also Auto Contests.

Owing to the fact that the race track in San Angelo is not in condition to be raced on, the Christmas races have been postponed till Saturday, Christmas day. Ed Russell says that he has during the last few days entered several very fine racers that will increase interest in the races. "I am sure," he said, "the races here this Christmas will equal any that we have had here in a long time. The class of racing stock that has already been entered is excellent and first grade." The automobile races are also very promising. Several of the best machines in the country have been entered, which will be driven by the best drivers in Texas.

AUGUST BELMONT HAS DUGAN.

Nothing in Rumor That Jockey Will Ride Abroad.

New York, Dec. 22.—The rumor that Jockey Eddie Dugan would ride abroad next year has at last been effectually quieted by his acquisition by August Belmont. While Dugan will receive a season stipend of some \$12,000 from Mr. Belmont, S. C. Hildreth will pay him \$5000 in case Mr. Belmont does not use him all season. In other words, Hildreth has second call to the boy. The signature of the chairman of the jockey club has already been affixed to the contract, so that nothing now can mar it. Dugan did some good work on the eastern circuit last summer, although he came in for a reprimand on account of his disposition to "rough house" it at times. But there has never been a question of the boy's integrity. Dugan, in addition to the sum already mentioned, will receive \$25 for every winning mount and \$10 apiece for losing mounts, so one can see that it surely pays to be a clever jockey. But there is another aspect to this transaction to which I wish to call attention. It shows that the bigger turfmen of America are looking forward to bright prospects next year. Even Mr. Belmont would not lay out \$12,000 if he felt that the season of 1910 in the east would be a losing venture. Therefore, we can cheer up.

THE SANTA CLAUS SHOP.

An Immense Assortment of High-Grade Holiday Goods at The Tiffany of San Angelo.

From that immense cut glass, punch bowl in its glittering splendor to a bit of band of gold made into a ring for babies, is a far cry—yet each extreme and all the many things between the nature of cut glass and jewelry are to be found at Leffel's. Any Santa Claus, be he rich or poor, or in moderate circumstances, can find prices suitable and appropriate for man, woman and child at this splendid little store! When you go to town this afternoon go to see the splendid displays in Leffel's windows and show cases. It costs nothing to look, and you may get a solution of



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And do all kinds of
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some of your Christmas perplexities. Leffel's is open evenings until Christmas.

Christmas Recital.

Miss Kellogg and Miss Velma Fuller will give a joint music and elocution "pupils' recital" at the Yale theater Thursday, December 23, at 3 o'clock. Admission free. Patrons requested to be present. Every one else cordially invited.

Continue Work Thursday.

The construction of the grade of the new Sterling City-San Angelo Santa Fe route will be continued on Thursday, however, on a smaller scale than other days. Notwithstanding it is Christmas day, the graders will be kept at work. However, those of the crews who wish to celebrate the day will be given their liberty.

Mrs. M. Jeffries, who has been visiting with her sister, Mrs. Ed Duggan, left for her home Tuesday afternoon.

TWELVE PAGES TODAY.

Jessie Key left Sunday for Austin, where he has accepted a position as trap drummer.

D AUTO Race

Will Run Dec 25

Leading country are here and their expert for 3 days, Saturday

TWELVE PAGES TODAY.

TEACHERS MEET MONDAY.

Tom Green County Institute to Hold Five Days' Session.

The Tom Green County Teachers' Institute convenes in San Angelo Monday morning, and more than fifty teachers from all parts of the county will be in attendance. The gathering continues for five days during the week.

THE WESTERNER ISSUED.

High School Monthly For December Is Off the Press.

The second edition of The Westerner, the San Angelo High School monthly, which made its appearance Monday morning, is replete with short stories, witticisms, written by the staff, and it bristles with the news of the school.

Also the December issue carries an extensive line of advertising from San Angelo merchants. Among the stories contained in this number of The Westerner is the "Belated Christmas Present," and "Betsy and Billy," written by the students.

Henry Fanning of the San Angelo Abstract company left Wednesday for Waco to spend the holidays with relatives.

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All of Country Affected.

The country between this city and Fort Worth is undergoing the same weather conditions prevailing here, according to B. F. Cornelson, who returned from that city Tuesday. He says there is very little change in conditions at Fort Worth and San Angelo.

Tom Cunningham, the district court stenographer, will spend Christmas in Waco.

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I'M up to date, and, be it said,
I certainly this year
Shall break and burn the ancient
sled
And cook the ancient deer.
Those things are out of date for me;
They're now a shattered dream.
Oh, I'm as happy as can be
About my brand new scheme.



That sets all hearts aglow.
And I shall call, and not in vain,
While stockingward I head
My mile a minute flying train,
"The Christmas Limited."



FULL soon across the boundless
plain,
Beneath the Christmas stars,
I'm going to travel on my train
Made up of baggage cars,
And they'll be simply stuffed with
toys
And other precious things
For little girls and little boys
For whom I spread my wings.

OH, yes, in jigtime, down the track
I'll gayly glide along,
From home across the land and back
To fill all hearts with song.
And to my agent at each town
I'll toss a bundle great
Each artless child with joy to crown
And make its heart elate.

I'll run along on schedule time,
Through wind swept drifts of
snow.
My bell shall be the Christmas
chime



THE train's made up. Already I
Am getting up the steam,
While piling in the cars sky high
The gifts of which you dream.
With joy I stand upon my head
And shout both far and near,
"Goodby unto the ancient sled—
All hail the iron deer!"
—R. K. Munkittrick in Success.



SAN ANGELO MEN TAKE LONG TRIP IN AUTO ON HUNTING EXPEDITION

With a mud coated automobile, well loaded with baggage and many different species of game that the hunters killed on their long journey, Clarence Webb, Ed Nimitz and Shorty Johnson returned from a two weeks hunt and four down on the Rio Grande river Wednesday afternoon about 5:30 o'clock.

The three bold explorers and hunters set out on a long journey about two weeks ago, when the weather was in fine condition to explore Santa Rosa mountains in Mexico. They traveled day after day over the rough country between San Angelo and Del Rio with fairly good luck, having but a few break downs. They sped along the high ways at a good clip, enjoying the pleasant atmosphere, till within a few miles of Del Rio, where they were overtaken by one of the coldest and severest blizzards that ever a man in West Texas experienced. The blizzard did not catch the men off their post, however, as they were well laden with slickers, overcoats and many other heavy garments. When they reached Del Rio the question of going on or turning back was seriously debated, and the outcome was to go on. And on they went, but when the Rio Grande river was sighted in the distance, the hearts of the wanderers trembled and their daring spirits calmed, for a grave problem confronted them. In front was a river, rolling full of water, and behind them was a severe sleet and snow storm. Here the real test came. What was to be done?

Provisions had begun to get short and the weather was getting colder, and about the safest plan was to get back to Del Rio as soon as possible. A few minutes were spent in reloading the car, after which Clarence Webb, who manipulated the steering wheel, turned the auto back toward San Angelo, and the race for home began.

Roads that were hard and smooth when the trip to Del Rio was made were now almost mud puddles. The sun that shone on the way there was now hidden behind flocks of clouds.

While running across the prairies near Sonora at a good rate of speed suddenly a bridge was crossed, at which place a wreck was narrowly averted. The chains on the auto wheels had worn smooth and the car would slide about over the slippery roads. At this bridge there was a sharp curve. In turning this curve the car slid to one side, almost going into a ditch, which would probably have caused a serious accident. The timely work of Clarence Webb with the steering wheel saved the wreck, though. He set the brakes and reversed the gear of the machine, which

threw it back. From Sonora on to this city little trouble was had.

"It was a fine trip," asserted Ed Nimitz, who acted as 'captain of the crew.' "We enjoyed the occasion regardless of the hardships that we experienced.

"Did we hunt? Well, I should say so. Every tree that we passed some one of the three would take a plunk at a bird. The cold weather prevented us from getting any big game, but our trusty scout, Shorty Johnson, killed a fine buck just the same. Shorty, as well as the rest of us, had commenced to study about getting something fresh to eat. We had up to this time been living on bacon and bread. Shorty deliberately picked up his rifle and marched forth to the wilderness near Del Rio and only a short while after he left camp the crack of his gun was heard. Not knowing of the great success that he had met with we made sarcastic remarks about Shorty shooting at a snow bird or some other small, innocent creature. Presently, though, the old scout was seen approaching the camp with a sturdy stride, carrying a large, fat buck deer upon his shoulder. I did not have my kodak in working order or else I would have taken a snapshot of what I imagine would have been a perfect likeness of Davy Crockett returning from a hunt. No sooner had he planted that fat deer upon the ground than we began flaying it. I tell you that venison sure did go fine with some coffee and cold bread.

"As to making another trip like that one time soon, I cannot speak with authority. The only thing that I have to say for the future just now is that I am now back home and ready for all the Christmas social functions that might be had."

Shorty Johnson, who received the cognomen of "trustworthy old scout," with a twinkling eye announced very distinctly and emphatically that he would rather wait until the winter winds and snows had ceased to come before another such journey was undertaken.

"It was glorious, though," he said. "I do not think there has been another such expedition made in many 'moons' by anyone. I enjoyed it, however, and will likely take another later on. The trials and hardships that we underwent have satisfied my wandering spirit for a while."

"I remember very well," continued Shorty, removing something like a pound of mud from over one corner of his eye, "the day that we arrived in Del Rio. It was cold and sleet was falling. I jumped out of the car and made a rush for a fire. It seemed

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to me as if there was not a fire to be found in that whole town. After exploring everything in the shape of a business house, I finally discovered a red hot stove in the back end of a small restaurant, a place that served as a two-fold purpose—one to get warm by and another to feed me. I sat down by the stove, picked up a copy of a newspaper and began to read the news. I was contented and felt as if nothing could disturb me. The climax of the game was reached though. Suddenly without a moment's warning a nice, large, well-rounded snow ball caught me just above the left ear, which almost caused me to utter a few words that would not fit a passage in the rear of the building.

"I circled around several buildings and finally got back to the car, where I found the rest of the party awaiting my arrival. We soon advised the old man at the restaurant that no malicious intent was directed towards him, after which the 'pipe of peace was smoked,' which restored perfect order and friendship in the town.

"There are many other incidents that happened to us, but I have not the time to tell them all, so I must cut my talk short. The only thing that I can say in reference to getting

destinies of the automobile at the steering wheel.

"This two weeks' journey that we have just ended has been one of thrilling times," he declared. "From the time we were overtaken by this very severe blizzard till our return we have had some trying experiences."

"We left San Angelo intent upon driving our car to the highest point in the Santa Rosa mountains in Mexico, but our hopes were destroyed when the cold weather struck us. The car that I drove, which was a Buick, made the trip in good shape. Break-downs were not known and with the exception of a few punctures, the trip was made without accident."

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ROBERTS

back to San Angelo is that I am proud and happy."

M. F. Temple, construction engineer in charge of the Sterling City-San Angelo Santa Fe route, returned Tuesday from a brief business stay in Dallas.

B. F. Graves went to Texarkana, his home, Wednesday for a holiday visit.

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Come and see what we have. How about a knife for your boy? Or a Haviland China Set for your wife?

PATRONAGE IS ONE OF TAFT'S TROUBLES

PLUMS TO BE SHAKEN DOWN IN ALMOST EVERY STATE.

Weekly Letter From Ralph M. White, side Containing Gov's of Nation's Capital.

BY RALPH M. WHITESIDE (Publishers Press Special Service.)

Washington, Dec. 22.—Not the least of President Taft's troubles these crisp winter days have to do with patronage. In every state there are plums to be shaken down for the benefit of the faithful, to say nothing of the hot, hot crop of juicy official fruit of a general character and open to men of almost any state. United States Marshals and District Attorneys, collectors of internal revenue, customs officials in the various parts of entry, to say nothing of postmasters, it would seem there was an almost inexhaustible supply of plums, but there isn't. For every office there is at least a dozen patriots willing, nay, anxious, to serve their country and here's where the president's troubles come in. Senators and representatives, to say nothing of delegates and individual office seekers, do not permit Mr. Taft to become lonesome.

Much interest attaches to the appointments in some of the states, notably in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Kansas. These appointments will give really the first intimation as to the stand the president will take in the battle between the Insurgents and the Regulars.

Chairman Tawney of the appropriation committee, has increased his popularity with the newspaper men by his determination to put a stop to the departmental press agencies. The Minnesotan, who is one of the strongest men in congress, holds the view that "there is no reason in the world why the public should not have free access to practically every department of this government. The only exceptions are cases where a department is investigating a crime, or possible matters involving diplomatic relations. The people have a right to know what is going on here in Washington and they have a right to know it at first hand, and not through the medium of press agents employed by the departments."

This view of the matter appeals to the newspaper men.

VETERAN'S FIFTH MARRIAGE.

He Is 82 and His Bride Is 65.—This is His Third Matrimonial Venture.

Rome, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Sylvester C. Baldwin, a veteran of the Civil war and a member of Skillin Post No. 47, G. A. R., of this city, aged 72 years, and Mrs. Sarah J. Shaver of Vienna were married here by the Rev. Alfred E. Alton at the parsonage of the Baptist church, of which the bridegroom is a member. He is also a member of the real estate and insurance firm of Baldwin & Stone, and is prominent in the Republican politics of this city. His bride is 65 years old. This is the third time she has been led to the matrimonial altar, and this is the bridegroom's fifth marriage, his other wives all being dead. Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin have taken up living quarters at the Arlington hotel. His fourth wife died two years ago.

CHRISTMAS STAMPS.

Articles Bearing Them Will Be Forwarded in Great Britain.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Second Assistant Postmaster General Stewart today notified the various postmasters that the postal administration of Great Britain has temporarily withdrawn the prohibition against the use of Christmas stamps. Consequently articles bearing Red Cross stamps and stamps of this nature addressed for delivery in Great Britain and Ireland will be forwarded as usual until further notice.

The postmasters have already been requested to call their patrons' attention to the desirability of affixing such stamps only on the back and not on the address side of articles dispatched to Great Britain and Ireland. In other respects the information conveyed in the notice of November 4 to postmasters headed "Christmas Stamps" remains unchanged.

Return From Hunt.

After spending about five weeks hunting down on the Pecos, during which time 35 fox, 29 deer and many other kinds of game were bagged, a hunting party consisting of ten men returned Wednesday about 7 o'clock.

According to Mr. Foreman, this was the biggest hunt made this season in West Texas.

"We killed game from jack rabbits on up," he declared. "It is a miracle why we did not kill a bear, but none could be found. A hunting party a few miles below us, so we understood, killed about three bear. We saw plenty of tracks, but the real animals could not be found. When this cool breeze from the north struck us I do not believe there was ever such a struggle made for clothing before."

"Regardless of the cold weather, however, it was a fine trip, and all those who were along enjoyed it."

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GOSSIP OF THE TURF

BY HILLARY OLMANN.

I see the good folks down El Paso way are moving the hills and the mountains in their efforts to have the new Juarez track closed down, but let me hand them a tip—they will fail. Every Protestant church in El Paso adopted resolutions calling upon the states department of the United States government to bring such pressure to bear upon the Diaz administration as would result in shutting down the track. But when we come to figure out that the owner is one of the biggest landowners in Mexico, a man of vast wealth and great political influence, we can readily attain a conclusion. Uncle Sam is not going to war with Mexico over horse races.

What the good souls of El Paso object to is the betting. They don't care a hang for horse racing, but they do object to wagers. Who knows but the silent method may be introduced at Juarez. Heaven forbid.

Several important changes will be made in the stewards of the (Eastern) Jockey Club in January. The starter's stand will be filled with a new incumbent and there will be two new judges. The death of Clarence McDowell, for many years the presiding judge at the tracks supervised by the Jockey Club, has left open a berth for some man. Judge Bettingill, for many years assistant to McDowell, is to be retired, says one rumor. It was the duty of Bettingill to look particularly after the racing of the third and fourth horses—four horses are officially placed on the local tracks by the judges—while McDowell was held responsible for the first and second horses. Last Aqueduct meeting there was a snarl, because Bettingill's friends protested that he had so much work to do that he could not properly attend to all of it, and this explanation went. Later, however, rumor developed the report that the proposition would be given to another man, not yet selected. Judge McDowell's job used to pay \$50 a day before the Hart-Agnew racing bill was passed. Now it pays \$30, a tidy sum.

Rumor has it that the pool room business will flourish in New York within a few months. One Park Row man is said to be negotiating for the opening of three places. The telephone will be used instead of the telegraph wires for disseminating results.

Racing at Juarez has been running seven days a week, the biggest crowds registering on Sunday.

Entries for seventeen stakes to be run at the June meeting of the Coney Island Jockey Club will close January 3. Half a dozen of the stakes, including the Suburban, are increased in value. The Suburban will be worth \$5000, as against \$5000 in 1909. The Great Trial will be worth \$10,000, as against only \$2000 in 1909. The Donkey Event will be worth \$8000 in 1910 as against \$5000 in 1909. Including the Lawrence Realization, more than \$75,000 will be hung up for competition in stakes alone. The club also announced that the Futurity of 1912 will close on January 3.

The great Ballot, owned by James L. Keene, which made such a miserable showing in England this season, has been housed for the winter with the rest of the Keene horses at Sheepshead bay. It is believed that the failure of Ballot in England was due in part to the imposts allotted by the handicapper. Ballot is now perfectly sound, and will be run in several of the important handicaps in America next year. He will be worth watching for on your card.

Separate betting rings were established on the Florida tracks for the blacks and the whites. In fact, the color line has been drawn more strictly this year than ever before on the Southern race courses. At Moncrief park the "Jim Crow" ring is located just outside of the ring proper with a picket fence dividing the two spaces. A racegoer, who returned from Florida the other day, had this to say regarding the sport at Jacksonville track:

"Moncrief park is a fine racing plant, within easy access to Jacksonville by trolley. The track was a rifle shot while I was there, but is rounding into good form. The attendance has improved since the opening, and during the first week or two the figures were ridiculously small."

Personally, I don't see why Southern racing should not be a success this year. It is true that Tampa was opened in direct competition to Jacksonville, and that the Juarez track drew away some patrons, but on the other hand the killing of betting in California more than ever balances this.

James H. McCormick, who trained with much success in Germany this year, and Jockey Joe Notter will both return to Europe in the spring. Notter will ride for Fred Burrell in France unless he gets more pay to stay here. I saw Notter the other day and asked him for a comparison of our sport with that abroad.

"I would rather ride in America," said he, "but if I can get more money and better mounts abroad, there is no reason why I shouldn't go. I have had several good offers made to me and have them under consideration. When the betting bill gave racing such a slug in the states, I never expected to hear much more of the track in the East, but since I have been home I see indications that next year will be a big improvement over 1909."

John Henry, one of the greatest in the American turf ever turned up here to buy a ranch in California. Mrs. Milton, however, says it is nearer Sheepshead Bay than Milton has been doing some marketing work abroad, but wants to settle in the United States and be a breeder of a racing string un-

IT IS JUST A QUESTION OF HOW

many lots to buy in Lake View. The more lots you buy the greater will be your profit, and the greater your profit the more money you will have to spend next Christmas. We are selling lots every day. Houses are being built every day. Improvements are going on every day out of that \$55,000 we appropriated for

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First Day, December 25th

- First Race—Buggy horse, one mile. Purse \$25.00
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Third Race—Half mile running race. Purse \$100.00.
Fourth Race—Running, 1-4 mile, for yearling colts. Purse \$30.00.

Second Day, December 27th

- First Race—3-8 mile, for horses never run for money. Weights 150 pounds. Purse \$50.00.
Second Race—Saddle-horse race. Purse \$35.00.
Third Race—6 1-2 furlongs, running race. Purse \$100.00.
Fourth Race—1-2 mile pacing race, heats 2 and 3. Purse \$100.00.

Third Day, December 28th

- First Race—7-8 mile running race. Purse \$150.00.
Second Race, for little boys, 1-8 mile. Purse \$10.00.
Third Race—1-2 mile running race. Purse \$100.00.
Fourth Race—1-2 mile, best 3 and 5, pace, free for all. Purse \$100.00.
Fifth Race—5-8 mile novelty race, running. \$10-00 at each eighth.
Sixth Race—Free for all trot. Purse \$100.00.
Seventh Race—Relay race, 2 miles, change horses every half mile. Purse \$50.00.

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Promoters of the scheme to induce the Louisiana legislature next May to repeal the anti-race track betting laws and legalize bookmaking under certain restrictions will be content with the pari-mutual system of betting if other plans fail. It is believed that the machine form of wagering will meet with less resistance than any other method.

The New Orleans Jockey Club met recently on the call of President Samuel F. Headlip to consider the matter. Rome Respass of Cincinnati, one of the principal stockholders in the club, attended. The New Orleans Hotel Men's Association at a meeting got its petition in shape for presentation to the legislature.

