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SMALLER PLACES.

Population of Seventy-Nine of the Texas Cities

AS GIVEN BY CENSUS BUREAU

Shows a Most Gratifying Increase and Evidence that the State Has a Large Urban Constituency.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The population of certain incorporated places in Texas having a population of more than 2000, but less than 25,000, is as follows:

Abilene 3411, Austin, 22,258, Bastrop 2145, Beaumont 9427, Belton 3700, Bonham 5042, Bowie, 2600, Brownwood 3963, Brenham 5968, Brownsville 6305, Bryan 3589, Calvert 3322, Cameron 3341, Clarksville 2069, Cleburne 7193, Comanche 2070, Corpus Christi 4073, Corsicana 9313, Crockett 2612, Cuero 3422, Denison 11,807, Denton 4187, Dublin 2370, El Paso 15,906, Ennis 4919, Gainesville 7874, Georgetown 2790, Gonzales 4297, Greenville 6860, Hearne 2129, Hillsboro 5346, Honey Grove 2483, Huntsville 2485, Jefferson 2850, Kaufman 2378, LaGrange 2392, Lampasas 2107, Laredo 13,429, Lockhart 2306, Longview 3591, McKinney 4312, Marlin 3092, Marshall 7855, Mexia 2492, Mineral Wells 2048, Navasota 4857, New Braunfels 2097, Oak Cliff 3660, Orange 3835, Palestine 8297, Paris 9358, Rockdale 2515, San Marcos 2292, Seguin 2421, Sherman 10,243, Smithville 2577, Sulphur Springs 3635, Taylor 4211, Temple 7067, Terrell 6330, Texarkana 5256, Tyler 8069, Victoria 2410, Waco 20,656, Waxahachie 4215, Weatherford 4766, Wichita Falls 2480.

Large Deal.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 9.—A transaction was consummated involving over \$200,000. By the terms of the deal, negotiations for which have been pending several months, the Texas and Pacific Coal company of Thurber takes over all the property and franchises of the Thurber Brick company in Erath county, so stated General Manager John C. Phelan of the latter company. Further particulars of the transaction were not given out.

Not a Click.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 9.—Friday developed no new feature in the strike of the telegraph operators on the line of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railway. Not a click of a telegraph instrument was heard here at the freight depot or uptown office of that road. It was said by City Agent T. P. Fenelon that the trains on the Santa Fe were running on schedule time and that there would be no cessation in operation of trains.

Favors Reduction.

Muskogee, I. T., Dec. 9.—Indian Agent J. Blair Shoefelt has departed for Washington, where he goes to confer with the officials of the interior department and look after Indian legislation affecting the tribes under his charge. Agent Shoefelt states that he will renew his recommendation that the Indian police force be cut down to something like ten members.

American Federation of Labor.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 9.—Although 6 o'clock had been set for the hour of adjournment, the business of the second day's session of the Federation of Labor was completed at 11:15 o'clock Friday morning and adjournment taken to give the committees time to prepare the uncompleted reports. All the reports were called for by President Gompers, but none save that of the credentials committee was ready, and it was acted upon.

Memphis Gets It.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 9.—The most dramatic incident in the entire session of the Southern Industrial convention occurred when it came to the selection of the next meeting place. Waco had been conceded to be a winner. Every one was expecting to vote for the Texas city. Delegates were pledged and they were there prepared to execute their pledges with votes. Mayor J. W. Riggins of Waco arose and in nominating his city made one of the best speeches of the convention. It was eloquent and to the point. He left his audience enthusiastic for Waco.

The Texas delegation had selected Mr. Little of San Antonio to second the nomination of Waco. That gentleman arose and delivered a eulogy on San Antonio; however waived her rights and would second the nomination of Waco.

The Texas cause fell with a thud. The apparent lack of discretion in the seconding speech killed Waco like a shot. The delegates were discouraged and they voted for Memphis, which city won by an overwhelming majority after Waco had the battle fairly won.

The population of Berlin is put at 1,884,445.

Mule Joke Serious.

Jeffersonville, Ind., Dec. 9.—Action of Thomas and Martin O'Neil, who drove a mule into the dining-room where their father, Thomas O'Neil, one of the oldest and wealthiest men in this city, was partaking of a feast in company with his newly made bride, may result in the death of Mrs. Thomas Paxton, who lives over the O'Neils at 115 Park street. Mrs. Paxton was ill at the time and was thrown into hysterics by the kicking and braying of the mule in the hallway below, accompanied by the sounds of blows, intermingled with curses from the O'Neil brothers. The O'Neils have been placed under arrest.

Students Judges.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 9.—At the livestock exhibition twenty-two students, representing colleges with exhibits in the various departments, passed on the merits of all the animals on exhibition that had not been passed upon by the regular judges. Prizes of \$1000 in cash and of silver cups are offered to the student showing the best judgment, this point to be decided by the regular judges, who will examine the stock passed upon by the students.

Recommends Payment.

Washington, Dec. 9.—In relation to the lynching in LaSalle county, Texas, on Oct. 5, 1895, of Florentino Suaste, a Mexican citizen, the president in a special message that he sent to the senate recommends that the Mexican government be paid \$2000 for the heirs of the victim. The recommendation is made from motives of humanity.

Felt at Cleburne.

Cleburne, Tex., Dec. 9.—Probably no place on the Santa Fe feels the effects of the telegraphers' strike more than Cleburne. This place is the end of four divisions, and a large number of trainmen have their homes here. Since the strike was ordered very few freight trains are being run, thus leaving many crews idle.

Many Attend.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Never since the birth of the new navy has there been such a gathering of shipbuilders and metal kings as were assembled in the office of the secretary of the navy at noon Friday to witness the opening of bids for an amount of naval construction which Secretary Long called the greatest industrial event this or any other country has ever seen.

FORTS AND JETTIES

What the Board of Engineers Has to Recommend

RELATIVE TO REPAIRING INJURY

To the Property of the Government at the Island City and the Estimated Cost of the Same.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The secretary of war has transmitted to congress the report of the board of engineers relative to the cost of repairs for the fortifications at Galveston, damaged in the September storm. The report estimates that it will cost \$568,000 to repair Fort San Jacinto, \$301,000 to repair Fort Crockett and \$123,000 to repair Fort Travis, an aggregate of \$992,000. The report states that it is possible that all the batteries will sustain additional damage before the work of restoration can be undertaken and that probably Fort Crockett may become a total wreck.

In this case additional estimates are made as follows:

Fort San Jacinto \$20,000, Fort Crockett \$158,000 and Fort Travis \$60,000; a total of \$238,000. As the additional estimates will be made necessary by the time the work can be commenced, the estimate for the restoration of the forts aggregates \$1,230,000. The importance of immediate action is strongly urged as the damage to the foundation piling under the concrete is rapidly progressing. This protection can be obtained by filling sand around these piles at a cost \$15,000 for the several batteries requiring this protection. The apparently great cost of repairs and reconstruction as compared with the original of the forts is explained by the fact that the scheme of restoration contemplates additional storm protection, the necessity for which was demonstrated by the great storm.

The secretary of war sent to the senate the reports of the board of engineers concerning the effects of the Galveston storm of last September on the jetties in the vicinity of that city. The board finds that \$1,500,000 will be necessary to repair the jetties at Galveston and \$175,000 for the repair of the Brazos river jetties. The board places the loss of life at 5000.

At The Hague.

The Hague, Dec. 8.—Mr. Kruger arrived here and was greeted at the station by the burgomasters and councillors. A choir of 600 men and girls chanted Psalm 72, verses 6, 7 and 11. The former president and his suite then repaired to the royal waiting room, where the burgomaster warmly welcomed them in a brief speech. Then followed Dr. Sprink, the president of the local South African association, in a long welcoming address.

McLennan county's new courthouse is to cost \$195,000.

Atrocious Murder.

Corsicana, Tex., Dec. 8.—Mrs. James L. French, the wife of a well known young farmer, was brutally murdered at her home, three and a half miles southwest from Barry, in the western part of this county, between 3 and 6 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, and a negro named Anders Norris, charged with the crime, is now under arrest.

The Frenches were renters on a farm belonging to Mr. Wiley Johnson of this city and had made and sold their crops and were getting ready to leave for west Texas. Mr. French left his wife and mother at home at noon to take a load of corn to Barry. While returning to load his wagon again neighbors met him with the news that his wife had been murdered. The woman's skull had been crushed and there were evidences of a terrible struggle.

Operators Out.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 8.—At 11 o'clock Thursday morning 150 operators and agents of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe quit work under orders from President M. M. Dolphin of the Order of Railway Telegraphers. This action came not unexpected, in view of the circumstances surrounding the efforts of General Manager Polk and other Santa Fe officials and the grievance committee of the telegraphers to agree upon a settlement of the trouble growing out of the demand of the operators for the adoption of new rules and wage scale on the line. It was announced that negotiations were at a standstill and that there was no prospect of an amicable settlement of the differences between the railroad and the employes.

President Dolphin stated that he had received an absolute refusal from Vice President Baer of the Santa Fe to arbitrate, and this settled the matter and he ordered an immediate strike. President Dolphin went on to say that the Santa Fe officials had presented a schedule of wages which proposed the reduction of salaries under the old scale of about \$130 a month; that the telegraphers through their committee had offered Thursday, to reduce the demand for ten hours consecutive rest out of every twenty-four to eight hours rest, but that all these propositions were rejected by the company. Continuing, he stated that reductions had been proposed by the company at nineteen stations and that fifteen other stations had been abolished by the company, that the Santa Fe company had refused to even consider the operators' demand for fifty-five dollars as a minimum scale of wages. There were walkouts at Gainsville and other points.

Tried to Kill His Family.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 8.—William Seaton, aged 32 years, formerly of Decatur, Ill., attempted to exterminate an entire family, his relatives, at South Park, nine miles from Seattle. With an ax he smashed in the heads of four people, leaving them for dead, then shot one man in the back and attempted to kill a deputy sheriff. Before finally being captured Seaton was shot twice, but not fatally, by Deputy Sheriff Kelley.

The only one killed outright was Seaton's uncle, Daniel Richards. Seaton broke in the head of his sister, Mrs. Roy Clark, but her recovery is hoped for. The other two victims were Myrtle and Hazel Hapgood, aged 10 years, children of a former husband of Mrs. Clark. The skulls of the little ones were crushed and then the bodies were thrown into a manger in the barn. It was supposed they were dead, but a late report from the county hospital says that the skull of the children has been raised.

Young Boy Sentenced.

New York, Dec. 8.—Owen Squire, 18 years old, convicted last week of manslaughter in the second degree for the killing of Lizzie Sill, has been sentenced by Judge Moore to six months in the county jail.

Authorized to Sign.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The state department has been informed that the foreign ministers at Peking reached an agreement. Secretary Hay cabled Mr. Conger authorizing him to sign the agreement on behalf of the United States government. It is difficult to gather details of the understanding at this time. However, it is known that the two important issues are still open, namely, those relating to punishment and indemnity.

By a vote of 133 to 16 the army bill passed the house. The canteen was knocked out.

The City hotel at Devine, Tex., burned and Mr. Sweeney of Prio county was cremated.

Li Hung Chang says eighty rebel leaders have been put to death.

FLAG PRESENTED.

Pleasant Episode at Daughters of Confederacy Convention.

RETURN OF A CIVIL WAR RELIC

by a Lady from the Far-Away State of New Hampshire and the Scenes Incident to the Same.

Corsicana, Tex., Dec. 7.—There was another interesting episode of the meeting of the Daughters of the Confederacy. Mrs. Mary A. Lull, widow of Lieut. Col. Lull of the Eighth New Hampshire regiment, had arrived from her home at Milford, N. H., bringing with her the flag of a Texas regiment captured by her husband's regiment at Port Hudson in 1863.

The return of the flag preceded the memorial services, and it was a touching incident of the day. It is not known to what regiment the flag belonged. It was a compromise between the stars and stripes and the old stars and bars. It had one single star in a white field and across the field there are red and blue bars. It was made of more than one kind of fabric, and was in a good state of preservation.

Mrs. Lull was introduced by the president. Her address was beautiful and touching and as she talked of northern and southern soldiers, how they fought, how they died, both believing they were right, and how the softening hand of time had at last wiped out all bitterness and the nation was one people, the greatest and grandest on earth, old men and young men, old women and young women wept, and they all honored the messenger of peace and good will from the granite hills of the far away land. When Mrs. Lull had finished her address presenting the flag there was not a dry eye in the audience.

Miss Nell Nance of Palestine received the flag and in doing so delivered a responsive address that was beautiful. Before she could get through with her remarks feeling burst out and Miss Kate Daffan at the organ began playing "Yankee Doodle," which was received with cheers. She changed the tune to "Dixie," and there was a yell; the "Star Spangled Banner" followed and there was another outburst, after which Miss Nance finished her address.

Killed by a Cow.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 7.—Mrs. John Snow, aged 96, was almost instantly killed yesterday morning at the home of her son, Rufus Snow, near Grapevine. Mrs. Snow was in the barn yard and was attacked by a ferocious cow, which trampled her under foot and hooked her to death.

The death from alleged hazing of Cadet Booz will be investigated.

Mrs. Abbie Richardson, an American authoress, is dead in Rome.

Woman Murdered.

Corsicana, Dec. 7.—Between 4 and 5 o'clock Wednesday morning Mrs. Jas. G. French was brutally murdered at her home near Barry, this county.

Mr. French had taken a load of corn to Barry Wednesday and on his return was loading another when neighbors informed him that his wife had been murdered. When found she was grasping the stock of a small rifle, while her head had been crushed in several places.

Anderson Norris, a negro about 18 years old, was arrested and brought to Corsicana, charged with the crime. Mr. French had been selling off everything on the place preparatory to leaving for West Texas, and was supposed to have had much money on the place. No guilt of Norris

Large Attendance.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 7.—Wednesday's session of the Southern industrial convention opened with a very large attendance. The hall was hardly large enough to admit the delegates and the general public was turned away.

The first business on programme was the report of the committee on organization, but the committee was unable to report.

Shortly after 10 o'clock Cardinal Gibbons, escorted by a delegation of prominent citizens, clerical and lay, entered the hall and was given a most cordial greeting. His eminence, dressed in the red robes of his big office, opened the convention with prayer. He said he hoped that the dawning century would not close until the prophecy of Isaiah had been fulfilled, when swords would be beaten into ploughshares and sickles.

President Hargrove turned the gavel over to Vice-President Sidney Story, and the latter introduced Dr. Lyman Hall, president of the Georgia school of Technology, who spoke on technological education.

At the conclusion of Dr. Hall's address papers on the subject of technological education were read by Prof. Brown Ayres of Tulane university, Prof. R. B. Fulton of the university of Mississippi, and Prof. J. V. Calhoun, state superintendent of education of Louisiana.

A general discussion of the subject followed.

Resolutions were offered by V. W. Grubbs of Greenville, Texas, and adopted, expressing the sense that trade schools and schools of technology are imperative and essentials in the future development of the southern states, urging southern governors to impress liberal appropriations to practical and scientific education, and urging the cities in the south to establish manual training and trade schools for boys between the ages of 14 and 16.

Reagan Honored.

Corsicana, Tex., Dec. 7.—The appearance of Hon. John H. Reagan, before the Daughters of the Confederacy Wednesday put a stop to business and there followed an episode that was inspiring. The old Roman was escorted to the platform by Mrs. Kate Cabell Curry and Mrs. L. A. Daffan.

When this guest of honor turned to face the delegates there was a scene indescribable. The ladies clapped their hands, and while Mrs. Tobbin wined the Confederate flag over the head of the old gentleman Miss Katie Daffan struck up "Dixie" on the organ, and the entire convention joined in singing it.

Towne Senator.

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 6.—Chas. A. Towne announced that Gov. Lind had tendered him the United States senatorship, to succeed the late Senator Davis, and said that he had accepted the appointment. He has telegraphed the governor to that effect.

Five men were killed on the Grand Trunk railway near Inglewood Junction, Ont.

W. G. Gentleman, a stockman, shot four men at Platte Center, Neb.

Army Bill.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The house devoted Wednesday to the army reorganization bill, which was brought up under a special order adopted at the opening of the session, which limited general debate to two hours on a side. Lieut. Gen. Miles and a number of army officers were interested spectators throughout the day. Chairman Hull and Mr. Parker of New Jersey of the military committee (Republican) supported the bill and Mr. Cochran of Kleberg of Texas, McClure of New York, Shafroth of Tennessee (Dem.) and others opposed it, against it, sets (Rep.)

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THURSDAY, DEC 13, 1900.

Last Monday the Department of Agriculture gave out the government estimate of this years cotton crop which is 10,100,000 bales. The acreage being 25,034-734.

Weather such as we have been having the past week is one of the things that makes West Texas such a desirable country in which to live, but a gentle rain fell Tuesday night and perhaps by tomorrow a blizzard will be upon us, and we will sigh for a pocket stove.

Come One And All-

Wellborn has just returned from the East and has bought the largest stock of saddle and harness goods ever brought to Snyder. We ask all to come and get prices. We buy for spot cash and we will not be undersold. One price to all alike.

J3. WELLBORN & SON.

Says He Was Tortured.

"I suffered such pain from corns I could hardly walk," writes H. Robinson, Hillsborough Ills., "but Bucklen's Arnica Salve completely cured them." Acts like magic on sprains, bruises, cuts, sores, scalds, burns, boils, ulcers. Perfect healer of skin diseases and piles. Cure guaranteed by F. J. Grayum & Co.

Saw Death Near.

"It often made my heart ache," writes L. C. Overstreet, of Elgin Tenn., "to hear my wife cough until it seemed her weak and sore lungs would collapse. Good doctors said she was so far gone with Consumption that no medicine or earthly help could save her, but a friend recommended Dr. King's New discovery and persistent use of this excellent medicine saved her life." It's absolutely guaranteed for coughs, colds, bronchitis, asthma and all throat and lung diseases. 50c and \$1.00 at Grayum & Co. Trial bottles free.

He Never Used a Dodger-

John Wanamaker, the great Philadelphia merchant, and considered great authority on such a great success as an advertiser, is quoted as saying:

"I never in my life used such a thing as a poster, or a dodger, or handbill. My plan for fifteen years has been to buy so much space in a newspaper and fill it with what I wanted. I would not give an advertisement in a newspaper of 400 circulation for 5,000 dodgers or posters. If I wanted to sell cheap jewelry or run a lottery scheme I might use posters, but I would not insult a decent, reading public with handbills. The class of people who read such things are poor material to look to for support in mercantile affairs. I deal directly with the publisher. I say to him: 'How long will you let me run a column of matter through your paper for \$100 or \$500, as the case may be. I let him do the figuring, and if I think he is not trying to take more than his share I give him the copy. I lay the profits on a particular article of goods for advertising.

