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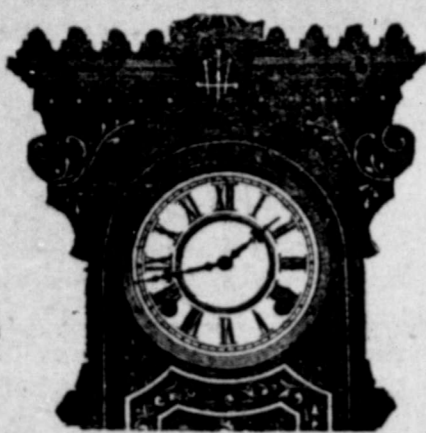
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Prof. Johnston's 40th Birthday.

Last Tuesday, December 19, a number of friends met at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Johnston in East Graham in response to a previous invitation, to commemorate the 40th anniversary of Prof. Johnston. Notwithstanding the frigid atmosphere occasioned by a well developed norther, most of the favored ones were on hand promptly to do honor to the noble host, and to enjoy the sumptuous repast prepared by Mrs. Johnston and daughters specially for the occasion.

Words cannot do justice in praise of the magnificent feast spread before that happy assembly. To get an idea of the gorgeous array of all the good things to eat, their delicious

preparation and the rapid demolition of a portion of it by a lot of hard-working teachers and a hungry editor, with several young people, three of our popular business men and their wives, to see it well done, one would have to be present and take a birds-eye view of the situation.

There was enough turkey to make a fellow feel in doubt as to whether or not it was Thanksgiving or Christmas, and cake enough to make the most crabbed feel sweet all their lives, and other things we could never enumerate without getting out a special edition.

After dinner Prof. Johnston made an appropriate little speech thanking all for their presence, and the teachers especially for

The Week of Prayer.
Topics arranged and endorsed by the pastors of the churches of Graham.

SUNDAY, DEC. 31.

At the Methodist Church. Preaching at 11 a. m. by Rev. W. S. Baker; subject: The gift of the Holy Spirit.—Acts 2:39. Young people's rally, 3 p. m. S. A. Barnes. Preaching 6:30 p. m. by Rev. T. S. Barcus; subject: Christ the world's greatest need today.—Matt 9:36.

MONDAY, JAN. 1, 1900.

At Christian Church, 6:30 p. m. Topic: The value of Christian co-operation.—Lev. 26:8.

The Best Way:

1. To overcome public evils.—Ecl. 4:12, Rev. S. A. Barnes.
2. To cultivate Christian iraternity.—Ps, 133:1, Prof. McNew.
3. To lead souls to Christ.—Matt. 18:19-20, R. E. Mabry.

TUESDAY, JAN. 2.

Baptist Church, 6:30 p. m. Topic: Consecration.—Rom. 12:1.

1. Of our talents.—Matt. 25:15-30, Rev. G. W. Black.
2. Of our time.—Matt. 21:28, Jasper Shepherd.
3. Of our money.—1 Cor. 16:2, J. E. Morrison.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 3.

Presbyterian Church, 6:30 p. m. Topic: The best way to secure a revival.

1. United effort.—Acts 1:13-15, Rev. T. S. Barcus.
2. Prayer.—Eph. 6:18-19, R. C. McPhail.
3. Personal work.—Jno. 1:41, B. S. Doty.

THURSDAY, JAN. 4.

Christian Church, 6-30 p. m. Topic: The importance of religion in the home.—Josh. 24:15.

1. Obedience.—Eph. 6:13, Rev. W. S. Baker.
2. Family worship.—Jer. 10:25, J. L. Vaughan.
3. Christian teaching.—Deut. 11:19-20, Prof. J. N. Johnston.

FRIDAY, JAN. 5.

Baptist Church, 6:30 p. m. Bible reading. Believer separated from the world, Rev. G. W. Black.

SATURDAY, JAN. 6.

Presbyterian Church, 6:30 p. m. Topic: Observance of the Sabbath.—Ex. 20:8-11 and Isaih 58:13-14. Speakers, Rev. S. A. Barnes, Judge Timmons, Rev. W. S. Baker.

SUNDAY, JAN. 7.

Methodist Church. Preaching 11 a. m., Rev. S. A. Barnes; subject: Love.—1 Cor. 13.