DEL RIO ACCEPTS ORIENT'S OFFER

NEW LINE IS AN EXTENSION FROM SAN ANGELO.

Proposition Consists of \$200,000 Bonds, Right of Way and Terminal Grounds.

Del Rio, Dec. 22.—After two days of most strenuous work on the part of members and officials of the Commercial Club and citizens, the proposition submitted by the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient railway to build an extension of their line from San Angelo to Del Rio was accepted today at a mass meeting held at the court house, and Del Rio is now positively assured of another railroad. The proposition as submitted by the railway and accepted by the citizens of Val Verde county, provides that the right of way from the south line of Sutton county into and through Del Rio and terminals in the city of Del Rio, not to exceed 300 feet wide by 3,000 feet long, be donated to the railroad company and that the citizens of Del Rio and Val Verde county subscribe for \$200,000 worth of first mortgage gold 4 per cent bonds of the railroad company.

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True enough, his firm is making some mighty attractive prices to the holiday shoppers, inasmuch as the many articles of display there are receiving attention. Articles of furniture from this store will find their way into many San Angelo homes on Christmas morning.

NEGRESS VICTIM OF MYSTERIOUS ASSAULT

WHITE MEN PERHAPS FATALLY WOUND WILLIE JONES.

Officers Are Puzzled Over Attack, the Motive of Which Is Unknown. Assaultants Escaped.

Assaulted and struck down with a rock as she was crossing Concho avenue, near her home in the West End Wednesday night about 10 o'clock, Willie Jones, a negro woman, lies at her home, perhaps fatally wounded, as a result.

The assaultants were white men, according to another negro witness, and their motive is unknown. The men fled, following the assault, and have not been captured, although officers were on the scene within a few minutes afterwards.

The woman was enroute to her home and was unconscious of the attack. She screamed and fell in a dazed condition.

THAT FIVE-FOOT BOOK SHELF.

Dr. Charles W. Eliot Sues Publishing Company for Using His Name.

New York, Dec. 22.—Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard University, has brought suit here against the Circle Publishing Company and Milton Jones, doing business as the University Library Extension, to prevent them from using his name or likeness in the advertising edition of those works which he has included in his "five-foot shelf books." He also asks for exemplary damages because of the use already made.

Sees Train and Dies.

Calistoga, Dec. 22.—Carl Monson, the 11-year-old son of Oscar Monson, of Middleton, who saw a railroad train for the first time in his life, was accidentally killed a few miles from town by being trampled on by his father's horse.

SCHOOL CLOSURES WEDNESDAY.

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Tom Cunningham Leaves Vacancy in Court Reporter's Chair—Successor Not Appointed.

The resignation of Tom Cunningham as district court stenographer will be tendered to Judge Timmins during the present session of district court.

Christmas With Stevenson.

Passengers aboard the steamship Lubeck unexpectedly spent Christmas at sea in the year 1890, but the fact that Robert Louis Stevenson, the famous story writer, was among them made that a most memorable holiday.

A Polish Custom.

Peasant lads in the villages of Poland have a pretty Christmas custom which affords great delight not only to themselves, but to the other villagers.

Mistletoe on Apple Trees.

The growth of the mistletoe on oak is now of very rare occurrence, but it flourishes luxuriantly in many parts of England on the apple trees.

Christmas in the Colonies.

'Twas the merry Christmas season, and the palms swung in the breeze Of the lovely hot December in an island over seas.

Well she knew that on the morrow all her folks would celebrate. Place a palm tree in the parlor, hang their anklets o'er the grate.

"Let me see," she murmured softly; "father 'll get his string of beads. Blue and yellow. I am certain they're the very kind he needs."

"And for mamma there's the nose ring that I bought on Thursday week. With the handsome, whitebone stickpin for insertion in the cheek."

"And as for me, I only hope they've got the things I need— Just one or two nice costumes made of genuine coral bead."

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GOOD TIMES AHEAD AND ALL AROUND US

IS DECLARATION OF PROMINENT NEW YORK FINANCIER.

General Condition in Country Prosperous—Business News of the Metropolis.

BY PRESTON C. ADAMS.
(Publishers Press Special Service.)
New York, Dec. 22.—"Good times are ahead and all around us and best of all, they have come to stay a good long time," was the way a big financier of this city put it the other day, when I asked him what are the business prospects.

"We are busier than we have been for years and we expect to have more to do within the next six months than we ever had. Banking business is good, manufacturing business is better and I am sure labor ought to be happy. Money is easy, and prosperity is substantial. The only thing the country is now suffering from is the boosting the prices of breadstuffs—the necessities of life. I am opposed to the combination of capital for the purpose of putting up the prices of food, clothing and the like. In fact, I think if some of our big corporations and the millionaires we hear about were wise, they would see to it that such corporations did not get a corner on the necessities of life. I tell you, their own salvation depends upon their showing the public that they can better afford to retail first-class milk at 7 cents a quart than the small dealer can serve it for 10 cents. They swayed, surprising conditions were act the hog as they are doing now. Give the people the necessities of life at a cheap price, reserving only a reasonable profit, and trusts controlling commodities will be popular.

Recently the National Association of Manufacturers sent out a lot of letters and from 3,600 firms that answered, surprising conditions were discovered. To reach the results the members of the Association even asked:

"What are present conditions in your trade?"

"What is the percentage of increase in business (if any) over the latter part of 1928?"

"What are the trade probabilities in your particular industry?"

One of the members of this association told me every industry and trade but one reported that conditions at present are good, and most of them said they were excellent, while many others reported conditions for 1929-30 as exceptionally bright.

Nearly all of the great manufacturers in making suggestions as to how not only to increase but to maintain the present prosperity, decried legislative curbs and the tendency which exists to increase the cost of raw materials. No more tariff tinkering was the cry of many more. "Don't make matters worse by further meddling. Don't let state or national commissions and new laws cut into our business any further."

A gentleman who keeps in very close touch with industrial conditions here and in Europe, was much impressed with the results obtained by the Manufacturers' association inquiry, and was very emphatic in declaring that "all the manufacturer now wants is to be let alone by the law-makers and 'cure-alls' and given a peaceful opportunity to work and give work to others. This adverse railroad and class legislation, labor agitation and tariff tinkering is enough to stop everything. Every good American is only too glad to work. Just give him the opportunity to do so. We scarcely give a new law time enough to be decently tried out before two or more pertaining to the same subject are passed and neither workman nor employer knows where he is at. I believe in a fair and equitable system of taxation applicable to all classes of citizens, but give some plan at least a fair trial. We have too many laws and naturally the people are constantly too much worried with delicate and uncalled for conditions. We are becoming too complex. The simpler the better is everything."

Farmers are equally as happy as the manufacturer, and the cotton grower as well as the fruit grower finds not only a sale but actually a demand at splendid prices for his product. This is the condition I find wherever I go. In Wall street the brokers are no longer complaining, while in the banking districts there is positive evidence of a great avalanche of business. The importer and explorer, the fish dealer and the beef packers, the furniture manufacturer, and indeed everyone, but the pawnshop, seems to be busy getting out his orders and taking care of the business that comes to him.

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Drummers have more orders than they can fill, and many a Christmas present will come late this year because of the tremendous rush of prosperity which comes from every side.

James L. Starr of this city, who recently made a trip through the Southwest, spending much time in Texas, has returned home full of enthusiasm and loaded with data concerning the Lone Star state. He told me the power resources of Texas are just beginning to receive some of the attention that their importance justifies. He said there is a lot of available water power from streams in the interior of the state. This he said is largely true of the rivers and streams which have their source in the more western and southwestern portions.

"Enough water power is now going to waste within a radius of 150 miles of Austin and San Antonio to generate electrical energy sufficient to operate all of the industrial plants of the state," said Mr. Starr. "The city of Austin took the greatest step some years ago when it built a dam across the Colorado river and constructed a hydroelectric plant at a cost of \$1,600,000.

This supplied power for private industrial plants, city electric stations, street railways and plenty to spare. The flood of 1909 destroyed the dam, and now I understand the city is think

ing of rebuilding the dam. Borings are now being made in the river to ascertain the best location for the new foundations. Many big dams can be built on the Colorado river and this will no doubt be done.

The natural falls at Marble Falls are sufficient to supply power for towns within a radius of 100 miles. The population of these places range from 2,000 to 100,000, San Antonio being the latter.

Then there is the Guadalupe river, with abundant water power possibilities. It rises in the mountains of the middle west of Texas and I understand plans are in course of preparation for the construction of dams along that stream."

Mr. Starr has not surveyed the rivers, but from a personal observation thinks Texas is as good a field for hydroelectrical plants as any section of the United States.

The Southern Pacific Railway Company, a prominent Wall street banker told me, is considering the electrifying of the entire system over the Sierras, a distance of over 110 miles, and that in all probability work would be started in the near future. This will be the most important mountain electrification in any country. When completed the Southern Pacific will have the longest stretch of electrified main line in the United States. The New

Haven railroad, which is pushing its electric zone east of Stamford, Conn., seems to be the only real competitor in the matter of long distance electric roadway. With this section of the Southern Pacific road with its series of two per cent grades, and the best 2500 freight and 800 ton passenger trains, will require the largest electric locomotives yet built in America.

Florida oranges are coming to New York markets in large quantities every day, some dealers receiving as many as ten cars a day. While the bulk of the fruit is coming in fine, much of it is small and green, while some is rough and smutty. Smutty fruit loses as much as one dollar a box, and this is due entirely to the appearance smut gives it.

Several New York capitalists are interested in the surveys being made and right of way secured for a system of trolley lines from Greensboro, N. C., by way of Salisbury and Charlotte, to Spartansburg and transmission lines of the Southern Power Company and one of these Wall street financiers told me the people living in the vicinity of the new line understand the power company is backing the project. This is not the case, however, he declares, although J. B. and B. N. Duke are stockholders in both enterprises.



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LIVE TOPICS ABOUT TOWN

Value of the Ranch and Farm.
The passing of the big ranch and the coming of the farm in West Texas will bring about the great development that is in store for this section, declared Col. A. H. Blocker, one of the biggest cattlemen of Arizona, who has been in this city for the last few days visiting one of his daughters, Mrs. W. L. Laufflin.
"Twenty years ago the whole of Texas this side of the Colorado river from Austin to the Rio Grande was practically a ranch, or rather what the people of the west called a 'range.' Over this vast amount of territory roamed nothing but cattle, buffalo and other animals. Each cow brute had as a grazing territory about

one thousand acres. And each steer, we will say, brought its owner about \$1 per year. That was 1000 acres of land making one dollar per year for its owner. This was not only the case in Texas, but in practically all the western states of the Union. All this country, though, is undergoing a great change now. The big ranches are being sold and cut up into small tracts and sold to farmers, who in turn are cultivating the soil and developing this part of the country into a great productive section of the world.
"Now let us see which is the more profitable to a country—the big ranches or the farms:
"People say that when the ranches are gone, it takes away the young

cattle and degenerates the milch stock. That is a mistake, in my opinion. The farmers are taking particular pains to keep up a good grade of stock, especially the milch cows, for milk is one of the chief things that is used for food on the farms. On the other hand, the farm brings more people into the country and develops the natural resources.
"Until the natural resources of a country are developed to the fullest extent, there will be no very progressive country. For instance, take France or Germany. Were it not for the fact that every foot of tillable soil that lies within the boundaries of those two countries is cultivated there would be no nation such as those two are today. It is a matter of choice with the people in those two countries to cultivate the land or leave the country.
"Today there is enough room in the United States for the population that

is has, and a great many more; but the time is rapidly approaching when every foot of land will have to be cultivated to supply the demands of our people. Think of the rapid and marvelous increase in population of the United States now and imagine what it will be twenty years hence.
"Texas alone is coming to the front in population as fast as it possibly can. The day is near at hand when East Texas will not hold one-half of the people of Texas, and where are they going? It is an old saying where I live that you cannot drive a Texan from his home; and that is about true. The people who are born in this state are going to stay here, and those who cannot find room to live in the eastern part are going to immigrate to the western part. The only locality upon which the future of this great state relies in West Texas, and if the people of this part do not prepare a place for those who will come afterward there is not going to be this great development. Therefore, I say let the ranch become history and encourage the farmer."

Declares He Knows Not Where Condemned Explorer Is at the Present Time—Reported at Paris.
Publishers' Press.
New York, Dec. 23.—After weeks of silence, William Cook, brother to the explorer who was condemned as a fakir by the University of Copenhagen, came out in a statement today and declared that he feared Dr. Cook had been killed.
The explorer's brother said that he positively did not know his whereabouts at the present time and that the members of the family in Brooklyn are much alarmed at his continued absence without sending word of some kind to his home.
The brother was asked if he feared the doctor had suicided, and he replied that he was sure he had not.
Cook in Paris?
Publishers' Press.
Paris, Dec. 23.—It is reported here today that Dr. Frederick A. Cook was seen on the streets of Paris. He could not be found, however, tonight, and the report is not credited.
VANDERBILT WINS \$230,000.
The American Does Well Abroad With Horses.
Publishers' Press.
New York, Dec. 22.—William J. Vanderbilt, allured by his excellent showing on the French turf during the present year, is preparing to enlarge his activities on the foreign turf next year. It is practically settled that he will not cut much of a figure in American racing, but if he even duplicates his present year's good fortune it will have been well for him. During the waning season on the French, English, Italian and German turfs, Mr. Vanderbilt leads in winnings with \$230,000 to his credit. The Imperial Stud of Austria is second with a total of \$199,625. Mr. Fairlie is third.
Mayor Gets in Rush.
The mad rush for holiday goods in San Angelo stores was too much for Mayor Paul, Wednesday, who after a fruitless effort to obtain a few gifts returned to his office, resolved to do his Christmas shopping hereafter during the early part of December. No one can find relief when picked up in one of the congested crowds in San Angelo stores. The mayor made two or three attempts during the day to make a purchase at one store, but he found too many other shoppers waiting.
To Spend Christmas at Brownwood.
R. F. Halbit, one of the directors of the Wool Growers' Central Storage company, who has for the last two months been in Sonora, will leave in a few days for Brownwood, his home. Mr. Halbit has been out here in the interest of his wool and sheep. He asserts that he is well pleased with the outlook for his sheep, and more so for the way in which his wool receipts turned out.
TOY VENDERS WITH US.
They Attract Throngs of Boys on the Streets.
Street vendors of toys are out in San Angelo this year, and as usual they may be seen on the principal business streets, followed by throngs of boys. A unique novelty is the "Dancing Devil," which is attached to a string, and intended to give the unsuspecting one a fright.
A Timely Caution.
Don't give any one a bric-a-brac or pictures unless you are morally sure you know his taste. Presents that must be displayed are apt to be a great strain on the affection. No matter how the receiver may hate them, he must father them and deface his rooms with them or insult the giver. Now, a book, for instance, even if the receiver doesn't like it and doesn't want it, can be tucked away among other books and forgotten, but an ugly vase we have always with us—at least till we can smash it.

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Sultan of Morocco Frightens Defaulting Kaid.
(Publishers' Press Special Service.)
Fez, Morocco, Dec. 22.—Mulai Hafid, sultan of Shereef, is gifted with a grim humor that keeps his courtiers trembling on the razor-edge of expectancy.
His latest victim is the Kaid of Larache, who has been on a visit to his majesty. Certain of his position on the coast and uncertain of his sovereign, the Kaid of Larache had heretofore refused all invitations to pay his respects to the new Sultan in Fez. What caused him to relent is not known, but he came, and with him came a peace-offering of 5000 dollars and a bale of silk.
Mulai gave orders that his visitor should be lodged sumptuously and fed at his own table. Each night the Kaid of Larache was convinced that he had won the confidence and affection of his sovereign, and boasted to his companions that he had never been asked to give an account of the revenues of his office.
At last the day came when the Kaid of Larache decided to return to his home. The caravan was accordingly prepared, and the Kaid went to the palace to take leave of the Sultan.
His majesty condescended with the Kaid for "having to return to an office so unprofitable that it had ceased to yield any revenue," and warmly congratulated him on "his devotion in offering his own head in place of the missing revenue."
There would be added the Sultan, a collection of dollars or of heads at dawn next day.
Eighteen mules laden with \$100,000 have just arrived from Larache, and the Kaid of that port is talking of the risk that attends on the friendship of kings.

WILL WRESTLE AGAIN.

Smithson Will Meet Westman Christmas Night.
The result of the wrestling match that was pulled off Tuesday night has led to another bout between Westman and Prof. Smithson, which will come off Christmas night at the same place.
The real sporting blood in the people of this city was aroused to the limit Tuesday night and it was not until this match was made Wednesday that the people would be satisfied. Many people said that the two famous wrestlers had to go together again.
Terms were agreed upon by the two men, by which Smithson has to throw Westman twice, getting three points down within sixty minutes in order to get all of the receipts. Westman only has to pin Smithson's shoulders down once during the hour to win the receipts.

Pays \$5,000 for Property.
O. P. Coppedge purchased two lots and a house located in Park Heights Wednesday for a consideration of \$5,000.

TWELVE PAGES TODAY.

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Read All the News In the Press-News

JURY SPENDS NIGHT IN THE COURT ROOM

VERDICT IN ALDWELL-JACKSON SUIT EXPECTED THURSDAY.

Arguments Completed and Case Is Turned Over to Judgment of Jury Wednesday Afternoon.

No Verdict at Midnight. At midnight the jury had been unable to reach a verdict, and at 1 o'clock this morning the jurymen were sound asleep in their chairs. The sheriff, acting under instructions from Judge Timmins, refused to permit their leaving the court room, and they spent the night there.

Arguments in the Aldwell-Jackson suit were concluded in the district court Wednesday afternoon by Judge J. S. Brooks of San Antonio, former judge of that district, who is counsel for Mrs. Aldwell. With brief instructions from Judge Timmins, the jury retired to the jury room to decide on a verdict, in charge of Sheriff McConnell.

This suit has been heard by the district court in San Angelo for its third time, but it is thought that a verdict from the present jury will clear the case from the district courts. A verdict is expected to be delivered Thursday morning.

Wants Half Interest. Mrs. Aldwell seeks to secure half interest of her brother's fortune, which amounts to a sum approximately of \$750,000, consisting of land, bonds, stocks, cattle and other properties, a half of which Mrs. Aldwell claims is rightfully hers by inheritance from her mother.

The enormous sum now under litigation is the proceeds of investments made in the name of Mrs. E. N. Lewis, the mother of the two parties, and R. E. Jackson, the defendant, at various intervals during the '80s. During the hearing just finished Mrs. Aldwell sought to prove that the sums of money which were invested during those years, and which has furnished the basis of the Jackson capital, was the property of her mother, entrusted to her son for the purchase of sheep and cattle. That fact is the sole strength whereby the woman hopes to secure a share of her brother's property.

Invested \$1800. Mrs. Aldwell asks for a half of Jackson's present property, which has accumulated to its strength through the \$1800 invested years ago. Jackson admits that he got his start from the money secured from his mother, but he declares that the money was a gift to him, and he was not using it in her name.

Several old letters have been introduced during the past few days of the trial by the counsel for Mrs. Aldwell. They were written years ago. One of these letters was addressed to the plaintiff, then attending school in Memphis, written by Jackson, and he tells of his buying cattle with his mother's money.

MARKETS.

Stocks. Publishers Press.

New York, Dec. 22.—Trading in the exchange today was quiet. Rock Island common stock advanced a point the first fifteen minutes. A heaviness in the buying of Wabash preferred resulted from the liquidation of speculators who bought stock recently on the strength of the Denver and Rio Grande and Rock Island deal. Europe took only 18,000 shares all day. Many of the traders were from out of town and the market was listless all day from the effect of the holidays. London was a moderate buyer of Amalgamated copper, Union Pacific, Southern Pacific and steel. London sold some Pennsylvania stock. At close the general undertone was weak. Government bonds unchanged; others weak. Call money was at 5.

Cotton. Publishers Press.

New York, Dec. 22.—Influenced by a further scare of shorts, the cotton market opened at an advance of from 3 to 9 points this morning. The list reacted to from 4 to 5 points and a nervous feeling prevailed. There was good foreign buying of March. There were numerous advices received from the South reporting an improved demand for spot deliveries and firm prices. In New Orleans, Brown and Payne were said to be bidding up the market. May sold at \$1.94. The South regards the spot situation as bullish and this afternoon quotations showed a net gain of from 10 to 13 points. The local spot market advanced 35 points up to 15.75. The exports for the day were 9,975 bales. The market closed firm and strong. The sales of American cotton amounted to 6,000 bales. Liverpool spot 8.18 d.

