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CHRISTMAS

Will Be Here Before You Know It

From past experience you have found it hard to select a suitable present for men. Selling men's wearing apparel every day as we do we have made a very careful study of men's notions and we believe for this reason we are in position to judge the appropriate Xmas gift. Come to our store to see the beautiful line of Men's Novelties. Ask to see those combination sets of Ties, Handkerchiefs and Socks to match.



Which Will You Have?
The "Near" or the Real?

Nettleton Shoes for Men are the world's best make.

From thread to sole leather, they are made of the best materials produced.

In style they suggest what is to be, rather than what has been.

In workmanship they are the product of skilled labor which has required thirty-two years to develop.

Nettleton Shoes are sold at prices that are exactly right—with the measure of Real Worth fully heaped, as proved by the after-wearing results.



Careful dressers and stylish people wear the

STETSON HATS

gives them a distinguished and aristocratic air and helps them to success in society and business. In quality, too, it represents the perfection of hat making.

The Stetson name in every Stetson Hat.

We have the latest Stetson styles in Soft and Derby.

Every Man Wants

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NEW HAT FOR the HOLIDAYS

We have one to fit
every man in this
section of Texas

W.T. Read Mercantile Co.

P. V. Southern Reaches Balmorhea

The Goal Has Been Reached and Trains are Running on Schedule Time to City on Creek.

On last Sunday the first passenger train ran through to Balmorhea, and that city and many citizens of the creek country are rejoicing. Now Saragosa, Balmorhea and the whole creek country will boom.

Toyah creek is probably one of the most widely advertised sections of country in the United States for its rich soil, ideal climate and adaptability to the growth of alfalfa, fruits, etc., and even the most versatile writers on the subject have hardly overdrawn the situation.

There are many parts of Reeves county just as valuable and when wells are put down and pumping plants put in and a line of development shown in these shallow water districts, then Pecos, Toyah, Saragosa and Balmorhea will have no just cause for knocking each other, for each will be too prosperous and her citizens too busy to envy the rapid advancement of the other. Let us all pull together and build up Reeves county.

Will Page came in Wednesday morning from Goldthwaite for a visit of some eight or ten days with old friends and cronies. He is a picture of good health and jolly as of yore. The Record hopes that Will may decide to return ere long and make his home in Pecos.

J. W. Crenshaw, that genial, big hearted real estate and live stock dealer of Saragosa, was here this week with the big bunch of good fellows from the creek, and gave the Record an order for stationery for his business over there.

Geo. B. Landrum returned Sunday night from Fresno, Calif., where he visited his mother who was quite ill. He received a telegram Monday stating that she had passed away. Mrs. Landrum had many friends in Pecos all of whom mourn with the bereaved relatives in their great loss.

Woody Johnson is attending the Baptist State Board meeting at Dallas and the prohibition rally at Fort Worth. No man in the west gives more time and money for the moral and religious progress of this section than does Mr. Johnson.

T. Y. Moorhead and Dr. J. A. Leeman left Sunday for Waco, where they go to attend the Masonic Grand Lodge at Waco as delegates from the Pecos lodge.

Mrs. Bonnie Ferguson passed through the city last week en route to California, where she expects to join her husband. She is enjoying good health now.

W. T. Graves and his estimable wife left yesterday for Hamilton, where they will spend the holidays with home folks and friends.

Try the Record for job printing

Notice to Taxpayers.

Tax Collector C. Brown will be in the following places on dates named for the purpose of collecting taxes. Poll taxes must be paid in person or by written order:

Toyah, Dec. 19 and 20.
Arno, " 21 " 22.
Pecos, " 23 " 24.
Pera, " 27 " 28.
Saragosa, " 29 " 30.
Panama, Jan. 2 " 3.

WHAT THE CENSUS SHOWS

Reeves County Increase at Rate of 20 Per Cent Annually, a Record Hard to Beat Even in Texas.

The United States Census Bureau Thursday announced the population of Texas by counties, and the official report for Reeves county follows:

YEAR	POPULATION
1890	1,247
1900	1,847
1910	4,392

This is an increase in ten years of 137.7911 per cent, which is a growth of nearly 37 per cent more than for the entire Trans-Pecos country, which includes the counties of Brewster, El Paso, Jeff Davis, Pecos, Presidio, Terrell and Reeves. Reeves county shows the largest gain in ten years of any county in this group, exceeding even El Paso county, containing the city of El Paso, which county's growth is 105 per cent. The growth for all these counties, which are designated by the United States Census Bureau as the Trans-Pecos country is 101.2 per cent. Reeves county therefore showed the largest percentage of growth of any county in this district during the decade and it is a matter of record that more than 1000 people were missed in the Balmorhea district of Reeves county.

IS PECOS PREPARED

Should a Fire Break Out to Battle with the Flames.—Better Get Ready.

Owing to the cold weather and the necessity for good hot fires, the danger to our town of a destructive fire is made more probable. This brings to mind the fact that while Pecos has a good fire department, a splendid fire engine, plenty of hose and plenty of water, at the present time should a fire break out it would more than likely entail great loss to Pecos and her prosperous citizens. At the present time our fire engine is in the hospital awaiting treatment and has been for some time.

The persons in authority or control of this department should get busy and prepare for an emergency. The recent fire which consumed the storage house—full of grain and hay—of Prewitt & Wadley could have been much worse had not the wind and location of the building been favorable. Suppose this fire had started on Rat Row near the T. & P. station; what would Pecos look like today?

Let's get to work and prepare for the inevitable before it is too late.

Holmes Case Goes to Ward County

Judge Isaacks Grants Continuance and Moves Case to Ward County. Set for Trial Dec. 19.

On Wednesday morning the courthouse was crowded, every seat being occupied and many standing, to hear the beginning of the case of P. K. Holmes, charged with killing Knox Crow and shooting W. C. Crow.

Many were there as witnesses and 150 veniremen, besides many friends of both parties were in attendance as spectators.

The state announced ready and the defendant asked for a continuance on account of absence of important witnesses. At 2 p. m. the case was called, defendant plead not guilty and motion for continuance read in open court.

Judge Isaacks, in his usual terse, decisive and prompt manner, stated that the continuance was granted, a change of venue to Ward county made and the case set for the 19th instant. Owing to unnecessary publicity in county papers—"and especially one paper"—the Judge thought this best and so acted accordingly.

District court is still grinding but slowly. Nothing of great importance having been disposed of other than the Holmes case mentioned elsewhere. Full report next week.

"Too busy wrapping bundles for Christmas to write a change for our ad this week. Let it go as it is," says Wiley Cole of the City Pharmacy. "Tell them they'll have to hurry, though, if they don't want to be compelled to make their selections from picked over goods." From the looks of bundles piled away for purchasers it looks as if he will make a clean sweep this Christmas.

Mr. Chas. P. Scott and Miss Mabel Crow were united in marriage at the home of the bride's father, W. C. Crow, in Toyah, on Wednesday evening, Nov. 30. The contracting parties are well known in Toyah and have a large circle of friends who join the Record in wishing them a long life of happiness and prosperity.