The first year I laid out \$40,000. I have since then laid out \$100,000 a year, and shall continue to do so until the profits success to them I have made.

XMAS EXERCISES.

A Meeting Held Monday Night to Decide on Some Agreeable Plan.

Last Monday night representatives of the different Sunday schools and several citizens met at the court house in mass meeting. The meeting was called to order and W. T. Baze was elected chairman and E. W. Pool secretary.

Chairman Baze stated that the object of the meeting was to ascertain whether the different Sunday schools desired to hold separate Christmas exercises or whether there should be a union Christmas tree.

It was moved and seconded that each school arrange for their own entertainment. The question was discussed at some length and the prevailing sentiment seemed to be that there was no building in town large enough to accommodate the crowd likely to assemble at a union meeting and that it was best for each Sunday school to arrange their entertainment. It was also suggested that this conclusion was not prompted by selfishness by any means, but was forced, owing as before stated, to there being no building of suitable proportions.

It was recommended that the different schools announce their intentions not later than next Sunday afternoon.

HALLEN & BYRD'S

Bill of Fare During the Christmas Holidays.

Regular Meal,	25c
Soup,	10c
MEATS:	
Porter House Steak,	45c
"T" Steak,	25c
Plain Steak,	15c
Hamburg Steak,	25c
CHOPS:	
Pork Chops,	15c
Mutton Chops,	15c
Pork Sausage,	15c
Veal Cutlets, plain,	15c
Veal Cutlets, breaded,	25c
Hot Viennas with horse radish	10c
Link Sausage,	15c
GAME:	
Quail,	25c
Chicken, one-half,	25c
Chicken, whole,	50c
Turkey,	25c
Duck,	35c
FISH AND OYSTERS:	
Fish, fried,	25c
Oysters fried, dozen,	50c
Oysters fried, half dozen,	25c
Oysters scalloped, dozen,	50c
Oysters scalloped, half dozen,	25c
Oysters broiled, dozen,	50c
Oysters broiled, half dozen,	25c
Oyster stew, plain,	20c
Oyster stew, with milk,	25c
Oyster Loaf, whole,	60c
Oyster Loaf, one-half,	30c
OMELETS:	
Plain Omelet,	15c
Sweet Omelet,	20c
Vegetable Omelet,	25c
MEXICAN DISHES:	
En Chiladas	25c
Chili Wayeas,	20c
Chili Con Carna,	10c
Tamales, one dozen,	10c
Chili Mace,	10c
Chili y Frijoles,	10c
VEGETABLES:	
Potatoes, French fried,	10c
Potatoes, shoe strings,	10c
Potatoes, Coney Island chips	10c
Potatoes, Saratoga chips,	10c
Potatoes, scalloped,	10c
Potatoes, German fried,	10c
Patato patties,	10c
Potatoes, Lynoise plain,	10c
Potatoes, with onions,	15c
EGGS, ANY STYLE:	
Eggs plain,	10c
Eggs sheared,	15c
Eggs scalloped,	15c
Eggs boiled,	15c
PASTRY:	
Pies,	05c
Yankee Crullers,	05c
Doughnuts,	05c
DRINKS:	
Chocolate,	10c
Cocoa,	10c
Coffee,	05c
Tea,	05c
Milk,	05c

White is suffering with ... which was sprained ... fears it may yet

Flour!

There's no woman who wants to make good bread, that don't want good flour. They all want to make good bread—Guess they all do. Did you ever see a woman in your life that didn't claim to make the best bread in the country? Well, we keep good flour. The very best flour which we sell at \$2.25 per hundred, but that's outside of our story. There was a lady in our store the other day buying goods. She was a good woman; she trades at a good place; she was a saving woman, because she trades where she can save money. She wanted some flour and she wanted the best she could get, because she makes good bread, (they all do). She asked us for

Hamilton-Brown Flour!

Of course we didn't have it. Hamilton-Brown don't make flour, they make Shoes, and they make good shoes. We sell their Shoes. This woman knew they were the best Shoes she could get and she knew that if they did make flour it would be the best she could get. We thank this woman sincerely for her left handed compliment to the shoes we sell. Won't you come over and try our Shoes and Flour?

Your Money Back if You Want It.

Christmas

Every family in the United States will certainly think of some one thing that's come to them within the last 365 days to be thankful for, except, of course, MR. TURK GOBBLER AND FAMILY, But he's really thankful more days in the year than we are. He's thankful 363 days in the year because they are not our Thanksgiving and Christmas Days. We could hardly expect him to be thankful, gay and cheerful on his family's funeral days. But while his days are "few" they are not "full of trouble". He never voted for a defeated candidate and had some fellow with a big healthy laugh come around and hit him between the shoulders and say, "I told you so". He don't wander into the wrong store after a pair of Hamilton-Brown Shoes—allow the merchant to sell him a pair "just as good as" and then find out shortly after that there's no shoe "just as good as". He don't have those troubles.

Our Customers Don't Have Any Shoe Troubles.

Do you? We can't protect you from the "I told you so" evil—but we can wipe out your shoe troubles. We sell Hamilton-Brown's shoes. Don't get a pair "just as good as," but come here and get the best. GET A PAIR THAT WILL WEAR, That means a Hamilton-Brown.

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Largest Car-Load of Furniture
 THAT EVER STRUCK SNYDER,

From now until the 10th day of January, 1901, we propose to give BARGAINS that can not be excelled this side of wholesale prices.

Parlor Suits, Bed Room Suits, Iron and Wood Beds,
 Safes, Chairs of all Kinds, Rockers, Parlor and Kitchen.

Holiday Goods! The Gee Whizz

COME AND SEE.
Dodson & Wasson.

Did a Chinaman discover us?

Did the Chinese discover America?
 Students of America archeology have long believed that Mongolian feet found lodgement on this continent several hundred years before Columbus or any other European navigators sighted our shore, but this theory has lacked confirmation. Now, however, it is said that there has been found at Pekin records to prove that a landing was made on this continent by the Chinese in the year 499, or nearly 1,000 years before Columbus.
 The Chinese have accomplished about everything. They knew the art of printing five hundred years before it was discovered in Europe and we have been told that the use of electricity in such practical appliances as the telephone had been mastered and perhaps forgotten by the Chinaman long before the days of Benjamin Franklin.

There have been many students of early American history who have believed that they could evidence of Asiatic civilization in the works left by the ancients. The theory of these students has been a most natural one. The Chinese from the earliest days have been navigators of the ocean. It was perfectly possible for them, in the craft in which they sailed, to have reached the western shore of the American continent by way of Japan and the Aleutian islands, and almost without losing sight of land. That is figuratively speaking, of course.
 It is not at all beyond the realms of possibility, therefore, that they should, a thousand or more ago, have reached the continent of this world. The records of this world's oldest civilization show that they were missing link in the chain

of evidence to prove Chinese discovery has been something to show that any of these early Mongolian navigators ever got back to China. If, therefore, it is true that records have been found at Pekin to prove this early discovery, we will have to begin and make over the history of the new world. Whether we pull Columbus off his pedestal, or whether we deem it necessary to send apologies to Spain for our Columbian exposition, which was designed to celebrate our original discovery, is perhaps immaterial to the discussion of a serious and very interesting phase of history. In any event we await with interest the confirmation of the alleged Pekin discovery.—Ex.

The Irl R. Hicks 1901 Almanac.

Whatever may be said of the scientific causes upon which the Rev. Irl R. Hicks bases his yearly forecasts of storm and weather it is a remarkable fact that specific warnings of every great storm, flood, cold wave and drouth, have been plainly printed in his now famous Almanac for many years. The latest startling proof of this fact was the destruction of Galveston, Texas, on the very day named by Prof. Hicks in his 1900 Almanac, by far the finest, most complete and beautiful yet published, is now ready. This remarkable book of near two hundred pages, splendidly illustrated with charts and half-tone engravings, goes as a premium to every subscriber who pays one dollar a year for Prof. Hicks' journal, Word and Works. The Almanac alone is sent prepaid for only 25c. Order from Word and Works Publishing Company, 2301 Locust Street, St. Louis, Mo.

Woman.

Even the quietest woman can make a bustle if she wants to.
 Time and tide wait for no man but it is different with a woman.
 Women had larger waists in ancient times—but men had larger arms.
 The most curious thing in the world is a woman who is not curious.
 Some handsome women are in reality not as handsome as they are painted.
 Trust not a woman's tears; it is her nature to weep when she wants her way.
 Women are like cats—both are graceful, both are domestic, and—both scratch.
 Some women can see nothing attractive in this world without the aid of a mirror.

Man.

A man isn't always cool when he shivers in the hour of danger. No gentleman will swear before a lady—let her swear first.
 A man always puts his best foot forward—a mule puts his backward.
 Some men have a gallon of words to every spoonful of thoughts.
 It never cools a man off when the street sprinkler throws water on him.
 A man smiles when you speak of his level head, but call it flat and he gets mad.
 Man is made of dust; along comes the watering cart of fate, and his name is mud.
 If it is true that the clothes make the man, some men ought to change their clothes.
 When a man is beside himself he should never place much confidence in his companion.
 LOST—Small gold nugget stick pin. Finder will be rewarded by leaving at this office or returning to Dr. A. G. Person.

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An Indiana man says he lives on six cents a day and enjoys the best of health. It may be that the Clay county woman was right when she explained the good health of herself and family by saying they did not get enough to eat to make them bilious.—Johnson County Review.

From Mexico, Mo., comes the report they have had forty-six additions to the Methodist church since the minister on last Sunday night lifted up an old-time fire and brimstone sermon to his hearers, all of which indicates that the old-time preacher is not altogether a lost quantity after all.—Austin Statesman.

The count of the vote cast in Texas for president and vice-president, as made up by the secretary of state, shows the result on the three most important tickets as follows: Democratic, 267,432; republican, 121,173; populist, 21,160. Four years ago the vote of the same parties was: Democratic, 284,298; republican, 158,811; populist, 76,926. The count shows the following losses on these tickets: Democratic, 16,866; republican, 37,638; populist, 55,766. Calhoun, Coke, Collingsworth, Crosby, Eastland, Ector, Franklin, Jack, Jefferson, Kaufman, Morris, Sabine, Shelby, Upshur, Ward and Wheeler counties made no returns for presidential electors. The returns from Bowie and Pecos were received after the count was closed, and returns from Victoria county were not in any way authenticated.—Johnson County Review.

The ladies of Scurry county are informed that McCall's Magazine is the handsomest home and fashion magazine in existence. This celebrated magazine offers beautiful premiums to all who raise clubs, and illustrates the famous McCall Bazar Patterns. The premiums offered are the handsomest in the world. It contains stories, literary articles and handsome colored fashion plates. The publishers wish one representative in every locality, and will send instructions and free prize offers to any lady who will mention this paper and send her name and address to the McCall Company, 144 West 14th Street, New York City. d20

Here is the kind of an obituary a Georgia editor puts up for a man:
 "Poor Jim Brown slung his earthly garments on a limb and swam the river yesterday. He didn't stand back because the weather was cold, but plunged right in and rose smiling and struck out for the other shore, where the angels were waiting for him with a better suit than he ever wore in his life. Jim was a poor man, but he had his subscription to his home paper paid up, and he got there in great shape."
 "His subscription to his home paper paid up!" That's one of the main passports he needed for admittance into another and better world. How do you stand on the Watchman subscription book? Like Jim, can you "read your tide clear to the Mansions in the sky," in this respect?—Panola Watchman.

Sanctified Wealth.

Several years ago when Mr. and Mrs. Stanford were traveling over the United States to secure ideas in starting The Leland Stanford Junior University, they were made the butt for many jests, both good-humored and ill-humored. The wealth of the bluff old pioneer has created, largely under the later manage-

ment and generous help of Mrs. Stanford, a beautiful university that is the pride of California. Sara K. Bolton, the well-known biographer, writes regarding the gifts of Mrs. Leland Stanford and her University work in the January DELINEATOR.

You are Thinking,

perhaps, of visiting the folks back home during the Christmas Holidays. If so, you want to GO THE BEST Way.

There is but one best way that is via the Texas & Pacific Railway. Anticipating the enormity of the movement to the Southeast, this line has arranged for special trains in addition to its regular service, and will give patrons the choice of going via either New Orleans, Shreveport or Memphis. Tickets will be sold to St. Louis, points in Arkansas and the Southeast, December 21 and 22nd, packed for return 30 days from date of issue. See any ticket agent about our splendid connections, free chair cars, reservation in sleeping cars, etc., or write to H. P. Hughes, Traveling Passenger Agent, Fort Worth, Texas, or H. P. Turner, General Passenger and Ticket Agent, Dallas, Texas.

Mexican Sweetmeats.

Together with a mass of other interesting domestic details appearing in the January Delineator, that issue contains an article on Mexican candies. This will be of interest to women who want to introduce novelties at the table during the holiday season. A practical article in the same number deals with winter vegetables, how to secure variety, and how to make the vegetables palatable.

Bits of Fun.

A woman says a bachelor's life is a magnificent breakfast, a passable lunch, and a miserable dinner.

When patronizing a Boston hotel don't forget that "culinary symposium" on the bill of fare means hash.

Photographs are seldom true to nature. No one ever saw a small boy as clean as he appears in a picture.

When a rich man suddenly becomes poor, or a poor man suddenly becomes rich, his true character crops out.

The youth, who is ashamed of his father's business isn't ashamed to squander the coin the old man made out of it.

Don't expect to get something for nothing. Value for value is the only honest rule in business, politics and morals.

The man who is always telling you that the coat doesn't make the man is the first to criticize an ill-fitting garment.

Expunge the accounts of man's inhumanity to man from the world's history and a small volume would contain the rest.

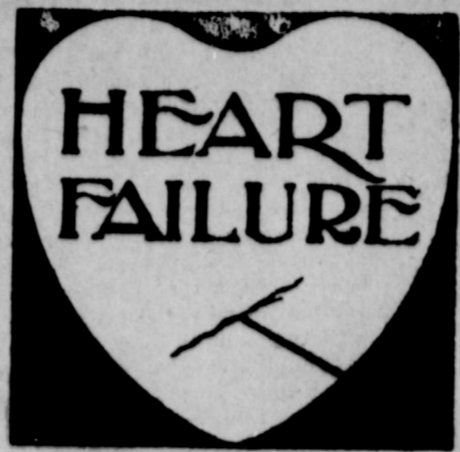
When cats wash their faces it's a sign of bad weather. When women use washes for their complexions it's a sign that the beauty of the day is gone.

The solemn look on the fathers face when he gives his daughter away at the marriage altar is amusing when one recalls how anxious he has been to get rid of her during the past ten years.

Johnson's Law Card.

Special attention is called to the new law card of Hon. C. C. Johnson, to be found in its proper place among professional cards.

Judge Johnson located here in April, 1890; and has stayed with us, "wet or dry." He has made new and valuable additions to his law library, has regained his health; and is ready to serve his people faithfully and honestly in his profession.



Every day adds to the list of deaths attributed to heart failure. If the truth were told the bulk of these deaths might be written down as due to stomach failure. For it is in the failure of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition, that "weak heart," "weak lungs," "weak nerves" and other forms of physical deterioration having their beginning. The man whose stomach is sound, who can digest and assimilate the food he eats, and so keep each organ of the body well nourished, is the man who is least liable to collapse under the sudden weakness of some vital organ.

The preservation of health which follows the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, is chiefly due to the fact that it perfectly and permanently cures diseases of the stomach and organs of digestion and nutrition, purifies the blood and increases the blood supply of the body. Weak people will find in this medicine a sure means of strength.

"I was under doctors' care for quite a time," writes Mr. J. P. Kidd, of Farmleyville, Wayne Co., Ky. "They had almost given me up, and my suffering was very great. My pulse was weak, breath short and I had severe pains in back, head and legs. Had palpitation of heart, and for eleven months I was not able to do a day's work. I purchased five bottles of Dr. J. C. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and by the time the fifth bottle was gone I was a well man." Dr. Pierce's Pellets regulate the liver.

Estray Notice.

The State of Texas }
 County of Kent } Taken up by
 Jerry Pursley and estrayed before
 J. W. Williams, J. P. Precinct 1.
 Kent county Texas the following
 described 3 head of horses viz:

One black horse about 8 years old 14 1/2 hands high branded D on left shoulder. One black horse about 10 years old 14 1/2 hands high branded A on left shoulder and J F A on left hip, also one bay horse about 8 or 9 years old 14 1/2 hands high branded OAK on left hip. The same being appraised at \$50.00, the owner of the above described animals is requested to come forward prove property, pay charges and take said property away or they will be dealt with as the law directs

Attest, Mark Hardin Clerk,
 County Court Kent County.
 Given under my hand and seal of office, this 13th day of Nov. A. D. 1900.

Mark Hardin Clerk
 County Court Kent County.

A Railway Change.

A circular has been received at this office, dated Nov. 1, from the Pecos System as follows.

Mr. F. P. Morgan, having tendered his resignation, the position of General Live Stock Agent for this Company has been abolished. The business of that department will be handled by E. W. Martindell, General Freight Agent.

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We use these dishes simply as an advertisement for our business. THE WAY TO OBTAIN THEM IS EASY. Trade with us and get your friends to trade with us, and we will do the rest by supplying you and them with these dishes FREE OF CHARGE.

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Secret Societies.

SCURRY Lodge No. 706. A. F. & A. M. Meets Saturday night on or before full moon. John A. Staveland, W. M.; C. C. Johnson, Secy.

BETHESDA Chapter No. 159 O. E. S. Meets same day as Masonic Lodge, at 3 p. m. Mrs. S. S. Scarborough, W. M.; C. C. Johnson, W. P.; Miss Jane Scarborough, Secy.

SNYDER Lodge No. 485. I. O. O. F. Meets Friday night before the first, third and fifth Sundays. A. G. Person, N. G.; B. L. Crump, Secy.

VALENTINE Camp No. 544. W. O. W. Meets last Monday night in each month. T. F. Baker, C. C.; A. J. Grantman, Clerk.

Churches Etc.

Christain Church. Preaching every third Sunday morning and evening. Eld. A. S. Henry pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m. G. W. Brown, Supt.

Primitive Baptist. Preaching every fourth Sabbath, and Saturday before. Rev. J. A. Bean, pastor.

Cumberland Presbyterian. Preaching second Sunday in each month. Rev. W. Werner, pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m. H. B. Patterson, Supt.

Methodist church.—Preaching first Sunday morning and night and third Sunday at night. Ed R Wallace pastor. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night. Sunday school at 10 a. m. A. J. Grantham Supt.

Baptist church.—preaching third and fourth sundays. Sunday school at 10 a. m. E. C. Dodson supt. Prayer meeting every Thursday night. J. A. Ogile, pastor.