Beat the Prosecutor.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Enraged because he had been found guilty of robbery Harry Galvin, a negro, leaped upon Assistant State's Attorney Smith in Judge McEwen's court, and seizing the prosecutor by the throat with one hand, he struck him blow after blow in the face with the other hand.

TWELVE PAGES TODAY.

Christmas Presents of Practical Value

Is it not true that the more one uses the gift received on Christmas, the more thoughts of the giver are entertained?

Would you be thought of to the practical exclusion of other objects?

Then why not give something that will bring reminders of you whenever that object is looked upon?

The Henderson store is prepared to take care of your every demand for Christmas Gifts of a useful and practical kind.

There are so many suggestions that this entire page would not contain them.

Best way to do is to come to the store and look over the immense stock. You will find things here that you had not thought of before.

And, there are many reduced prices with which to interest you now.

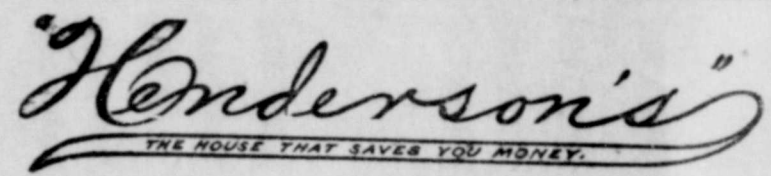
Womens Coats, Dresses and Suits are being sold at exactly one-half of the marked price.

Does not such a reduction appeal to you?

One of these garments will make a very suitable present for Mother, Wife, Daughter, Sister or other loved one.

A good many other lines, being nearly closed out, have been marked down.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and invite you to come to the store before the grand rush of the last few hours.



BAPTIST PROGRAM CHRISTMAS NIGHT

LITTLE LOB CABIN FOR SANTA CLAUS.

Sunday School Classes Will Contribute Presents for the Poor Children.

The Sunday school classes of the Baptist church will on Christmas Eve night render a special program which is being prepared. It consists of several enjoyable numbers very appropriate for the occasion. In connection with the program there will be a log cabin that is to take the place of a Christmas tree. This cabin will be beautifully decorated and lighted with candles. During the time when the presents are being distributed, Santa Claus will appear on the scene and enter this cabin likened unto the way he will enter all the houses of the city that night.

Program for Evening.

The following program is to be rendered: Music—"Melody and Love." March—Misses Mary Bates, Roberts Lucile Tolson and Bullock. Offerings by classes, accompanied by march music. Motion Song, "Out On the Hill," by the primary department. Song, "Holy Night," by Sunday School Children. Recitation, "Christmas Giving."—Miss Kitty Greer's class. Song, "Oh, Jolly Old Saint Nick"—Mrs. M. L. Wyatt's class. Chorus, "Hark the Merry Bells"—Sunday School Children. Distributions to the children.

Condition is Good.

Col. Bob Massie, president of the Wool Growers' Central Storage Company, arrived in the city Wednesday for the first time since the cold wave.

"I have been practically snowbound for the last few days," he said. "The condition of the sheep after this cold spell is very much better than I expected. I looked to see many freeze, but as far as I have been able to learn there has not been a single sheep frozen. The snow is thawing very fast, and I

believe within another day or so things will look better."

Won't Tell Who She Is.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 22.—The identity of the young woman registering at Ruth Horton of Chicago, who twice attempted to end her life at Virginia Beach, remains a mystery. She was conscious at times and conversed with physicians and nurses, but evaded all questions as to her name or home.

Called By Father's Illness.

E. W. Brandon leaves Thursday morning for Fort Worth, called by the critical illness of his father, J. M. Brandon, who as a traveling salesman for a well known Boston house, has made San Angelo on his rounds more than thirty-five years. J. M. Brandon is one of the most prominently known traveling men in Texas, and it was only recently that he was seen on his regular rounds. He has always taken great pride on the growth of San Angelo.

CLICKED KEY FOR HELP.

Station Agent, Bound and Gagged by Robbers, Quickly Gets Release.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Dec. 22.—Bound and gagged by two robbers, who after obtaining a small sum of money from Boyd Coats, agent for the Great Rapids & Indiana Railroad at Huntertown, a small station ten miles north of this city, managed to crawl to the telegraph key and summon aid. He clicked a message to the train dispatcher at Fort Wayne asking him to call Huntertown by telephone and residents two blocks from the scene of the robbery to go to the station and release him. This was done. The station at Huntertown is a lonely place. Two men broke in the door soon after the train had gone northward last night. When the robbers came, who was alone, suspected robbers, threw the railroad agent and his watch into a waste basket. They bound Coats and searched him but overlooked the waste basket.

ORA TURNER CONVICTED.

Lyons, Kan., Dec. 22.—Ora Turner was convicted of murder in the first degree for killing Roy Snider near Raymond on July 14. Jealousy over a young woman courted by both men was the motive for the murder. Turner was convicted on circumstantial evidence of unusual character. Horse tracks, made purposely by his horse and cut from the earth and preserved in cans, together with peculiar bullets which fitted a revolver owned by him, constituted the principal evidence presented.

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COPENHAGEN STAMPS DR. COOK A FRAUD

INSURGENTS IN SKIRMISH WITH ZELAYA'S SOLDIERS

DR. MADRIZ SWORN IN AS PRESIDENT

BLUEFIELDS DISPATCH TELLS OF ENGAGEMENT WHICH WAS FOUGHT NEAR RECRCO.

United States Consulate at Managua Receives Another Plea for Protection From Americans at Granada.

Publishers' Press. Bluefields, Dec. 21.—The insurgents under General Morales fought a skirmish with Zelaya's troops near Recreo today. The details of the engagement have not been received. Recreo is in the hands of Estrada's men.

Estrada in Battle. Washington, Dec. 21.—A report, which is not credited, coming by way of Bluefields and Galveston by the Mexican cable, says that General Estrada is in a battle with Zelaya's troops near Rama.

Madriz Sworn In. Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 21.—Dr. Madriz was sworn in as the new president of Nicaragua at 10 o'clock this morning. Excitement is high here, and the people generally throughout the republic are protesting and refuse to abide by the action of congress.

Appeal for Protection. Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 21.—The United States consulate today received a plea for protection from Americans at Granada. The petition, signed by many prominent residents, including several United States citizens, ask that the United States marines be landed at Corinto. Granada is one of Madriz's strongholds.

PIPING LOUISIANA GAS. Little Rock and Other Towns Will Be Supplied. Shreveport, La., Dec. 21.—Louisiana natural gas will be piped to Little Rock and all towns lying along the Rock Island between Texarkana and Little Rock. A branch line will be projected into Northeast Texas.

ARGUMENTS MADE. Morse's Attorneys Say Jury's Verdict Is Not Good. New York, Dec. 21.—The arguments were made today on the appeal of Chas. W. Morse, convicted banker, who was sentenced to federal prison at Atlanta for wrecking a national bank in North America. Morse's attorneys say the jury in the trial drank whiskey and were not competent of rendering a verdict.

DEMANDS MUST BE GRANTED OR STRIKE IS ON

Publishers' Press. Minneapolis, Dec. 21.—The railroad strike situation is more serious than ever. Unless the demands are granted 5,000 men will strike tomorrow.

POLICE APPREHEND MAN BY WIRELESS MESSAGE TO SHIP

GEORGE BATES HAD FOUR DAYS' START OF AUTHORITIES.

Galveston Officers Make Extraordinary Catch of Fleeing Clerk Accused of Robbery.

Publishers' Press. Galveston, Texas, Dec. 21.—George Bates sailed as a passenger from here Saturday, bound for New York on the Mallory line steamer Brazos, scheduled to arrive in New York Friday. Chief of Police Perett learned after the Brazos had sailed that Bates was wanted for a crime in Texas. He sent a wireless message to the captain asking if Bates was on board. The answer, "Yes," came back. "Hold him and deliver to New York police," wired Perett by wireless. Bates is charged with robbing the Wells-Fargo express office at Reisel, Tex., and is accused of embezzling \$6000. He will be extradited back to Texas.

PHYSICAL VALUATION. Interstate Commission Also Wants Other Powers Given Them.

Publishers' Press. Washington, Dec. 21.—The twenty-third annual report of the Interstate Commerce Commission, which was given to congress today, asks that recommendations be given them authorizing them to take the physical valuations of railroads, and also that it be given the power to establish through routes and joint rates when necessary.

DICKINSON TO INVESTIGATE. He Sails for Porto Rico to Look Into Political Troubles.

Publishers' Press. Washington, Dec. 21.—Secretary of War Dickinson sailed today on Taft's private yacht for Porto Rico, where he will investigate the reported political troubles there.

COSTLY GIFT. Street hallway Magnate Spends Million On Wife.

Publishers' Press. Philadelphia, Dec. 21.—Mrs. George D. Widener, wife of a street railway millionaire, is to receive the costliest Christmas present in the world Saturday. Her husband has purchased her a string of pearls, costing \$1,000,000.

INTERNATIONAL DECLINES. Harvester Company Will Therefore Declare a Dividend.

Publishers' Press. New York, Dec. 21.—On account of a sharp decline in the stock of the International Harvester company today it has been rumored that a dividend will be declared in January.

TROOPS OFF FOR SELMA.

Alabama Militia Sent to Scene of Riot. Selma, Ala., Dec. 21.—Under the command of Lieutenant Col. Carter, 100 state troops left tonight for Selma, where the race war is on.

DATA SUBMITTED FOR EXAMINATION WAS PARAPHRASED FROM NEWSPAPER STORIES

MRS. BROKAW WEEPED. Doctor Said She Called Brokaw a "Dammed Fool." Publishers' Press. New York, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Brokaw nearly stopped W. Gould Brokaw's separation suit this afternoon by weeping when the doctor testified that she had called her husband a "dammed fool" in his presence. Again Mrs. Brokaw rushed from the court room when Wood, the Brokaw butler, declared that he always sent two cock-tails at a time to Mrs. Brokaw's room.

Instead of on e Wood also testified to seeing Mrs. Brokaw smoke cigarettes many times.

FALSE ALARM. White House Thought to Be Burning. Taft Not Disturbed. Publishers' Press. Washington, Dec. 21.—During the cabinet meeting here today, a fire alarm in the White House was accidentally turned on, which caused the whole fire department to rush to the scene, thinking the president's home was burning. Taft did not know anything of the affair till afterward.

John R. Bradley Repudiates Brooklyn Adventurer Declaring He Fooled Everyone From King Down

DIDN'T TAKE COMMITTEE LONG TO ARRIVE AT A CONCLUSION

WHAT THEY THINK OF DR. COOK.

"Three months ago, from the Labrador coast I sounded the explicit and deliberately worded warning to the world, based on accurate information, in regard to Cook's claims. In doing so I accepted the full responsibility devolving upon men and fulfilled my duty to myself and to the world."—Statement of Commander Robert E. Peary.

"He fooled us all, from the King of Denmark down, and he fooled me with the rest. A long time ago I washed my hands of the affair and dismissed from my mind the North Pole and everything with it."—John R. Bradley, Financial Backer of Dr. Cook.

"Dr. Cook's actions can be accounted for from his mental and physical condition. If the general public knew the exact condition of Dr. Cook's mind and his nervous system, they would not be disposed to look upon him as they do."—H. Wellington Wack, Dr. Cook's Counsel.

STAMP RECORDS AS FRAUD.

Publishers' Press. Copenhagen, Dec. 21.—It is officially announced by the authorities of the University of Copenhagen who examined the polar reports of Dr. Frederiek A. Cook, that the explorer's records do not substantiate his claim of having discovered the North Pole.

This leaves the honor solely to Commander Robert E. Peary, and he is now officially recognized by Danish scientists.

The official announcement from the University was made today and it stamps Cook's records as worthless. The report says they were paraphrased from the explorer's newspaper stories.

No original papers were submitted by Cook, his report consisting merely of 61 typewritten pages containing data from his notebook. Not an original calculation was included.

COMPLETED WORK MONDAY.

Professor Stromgreen is chairman of the examining committee. The investigation was completed Monday though the report was not made public until today.

Cook's secretary, Walter Lonsdale, conveyed the explorer's report to the University of Copenhagen.

COOK IS HIDING.

Cook is in hiding either in the United States or in Europe. Accurate information as to his whereabouts can not be obtained. It is reported, however that he is in Naples.

No Surprise to New York. Publishers' Press. New York, Dec. 21.—The developments of the last few weeks in the polar controversy prepared New York for just such an announcement as came from Copenhagen today. New York scientists and explorers expressed no surprise at the report of the committee. Upon Dr. Cook's first arrival to this country and the attacks first made upon him by Commander Peary there was a disposition to sympathize with the Brooklyn man. But the Mt. McKinley exposure followed so closely by affidavits from persons closely associated with Dr. Cook and also the break between Cook and his lawyer, caused the people to rapidly lose faith in the explorer. Some are inclined to believe Dr. Cook is suffering a mental breakdown. His brother in Brooklyn stated that he was so effected, and Cook's counsel said the doctor was mentally weak.

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that many things to be found at our store that will help you decide on just the right thing for Father, Mother, Brother, Sister and all other relations and friends.

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- A New Heater
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1909.
 DR. COOK.

There have been Dr. Cooks since the world was young. The Press-News is the least surprised of all papers in Texas that the first reports from Copenhagen indicate that the forecast contained first in The Press-News that Cook was a four-flusher. For it should be recalled that The Press-News is the first paper in the Southwest, if not indeed the first paper in the whole United States, that indicated the Brooklyn doctor, backed by the ex-gambler from Fort Worth, was trading an improbable yarn for heavy lecture receipts.

Here is the way The Press-News arrived at its first deduction, relative to Dr. Cook being a faker. Cook was backed by a notorious individual named John R. Bradley. Bradley is a man in whose heart the germ of chance is always wiggling. It is hardly to be presumed that Bradley would stake his money on a game that didn't pay the usual gambler's percentage.

With the gambler's backing Cook made for the cold countries. His description of the hardships he endured, as delineated in a lecture given in Washington is very thrilling. In fact, so thrilling that he overdid the matter and it was this palpable exaggeration that first caused The Press-News to draw the veil of doubt over his whole story. For instance, Cook was in the frozen North, with ice hammers hemming him in on every side. He took his sleds apart—the sleds that he used in making his dash to the Pole—not once, but twice, on his return trip. He not only took these sleds apart, but he used the lumber in the sleds in fashioning harpoons and bows and arrows. Now follow closely. After Cook had killed his musk ox, he then, without the aid of tools of any kind, other than his hands, unharpooned the harpoons and unbowed the bows and unarrowed the arrows and with a magic worthy of tales from the days when witches were hanged in Salem, he used the materials to again form sleds and the sleds they made out of these remnants were good sleds, too.

That story alone was calculated to inspire doubt. A further description of shooting winchester cartridges at flying birds, which he told about in this same lecture, was also calculated to cause a cloud to come. When a man is hemmed in by ice hammers, and has but 100 cartridges standing between himself and starvation, he is not apt to indulge in testing his shooting abilities.

those children in San Angelo who have little reason to expect to participate in the spirit of the season. When this list is completed, the Good Fellows who agree to spread Christmas cheer will be furnished with the names of just as many children as they will agree to provide with Christmas cheer. With these names in their possession, the Good Fellows can make their own selection of the gifts to be sent and can send them by messengers to the homes of the little ones. You see no one but the Good Fellows need know about the plan. The recipient of the gift will know there is a Santa Claus and will call that Santa Claus blessed.

Be a Good Fellow. Be a Good Fellow by being a Santa Claus. Santa Claus is a spirit, not a myth. He is the one who does good for God's sake. He maketh the depressed joyous. He maketh the unhappy happy. He rules the world and his sceptre is love. His dominion is over the hearts of the ones who are tender in years and are trustful in spirit.
 Won't you be a Good Fellow?
 Early to bed and early to do your Christmas shopping.
 Faith, hope and charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity. Be charitable. Join the Good Fellow movement.
 Do your Christmas shopping today. Visit the merchants and buy your Christmas presents for your friends and then go to the court house and purchase a poll tax receipt.

San Angelo's public-spirited citizenship has accomplished some remarkable things during the past year, but one much needed improvement has been overlooked. That is a pavement for Chadbourne street. This should be included in 1910 plans for city improvement, by all means.

If Ciprino Castro would again thrust himself in the lime light; if Carrie Nation would do something original; if T. Roosevelt would vote a few more memberships to the Ananias club; if someone would come forth and proclaim himself Elijah, the Prophet; if New York would develop another society scandal, and if a few more affidavits in the polar controversy were forthcoming, the year 1909 would contribute more than its share to history, politically, scientifically, socially and industrially.

President Zelaya, in a statement supplementing his resignation, expressed his indignation at the intervention of the United States. He appears to think that he can disregard all precedent and ignore international law, and that if his high-handed methods interfere with the rights of foreign citizens, the nations will bow in submission to his will. He seems to think that he may separate husband and wife without cause, and subject the latter to imprisonment and all forms of cruelty. He appears to think that he can break the highest law and do murder to innocent citizens. Indeed, he appears to think that there is no such thing as law.

SNEEZED OUT THREE BULLETS.

Veteran Ejects Pellets He'd Been Carrying in Head 47 Years.
 Wilkesbarre, Dec. 20.—With a sneeze, Francis Rogers, a veteran of the Civil war, who was shot in the head at Antietam, ejected three bullets from his nose.
 They were the three with which he was wounded at Antietam, and which he has carried in his head for forty-seven years.

He frequently felt them, and as years passed discovered they were working their way out. For some years they caused him severe headaches, but surgeons did not care to operate as they were too close to the optic nerves.
 Today, feeling a tickling in his nose, Rogers sneezed violently, and the bullets came out.

BE A GOOD FELLOW.
 Be a Good Fellow.
 Be a Doer of Good Deeds.
 Look up, not down, look out, not in, lend a hand.
 Help make the unfortunates fortunate; help make the unhappy happy. There's a way to this. There's a reason for doing this. But it must be inspired by the proper reason.
 The Press-News is pointing the way to permit you to make others happy; to make your self happy. And to do all this without putting the taint of consciousness in your actions.
 The Good Fellow campaign was not begun for the purpose of gratifying vanity. It was started solely for the purpose of permitting those who have no vanity to serve, to still serve an end more useful.
 The Press-News is using every legitimate agency to ascertain the names of

OWENS KNOWS HOW TO GET A VIADUCT

"Circulate a Subscription List," He Says, "and It Will Be Liberally Supported."

"We are going to have that viaduct and that bridge across the Concho river on Harris avenue," declared Col. Thos. F. Owen Thursday.
 "It will not be very long till every street in San Angelo that crosses the river will have a bridge. Such will have to be the case in order that the city might grow. That is not the important thing just now. What we want is that viaduct.
 "To build a viaduct across the Concho river, it will take an enormous amount of money—more than the city and county can afford to pay.
 "Here is how it can be done, however. Start out with a list up and down Chadbourne street and it will not be many days till you will have enough money to build a viaduct across the river that will withstand any current.
 "It will take \$50,000 to build that viaduct. Now I believe I can name fifteen men in this town who will be glad to give \$1,000, if not more. Well, the city and county, I think, would give about ten or fifteen thousand dollars together. There is about \$30,000 to start on. By the time that amount of money was spent in constructing the viaduct, the other \$20,000 will be on hand ready to finish the job.
 "All it is going to take now is to get some live men after the proposition and that viaduct will be constructed."

MR. AND MRS. J. G. MILBURN.
MUREROUS LUNATIC KILLED.
 One of the Men He Had Sworn to Slay Brings Him Down with a Bullet.
 Wooster, O., Dec. 16.—Ord E. Boley, the maniac who killed Sheriff Jacob Bell of Holmes county, and who swore to kill five other Holmes county men, was laid low at 6 o'clock.
 A bullet from the rifle of W. S. Hoover, marshal-elect of Millersburg, one of the men Boley had sworn to kill, shot the escaped lunatic on the farm of V. F. Wells, a mile north of Shreve.
 Boley was carried to Shreve, where a bullet wound in his bowels and a maimed right hand, the result of an earlier encounter with the posse of 200 which has pursued him since Thursday morning, were dressed. He was brought to the hospital here, where he died at 8 o'clock.
 Boley, after eluding the posse all day yesterday and escaping the cordon of armed men thrown about his hiding place in a swamp last night, today terrorized northern Holmes county and southern Wayne county.