A few members of the "Bachelor Girls Club" met with Misses Ruby Grady and Chambley for the purpose of making up a list of the people who will be fortunate enough to get to attend their Banquet, which is to be given at Mrs. C. F. Thomason's home.

Our line of Kingsbury Hats are the very newest in shapes and colors and they sell for \$3.00 each. Come in and see them.—W. T. Read Merc. Co.

Jno. G. Allen returned yesterday from a visit of a week or so with his mother in New Mexico.

Dr. R. M. Harkey landed this morning with a good bunch of homeseekers.

Ed Valentine and wife left Tuesday for El Paso where they will remain a week or so visiting relatives and friends.

Sale Begins
Friday
Dec. 9th

Nothing
Charged at
Sale Prices



15 Days
Sale

Sale Prices
for
Cash

LOOK OUT BARGAINS

THE fact of the matter is that we did the looking out, but honestly the goods were offered to us so cheap we just had to buy them. You'll buy just as heavily as we did when you see our goods. But look out you don't miss them! Be sure to come early and get some of the Greatest Bargains Ever Offered in Pecos.

OUR PRICES ARE GOOD FOR TWO WEEKS, UNTIL FRIDAY DEC. 24.

Space Forbids Us Making List of Prices, but See the Goods, Feel of them and Observe With your Eyes the Superior Quality

Everything on sale will be marked at Sale Prices and on Display on Counters

Remember in this sale Staples, Piece Goods, Ladies' Capes and Coats, Men's and Ladies' Underwear, Men's and Boys' Pants, Shoes

Nothing Charged on Our Books at These Sale Prices. Come and See Them Quick

The Best for
the
Least Money

PECOS DRY GOODS COMPANY

Styles and
Prices the
Best
in Town

Mrs. H. M. Smith delightfully entertained a few friends Nov. 29th, at her home, with a Kensington party. An hour or so was spent in embroidering and fancy work for Christmas gifts. Then an interesting contest in which questions were asked to be answered by the guest with a word ending with "nation." The "Game of Nations" proved to be a very fascinating game and was enjoyed by all. Mrs. Wm. Adams' paper of nations was selected as best and she was awarded first prize, which was Ralph Waldo Trine's book, "The Greatest Thing in the World." Later dainty refreshments were served and after thanking the hostess for being so royally entertained, the guests departed. Those present were: Mesdames A. G. Taggart, W. H. Kelly, Wm. Adams, I. T. Kesler, — Williams, M. Tatum, M. E. Ray, T. B. Pruett, Wm. Graves, S. G. Douglas, J. A. Leeman, J. I. Slover, — Conley, R. C. Clarke, and Miss Walsman.

To Feed a Girl on Candy

Is one of the really great ways to win her good graces. Just a few cents will do the work. Now is your chance, boys; call around and arm yourself, for I have the required ammunition.

E. COUCH.

Messrs. Jno. B. Young, G. H. Powell, J. T. Wright, Jno. O. Johnson, F. Kistler, F. L. Patterson, Felix Scholz and G. P. Nettles of Toyah were in Pecos during the week.

Miss Buena Heard of Carlsbad, N. M., who has been visiting Mrs. Wat Reynolds and other relatives, left Saturday for Midland.

The P. V. Southern was loaded to the outer edges of the steps yesterday morning, bound for the creek. Besides those returning from attendance at court, there were quite a number of citizens of Mineral Wells and other parts of the state going out to take a peep at the garden spot of Texas, and others with their guns hoping to bag a few of those big fat quail.

Tom Harrison and Hugh Roberson left Wednesday for the north end of Winkler county where they will hunt for the next ten days or so long as they see fit. They go prepared to stay as long as they desire. They are crack shots and will likely bag plenty of game.

We still have a very large and complete assortment of the Navarre shirts—none better on the market—to sell from \$1 to \$3 each, both in detached and attached collars.—W. T. Read Merc. Co.

M. Mata, one of Saragosa's prosperous merchants and an old time citizen of the Valley, was in the city with his better half yesterday. He is a man of good business judgment and a money-maker.

It is Here.

The famous Gunther Candies have arrived; call around and see them.—E. Couch.

Hugh M. Coleman, a prominent merchant of Mineral Wells and a Reeves county land holder, is in the city.

Mrs. G. W. Dyer of Panama was in our city doing some Christmas shopping.

Notice, Woodmen.

Every member of this Camp is urgently requested to be present at the hall Friday night. "Something doing," boys. Refreshments—now come!

E. COUCH, Clerk.

H. R. Childress, who has been in Amarillo the past two weeks, returned Saturday to accept a position as fireman on the P. V. S. railway. Ham says Pecos is the only town in the west that shows any life and activity.

R. C. Clark now has charge of the Pecos Steam Laundry. He states that he will be prepared to turn out first class work in a short time, and asks for a trial.

Mr. Hinley, who lives about three miles from town, brought in a fine flowing well at his place last week. The flow was reached at a depth of 242 feet. Thus is the known artesian belt being steadily developed and its boundaries extended. It is a well known fact that irrigation is the one successful mode of farming in this section, and lands which are not under some surface irrigation system will in the near future be converted into magnificent alfalfa fields through the development of this our most wonderful asset.

Mrs. C. C. Caldwell and two of her children left Sunday for Louisiana to spend Christmas at her old home.

WATER IN KENTUCKY.

Congressman Ollie James was driving through a hilly section of Kentucky on a pleasure jaunt and happening to notice a well beside a farmhouse, pulled up and asked the farmer if he could give him a drink.

"No, sah; as much as I would like to 'commodate you, sah, I can't do a thing for you. But if you'll pull in at Jones' 'bout foh miles ahead, you can get somethin'," said the farmer.

"But I thought I noticed a fine well here, on your place?" said the big congressman.

"Why, I didn't know you wanted water. I thought you wanted a drink," said the farmer, who there-upon invited Marse James in to help himself from the iron bound bucket.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

GIVING AN IMITATION.

"Well, Effie, dear, I hope you've been a little mother to your brother whilst I've been out?"

"Oh, yes, I have. I've smacked him quite a lot!"

HIS MISSION.



Spooner—Does your father like to have me call on you?

Miss Sweetthing—Yes. He says you are a corrective to the gas meter.

\$18.00 Worth

That tells the tale of our stock of

Candy Sold on
Dec. 7th

Pecos Drug Co.
THE HOME OF STANDARD AND QUALITY

**A Look Will Convince You
OF OUR
Lowest Prices in Town
LOOK HERE**

Genuine Geo. Westenhelm Razor.....	.95
First-class \$3 Razor.....	.75
Snave-Well Safety Razor.....	.50
Good Pair of Scissors.....	.15
Two Thimbles.....	.05
Good Curry Comb.....	.10
First-class padlock, 25c value.....	.10
Dust pan, good one.....	.10
Iron Handles, others for 25c, our price.....	.10
Large Collapsible Aluminum Cups.....	.10
Spirit Level.....	.15
Steel Square, 7x12.....	.15
Good Try Square.....	.12
Big Oil Can for Machinery.....	.12
Karpenters Oil Stone.....	.15
Androck Bread Toaster.....	.15
First-class pills, others sell for 25c, our price.....	.10
Good \$2.50 Hat for.....	1.80
Good Hammer handle.....	.10
Good Hammer, cost.....	.15
Good Hatchet.....	.15
Shoe Hammer.....	.15

Our stock is constantly changing; we get new goods every week and every week we sell lots of them. Be sure and see us.