Children's meeting 3 p. m., led by R. E. Mabry. Preaching 6:30 p. m., Rev. G. W. Black; subject: Worldly amusements

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There were not many of the conventional formalities on this occasion, as is sometimes the case, but everything seemed perfectly homelike and free, and we feel sure that with every one present there was the sincere desire of a grateful heart for a long and continued useful life, with nothing but sunshine and flowers to fall athwart the pathway of our generous host.

In Life's December, when the leaves of his life shall have been bound and packed away with the fleeting years ago, may the Winter of his declining days shine resplendent with noble deeds and the bright sun

of a career that shall have spent its course in the philanthropic labors for the elevation and betterment of his fellowmen.



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Queer Lady Salisbury.

It is related of the late Lady Salisbury that she was bored by the obligations of society and was in the habit of turning away her head when she extended her hand in greeting, as if the person whom she was welcoming was not worthy of a look. It was in recognition of this peculiarity of hers that an attache of one of the foreign embassies accredited to the court of St. James trained his poodle to sit on his hind legs, and on mention of Lady Salisbury's name to turn his head over his shoulder to the side while it extended its paw.

The Man Who Defeated Grant.

The late James McManes, whose death has just occurred in Philadelphia, was a good deal of a boss in his day, and his influence in his party was by no means confined to that city. It was said of him that he did more than any other single man to defeat General Grant for a third term nomination. Roscoe Conkling said of him: "Your Irishman (McManes) did what the Confederates could never do. He defeated Grant."

Efficacy of Prayer.

Dean Hole, of Rochester, Eng., tells of a very innocent and gentle curate who went to a Yorkshire parish where the parishioners bred horses and sometimes raced them. He was asked to invite the prayers of the congregation for Lucy Grey. He did so. They prayed three Sundays for Lucy Grey. On the fourth the clerk told the curate he need not do it any more. "Why," said the curate, "is she dead?" "No," said the clerk, "she's won the steeplechase."

Sculptor's Models in Dakota.

Solon Borgium, a Parisian sculptor, has been in South Dakota for the last three months making models in clay of Indians for the Paris exposition. He found some fine specimens of the American aborigines among the Sioux at the Crow Creek agency, South Dakota, and succeeded in working up half a dozen models.

Fifty-five Years a Teacher.

Professor Davidson Eckels has been a teacher in the common schools of Carlisle, Pa., for fifty-five years, and is thought to be the oldest teacher in the Keystone state. He is now in the 79th year of his age. Captain Benjamin F. Lambertson, late of the Olympia, who was known in his schoolboy days as "Good Ben," was one of his pupils.

A Fireworks Finish in February.

Mrs. A. Elberson, of South Bend, Ind., is warning the people of Louisville of the end of the world, which, she claims, will come in February, 1900. She says the earth will explode, owing to the waters of the ocean passing through cracks in its bed into the molten mass that forms the interior of the globe.

Professor of Athletics.

The University of Michigan, following the example of several other institutions, has raised, by vote of the board of regents, Charles Bond, former director of athletics, to the rank of junior professor, with a salary of \$2,000.

Calumny.

The naval hero was wounded to the quick by this latest calumny.

"It was not enough to accuse me of having hidden behind the coming tower during the battle!" he exclaimed, with emotion. "They must needs furthermore insinuate that I have nothing tattooed on my arm!"

Then he cursed the day of his being beguiled into politics.—Detroit Journal.

NEW BRITISH PLANS

Seventy-five Thousand More Men to be Sent Forward.

WILL ACCEPT COLONIAL OFFERS.

Officers, Men, Arms, Ammunition and Stores are to be Rushed Across the Ocean in a Volume Unprecedented.

London, Dec. 19.—Upon the receipt of Gen. Buller's defeat at Colenso the defense committee of the cabinet met and decided on the following measures to strengthen the field force in south Africa:

The seventh division, now mobilizing, will proceed at once to south Africa. Heavy reinforcements of artillery, including three howitzer batteries, will be sent out immediately.

Gen. Roberts has been authorized to raise a local mounted camp in south Africa and a considerable mounted force from home will be sent out.

Nine battalions of militia in addition to the three that have already volunteered will be asked to volunteer for foreign service.

A special force of volunteers from the yeomanry and volunteer regiments will be formed for south African service and the offers of mounted men from the colonies will be accepted.