SAYS SAN ANGELO WILL BE BIG CITY
CRAWFORD OPTIMISTIC REGARDING THIS COUNTRY'S GROWTH.
 "San Angelo and Tom Green County Real Estate the Sensation of Real Estate World," He Says.
 "San Angelo will be to West Texas as Dallas is to East Texas within a few years. The growth of this city I have never seen surpassed," says J. C. Crawford, of Dallas, general manager of the Southwestern Folder Company, who is now here interesting the Business Club and merchants in issuing a neat little folder booklet, descriptive with views and scenes of San Angelo and the Concho county.
 Was Here Twelve Years Ago.
 He continued: "San Angelo and Tom Green county are the most talked of points in Texas. The Dallas real estate world is fairly wild over your country, and they never fail to secure available pieces of real estate."
 Mr. Crawford, a former newspaper man, has lately been engaged in issuing advertising literature for Fort Worth, Dallas, Waco and other Texas cities.
 Farmer's Strange Home.
 Spokane, Dec. 15.—Among the strangest houses on record, perhaps, is so great that there is not enough to make two brooms for each family in the United States, it is figured. Factories here are plying \$240 a ton for corn, while the normal price is less than \$90.

POSTOFFICE WILL RETAIN LOCATION

PRICE OF RENTAL REQUIRED WILL BE FORTHCOMING.

Merchants Will Probably Make Up Balance Above Amount Government Will Expend.
 The chances are that the postoffice will remain at its present location after the lease expires on January 1. Mr. Landon has been furnishing quarters free to the United States; but after the present lease expires he will want \$1800 a year, which includes \$100 a year for the lights. The government will hardly approve a greater expenditure than \$800 a year for rent, but the merchants in that part of the city will likely make up the remaining \$700 a year.
 Of course, after the new federal building is completed, the postoffice will have headquarters in that place.

BELIEVES DR. COOK A FAKER.
 Senator Dixon of Montana, Says He Never Got to Top of Mt. McKinley.
 Washington, Dec. 15.—Senator Dixon of Montana, who presided at the lecture which Dr. Cook delivered at Hamilton, Mon., at which were present Barrill and Prince, Cook's Mount McKinley guides, and who declared that Cook never reached the top of the mountain, believes that Dr. Cook is a faker and he said so. Senator Dixon was requested to sit as moderator at the town meeting in Montana before which Dr. Cook confronted the guides.
 Stole \$101,000—Free.
 Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 15.—Edward G. Cunliffe, an Adams Express clerk, who absconded with a package containing \$101,000 in October, 1905, was released from the penitentiary here after serving a little more than four years. He will go to Bridgeport, Conn., to join his wife, who is with relatives there.
 Following a search in this country and South America, Cunliffe was arrested at Bridgeport, Conn., his former home, having been recognized by an acquaintance, who informed the police.
 Has Shipped 300 Bags.
 Caldwell Palmer, who is here shipping out the wool that he purchased from the Wool Growers' Central Storage Company, has shipped about 300 bags up to date. The shipping is progressing slowly, he says, but he intends to get through by the latter part of this week.

ISSUES VENIRE TO TRY MURDER CHARGE
PREPARATIONS ARE MADE FOR TRIAL OF WHITFIELD.
 Will Take Place in District Court Next Month Before Judge Timmins.
 Special venires to try five cases to be heard in the district court in January were named Saturday afternoon by Judge Timmins. A jury will be selected from a venire of 100 men to try Coleman Whitfield on a charge of murder; for Jesse Walker on a charge of murder, seventy men were named; George Keene, rape, thirty-six men; J. B. Clayton, murder, sixty men, and for Dick France, murder, eighty men.
 The Coleman Whitfield venire will report January 14; Joseph Walker venire, January 13; George Keene venire, January 10; J. B. Clayton venire, January 8, and the Dick France venire on January 22.
 A Card of Thanks.
 To our brethren and sisters, neighbors and friends who have assisted us in our affliction and cheered us with your presence, we wish to tender our heartfelt thanks and assure you all that your kindness will not soon be forgotten. This is some of the fruits of the Christian religion which is cross bearing. It means a warfare which only ceases with the last breath. It means self-denial; it means soberness and watchfulness and opposition, to many a fashion and custom of this world, and may God help us to love not the world, neither the things that are in the world, but may we so live that we can enjoy the bliss of Heaven, together forever in our prayer.

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 Improves the flavor and adds to the healthfulness of the food
ROYAL BAKING POWDER
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NEGRO GIRL CHARGED WITH STEALING DIAMOND

City Officials Arrest Harvey Ivey, Who Used Cunning Method to Prevent Suspicion, It is Said.

Charged with theft, Harvey Ivey, a negro girl, was arrested Wednesday by the city officers and placed in the city prison. The girl had been cooking for Murph March and it is alleged that she stole a \$125 diamond stick pin that belonged to Mrs. March. Mrs. March missed her pin and notified the city officers. Upon making inquiries among the local jewelers, it was learned that a negro girl had been to several jewelry stores with a diamond and wanted to get it mounted in a ring. Harvey Ivey was arrested on suspicion. She was identified by the jewelers as being the one who tried to have a diamond mounted.
 Though she denies that she is guilty of the charge, the city marshal thinks she is the one who stole the pin. It is evident, according to him, that she took the diamond out of the stick pin in order to prevent suspicion. She will be turned over to the county officials Thursday, subject to the action of the grand jury.
 "Doing a land office business now," said City Marshal Bates, smiling. "Wednesday we arrested about eight people and placed them in the city jail."
HAM FISH SUES OVER A BET.
 Poughkeepsie, Dec. 15.—Congressman Hamilton Fish has sued the Poughkeepsie News-Press for \$50,000 damages for an alleged libellous characterization of him as a "welscher," in connection with a gentlemen's agreement to bet on the result of the last local campaign which was not kept. Congressman Fish lives at Garrison. He was elected to congress in the Twenty-first district a year ago. Dutchess county is a part of this district, and as it is the largest county in the district, Mr. Fish often visits Poughkeepsie, the county seat, to keep his political fences in repair.

JOHN KING GIVES UP THE LAST HOPE

Awaits With Dread Anticipation Time When He Leaves to Serve Life Sentence.

It will be a period of sadness and anxiety—those holidays—for John King, the convicted white man who looks forward with dread anticipation to the time when he leaves his cell in the Tom Green county jail, where he has been confined for two years, for one of the Texas penitentiaries to begin a life sentence for killing Kate Ryan.
 The convicted man has no hope of escaping the life term imposed upon him. Those hopes dwindled when the court of appeals at Austin recently affirmed the decision of the district court, and he knows it is useless to ask for a rehearing.
 Just now King does not know whether he will spend his Christmas in the county jail here or in the state penitentiary. He prefers much, so he says, to remain here until after the first of the year.

IN MEMORIAM.

Annie Shoemaker.
 Died Dec. 12, 1909, aged 20 years, 1 month and 20 days.
 San Angelo, Dec. 12, 1909.
 Annie, you are gone; gone from the friends that loved you, from the relatives that cherished you and esteemed you. Your life was an example which we all might follow; you lived upright and died like a Christian. We do not only miss you, Annie, but you have left a blank in our hearts which time can never head. Death alone can calm our sorrow. When we know we will meet you on that silent shore. You, so young, so full of love, that you should be taken from us to fill an untimely grave! But we bow in submission to the will of God. Your noble life, your peaceful death, and the hope of meeting you in a better world is all the consolation you have left us. May your soul rest in peace. Amen!
 From your loving
 FRIENDS AND RELATIVES.

BANK STOCKHOLDERS MEET.

Directors of Paint Rock Institution Are Elected.
 Stockholders of the First State Bank of Paint Rock met Wednesday night and elected directors as follows: Jas. Callan, S. Roach, Thos. F. Jackson, W. C. Montgomery, J. T. Ballard, J. D. McCollom, A. L. Burk, R. T. Trail and F. S. Abney. R. T. Trail was elected president, J. T. Ballard first vice president and J. D. McCollom second vice president.
 The new bank building is to be completed by January 25th, when business will be opened up.
 The bridge across the Concho is nearing completion, and trains are expected to cross over to town next week.

Rich Men's Gifts Are Poor.

bodies this: "I want to go on record as saying that I regard Electric Bitters as one of the greatest gifts that God has made to woman," writes Mrs. O. Rhinevault, of Vestal Center, N. Y. "I can never forget what it has done for me." This glorious medicine gives a woman buoyant spirits, vigor of body and jubilant health. It quickly cures nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, headache, backache, fainting and dizzy spells; soon builds up the weak, ailing and sickly. Try them. 50c at all druggists.

CAUGHT AFTER MANY YEARS.

Oklahoma Citizen is Charged With Being an Escaped Prisoner.
 McAlester, Okla., Dec. 16.—Jack Purdie, a prominent citizen of Adamson, Okla., is in jail here here as a fugitive from justice, it being claimed by the officers that he is Jim Dodson who escaped from the Pennsylvania penitentiary in December, 1884. He has been here a quarter of a century; during which time he has served six or seven years as Deputy United States Marshal. He says he came to this place from Dekoven, Ky. Another man from Pennsylvania claims he is Dodson.

COURT AFFIRMS DECISION

Of County Judge in Schuch-Shaw Case.
 The court of appeals at Austin has affirmed the decision of the county court here, which decided in favor of H. J. Schuch several weeks ago in a suit instituted against him by H. W. Shaw and others. A writ of injunction was asked for to prevent Schuch from fencing in a bed of gravel on the Middle Concho. The gravel bed adjoined Schuch's property, and it was really a part of the river. He extended his fence to the water's edge and thereby prevented other parties from entering the bed and securing gravel.

FEMALE DISORDERS

Are caused in most instances by constipation, torpid liver or indigestion. The right course to get rid of these ailments (so common among women) is to strengthen and regulate the vital organs.

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

Is a thorough system tonic and regulator. It corrects the stomach, cures kidney ailments and torpid liver, drives out blood impurities, cleanses the bowels and promotes regularity. It cures headache, nervous faintness, heartburn, bad breath, palpitation; removes sallow complexion and eruptions of the skin.

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GRAND JURY MAKES CHARGE OF MURDER

DICK FRANCE AND JESSE WALKER ARE HELD.

Both indictments result of killing of William J. Howard and Richard Taylor.

Indictments for murder against Dick France, white, and Jesse Walker, colored, were returned Thursday among the fourteen other true bills in the report of the grand jury. France is held as the result of the killing of Wm. J. Howard in a difficulty near the Orient depot, and Walker was indicted in connection with the killing of Richard Taylor, a negro.

A charge of attempt to murder was made against Tom Guess, the alleged assault being made on Julius Wilson, in this county. Charges were also brought against Jim Brown and Augustine Robles by the grand jury Thursday.

Other Indictments.
The others indicted were Will Johnson for burglary, and Harvey Lee Ivey, for stealing. Harvey Lee Ivey is a negro girl, aged 14, who was arrested Wednesday night by the city authorities on a charge of stealing a diamond pin. She was at once put on trial before the grand jury.

DEATH IN AWFUL FORM.

Suffered by Little Girl From Silver in Foot.

San Bernardino, Dec. 16.—A red-wood silver brought death in awful form to Monte Lucy Hamburg, 8-year-old daughter of Maurice D. Hamburg, superintendent for the Gill Lumber Company. The child died of tetanus, after three and a half days of awful suffering.

Two weeks ago she ran the silver in her foot. She told no one, and let the wound heal over the foreign substance. A few days ago she complained of stiffness in the shoulders and neck, and as her condition did not improve the father called in a doctor.

He at once diagnosed the case as lockjaw, and two other physicians were asked to assist him in the battle for the child's life. Steadily the poison developed, affecting her entire body. Her suffering became heart-rending before death came to her relief.

COTTON 9,362,229 BALES.

Department of Census Makes Its Report.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The department of census today issued its report on the amount of cotton ginned for the year up to December 13. The amount was estimated at 9,362,229, and of this amount 2,627,000 bales was ginned in Texas.

The kidneys ache when they are overworked, and the trouble gets serious unless promptly removed. Prickly Ash Bitters is a reliable kidney tonic and bowel regulator. Central Drug Store, special agent.

MARRIAGE CEREMONY AT MINERAL WELLS

E. A. Lanford of San Angelo, Takes Miss Chappel of Christoval, as His Bride.

E. A. Lanford of San Angelo, and Miss Susa Chappel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Chappel, the latter many years prominent residents of Christoval, were married Sunday afternoon at Mineral Wells by the Rev. Mr. Harvey. It was at first intended that the marriage ceremony would be performed at Christoval, but the minister became ill Sunday and it was necessary for the couple to go to Mineral Wells and to the home of E. R. Morgan, where Rev. Harvey is stopping. Mr. Lanford is in the employ of the Alfalfa Lumber Company in San Angelo and well known to San Angelo people. He will bring his bride here to live.

WILL IRRIGATE LAND

George Hagelstein Buys Tract On Spring Creek.

For the purpose of developing an irrigation farm, George Hagelstein, of the land firm of C. and G. Hagelstein, has purchased a part of a tract of land located on Spring creek, fronting the noted Lackey Dam, southwest of San Angelo. The land will be prepared at once for irrigation from Spring creek, and will be transformed into a farm in the spring.

END COMES TO KING LEOPOLD AT BRUSSELS

RULER'S LAST WORDS WERE "I AM SUFFOCATING"—DAUGHTER WAS NOT PRESENT.

PRINCE ALBERT NOW KING OF BELGIUM

Princess Louise in Budapest and Showed No Disposition to Visit Father When Dying—Notorious For Her Beauty.

Brussels, Dec. 16.—King Leopold of Belgium, died tonight. The King's last words were: "I am suffocating." Prince Albert Leopold becomes King of Belgium.

King Leopold made millions out of rubber in Congo and his cruelty to his soldiers made him famous the world over. The King's daughter, Princess Louise, is notorious as the most beautiful and the most immoral woman in Europe. She has been living in Budapest, contracting hundreds of thousands of dollars in debt upon the strength of her father's illness and death. She is not allowed in Belgium and showed no disposition to go to her father, even when he was dying.

SAVES TEXAS CATTLE.

What Is Done by Inoculation at the A. & M. College.

The veterinary department of the A. & M. College of Texas has saved to owners of fine stock over five hundred thousand dollars, and the state of Texas has not spent a cent on the work.

Dr. Mark Francis has been professor of veterinary science and surgery at the A. & M. College of Texas for twenty-one years. He is also the veterinarian on the staff of the Texas Experiment Station. He is one of the best in his line in the country and he has contributed more to research in regard to Texas fever than any one man. Under his direction the Experiment station began to study the Texas fever problem in 1888. For several years efforts were made to produce immunity by the injection of the blood serum of immune cattle, but the results were only partially successful. About 1897 Dr. Francis began using virulent blood and has continued to do so ever since. The results with this have been very successful. The work has been done under the federal appropriations known as the Hatch fund, which is an appropriation by congress for work or research in scientific matters. The state legislature has not allowed funds for the work which has been asked.

Before the treatment by Dr. Francis came into use the death rate from Texas fever ran from fifty to eighty per cent of all cattle brought to Texas. Now the death rate is from five to eight per cent. Dr. Francis and his assistants in the department have treated about five thousand head of cattle in this way, so the matter is now pretty fully tested out. The cattle brought to the A. & M. College of Texas for this treatment vary in value from year to year, but a conservative estimate averages them at about two hundred dollars a head. The veterinary department, by inoculation has saved at least twenty-five hundred of them, which must have cost their owners five hundred thousand dollars.

The work has been done by the Texas Experiment Station, absolutely free for these people. They pay the feed charge only, which runs from two dollars to sixteen dollars per head. The animals are kept at the College about six weeks.

There is a herd of cattle from the Taft ranch on the Texas coast, now at the A. & M. College being inoculated by Dr. Francis against Texas fever. The legislature has never given this department the funds it needs for the Texas fever work and for hog cholera, although both experiments have proved successful.

Snow Kills Boll Weevil.
Publishers' Press.

New Orleans, Dec. 20.—The sleet and snow storm which prevailed in the cotton-growing states has brought destruction to the boll weevil. Reports from all sections in the south tell of the destruction of the pest.

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L. V. DUNCAN OF DALLAS, BUYS LOT IN LAKEVIEW.

San Angelo Property, He Declares, Is Sure to Raise in Value to a Great Extent.

Investments in San Angelo property are profitable, inasmuch as investments of any kind in the city may be made with perfect safety. Thus spoke L. V. Duncan of Dallas, an occasional visitor to this city, who Tuesday purchased a pretty lot in Lakeview, the new suburban addition.

It is a practice of Mr. Duncan to past two years with interest, and he now retains holdings in Oklahoma City, Denver, Dallas, Fort Worth and other places. He has observed the rapid growth of San Angelo for the past two years with interest, and compares it with the building of Oklahoma City and Denver, the development of those cities being the most marvelous of any within the past fifteen years. He sees a great future ahead of San Angelo, and he predicts that the greatness will be such as to place the city some day on an equal basis with any city in Texas.

"I really believe that Lakeview will be the select place of San Angelo when developed," he said, and he based that statement on the improvements, civic and otherwise, being made in that suburb.

MERTZON STAR BUYS NEWS.

C. C. Andrews Achieving Success in Irlon County.

The Mertzion Weekly Star, a weekly paper bristling with news and published in Irlon county by C. C. Andrews, recently acquired the Mertzion News, which leaves only one paper in the county. Mr. Andrews launched the Star three weeks ago and is now carrying more advertising than any other paper in the history of the town. The paper is well printed and edited and is in itself a compliment to the editor.

POSTOFFICE LEASE ACCEPTED.

The Proposal of James C. Landon Is Signed by Government.

Official announcement comes from Washington to the effect that the government had accepted the proposal of James C. Landon, to lease for five years the San Angelo postoffice headquarters in the Landon Hotel building, which was referred to by the Press-News several days ago.

Looking One's Best.

It's a woman's delight to look her best, but pimples, skin eruptions, sores and boils rob life of joy. Listen! Bucklen's Arnica Salve cures them; makes the skin soft and velvety. It glorifies the face. Cures pimples, sore eyes, cold sores, cracked lips, chapped hands. Try it. Infalible for piles. 25c at all druggists.

COTTON IN COUNTY ABOUT 3,000 BALES

CROP FOR YEAR 1909 WAS ONE-FIFTH OF YEAR BEFORE.

Decrease of 12,000 Bales from 1908. All but 3 Per Cent Has Been Gathered.

The entire season's output of cotton in this county will not aggregate more than 3000 bales, according to estimates tabulated by local cotton men and this number is in the decrease of the figures of 1908 by 12,000 bales.

With all but 3 per cent of the crop gathered and marketed, the coming of the cold wave and snow had very little effect. The estimated damage is only slight. Perhaps a dozen bales in the entire county remained to be gathered, and many more remain unmarketed.

Local spot prices rose with the advance of futures last week, and as high as 15 cents was being paid, but the prices ranged between 14 cents and 14.50 Tuesday, according to the grade.

The fact that the crop this year is less than a fifth of that of last did not come as a surprise, for it was a little above the figure estimates early in the season. Shortly after January 1 the crop will have been gathered to the last bale.

RETURNS WITH C. F. GIRKEY.

Deputy Cornelson Brings Him Back for Trial.

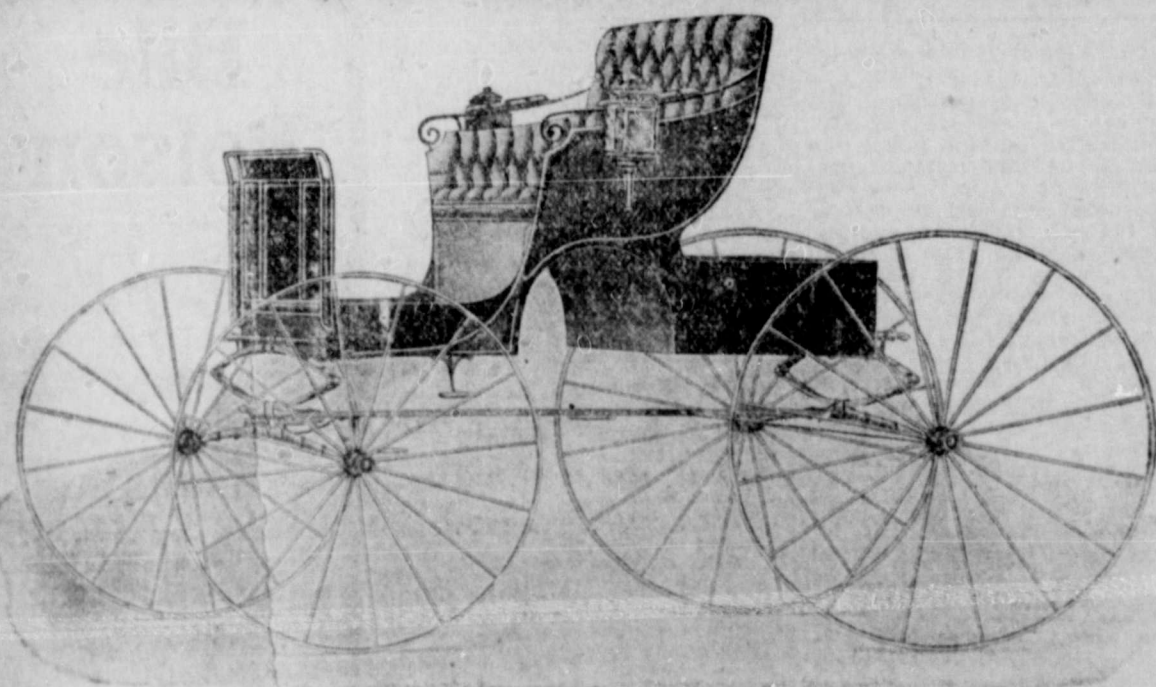
Deputy B. F. Cornelson returned Tuesday from Fort Worth with Charles F. Girkey, who is wanted here on a charge of forgery. Girkey has already spent several months in the Tom Green county jail on the charge, for which he was indicted last May by the grand jury, but he was taken to Fort Worth a month ago to answer to a similar charge. The indictment against him there was quashed because of an error in the complaint. He will be tried at this term of the district court.