The Racket Store

**Ed Vickers
FOR
GROCERIES**

Phone 156

**J. W. Willcock
THE PAINT MAN**

Am now located in the Moorhead Building and am ready to serve you in anything you may need in Paints, Wall Paper, Window Glass and Mouldings

**O. K. Barber Shop
and Bath House
M. L. RODDY, roprietor**

The Finest Equipped Shop Between Fort Worth and El Paso, and where you get the best of attention in every respect. Hot and Cold Baths.

**Contractor and Builder
Am prepared to do any kind of work
in the Building Line. Will take Con-
tract or Day Work. Give me a trial.
W. A. BOYNTON**

Cards are out announcing the marriage, on December the 15th, of Robert Edward McKenzie to Miss Madie Dean Johnson at San Marcos. Mr. McKenzie is a brother of Judge J. F. McKenzie, a popular young ranchman of Pecos county, and has many friends in Pecos who wish him a happy and prosperous wedded life. While Miss Johnson is unknown to the Record it is a safe bet that she is altogether lovely for Mr. McKenzie's judgment is sound and he knows a real good thing when he encounters it.

We still have a nice selection of suits for men; ranging from \$10.00 to \$20.00 a suit. If you are thinking of buying that winter suit, you had better hurry, as they are selling fast; and the best ones will soon be gone.—W. T. Read Merc. Co.

Mrs. J. B. Files' brother, D. A. Bowles, of Bomerton, Texas, is in the city. He brought his three small children who will make their future home with Mrs. Files, Mrs. Bowles having died recently.

Mrs. J. A. Buck has returned from a few weeks' visit to her parents in Dallas accompanied by her sister, Miss Jamie Wilson, who will be here until just before Christmas.

Jno. DeRacey left Friday for Dixieland. He and his family are going to make their home at that place. Miss Lena Wadley has gone with them to be their governess.

John Cole, who has been attending school at Panama, has returned home for the Christmas holidays. He will be with the City Pharmacy during his stay in town.

Miss Mabel Rarey came in from Balmorhea last Saturday where she has been the past week or so nursing A. V. Johnson's brother.

Make your Christmas wants known to Pecos Drug Co. whether you see the article in stock or not. They will get it to you on time.

Mrs. A. V. Johnson of Balmorhea is in the city spending a few days with Miss Mabel Rarey and doing Christmas shopping.

J. E. Parkhurst of Texarkana, Ark., was in Pecos last week and remarked that "the western country is great."

C. M. Mullican of Panama was thrown from his buggy on Nov. 25, but was not hurt seriously. He is up and about now.

L. D. Collings left last Saturday night for Sweetwater on business. He returned Sunday night.

W. L. Carwile, president of the P. V. S. railroad, was here from Dallas Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Max Krauskopf has been seriously ill, but we are glad to report that she is up and doing fine at this time.

H. Journey and Sam Miller of Carmel were business visitors to Pecos last week.

Dr. Wm. H. Moore and wife are in from their Winkler county ranch for a visit.

Mrs. J. D. Cress was a visitor to our city from the Toyah Valley last week.

We have a few second hand cars for sale cheap for cash.—Brown & Martin.

Krippendorf and Dittman shoes for ladies, in the latest styles, at W. T. Read Merc.

Phone the Record the news.

The "42" Club met with Mrs. L. D. Collings last Thursday. Mesdames Woody Browning and R. C. Warn tied for most games. Mrs. Albert Sisk and Mrs. Goll Prewit won the boobie. Mrs. Sam Means punched the score cards. There were three tables; on each table there was a dish of candy which the players ate during the games. Mrs. Thomason and Mrs. Wylie Cole were unable to attend. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Woody Browning.

Our lines of misses' and children's shoes are the most complete in Pecos. When you are in need of anything in these lines come in and see them.—W. T. Read Merc. Co.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Eppler of Cisco, after a pleasant visit to their daughter, Mrs. Max Krauskopf, left for their home last Friday.

IMAGINATION will work on some things, but it takes QUALITY to make candy go. Gunther's has it, and E. Couch has Gunther's. Give him a call.

W. H. Gill of Houston, who is general attorney for the Texas Oil Co., was in our city on business with the district court one day last week.

Drop in and look through our line of Christmas goods. If you don't see what you want ask for it.—Pecos Drug Co.

Steve Ward of Fort Davis, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Julia Ward, and sisters, Mesdames Simpson and Thomason.

Miss Louie Bomar of this city returned home from Barstow where she has been visiting the past week.

Robert Grissome of Arno was in Pecos last week to attend the funeral of his nephew, George Langham.

Dr. Camp bought from J. A. Buck the vacant lot situated between his home and T. J. Sisk's residence.

Clarence Pugh, after a pleasant trip to Mexico and El Paso, has returned to his home at Arno.

Mr. and Mrs. Wes Roberts returned Saturday from a visit to Alpine, Marathon and other points south.

Dan Edwards of Coyoososa, returned Monday from a visit of two months in Kentucky and Tennessee.

Rev. D. E. Adams of Toyah Creek, has been called to the pastorate of the Baptist church at Barstow.

We are glad to report that Mrs. M. Brown, who has been suffering from a sprained ankle, is some-better.

J. R. Bruce and Rev. D. E. Adams from Toyah creek were visitors to our city last week.

Rev. Browning, Presbyterian pastor at Barstow, made a business trip to Pecos last week.

L. F. Daniels, one of the citizens who is helping boost Patrol, was in the city Saturday.

Tom Moseley, E. J. Nest and J. M. Carpenter all of Balmorhea, were in Pecos Sunday.

You can find what you want for "him" or "her" at Pecos Drug Co.

John A. Cress, a merchant of Orla, were in Pecos last week.

Kent Harrison is up after a short illness. Ralston Health Shoes for men, \$4 a pair at W. T. Reed Merc. Co.

BUT ONE MAN IN A THOUSAND

Few There Are Who Can Stand Up right, According to Writer of Popular Play.

"Here is a curious paradox," said George. "If a thousand soldiers are drawn up in battle array on a plane—they understood him to mean "plain"—"only one man will stand upright."

Nobody could see why. But George explained that, according to Euclid a plane can touch a sphere only at one point, and that person only who stands at that point, with respect to the center of the earth, will stand upright.

"In the same way," he remarked "if a billiard table were quite level—that is, a perfect plane—the ball ought to roll to the center."