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Look at the next ten people you meet and see how much is worn of the so-called jewelry. From a \$50.00 watch chain to a five cent stick pin. Jewelry has come to be a staple article of dress.

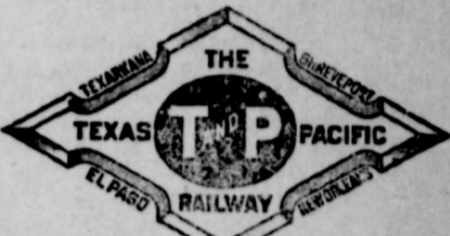
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LOCAL NOTES.

Wanted at this office for Xmas, a big Turkey.

W. D. Sims was in the city Monday.

Rooted honeysuckles for sale at Mrs. L. J. Nichols.

Matthew Looney has been quite sick for the past few days.

J. R. Manry returned Saturday from a flying trip to Dallas.

P. M. Wellborn came in Monday from a business trip to Dallas.

John W. Baker, who lives in the Light community, was in town the first of the week.

Just received a fine line of Holiday goods.

DODSON & WASSON.

Miss Ethel Grizzle was in from the ranch Monday, the guest of Miss Pearl Kutch.

Go to Hallen & Byrd when you want fresh fish and oysters, served in any style.

Dr. Scarborough is improving his residence this week by the addition of a room and portico.

Eddie Henry came up from Colorado to assist in the store during the holidays.

Miss Annie Ellis is quite sick this week. Her many friends will be glad to see her up again.

Go to Wellborns for seven feet, twist link trace chains, hames, harness goods, wagon covers and horse covers, collar pads. d28

Rev. W. W. Werner preached two very interesting sermons at the Cumberland Presbyterian church on last Sunday.

C. D. Martin left Monday for Colorado where he has accepted a position with the Burton-Lingo lumber company.

George M. Elkins, one of the prosperous raisers of fine cattle in Kent county, was in town Tuesday and gave us a nice order for stationery.

Dodson & Wasson are asking for your Christmas trade in this issue of the paper. See their large display ad on the fourth page.

W. A. Jones has been leveling up his lot on the east side of square preparatory to putting up a wagon yard in connection with his livery stable which he is preparing to open up.

If new type, first-class stock and a job printer with 15 years experience can please you, try us on your next order for anything in the job printing line.

Mrs. W. W. Beal and Miss May Beal, of Sweetwater, were here last week the guest of G. C. Buchanan and family, returning home Saturday.

Dr. Leslie is authority for the statement that P. M. Wellborn did not go to Dallas last week, but accepted a job of picking cotton for a few days near Colorado.

Wanted 40 cows, will pay good cash price for same, apply to Western Land and Live Stock Agency.

C. R. Kinchen, Gen. Mgr. Snyder, Texas.

Mrs. Emma Bibbee and children returned last Friday from a visit to Milford and was accompanied by her brother, Knox Kearse who will spend some time here.

A. S. Henry, of the firm of Henry & Aucutt, has been here several days the past week from Colorado assisting his firm in arranging for their grand holiday display.

P. M. Wellborn says that Riley Manry and F. J. Grayum could not stand the noise in the city of Dallas over night and left him, Riley returning home on the first train and Mr. Grayum going to a suburban village to keep from being disturbed by the noise of the cars.

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Where you will find the Largest Assortment and Cheapest Line of Useful Christmas Presents in town.
Dolls from 5 Cents to \$25.00.
The most complete line of Jewelry and Sterling Novelties.....
Don't forget we handle Furniture and Drugs, and will always treat you right.
Grayum & Co

There were more typographical errors in the paper last week than usual on account of a rush of work to get out on time, but we will watch the proof reader more closely in future.

Knives, Axes, Guns, no toys, Wagons Expressly for the boys. Chinaware free, you can pick it. Trade with me and get your tickets.
C. T. GIRARD & Co.

T. B. Woolverton of Willis Point, Texas, arrived here Tuesday on a prospecting tour. Mr. Woolverton is well pleased with the appearance of our country and will likely locate here.

J. C. Crockett was a pleasant caller at this office Monday. Mr. Crockett is a new-comer in this section, but is starting off right by planting shade trees and otherwise beautifying his new home.

Prof. Hudgins is setting his yard in shade trees and flowering shrubs. No home is complete without them, and if every one gave a little attention now to their yards, our town would soon show a marked improvement.

Richard Manry, brother of our townmen W. T. and J. R. Manry, has been here the past week from Denton county visiting his mother. This is a great pleasure to "Grandma," she not having seen him before in more than 8 years.

Jim Eudy, a boy 15 years old, weight about 120 pounds, tall, black eyes, dark hair and wore light check suit, leather belt and narrow brim hat; left home about Dec. 3. Information gladly received and rewarded by J. H. Eudy, or L. C. Darby, sheriff, Snyder, Texas.

W. A. Jones now has his passenger and express hack between here and Colorado in operation daily and is prepared to accommodate the public. He meets the west bound passenger train at Colorado every day and then comes to Snyder on good time. He solicits your patronage.

John Runyan and partner, carpenters from Colorado, arrived Monday and began the erection of Sheriff Darby's new residence in the east part of town. These gentlemen are said to be first class workmen and express a willingness to locate here if sufficient work is furnished them.

To My Friends.
Having accepted a position with Mr. F. Wilkerson, who recently purchased the R. H. Elkins livery stable and wagon yard, I wish to say to my friends of Snyder and surrounding country that I will be pleased to have their patronage and will endeavor to give one and all the most courteous treatment.
Very respectfully,
E. J. THOMPSON.

Officers Elected.
Last Friday night Snyder lodge No. 485, I. O. O. F. elected the following officers:
A. H. Thornton, noble grand; E. W. Pool, vice grand; W. H. Wilson, secretary; T. J. Ellis treasurer; Dr. A. G. Person, representative to the Grand Lodge; J. S. Jones, alternate representative.
The installation will be on Friday night, Jan. 4, 1901.

Music Recital.
Mrs. T. F. Baker, assisted by her class of music will give a Music Recital at the Kidd building on the west side of the square Saturday evening Dec. 15th.
To cover expenses of the recital the small admission fee of 25c for reserve seats 15c for general admission and 10c for children will be charged.
Reserved seats on sale at L. J. Nichols.

T. K. N. Scholarship
The free scholarship in the Texas Kindergarten Normal, offered one young lady in Scurry County is now all paid up except \$21. Any church, club, or individual sufficiently interested may finish paying for same and take it up at once.
For further information address:
President Texas Kindergarten Normal
Abilene - - - - Texas.

Yesterday was the one hundredth anniversary of Washington as the seat of government, the national capitol having been moved from Philadelphia 100 years ago, and the event was celebrated with elaborate ceremonies.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Office of Comptroller of the Currency.
Washington, D. C., Sept. 19, 1900.
WHEREAS, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "The First National Bank of Snyder," in the Town of Snyder, in the County of Scurry, and State of Texas, has complied with all the provisions of the statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of Banking;
Now THEREFORE I, Thomas P. Kane, Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "The First National Bank of Snyder," in the Town of Snyder, in the County of Scurry, and state of Texas, is authorized to commence the business of Banking as provided in Section Fifty one hundred and sixty nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I witness my hand and seal of office this nineteenth day of Sept., 1900.
[L. s.] T. P. KANE,
Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency.
No 5580.
We Need Money.
All parties due us either by note or account are requested to call and settle at once.
E. T. PRUITT.
B. L. Cooper of Colorado makes a specialty of fine watch repairing. Work guaranteed and prices reasonable.
Bring your hides and furs to Thomas Lockwood, north side of square, who pays the highest price for them.
Doas Bros., of Colorado, who's sale druggists, will give you the very closest prices on anything in their line and solicit your patronage.
M. T. Crawford, Colorado, Texas, has a large stock of fancy lump McAlister and other grades of lump and Nat coals. Special prices for country trade.
When you want up-to-date barber work, go to Matthew Looney west side of the square
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BEFORE SOUTHERN INDUSTRIAL

Convention, and the Distinguished Speaker's Words Were the Recipient of Close Attention.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 6.—The industrial convention assembled here Tuesday. It is presided over by President H. H. Hargrove, who was elected at the Huntsville convention, and there are delegates present from twenty states.

John B. Gordon of Georgia delivered a most eloquent address.

After detailing the changed conditions in Georgia and the evident prospects he continued as follows, in part:

"And now, in conclusion, let me say a word as to the whole south. I note that we are forbidden to talk politics. That suits me. Like my friend from Arkansas, I was in politics some years ago, but I have reformed. I have some things on my heart and mind which I propose to say. I say them not as a representative for the governor nor for the state, but I say them on my own responsibility, that our land, once the Niobe of nations, bathed in tears, isolated in her unspeakable grief, is no longer. But she is now rather noble Cornelia, pointing with just exultation to her triumphant Gracchi, conquering all foes and trampling under foot every barrier to her progress. She is still, it is true, and ever will be, Rachael, inconsolable at the loss of her truest child, because she is a brave mother, and still more refined, by fires through which she has passed, engulfing her sons who went down in war. For her and her children she asks no narrow policies, no Chinese walls, but she looks with palpating heart toward the boundless orient as an outlet for her great staples; she wants the Nicaragua canal, connecting the eastern and western oceans. She asks for the open door—and a wide open one—for a market for 11,000,000 bales of cotton, which she can see in the distant future, to convert into clothing for the nations."

Masonic Grand Lodge.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 6.—The Texas Masonic grand bodies met Tuesday in annual session with between 600 and 700 members in attendance. There was nothing of special importance in Tuesday's proceedings, which mainly consisted of the submission of reports in each of the grand bodies. The most worshipful grand lodge of Texas was opened at 10 o'clock, the grand officers in their respective stations. Pastmaster Lusk read his report.

Dixie Daughters.

Corsicana, Tex., Dec. 6.—The fifth annual convention of delegates, Texas division United Daughters of the Confederacy, was begun Tuesday morning in the Cumberland Presbyterian church in this city. At the opening of the convention there were present delegates from twenty-two chapters. There was an animated discussion precipitated by a resolution offered by Mrs. Stone of Galveston, requiring certificates as to qualifications of applicants for membership, and requiring all members making such application to show that they were real Daughters of the Confederacy. The discussion was participated in by a large number. Mrs. Stone advocated her resolution while Mrs. Katie Cabell Currie opposed.

Maxey's Ruling.

Laredo, Tex., Dec. 6.—In United States district court, sitting at Laredo, Judge Maxey made an important decision, which declared that his court had jurisdiction of cases of damages which are demanded for accidents happening on railroads in Mexico. Heretofore the Texas state courts have held a monopoly of this class of cases. Four suits on this account (damages) were tried.

Captured Ribbons.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 6.—Texas, the greatest cattle state and the foremost breeding ground in America, has demonstrated at this exposition, which is now conceded by all hands to be the biggest thing of the kind ever held, that when it comes to prize winning her name must be printed right along with the rest, and that, too, first. The fact is the Lone Star state had things almost its own way, as against states like Colorado, Wyoming, Kansas and Nebraska on range cattle, and walked off with several prizes aggregating nearly \$1000. In the southwest district, which included Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and Old Mexico, the Channing syndicate XIT carload of yearlings received all three prizes. In the calf competition the XIT's carried the blue and the red.

In the southern division, where all cattle are bred in that part of the United States and Mexico lying south of the United States quarantine line, A. F. Pannill of Kaufman received the second premium. In the sweepstakes, in which only one carload lot was eligible, the Panhandle XIT's yearlings that never saw corn, and did not know what hay looked like, got first money, with the famous Swan-Land Cattle company of Wyoming second, and Eugene Grubb, a prominent breeder of Colorado, third. But the winnings did not stop here.

In the fat cattle competition, the state fared equally well. Marion Sansom of Alvarado, who made himself famous at the Fort Worth Fat Stock show, is keeping up his reputation. The Alvarado feeder had a veritable walkover, getting first and second prizes, and Pannill of Kaufman came in for the white ribbon on fat yearlings.

In the 2-year-old steer class Sansom was an easy victor for the blue. Col. Columbus Slaughter of Dallas was awarded the second prize on fat 3-year-old steers, the first prize going to J. K. Tear of Ormondale, Ill., who had XIT steers.

Negro Disfranchisement.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 6.—Much interest is shown in the negro disfranchisement question of this state, which is to come before the constitutional convention soon.

Senator John W. Daniel is drafting a provision, which it is believed will stand a better prospect of successfully running the gauntlet of the court of last resort than the "grandfathers" clause of Louisiana and North Carolina. Senator Daniel's proposition is to exempt from illiteracy clause all persons from Virginia who served in any war. This would let in all illiterate ex-Confederate and Federal soldiers, white and black. The number of the two last named classes will be insignificant. The plan is based upon laws enacted by a Western state during the civil war, under which all persons who volunteered in the Federal army were given the right of suffrage.

Slew Wife and Self.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 6.—Mrs. Mary Webster Sallee, heiress to a portion of the large wealth left by Lawson Webster, a bachelor uncle, just as she was about to come into her legacy, after years in the kitchen and at the washtub, is lying with a bullet in her brain at St. Joseph's hospital. She was shot at her home in May street by her husband, Robert L. Sallee, who, after the shooting, sent a bullet through his own brain and died.

Cut His Wife's Throat.

Waxahachie, Tex., Dec. 6.—Tuesday night at 10 o'clock a negro by the name of Rene Bones, in a fit of jealous rage, cut the head of Henrietta, his wife, off with a bowie knife. When the officers were seen to be approaching he shoved the knife into his own throat inflicting a wound from which he may die.

Nine Killed.

Suisun, Cal., Dec. 6.—During a heavy fog Tuesday a train on the Southern Pacific railroad collided with a work train of five cars and an engine going east in a deep cut about 600 yards beyond Kalden's station, causing the death of nine workmen and injuries of a more or less serious character to twenty others. The victims were asleep in bunks on the work train.

DEMONIACAL DEED

Turpentine Poured on a Man in the City of Dallas

AND HIS CLOTHING SET ON FIRE.

Two Men Arrested, but the Feeling So Intense They Were Removed to the Tarrant County Jail.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 5.—Because of the outrage perpetrated here Monday morning at 1:30 o'clock, this city was stirred more deeply than for years.

Screams of agony brought policemen on a dead run to a saloon in East Dallas at the hour named. Seated in a chair, evidently unable to move, was a man whose garments were a mass of flames. Standing behind the bar, calmly smoking cigars as they watched their fellow-being roast to death, the officers allege, were two men.

"Bring some water here quick!" shouted an officer.

"Get it yourself," it is alleged one of the men retorted. "Let him die. What's the use of worrying over him?"

One officer took off his coat and with it beat out the fire. The man was sent to Parkland hospital, where he died at 6 o'clock that morning. Soon after his arrival at the hospital two men were brought before him for identification. Then it was that the discovery was made that his eyes had been burned out. The man was Pate Bain, for many years constable at Garland, in this county. Bain was married.

Ere his death the tortured man made a statement to Assistant County Attorney H. F. Lively.

Bain, said to be under the influence of liquor, reclined in a chair. While in this position nearly a pint of turpentine, it is alleged, was poured over him and a match applied. The flames shot up into the air fully two feet above his head. When the heat and pain partially revived him he called piteously for help, and when none came, screamed and attracted the officers. They found him burned from head to foot. Some portions of his body had already been reduced to cinders.

Policemen Brandon and Willis swore out warrants against Eugene Faulkner and J. W. Chapman. Murder is the charge. Faulkner and Chapman were promptly placed in the county jail and later taken to Fort Worth.

News of the manner in which Bain had met his death aroused the greatest indignation. Threats of lynching the men arrested were freely made. Monday night a number of men gathered in front of the jail, but nothing was done.

Russia has created several new consulates in Persia.

Health of the czar of Russia is steadily improving.

Crumpacker's Bill.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The business session consisted of swearing in new members and the reading of the president's message, and then adjournment out of respect for the deceased members.

The bill of general interest introduced in the house was Crumpacker's apportionment bill, the distinguishing feature of which is the proposed reduction of representation of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi and Louisiana. The first-named state is reduced one, North Carolina four and the others three. Crumpacker is going to urge the increase before the committee.

The senatorial committee decide, the ship subsidy bill must be acted on first.

Large Deal.

Beeville, Tex., Dec. 5.—A deal has been consummated within the past few days by which J. M. Chittim, one of the best known and richest cattlemen of southwest Texas, becomes the owner of the Kampman ranch, located near Normanna, in the northern part of this county. The sale includes 12,300 acres of land and 3500 head of high-grade Durham and Devon cattle.

Livestock Show.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 5.—With music and oratory, banners and bunting on every side, the International Livestock exposition was formally opened Monday night. It was expected that Hon. R. W. Hall of Texas would deliver the address, but he announced at the eleventh hour that pressing business detained him at home, and in his absence President John W. Springer of the National Livestock association spoke. He faced the audience of fully 17,000 people, and his flashes of wit at times caused a thunder of applause. It seemed as if Chicago had grown livestock crazy, for fully 8000 people were denied admittance to the exposition simply because the vast amphitheatre was crowded to suffocation and would hold no more people. The governors from six states were present, and representatives from as many foreign nations heard the address.

Mr. Springer said that the show was the greatest of its kind ever held in the world, and after paying a high tribute to the stockmen, he stated that he had the pleasure of shaking hands with a Texas cattleman who had but recently drawn his check for \$560,900 and put half a dozen Kentucky men out of business.

The reference was made to S. B. Burnett of Fort Worth, who some time ago bought the Louisville Land and Cattle company property.

Roswell Z. Herrick, vice president of the National Livestock bank, entertained several friends Monday night, including Hon. Mortimer Levering of Indiana, Hon. John W. Springer and Fred P. Johnson of Denver, Eugene Grubb of Colorado, O. P. Updegraff of Topeka, Mr. Wade, a distinguished stockman of Canada, Dr. G. Howard Davidson, a prominent breeder of New York, General Manager Skinner and others.

A toast was proposed to several absent Texans, and a response was delivered by President Springer, who said, among other things, that he was a child of Illinois by birth, of Texas by adoption and of Colorado by necessity. He paid a high tribute to Texas.

Fire Killed.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 5.—Five railway employes were instantly killed and twelve were injured by the explosion of a boiler in the powerhouse of the Chicago and Northwestern railway. Several of the injured are hurt so badly that they will die.

The powerhouse was a two-story structure which stood west of the passenger station and north of the tracks leading to it. On the first floor was the boiler room, containing a battery of four boilers, and the dynamo room, which held nine dynamos. Twelve men were employed around the building, and in addition to such of these as were present at the time a number of strangers were standing around watching the dynamos.

A train was pulling out at the time, and a number of passengers were injured, two cars being wrecked.

United States gunboat Wilmington has arrived at Port Said.