Real Estate Transfers.

Paul Abstract and Title Company's report, recorded Dec. 21, 1909:
J. A. Corbin et ux. to J. W. Reiley, \$1420. Conveys lots 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, in block 62, Fort Concho addition.
W. M. Burgess et ux. to J. B. MacLidin, \$2200. Conveys lots 7 and 8, in block 55, Miles addition.
W. L. Humphreys et ux. to Howard B. Cox, \$2000. Conveys lots 18, 19 and 20, in block 24, Miles addition.
H. A. Bullock et ux. to J. D. Dotterer. Conveys lots 4 to 9, in block 180, Angelo Heights addition.

Licenses Will Increase.

Many hunters are expected to take advantage of the coming holidays, and County Clerk Keating expects the number of hunters' licenses to increase accordingly. The last license issued was to M. Z. Glomp of Burnet county.



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NICARAGUA REVOLUTION SUCCESS

ESTRADA SCORES DECISIVE VICTORY AT RAMA AND CAPTURES 16,000 SOLDIERS OF ENEMY.

WARSHIPS ESTABLISH EMERGENCY HOSPITAL

Detachment From American Cruisers Care for Wounded—Government Army Sustains Loss of 600 Men.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The Nicaraguan revolution is successful and the overthrow of the Zelayan government is certain. The state department today received cable advices to the effect that Zelaya's forces at Rama were defeated, with a loss of 600 killed and wounded. Zelaya's army has surrendered to General Estrada. Temporary hospitals to care for the wounded have been established in Bluefields by a detachment from the American warships.

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Two Americans Killed.

Bluefields, Dec. 22.—The battle in which General Estrada defeated the Zelayan forces took place outside the city limits of Rama. Two Americans in Estrada's army are reported killed. Commander Shipley, of the battleship Des Moines landed surgeons and doctors to attend the wounded.

MINISTER LEAVES FOR HOME.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The Chinese retiring minister, Wu Ting Fang, left today for his home. He said he would return in fifty years if he lived.

VOTE TO INCREASE STOCK.

Directors of Wells-Fargo Make Its Stock \$24,000,000.

New York, Dec. 22.—The directors of the Wells-Fargo Express company today voted to increase the capital stock from \$5,000,000 to \$24,000,000.

STRIKERS TO RESUME WORK.

Switchmen Will Go Back, Pending a Settlement.

Special to The Press-News. Minneapolis, Dec. 22.—Announcement was made today that the striking railroad switchmen will resume work tomorrow pending arbitration of the labor troubles.

Sees Train and Dies.

Callistoga, Dec. 22.—Carl Monson, the 11-year-old son of Oscar Monson, of Middleton, who saw a railroad train for the first time in his life, was accidentally killed a few miles from town by being trampled on by his father's horse.

MARKETS.

Stocks.

New York, Dec. 22.—Trading in the exchange today was quiet. Rock Island common stock advanced a point the first fifteen minutes. A heaviness in the buying of Wabash preferred resulted from the liquidation of speculators who bought stock recently on the strength of the Denver and Rio Grande and Rock Island deal. Europe took only 18,000 shares all day. Many of the traders were from out of town and the market was listless all day from the effect of the holidays. London was a moderate buyer of Amalgamated copper, Union Pacific, Southern Pacific and steel. London sold some Pennsylvania stock. At close the general undertone was weak. Government bonds unchanged; others weak. Call money was at 5.

Cotton.

New York, Dec. 22.—Influenced by a further scare of shorts, the cotton market opened at an advance of from 3 to 5 points this morning. The list reacted to from 4 to 5 points and a nervous feeling prevailed. There was good foreign buying of March. There were numerous advices received from the South reporting an improved demand for spot deliveries and firm prices. In New Orleans, Brown and Payne were said to be bidding up the market. May sold at \$1.94. The South regards the spot situation as bullish and this afternoon quotations showed a net gain of from 19 to 13 points. The local spot market advanced 35 points up to 15.75. The exports for the day were 9,875 bales. The market closed firm and strong. The sales of American cotton amounted to 6,000 bales. Liverpool spot \$18 d.

GOSSIP OF THE TURF

BY HILLARY OLMANN.

I see the good folks down El Paso way are moving the bills and the mountains in their efforts to have the new Juarez track closed down, but let me hand them a tip—they will fail. Every Protestant church in El Paso adopted resolutions calling upon the states department of the United States government to bring such pressure to bear upon the Diaz administration as would result in shutting down the track. But when we come to figure out that the owner is one of the biggest landowners in Mexico, a man of vast wealth and great political influence, we can readily attain a conclusion. Uncle Sam is not going to war with Mexico over horse races.

What the good souls of El Paso object to is the betting. They don't care a hang for horse racing, but they do object to wagers. Who knows but the silent method may be introduced at Juarez. Heaven forbid.

Several important changes will be made in the stewards of the (Eastern) Jockey Club in January. The starter's stand will be filled with a new incumbent and there will be two new judges. The death of Clarence McDowell, for many years the presiding judge at the tracks supervised by the Jockey Club, has left open a berth for some man. Judge Bettinfill, for many years assistant to McDowell, is to be retired, says one rumor. It was the duty of Bettinfill to look particularly after the racing of the third and fourth horses—four horses are officially placed on the local tracks by the judges—while McDowell was held responsible for the first and second horses. Last Aqueduct meeting there was a snarl because Bettinfill's friends protested that he had so much work to do that he could not properly attend to all of it, and this explanation went. Later, however, rumor developed the report that the proposition would be given to another man, not yet selected. Judge McDowell's job used to pay \$50 a day before the Hart-Agnew racing bill was passed. Now it pays \$30, a tidy sum.

Rumor has it that the pool room business will flourish in New York within a few months. One Park Row man is said to be negotiating for the opening of three places. The telephone will be used instead of the telegraph wires for disseminating results.

Racing at Juarez has been running seven days a week, the biggest crowds registering on Sunday.

Entries for seventeen stakes to be run at the June meeting of the Coney Island Jockey Club will close January 3. Half a dozen of the stakes, including the Suburban, are increased in value. The Suburban will be worth \$6,000, as against \$5,000 in 1909. The Great Trial will be worth \$10,000, as against only \$2,000 in 1909. The Double Event will be worth \$8,000 in 1910 as against \$5,000 in 1909. Including the Lawrence Realization, more than \$75,000 will be hung up for competition in stakes alone. The club also announced that the Futurity of 1912 will close on January 3.

The great Ballot, owned by James R. Keene, which made such a miserable showing in England this season, has been housed for the winter with the rest of the Keene horses at Sheepshead bay. It is believed that the failure of Ballot in England was due in part to the imposts allotted by the handicapper. Ballot is now perfectly sound, and will be run in several of the important handicaps in America next year. He will be worth watching for on your card.

Separate betting rings were established on the Florida tracks for the blacks and the whites. In fact, the color line has been drawn more strictly this year than ever before on the Southern race courses. At Moncrief park the "Jim Crow" ring is located just outside of the ring proper with a picket fence dividing the two spaces. A race-goer, who returned from Florida the other day, had this to say regarding the sport at Jacksonville track:

"Moncrief park is a fine racing plant, within easy access to Jacksonville by trolley. The track was a trifle slow while I was there, but is rounding into good form. The attendance has improved since the opening, and during the first week or two the figures were ridiculously small."

Personally, I don't see why Southern racing should not be a success this year. It is true that Tampa was opened in direct competition to Jacksonville, and that the Juarez track drew away some patrons, but on the other hand the killing of being in California more than ever balances this.

James H. McCordick, who trained with much success in Germany this year, and Jockey Joe Nutter will both return to Europe in the spring. Nutter will ride for Fred Burlew in France unless he gets more pay to stay here. I saw Nutter the other day and asked him for a comparison of our sport with that abroad.

"I would rather ride in America," said he, "but if I can get more money and better mounts abroad, there is no reason why I shouldn't go. I have had several good offers made to me and have them under consideration yet. When the betting bill gave racing such a slug in the states, I never expected to hear much more of the race track in the East, but since I have been home I see indications that the turf next year will be a big improvement over 1909."

Milton Henry, one of the greatest jockeys the American turf ever turned out, is here to buy a ranch in California. Mrs. Milton, however, says it will be nearer Sheepshead Bay than that. Milton has been doing some marvelous work abroad, but wants to settle down in the United States and become a breeder of a racing string un-

der his own colors like our old friend George Odum.

Promoters of the scheme to induce the Louisiana legislature next May to repeal the anti-race track betting laws and legalize bookmaking under certain restrictions will be content with the pari-mutual system of betting if other plans fail. It is believed that the machine form of wagering will meet with less resistance than any other method.

The New Orleans Jockey Club met recently on the call of President Samuel F. Heaslip to consider the matter. Rome Respess of Cincinnati, one of the principal stockholders in the club, attended. The New Orleans Hotel Men's Association at a meeting got its petition in shape for presentation to the legislature.

Beat the Prosecutor.
Chicago, Dec. 22.—Enraged because he had been found guilty of robbery Harry Galvin, a negro, leaped upon Assistant State's Attorney Smith in Judge McEwen's court, and seizing the prosecutor by the throat with one hand, he struck him blow after blow in the face with the other hand.

PROHIBIT BILLIARD PRIZE.

Pool Halls Cannot Give \$5 for the Week's Highest Mark.

Declaring that under the laws of Texas it was gambling, pure and simple, the district authorities recently issued orders to local billiard halls to discontinue the act of awarding a weekly prize to the person making the highest mark in billiards.

Called By Father's Illness.

E. W. Brandon leaves Thursday morning for Fort Worth, called by the critical illness of his father, J. M. Brandon, who as a traveling salesman for a well known Boston house, has made San Angelo on his rounds for more than thirty-five years. J. M. Brandon is one of the most prominently known traveling men in Texas, and it was only recently that he was here on his regular rounds. He has always taken great pride on the growth of San Angelo.

BAPTIST PROGRAM CHRISTMAS NIGHT

LITTLE LOB CABIN FOR SANTA CLAUS.

Sunday School Classes Will Contribute Presents for the Poor Children.

The Sunday school classes of the Baptist church will on Christmas Eve night render a special program which is being prepared. It consists of several enjoyable numbers very appropriate for the occasion. In connection with the program there will be a log cabin that is to take the place of a Christmas tree. This cabin will be beautifully decorated and lighted with candles. During the time when the presents are being distributed, Santa Claus will appear on the scene and enter this cabin likened unto the way he will enter all the houses of the city that night.

Program for Evening.

The following program is to be rendered:
Music—"Melody and Love," March—Misses Mary Bates, Roberts Lucile Tolson and Bullock.
Offerings by classes, accompanied by march music.
Motion Song, "Out on the Hill," by the primary department.
Song, "Holy Night," by Sunday School Children.
Recitation, "Christmas Giving,"—Miss Kitty Greer's class.
Song, "Oh, Jolly Old Saint Nick"—Mrs. M. L. Wyatt's class.
Chorus, "Hark the Merry Bells"—Sunday School Children.
Distributions to the children.

R. T. Crane of New York, went to Miles Thursday afternoon on a business trip.

Condition is Good.

Col. Bob Massie, president of the Wool Growers' Central Storage Company, arrived in the city Wednesday for the first time since the cold wave.
"I have been practically snowbound for the last few days," he said. "The condition of the sheep after this cold spell is very much better than I expected. I looked to see many freeze, but as far as I have been able to learn there has not been a single sheep frozen. The snow is thawing very fast, and I believe within another day or so thing will look better."

Won't Tell Who She Is.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 22.—The identity of the young woman registering as Ruth Horton of Chicago, who twice attempted to end her life at Virginia Beach, remains a mystery. She was conscious at times and conversed with physicians and nurses, but evaded all questions as to her name or home.

CLICKED KEY FOR HELP.

Station Agent, Bound and Gagged By Robbers, Quickly Gets Release.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Dec. 22.—Bound and gagged by two robbers, who fled after obtaining a small sum of money, Boyd Coats, agent for the Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad at Hometown, a small station ten miles north of this city, managed to crawl to his telegraph key and summon aid. He clicked a message to the train dispatcher at Fort Wayne asking him to call Hometown by telephone and tell residents two blocks from the scene of the robbery to go to the station and release him. This was done.

The station at Hometown is in a lonely place. Two men broke in the door soon after the train had gone northward last night. When the crash came Coats, who was alone, suspecting robbers, threw the railroad cash and his watch into a waste basket. They bound Coats and searched him, but overlooked the waste basket.

J. W. Bates left for Fort Worth Thursday, where he will be engaged in the grocery business.

years old, who was acting as waiter in that 'cafe' squarely under the jaw. With a loud wail and a jump, this angered old gentleman made a rush at one of our party, who lost no time in making his exit. At once conceiving the situation, I left also, but through back to 'San Angelo' is that I am proud and happy."

The real excitement of the trip was related by Clarence Webb, who from the time the explorers left San Angelo till they returned, guided the M. F. Temple, construction engineer in charge of the Sterling City-San Angelo Santa Fe route, returned Tuesday from a brief business stay in Dallas.

Continue Work Thursday.

The construction of the grade of the new Sterling City-San Angelo Santa Fe route will be continued on Thursday, however, on a smaller scale than other days. Notwithstanding it is Christmas day, the graders will be kept at work. However, those of the crews who wish to celebrate the day will be given their liberty.

ORA TURNER CONVICTED.

Lyons, Kan., Dec. 22.—Ora Turner was convicted of murder in the first degree for killing Roy Snider near Raymond on July 14. Jealousy over a young woman courted by both men was the motive for the murder. Turner was convicted on circumstantial evidence of unusual character. Horse tracks, made purposely by his horse and cut from the earth and preserved in cans, together with peculiar bullets which fitted a revolver owned by him, constituted the principal evidence presented.

FORMER COWBOY OF TEXAS PLAINS IS HERO IN NEW YORK

ROPES A WILD STEER ON FIFTH AVENUE.

Street Crowded With Fashionably Dressed Pedestrians and Great Excitement Prevailed.

Trains Were Late.

Christmas Rush Is On and Travel Is Heavy.

Wind Blows Man No Good.

San Bernardino, Dec. 22.—Chris Thompson was blown off his feet while crossing Third street, and sustained a compound fracture of the left leg.

A Merry Christmas

AND

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to All

We have been in business but a short time, but long enough to know that our friends and the public have greatly assisted us by their patronage and friendship. We will always endeavor to merit both, and now as the year closes, take this means of acknowledging our appreciation

Crowther Hardware Co.

SAN ANGELO MEN TAKE LONG TRIP IN AUTO ON HUNTING EXPEDITION

With a mud coated automobile, well loaded with baggage and many different species of game that the hunters killed on their long journey, Clarence Webb, Ed Nimitz and Shorty Johnson returned from a two weeks' hunt and tour down on the Rio Grande river Wednesday afternoon about 5:30 o'clock.

The three bold explorers and hunters set out on a long journey about two weeks ago, when the weather was in fine condition to explore Santa Rosa mountains in Mexico. They traveled day after day over the rough country between San Angelo and Del Rio with fairly good luck, having but a few break downs. They sped along the highways at a good clip, enjoying the pleasant atmosphere, till within a few miles of Del Rio, where they were overtaken by one of the coldest and severest blizzards that ever a man in West Texas experienced. The blizzard did not catch the men off their post, however, as they were well laden with slickers, overcoats and many other heavy garments. When they reached Del Rio the question of going on or turning back was seriously debated, and the outcome was to go on. And on they went, but when the Rio Grande river was sighted in the distance, the hearts of the wanderers trembled and their daring spirits calmed. In a grave problem confronted them. In front was a river, rolling full of water, and behind them was a severe sleet and snow storm. Here the real test came. What was to be done?

Provisions had begun to get short and the weather was getting colder, and about the safest plan was to get back to Del Rio as soon as possible. A few minutes were spent in reloading the car, after which Clarence Webb, who manipulated the steering wheel, turned the auto back toward San Angelo, and the race for home began.

Loads that were hard and smooth when the trip to Del Rio was made were now almost mud puddles. The sun that shone on the way there was now hidden behind flocks of clouds.

While running across the prairies near Sonora at a good rate of speed suddenly a bridge was crossed, at which place a wreck was narrowly averted. The chains on the auto wheels had worn smooth and the car would slide about over the slippery roads. At this bridge there was a sharp curve. In turning this curve the car slid to one side, almost going into a ditch, which would probably have caused a serious accident. The timely work of Clarence Webb with the steering wheel saved the wreck, though. He set the brakes and reversed the gear of the machine, which threw it back. From Sonora on to this city little trouble was had.

"It was a fine trip," asserted Ed Nimitz, who acted as "captain of the crew." "We enjoyed the occasion regardless of the hardships that we experienced."

"Did we hunt? Well, I should say so. Every tree that we passed some one of the three would take a plunk at a bird. The cold weather prevented us from getting any big game, but our trusty scout, Shorty Johnson, killed a fine buck just the same. Shorty, as we call him, is a real sportsman. He set the traps and got something fresh to eat. We had up to this time been living on bacon and bread. Shorty deliberately picked up his rifle and marched forth to the wilderness near Del Rio and only a short while after he left camp the crack of

his gun was heard. Not knowing of the great success that he had met with we made sarcastic remarks about Shorty shooting at a snow bird or some other small, innocent creature. Presently, though, the old scout was seen approaching the camp with a sturdy stride, carrying a large, fat buck deer upon his shoulder. I did not have my kodak in working order or else I would have taken a snapshot of what I imagine would have been a perfect likeness of Davy Crockett returning from a hunt. No sooner had he planted that fat deer upon the ground than we began flaying it. I tell you that venison sure did go fine with some coffee and cold bread.

"As to making another trip like that one time soon, I cannot speak with authority. The only thing that I have to say for the future just now is that I am now back home and ready for all the Christmas social functions that might be had."

Shorty Johnson, who received the cognomen of "trustworthy old scout," with a twinkling eye announced very distinctly and emphatically that he would rather wait until the winter winds and snows had ceased to come before another such journey was undertaken.

"It was glorious, though," he said. "I do not think there has been another such expedition made in many 'moons' by anyone. I enjoyed it, however, and will likely take another later on. The trials and hardships that we underwent have satisfied my wandering spirit for a while."

"I remember very well," continued Shorty, removing something like a pound of mud from over one corner of his eye, "the day that we arrived in Del Rio. It was cold and sleet was falling. I jumped out of the car and made a rush for a fire. It seemed on many occasions. Upon looking around to see from what source such an impudent and violent snow ball could have come from, I discovered that my comrades had followed me after later on. The trials and hardships that we underwent have satisfied my wandering spirit for a while."

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Bile Poison

has a very bad effect on your system. It disorders your stomach and digestive apparatus, taints your blood and causes constipation, with all its fearful ills.

Theford's Black-Draught

is a bland tonic, liver regulator, and blood purifier. It gets rid of the poisons caused by over-supply of bile, and quickly cures bilious headaches, dizziness, loss of appetite, nausea, indigestion, constipation, malaria, chills and fever, jaundice, nervousness, irritability, melancholia, and all sickness due to disordered liver. It is not a cathartic, but a gentle, herbal, liver medicine, which cures without irritating.

Price 25c at all Druggists.

GOOD TIMES AHEAD AND ALL AROUND US

IS DECLARATION OF PROMINENT NEW YORK FINANCIER.

General Condition in Country Prosperous—Business News of the Metropolis.

BY PRESTON C. ADAMS.

(Publishers Press Special Service.) New York, Dec. 22.—"Good times are ahead and all around us and best of all, they have come to stay a good long time," was the way a big financier of this city put it the other day, when I asked him what are the business prospects.