Though he tried to explain this by placing a visiting card on an orange and expounding the law of gravitation, Mrs. Allgood declined to accept the statement. She could not see that the top of a true billiard table must, theoretically, be spherical, just like a portion of the orange peel that George cut out. Of course the table is so small in proportion to the surface of the earth that the curvature is not appreciable, but it is nevertheless true in theory. A surface that we call level is not the same as our idea of a true geometrical plane.—From the play, "A Paradox Party."

HER FINANCIERING.



Mrs. Jim—I bought some stock to-day.

Mr. Jim—Did you?
Mrs. Jim—Yes, just think, it was at 99 marked down from 100 a share.

REALIZED THE DANGER.

He—Now that we are married, pet, do you love me enough to cook for me?
She—Enough, darling? I love you entirely too much for that.—Boston Transcript.

Do Not Take

Just any old thing, when we can easily furnish you

LONG LEAF LUMBER

Send us your bills for our figures, and we will not only save you money, but will gurrantee our Lumber to be Higher Grade than you have been getting.

**Groves Lumber Co.
Pecos and Balmorhea**

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"In time of peace prepare for war." Don't let a fire destroy your town before you prepare to battle with it.

Texas stands first in development, first in progress and first in industrial opportunities of all the states in the Union.

The \$200,000 fire at Midland Monday night is a slight reminder of what would occur to Pecos should a fire break out while our fire-fighting facilities are disabled as they are. Better get prepared.

Many northern and some southern papers lament the fact that "no man can come back after he has once forsaken his chosen path," citing as evidence the failure of Jeffries, Bat Nelson, the Chicago Cubs and "Teddy." But we go on record and are able to prove that one man has "come back"—Doc Cook.

The prosperity of a town does not depend upon the wealth of its inhabitants, but by the unanimity with which they pull together when an important undertaking is to be accomplished. A man with a thousand dollars at his command and a love for his town in his heart, can do more for the building up and improving of it than the millionaire who locks up his capital and snaps his fingers at home progress.

The Record feels highly encouraged by the reception it has received at the hands of the business men and the public generally. Many words of approbation have come to us both directly and indirectly, and quite a number who chanced to see a sample copy have dropped in, unsolicited, and had their names placed upon our subscription books. This is not said boastfully, but merely by way of showing our appreciation of the manner in which our efforts have been received.

Referring to a talk made by Porter A. Whaley, secretary of the Pecos Commercial Club, at the organization meeting of Midland Commercial Club at Midland recently, at which many prominent persons talked, the Midland Reporter had the following to say of the same:

Mr. Whaley, of Pecos, gave a large number of figures to show the growth of cities through organized effort and stressed the statement that it takes hustling to increase population with the attendant increase of wealth. "I would rather invest money in a town without many natural advantages, but with a live commercial organization, than to invest it in a town with many natural advantages and no organized effort toward upbuilding," said Mr. Whaley. He referred to the common point rate recently secured through the merchants' association as an example of what could be done through organization and added that his own city of Pecos would probably give a large sum of money to secure the same benefit. The speaker gave illustrations in rapid fire order to show the advantages of commercial clubs, with competent secretaries, and predicted for Midland the greatest benefits to follow the organization of a club.

Engine No. 324 on the T. & P. blew up four miles east of Odessa Tuesday, killing Engineer Oliver and his fireman, and badly injuring one brakeman. The engineer's body was found 100 yards from the track.

Homeseekers are beginning to come in again. Yesterday about fifty landed here from the old states in search for richer fields, cheaper lands and a milder climate. They have stopped at the right place and will show their good judgment by investing in some of our fertile soils.

Prosperity follows good roads as commerce follows the flag and no community has advanced far in civilization that has not improved its public highways. The condition of the public road and the commodities handled usually gauge the progress and development of communities.

A mining congress is the latest project under consideration by the progressive citizens of West Texas. We are already extensively mining gold, silver, quicksilver, marble, iron, coal, petroleum and other commercial products of nature lavatory but our mines are scarcely more than demonstration plants of our vast mineral resources. If properly encouraged by legislation, the echo of the prospector's pick will soon be heard around the world and the miner's lamp will illuminate the interior of the earth. Our mineral kingdom in its developed state will eclipse in importance and splendor the reign of King Cotton and will pour forth a golden stream of wealth into the channels of trade that will greatly multiply our prosperity.

HOD-CARRIER HAD NERVE

Gifford Pinchot's Story To Illustrate the Colossal Impudence of the Corruptionists.

"Gifford Pinchot, the famous forester, is a very entertaining talker," said an Asheville lawyer. "During his splendid work at Biltmore we often dined together.

"Pinchot was a foe to corruption. He dilated, one night at dinner, on the impudence, the nerve, of the corruptionists. He said that this impudence was as bad as the little hod-carrier's.

"He said that, one bleak winter morning in Hogan's saloon, as half a dozen men were warming themselves with peppered ale, a little hod-carrier entered, clumped noisily in his big boots to the bar, pushed a couple of ale drinkers aside so that he could reach the matchbox, and taking a match, lighted his short clay pipe. Then he turned and clumped out.

"Hogan, astonished, gazed after him and wondered who on earth he could be.

"The next morning the little man appeared again. He clambered as noisily as before to the matchbox, lighted his pipe, and turned away again. But as he opened the door, Hogan shouted:

"Say, who are ye?"

VODKA IN RUSSIA.

There were in Russia in 1908 2,676 vodka breweries, one fiscal spirit distillery and 43 sections of the same, 311 private distilleries, 26 reserve stores and 27,402 shops for the sale of vodka. The total amount of vodka sold during the year was 222,813,282 gallons, a consumption of 1.66 gallons per capita. The total sales were 2,346,232 gallons less than in 1907. The revenue and expenditures were as follows: Revenue, \$365,015,424; expenditures, \$102,726,605; net revenue, \$262,288,819. The revenue and expenditures of denatured vodka were as follows: Revenue, \$1,275,139; expenditures, \$1,106,228; net revenue, \$168,911.


Christmas Candies!

There is nothing that makes a more appropriate and acceptable gift than a nice neat package of candy. I am headquarters for the famous Gunther's Candy. This is the first time that this famous line has been placed on exhibition here and you must see it to fully appreciate it, for it has no superior in the world for quality and neatness of package. See it and you will buy it.

Majestic Parlor

E. COUCH, Prop.

THE SIMPLE LIFE.



QUESTIONS FOR THE LEARNED

Find Out How Many of These Simple Interrogations They Can Answer Offhand.

If you would come to a realization of the ignorance of the average man and woman, gather together 100 and ask a few simple questions, something like these: How many ribs has a man? How many ribs has a woman? How many joints are in a baby's spine? How many joints are in a man's spine? Is a man's spine longer than a woman's? On which side is the liver? Where is the spleen? How large is the stomach? How long are the intestines? There are two lungs, one on the right, the other on the left; one has two lobes; how many has the other? How many bones are in your hand? Are your bones solid or hollow? Do the bones of a bird contain marrow? How many toes has a dog? Does a cow have teeth? Can a horse breathe through his mouth? Why does a dog pant with his tongue out? Why do most perching birds roost on one leg when asleep? Why does a fox terrier run on three legs? What makes a cat purr?