These measures should give the British 50,000 more men against the Boers. This, including the loyal Cape and Natal forces, will give the British 75,000 additional troops. Thus, the British strength in the field will be almost doubled.

The newer levies will be used mainly to guard the long lines of communication, thus setting free the regular trained troops for the front. Officers, men, arms, ammunition and stores are to be poured across the ocean in a volume unprecedented in history.

Fatal Accident.

Louisa, Ky., Dec. 19.—A sad accident occurred Saturday near Alliance postoffice, Floyd county, resulting in the death of Nelson Hamilton and three of his children. Hamilton, who was preparing to do some blasting, was pouring out some powder from a keg, when his 4-year-old son picked up a small amount and tossed it into the fire. The explosion threw some embers into the powder and a terrific explosion followed. The father and little son and two older children, who were in the room, were shocked into insensibility. The ceiling was lifted from its place, the walls spread and the upper part of the house came down again and stopped about half way, thus fastening all the doors securely.

When the oldest daughter regained consciousness sufficiently to realize that the house was in flames she tried to open a door, but at once saw the hopelessness of such an effort and began to scream for help. A neighbor arrived in time to burst in a door and get the tortured persons out, but they were so badly burned that all died within a few hours.

Wants the Men.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 19.—Gov. Sayers yesterday appealed to President McKinley for the surrender of Lieut. Rubottom and all non-commissioned officers at Fort Ringgold, for the occurrences which took place on the reservation there recently in the nature of fighting, rioting, etc. Commander McKibben has declined to surrender the men to the civil authorities, and Gov. Sayers carried the matter to the president, asking him to surrender the men.

Dr. Jenkins Mortally Wounded.

Waco, Tex., Dec. 19.—The trial of Dr. S. M. Jenkins, charged with murder and abortion, the unfortunate woman in the case being formerly of Austin, but whose parents live near Holland, Bell county, came to a sudden and tragic close at 9 o'clock yesterday morning. The court had convened and the state introduced Hugh Wheat, the 28 year old brother of Mary. Wheat walked into the court room with hat on, came up to the railing where the defendant sat and pulled a Colt pistol, shot Dr. Jenkins in the back, the ball striking about midway the back and passing near the spinal column, inflicting what is believed to be a mortal wound. When Wheat fired he dropped the pistol and ran toward the door and John Halligan, a brother-in-law of Jenkins, grabbed the pistol while it was still smoking and fired at Wheat, but missed him. Wheat and Halligan were both jailed but Halligan was released on a bond of \$500 later. The mother and sister of Dr. Jenkins and the mother, father and sister of Wheat were present in the court room when the tragedy occurred. The scene was indelible as the court room was full at the time of the shooting. The scene about Dr. Jenkins was also pathetic when his aged mother fell on her knees beside him crying and stroking his hands and face. Wheat refuses to talk. Dr. Jenkins is in a dangerous condition.

Trains Stuck in Snow.

Denver, Col., Dec. 19.—Saturday afternoon twenty trains were stuck in the snow between Palmer Lake and Pueblo, where snowdrifts are reported up to the car roofs. All freight trains were abandoned and the railways bent all efforts to liberate the passenger trains.

The Rio Grande train was stalled at Fountain, and a Colorado and Southern train was stuck in the drifts at Monument. The Santa Fe train leaving Saturday morning was stopped at Palmer Lake, and the next passenger train was stalled at Castle Rock Hill. Fresh snow is falling and a heavy gale fills the cuts as fast as the snow plows push through them.

Russian Press Comment.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—The Novoe Vremya, which does not conceal its pleasure at General Buller's defeat, says:

"The whole campaign must now be recommenced, but under altogether altered conditions of opinion in England."

The Svet says: "The Almighty is manifestly bestowing his blessing on the Boer arms. God is punishing an arrogant and rapacious people, who have oppressed and persecuted other races in order to enrich themselves."

South Carolina Shooting.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 19.—Police Officer Hutchison Sunday night shot and killed Alonzo Heyward and wounded Daniel Coaxum, both negroes. Hutchison was taking John Heyward and his wife to the station house for disorderly conduct, when attacked by Daniel and Alonzo Heyward and Daniel Coaxum. The officer was badly beaten and his overcoat was cut to ribbons, but he was game and fired while lying on the ground.

Granted a Franchise.