"We are busier than we have been for years and we expect to have more to do within the next six months than we ever had. Banking business is good, manufacturing business is better and I am sure labor ought to be happy. Money is easy, and prosperity is substantial. The only thing the country is now suffering from is the boobying of the prices of breadstuffs—the necessities of life. I am opposed to the combination of capital for the purpose of putting up the prices of food, clothing and the like. In fact, I think if some of our big corporations and the billionaires we hear about were wise, they would see to it that such corporations did not get a corner on the necessities of life. I tell you, their own salvation depends upon their showing the public that they can better afford to retail first-class milk at 7 cents a quart than the small dealer can serve it for 10 cents. They swered, surprising conditions were act the hog as they are doing now. Give the people the necessities of life at a cheap price, reserving only a reasonable profit, and trusts controlling commodities will be popular.

Recently the National Association of Manufacturers sent out a lot of letters and from 3,000 firms that answered, surprising conditions were discovered. To reach the results the members of the Association even asked:

"What are the present conditions in your trade?"

"What is the percentage of increase in business (if any) over the latter part of 1908?"

"What are the trade probabilities in your particular industry?"

One of the members of this association told me every industry and trade but one reported that conditions at present are good, and most of them said they were excellent, while many others reported conditions for 1909-10 as exceptionally bright.

Nearly all of the great manufacturers in making suggestions as to how not only to increase but to maintain the present prosperity, decried legislative curbs and the tendency which exists to increase the cost of raw materials. No more tariff tinkering was the cry of many more. "Don't make matters worse by further meddling. Don't let state or national commissions and new laws cut into our business any further."

A gentleman who keeps in very close touch with industrial conditions here and in Europe, was much impressed with the results obtained by the Manufacturers' association inquiry, and was very emphatic in declaring that "all the manufacturer now wants is to be let alone by the law-makers and 'cure-alls' and given a peaceful opportunity to work and give work to others. This adverse railroad and class legislation, labor agitation and tariff tinkering is enough to stop everything. Every good American is only too glad to work. Just give him the opportunity to do so. We scarcely give a new law time enough to be decently tried out before two or more pertaining to the same subject are passed and neither workman nor employer knows where he is at. I believe in a fair and equitable system of taxation applicable to all classes of citizens, but give some plan at least a fair trial. We have too many laws and naturally the people are constantly too much worried with delicate and uncalled for conditions. We are becoming too complex. The simpler the better is everything."

Farmers are equally as happy as the manufacturer, and the cotton grower as well as the fruit grower finds not only a sale but actually a demand at splendid prices for his product. This is the condition I find wherever I go. In Wall street the brokers are no longer complaining, while in the banking districts there is positive evidence of a great avalanche of business. The importer and exporter, the fish dealer and the beef packers, the furniture manufacturer, and indeed everyone, but the pawnshop, seems to be busy getting out his orders and taking care of the business that comes to him.

Drummers have more orders than they can fill, and many a Christmas present will come late this year because of the tremendous rush of prosperity which comes from every side.

James L. Starr of this city, who recently made a trip through the Southwest, spending much time in Texas, has returned home full of enthusiasm and loaded with data concerning the Lone Star state. He told me the power resources of Texas are just beginning to receive some of the attention that their importance justifies. He said there is a lot of available water power from streams in the interior of the state. This he said is largely true of the rivers and streams which have their source in the more western and southwestern portions.

"Enough water power is now going to waste within a radius of 150 miles of Austin and San Antonio to generate electrical energy sufficient to operate all of the industrial plants of the state," said Mr. Starr. "The city of Austin took the greatest step some years ago when it built a dam across the Colorado river and constructed a hydroelectric plant at a cost of \$1,600,000.

This supplied power for private industrial plants, city electric stations, street railways and plenty to spare. The flood of 1900 destroyed the dam, and now I understand the city is thinking of rebuilding the dam. Borings are now being made in the river to ascertain the best location for the new foundations. Many big dams can be built on the Colorado river and this will no doubt be done.

"The natural falls at Marble Falls are sufficient to supply power for towns within a radius of 100 miles. The population of these places range from 2,000 to 100,000, San Antonio being the latter.

"Then there is the Guadalupe river, with abundant water power possibilities. It rises in the mountains of the middle west of Texas and I understand plans are in course of preparation for the construction of dams along that stream."

Mr. Starr has not surveyed the rivers, but from a personal observation thinks Texas is as good a field for hydroelectric plants as any section of the United States.

The Southern Pacific Railway Company, a prominent Wall street banker told me, is considering the electrifying of the entire system over the Sierras, a distance of over 110 miles, and that in all probability work would be started in the near future. This will be the most important mountain electrification in any country. When completed the Southern Pacific will have the longest stretch of electrified main line in the United States. The New Haven railroad, which is pushing its electric zone east of Stamford, Conn., seems to be the only real competitor in the matter of long distance electric roadway. With this section of the Southern Pacific road with its series of two per cent grades, and the heavy 2500 freight and 800 ton passenger trains, will require the largest electric locomotives yet built in America.

Florida oranges are coming to New York markets in large quantities every day, some dealers receiving as many as ten cars a day. While the bulk of the fruit is coming in fine, much of it is small and green, while some is rough and smutty. Smutty fruit loses as much as one dollar a box, and this is due entirely to the appearance smut gives it.

Several New York capitalists are interested in the surveys being made and right of way secured for a system of trolley lines from Greensboro, N. C., by way of Salisbury and Charlotte, to Spartansburg and transmission lines of the Southern Power Co., and one of these Wall street financiers told me the people living in the vicinity of the new line understand the power company is backing the project. This is not the case, however, he declares, although J. B. and B. N. Duke are stockholders in both enterprises.

Cattle Withstood Cold. "Cattle have withstood this severe cold spell remarkably well," declared Col. J. S. Dabney Tuesday. "It is true that the snow has covered the ground for two or three days, but stock has been able along the hillsides to get some grass and weeds. Another thing that has been a great help to the stock in West Texas during the cold wave is that most of the cattle are fat. I have not heard of a single case of a cow freezing, but I do say this blizzard will cause the cattle to shrink in flesh to some extent. We are very fortunate, though, in not losing any stock.

"This snow will prove to be beneficial in the long run. It is equal to a good rain, and that is what we have been needing for several weeks. The longer the snow stays on the ground and does not freeze the better it is going to be to the grass. It will give time to get started to grazing and the cold will not hurt it then. A little fresh and green grass just now would help the cattle in West Texas wonderfully. If the sun shines a week or two we will have plenty of green grass for the stock."

MOVING PICTURES MAY SPOIL FIGHT

WOULD PUT TOO MUCH THEATRICAL IN JEFF-JOHNSON GO.

Suggested That Bout Be Pulled Off First and Pictures Posed for After It is Over.

BY JEFF THOMPSON.

(Publishers Press Special Service.)

New York, Dec. 22.—Moving pictures are going to spoil many a good fight in this country and among them may be the Jeffries-Johnson fight. Why not let the fighters in the big scraps pose for the moving pictures, going through the same movements and blows as in the actual mill after the scrap is held? The moving pictures promoters say this would spoil the pictures. They say people would not pay to see posed pictures. Even so, but the fight will not be spoiled then. I am against mixing theatricals with fighting. Give us the old time scheme of straight out and out boxing, with less intermixture of picture promoting and political scrapping over the bids.

There is no doubt in my mind that Jeffries can put it over the big dark man, but he will have to be careful. What a farce it would be if Gleason and Rickard would whisper in Jeff's ear at the beginning of the second or third round:

"Now, Jeff, be careful. Do a little more stalling. Remember no knock-out until the nineteenth round, for we've got to watch the pictures."

Wouldn't that be fine? Fancy one whispering such a thing into the ear of John Sullivan or Charley Mitchell in the old days! Of course every pug is in the game for the money he can get out of it and fighters have come to learn that the people will see them on the boards. Just look at the examples of it: Fitzsimmons, Corbett, Sullivan, Nelson, Jeffries, Johnson and a dozen more. Even Freddy Welsh lost no time in getting into the music halls after winning the lightweight championship of England. Well, I don't blame them; I'm out for the coin myself.

Of course it would come. Both Jeffries and Johnson are alleged to be very sore over the clause in the articles which forbids either to fight before entering the ring on July 4 next. Here is what Sam Berger said. Listen:

"I never saw Jeff so sore as he was over that clause. Why, he doesn't want to go around on the stage coining money. He wanted to lick up Kaufmann, Barry, O'Brien and a few others before the big day. He's a regular bear cat on fighting now. Jeff always intended to do a great deal of fighting before the big go, but here comes that clause and spoils the whole program. Jeff needs a scrap or two to warm him up. Kid McCoy told me that when he made his re-entry in the ring with Jim Stewart he was stricken with stage fright so badly that he did not know his right hand from his left. I don't mean that Jim will have stage fright, but then he needs a couple of preliminary scraps to get the kinks out."

Tex Rickard, the Salt Lake City fight magnate, had this to say:

"That clause is all right. Suppose Jeff should have met a fighter and got his hands bunged up so that the big mill with Johnson will have to be postponed. What kind of a hole would that leave us in?"

Wise lad, Tex.

Billy Madden, the old time fight manager, has an idea for bringing forward some new material in the heavyweight line. Bill has twenty-five aspirants for the heavyweight honors on his hands, all unknown and callow youths, but, as Bill says, they are there with the goods.

"You know elimination night would be a great thing for this likely stable of mine," said Bill the other day when he dropped down from Cairo, N. Y., where he is running a physical culture retreat.

"I wouldn't want a purse for each man. All I would ask for is enough to give the boys training expenses and I'll take the fellow who wins, and make a champion of him. I found Jack McAuliffe, Jack Dempsey and Charley Mitchell in that way. Mitchell when he weighed 142 pounds could beat most of the big fellows that we had at that time and he later proved that he was all there. The greatest fighters in the world were first found at tournaments. Why, even in Frisco they found their best boys in that way. Jimmy Britt, Al Nell, Frankie Neil, Eddie Hanlon, Abe Attell, Monte Attell, Al Kaufmann, all big fellows.

We have a punk lot of heavyweights now. I would like the chance of bringing forward a winner."

In the selection of Large Tim Sullivan for stakeholder for the big row between Jack and Jeff the followers picked a good sport. Tex Rickard was set on getting Eddy Graney to act as referee.

"Nix on the referee business," said Eddy. "I am through with refereeing and everybody ought to know it by this time by the way I have advertised the fact. Anyhow, I have other things to attend to. I will be at the big fight with the bells on, but not as referee."

Oklahomians Complimentary.

"I am now in San Angelo for my first time," asserted F. L. Morris of Waukeeta, Okla., who is here prospecting. "For several years I have been wanting to come out here and look over West Texas. Many people where I live have been in this part of Texas prospecting. They have returned with stories of commendation about West Texas, which led to my visiting the long talked-of country.

"This is a very fine country, though and I am not a bit sorry of my trip. I am rather glad to be here during this blizzard, for I know it is awfully cold in Oklahoma. As to whether or not I am going to purchase any land out here I cannot say, but I am considering the matter."

No Damage to Sheep.

Frank Wyatt, one of the old time sheep men of West Texas, says that the recent blizzard has done no great amount of damage to the sheep in West Texas. "In some places where the sheep were clipped late, and where they were fat, the sheep have suffered from the cold," he stated. "The snow has been severe with them, but they are getting plenty of feed now along the hillsides where most of the snow has melted."

Bomb Thrown at Bishop.

Lisbon, Dec. 21.—The anniversary of the revolt of the Seminarians was marked by the throwing of a bomb at the Bishop of Braganza. He was not injured. No particular political significance is attached to the act.

Sheriff Shoots Prisoner.

Yuma, Ariz., Dec. 22.—Former Ranger and Deputy Sheriff Frank R. Wheeler shot Frank Butts in Moretti's saloon with a 41-caliber Colt revolver, the ball entering two inches below the heart, and is not yet located, after much probing. The wound is quite serious, and may prove fatal.

HIS HEART BULLET PROOF.

St. Joseph (Mo.), Dec. 22.—Francis Drysdale, aged 21, member of a well-known family, who, a few days ago, was shot through the heart, still lives and there is every indication that he will recover.

ROOSEVELT'S HOSTILITY TO BE SHOWN UP

Publishers Press.

Washington, Dec. 22.—There is a probability that the congressional investigation into the Ballinger-Pinchot row will develop some interesting facts, according to Washington gossip. Former President Roosevelt is said to be hostile toward some of the officials in the Taft administration and this investigation is expected to bring this to light.

Mexico Has No Objections.

Mexico City, Dec. 22.—Mexico will make no open objection to the administration of President Madrid in Nicaragua. Sub-secretary of State Gambers made that statement.

Chicago's Budget Ready.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 22.—Chicago's annual budget, appropriating this year more than \$30,000,000, of which it is proposed to raise about \$9,500,000 by a bond issue, has been put on the printing presses and will go to the city council on Monday evening.

Passengers Won't Budge.

Tacoma, Dec. 22.—In an attempt to force street car companies to give them a 5-cent fare between Tacoma and Fern Hill, 161 men and 10 women spent the night in the street cars or cranking around bonfires along the track, blocking traffic. They won a partial victory. Fern Hill recently was annexed to the city, but the street car company insisted on continuing the old fare of 10 cents.

THAT FIVE-FOOT BOOK SHELF.

Dr. Charles W. Eliot Sues Publishing Company for Using His Name. New York, Dec. 22.—Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard University, has brought suit here against the Circle Publishing Company and Milton Jones, doing business as the University Library Extension, to prevent them from using his name or likeness in the advertising edition of those works which he has included in his "five-foot shelf books." He also asks for exemplary damages because of the use already made.

T. L. Hanlon of Sherman, went to Ballinger Thursday afternoon on a business trip.

GUN ACCIDENTALY DISCHARGED; KILLS FOURTEEN--YEAR OLD BOY

Special to The Press-News.

Eola, Tex., Dec. 22.—Rushing breathlessly to the farm house of West Wyatt, near here, the 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lee took news of an awful tragedy which occurred three miles away and which cost the life of Baker Lee, 14 years old, his brother, through the accidental discharge of a 22 caliber rifle.

The young boy with his older brother, together with another companion, were out hunting, according to details received here. The gun which the boys were using became discharged through some cause and killed the oldest brother.

JURY SPENDS NIGHT IN THE COURT ROOM

VERDICT IN ALDWELL-JACKSON SUIT EXPECTED THURSDAY.

Arguments Completed and Case is Turned Over to Judgment of Jury Wednesday Afternoon.

At midnight the jury had been unable to reach a verdict, and at 1 o'clock this morning the jury-men were sound asleep in their chairs. The sheriff, acting under instructions from Judge Timmins, refused to permit their leaving the court room, and they spent the night there.

No Verdict at Midnight.

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Arguments in the Aldwell-Jackson suit were concluded in the district court Wednesday afternoon by Judge J. S. Brooks of San Antonio, former judge of that district, who is counsel for Mrs. Aldwell. With brief instructions from Judge Timmins, the jury retired to the jury room to decide on a verdict, in charge of Sheriff McConnell.

This suit has been heard by the district court in San Angelo for its third time, but it is thought that a verdict from the present jury will clear the case from the district courts. A verdict is expected to be delivered Thursday morning.

Wants Half Interest.

Mrs. Aldwell seeks to secure half interest of her brother's fortune, which amounts to a sum approximately of \$750,000, consisting of land, bonds, stocks, cattle and other properties, a half of which Mrs. Aldwell claims is rightfully hers by inheritance from her mother.

The enormous sum now under litigation is the proceeds of investments made in the name of Mrs. E. N. Lewis, the mother of the two parties, and R. E. Jackson, the defendant, at various intervals during the '80s. During the hearing just finished Mrs. Aldwell sought to prove that the sums of money which were invested during those years, and which has furnished the basis of the Jackson capital, was the property of her mother, entrusted to her son for the purchase of sheep and cattle. That fact is the sole strength whereby the woman hopes to secure a share of her brother's property.

Invested \$1800.

Mrs. Aldwell asks for a half of Jackson's present property, which has accumulated to its strength through the \$1800 invested years ago. Jackson admits that he got his start from the money secured from his mother, but he declares that the money was a gift to him, and he was not using it in her name. Several old letters have been introduced during the past few days of the trial by the counsel for Mrs. Aldwell. They were written years ago. One of these letters was addressed to the plaintiff, then attending school in Memphis, written by Jackson, and he tells of his buying cattle with his mother's money.

DEL RIO ACCEPTS ORIENT'S OFFER

NEW LINE IS AN EXTENSION FROM SAN ANGELO.

Proposition Consists of \$200,000 Bonus, Right of Way and Terminal Grounds.

Del Rio, Dec. 22.—After two days of most strenuous work on the part of members and officials of the Commercial Club and citizens, the proposition submitted by the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient railway to build an extension of their line from San Angelo to Del Rio was accepted today at a mass meeting held at the court house, and Del Rio is now positively assured of another railroad. The proposition as submitted by the citizens of Val Verde county, provides that the right of way from the south line of Sutton county into and through Del Rio and terminals in the city of Del Rio, not to exceed 300 feet wide by 3,000 feet long, be donated to the railroad company and that the citizens of Del Rio and Val Verde county subscribe for \$200,000 worth of first mortgage gold 4 per cent bonds of the railroad company.

NEGRESS VICTIM OF MYSTERIOUS ASSAULT

WHITE MEN PERHAPS FATALLY WOUND WILLIE JONES.

Officers Are Puzzled Over Attack, the Motive of Which is Unknown. Assaults Escaped.

Assaulted and struck down with a rock as she was crossing Concho avenue, near her home in the West End Wednesday night about 10 o'clock, Willie Jones, a negro woman, lies at her home, perhaps fatally wounded, as a result.

The assailants were white men, according to another negro witness, and their motive is unknown. The men fled, following the assault, and have not been captured, although officers were on the scene within a few minutes afterwards.

The woman was enroute to her home and was unconscious of the attack. She screamed and fell in a dazed condition.

PATRONAGE IS ONE OF TAFT'S TROUBLES

PLUMS TO BE SHAKEN DOWN IN ALMOST EVERY STATE.

Weekly Letter From Ralph M. Whiteside Containing Gospel of Nation's Capital.

BY RALPH M. WHITESIDE.

(Publishers Press Special Service.)

Washington, Dec. 22.—Not the least of President Taft's troubles these crisp winter days have to do with patronage. In every state there are plums to be shaken down for the benefit of the faithful, to say nothing of the bountiful crop of juicy official fruit of a general character and open to men of almost any state. United States Marshals and District Attorneys, collectors of internal revenue, customs officials in the various parts of entry, to say nothing of postmasters, it would seem there was an almost inexhaustible supply of plums, but there isn't. For every office there is at least a dozen patriots willing, nay, anxious, to serve their country and here's where the president's troubles come in. Senators and representatives, to say nothing of delegates and individual office seekers, do not permit Mr. Taft to become lonesome.

Much interest attaches to the appointments in some of the states, notably in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Kansas. These appointments will give really the first intimation of the stand the president will take in the battle between the Insular and the Regulars.

Chairman Tawney of the commission, has indicated his determination to put parliamentary press agencies in congress. There is no reason to be sure that the public should not in Green county to practically every department of the government. The only exception is the gaging a crime, or possible matters, and involving diplomatic relations. That to ple have a right to know what is going on here in Washington and they have a right to know it at first hand, and not through the medium of press agents employed by the departments." This view of the matter appeals to the newspaper men.

CHRISTMAS STAMPS.

Articles Bearing Them Will Be Forwarded in Great Britain.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Second Assistant Postmaster General Stewart today notified the various postmasters that the postal administration of Great Britain has temporarily withdrawn the prohibition against the use of Christmas stamps. Consequently articles bearing Red Cross stamps and stamps of this nature addressed for delivery in Great Britain and Ireland will be forwarded as usual until further notice.

The postmasters have already been requested to call their patrons' attention to the desirability of affixing such stamps only on the back and not on the address side of articles dispatched to Great Britain and Ireland. In other respects the information conveyed in the notice of November 4 to postmasters headed "Christmas Stamps" remains unchanged.

TO ASCERTAIN NEEDS OF CARRIER SERVICE

POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT WILL SEND INSPECTOR. Matter of Additional Routes Under Consideration and Report Will Be Made.

Postmaster Blanchard has received information from the postoffice headquarters to the effect a new inspector will shortly be sent to this city for the purpose of making a report on additional carriers for this city. It will be recalled that the last inspector sent here relative to the carrier proposition made an adverse report on account of the lack of proper sidewalk facilities. Information as to just when this new inspector will arrive has not been furnished.

Misses Marjorie and Ida Aldwell are spending a few days in the city en route to their home in Sonora from Austin, where they are attending school.

NOT VACANT HOUSE IN TOWN.