Prison Visitor—And why are you incarcerated, my poor fellow?

Second-Story Jimmy—Aw, I'm a believer in the simple life an' it's the only way I can resist the temptation to live like Speerpoint Morgan and dose odder gazaboos.

HIGH HAT ONCE SUPREME.

A remarkable proof of how the high hat, whether of silk or of beaver, once reigned supreme, is seen in the print of the fight between Savers and Heenan at Farnborough in 1860. Nearly every man in the crowd is wearing a topper, the few with caps—strongly resembling those of the present day—being probably members of "the fancy." Contrast this with a picture of a football final at the palace, with its sea of tweed capped heads, and we realize the revolution that has taken place. The topper was, in fact, for many years the orthodox headgear of every man, from a peer to a plowman. Even Bill Sikes and the Artful Dodger, according to Dickens' illustrations, conformed to the fashion.—London Chronicle.

BETWEEN "BEST FRIENDS."

"I had my hair twisted into such a tight knot that it gave me a headache."

"It doesn't make my head ache no matter how tight I twist my hair."

"Well, my hair is fastened to my head."

AND CLOSE AT HOME.

"Have you noticed, my friend, how many fools there are on this earth?"

"Yes, and there's always one more than you think."—Source.

A Christmas Present

With each dozen of my \$5.90 work and up I will give one 16x20 enlargement free until Xmas. A nice souvenir with the cheaper pictures.

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HAD MADE HIS LAST "HOLLER"

For the First Time Exuberant Cowboy Saw Himself Pictured as Others Saw Him.

Remington once told a story of himself that will bear retelling. One of his cowboy acquaintances in the west was known as Hollering Smith because of his favorite way of enjoying himself. Remington made a number of studies of him both in repose and at his favorite pursuit, and on returning to New York one time he utilized these in a series of illustrations in a magazine article. The next time he went west and to Smith's neighborhood Smith came over to see him on the very day of his arrival, and hauling from his pocket a page torn from a magazine with one of Remington's studies of him as the central figure of a group in a state of eruption inquired: "Say, is that me?"

Fred was cautious, as he said, not being exactly sure of what was near the program, and replied: "Well, I got the idea from you, of course, but—"

"Oh, it's all right," said Smith, "no offense; if it's me just say so."

"Well, yes; it's a fairly close portrait of you," said Remington.

"That's what the boys at the ranch said," Smith came back, "look like that when I holler, do?"

"I think you do."

"Well," said Smith, tucking the page away in his pocket, "if that's the state of the case then all I've got to say is that Hollering Smith has hollered the last holler that he'll ever holler. Hereafter when I believe I'll blow a tin horn, you bet, I don't consider that no man has a right to look like that—not around among white folks at least."

JOKE TURNED ON THE JOKER

Scheme of "Social Climber" that Didn't Turn Out Just as it Was Intended.

Two women who live on country places near Philadelphia are great friends and great rivals. Each has long desired that her husband buy her an automobile; each has feared lest the other attain the object of her desire first.

Not long ago a small man, who is well known in financial circles, called at the home of one of these women and suggested that he take the young woman to call on her friend. The invitation was accepted.

"You get under the seat, I want Mrs. — to think this is my car," commanded the fair guest, as the machine rolled through the gate of the other woman's home. The joker did as he was told. Mrs. — smiled majestically and was conversed with unconstrained air by her guest. "See my nice car," smiled the visitor. "My husband bought it for me yesterday."

"He did, did he?" said Mrs. — unable to conceal her vexation. "Well, my Harry shall buy the one at once." After a time the car drove away with the broker and under the seat.

The joke in the end was on the joker. Mrs. B.'s husband, scared by his wife, bought her an automobile, while Mrs. A. hasn't got her car yet.

JEW IN WAR.

The average number of soldiers in the United States army during the Spanish-American war amounted to 277,494; in the navy, 26,102 sailors. There were 32 Jewish officers in the army during the war and 27 in the navy. The total number of non-commissioned officers and soldiers that were Jews being 2,451 in the army and 42 sailors in the navy.

WHAT ATTRACTED HER.

Patience—Don't you think that girl I just introduced you to has a beautiful face?

Patience—I really don't know, but she had a beautiful hat!

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"Are you musical?"
"Well, when my daughter begins to play I go to the club."

A NEW YEAR'S TRAGEDY.

Knicker—What is the matter with Jones?
Bocker—His wife is spending the raise he didn't get.
Messrs. P. S. Southall and C. Pugh were in from Arno Thursday of last week.

WAGES SMALL IN JAPAN.

Wages are not excessive in Japan. Of skilled operatives the highest paid are spectacle and precious stone workers, \$1 a day. Shipbuilders receive 75 cents a day, masons 70 cents, fireworkers and carpenters 60 cents. Printers receive nine cents.

WOMEN LIKE CAMPING.

Every winter more and more women are going north to camp in the pine woods and to hunt moose and deer during the snowy season.

We have a fine assortment of handkerchief cases, in assorted colors. A very suitable gift for a gentleman for Christmas.—W. T. Read Merc. Co.

FOR RENT—One nicely furnished room.—Mrs. Dr. Leeman.

For Sale or Trade—One pony mare, as gentle as they make 'em. Will sell or trade for any kind of feed stuff, so cheap you'll think you fell heir to her.—John Hibdon at Record office.

CHEAP.



Mrs. Buyitt—That coffee is very cheap, but how am I to know that it's not full of beans?
Grover—I couldn't afford to sell beans at the price I ask for that coffee.

S. S. Hamburg Chickens For Sale.

I have a few Silver Spangled Hamburg cockerels for sale at a bargain, or would sell about 20 mature hens, pullets and cockerels—a bargain if you hurry. These are of the best strains in Texas and Illinois, so if you want something good at a record breaking price see me at once.—John Hibdon at Record office.

Holiday goods for all the family at Pecos Drug Co.

NOTICE.

After December 1st wood and coal will be strictly cash on delivery. 3-4t

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WAKEFIELD & DICKSON.

M. E. Solman of Arno has been quite ill with rheumatism, but we are glad to report he is improving.

Your Christmas wants will be supplied at Pecos Drug Co.

J. B. Files has returned to Pecos. He has been in South Dakota running a number of threshing machines.

Frank Kelton was in Pecos last Friday from his ranch.

See our window display.—Pecos Drug Co.

Vertner Gage, the popular "hello" man from Toyah, is in Pecos this week doing jury service.

Taylor Conger and wife came in from Saragosa to do some Christmas shopping for their hotel.

F. H. Curry of Balmorhea, employed by the Balmorhea Mercantile Co., was in the city Sunday.

Dr. McCracken, one of the progressive business men and a leading physician of Mineral Wells, is in our city.

J. N. Levin came in from the ranch last Friday to spend a few days in the city.

Mrs. J. H. Carlisle came in last week from their ranch to spend a few days.

Sam F. Means left Monday morning for Van Horn on business.