Effort to Oust Easton.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 5.—Thomas D. Brick, candidate for district clerk on the Democratic ticket at the recent county election, filed suit in the district court to oust Alex. Easton, the incumbent, who has held the office for the last twenty years. Brick in his petition alleges that the action of the county commissioners in throwing out the votes of precinct 7 1/2 because of alleged improper returns deprived him of the office.

To be Decapitated.

Tien Tsin, Dec. 3.—Tang Weng Huan, author of the outrages upon the Paoing Fu missionaries, arrived yesterday and was paraded through Victoria road in a cart under a strong German guard previous to being handed over to the provisional government for decapitation.

Revenue Stamp Sales.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 5.—The comparative report of the sales of revenue stamps at the office of Collector J. B. Hunt of the northern district of Texas showed Monday that the receipts for the first Monday in December, 1899, were \$1697.31, and the receipts for the first Monday in December of this year \$5552.31, showing an increase over the same day of last year of \$3855.

Playing Favorites.

The small pickers who make money in Wall street are those that play favorites. The winners on the turf never think of pining their commissions along with their faith on horses of their own selection, but follow a certain jockey whose star for the time being is in the ascendant. "How did you come out this year?" Victor Smith asked a certain speculator. "Twenty-three thousand ahead; first year I've won since McLaughlin left the Dwyers." "How do you account for it?" "Following the jockeys instead of the horses." "You did not do that before?" "Not since McLaughlin's day. I followed him because he was honest. When he retired I thought I knew enough to nick 'em for myself. I lost everything." "Followed any particular jockey this season?" No, I followed each one as long as he seemed to ride in luck. When he began to lose right along I dropped him." "It is the same in the street. The jockeys down there in the maelstrom of speculation are the great financiers and railroad magnates. He who plays them for a long pull will win."

Smallest Pipe in the World.

The smallest meerschaum pipe in the world is the legend attached to a tiny bit of carving, partially colored, which is exhibited in the window of a little Philadelphia shop. "I made this little pipe several years ago," the proprietor said recently, "and I started to color it myself but it was mislaid one day and I didn't find it again for a long time. It is only an inch and a quarter long. The amber mouthpiece is less than nine-sixteenths of an inch in length, and is less than one-eighth of an inch thick. It was a decidedly delicate job. I would rather carve a hundred big pipes than that little one." A tiny pinch of tobacco may be placed in the bowl. One puff and it is gone. It is, perhaps, needless to say that the smallest pipe in the world is not for sale.

Dismissed for "Gouging."

The secretary of the navy dismissed from the naval academy last week, on recommendation of the superintendent, a cadet found guilty of "gouging," which is the slang for dishonesty in work, in this case the copying as his own of a theme written by another cadet, and of falsehood. Fifty-six members of his class petitioned the secretary to exercise clemency, and are all placed in the third conduct grade for insubordination, which permits them to have liberty but once in four weeks.

The "No Door" Story Nonsensical.

Frank Sanborn takes to task Rebecca Harding Davis because of her article in the November Scribner's in which she gives some recollections of a visit to Concord forty years ago and tells about the summer house built by Alcott for Emerson, and which contained no door. This statement is denounced as pure nonsense by Mr. Sanborn, who says the house has a door, and a big one, which he has often entered, and which has been sketched by artists.

New York's Bernhardt Craze.

Long lines of Bernhardt-Coquelin New York admirers or their messenger boys stood patiently in a drizzling rain Tuesday for the chance to get an early choice of single seats for that engagement. The subscription sale was a success, two five-cent boxes netting \$1,000 each and many blocks of the outside seats sold for the entire forty performances. Fancy prices were paid without a murmur.

Stands Up for Her Yankee Sisters.

Mrs. Mary Wright Sewall, president of the International Council of Women, in a recent speech at Milwaukee, took exception to the women's exhibition now in progress at Earlscourt, London, where women of different nationalities are shown at their typical occupations. The fair American, it seems, is shown swinging in a hammock and chewing gum.

"Dude's" Origin.

Professor Skeat thinks he has discovered the origin of the word "dude" in a German dialect word "dude-kopf," a blockhead, which found its way into England through "dawdle" and "doddy."

Depew Has Reached His Goal.

Senator Chauncey Depew was in a reminiscent mood one night recently after dinner at a favorite New York club, and related to a few friends how he had achieved political success after long years of patient waiting. "It was always my ambition," said Mr. Depew, "to be a senator. When I was a little boy in the village of Peckskill I conceived that desire. I had read Plutarch's lives and Roman history. I had read all the books in the circulating library, and the most fascinating volumes were those which dealt with the careers of senators. William H. Seward was my ideal. I wanted to be like him. I wanted to be a senator. Ever I kept my eyes fixed on my ideals. I went to Yale with my ideal in my heart, and I came out of Yale with it still there. I went to work, and I won out as a lawyer. In 1855 I was offered that senatorship for which I had long striven, but I didn't take it. Why? Because I was pledged to Evarts. I was urged to take the place, but much as I desired it I said no, and stood for Evarts. No, I never despaired of being a senator, for I knew my time would come. Just so sure as a man fixes his mind on a goal and holds it there steadfastly, thinking only of that goal, he will ultimately reach it. One thing, I never worried. You can't win if you worry. Leave that for your opponents. No matter what happens don't worry. Go to bed and go to sleep. When you awaken you will have forgotten the cares of the preceding day, and you will have strength to overcome all obstacles. Yes, I shall stay in the senate so long as I may, if only in admiration of Seward. It is not an admiration that may lead one astray."

A Beastly Joke, Don't You Know.

An English couple, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Chamberlain, who are traveling in this country, were recently the victims of a heartless practical joke on the part of an American whom they met on a train in the West. He told them that if they wished to see a typical frontier town they ought to stop at Denver. Upon his advice they purchased such luxuries as would be needed in that crude village, such as a private bathtub, with alcohol lamp for heating the water, etc. The wag informed Mr. Chamberlain that guests at the Denver hotel were supposed to wash in a tin basin on a bench in the back yard. When he saw Denver he was astounded, and, as he explained to the hotel man the reason why he brought along the private bathtub, he was unable to understand the mirth of that gentleman or to fathom the motives of his informant.

Submarine Trip to Europe.

Holland, the submarine boat man, proposes to cross the Atlantic in a new craft which will live under water or travel like the ordinary, respectable steamer, just as the owner desires. "He has planned the itinerary and declares there is no more to be feared in making this experiment than when he first took a dive in the original Holland boat. His new invention will go first to the Bermudas, thence to the Azores, Lisbon and Cadiz, Spain. Much of the trip will be made under water, he says."

Greek Professor a Private Soldier.

Dr. Henry C. Bunn, professor of Greek and English literature in St. John's military school at Manhattan, N. Y., has enlisted as a private in the Twenty-third regiment, United States infantry, now at Manila. This is Professor Bunn's third attempt to join the regular army. He is a son of Rev. A. C. Bunn, D. D., rector of the Church Charity foundation in the diocese of Long Island.

Open Cars for Winter Smokers.

The Union Traction Company of Philadelphia promises to run open cars, one in five, all winter long, with no restrictions as to smoking. In the summer smoking is permitted there only on the three last seats of the open cars.

Harvard's Big Law School.

There are 644 students in the Harvard law school this year, 82 colleges being represented by their graduates, and Yale leading, its delegation numbering 73.

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SMALLER PLACES.

Population of Seventy-Nine of the Texas Cities

AS GIVEN BY CENSUS BUREAU

Shows a Most Gratifying Increase and Evidence that the State Has a Large Urban Constituency.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The population of certain incorporated places in Texas having a population of more than 2000, but less than 25,000, is as follows:

Abilene 3411, Austin, 22,258, Bastrop 2145, Beaumont 9427, Belton 3700, Bonham 5042, Bowie, 2600, Brownwood 3965, Brenham 5968, Brownsville 6305, Bryan 3589, Calvert 3322, Cameron 3341, Clarksville 2069, Cleburne 7493, Comanche 2070, Corpus Christi 4073, Corsicana 9313, Crockett 2612, Cuero 3422, Denison 11,807, Denton 4187, Dublin 2370, El Paso 15,906, Ennis 4919, Gainesville 7874, Georgetown 2790, Gonzales 4297, Greenville 6860, Hearne 2129, Hillsboro 5346, Honey Grove 2483, Huntsville 2485, Jefferson 2850, Kaufman 2378, LaGrange 2392, Lampasas 2107, Laredo 13,429, Lockhart 2306, Longview 3591, McKinney 4312, Marlin 3092, Marshall 7855, Mexia 2492, Mineral Wells 2048, Navasota 4857, New Braunfels 2097, Oak Cliff 3660, Orange 3835, Palestine 3297, Paris 2858, Rockdale 2345, San Antonio 2392, Seguin 2421, Sherman 10,243, Smithville 2577, Sulphur Springs 3635, Taylor 4211, Temple 7067, Terrell 6330, Texarkana 2256, Tyler 8069, Victoria 2410, Waco 20,686, Waxahachie 4215, Weatherford 4766, Wichita Falls 2480.

Large Deal.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 9.—A transaction was consummated involving over \$200,000. By the terms of the deal, negotiations for which have been pending several months, the Texas and Pacific Coal company of Thurber takes over all the property and franchises of the Thurber Brick company in Erath county, so stated General Manager John C. Phelan of the latter company. Further particulars of the transaction were not given out.

Not a Clerk.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 9.—Friday developed no new feature in the strike of the telegraph operators on the line of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railway. Not a click of a telegraph instrument was heard here at the freight depot or uptown office of that road. It was said by City Agent T. P. Fenelon that the trains on the Santa Fe were running on schedule time and that there would be no cessation in operation of trains.

Favors Reduction.

Muskogee, I. T., Dec. 9.—Indian Agent J. Blair Shoenfelt has departed for Washington, where he goes to confer with the officials of the interior department and look after Indian legislation affecting the tribes under his charge. Agent Shoenfelt states that he will renew his recommendation that the Indian police force be cut down to something like ten members.

American Federation of Labor.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 9.—Although 6 o'clock had been set for the hour of adjournment, the business of the second day's session of the Federation of Labor was completed at 11:15 o'clock Friday morning and adjournment taken to give the committees time to prepare the uncompleted reports. All the reports were called for by President Gompers, but none save that of the credentials committee was ready, and it was acted upon.

Memphis Gets It.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 9.—The most dramatic incident in the entire session of the Southern Industrial convention occurred when it came to the selection of the next meeting place. Waco had been conceded to be a winner. Every one was expecting to vote for the Texas city. Delegates were pledged and they were there prepared to execute their pledges with votes. Mayor J. W. Riggins of Waco arose and in nominating his city made one of the best speeches of the convention. It was eloquent and to the point. He left his audience enthusiastic for Waco.

The Texas delegation had selected Mr. Little of San Antonio to second the nomination of Waco. That gentleman arose and delivered a eulogy on San Antonio; however waived her rights and would second the nomination of Waco.

The Texas cause fell with a thud. The apparent lack of discretion in the seconding speech killed Waco like a shot. The delegates were discouraged and they voted for Memphis, which city won by an overwhelming majority after Waco had the battle fairly won.

The population of Berlin is put at 1,884,445.

Mule Joke Serious.

Jeffersonville, Ind., Dec. 9.—Action of Thomas and Martin O'Neil, who drove a mule into the dining-room where their father, Thomas O'Neil, one of the oldest and wealthiest men in this city, was partaking of a feast in company with his newly made bride, may result in the death of Mrs. Thomas O'Neil, who lies on the O'Neils' at 115 Park street. Mrs. Paxton was ill at the time and was thrown into hysterics by the kicking and braying of the mule in the hallway below, accompanied by the sounds of blows, intermingled with curses from the O'Neil brothers. The O'Neils have been placed under arrest.

Students Judges.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 9.—At the livestock exhibition twenty-two students, representing colleges with exhibits in the various departments, passed on the merits of the animals on exhibition that had not been passed upon by the regular judges. Prizes of \$1000 in cash and of silver cups are offered to the student showing the best judgment, this point to be decided by the regular judges, who will examine the stock passed upon by the students.

Recommends Payment.

Washington, Dec. 9.—In relation to the lynching in LaSalle county, Texas, on Oct. 5, 1895, of Florentino Suaste, a Mexican citizen, the president in a special message that he sent to the senate recommends that the Mexican government be paid \$2000 for the heirs of the victim. The recommendation is made from motives of humanity.

Felt at Cleburne.

Cleburne, Tex., Dec. 9.—Probably no place on the Santa Fe feels the effects of the telegraphers' strike more than Cleburne. This place is the end of four divisions, and a large number of trainmen have their homes here. Since the strike was ordered very few freight trains are being run, thus leaving many crews idle.

Many Attend.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Never since the birth of the new navy has there been such a gathering of shipbuilders and metal kings as were assembled in the office of the secretary of the navy at noon Friday to witness the opening of bids for an amount of naval construction which Secretary Long called the greatest industrial event this or any other country has ever seen.

FORTS AND JETTIES

What the Board of Engineers Has to Recommend

RELATIVE TO REPAIRING INJURY

To the Property of the Government at the Island City and the Estimated Cost of the Same.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The secretary of war has transmitted to congress the report of the board of engineers relative to the cost of repairs for the fortifications at Galveston, damaged in the September storm. The report estimates that it will cost \$568,000 to repair Fort San Jacinto, \$301,000 to repair Fort Crockett and \$123,000 to repair Fort Travis, an aggregate of \$992,000. The report states that it is possible that all the batteries will sustain additional damage before the work of restoration can be undertaken and that probably Fort Crockett may become a total wreck.

In this case additional estimates are made as follows:

Fort San Jacinto \$20,000, Fort Crockett \$158,000 and Fort Travis \$60,000; a total of \$238,000. As the additional estimates will be made necessary by the time the work can be commenced, the estimate for the restoration of the forts aggregates \$1,230,000. The importance of immediate action is strongly urged as the damage to the foundation piling under the concrete is rapidly progressing. This protection can be obtained by filling sand around these piles at a cost \$15,000 for the several batteries requiring this protection. The apparently great cost of repairs and reconstruction as compared with the original of the forts is explained by the fact that the scheme of restoration contemplates additional storm protection, the necessity for which was demonstrated by the great storm.

The secretary of war sent to the senate the reports of the board of engineers concerning the effects of the Galveston storm of last September on the jetties in the vicinity of that city. The board finds that \$1,500,000 will be necessary to repair the jetties at Galveston and \$175,000 for the repair of the Brazos river jetties. The board places the loss of life at 5000.

At The Hague.

The Hague, Dec. 8.—Mr. Kruger arrived here and was greeted at the station by the burgomasters and counsellors. A choir of 600 men and girls chanted Psalm 72, verses 6, 7 and 11. The former president and his suite then repaired to the royal waiting room, where the burgomaster warmly welcomed them in a brief speech. Then followed Dr. Sprink, the president of the local South African association, in a long welcoming address.

McLennan county's new courthouse is to cost \$195,000.

Atrocious Murder.

Corsicana, Tex., Dec. 8.—Mrs. James L. French, the wife of a well known young farmer, was brutally murdered at her home, three and a half miles southwest from Barry, in the western part of this county, between 3 and 6 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, and a negro named Anders Norris, charged with the crime, is now under arrest.

The Frenches were renters on a farm belonging to Mr. Wiley Johnson of this city and had made and sold their crops and were getting ready to leave for west Texas. Mr. French left his wife and mother at home at noon to take a load of corn to Barry. While returning to load his wagon again neighbors met him with the news that his wife had been murdered. The woman's skull had been crushed and there were evidences of a terrible struggle.

Operators Out.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 8.—At 11 o'clock Thursday morning 150 operators and agents of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe quit work under orders from President M. M. Dolphin of the Order of Railway Telegraphers. This action came not unexpected, in view of the circumstances surrounding the efforts of General Manager Polk and other Santa Fe officials and the grievance committee of the telegraphers to agree upon a settlement of the trouble growing out of the demand of the operators for the adoption of new rules and wage scale on the line. It was announced that negotiations were at a standstill and that there was no prospect of an amicable settlement of the differences between the railroad and the employees.

President Dolphin stated that he had received an absolute refusal from Vice President Baer of the Santa Fe to arbitrate, and this settled the matter and he ordered an immediate strike. President Dolphin went on to say that the Santa Fe officials had presented a schedule of wages which proposed the reduction of salaries under the old scale of about \$130 a month; that the telegraphers through their committee had offered Thursday, to reduce the demand for ten hours consecutive rest out of every twenty-four to eight hours rest, but that all these propositions were rejected by the company. Continuing, he stated that reductions had been proposed by the company at nineteen stations and that fifteen other stations had been abolished by the company, that the Santa Fe company had refused to even consider the operators' demand for fifty-five dollars as a minimum scale of wages. There were walkouts at Gainesville and other points.

Tried to Kill His Family.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 8.—William Seaton, aged 32 years, formerly of Decatur, Ill., attempted to exterminate an entire family, his relatives, at South Park, nine miles from Seattle. With an ax he smashed in the heads of four people, leaving them for dead, then shot one man in the back and attempted to kill a deputy sheriff. Before finally being captured Seaton was shot twice, but not fatally, by Deputy Sheriff Kelley.

The only one killed outright was Seaton's uncle, Daniel Richards. Seaton broke in the head of his sister, Mrs. Roy Clark, but her recovery is hoped for. The other two victims were Myrtle and Hazel Haggood, aged 10 years, children of a former husband of Mrs. Clark. The skulls of the little ones were crushed and then the bodies were thrown into a manger in the barn. It was supposed they were dead, but a late report from the county hospital says that the skull of the children has been raised.

Young Boy Sentenced.

New York, Dec. 8.—Owen Squire, 18 years old, convicted last week of manslaughter in the second degree for the killing of Lizzie Sill, has been sentenced by Judge Moore to six months in the county jail.

Authorized to Sign.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The state department has been informed that the foreign ministers at Peking reached an agreement. Secretary Hay cabled Mr. Conger authorizing him to sign the agreement on behalf of the United States government. It is difficult to gather details of the understanding at this time. However, it is known that the two important issues are still open, namely, those relating to punishment and indemnity.

By a vote of 133 to 16 the army bill passed the house. The canteen was knocked out.

The City hotel at Devine, Tex., burned and Mr. Sweeney of Frio county was cremated.

Li Hung Chang says eighty rebel leaders have been put to death.

FLAG PRESENTED.

Pleasant Episode at Daughters of Confederacy Convention.

RETURN OF A CIVIL WAR RELIC

by a Lady From the Far-Away State of New Hampshire and the Scenes Incident to the Same.

Corsicana, Tex., Dec. 7.—There was another interesting episode of the meeting of the Daughters of the Confederacy. Mrs. Mary A. Lull, widow of Lieut. Col. Lull of the Eighth New Hampshire regiment, had arrived from her home at Milford, N. H., bringing with her the flag of a Texas regiment captured by her husband's regiment at Port Hudson in 1863.