If You Don't Believe It, Ask J. P. O'Donnell. Less vacant houses are to be found in San Angelo than any other city its size in the United States. J. P. O'Donnell, commercial agent of the Orient, vouches for the truthfulness of that statement, and he is deferring the removing of his family from Galveston to San Angelo just simply because he is truly puzzled on this question following a search of every real estate office in the city and careful observation of the want columns of the dailies, which has now extended over three weeks. He has even driven over every thoroughfare in the city, thinking perhaps that there were some vacant dwellings not listed with the real estate men or in the papers, but without avail.

"There has not been a house advertised for rent in the San Angelo papers for weeks," says Mr. O'Donnell, "and there's not a vacant house listed in any of the real estate exchanges."

ASK FOR INSTRUCTIONS.

Put Up to Adjutant General Sherwood's Request. Captain Keeton, of the local company Texas State Guard, has written Adjutant General Newton at Austin for instruction relative to admission of a company of Sherwood boys into the local company. The young men from Sherwood are eager to join the militia, but their location being somewhat remote to this city would probably at times interfere with their attendance at the meetings, and Captain Keeton decided to write the adjutant general's department for instructions.

MR. TREADWELL IMPROVING.

Cattle Inspector Recovering From Fracture. Cattle Inspector J. F. Treadwell, who sustained a fracture of a limb last week while branding a yearling at the Santa Fe stock yards, is reported rather much improved. Mr. Treadwell will be confined to his home here, but is confident of a

Stock Exchange. New York, Dec. 2. Exchange today was land common stock, the first fifteen minutes in the buying of preferred resulted from of speculators who cently on the str and Rio Grande Europe took day. Many out of of less all idays of

San Will Invest. Chancy, county physician, Kan., is contemplating near prospecting tour to San

Beautiful Snow Covers Orient From Wichita South. The recent heavy snows that have fallen along the Orient have done but little damage to the roadbed, according to the statement of one of the officials Monday.

EXPECTS CAR DAILY.

Chalmers-Detroit of E. H. Labidie on Way. The arrival of a Chalmers-Detroit "40" is being daily expected by E. H. Labidie of the San Angelo Motor Works, who will be a participant in the auto racing events at the Fair grounds this week. Mr. Labidie has hurried the shipment of the car from Detroit especially for use on the track.

FIRE DOES DAMAGE TO TWO RESIDENCES

Gasoline Stove Explodes at Briggs Home—Passur Home Totally Destroyed Sunday Night.

A gasoline stove exploded in the kitchen of the residence of Mrs. Lucy B. Briggs on Payne street yesterday afternoon at 4:30, and only prompt assistance from neighbors saved the house from total destruction. Mrs. Briggs, her daughter and a boarder were in the house at the time, but the fire was not discovered until the entire kitchen was in flames. The occupants, aided by the neighbors, succeeded in extinguishing the blaze, however, and the damage that resulted was only slight, amounting to about \$100.

Residence Total Loss. The residence of L. Passur, in North San Angelo, was totally destroyed by fire, which broke out at 11 o'clock Sunday night, and the loss is estimated at \$5000 (with \$1600 insurance). The fire had secured a good start before the family was aroused. It was only a moment after they had gotten out that the roof collapsed, and, as there are no fire plugs near by, the firemen were helpless.

TOM GREEN COUNTY FINANCES ARE GOOD

Will Begin New Year With About \$8,000 in Treasury, According to Collector McConnell.

Tom Green county will begin business on the morning of New Year's with something like \$8,000 cash in the treasury. This amount is neither the increase or under the figures at the same time the year before; in fact, every year at this period the finances of Tom Green county are good.

The quarterly report of Treasurer Pollock, which is delivered at the meeting of the commissioners' court in February, will enroll an amount many times in excess of \$8,000, however. The receipts of the treasury during the month of January will be something like \$35,000, unless the calculations of Collector McConnell prove untrue. Mr. McConnell figures that he will collect that much on county tax during January.

Announcement Notice.

Having purchased the interest of B. C. Alexander of B. C. Alexander & Co., saddlery, harness, etc., I take this method of thanking the many friends of the above firm and the public in general for the liberal patronage given the above firm in the past, and assure them that the same was highly appreciated. I hope to retain the confidence and patronage of all, and will use every effort to merit same. I will continue to carry the largest stocks of saddlery and harness west of Fort Worth, and manufacture the famous Concho saddles. I will continue to guarantee every article to be as represented and give the very best value for the money. R. J. ANDREW.

Referring to the above notice, I desire to thank the patrons of B. C. Alexander & Co. for their past patronage and to heartily commend to their future consideration my former associate Mr. Andrew, and to assure the public I am confident they will receive at the hands of my successor the same courteous treatment and fair dealing we have endeavored to give them in the past. B. C. ALEXANDER.

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

SNOW DOES LITTLE DAMAGE.

Beautiful Snow Covers Orient From Wichita South. The recent heavy snows that have fallen along the Orient have done but little damage to the roadbed, according to the statement of one of the officials Monday. "I do not believe there is another road in the United States that has had as much snow on its track at one time as the Orient," said he. "As far as I can learn the track is practically covered with snow from Wichita, Kan., to San Angelo."

AFTERNOON TRAINS ON NEW SCHEDULE

Shoppers From Near By Cities Will Have Time For Trading in San Angelo by New Arrangement.

A new time table has been announced at the general offices of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe in Galveston. The new schedule is to become effective January 9 and the running schedule of both the San Angelo afternoon trains on this branch of the Santa Fe are affected by the change. Train No. 78, which leaves here daily at 2:15 in the afternoon, will hereafter depart at 3 p. m., and train No. 77, arriving in San Angelo at 2:10 p. m. will arrive at 1:30 p. m.

The new change will be beneficial to the out of town shoppers as well as the mercantile interest of the city. Now No. 78 departs from the station as No. 77 enters, and travelers have no time at all in San Angelo. Under the new running rules visitors from near by towns on the Santa Fe will be allowed time in which to do their shopping.

The schedules of the morning trains have not been changed, but on other divisions of the line in Texas the time table has been changed and a new train has been added between Fort Worth and Kansas City.

FREIGHT BUSINESS ON THE INCREASE

Fifty-Four Cars Brought South Monday and Passenger Travel Continues Heavy.

Showing a great increase in the freight business, an Orient train, consisting of fifty-four cars, arrived in this city Monday morning. This is without doubt one of the longest loaded freight trains that has been pulled into San Angelo for several months.

The Orient people declare that their freight business as well as the passenger traffic, is increasing rapidly.

Texas Stock Melons.

To the Editor of The Press-News: I am writing this article for the benefit of my brother farmers of our great Southwest. I have been growing this valuable melon for three years and it has proven to be the most profitable crop that I have grown in the way of furnishing green feed in cold weather. This melon grows very large and many melons to the vine, some weighing as high as 60 pounds. The great value of this melon is its keeping qualities. They will keep all winter, and for hogs, cows, sheep, goats and fowls of all kind there is nothing that will furnish so much green feed at a time when it is scarce and with such little labor. They are about the only substitute I know of for a silo. And for table use they are hard to beat. For preserves, hot or cold sauce they are fine, and for pies they are more like green apples than anything I know of. And I want to say right here if you want plenty of good milk in cold weather feed them to your milk cows. They have no insect enemy, and they will grow among corn the same as pumpkins. They are a cross between the Florida white and Kansas black melon and are adapted to all parts of the country. If any brother farmer would like to get a start of this melon and will write to me I will send him a package by mail, for I know they will pay him many times over for the labor expended. G. D. PEREGO, Newton, Tex., Newton Co.

Wool Being Shipped.

Wednesday Caldwell Palmer, who purchased the Wool Growers' Central Storage Company's wool, started shipping the wool out to Boston Tuesday. Mr. Palmer has about 350,000 pounds to ship and it will be several days probably before the job is finished.

Couldn't Stay Away.

Mr. W. B. Haynes, formerly of Dalton, Ga., but now an enthusiastic citizen of San Angelo, is back from a trip to his old home, where he has been for several weeks. Mr. Haynes says there is no place so good as San Angelo, and that he is back to stay.

Building a New Bungalow.

A handsome new bungalow is being erected in Lake View by J. H. Stallcup at a cost of \$2000. Mr. Stallcup will remove his family to San Angelo on the completion of their new home.

WILL RAISE MONEY TO BUILD VIADUCT

ACROSS NORTH CONCHO ON CHADBOURNE STREET.

Several San Angelo Citizens Begin Effort to Realize Much Needed Improvement.

Again an effort will be made by several citizens of San Angelo to raise enough money to build a viaduct across the North Concho river on Chadbourne street, according to Alderman Balfanz.

The proposition of constructing a viaduct across the river at that place has been in construction several times by the city, but nothing definite was done. One reason the city did not take any immediate action in the matter is that there was not enough money in the treasury to pay the cost of construction.

To build a viaduct across the river, according to Alderman A. Balfanz, would cost about \$50,000. The city, however, would agree to appropriate a tolerable good sum to that cause.

Alderman Balfanz says that if the citizens who live on that street and the business establishments thereon would liberally contribute for that purpose, the building of a viaduct would be an easy thing. He is also under the impression that the county would give aid in its construction.

The viaduct is a needed thing. There is a causeway there now, but it is of very little service to the public in providing a good crossing. The slightest rain causes the river to rise, thereby causing the water to flow over the causeway, making an impassible crossing. After rains it is also a hard matter to cross, owing to the muddy condition it is left in.

IRRIGATION MEANS MUCH

To Growth of Country, Says California Man.

"If irrigation was extensively used in farming in West Texas, the rapid increase in the progress and prosperity of this section of the state would be almost incalculable," declared C. D. Goodrich, of Pasadena, Cal., who arrived in this city Wednesday afternoon.

"In the course of a few years irrigation will not be needed so much; I am of the opinion that rainfall will be greater then. You can look back to the time when this part of Texas and even many miles east of here did not have enough rainfall to make farming profitable. Today it is quite different. Only a few miles east of here nine years out of ten the farmers make a good crop on the amount of rainfall that they get. It is getting so in West Texas that he farmer can almost figure on enough rain. That is not the question just now, however. If irrigation was started in West Texas, this country could be developed into the great fruit producing country in the South. Fruit growing is one of the most profitable businesses that can be indulged in. You take in California. A man can take a few acres of land and make more money off of it by raising fruit than the one who cultivates three times as much land and grows regular farm products. "The soil around San Angelo is adaptable to grow very fine fruit. To do that, though, it will take more water than this country gets from rainfall. "There are numerous flowing rivers and creeks in West Texas than could supply any amount of water for irrigation. Irrigation has to be started like all other things, however. It is somehow a hard matter to get the people of a country to irrigate where it is not being used. Once started, it will continue." C. P. Howell of Galveston, returned home Wednesday afternoon, after being in San Angelo on business for several days.

How's This!

We offer One Hundred Dollars reward for any case of catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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First National Bank

of San Angelo, Texas

Capital	\$250,000.00
Surplus and Profits	175,000.00
	\$425,000.00
Shareholders' Additional Liability	250,000.00
Total Security to Depositors	\$675,000.00

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CAPITAL PROVIDED BY SAN ANGELO MEN

ELDORADO TOWNSITE COMPANY INCORPORATES.


Stock Aggregating \$60,000 in Both Enterprises to Develop Schleicher County Seat.

Articles of incorporation have been filed at Austin by the Eldorado Water and Power Company, capitalized at \$20,000, and the Eldorado Townsite company, capitalized at \$40,000, which is composed of San Angelo capital, with the exception of W. B. Silliman of Eldorado. The incorporators are George E. Webb, Louis L. Farr, C. A. Broome and Col. John R. Nasworthy, all of San Angelo.

The new company has purchased the old water and power plant of Eldorado and has organized for the thorough development of the Little Schleicher county seat.

Eldorado is an inland town, and for water the plant depends wholly upon artesian wells. However, the supply is said to be abundant. The building of the Orient into the town, with prospects for other roads, makes its future bright, and the company means a development that will make it one of the thriving towns of West Texas.

Do you want a nice portrait for Christmas? You can get it in time at Ragdale's gallery if you have it made at once. Cold and cloudy weather make no difference. Studio near Landon Hotel.



Holiday Excursions

To Chicago, Kansas City, Colorado Springs and to nearly all points in the Southeast. December 18, 19 and 20th. Limit Jan. 16th.

No transfer at Memphis. Very finest service. Union depot connections. Through car to Memphis from Fort Worth 9 a. m. Dec. 18. For full particulars write.

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 FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Laborers Work in Cold. The cold weather has not caused a delay in the construction of the Sterling City-San Angelo Santa Fe grade; in fact, many more teams were added Monday to the crew already employed. Material is already here, but the steel rails will not begin to arrive until the first week in January. Several train loads are expected during the fore part of next month.

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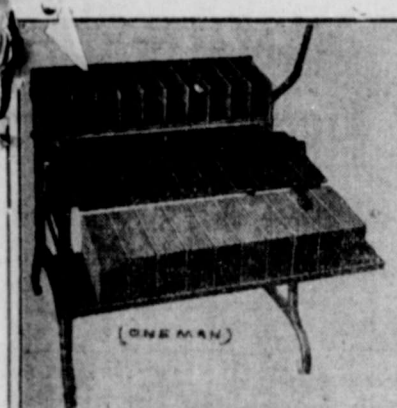
are very low this year.

Tickets on sale to all points in Texas December 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 30, 31, 1909, and January 1, 1910, limited to January 5, 1910, for final return.

Ask Santa Fe Agent about low fares to points in the Old Southeastern States.

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Dallas, Tex.

Choosing a Christmas Present.

When you make a present of a periodical to a friend or a family, you are really selecting a companion to influence them for good or ill during a whole year. If the acquaintances of your sons and daughters were to talk to them aloud as some periodicals talk to them silently, how quickly you would forbid the companionship! In the one case as in the other, the best course is to supplant the injurious with something equally attractive and at the same time "worth while." A food can be wholesome and utterly distasteful. Reading can be made so, too. But The Youth's Companion not only nourishes the mind, but delights it, just like that ideal human associate whom you would choose. The Youth's Companion fills that place now in more than half a million homes. Can you not think of another family in which it is not now known where it would be joyfully welcomed?

If the \$1.75 for the 1910 volume is sent now, the new subscriber will be entitled to all the remaining issues of 1910; also The Companion's "Veneration" calendar for 1910, lithographed in thirteen colors and gold.

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION. Companion Building, Boston, Mass. New subscriptions received at this office.

Misses Allen Pierce, Lillian Parned, Myrtle Kincaid, and T. A. Kincaid, Ward Brooks of Ozona, and Mrs. Jessie McDonald of Sonora, composed a party of Christmas shoppers in San Angelo Friday.

TWO BUILDINGS WILL BE BUILT

T. H. McCLOSKEY AND L. F. HEITZLER NEXT MONTH.

ON CHADBOURNE STREET

Both Will Be Modern Structures and Will Adjoin Each Other on Lots North of Arc Light.

The erection of two modern brick buildings on Chadbourne street will begin shortly after January 1, following awarding of the contracts Monday morning. The structures will be built by T. H. McCloskey of the Arc Light Saloon, and L. F. Heitzler, the butcher.

The buildings will adjoin each other on the lots just north of the Arc Light Saloon, and now occupied by small frame business houses.

The McCloskey building will be erected at a cost approximately of \$15,000, containing two stories and a basement. The Heitzler building will be one story, but later Mr. Heitzler expects to make an addition of an upper story. Mr. Heitzler will occupy it with his meat market.

AMERICAN IN JAIL.

President Taft Will Ask State Department to Inquire into Case.

Washington, Dec. 15.—President Taft told Representative Hinshaw of Nebraska that he would ask the state department to find out the status of the case against William Cook, a conductor on the Mexican Central railway, who is now in jail at Guadalupe, Mexico, and who, Mr. Hinshaw said, could not get a trial and who would not be admitted to bail by the authorities.

Mr. Hinshaw said that Cook is a citizen of Wisconsin. He was arrested after a robbery on the line of the Mexican Central. His two Mexican brakemen were arrested also. According to Mr. Hinshaw, Cook was not concerned in the robbery. Nevertheless, he was thrown into jail at Guadalupe and the authorities have refused to do anything with the case.

Dispensary is Sure Go.

According to a physician of this city, the clinic or free medical dispensary, is a sure thing. The proposition has been practically turned over to the Salvation Army of San Angelo, which organization is to pay for the drugs that will be used.

Several preceding attempts have been made to get up a clinic, but all failed. As the Salvation Army has taken it in charge and with the assistance of other people, it is about certain that San Angelo will have the clinic.

TRAIN LOAD OF WIRE.

Shipped for Western Pacific Railway.

Publishers' Press. Joliet, Ill., Dec. 16.—The first through train load of freight for the Western Pacific railway consisted of a solid train load of wire.

R. W. Lowe of Rule, arrived in the city Friday on business.

P. L. Lewis of Boston, went to Balinger Friday on business.

Ben Boone of Alaska, has arrived in the city to appear as a witness in a civil suit which will be tried in the district court during this season.

ORIENT BRINGS FORTY CARS OF FARMERS SOUTH

ONE OF ADVANTAGES OF NEW ROAD SHOWN IN TRAFFIC OF ONE DAY.

TO CULTIVATE SOIL AND REAP BENEFITS

Many of Immigrants Settle in Tom Green County—Large Number Expected Before Dawn of New Year.

Forty carloads of farmer immigrants from Kansas and Nebraska came to West Texas Thursday over the Orient railway, and they are coming in these numbers more or less every day, and from all parts of the United States. This news is brought to San Angelo by J. P. O'Donnell, commercial agent of the Orient, who has just returned from a visit to the general offices of the road at Sweetwater.

These cars were turned over to the Orient at Altus, the leading division point in Oklahoma, and they were dropped off at all points between here and San Angelo. Three cars came to San Angelo, and the newcomers are now settled on Tom Green county farms. Double that number of cars were left at points between here and Sweetwater.

Immigration Will Be Large.

Mr. O'Donnell figures it that farmer immigrants will come into this country over the Orient during the next few months at a rapid rate. During December approximately 300 cars will be handled into the territory adjacent to San Angelo by the Orient alone, and it is well known that the immigration of farmers during December is not half of what it will be in the months following New Year's. Farmers have not yet finished the complete gathering of their crops, which handicaps their leaving before that time.

TRAINS TO RUN ON TIME WITHIN WEEK

EXCESSIVE RAINS HAVE DELAYED ORIENT SERVICE.

Tracks in Oklahoma Is Now in Bad Condition, Owing to Weather, Says J. P. O'Donnell.

Within a week the Orient passengers will be arriving in San Angelo on schedule time, according to information dealt out at the general offices at Sweetwater.

The Orient is roughing it lately, owing to excessive rains, which thoroughly soaked the new track bedding and prevents the passenger trains from making schedule time.

J. P. O'Donnell, the commercial agent, who returned lately from Sweetwater, says the track between here and there is in the best of condition. The track in Oklahoma, he says, is causing the delay.

JOHN W. VANN HERE.

Special Agent of the Government Comes to This City.

John W. Vann, special agent of the treasury department, with headquarters in San Antonio, is in the city, presumably just "a-moseying around." Vann never talks, leaves tracks nor winks so that the average man can comprehend what he really is aiming to get.

Stung for 15 Years.

by indigestion's pangs—trying many doctors and \$200 worth of medicine in vain. B. F. Ayscue, of Ingleside, N. C., at last used Dr. King's New Life Pills, and writes they wholly cured him. They cure constipation, biliousness, sick headache, stomach, liver and kidney and bowel troubles. 25c at all druggists.

T. ROOSEVELT PROPOSED TO BUILD CANAL

FORMER PRESIDENT POSSIBILITY AS SUPERVISOR GENERAL OF GREAT UNDERTAKING.

HOUSE CONSIDERS BILL INTRODUCED

Representative Mann's Scheme Which Was Presented Recently Taken Up and Reports Circulate Fast.

Publishers' Press.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Frequent rumors in Washington lay bare a scheme to place Former President Roosevelt at the head of the work of digging the Panama canal through Representative Mann's bill creating the office of supervisor general.

The bill was taken up for consideration by the house in committee of the whole today and discussed. It is reported in congressional circles tonight that if this bill passes the job will be offered to Mr. Roosevelt. Representative Mann did not commit himself on that proposition when asked who the position was being created for.

W. B. Norton went to Smithville Friday on a business trip.

EMPLOYEES ARE TURKEYED.

Baker-Hemphill Company Remembers Employees.

Baker-Hemphill Company turkeyed every employee of that firm Friday night and as a result there'll be some good feeding. In other words, this firm imported a sufficient number of fine birds to give every clerk one of ample size. See the smile the clerks are wearing. It's the real turkey smile.

Bacon Appointment Confirmed.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The senate today confirmed the appointment of Robert Bacon as ambassador to France.

SEVEN BIG WOLVES CAUGHT IN THE NET

NEW FENCE, PROOF AGAINST ANIMAL, IS A WINNER.