The little son of Mrs. Cartwright, at the Buehholz home, is sick with fever.

Mrs. Berkley of Toyah was a Pecos visitor last Friday.

Lon Robbins is in from Saragosa on court business.

Ray P. Verhalen of Saragosa was in the city Tuesday.

Mrs. Beulah Wilson has accepted a position in the county clerk's office.

Mrs. McGregor of Mobeetie, Texas, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. B. R. Stine.

Judge Beauregard Bryan of El Paso was in Pecos Monday attending court.

Jesse Woods of Pecos has been appointed agent of the Pecos Valley Southern at Balmorhea.

Floyd Ingle has accepted a position in Grandview, Texas, and left for that point Monday.

B. C. Boatwright of Saragosa, who has been in our city, ill, for some few weeks, is up and expects to return to his home soon.

Dr. S. R. Cates, one of Abilene's prominent physicians, is taking a few days' rest and visiting at the home of D. E. Adams on Toyah creek.

L. B. Weaver and wife of Toyah creek are in Pecos for a few days. Mr. Weaver is attending court and his wife is doing her Christmas shopping.

Mr. Ewing left Tuesday night for his home in Boston, having received word that his mother was quite ill. He expects to return about January 1.

Mrs. J. C. Love has had Mr. and Mrs. Green McCombs and Mrs. Mary Owens visiting her a few days. They left Wednesday for their home in the Guadalupe mountains.

On December 1st the State Board of Education among others purchased the school bonds recently voted in Pecos, and the work of erection of our modern new school building will be commenced at an early date.

E. Bruce Smith was in from his ranch Thursday of last week.

J. P. Kennedy was in the city last Saturday from his ranch.

W. L. Ross was in from his New Mexico ranch last week.

Tennis Tournament.

The Tennis Tournament begun Thanksgiving day has not been finished yet, though most of the events have been decided. The entries for doubles were:

Midland: Shumate and Gregg; Isaacks and Henry.

Pecos: Manahan and Rarey; Sisk and Robertson; Miles and L. Collings; Irving and Woody Browning; E. Collings and Walter Browning; Barstow and Lynch.

All the players entered for the singles:

Woody Browning won championship of West Texas in singles. Sisk and Robertson championship of West Texas in doubles. Shumate and Gregg consolation in doubles.

The consolation in singles is still in doubt with Sisk and Walter Browning left to fight it out.

The Pecos Tennis Association is cooperating with the Midland Association and expect in the next few weeks to organize a West Texas Association, comprising all clubs between Abilene and Toyah and extending as far north as Roswell.

W. A. Priest and wife were in Pecos Friday from Winkler county.

Mrs. Ed Fromme's father died December 3rd at Fort Stockton.

The Record will pay 5c per pound for clean cotton rags.

WORK TO BE DONE.

The smart young man—his school honors thick upon him, and his intention to teach the world in general, and his father in particular, the manner in which up-to-date commerce should be conducted—stood earnestly holding forth in his father's office.

"You may rely upon me, sir," he was saying with fervid emphasis. "I will devote my whole life to the interests of the business. It shall be my aim and ambition to keep the family name free from stain."

"Good!" said the old man gruffly. "That's the right spirit. Tell the office-boy to give you the whitening and ammonia; then go and polish up the brass name-plate on the door."

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Church Announcements

Pastors of the various churches of our city are invited to use this space in making announcement of their services, etc. We hope to have all the churches represented.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Lord's Day services: Bible School, 9:45 a. m. Preaching and communion, 11 a. m. Junior C. E., 4 p. m. Senior C. E. 6:45 p. m. Preaching, 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Bible reading at this time will be the 5th chapter of Romans.

The public is cordially invited to attend all these services.

HOMER L. MAGEE,
Minister.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Bible and "Christian Science" will be the subject of the morning sermon.

The pastor is preaching a series of sermons on the Sayings of Jesus on the Cross, Sunday nights. Next Sunday night he will talk on the second saying, "I thirst."

A special invitation is extended to the young men who are in town from the ranches to attend our services.

J. B. COLE,
Pastor.

Ministers Meet.

The first meeting of the Ministers' Association of Pecos since the organization, was held Wednesday morning at the home of C. S. McCarver.

The meeting was well attended and was a good feast. Matters pertaining to the betterment of our community were discussed. There are a multitude of questions that confront the Christian community that we can meet as a united force, and the Association hopes that this community shall so meet them.

The Association adjourned to meet with Bro. Smith, Dec. 19, at 7:30 p. m., to transact some unfinished business.

SECRETARY.

Board Meeting.

A meeting of the Board of the El Paso Baptist Association is called for December 20, at 9 a. m., at the Baptist church in Pecos. This is the special annual meeting and a full attendance is desired. All our churches and missionaries are requested to be represented in the meeting.

J. B. COLE,
Corresponding Secretary.

Fire works at Pecos Drug Co.

Christmas Tree at Baptist Church.

At a meeting of the officers and teachers of the Baptist Sunday school at the pastor's home Monday night, arrangements were made for a Christmas Tree, to be held on Saturday night, Dec. 24, 1910. At this meeting the following committees were appointed to make all necessary arrangements for the tree, purchasing presents, etc:

Tree committee: J. L. Westerman, M. E. Campbell, S. W. White, Earl Collings, Gid Rowden, jr.

Purchasing committee: All teachers and assistants.

Decorating committee: Miss Ruby Grady, Miss Laro Blevins, Miss Minnie Staas, J. L. Westerman, Sam W. White, Chas. J. Charske; all lady teachers.

Distributing committee: Mrs. Thomason's class.

Entertaining committee: Old Santa Claus—he'll be there.

Rev. Burkett to Lecture.

Rev. J. C. Burkett, pastor of the Baptist church at Midland, will deliver a lecture at the Baptist church in our city on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 7:30 o'clock. This lecture will be of special interest to all Bible students and Rev. Burkett's late travels in that interesting country—Palestine—will add greatly to his ability to interest his hearers.

Is Ours a Christian Nation?

Beginning next Sunday evening, we shall preach seven sermons in answer to the above question. Here are the subjects of the several addresses:

Dec. 11, "America's Unique Position."

Dec. 18, "Our Institutions—Some Inconsistencies."

Dec. 25, "Two Strangers in the Same House."

Jan. 1, "The Devil's Trio."

" 8, "Worse than Wasted."

" 15, "A Divided House."

" 22, "A Vision of Hope."

A hearty invitation is extended to all. Come and bring a friend. Good music.

HOMER L. MAGEE.

[Note.—A summary of above discourses will appear in the Record from week to week as delivered.]

Brown & Martin are now in J. W. Moore's auto building near the courthouse and have all kinds of auto supplies on hand and are prepared to do all kinds of auto work. tf

E. D. Balcom of Balmorhea was in Pecos this week on business.

Headlight Overalls, \$1 a pair.
—W. T. Read Merc. Co.

"The Man of the Hour."