The return of the flag preceded the memorial services, and it was a touching incident of the day. It is not known to what regiment the flag belonged. It was a compromise between the stars and stripes and the old stars and bars. It had one single star in a white field and across the field there are red and blue bars. It was made of more than one kind of fabric, and was in a good state of preservation.

Mrs. Lull was introduced by the president. Her address was beautiful and touching and as she talked of northern and southern soldiers, how they fought, how they died, both believing they were right, and how the softening hand of time had at last wiped out all bitterness and the nation was one people, the greatest and grandest on earth, old men and young men, old women and young women wept, and they all honored the messenger of peace and good will from the granite hills of the far away land. When Mrs. Lull had finished her address presenting the flag there was not a dry eye in the audience.

Miss Nell Nance of Palestine received the flag and in doing so delivered a responsive address that was beautiful. Before she could get through with her remarks feeling burst out and Miss Kate Daffan at the organ began playing "Yankee Doodle," which was received with cheers. She changed the tune to "Dixie," and there was a yell; the "Star Spangled Banner" followed and there was another outburst, after which Miss Nance finished her address.

Killed by a Cow.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 7.—Mrs. John Snow, aged 96, was almost instantly killed yesterday morning at the home of her son, Rufus Snow, near Grapevine. Mrs. Snow was in the barn yard and was attacked by a ferocious cow, which trampled her under foot and hooked her to death.

The death from alleged hazing of Cadet Booz will be investigated.

Mrs. Abbie Richardson, an American authoress, is dead in Rome.

Woman Murdered.

Corsicana, Dec. 7.—Between 4 and 5 o'clock Wednesday morning Mrs. Jas. G. French was brutally murdered at her home near Barry, this county.

Mr. French had taken a load of corn to Barry Wednesday and on his return was loading another when neighbors informed him that his wife had been murdered. When found she was grasping the stock of a small rifle, while her head had been crushed in several places.

Anderson Norris, a negro about 18 years old, was arrested and brought to Corsicana, charged with the crime.

Mr. French had been selling off everything on the place preparatory to leaving for West Texas, and was supposed to have had much money on the place. No evidence of the guilt of Norris has been secured.

Large Attendance.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 7.—Wednesday's session of the Southern industrial convention opened with a very large attendance. The hall was hardly large enough to admit the delegates and the general public was turned away.

The first business on programme was the report of the committee on organization, but the committee was unable to report.

Shortly after 10 o'clock Cardinal Gibbons, escorted by a delegation of prominent citizens, clerical and lay, entered the hall and was given a most cordial greeting. His eminence, dressed in the red robes of his big office, opened the convention with prayer. He said he hoped that the dawning century would not close until the prophecy of Isaiah had been fulfilled, when swords would be beaten into ploughshares and sickles.

President Hargrove turned the gavel over to Vice-President Sidney Story, and the latter introduced Dr. Lyman Hall, president of the Georgia school of Technology, who spoke on technological education.

At the conclusion of Dr. Hall's address papers on the subject of technological education were read by Prof. Brown Ayres of Tulane university, Prof. R. B. Fulton of the university of Mississippi, and Prof. J. V. Calhoun, state superintendent of education of Louisiana.

A general discussion of the subject followed.

Resolutions were offered by V. W. Grubbs of Greenville, Texas, and adopted, expressing the sense that trade schools and schools of technology are imperative and essentials in the future development of the southern states, urging southern governors to impress liberal appropriations to practical and scientific education, and urging the cities in the south to establish manual training and trade schools for boys between the ages of 14 and 16.

Reagan Honored.

Corsicana, Tex., Dec. 7.—The appearance of Hon. John H. Reagan, before the Daughters of the Confederacy Wednesday put a stop to business and there followed an episode that was inspiring. The old Roman was escorted to the platform by Mrs. Kate Cabell Curry and Mrs. L. A. Daffan.

When this guest of honor turned to face the delegates there was a scene indescribable. The ladies clapped their hands, and while Mrs. Tobbin wound the Confederate flag over the head of the old gentleman Miss Katie Daffan struck up "Dixie" on the organ, and the entire convention joined in singing it.

Towne Senator.

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 6.—Chas. A. Towne announced that Gov. Lind had tendered him the United States senatorship, to succeed the late Senator Davis, and said that he had accepted the appointment. He has telegraphed the governor to that effect.

Five men were killed on the Grand Trunk railway near Inglewood Junction, Ont.

W. G. Gentleman, a stockman, shot four men at Platte Center, Neb.

Army Bill.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The house devoted Wednesday to the army reorganization bill, which was brought up under a special order adopted at the opening of the session, which limited general debate to two hours on a side. Lieut. Gen. Miles and a number of army officers were interested spectators throughout the day. Chairman Hull and Mr. Parker of New Jersey of the military committee (Republican) supported the bill and Mr. Cochran of Missouri, Kleberg of Texas, McClellan of New York, Shafroth of Colorado, Cummings of New York and Cox of Tennessee (Democrats), spoke briefly against it. Mr. McCall of Massachusetts (Republican) aroused the only enthusiasm of the day against the measure.

Mrs. Auber of McKeesport, Pa., who lived and died alone, gives her entire estate of \$250,000 to charity.

XMAS EXERCISES.

A Meeting Held Monday Night to Decide on Some Agreeable Plan.

Last Monday night representatives of the different Sunday schools and several citizens met at the court house in mass meeting. The meeting was called to order and W. T. Baze was elected chairman and E. W. Pool secretary.

Chairman Baze stated that the object of the meeting was to ascertain whether the different Sunday schools desired to hold separate Christmas exercises or whether there should be a union Christmas tree.

It was moved and seconded that each school arrange for their own entertainment. The question was discussed at some length and the prevailing sentiment seemed to be that there was no building in town large enough to accommodate the crowd likely to assemble at a union meeting and that it was best for each Sunday school to arrange their entertainment. It was also suggested that this conclusion was not prompted by selfishness by any means, but was forced, owing as before stated, to there being no building of suitable proportions.

It was recommended that the different schools announce their intentions not later than next Sunday afternoon.

HALLEN & BYRD'S

Bill of Fare During the Christmas Holidays.

Table listing various food items and prices: Regular Meal, 25c; Soup, 10c; MEATS: Porter House Steak, 45c; "T" Steak, 25c; Plain Steak, 15c; Hamburg Steak, 25c; CHOPS: Pork Chops, 15c; Mutton Chops, 15c; Pork Sausage, 15c; Veal Cutlets, plain, 15c; Veal Cutlets, breaded, 25c; Hot Viennas with horse radish, 10c; Link Sausage, 15c; GAME: Quail, 25c; Chicken, one-half, 25c; Chicken, whole, 50c; Turkey, 25c; Duck, 35c; FISH AND OYSTERS: Fish, fried, 25c; Oysters fried, dozen, 50c; Oysters fried, half dozen, 25c; Oysters scalloped, dozen, 50c; Oysters scalloped, half dozen, 25c; Oysters broiled, dozen, 50c; Oysters broiled, half dozen, 25c; Oyster stew, plain, 20c; Oyster stew, with milk, 25c; Oyster Loaf, whole, 60c; Oyster Loaf, one-half, 30c; OMELETS: Plain Omelet, 15c; Sweet Omelet, 20c; Vegetable Omelet, 25c; MEXICAN DISHES: En Chiladas, 25c; Chili Wayeas, 20c; Chili Con Carna, 10c; Tamales, one dozen, 10c; Chili Mace, 10c; Chili y Frijoles, 10c; VEGETABLES: Potatoes, French fried, 10c; Potatoes, shoe strings, 10c; Potatoes, Coney Island chips, 10c; Potatoes, Saratoga chips, 10c; Potatoes, scalloped, 10c; Potatoes, German fried, 10c; Potato patties, 10c; Potatoes, Lynoise plain, 10c; Potatoes, with onions, 15c; EGGS, ANY STYLE: Eggs plain, 10c; Eggs sheared, 15c; Eggs scalloped, 15c; Eggs boiled, 15c; PASTRY: Pies, 05c; Yankee Crullers, 05c; Doughnuts, 05c; DRINKS: Chocolate, 10c; Cocoa, 10c; Coffee, 05c; Tea, 05c; Milk, 05c

Last Monday the Department of Agriculture gave out the government estimate of this years cotton crop which is 10,100,000 bales. The acreage being 25,034,734.

Weather such as we have been having the past week is one of the things that makes West Texas such a desirable country in which to live, but a gentle rain fell Tuesday night and perhaps by tomorrow a blizzard will be upon us, and we will sigh for a pocket stove.

Come One And All-

Wellborn has just returned from the East and has bought the largest stock of saddle and harness goods ever brought to Snyder. We ask all to come and get prices. We buy for spot cash and we will not be undersold. One price to all alike.

J.B. WELLBORN & SON.

Says He Was Tortured.

"I suffered such pain from corns I could hardly walk," writes H. Robinson, Hillsborough Ills., "but Bucklen's Arnica Salve completely cured them." Acts like magic on sprains, bruises, cuts, sores, scalds, burns, boils, ulcers. Perfect healer of skin diseases and piles. Cure guaranteed by F. J. Grayum & Co.

Saw Death Near.

"It often made my heart ache," writes L. C. Overstreet, of Elgin Tenn., "to hear my wife cough until it seemed her weak and sore lungs would collapse. Good doctors said she was so far gone with consumption that no medicine or earthly help could save her, but a friend recommended Dr. King's New discovery and persistent use of this excellent medicine saved her life." It's absolutely guaranteed for coughs, colds, bronchitis, asthma and all throat and lung diseases. 50c and \$1.00 at Grayum & Co. Trial bottles free.

He Never Used a Dodger-

John Wanamaker, the great Philadelphia merchant, and considered great authority on such a great success as an advertiser, is quoted as saying:

"I never in my life used such a thing as a poster, or a dodger, or handbill. My plan for fifteen years has been to buy so much space in a newspaper and fill it with what I wanted. I would not give an advertisement in a newspaper of 400 circulation for 5,000 dodgers or posters. If I wanted to sell cheap jewelry or run a lottery scheme I might use posters, but I would not insult a decent, reading public with handbills. The class of people who read such things are poor material to look to for support in mercantile affairs. I deal directly with the publisher. I say to him: 'How long will you let me run a column of matter through your paper for \$100 or \$500, as the case may be. I let him do the figuring, and if I think he is not trying to take more than his share I give him the copy. I lay aside the profits on a particular line of goods for advertising purposes. The first year I laid aside and spent \$40,000. I have done better this year, and shall increase the sum as the profits warrant it. I owe my success to the newspapers, and to them I shall freely give a certain profit of my yearly business.'—Ex.

W. J. Wilks and wife returned yesterday from Iatan where they have been visiting the family of Scott W. Greene the past two weeks.

Bob White is suffering with his right arm which was sprained last July. He fears it may yet prove serious.

Flour!

There's no woman who wants to make good bread, that don't want good flour. They all want to make good bread—Guess they all do. Did you ever see a woman in your life that didn't claim to make the best bread in the country? Well, we keep good flour. The very best flour which we sell at \$2.25 per hundred, but that's outside of our story. There was a lady in our store the other day buying goods. She was a good woman; she trades at a good place; she was a saving woman, because she trades where she can save money. She wanted some flour and she wanted the best she could get, because she makes good bread, (they all do). She asked us for

Hamilton-Brown Flour!

Of course we didn't have it. Hamilton-Brown don't make flour, they make Shoes, and they make good shoes. We sell their Shoes. This woman knew they were the best Shoes she could get and she knew that if they did make flour it would be the best she could get. We thank this woman sincerely for her left handed compliment to the shoes we sell. Won't you come over and try our Shoes and Flour?

Your Money Back if You Want It.

Christmas

Every family in the United States will certainly think of some one thing that's come to them within the last 365 days to be thankful for, except, of course,

MR. TURK GOBBLER AND FAMILY, But he's really thankful more days in the year than we are. He's thankful 363 days in the year because they are not our Thanksgiving and Christmas Days. We could hardly expect him to be thankful, gay and cheerful on his family's funeral days.

But while his days are "few" they are not "full of trouble". He never voted for a defeated candidate and had some fellow with a big healthy laugh come around and hit him between the shoulders and say, "I told you so". He don't wander into the wrong store after a pair of Hamilton-Brown Shoes—allow the merchant to sell him a pair "just as good as" and then find out shortly after that there's no shoe "just as good as". He don't have those troubles.

Our Customers Don't Have Any Shoe Troubles.

Do you? We can't protect you from the "I told you so" evil—but we can wipe out your shoe troubles. We sell Hamilton-Brown's shoes. Don't get a pair "just as good as," but come here and get the best. GET A PAIR THAT WILL WEAR, That means a Hamilton-Brown.

Peace Maker and Seal of Texas Flour

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Eclipse and Ideal Wind Mills,

Pipe, Casing, Cylinders, Valves, Water Supply Material of All Kinds, and Ranch Hardware.

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Harvard's "Bajo King."
The late Charles R. Brickett, of Haverhill, Mass., was graduated from Harvard in 1873, and was rated a good scholar and a jolly good fellow. He achieved distinction as a school teacher, and after studying law in the office of his brother, the late Mayor Brickett of Haverhill was admitted to the bar. He followed his profession for a time, but his fondness for his bank and his passion for burnt cork were too strong within him to give him contentment in a solemn law office, and he joined a minstrel company, assuming the name of Charles Brickwood.

Miller's Odd Delusion.
In Val Verde township, Sumner county Kansas, some three or four days since a young fellow by the name of Albert Miller went violently insane while attending a revival meeting. Before he could be overpowered he seized the preacher, who was conducting the revival, pulled him into a buggy and drove to Wellington, where he turned the preacher over to the sheriff on the charge of being the Durrant murderer. Of course, the sheriff liberated the preacher and locked up Miller, and then the latter was tried for insanity.

Wales' Topnotch Title.
The Prince of Wales, who celebrated his 59th birthday on Friday, Nov. 9, has now held his title the longest in English history. Previously the distinction belonged to George IV., who was Prince of Wales for fifty-eight years. Within a month of his birth the prince was created Duke of Cornwall and Rothesay, Earl of Carrick, Baron Renfrew, Lord of the Isles, Prince of Wales and Earl of Chester, while in 1850 he was made Earl of Dublin. When he wishes to travel on the quiet the prince goes as Lord Pembroke and sometimes as Earl of Ross.

The ones we love the most are the ones who love the worst.

A true test of undying love is to court a girl who eats, onions and garlic.

Some youths imagine they have reached the sparkable age while they are yet spendable.

Even parents most considerate of their children's health frequently urge them to "take more pains."

Both business and honor should be carefully looked after.

Special Rates via H. and T. C.
St. Louis, Mo.—Account Annual Convention Apostolic church, Nov. 27 to Dec. 22, one and one-third fares, on certificate plan.

Victoria, Texas.—Account conference M. E. church, Dec. 17 and 18, limit Dec. 25, one and one-third fares for the round trip, this makes the rate from Dallas \$13.35.

San Antonio.—Account conference M. E. church, Dec. 13 to 17, on certificate plan.

Houston.—Account Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Festival, Dec. 9 to 13, limit Dec. 16, at convention rates, this makes the round trip rate from Dallas \$8.70.

Havana, Cuba.—Account Pan American Medical Congress, Dec. 15 to 23, and for trains arriving New Orleans morning of Dec. 17 and 22, steamers sail from New Orleans at 11:30 a. m., Dec. 17 and 22. Round trip tickets will be sold from all H. & T. C. points at exceedingly low rates; see agents, Sherman, \$68.00; Denison, \$68.00; are Sherman, \$68.00; Denison, \$68.00; are some of the rates, limit January 18 and 21. These rates include meals and berths on steamers. Agents will reserve berths before tickets are sold.

M. L. ROBBINS,
S. F. B. MORSE, G. P. & T. A.
P. T. M.

Cotton Belt Route Special Rates
As usual, the Cotton Belt route will, on Dec. 20, 21 and 22, sell tickets to all points in the "Old States" at greatly reduced rates, limited thirty days from date of sale. This will give you a splendid opportunity to spend Christmas at the Old Home, with the Old Folks; also visit your old friends.

A Day on a Parlor Cafe Car for 50 Cents.—You can ride all day on a Parlor Cafe Car for only 50 cents extra, have your meals at any hour you want them, order anything you want, from a porterhouse steak to a spring chicken down to a sandwich, take as long as you please to eat it, and you will only have to pay for what you order.

Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Festival, Houston, Texas, Dec. 10 to 13, 1900.—For above occasion and the Not Su-Oh Carnival, Houston, rates as per Convention Circular No. 1, on authorized dates of sale, Dec. 9 to 14, return limit leaving Houston not later than Dec. 16.

North Texas Medical Association, Sherman, Texas, December 10 to 13, 1900.—For above occasion rate of a fare and a third, on the certificate plan is authorized. A. S. WAGNER, C. P. & T. A., 237 Main St., Dallas.

J. F. LEHANE,
G. P. & T. A., Tyler, Texas.

Oklahoma Opportunities
Is the title of a little book published by the Passenger Department of the Great Rock Island Route, giving detailed description of the Kiowa and Comanche Reservations, commonly known as the "Fort Sill Country," which is to be opened for settlement in the near future. It also contains the laws under which settlers can obtain homesteads, together with other valuable information for those who propose to obtain a home in the fertile Indian Territory.

Copy of book will be mailed free upon application to:
CHAS. B. SLOAT,
G. P. & T. A., C. R. I. & T. Ry., Fort Worth, Texas.

Santa Fe Excursions.
Excursion tickets will be sold as follows on dates mentioned:
Chicago, Ill.—Nov. 28 and 29, Dec. 2 and 3, account International Live Stock Exposition.
Houston, Texas.—Nov. 25 and 26, Dec. 2 and 3, account Masonic Grand Lodge meeting.
For rates, limits, etc., call on nearest Santa Fe ticket agent, or address:
W. S. KEENAN, G. P. & T. A., Galveston, Texas.