Kaufman, Tex., Dec. 19.—At a recent meeting of the city council the Southern Telegraph and Telephone company was granted a franchise to put in a more complete telephone system here. There are now about thirty telephones in use, but will on the finishing of contemplated improvements be seventy-five or eighty.

Currency Bill Passed House.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The currency bill passed the house by a vote of 190 to 150.

Buller's Terrible Loss.

London, Dec. 17.—The war office has received a dispatch announcing that Gen. Buller has met with a serious reverse, losing ten guns.

The following is the text of Gen. Buller's dispatch announcing his reverse:

"Buller to Landsowne, Chieveley Camp, 6:20 p. m., Dec. 15.—I regret to report a serious reverse. I moved in full strength from our camp near Chieveley at 4 o'clock yesterday morning. There are two fordable places in the Tugela river and it was my intention to force a passage through one of them. They are about two miles apart. My intention was to force one or the other, with one brigade supported by a central brigade. Gen. Hart was to attack the left drift. Gen. Hilyard the right road, and Gen. Lyttleton was to take the central and to support either. Early in the day I saw that Gen. Hart would not be able to force a passage and I directed him to withdraw. He had, however, attacked with great gallantry and his leading battalion, the Cannought rangers, I fear, suffered a good deal. Col. I. G. Brooke was seriously wounded. I then ordered Gen. Hilyard to advance, which he did, and his leading regiment, the East Surrey, occupied Colenso station and the houses near the bridge. At that moment I heard that the whole artillery I had sent to support the attack—the fourteenth and sixty-sixth field batteries, and six naval twelve-pounder quick firing guns, under Col. Long, had advanced close to the river, in Long's desire to be within effective range. It proved to be full of the enemy, who suddenly opened a galling fire at close range, killing all their horses, and the gunners were compelled to stand to their guns. Some of the wagon teams got shelter for troops in a donga and desperate efforts were being made to bring out the field guns. The fire, however, was too severe, and only two were saved by Capt. Schofield and some drivers, whose names I will furnish. Another most gallant attempt with three teams was made by an officer whose name I will obtain. Of the eighteen horses, thirteen were killed and as several drivers were wounded, I would not allow another attempt. Unsupported by artillery, I directed the troops to withdraw, which they did in good order. Throughout the day a considerable force of the enemy was pressing on my right bank, but was kept back by mounted men under Lord Dundonald and part of Gen. Gartol's brigade. The day was intensely hot and most trying on the troops whose conduct was excellent. We have abandoned ten guns and lost by shell fire one. The losses in Gen. Hunt's brigade are, I fear, heavy, although the proportion of severely wounded, I hope, is not large. The fourteenth and the sixty-sixth field batteries also suffered severely. We have retired to our camp at Chieveley.

Inhaled Gas.

Corsicana, Tex., Dec. 17.—While working in a ditch where gas works connections were being made Friday morning, Perry Osborne inhaled a large quantity of gas that was escaping from the pipe, and had a narrow escape from death. Rigors seized his whole body and he fell nearly unconscious and had to be carried to a neighboring building, where medical attention was given him. Had it not been that a physician was near by the man would have died, prompt remedies only saving his life.

Turned State's Evidence.

Palestine, Tex., Dec. 17.—The only witness in the lynching case yesterday was J. P. Weeks, who turned state's evidence. Weeks was put on the stand at the opening of court. He told a straightforward story, describing in detail the organization of the mob by Joe Wilkerson, the meeting on the fatal night, the taking of the Humphreys from their respective homes and finally the awful execution. He told the story without a falter, admitting that he climbed the bending tree and tied the ropes that had been placed around the Humphreys' necks while the victims sat on their horses under the tree. When he had tied all 3 ropes the horses were run out from under the Humphreys and they were dangling in the air. One of the ropes slipped and let the victim down. Weeks said he again climbed the tree and the mob on the ground held up the half dead Humphreys while he tightened the rope and made it fast. The cross-examination, conducted by Stillwell Russell, was rigid, but the witness told the same story over and over and was at no time confused. Weeks admitted he swore falsely in the first testimony and said he did so to get out of the scrape, but when he heard John Greenshaw had given the whole thing away he thought the best thing he could do was to tell the truth.