At the Music Hall on December 11 the special production of "The Man of the Hour" will be seen in this city, and as local theatre goers have heard and read much about this great play there is no doubt that there will be a good house. This successful drama has scored one of the most legitimate hits of recent years. So frequently do the bits of humor break through the pathos and more serious parts of the play that it resembles an April day with the rays of sunshine intermittently breaking through the showers. A cast of unusual strength will present this play with a complete new scenic production. Prices \$1.50, \$1 and 75 cents. Seats now on sale at the City Pharmacy.

NOT ANYTHING SO WONDERFUL

Simple Explanation of Benny's Promotion in the Realm of the Schoolroom.

Benny's intellectual achievements were far from notable, but in the eyes of his small sister he was none the less a wonderful personage, says the Youth's Companion. She keenly resented allusions to his lengthy stay in the last desk row at school, although Benny himself took quite a cheerful and philosophic view of the matter.

One afternoon the little girl appeared, flushed and panting in the library doorway.

"Daddy," she exclaimed, "you promised Benny a dollar when he got moved off the bottom bench, and now he's up in the next row with me—and," Benny himself entered just then, in his usual unconcerned way.

"Why, what's this I hear, my son?" his father welcomed him, "I'm very glad you've worked your way up—" The boy stared uncomprehendingly. "Elsie says you're in the second row now," his father continued, in explanation.

"Course," returned the youngster, imperturbably. "We're all in the second row—the bottom bench's being painted."

SOARING TO HEIGHTS SUBLIME

Minstrelsy that Might Suit the Most Finical of Residents of the Modern Athens.

"Mistah Howjames, may I ask yo' to point out the distinction 'tween a Roman stoic philosopher an' a metrical narration, in lofty an' impressive style, of some great historical event, de same being a part of de scholastic co'se prescribed in our institutions of learning?"

"No, Mr. Ticklewell, I confess my inability to discern the points of differentiation. Will you set forth categorically the reason of reasons why a Roman stoic philosopher should not be confounded with a lofty and impressive metrical narrative of some great historical, mythological or imaginary event, legend, tradition, et cetera?"

"Yes, suh; de one am Epictetus, an' de uddah am an epic taught us."

"Ladies and gentlemen, I have the pleasure of announcing that the renowned scholar and essayist, Prof. Wendell Osgoodson will recite on this stage of the proceedings, his celebrated monologue on 'The Apotheosis of the Ephemeral.'"

NOT SATISFACTORY.

The judge stared hard at the accused man.

"You are charged," he said, "with robbing a limburger cheese factory. Have you anything to say?"

"Judge," the prisoner hoarsely replied, "I was driven to it by hunger."

The judge shook his head portentously.

"Six months at hard labor for the larceny and six months for the excuse," he growled. "Call the next case."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.



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W. L. Carmichael of Montclair was in the city on business last week.

E. L. Patterson and T. H. Baughman of Balmorhea, were in Pecos Sunday.

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MERRY MOMENTS OF POETS

Recorded Remarks of Visitors That
Furnished Amusement to the
Writers.

It is not every poet who possesses the sense of humor. Longfellow had it in unusual degree, writes William Winter in "Old Friends." Nothing absurd escaped him. Among the relics that he especially treasured was an inkstand, once the property of Coleridge. One day, showing that relic to a stranger who had called on him, he said: "Perhaps 'The Ancient Mariner' was written from this." "Yes," said his visitor, "and 'The Old Oaken Bucket,' who done that?"

An admirer of Longfellow's once wrote him, saying: "Please send your autograph in your own handwriting."

He has recorded a characteristic dialogue with a strange lady, who accosted him one summer morning at his house door.

"Is this the house where Longfellow was born?"

"No, he was not born here."

"Did he die here?"

"No, he is not dead."

"Are you Longfellow?"

"I am."

"I thought you died two years ago."

That recalls the intelligent remark made to Walter Savage Landor by a lady who rushed to compliment him on his "Pericles and Aspasia."

"Mr. Landor," she said, "I haven't had time to read your 'Periwinkle and Asparagus,' but I hear it is very good."—Sunday Magazine of the Milwaukee Sentinel.

KAISER UPSETS TIME TABLE

When He Travels People Are Locked
in Stations and All Traf-
fic Stops.

Whenever Emperor William has occasion to use the imperial train he deranges the traffic for hundreds of miles around his line of travel, the New York World's Berlin correspondent says. His passion for punctuality vexes his suite and exasperates the stolid German officials, whose entire day's work is put out of gear by the passing of the familiar "yellow special."

On his recent journey from Berlin to visit his friend, Count Furstenberg at Donaueschingen an unexpected change of locomotives was necessary. During the wait the emperor paced angrily up and down his saloon, repeatedly inquiring of his attendants when they intended to start again.

Meanwhile all along the line delayed passengers were locked in waiting rooms until he was at a safe distance.

On the stretch from Baden-Baden to Donaueschingen it was found necessary to cancel not less than five trains for the day, while a dozen others left for their destination hours late.

In the days of lese majesty the public dared not complain of such monstrous inconvenience, but now it has grown vocal enough and the emperor has been made aware that when he chooses to travel he must have some thought for the comfort and the business of his subjects.

HE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND.



Mrs. Shopper—Dress goods will be much higher soon.

Mr. Shopper—I'm glad of that. I never did like these décolleté costumes.

IN THE FEUD COUNTRY.



Traveler—These feuds have become a disgrace.

Native—Right you are! They have become a disgrace. Why yesterday two bunches of feuders met right in this village, and by cracky, they peppered one another for half an hour and nary a one wuz killed. Such poor shootin' is a disgrace, sah!

HIS LAST JOKE.

The following incident occurred at a Liverpool bar the other night, says a London exchange:

There were three men standing at the bar, when a peddler entered and called for a drink. The manager was just leaving the premises at the time, but, spotting the peddler, he whispered to the other customers that he would play a trick on him by giving him a bad two-shilling piece.

Going up to his victim, he purchased a knife.

"Oh, never mind the change, I'm in a hurry," he said, as he rushed out of the bar.

The peddler scrutinized the coin, and, with a merry twinkle in his eye, ordered drinks all round. The manager's wife supplied the refreshments called for, and, taking the bad two-shilling piece, handed over the change. The peddler then departed.

Two minutes afterward back came the manager to see how his little trick had worked.

He never played any more tricks after that one.

NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE

Cosmic Therapeutics Teaches That
We May Be Whatever We
Wholly Desire to Be.

We are living hourly in a world full of intelligent substance, from which we fashion our own body and environment. There is no limit set for us save the one our own understanding places upon us. We may have and hold and use all there is to use in just the hour we awaken to our own powerful natural possession.

The moment a life desires anything it becomes related to that thing, through the simple law of the mind of the atoms and this establishes a link which will forever fix the union. Desire is the prophecy of fulfillment and when rightly directed will bring to us even the things which we have once called impossible.

Desire is the first outreaching of the law; it is the God push within us trying to get us into relationship with the things which the universal mind has always had in store for us, waiting the hour of our comprehension.

We may be whatever we wholly desire to be and our objective expression will follow us in form to the very limit of the power with which we plunge our consciousness.—The Nautilus.