A KERRY MOUNTAIN.
Two Men Ascend Its Side in Motor Cars.
Climbing the side of Carnatun, in County Kerry—the highest mountain in Ireland—with a gradient of one foot in five feet on a road 12 feet wide and on a ton weight Dalmier car is a rather exciting performance, but it has just been accomplished by E. J. McCreedy and Dr. Colohan, two enthusiastic motorists from Dublin, who performed a journey of from 800 to 1,000 miles on their big Lalmer cars in the south of Ireland recently, says the London Express. Mr. McCreedy gives us an interesting account of the experience. The test was the severest for a motor car in the British Isles, and when half way up they almost repented their folly in attempting it, taking into account that the cars were valued at \$5,000 and that they had nine passengers to reckon with, and there were various interesting problems to consider as to the behavior of huge vehicles weighing over a ton each on gradients which horse-drawn vehicles rarely tackle. The route up the mountain side was zig-zag, bordering on a precipice, and there was therefore no turning back, as it would be impossible to steer a car backward down a two-mile slope without running the risk at the first curve of dashing over the road into the valley of rocks far beneath. At the stiff portion of the ascent he thought it prudent to let the passengers dismount and walk, as there was little hope of their safety if anything gave way at a critical moment. The engines of Mr. McCreedy's car went steadily up the slope, though the rough-shingle gave the wheels scarcely any road hold, and it looked at times as if the gust of wind would stop the engine and bring the car to a standstill. It was a moment of relief when he reached the summit. Dr. Colohan's car had the latest improvements, a mechanism and took the hills well at a good rate. These were the first motor cars to cross the Ballaghbeema Pass in County Kerry.

IMITATIVE RABBIT.
Peculiar Affinity Shown by Bunny for a Chummy Fellow.
Dogs and cats have been known to become fast friends, but for a cat and a rabbit to become inseparable companions is out of the ordinary, says the Denver Republican. R. H. Jones of 130 Archer street has a rabbit and a cat which are boon companions. The rabbit belonged to a neighbor of Jones. One day it strayed into the Jones yard and got acquainted with the cat. The admiration was mutual. They became the best of friends, and from the minute the rabbit met the cat it has not been to its own home. For more than a year the two have been together in a box in the rear of the yard. The cat will not play with other cats, but makes a companion only of the rabbit. They romp about the yard together, and now and then the cat will climb a tree. When it does the rabbit will run around the tree and attempt to join the cat. Until the cat comes back to the ground the rabbit is nervous. The dogs of the neighborhood have learned to keep out of the Jones yard. For one to come into the yard and approach the rabbit is canine suicide. The cat bristles up at once and makes it so unpleasant for the intruder that he is always glad to scale the fence and get in the street.

The Atomic Theory.
Prof. Henry Leffman took for a special subject in his course on chemistry at the Wagner Institute "The Atomic Theory," says the Philadelphia Times. Most scientists, he said, regard all matter as made up of minute indestructible particles, to which the term "atom" is applied. Any combination of atoms is called a "molecule." This view is very old, being set forth in some of the Greek writings more than two thousand years ago, but it has been elaborated and investigated within this century. John Dalton (1766-1844) was the founder of the modern phase. Within the last fifty years the view that the particles of matter, especially in gases, are in constant, rapid motion, has been generally accepted. This, known as the "kinetic theory," was also foreshadowed in the earliest speculations. The approximate size of atoms has been indicated by several investigators, but of the shape or appearance nothing is known. Many bodies are much changed by being finely divided.

Important Testimony Omitted.
An ex-justice of the peace tells the following story: During the time he was in office a young man was brought up before him on the charge of gambling. The evidence was conclusive, and the judge imposed a fine, which was paid on the spot. When the case adjourned, the defendant remained behind and asked the judge for a few moments' conversation. "The case is over," he began, "and the fine has been paid and it's settled so far as that goes, but I want to tell you how it happened. You see, the cop told us if we didn't stop playing he'd run us in. Well, we were playing a jack pot. I had an ace, three queens and a king before the draw. I discarded the ace and king and drew another queen. There were good hands out against me, and they tried to bluff me out and I stayed with them. Now, what I want to know is, what you would have done in a case like that?" "Stayed if they had." "Stayed with them if the gallows had been in sight!" cried the excited judge. "Why in the name of common sense was not that evidence brought out at the trial?"—Salt Lake Tribune.

Love to a woman is a thrill; to a man it is a thro.

Somehow or other, you naturally expect the season's bells to wind up with a wedding ring.
Some women make more fuss over a sickly rubber plant than other women do over a toothless infant.
Judging from their earthly career, some people would not be pleased with the fit of their heavenly crown.
Some girls weep over a novel hero while their mothers wrestle with a scrubbing brush.
He who courts three instead of six nights per week usually makes better progress.
We may look on life as an empty dream but an empty coal bin is apt to make it a chilly reality.
Those who don't impose on you, find fault with you.
GEORGE WASHINGTON SODA makes the best biscuits, and goes the furthest. Perfectly pure. Insist on having it.
"Come into the Garden, Maud," will soon go over until next spring.
How's this?
We offer One Hundred Dollars reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.
F. J. LAMNEY & CO., Props. Toledo, O.
We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm.
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Did a Chinaman discover us?

Did the Chinese discover America?

Students of America archeology have long believed that Mongolian feet found lodgement on this continent several hundred years before Columbus or any other European navigators sighted our shore, but this theory has lacked confirmation. Now, however, it is said that there has been found at Pekin records to prove that a landing was made on this continent by the Chinese in the year 499, or nearly 1,000 years before Columbus.

The Chinese have accomplished about everything. They knew the art of printing five hundred years before it was discovered in Europe and we have been told that the use of electricity in such practical appliances as the telephone had been mastered and perhaps forgotten by the Chinaman long before the days of Benjamin Franklin.

There have been many students of early American history who have believed that they found evidence of Asiatic civilization in the works left by the Aztecs. The theory of these students has been a most natural one. The Chinese from the earliest days have been navigators of the ocean. It was perfectly possible for them, in the craft in which they sailed, to have reached the western shore of the American continent by way of Japan and the Aleutian islands, and almost without losing sight of land. That is figuratively speaking, of course.

It is not at all beyond the realms of possibility, therefore, that they should, a thousand years or more ago, have reached the Pacific coast portion of this continent, and indeed the researches of archaeologists show very plainly that they were there.

The missing link in the chain

of evidence to prove Chinese discovery has been something to show that any of these early Mongolian navigators ever got back to China. If, therefore, it is true that records have been found at Pekin to prove this early discovery, we will have to begin and make over the history of the new world. Whether we pull Columbus off his pedestal, or whether we deem it necessary to send apologies to Spain for our Columbian exposition, which was designed to celebrate our original discovery, is perhaps immaterial to the discussion of a serious and very interesting phase of history. In any event we await with interest the confirmation of the alleged Pekin discovery.—Ex.

The Irl R. Hicks 1901 Almanac.

Whatever may be said of the scientific causes upon which the Rev. Irl R. Hicks bases his yearly forecasts of storm and weather it is a remarkable fact that specific warnings of every great storm, flood, cold wave and drouth, have been plainly printed in his now famous Almanac for many years. The latest startling proof of this fact was the destruction of Galveston, Texas, on the very day named by Prof. Hicks in his 1900 Almanac, by far the finest, most complete and beautiful yet published, is now ready. This remarkable book of near two hundred pages, splendidly illustrated with charts and half-tone engravings, goes as a premium to every subscriber who pays one dollar a year for Prof. Hicks' journal, Word and Works. The Almanac alone is sent prepaid for only 25c. Order from Word and Works Publishing Company, 2201 Locust Street, St. Louis, Mo.

Woman.

Even the quietest woman can make a bustle if she wants to.

Time and tide wait for no man but it is different with a woman.

Women had larger waists in ancient times—but men had larger arms.

The most curious thing in the world is a woman who is not curious.

Some handsome women are in reality not as handsome as they are painted.

Trust not a woman's tears; it is her nature to weep when she wants her way.

Women are like cats—both are graceful, both are domestic, and—both scratch.

Some women can see nothing attractive in this world without the aid of a mirror.

Man.

A man isn't always cool when he shivers in the hour of danger.

No gentleman will swear before a lady—let her swear first.

A man always puts his best foot forward—a mule puts his backward.

Some men have a gallon of words to every spoonful of thoughts.

It never cools a man off when the street sprinkler throws water on him.

A man smiles when you speak of his level head, but call it flat and he gets mad.

Man is made of dust; along comes the watering cart of fate, and his name is mud.

If it is true that the clothes make the man, some men ought to change their clothes.

When a man is beside himself he should never place much confidence in his companion.

LOST—Small gold nugget stick pin. Finder will be rewarded by leaving at this office or returning to Dr. A. G. Person.

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An Indiana man says he lives on six cents a day and enjoys the best of health. It may be that the Clay county woman was right when she explained the good health of herself and family by saying they did not get enough to eat to make them bilious.—Johnson County Review.

From Mexico, Mo., comes the report they have had forty-six additions to the Methodist church since the minister on last Sunday night dished up an old-time fire and brimstone sermon to his hearers, all of which indicates that the old time preacher is not altogether a lost quantity after all.—Austin Statesman.

The count of the vote cast in Texas for president and vice-president, as made up by the secretary of state, shows the result on the three most important tickets as follows: Democratic, 267,432; republican, 121,173; populist, 21,160. Four years ago the vote of the same parties was: Democratic, 284,298; republican, 168,811; populist, 76,926. The count shows the following losses on these tickets: Democratic, 16,866; republican, 37,638; populist, 55,766. Calhoun, Coke, Collingsworth, Crosby, Eastland, Ector, Franklin, Jack, Jefferson, Kaufman, Morris, Sabine, Shelby, Upshur, Ward and Wheeler counties made no returns for presidential electors. The returns from Bowie and Pecos were received after the count was closed, and returns from Victoria county were not in any way authenticated.—Johnson County Review.

The ladies of Scurry county are informed that McCall's Magazine is the handsomest home and fashion magazine in existence. This celebrated magazine offers beautiful premiums to all who raise clubs, and illustrates the famous McCall Bazar Patterns. The premiums offered are the handsomest in the world. It contains stories, literary articles and handsome colored fashion plates. The publishers wish one representative in every locality, and will send instructions and free prize offers to any lady who will mention this paper and send her name and address to the McCall Company, 144 West 14th Street, New York City. d20

Here is the kind of an obituary a Georgia editor puts up for a man:

"Poor Jim Brown slung his earthly garments on a limb and swam the river yesterday. He didn't stand back because the weather was cold, but plunged right in and rose smiling and struck out for the other shore, where the angels were waiting for him with a better suit than he ever wore in his life. Jim was a poor man, but he had his subscription to his home paper paid up, and he got there in great shape."

"His subscription to his home paper paid up!" That's one of the main passports he needed for admittance into another and better world. How do you stand on the Watchman subscription book? Like Jim, can you "read your title clear to the Mansions in the sky," in this respect?—Panola Watchman.

Sanctified Wealth.

Several years ago when Mr. and Mrs. Stamford were traveling over the United States to secure ideas in starting The Leland Stanford Junior University, they were made the butt for many jests, both good-humored and ill-humored. The wealth of the bluff old pioneer has created, largely under the later manage-

ment and generous help of Mrs. Stanford, a beautiful university that is the pride of California. Sara K. Bolton, the well-known biographer, writes regarding the gifts of Mrs. Leland Stanford and her University work in the January DELINEATOR.

You are Thinking,

perhaps, of visiting the folks back home during the Christmas Holidays. If so, you want to GO THE BEST Way. There is but one best way that is via the Texas & Pacific Railway. Anticipating the enormity of the movement to the Southeast, this line has arranged for special trains in addition to its regular service, and will give patrons the choice of going via either New Orleans, Shreveport or Memphis. Tickets will be sold to St. Louis, points in Arkansas and the Southeast, December 20, 21 and 22nd, limited for return 30 days from date of issue. See any ticket agent about our splendid connections, free chair cars, reservation in sleeping cars etc, or write to H. P. Hughes, Traveling Passenger Agent, Fort Worth Texas, or E. P. Turner, General Passenger and Ticket Agent, Dallas, Texas.

Mexican Sweetmeats.

Together with a mass of other interesting domestic details appearing in the January Delineator, that issue contains an article on Mexican candies. This will be of interest to women who want to introduce novelties at the table during the holiday season. A practical article in the same number deals with winter vegetables, how to secure variety, and how to make the vegetables palatable.

Bits of Fun,

A woman says a bachelor's life is a magnificent breakfast, a passable lunch, and a miserable dinner.

When patronizing a Boston hotel don't forget that "culinary symposium" on the bill of fare means hash.

Photographs are seldom true to nature. No one ever saw a small boy as clean as he appears in a picture.

When a rich man suddenly becomes poor, or a poor man suddenly becomes rich, his true character crops out.

The youth, who is ashamed of his father's business isn't ashamed to squander the coin the old man made out of it.

Don't expect to get something for nothing. Value for value is the only honest rule in business, politics and morals.

The man who is always telling you that the coat doesn't make the man is the first to criticize an ill-fitting garment.

Expunge the accounts of man's inhumanity to man from the world's history and a small volume would contain the rest.

When cats wash their faces it's a sign of bad weather. When women use washes for their complexions it's a sign that the beauty of the day is gone.

The solemn look on the fathers face when he gives his daughter away at the marriage altar is amusing when one recalls how anxious he has been to get rid of her during the past ten years.

Johnson's Law Card.

Special attention is called to the new law card of Hon. C. C. Johnson, to be found in its proper place, among professional cards.

Judge Johnson located here in April, 1890; and has stayed with us, "wet or dry." He has made new and valuable additions to his law library, has regained his health; and is ready to serve his people faithfully and honestly in his profession.



Every day adds to the list of deaths attributed to heart failure. If the truth were told the bulk of these deaths might be written down as due to stomach failure. For it is in the failure of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition, that "weak" heart, "weak" lungs, "weak" nerves and other forms of physical deterioration having their beginning. The man whose stomach is sound, who can digest and assimilate the food he eats, and so keep each organ of the body well nourished, is the man who is least liable to collapse under the sudden weakness of some vital organ.

The preservation of health which follows the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, is chiefly due to the fact that it perfectly and permanently cures diseases of the stomach and organs of digestion and nutrition, purifies the blood and increases the blood supply of the body. Weak people will find in this medicine a sure means of strength.

"I was under doctor's care for quite a time," writes Mr. J. F. Kidd, of Parmerville, Wayne Co., Ky. "They had almost given me up, and my suffering was very great. My pulse was weak, breath short and I had severe pain in back, head and legs. Had palpitation of heart, and for eleven months I was not able to do a day's work. I purchased five bottles of Dr. S. Y. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and by the time the fifth bottle was gone I was a well man." Dr. Pierce's Pellets regulate the liver.

Estray Notice.

The State of Texas County of Kent Taken up by Berry Parsley and estrayed before J. W. Williams, J. P. Precinct 1. Kent county Texas the following described 3 head of horses viz:

One black horse about 8 years old 14 1/2 hands high branded D on left shoulder. One black horse about 10 years old 14 1/2 hands high branded A on left shoulder and J P A on left hip, also one bay horse about 8 or 9 years old 14 1/2 hands high branded OAK on left hip. The same being appraised at \$50.00, the owner of the above described animals is requested to come forward prove property, pay charges and take said property away or they will be dealt with as the law directs.

Attest, Mark Hardin Clerk, County Court Kent County. Given under my hand and seal of office, this 13th day of Nov. A. D. 1900.

Mark Hardin Clerk County Court Kent County.

A Railway Change.

A circular has been received at this office, dated Nov 1, from the Pecos System as follows.

Mr. F. P. Morgan, having tendered his resignation, the position of General Live Stock Agent for this Company has been abolished. The business of that department will be handled by E. W. Martindell, General Freight Agent.

D. H. NICHOLS, General Manager.

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SNYDER Lodge No. 485, L Meets Friday night before third and fifth Sundays. A G Person, N G; B L Crump, Secy.

VALENTINE Camp No 544, W. O. W. Meets last Monday night in each month. T F Baker, C C; A J Grantham, Clerk.

Churches Etc.

Christain Church—Preaching every third Sunday morning and evening. Eld. A. S. Henry pastor. Sunday school at 10 a m G. W. Brown, supt. Primitive Baptist. Preaching every fourth Sabbath, and Sunday before. Rev. J. A. Bush, pastor.

Cumberland Presbyterian. Preaching Second Sunday in each month. Rev. W. W. Warner, pastor. Sunday school at 10 a m. H. B. Patterson, Supt.

Methodist church.—Preaching 1st Sunday morning and night and third Sunday at night. Ed K. Walling pastor. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night. Sunday school at 10 a m. A. J. Grantham supt.

Baptist church.—Preaching third and fourth Sundays. Sunday school at 10 a m E. C. Dodson supt. prayer meeting every Thursday night. J. A. Ogle, pastor.



Are you nervous? Are you completely exhausted? Do you suffer every month? If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, you have the which Wine of Cardui cures. Do you appreciate what perfect health would be to you? After taking Wine of Cardui, thousands like you have realized it. Nervous strain, loss of sleep, cold or indigestion starts menstrual disorders that are not noticeable at first, but day by day steadily grow into troublesome complications. Wine of Cardui, used just before the menstrual period, will keep the female system in perfect condition. This medicine is taken quietly at home. There is nothing like it to help women enjoy good health. It costs only \$1 to test this remedy, which is endorsed by 1,000,000 cured women.

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Look at the next ten people you meet and see how much is worn of the so-called jewelry. From a \$500.00 watch chain to a five cent stick pin. Jewelry has come to be a staple article of dress. You will buy more or less of it, see that you get what you pay for when you buy. You can be sure of this if you buy of

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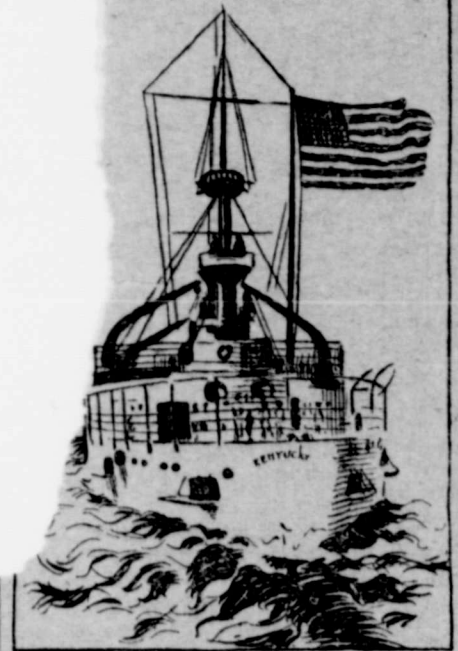
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NAVY'S FASTEST BOAT

THE KENTUCKY BREAKS ALL OCEAN RECORDS.

Her Recent Fast Trip from New York to Gibraltar Has Attracted the Attention of the World to Our Fearless Navy.

(Washington Letter.) Uncle Sam's big battleship Kentucky, the pride of the navy. She recently broke all long-distance records for warships by steaming from New York to Gibraltar in twelve days. It is a 4,000-mile trip and the average speed was fourteen knots an hour. She left New York October 26. The news of her arrival at Gibraltar. The admiralty officials were both surprised and delighted to hear of the ship's marvelous run, and they immediately cabled Capt. Chester their congratulations. Admiral Dewey came home from Manila a year ago he made the trip from Gibraltar to New York in the cruiser Olympia in nine days, arriving here two days ahead of his time. This, the naval officers say, is so remarkable a performance as Kentucky's trip has proved to be, only because the Olympia was built for speed. The news of the latest record-breaking trip was received by navy men with a feeling of satisfaction. The record of the Oregon on her



THE KENTUCKY, on long journey around the Cape is beaten for the distance so far sailed by the Kentucky.