Sam Hill, of Schleicher County, Succeeding in Driving Varmints From His Place.

"I have gotten seven of the biggest wolves ever seen in these parts during the last week," commented Sam Hill of Schleicher county, in speaking of his new wolf proof fence that has just been completed. "The biggest of this bunch was trapped Thursday night, and I really think that I have gotten the last of the varmints from my place."

Mr. Hill also says that he has the fattest turkey in West Texas, the bird now being finished on soft shelled pecans, properly hulled.

CAN RAISE BROOM CORN.

Soil Around San Angelo is Adaptable to Its Growth.

The adaptability of the country surrounding San Angelo to the growing of broom corn among other things, is told in a booklet issued by a local real estate firm and sent to all parts of the United States.

The raising of broom corn is not carried on to any great extent in West Texas, but to the farmer who raises a supply of that product each year a fortune, more or less in size, is awaiting. This fact is shown in recent complaints from the broom makers in all parts of the United States.

Because of the scarcity of broom corn, the price during the past year has risen more than 20 per cent, and considering the supply of broom corn now available, manufacturers claim that housewives will be paying a dollar for a single broom within the next few months.

PAY LAST RESPECTS TO MRS. A. J. BAKER

MANY ATTEND FUNERAL AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Rev. J. W. Siler Pays Fitting Tribute to Deceased—Large Cortage Follows Body to Grave.

Hosts of friends, assembled at the First Presbyterian Church, bowed their heads in grief yesterday afternoon as Pastor J. W. Siler spoke the last sad rites over the remains of Colonel Baker's beloved wife, Mrs. Kearney Baker. At 3 o'clock the hearse with the local chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy as escort and followed by the grief stricken relatives and friends, arrived at the church where a funeral sermon containing a fitting tribute to the beautiful life led by the deceased, was delivered from the fourteenth chapter of the book of Luke.

The minister spoke of the high ideals and the devotion to home and family and friends which characterized the life of Mrs. Baker and his tribute appropriate and fitting, was comforting to the family.

All of the members of the family were present with the exception of Percy Baker, of Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. Pulliam Wingfield, of Tacoma, Wash., who will reach San Angelo Monday.

Many beautiful floral offerings banked the casket and a large cortage followed the remains to the grave. The pall bearers were: J. A. March, C. A. Hatcher, T. C. Atwood, E. M. Cheatham and W. R. Moore.

FIRST TRAIN XMAS MORNING

TO ENTER PAINT ROCK OVER C. S. & L. RAILWAY.

WORK NEARLY FINISHED

Construction Forces of New Line Are in Slight of Town—Bridge Has Just Been Finished.

The arrival of the first train on the Concho, San Saba & Llano Valley railroad with the rumbling of cars and whistling of the engine will serve as a Christmas gift to the citizens of Paint Rock and it has been arranged so that this will take place on the dawn of Christmas morning in that bustling little metropolis of that section, according to United States Marshal Fletcher, who left San Angelo for Paint Rock Friday, after a short stay.

It will be the biggest Christmas day that little city has ever known and in appreciation thereof the annual holiday celebration will just be tripled.

The construction forces of the new railroad are in slight of Paint Rock, and within the next week the track will have been completed that far. The bridge across the Concho river has just been finished.

CATTLE INSPECTOR HAS LEG FRACTURED

J. F. Treadwell Victim of Peculiar Accident, But is Now Resting Easily.

J. F. Treadwell, cattle inspector of San Angelo, sustained a fracture of a limb just above the ankle, while engaged in branding cattle at the Santa Fe stock yards Thursday morning.

Mr. Treadwell was branding a yearling and while he was in a stooping position another one fell against his limb. Yesterday Mr. Treadwell was reported as resting easily.

Miss Pearl Thompson returned to her home Friday afternoon, after being in this city for a few days visiting.

F. J. Henderson of Cameron, left Friday afternoon for Dallas.

SUFFERS DEATH IN HORRIBLE FORM AS RESULT OF POISON

NEW YORK FARMER INFECTED BY DISEASED CATTLE.

Had Cut in Hand and Poison Was Communicated to His Body. Pain Was Intense.

Publishers' Press.

Norwich, N. Y., Dec. 16.—Death in horrible form came to Clinton Sabu, a wealthy farmer, today as the result of infection from diseased cattle. Sabu administered treatment to anthrax-infected cattle and unknowingly had exposed a bruise on a hand. He was infected, but did not know it until pains in the back and shoulders led him to a physician. Unmistakable signs of blood poison in its most horrible form had developed and Sabu's suffering became intense. He died today in horrible agony.

SAN ANGELO MAY BE FACING EGG FAMINE

They Are Scarce and a Big Rise in Prices is Predicted for Christmas Week.

The egg famine in San Angelo seems to be increasing each day, according to several merchants of the city.

For several weeks it has been a very difficult task for the merchants to purchase eggs anywhere.

A few days ago there was a man in the city from East Texas who was negotiating with the wholesale people relative to shipping a car load of eggs in this city.

The price per dozen has reached forty cents, and no doubt within a few days they will be selling as high as fifty cents.

HUNDRED RESIDENTS ARE 60 YEARS OLD

ACCORDING TO CITY AND COUNTY TAX COLLECTORS.

Interesting Fact Learned Concerning San Angelo People Not Effected by Poll Tax.

PAY YOUR POLL TAX.

"Don't wait until the last few weeks before the limited time to pay your poll tax, but do it now," is the appeal of Collector McConnell, of the county, and Collector McDonald, of the city. The city, by issuing six receipts Thursday, tipped the 100 mark.

More than a hundred residents of San Angelo and Tom Green county attained the age of 60 during the year of 1909, according to the books of the city and county poll tax collectors, and thereby they were given the right to vote in all the city, county and general elections after next year free of charge.

While not nearly all of that age have paid their poll tax yet, the calculations of the collectors place the amount that high at the end of January.

While a hundred have thus paid their dollar into the poll tax fund in this county, nearly double that number are getting commissions to vote in the next year, having just arrived at the age of 21.

The city and county treasuries combined will derive something over \$5,000 from the collection of poll tax this year.

Miss Adaline Murrell went to her home in Dallas Friday afternoon, after being in this city for several days visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. Geo. H. Tracy of Oklahoma City, returned to her home Friday afternoon, after visiting relatives in this city for several days.

SIX HUNDRED STEERS SOLD FOR \$19,800

FOUR AND FIVE-YEAR-OLDS BRING \$35 PER HEAD.

Felix Mann & Co. Dispose of Stock at Good Figure—Real Estate Sales Recorded.

Felix Mann & Co. sold 600 four and five-year-old steers Friday for private parties at \$33 per head, making a \$19,800 deal.

The J. S. Dabney Land Co. sold for J. D. Shipman on Chadbourne street a lot to W. A. Kennedy for \$2,500.

O. P. Coppedge bought lots 1 and 2, in block 90, Ft. Concho addition, from M. Whittenburg for \$1000.

JUDGE PRUESSER IS ILL AT SAN ANTONIO

ONE OF OLD AND PROMINENT RESIDENTS OF SAN ANGELO.

Condition Reported Critical and He Was Stricken While There Visiting Relatives.

The news of the critical illness of Judge J. G. Pruesser of San Angelo, who is now in San Antonio visiting with relatives, will be received with regret by scores of people here who have long known the judge as San Angelo's genuine public spirited citizen. Judge Pruesser is now in the 86th year of his useful life. He was the first mayor of the city and no one ever contributed more willingly to appeals for public good. Reports from San Antonio are to the effect that he is in a critical condition and it is feared that he cannot survive long.

LIPAN FLAT LAND BROUGHT \$20 ACRE

Purchasers Were Ohio and Kentucky Parties, One of Which Will Settle on Land.

J. A. Williams & Co. sold 440 acres of farming land located on Lipan Flat for A. A. McGill Saturday, at \$20 per acre. The parties who bought it are J. B. Hearst of Ohio and E. M. Osbourne of Kentucky.

Mr. Osbourne will remain here and settle on the land, while Mr. Hearst who is the immigration agent for the Orient, will return to Ohio for another load of immigrants.

MRS. ADA KINCAID FIRST WHITE CHILD

BORN IN TOM GREEN COUNTY 38 YEARS AGO.

Birthplace Is San Angelo, and the Date Is 1871—Now Resides at Ozona.

In reply to the question of who was the first white child born in Tom Green county, made editorially some time ago, The Press-News has been informed that the distinction belongs to Mrs. T. A. Kincaid, a resident of Ozona. Mrs. Kincaid was formerly Miss Ada Dreunan, and was born in San Angelo 38 years ago. Mrs. Kincaid is well known here, as well as in Ozona, and enjoys a wide circle of friends.

KING SAYS BRIGHTER DAY WILL SOON COME

Declares He Will Be Vindicated Some Day and Will Never Rest Until That Time.

Sentenced to a life time imprisonment for the murder of Kate Ryan, and later throwing her body in the Concho river, John King is waiting in

his cell in the county jail here for the arrival of the state officer who is to take him to one of the state penitentiaries to begin his sentence.

"I hope to regain my freedom some time," King said Tuesday. "Some day it will be known that I didn't kill Kate Ryan, but until that day I shall never rest."

King still attributes his present position to his former character, but he says he has asked repentance many times. "They convicted me on my bad character," he tells all his friends.

During the two years of his confinement and the time the case has been contested through the district court, King has stoutly maintained his innocence. Now that the trial is over, the prisoner says he bears no ill feeling or malice toward any one, and he has summoned to his cell all the witnesses who testified against him during the trial, the court officers and the prosecuting attorneys, to impress upon them that fact. King has many visitors to his cell daily.

He prefers to spend his Christmas in San Angelo—in the cell where he has already spent two such occasions.

MALLORY LINES MAY ESTABLISH OFFICE

CONSIDERING HAVING BRANCH IN SAN ANGELO.

J. D. Griggs, General Agent at Waco, Is in the City in Interests of the Company.

San Angelo and the country bordering has recently been brought to the attention of the Mallory steamship lines, plying between Galveston and New York, and it is rumored that a branch office of that company is planned for the near future for San Angelo.

J. D. Griggs, general agent at Waco, has been dispatched to San Angelo, and he is now here in the interest of his company. He believes there is a great future for this country, and he says that is why his company is putting in an early bid for a share of the business.

GAME MUST NOT BE RAFFLED CHRISTMAS

Sheriff Gives Notice That Offenders Will Be Prosecuted According to State Law.

No Christmas turkeys will be raffled off in San Angelo this year—that is, if Sheriff McConnell gets wise to the game first. This sort of operation has featured Christmas weeks in San Angelo many times, but the sheriff sounded its death gong Friday afternoon when he declared that any such attempts this year would be carefully watched and the parties prosecuted.

For many years it has been against the rules of the state to raffle off any article, but on the Christmas turkey gag parties of more or less number have always succeeded in evading the officers heretofore.

RESIGNS POSITION AS STENOGRAPHER

Tom Cunningham Leaves Vacancy in Court Reporter's Chair—Successor Not Appointed.

The resignation of Tom Cunningham as district court stenographer will be tendered to Judge Timmins during the present session of district court. Mr. Cunningham resigns after a service extending since May, 1906. A recent act of the legislature which reduces the pay of all district court stenographers in Texas is given as a cause by Mr. Cunningham for his resignation. He says the expenses for traveling is greater in this district than any other in Texas. His successor has not been appointed.

CONSTITUTIONAL. Anti-Racing Law Is Tested in the Courts.

Frisco, Dec. 21—The anti-race track betting law was declared constitutional by the courts in a test case today.

Miss Ada Maxwell of Dallas, returned to her home Wednesday afternoon, after visiting friends and relatives in this city for a few days.

MAY HOLD A SESSION OF COURT CHRISTMAS

PETIT JURY AWAITS DECISION OF JUDGE TIMMINS.

Aldwell-Jackson Suit Still On and Heavy Docket is Still to Be Disposed Of.

What is causing the petit jury of the district court the most concern just now is how and where they are going to spend Christmas. They are not alone in suspense, but attorneys, court officers and others are as well, and they all look forward to the decision of Judge Timmins.

Whether the court will observe the holiday is not known, nor can the judge furnish a definite solution to the various inquiries which he gets daily. It is hardly likely that the court will adjourn for the week when the Aldwell-Jackson case is finished, and it may be that the session will consume a part of maybe the whole of Saturday, as usual.

TO HOLD CHRISTMAS RACES ON SATURDAY

TRACK NOT NOW IN CONDITION FOR EVENTS.

Several New Entries Lately Will Add Interest to the Affair, as Will Also Auto Contests.

Owing to the fact that the race track in San Angelo is not in condition to be raced on, the Christmas races have been postponed till Saturday, Christmas day.

Ed Russell says that he has during the last few days entered several very fine racers that will increase interest in the races.

"I am sure," he said, "the races here this Christmas will equal any that we have had here in a long time. The class of racing stock that has already been entered is excellent and first grade."

The automobile races are also very promising. Several of the best machines in the country have been entered, which will be driven by the best drivers in Texas.

AUGUST BELMONT HAS DUGAN.

Nothing in Rumor That Jockey Will Ride Abroad.

New York, Dec. 22—The rumor that Jockey Eddie Dugan would ride abroad next year has at last been effectively quieted by his acquisition by August Belmont. While Dugan will receive a season stipend of some \$12,000 from Mr. Belmont, S. C. Hildreth will pay him \$5000 in case Mr. Belmont does not use him all season. In other words, Hildreth has second call to the boy. The signature of the chairman of the jockey club has already been affixed to the contract, so that nothing now can mar it. Dugan did some good work on the eastern circuit last summer, although he came in for a reprimand on account of his disposition to "rough house" it at times. But there has never been a question of the boy's integrity. Dugan, in addition to the sum already mentioned, will receive \$25 for every winning mount and \$10 apiece for losing mounts, so one can see that it surely pays to be a clever jockey. But there is another aspect to this transaction to which I wish to call attention. It shows that the biggest tycoon of America are looking forward to bright prospects next year. Even Mr. Belmont would not lay out \$12,000 if he felt that the season of 1910 in the east would be a losing venture. Therefore, we can cheer up.

THREE WAGONS FULL OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS

SHIPPED WEDNESDAY BY AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY.

Amount of Business This Year Larger Than Usual and Extra Help is Required.

Three big wagon loads of express were hauled away from the American express company's office Wednesday afternoon to be shipped out of the city. The amount of business that this company is doing this Christmas is larger than usual, and it has required the use of an extra wagon. The express men say that the amount of express that has been shipped Wednesday is equal to almost a full car load.

J. C. Crawford of Dallas, is in the city on business.

SAN ANGELO SCHOOL OF MUSIC RECITAL

Held at Odd Fellows' Hall and Well Selected Program Was Rendered By Pupils.

The pupils of Prof. F. C. Morse of the San Angelo school of music gave a vocal and instrumental recital in Odd Fellows hall Monday evening, and delighted a good-sized audience of San Angelo music lovers. Prof. Morse was ably assisted by Mr. and Mrs. John M. Gribbon, whose rendition of De Gerlot's most popular number for the violin, made the program complete for real musical enjoyment. The program was as follows:

(a) Vintage Song (Mendelssohn); (b) Fiji Romance (Gracey); Forget-Me-Nots (Engleman), Effie L. Martin. "Auf Wiedersohn" (Cole), Joseph Huffman.

"Spanish Dance" (Moskowski), Mr. and Mrs. Gribbon.

"Then You'll Remember Me" (Balfe), Hubert Beyette.

"Friendship" (Marzials), Jesse Couch and Ray Johnson.

"Norwegian Bridal Procession" (Greig), Minnie T. Martin.

"Lucky Four-Leaf Clover" (Smith), Molette Martin.

"Gypsy Dance" (Wier), Mr. and Mrs. Gribbon.

"Gavotte" (Cadman), Phillip Huffman.

"Brown October Ale" (DeKoven), baritone solo and chorus for male and female voices, from opera "Robin Hood."

"Shadow Dance" (Engleman), Ellen Young.

"Maidy" (Johns), Searcy Smith.

"Scene de Ballet" DeBeriot, Mr. and Mrs. Gribbon.

"Song That Reached My Heart" (Jordan), William Cheatham.

"Galop Militair" (Lichner), Miss Martin and Mr. Rice.

"Evening" (Clapeus), Wayne Rice.

"La Cinquantaine" (Lack), Molette Martin.

(a) "Sweet and Low" (Cirillo); (b) "Hours of Day Are Numbered" (Brown).

Town Is Threatened.

Indianola, Miss., Dec. 21—Fire broke out here tonight and the entire town is threatened.

Suits King Edward.

London, Dec. 21—King Edward of England today approved the selection of Herbert Gladstone as governor-general of South Africa.

OFFICIALS SUSPENDED.

First Suspension in History of Board of Trade.

Chicago, Dec. 21—George Marcey, president of the Armour Grain company, and James Petti, of the Peavey Grain company, were suspended from the Chicago Board of Trade today for manipulating the grain prices. This is the first suspensions in the history of the Board.

LESS TREES ARE SOLD.

Old-Fashioned Christmas Celebration Not So Popular.

Have the people of San Angelo lost all interest in the old-fashioned Christmas tree for children?

A well-known merchant who has sold Christmas trees in San Angelo for many years declared that the number of trees used here this year would be in the decrease of last year by half.

He estimated that less than forty trees would be sold here this year.

Pine and cedar trees are found in abundance within eight miles from San Angelo, and usually within five days of Christmas the San Angelo population is filled with them, but only a single one was to be seen on the streets Tuesday.

FUNERAL SERVICES TAKE PLACE TODAY

LAST SAD RITES FOR MRS. BAKER THIS AFTERNOON.

Body, Escorted by Local Chapter U. D. C., Will Be Born From Home to Church, Thence to Grave.

The funeral of Mrs. Betty Kearney Baker, whose sudden death Tuesday caused universal sorrow in San Angelo and Texas, will take place this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The service will be at the First Presbyterian

church and the last sad rites will be spoken by the Rev. J. W. Siler, pastor.

The members of the local chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy, of which Mrs. Baker was long a member and a tireless worker, will assemble at the late home at 2:30 and will act as escort for the body as it is borne to the church and also to the grave. All members of the chapter are requested to meet promptly at the hour announced.

It is announced that friends of Mrs. Baker who desire to view the remains may do so from 1:30 till 2:30 o'clock this afternoon.

SELLS LOTS COVERED WITH THE BEAUTIFUL

MAYOR PAUL NOT HINDERED BY SLOPPY WEATHER.

First Property He Handled Was Under Snow, But It Was Valuable Just the Same.

Mayor Chas. T. Paul is one of San Angelo's real estate men who doesn't complain of such weather San Angelo has been undergoing for the past several days, and for the optimism thus shown there is a reason.

The first day Mr. Paul came to San Angelo was on such a day as Monday, when a mantle of snow was spread everywhere, and the first city lot he sold in San Angelo was also on just such a day, a different date, however.

The lot was sold to Rudolph Theis, of March Bros., at a price of \$100. Located in East San Angelo, it has many times raised in value, and now Mr. Theis refuses an offer of \$600. The transaction was made five years ago, when the lot was covered with a three-inch layer of snow, and Mr. Theis had never seen the property until that day.

Two lots were also sold by Mr. Paul Monday and Tuesday and both were covered with snow when the buyers viewed them. They are located in Lake View.

NEGRO LYNCHED BY ROSEBUD MOB

Publishers Press.

Rosebud, Dec. 20.—Coke Mills, the negro who shot and fatally wounded City Marshal Williams today, was taken from the jail by a mob tonight and lynched.

The Weather.

Publishers Press.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Weather forecast for Texas: Cold and clear.

TWO BIG CAR LOADS OF High Grade Whiskies

Wines, Etc., Just Received at **Bob Harper's Big Liquor House** San Angelo, Texas

THIS SHIPMENT, added to my already complete stock, makes this by far the largest liquor house in the West doing a general retail and mail order business. When you buy from me you can choose from 73 different brands of whiskey and a varied assortment of domestic and imported Brandies, Wines, etc., all bought for spot cash and sold on a close margin of profit.

YOUR HOLIDAY JUG

awaits you here. If you can't come, send for it. Write or call for complete price lists and order blanks. If you haven't time to do that, just send me the money with instructions to ship you something good out of my \$20,000 stock, and the goods will be forthcoming without delay.

Express Charges Prepaid

on shipments of one gallon or more to any point in Texas. Buying and selling in large quantities and paying spot cash for my goods, getting a discount, enables me to sell at a closer margin than most liquor houses. Therefore competition is a small matter to me.

A Handsome Souvenir Free

with each gallon jug purchased here until the close of the holidays. Don't fail to get my prices before buying.

BOB HARPER'S Bank Exchange Saloon

San Angelo, Texas
The Big Mail Order House of West Texas