A WATERMAN'S PERPLEXITY.

Noah was perturbed. "It's all very well for Hill to cry 'Back to the land,' he said, 'but what is a fellow to do when there isn't any?'"

Herewith he sent out another dove.

WISE RULES FOR LONGEVITY

Those Laid Down by the Celebrated
Wu Ting-Fang Seem Both Simple
and Sane.

The delightful Mr. Wu Ting-fang, lately ambassador from China to the United States, is described in Miss Juliet Bredon's book on her uncle, Sir Robert Hart, as having certain theories concerning one's diet and one's mental attitude toward life which have had much currency among orientals of late years.

Wu Ting-fang prided himself upon his alert manner, which made him appear much younger than he really was, and his favorite boast was that he meant to live to be 200. Furthermore, he would explain how the feat was to be accomplished.

The first thing, naturally, was diet. The man who would cheat time should live on nuts, like the squirrels. Under no conditions should he touch salt, and he should begin and end each meal with a teaspoonful of olive oil.

"I have hung scrolls in my bedroom," Wu Ting went on to explain, "with these sentences written upon them in English and in Chinese: 'I am young, I am healthy, I am cheerful.'"

"Immediately I enter the room my eye falls upon these precepts. I say to myself, 'Why, of course I am, and therefore I am.'"

Was ever simpler or saner method discovered for warding off old age?—Youth's Companion.

ENGLISH CLIMATE ONCE MILD.

That a finer climate once prevailed in England has at last been proved. They have unearthed paleontological evidence of it. When the Romans did Britain the honor of living in England they seem then to have enjoyed the better weather. For Mr. Clement Reid assures us that the fig and grape seeds which he has dug out of Roman dust heaps at Silchester, Caerwent and Pevensey were the offspring of fig trees and vines that grew on English soil. Of the plants introduced by the Romans these ancient dustheaps reveal the pea, the bean, the mulberry, the apple, the cherry; but the peach, the apricot and the almond seeds are all missing. The fact that all the fruits and spices found are only such as could be grown in Britain now seems to show that the Romans were not importers of fruit in the dried state and that the mulberry seeds represent a native growth.—Boston Transcript.

COMET LONG LOOKED FOR.

They were watching for the comet in Pepys' day, though Halley at the time was but eight years old. "My Lord Sandwich this day," says the diarist, December 21, 1664, "writes me word that he hath seen at Portsmouth the comet and says it is the most extraordinary thing he ever saw." Again on the twenty-fourth: "Having sat up all night till past two o'clock this morning, our porter being appointed, comes and tells us that the bellman tells him that the star is seen upon Tower hill; so I, that had been all night setting in order of my old papers in my chamber, did now leave off all and my boy and I to the Tower hill, it being a most fine, bright, moonshine night and a great frost, but no comet to be seen." Later the same day, however, Pepys "saw the comet, which now, whether worn away or no, I know not, appears not with a tail, but only is larger and duller than any other star."

THE FIRST STORY.

"Why is humility the foundation of all structures of virtue?"

"I suppose it is because humility is abasement."—Baltimore American.

FORCE NEEDED.

Youngwed—I always crack up my wife's biscuits.

Mr. Bachelor—Heavens! Are they as hard as that?

Begin Early To Do Your Christmas Shopping

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North Pole, Dec. 1, 1910.

Dear Boys and Girls:

Christmas is here again and as usual I have all my toys at the City Pharmacy. You will find just what you want at their store.

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SCHOOL NOTES.

The students of the public school are preparing to give an evening's entertainment on Dec. 17. The program will be a number of specialties, including drills, readings, choruses and plays. Come out and encourage the children.

We, the teachers and pupils, take this method of expressing our appreciation to the City Pharmacy for the excellent dictionary stand recently presented by them to the school.

Ruby L. Grady,
Edgar Keasler,
Mina Vawter,
Grace Cole,
Committee.

Prof. Walker gave the school a very interesting talk. Some readings of the students' and teachers' characters made the work especially entertaining.

Friday, the 16th inst., will be Parents Day instead of the fourth Friday. This change is made because school will not be in session during the last week before Christmas. The county institute will be in session during that week and the public is especially invited to attend these meetings.

The people responded with their usual generosity for the purchase of the premiums won on the recent display. We have never seen a more ready response than the good citizens of the town made in these donations. We as pupils and teachers most heartily thank them for their kindness and generosity.

The thing that most interests the students and teachers is the fact that the bonds have been sold and work can soon begin on the new school building.

A. W. Procter, an old friend of Supt. Long, was a pleasant visitor at school Friday. Mr. Procter is

manager of the Montclair Development Co. of Montclair, Texas.

The enrollment to date in the public school is 363.

Parents should see that their children are at home and study during each school night of the week.

Temperance Rally Wednesday Night

Anti-Saloon League Hold Rousing Meeting at Christian Church.—Many Interesting Speeches.

The prayer meetings at the various churches of the city were suspended Wednesday night on account of the temperance mass meeting at the Christian church under the auspices of the Anti-Saloon League of Reeves county. The league is non-sectarian and non-political and the speeches were along educational lines and were intended to strengthen the temperance movement.

The service opened with the singing of "My Country 'Tis of Thee," followed by prayer, after which a male quartet under the leadership of M. L. Swinehart gave a splendidly rendered temperance selection.

Rev. C. S. McCarver, the chairman, briefly stated the object of the meeting and introduced Col. Waskom, of Saragosa, the first speaker of the evening, who paid Pecos several nice compliments. Among other things Col. Waskom called attention to the large percentage of insanity cases directly traceable to alcoholism and especially hereditary insanity among the children of drunkards, the sins of the fathers being thus visited upon the children.

Rev. H. M. Smith was called to the rostrum by the chairman and

in a few happily chosen words introduced District Judge S. J. Isaacks, whom he characterized as "every inch a man." He said he would use a Bible quotation in introducing the Judge, and quoted the passage that "In Isaac shall the land be blessed." Judge Isaacks' topic was "Prohibition as related to law enforcement," and said that in a certain county in Texas with legalized saloons the criminal courts have three times as much business as certain "dry" counties in West Texas with three times the population, and speaking from a judicial standpoint said that he preferred that there be not a saloon in his district. He briefly outlined the restrictions that are now placed upon the saloon business, and said that every session of the legislature draws the reins a little tighter.

Judge Ross was introduced by the chairman and greatly pleased the audience, making an eloquent appeal to men to be true and courageous. His ideal is the man that can do what he ought to do, at the time he ought to do it, regardless of consequences.

A canvass of the audience was made and nearly 100 names were enrolled. S. W. White, the secretary and treasurer, reports that the collection taken amounted to \$9.51.

After the general meeting closed there was a meeting of the county executive committee with several other citizens interested in the work to discuss plans for the future. The church was comfortably filled, there being many out-of-town visitors present, and the remarks of all the speakers were well received and heartily applauded.

Miss Lena Cole, who has been teaching school in Panama, has returned home for the holidays.

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