Tried It on the Dog.

A French barber has invented a lotion for the human head that not only preserves the scalp, but makes hair grow in bald spots. A doubting citizen quizzed him on the subject. "You say it is new; you have not tried it; how do you know it will work?" "Ah, I am not so slow," was the reply. "I have knowledge that in America ze inventor like ze director of ze opera and ze drama first try heem on ze dog. If ze dog like, he try heem on ze man. I have try my lotion on ze dog with ze what you call mange. He make effort to eat himself on ze back and on ze ear till all hees hair depart and ze scalp ees much affect. In three applicasheon ze sore depart and ze hair grow. Ze physeeologie of ze brute ees ze same like ze physeeologie of ze human. Voila." "Do you mean to tell me that you have cured a dog of the mange with this stuff?" "Mainzh? What eet is?" "What you call 'monzhay.' Ah! Oou! Yes! Vraiment! A grand language. Ze dog he eat; he have ze 'mainzh'; it ees manger tout vif. Eh, monsieur?"—New York Press.

Miss Russell's Train.

All along the Rockaway Beach division of the Long Island railroad there are misty legends of the "Golden Diva Train" that scoots along in the midnight darkness like a fierce jack-o'-lantern. It consists of an engine and two cars, and makes the run to far Rockaway in twenty-five minutes. One of the natives said to me on Saturday afternoon: "I'll tell you, Mr. Tip, it is a sight these black nights. Lillian pays \$50 a night for her train, and gives the conductor and brakeman \$5 apiece for every run. That makes \$60 a trip. She dashes out of the theater as soon as her part is over, rides in a cab to the ferry and in ten minutes more is in her private car, flying along Newtown Creek. But what's that to her—\$60 a night to get home—when she's making \$1,500 a week?" I did not feel inclined to make any corrections.—New York Press.

Concentration Is Prudent.

The only prudence in life is concentration; the one evil is dissipation; and it makes no difference whether our dissipations are coarse or fine; property and its care, friends, and a social habit, or politics, or music, or feasting. Everything is good which takes away one plaything and delusion more, and drives us home to add one stroke of faithful work. Concentration is the secret of strength in politics, in war, in trade, in short, in all management of human affairs.—Power.

Seclusion of Lepers.

One of the local American papers in Manila is agitating the leper question and advocating the selection of one of the numerous islands of the group as a place where they may be secluded.

Souvenir Friend.

Judge—Prisoner, have you anything to say why sentence of death should not be pronounced?
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CHASED BY SLAVER.

Enduring Experiences of the Crew of a British Steamship.

The P. and O. steamer Egypt, which departed at Plymouth recently, had among her passengers those of the crew of the British steamer Indra, who were so long missing after the wreck of their vessel at Cape Guardafui. The Indra, bound from Java to Philadelphia with 8,500 tons of sugar, was wrecked on August 20, about 28 miles from Cape Guardafui in fine weather. The crew left in four boats, but the captain and second officer were soon picked up and the men conveyed to Aden. Twenty-three days later the remainder of the crew arrived there after extraordinary experiences. Two days after leaving the Indra they fell in with a Somali dhow which offered to conduct them to the shore to find fresh water. One of the native crew understood something of the language and gathered that the strangers intended making prisoners of the shipwrecked mariners and holding them for ransom or selling them into slavery. The Somalis had placed an armed man in one of the boats, but during the night he was thrown overboard and the towline was cut afloat. Hoisting sail, the two boats stood away, but were soon followed in pursuit by the Somalis, who were seen preparing their blow-darts and stones. The sailors' smaller craft was abandoned, its occupants being taken on the sailing boat, which now had thirty-nine people on board, with a diminished supply of water and food. In the darkness the Indra's crew effected their escape, but another eight days elapsed before a friendly village was reached on the Arabian coast. Meanwhile the water supply was limited to four tablespoonfuls a day, whilst the last seven days there was nothing to eat. The victims' sufferings were frightful. Several steamers were seen but signals were not regarded. Day after day in the fierce sunshine the Europeans, although longing for water to moisten their cracked lips, manfully kept up their spirits, but the natives handed knives to one another, and would have induced each other to put an end to their troubles but for the influence of the officers. At last Barral was reached, and during the twelve days spent ashore the food was of the scantiest description, though everything possible was done for the comfort of the men. On reaching Aden the unfortunate men were sent home.

AZTEC TREASURES

Unearthed After Being Buried Centuries Ago.

The work that is being carried on in the Calle de las Escalerillas for the laying of the sewer mains has led to important archaeological discoveries, for, as is well known, that street, as well as the present cathedral, formed part of the site of the great temple of Huitzilopochtli, the Aztec god of war, says the Mexican Herald.

The latest discoveries seem to be the most important of all. Foremost among them are two figures of the god Ehecatl (god of air), the companion of Quetzacoatl. One of these figures is painted red, yellow and black, and in spite of the dampness of the ground where it has lain for centuries, the colors have remained fresh and vivid. These idols are adorned with disks of gold, which are polished and engraved in a remarkable manner. The disks are about twenty centimeters in diameter and the gold plate is of fair thickness. Other objects found at the same time were four ear ornaments of gold, a gold jewel case belonging to the god of air, beads, amulets of green stone, axes of silex, small idols of stone, lances of sharp stones, a curious mask of pyrite of iron, knives of large dimensions, a mask of diorite, censers of earthenware painted in colors and many other figures of stone and cement, the latter being always polychromatic.

Breathing Exercise.

A breathing exercise, which is said to work wonders in the way of filling up the neck, hollows in the cheeks, expanding contracted chests and curing many of the minor ills which flesh is heir to is taken thus: Stand out of doors in the sunshine or by an open window, hold the chest up and inhale through the nose as long as possible. Exhale equally slowly. Fifteen minutes of this exercise twice a day will effect a great improvement in health and appearance. The exercise is as good for men as for women and is sometimes recommended by drill sergeants to young volunteers and others by way of increasing their chest measurement to the requisite number of inches.

Origin of "Dixie's Land."

The original song, "Dixie's Land," was composed in 1859 by Daniel Emmett as a "walk-around" for Bryant's minstrels. Mr. Emmett frequently heard the performers in a crowd make the remark, "I wish I was in Dixie," as soon as the northern climate began to be too severe for the tent life which they followed. The expression suggested the song, "Dixie's Land," which made a hit at once in New York, and was speedily carried to all parts of the Union by numerous bands of wandering minstrels. In the fall of 1860 John Wood sang it in New Orleans in the burlesque of "Pocahontas," and before a week had passed the words they had taken it up. A New Orleans publisher saw possibilities in the song, and without the authority of the composer had the air harmonized and arranged, issuing it with the bodying the strong southern feeling then existing in New Orleans.—Home Journal.

A NARROW ESCAPE. A GRATEFUL WOMAN.



MRS. F. J. LYNCH, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.
Mrs. F. J. Lynch, 324 South Division street, Grand Rapids, Mich., writes: The Peruna Medicine Company, Columbus, Ohio:
Gentlemen:—"I earnestly recommend Peruna to any suffering women as it cures quickly. I had a most persistent cough which nothing seemed to cure. Two bottles of Peruna did more for me than all the doctors seemed to do. In a couple of weeks I found myself in excellent health, and have been enjoying it ever since. Hence I look on Peruna as a true friend to women."

Chronic Coughs and Colds Are Catarrhal Diseases.
Catarrh is the Continual Scourge of Christendom.
Catarrh hovers ominously over every city, and nestles treacherously in every hamlet. It flies with vampire wings from country to country and casts a black shadow of despair over all lands. Its stealthy approach and its lingering stay makes it a dread to the physician and a pest to the patient. It changes the merry laugh of childhood to the wheezy breathing of old age, and the song of the blushing maiden to the hollow cough of consumption. In its withering grasp the rounded form of the fond wife and mother becomes gaunt and spectral, and the healthy flush of manhood turns to the sallow, haggard visage of the invalid.
Cough takes the place of conversation, speech gives way to spitting, the oppressive odors of chronic catarrh poison the kiss of the fondest lovers, and thickened membranes bedim sight, impair hearing and destroy taste.
Like the plague-stricken Egyptians a cry of distress has gone out from every household, and the midwife woe clings to every hearthstone. Catarrh in some form, catarrh in some stage lurks as an enemy in the slightest cough or cold and finishes its fiendish work in heart disease and consumption.
No tissue, function, or organ of the body escapes its ravages; muscles wither, nerves shatter, and secretions dry up under its blighting presence. So stubborn and difficult of cure is this disease that to invent a remedy to cure chronic catarrh has been the ambition of the greatest minds in all ages. Is it therefore any wonder that the vast multitude of people who have been cured of chronic catarrh by Peruna are so lavish in their praise of this remedy? That the discovery of Peruna has made the cure of catarrh a practical certainty is not only the testimony of the people, but many medical men declare it to be true.
As a drug store in this age of the world is incomplete without Peruna, it can be obtained anywhere with directions for use. A complete guide for the prevention and cure of catarrh and all diseases of winter, sent free by The Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, Ohio.

"...the buck." "You acquired the buck, 'do you mean me out in this matter?" "Because," replied the joker, "you have the doe!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Compiled with His Request.

G. Ormandizer (struggling to carve the first turkey his wife has ever cooked)—Say, Mary, the bones in this bird are thicker than a shad's—just hear the knife grit.
Mrs. G. Ormandizer (almost crying with anxiety)—You must be against the shells, John.
"Shells?"
"Yes, John—don't you remember that you asked me to stuff the turkey with oysters?"—Brooklyn Life.



NEVER BLOWS IT.

"Mr. Tightpaper is always blowing about his money."
"Yes; he never gets beyond blowing about it."

Attentions.

"You don't send me any more violets or American beauties or boxes of candy," she murmured.
"No," answered Mr. Blykiss. "But that is no sign I am not as attentive as ever. If you would rather have violets and roses and boxes of candy than the cabbages and potatoes and sirloin steaks that I send around say the word. Your slightest wish shall be gratified, even if I have to eat at a dairy lunch room."

No Consolation There.

"There, now, Clara, how would you like to be these people who can't get home from Paris because their funds gave out?"
"Well, dear me, Clarence, they are better off than we are, whose funds gave out before we got started."—Indianapolis Journal.

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"Well, Rastus, did you take those pills I gave you yesterday?"
"Yas, sah; I took 'em, but say, boss, of yo's gwine to give me eny mo' to take woun yo' put 'em in a smaller box? I had a mighty hard time to swallow dat las' box."

Caught Her Listening.

Mrs. Highblower—Don't forget, my dear, that in conversation the interest must not be allowed to flag.
Clara—But I'm sure I do my best, mamma.
"May be so. But while the pianist was playing, I thought once or twice, that I detected you listening to him."—Life.

Making Him Harmless.

"I understand that a stump orator's private car is to be attached to this train."
"Don't worry, sir. You will not be disturbed. We have arranged to remove the rear platform just as soon as the train starts."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Good Reasons.

He—Oh, pray, Miss Darimble, don't call me Mr. Brookes."
She—Oh, but our acquaintance has been so brief—this is so sudden—sweetly—why shouldn't I call you Mr. Brookes?"
He—Oh, only because my name's Somerses!—Punch.

Underestimated.

Mrs. Soothing—I'm afraid you're going to buy a drink with that two pence I gave you.
Bill Bumpers—Ye didn't size me gauge, lady. Two pence don't buy me no drink. It jist gits me a taste.—Modern Society.

The Right Deduction.

"I ordered 200 pounds of ice today," remarked the young housekeeper, "and our iceman carried it up himself. That shows he's strong, doesn't it?"
"No," snapped the lord of the manor, "it shows that he weighed it himself."—Philadelphia Record.

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LOCAL NOTES.

Wanted at this office for Xmas, a big Turkey.

W. D. Sims was in the city Monday.

Rooted honeysuckles for sale at Mrs. L. J. Nichols.

Matthew Looney has been quite sick for the past few days.

J. R. Manry returned Saturday from a flying trip to Dallas.

P. M. Wellborn came in Monday from a business trip to Dallas.

John W. Baker, who lives in the Light community, was in town the first of the week.

Just received a fine line of Holiday goods.

DODSON & WASSON.

Miss Ethel Grizzle was in from the ranch Monday, the guest of Miss Pearl Kutch.

Go to Hallen & Byrd when you want fresh fish and oysters, served in any style.

Dr. Scarborough is improving his residence this week by the addition of a room and portico.

Eddie Henry came up from Colorado to assist in the store during the holidays.

Miss Annie Ellis is quite sick this week. Her many friends will be glad to see her up again.

Go to Wellborns for seven feet, twist link trace chains, hames, harness goods, wagon covers and horse covers, collar pads.

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Rev. W. W. Werner preached two very interesting sermons at the Cumberland Presbyterian church on last Sunday.

C. D. Martin left Monday for Colorado where he has accepted a position with the Burton-Lingo lumber company.

George M. Elkins, one of the prosperous raisers of fine cattle in Kent county, was in town Tuesday and gave us a nice order for stationery.

Dodson & Wasson are asking for your Christmas trade in this issue of the paper. See their large display ad on the fourth page.

W. A. Jones has been leveling up his lot on the east side of square preparatory to putting up a wagon yard in connection with his livery stable which he is preparing to open up.

If new type, first-class stock and a job printer with 15 years experience can please you, try us on your next order for anything in the job printing line.

Mrs. W. W. Beal and Miss May Beal, of Sweetwater, were here last week the guest of G. C. Euchanan and family, returning home Saturday.

Dr. Leslie is authority for the statement that P. M. Wellborn did not go to Dallas last week, but accepted a job of picking cotton for a few days near Colorado.

Wanted 40 cows, will pay good cash price for same, apply to Western Land and Live Stock Agency.

C. R. Kinchen, Gen. Mgr. Snyder, Texas.

Mrs. Emma Bibbee and children returned last Friday from a visit to Milford and was accompanied by her brother, Knox Kearse who will spend some time here.

A. S. Henry, of the firm of Henry & Aucutt, has been here several days the past week from Colorado assisting his firm in arranging for their grand holiday display.

P. M. Wellborn says that Riley Manry and F. J. Grayum could not stand the noise in the city of Dallas over night and left him, Riley returning home on the first train and Mr. Grayum going to a suburban village to keep from being disturbed by the noise of the cars.

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The most complete line of Jewelry and Sterling Novelties.....



Don't forget we handle Furniture and Drugs, and will always treat you right.

Grayum & Co

There were more typographical errors in the paper last week than usual on account of a rush of work to get out on time, but we will watch the proof reader more closely in future.

Knives, Axes, Guns, no toys, Wagons Expressly for the boys. Chinaware free, you can pick it. Trade with me and get your tickets. C. T. GIRARD & Co.

T. B. Woolverton of Willis Point, Texas, arrived here Tuesday on a prospecting tour. Mr. Woolverton is well pleased with the appearance of our country and will likely locate here.

J. C. Crockett was a pleasant caller at this office Monday. Mr. Crockett is a new-comer in this section, but is starting off right by planting shade trees and otherwise beautifying his new home.

Prof. Hudgins is setting his yard in shade trees and flowering shrubs. No home is complete without them, and if every one gave a little attention now to their yards, our town would soon show a marked improvement.

Richard Manry, brother of our townmen W. T. and J. R. Manry, has been here the past week from Denton county visiting his mother. This is a great pleasure to "Grandma," she not having seen him before in more than 8 years.

Jim Eudy, a boy 15 years old, weight about 120 pounds, tall, black eyes, dark hair and wore light check suit, leather belt and narrow brim hat; left home about Dec. 3. Information gladly received and rewarded by J. H. Eudy, or L. C. Darby, sheriff, Snyder, Texas.

W. A. Jones now has his passenger and express hack between here and Colorado in operation daily and is prepared to accommodate the public. He meets the west bound passenger train at Colorado every day and then comes to Snyder on good time. He solicits your patronage.

John Runyan and partner, carpenters from Colorado, arrived Monday and began the erection of Sheriff Darby's new residence in the east part of town. These gentlemen are said to be first class workmen and express a willingness to locate here if sufficient work is furnished them.

To My Friends.

Having accepted a position with Mr. F. Wilkerson, who recently purchased the R. H. Elkins livery stable and wagon yard, I wish to say to my friends of Snyder and surrounding country that I will be pleased to have their patronage and will endeavor to give one and all the most courteous treatment.

Very respectfully, E. J. THOMPSON.

Officers Elected.

Last Friday night Snyder lodge No. 485, I. O. O. F. elected the following officers:

A. H. Thornton, noble grand; E. W. Pool, vice grand; W. H. Wilson, secretary; T. J. Ellis treasurer; Dr. A. G. Person, representative to the Grand Lodge; J. S. Jones, alternate representative.

The installation will be on Friday night, Jan. 4, 1901.

Music Recital.

Mrs. T. F. Baker, assisted by her class of music will give a Music Recital at the Kidd building on the west side of the square Saturday evening Dec. 15th.

To cover expenses of the recital the small admission fee of 25c for reserve seats 15c for general admission and 10c for children will be charged.

Reserved seats on sale at L. J. Nichols.

T. K. N. Scholarship

The free scholarship in the Texas Kindergarten Normal, offered one young lady in Scurry County is now all paid up except \$21. Any church, club, or individual sufficiently interested may finish paying for same and take it up at once.

For further information address: President Texas Kindergarten Normal Abilene - - - - Texas.

Yesterday was the one hundredth anniversary of Washington as the seat of government, the national capitol having been moved from Philadelphia 100 years ago, and the event was celebrated with elaborate ceremonies.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

Office of Comptroller of the Currency.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 19, 1900.

WHEREAS, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "The First National Bank of Snyder," in the Town of Snyder, in the County of Scurry, and State of Texas, has complied with all the provisions of the statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of Banking;

NOW THEREFORE I, Thomas P. Kane, Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "The First National Bank of Snyder," in the Town of Snyder, in the County of Scurry, and state of Texas, is authorized to commence the business of Banking as provided in Section Fifty one hundred and sixty nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF witness my hand and seal of office this nineteenth day of Sept., 1900. [L. S.] T. P. KANE, Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency. No. 5580.

We Need Money.

All parties due us either by note or account are requested to call and settle at once. E. T. PRUITT.

B. L. Cooper of Colorado makes a specialty of fine watch repairing. Work guaranteed and prices reasonable.

Bring your hides and furs to Thomas Lockwood, north side of square, who pays the highest price for them.

Doss Bros., of Colorado, whole sale druggists, will give you the very lowest prices on anything in their line and solicit your patronage.

M. T. Crawford, Colorado, Texas, has a large stock of fancy lump McAister and other grades of lump and Nut coals. Special prices for country trade.

When you want up-to-date barber work, go to Matthew Looney west side of the square

While settling with others please do not forget your best friends, DODSON & WASSON.

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GORDON SPEAKS.

He Delivers an Eloquent Address at the Crescent City

BEFORE SOUTHERN INDUSTRIAL

Convention, and the Distinguished Speaker's Words Were the Recipient of Close Attention.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 6.—The industrial convention assembled here Tuesday. It is presided over by President H. H. Hargrove, who was elected at the Huntsville convention, and there are delegates present from twenty states.

John B. Gordon of Georgia delivered a most eloquent address.

After detailing the changed conditions in Georgia and the evident prospects he continued as follows, in part:

"And now, in conclusion, let me say a word as to the whole south. I note that we are forbidden to talk politics that suits me. Like my friend from Arkansas, I was in politics same years ago, but I have reformed. I have some things on my heart and mind which I propose to say. I say them not as a representative for the governor nor for the state, but I say them on my own responsibility, that our land, once the Niobe of nations, bathed in tears, isolated in her unspeakable grief, is Niobe no longer. But she is now rather noble Cornelia, pointing with just exultation to her triumphant Graecchi, conquering all foes and trampling under foot every barrier to her progress. She is still; it is true, and ever will be, Rachel, inconsolable at the loss of her truest child, because she is a brave mother, and still more refined, by fires through which she has passed, engulfing her sons who went down in war. For her and her children she asks no narrow policies, no Chinese walls, but she looks with palpitating heart toward the boundless orient as an outlet for her great staples; she wants the Nicaraguan canal, connecting the eastern and western oceans. She asks for the open door—and a wide open one—for a market for 11,000,000 bales of cotton, which she can see in the distant future, to convert into clothing for the nations."

Masonic Grand Lodge.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 6.—The Texas Masonic grand bodies met Tuesday in annual session with between 600 and 700 members in attendance. There was nothing of especial importance in Tuesday's proceedings, which mainly consisted of the submission of reports in each of the grand bodies. The most worshipful grand lodge of Texas was opened at 10 o'clock, the grand officers in their respective stations. Pastmaster Lusk read his report.

Up to the 5th \$296,890 of the \$350,000 relief fund at Galveston had been appropriated.

Dixie Daughters.

Corvina, Ky., Dec. 6.—The fifth annual convention of delegates, Texas division United Daughters of the Confederacy, was begun Tuesday morning in the Cumberland Presbyterian church in this city. At the opening of the convention there were present delegates from twenty-two chapters. There was an animated discussion precipitated by a resolution offered by Mrs. Stone of Galveston, requiring certificates as to qualifications of applicants for membership, and requiring all members making such application to show that they were real Daughters of the Confederacy. The discussion was participated in by a large number. Mrs. Stone advocated her resolution while Mrs. Katie Cabell Currie opposed.

Texas rate clerks are busy checking up.

Maxey's Ruling.

Laredo, Tex., Dec. 6.—In United States district court, sitting at Laredo, Judge Maxey made an important decision, which declared that his court had jurisdiction of cases of damages which are demanded for accidents happening on railroads in Mexico. Heretofore the Texas state courts have held a monopoly of this class of cases. Four suits on this account (damages) were tried.

Captured Ribbons.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 6.—Texas, the greatest cattle state and the foremost breeding ground in America, has demonstrated at this exposition, which is now conceded by all hands to be the biggest thing of the kind ever held, that when it comes to prize winning her name must be printed right along with the rest, and that, too, first. The fact is the Lone Star state had things almost its own way, against states like Colorado, Wyoming, Kansas and Nebraska on range cattle, and walked off with several prizes aggregating nearly \$1000. In the southwest district, which included Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and Old Mexico, the Channing syndicate XIT carload of yearlings received all three prizes. In the calf competition the XIT carried the blue and the red.

In the southern division, where all cattle are bred in that part of the United States and Mexico lying south of the United States quarantine line, A. F. Pannill of Kaufman received the second premium. In the sweepstakes, in which only one carload lots were eligible, the Panhandle XIT's yearlings that never saw corn, and did not know what hay looked like, got first money, with the famous Swan-Land Cattle company of Wyoming second, and Eugene Grubb, a prominent breeder of Colorado, third. But the winnings did not stop here.

In the fat cattle competition, the state fared equally well. Marion Sansom of Alvarado, who made himself famous at the Fort Worth Fat Stock show, is keeping up his reputation. The Alvarado feeder had a veritable walkover, getting first and second prizes, and Pannill of Kaufman came in for the white ribbon on fat yearlings.

In the 2-year-old steer class Sansom was an easy victor for the blue. Col. Columbus Slaughter of Dallas was awarded the second prize on fat 3-year-old steers, the first prize going to J. K. Tear of Ormondale, Ill., who had XIT steers.

Negro Disfranchisement.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 6.—Much interest is shown in the negro disfranchisement question of this state, which is to come before the constitutional convention soon.

Senator John W. Daniel is drafting a provision, which it is believed will stand a better prospect of successfully running the gauntlet of the court of last resort than the "grand-fathers" clause of Louisiana and North Carolina. Senator Daniel's proposition is to exempt from illiteracy clause all persons from Virginia who served in any war. This would let in all illiterate ex-Confederate and Federal soldiers, white and black. The number of the two last named classes will be insignificant. The plan is based upon laws enacted by a Western state during the civil war, under which all persons who volunteered in the Federal army were given the right of suffrage.

It is thought the allies will leave Peking soon.

Slew Wife and Self.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 6.—Mrs. Mary Webster Sallee, heiress to a portion of the large wealth left by Lawson Webster, a bachelor uncle, just as she was about to come into her legacy, after years in the kitchen and at the wash tub, is lying with a bullet in her brain at St. Joseph's hospital. She was shot at her home in May street by her husband, Robert L. Sallee, who, after the shooting, sent a bullet through his own brain and died.

Cut His Wife's Throat.

Waxahachie, Tex., Dec. 6.—Tuesday night at 10 o'clock a negro by the name of Rene Bones, in a fit of jealous rage, cut the head of Henrietta, his wife, off with a bowie knife. When the officers were seen to be approaching he shoved the knife into his own throat inflicting a wound from which he may die.

Nine Killed.

Suisun, Cal., Dec. 6.—During a heavy fog Tuesday a train on the Southern Pacific railroad collided with a work train of five cars and an engine going east in a deep cut about 600 yards beyond Kalden's station, causing the death of nine workmen and injuries of a more or less serious character to twenty others.

The victims were asleep in bunks on the work train.

DEMONIACAL DEED

Turpentine Poured on a Man in the City of Dallas

AND HIS CLOTHING SET ON FIRE.

Two Men Arrested, but the Feeling So Intense They Were Removed to the Tarrant County Jail.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 5.—Because of the outrage perpetrated here Monday morning at 1:30 o'clock, this city was stirred more deeply than for years.

Screams of agony brought policemen on a dead run to a saloon in East Dallas at the hour named. Seated in a chair, evidently unable to move, was a man whose garments were a mass of flames. Standing behind the bar, calmly smoking cigars as they watched their fellow-being roast to death, the officers allege, were two men.

"Bring some water here quick!" shouted an officer.

"Get it yourself," it is alleged one of the men retorted. "Let him die. What's the use of worrying over him?"

One officer took off his coat and with it beat out the fire. The man was sent to Parkland hospital, where he died at 6 o'clock that morning. Soon after his arrival at the hospital two men were brought before him for identification. Then it was that the discovery was made that his eyes had been burned out. The man was Pate Bain, for many years constable at Garland, in this county. Bain was married.

Ere his death the tortured man made a statement to Assistant County Attorney H. F. Lively.

Bain, said to be under the influence of liquor, reclined in a chair. While in this position nearly a pint of turpentine, it is alleged, was poured over him and a match applied. The flames shot up into the air fully two feet above his head. When the heat and pain partially revived him he called pitiouly for help, and when none came, screamed and attracted the officers. They found him burned from head to foot. Some portions of his body had already been reduced to cinders.

Policemen Brandon and Willis swore out warrants against Eugene Faulkner and J. W. Chapman. Murder is the charge. Faulkner and Chapman were promptly placed in the county jail and later taken to Fort Worth.

News of the manner in which Bain had met his death aroused the greatest indignation. Threats of lynching the men arrested were freely made. Monday night a number of men gathered in front of the jail, but nothing was done.

Russia has created several new consulates in Persia.

Health of the czar of Russia is steadily improving.

Crumpacker's Bill.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The business session consisted of swearing in new members and the reading of the president's message, and then adjournment out of respect for the deceased members.

The bill of general interest introduced in the house was Crumpacker's apportionment bill, the distinguishing feature of which is the proposed reduction of representation of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi and Louisiana. The first-named state is reduced one, North Carolina four and the others three. Crumpacker is going to urge the increase before the committee.

The senatorial committee decide the ship subsidy bill must be acted on first.

Large Deal.

Beeville, Tex., Dec. 5.—A deal has been consummated within the past few days by which J. M. Chittim, one of the best known and richest cattlemen of southwest Texas, becomes the owner of the Kampman ranch, located near Normanna, in the northern part of this county. The sale includes 12,300 acres of land and 3600 head of high-grade Durham and Devon cattle.

Livestock Show.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 5.—With music and oratory, banners and bunting on every side, the International Livestock exposition was formally opened Monday night. It was expected that Hon. R. W. Hall of Texas would deliver the address, but he announced at the eleventh hour that pressing business detained him at home, and in his absence President John W. Springer of the National Livestock association spoke. He faced the audience of fully 17,000 people, and his flashes of wit at times caused a thunder of applause. It seemed as if Chicago had grown livestock crazy, for fully 8000 people were denied admittance to the exposition simply because the vast amphitheatre was crowded to suffocation and would hold no more people. The governors from six states were present, and representatives from as many foreign nations heard the address.

Mr. Springer said that the show was the greatest of its kind ever held in the world, and after paying a high tribute to the stockmen, he stated that he had the pleasure of shaking hands with a Texas cattleman who had but recently drawn his check for \$560,000 and put half a dozen Kentucky men out of business.

The reference was made to S. B. Burnett of Fort Worth, who some time ago bought the Louisville Land and Cattle company property.

Roswell Z. Herrick, vice president of the National Livestock bank, entertained several friends Monday night, including Hon. Mortimer Levering of Indiana, Hon. John W. Springer and Fred P. Johnson of Denver, Eugene Grubb of Colorado, O. P. Updegraff of Topeka, Mr. Wade, a distinguished stockman of Canada, Dr. G. Howard Davidson, a prominent breeder of New York, General Manager Skinner and others.

A toast was proposed to several absent Texans, and a response was delivered by President Springer, who said, among other things, that he was a child of Illinois by birth, of Texas by adoption and of Colorado by necessity. He paid a high tribute to Texas.

Five Killed.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 5.—Five railway employes were instantly killed and twelve were injured by the explosion of a boiler in the powerhouse of the Chicago and Northwestern railway. Several of the injured are hurt so badly that they will die.

The power-house was a two-story structure which stood west of the passenger station and north of the tracks leading to it. On the first floor was the boiler room, containing a battery of four boilers, and the dynamo-room, which held nine dynamos. Twelve men were employed around the building, and in addition to such of these as were present at the time a number of strangers were standing around watching the dynamos.

A train was pulling out at the time, and a number of passengers were injured, two cars being wrecked.

United States gunboat Wilmington has arrived at Port Said.

Effort to Oust Easton.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 5.—Thomas D. Brick, candidate for district clerk on the Democratic ticket at the recent county election, filed suit in the district court to oust Alex. Easton, the incumbent, who has held the office for the last twenty years. Brick in his petition alleges that the action of the county commissioners in throwing out the votes of precinct 74 because of alleged improper returns deprived him of the office.

To be Decapitated.

Tien Tsin, Dec. 3.—Tang Weng Huan, author of the outrages upon the Paoing Fu missionaries, arrived yesterday and was paraded through Victoria road in a cart under a strong German guard previous to being handed over to the provisional government for decapitation.

Revenue Stamp Sales.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 5.—The comparative report of the sales of revenue stamps at the office of Collector P. B. Hunt of the northern district of Texas showed Monday that the receipts for the first Monday in December, 1899, were \$1697.31, and the receipts for the first Monday in December of this year \$5552.31, showing an increase over the same day of last year of \$3855.

Playing Favorites.

The small pikers who make money in Wall street are those that play favorites. The winners on the turf never think of pining their commissions along with their faith on horses of their own selection, but follow a certain jockey whose star for the time being is in the ascendant. "How did you come out this year?" Victor Smith asked a certain speculator. "Twenty-three thousand ahead; first year I've won since McLaughlin left the Dwyers." "How do you account for it?" "Following the jockeys instead of the horses." "You did not do that before?" "Not since McLaughlin's day. I followed him because he was honest. When he retired I thought I knew enough to pick 'em for myself. I lost everything." "Followed any particular jockey this season?" No, I followed each one as long as he seemed to ride in luck. When he began to lose right along I dropped him." It is the same in the street. The jockeys down there in the mad-strom of speculation are the great financiers and railroad magnates. He who plays them for a long pull will win.

Smallest Pipe in the World.

"The smallest meerschaum pipe in the world" is the legend attached to a tiny bit of earing, partially colored, which is exhibited in the window of a little Philadelphia shop. "I made this little pipe several years ago," the proprietor said recently, "and I started to color it myself but it was mislaid one day and I didn't find it again for a long time. It is only an inch and a quarter long. The amber mouthpiece is less than nine-sixteenths of an inch in length, and is less than one-eighth of an inch thick. It was a decidedly delicate job. I would rather carve a hundred big pipes than that little one." A tiny pinch of tobacco may be placed in the bowl. One puff and it is gone. It is, perhaps, needless to say that the smallest pipe in the world is not for sale.

Dismissed for "Gouging."

The secretary of the navy dismissed from the naval academy last week, on recommendation of the superintendent, a cadet found guilty of "gouging," which is the slang for dishonesty in work, in this case the copying as his own of a theme written by another cadet, and of falsehood. Fifty-six members of his class petitioned the secretary to exercise clemency, and are all placed in the third conduct grade for insubordination, which permits them to have liberty but once in four weeks.

The "No Door" Story Nonsensical.

Frank Sanborn takes to task Rebecca Harding Davis because of her article in the November Scribner's in which she gives some recollections of a visit to Concord forty years ago and tells about the summer house built by Alcott for Emerson, and which contained no door. This statement is denounced as pure nonsense by Mr. Sanborn, who says the house has a door, and a big one, which he has often entered, and which has been sketched by artists.

New York's Bernhardt Craze.

Long lines of Bernhardt-Coquelin New York admirers or their messenger boys stood patiently in a drizzling rain Tuesday for the chance to get an early choice of single seats for that engagement. The subscription sale was a success, two five-seat blocks of the outside seats sold for the entire forty performances. Fancy prices were paid without a murmur.

Stands Up for Her Yankee Sisters.

Mrs. Mary Wright Sewall, president of the International Council of Women, in a recent speech at Milwaukee, took exception to the women's exhibition now in progress at Earlscourt, London, where women of different nationalities are shown at their typical occupations. The fair American, it seems, is shown swinging in a hammock and chewing gum.

"Dude's" Origin.

Professor Skeat thinks he has discovered the origin of the word "dude" in a German dialect word "dude-kopf," a blockhead, which found its way into England through "dawdle" and "doddy."

Depew Has Reached His Goal.

Senator Chauncey Depew was in a reminiscent mood one night recently after dinner at a favorite New York club, and related to a few friends how he had achieved political success after long years of patient waiting. "It was always my ambition," said Mr. Depew, "to be a senator. When I was a little boy in the village of Peckskill I conceived that desire. I had read Plutarch's lives and Roman history. I had read all the books in the circulating library, and the most fascinating volumes were those which dealt with the careers of senators. William H. Seward was my ideal. I wanted to be like him. I wanted to be a senator. Ever I kept my eyes fixed on my ideals. I went to Yale with my ideal in my heart, and I came out of Yale with it still there. I went to work, and I won out as a lawyer. In 1885 I was offered that senatorship for which I had long striven, but I didn't take it. Why? Because I was pledged to Everts. I was urged to take the place, but much as I desired it I said no, and stood for Everts. No, I never despaired of being a senator, for I knew my time would come. Just as sure as a man fixes his mind on a goal and holds it there steadfastly, thinking only of that goal, he will ultimately reach it. One thing, I never worried. You can't win if you worry. Leave that for your opponents. No matter what happens don't worry. Go to bed and go to sleep. When you awaken you will have forgotten the cares of the preceding day, and you will have strength to overcome all obstacles. Yes, I shall stay in the senate so long as I may, if only in admiration of Seward. It is not an admiration that may lead one astray."

A Beastly Joke, Don't You Know.

An English couple, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Chamberlain, who are traveling in this country, were recently the victims of a heartless practical joke on the part of an American whom they met on a train in the West. He told them that if they wished to see a typical frontier town they ought to stop at Denver. Upon his advice they purchased such luxuries as would be needed in that crude village, such as a private bathtub, with alcohol lamp for heating the water, etc. The wag informed Mr. Chamberlain that guests at the Denver hotel were supposed to wash in a tin basin on a bench in the back yard. When he saw Denver he was astounded, and, as he explained to the hotel man the reason why he brought along the private bathtub, he was unable to understand the mirth of that gentleman or to fathom the motives of his informant.

Submarine Trip to Europe.

Holland, the submarine boat man, proposes to cross the Atlantic in a new craft which will live under water or travel like the ordinary, respectable steamer, just as the owner desires. He has planned the itinerary and declares there is no more to be feared in making this experiment than when he first took a dive in the original Holland boat. His new invention will go first to the Bermudas, thence to the Azores, Lisbon and Cadiz, Spain. Much of the trip will be made under water, he says.

Greek Professor a Private Soldier.

Dr. Henry C. Bunn, professor of Greek and English literature in St. John's military school at Manlius, N. Y., has enlisted as a private in the Twenty-third regiment, United States infantry, now at Manila. This is Professor Bunn's third attempt to join the regular army. He is a son of Rev. A. C. Bunn, D. D., rector of the Church Charity foundation in the diocese of Long Island.

Open Cars for Winter Smokers.

The Union Traction Company of Philadelphia promises to run open cars, one in five, all winter long, with no restrictions as to smoking. In the summer smoking is permitted there only on the three last seats of the open cars.

Harvard's Big Law School.

There are 614 students in the Harvard law school this year. 52 colleges being represented by their graduates, and Yale leading, its delegation numbering 73.