Fatal Accident.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 17.—A terrible accident occurred here at 12:30 Friday, when double-headed freight No. 243, Engineers Howe and Hadlock, ran into a hack at the east crossing. The hack contained Mrs. Lucy Duncan, Mrs. John Krupp, Mrs. Wm. Coalson and some children. Mrs. Lucy Duncan and Mrs. Krupp were thrown against the engine and instantly killed. One of the little girls had her foot cut off and the other leg injured and was bruised about the head. She is not expected to live. The other little girl came through the accident with slight injuries. Mrs. John Krupp is the wife of a prominent Houston man, and, together with Miss Schoermann of Houston, was spending the winter on the Duncan ranch. They were caught coming into town to do some shopping. The accident occurred at a crossing a short distance east of Marfa. The train struck the hack with great force and smashed it into splinters.

Boer Position Shelled.

Modder River, Dec. 17.—During a demonstration in force yesterday morning British guns shelled the Boers for a couple of hours. The Boers did not reply until the British were retiring. The Boers are further entrenching and strengthening the old defenses with the evident intention of fiercely disputing the control of the railroad.

Orders for Otis.

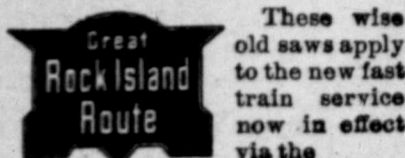
New York, Dec. 17.—The Journal's Washington special says that the cabinet, basing its decision on Gen. Otis' reports, sends him word to treat the Filipinos as brigands, which means that after he issues his proclamation all Filipinos captured in arms may be executed or imprisoned.

More Troops Accepted.

Sidney, N. S. W., Dec. 17.—The imperial authorities have telegraphed the governor of New South Wales accepting his offer of further Australian contingent for South Africa, suggesting that the men be mounted and good shots.

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PRISONER KILLED.

Dr. J. E. Wicks, Colored, Attempts
to Escape and is

SHOT DOWN BY AN OFFICER.

Wicks Was Held by Dallas County Officers on
the Charge of Forgery—Officer Who
Did the Killing Released.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 16.—Dr. H. E. Wicks, alias John Williams, a colored prisoner, was shot and killed Thursday afternoon between 12 and 1 o'clock on Houston street, near the front gate to the jail yard.

Bailiff Herman Muller did the shooting. On Wednesday Wicks was arrested on the charge of forgery, and waiving an examination before Justice of the Peace Edwards was granted bail in the sum of \$500, but failing to give bond he was sent to the county jail. Thursday he was out in charge of Bailiff Muller ostensibly to hunt bond. Muller at the time named was taking Wicks back to jail, having also two negroes handcuffed together, whom he was taking from the criminal district court room to jail. About thirty yards behind Muller and his prisoners Deputy Sheriff Whit Webb also had two prisoners whom he was taking to the jail. When Muller and his prisoners reached the gate opening into the jail yard the two men handcuffed together stepped through the gate into the yard, but Wicks broke off down Houston street in a run. Muller started in pursuit of Wicks, calling upon him three times to Halt, but unheeding the command Wicks kept running, going at full speed, when Muller fired, the ball entering the body of Wicks under the left shoulder blade, going through the body near the heart and passing out in front. Wicks fell forward on his face, mortally wounded, living only about an hour.

Bailiff Muller surrendered himself at once, went before Justice of the Peace Edwards, waived examination and on agreement of the state's counsel he was granted bail, Justice Edwards fixing the amount at \$500, which was given at once, and Bailiff Muller released.

Measures Presented.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Among the house measures introduced Thursday were:

By Mr. Kitchen of North Carolina, reducing the tax on snuff and tobacco from 12 to 2 cents; compelling telegraph companies to pay the revenue stamp tax on dispatches.

By Mr. Wilson of Arizona, admitting Arizona to statehood.

By Mr. Jones of Washington, to extend the homestead law to the Philippines so that soldiers serving in the wars with Spain or the Philippines shall have the benefit of homestead settlement in the Philippines.

Hunters Had Success.

Marshall, Tex., Dec. 16.—R. L. Jennings, editor of the Marshall Star, and Harry West, train dispatcher, of this city, returned from a ten days' hunt on the Louisiana coast, sixty-five miles from Lake Charles. The party killed 496 ducks, eighty-five geese and twenty plover.

Goebel Will Contest.

New York, Dec. 16.—The Journal's Frankfort, Ky., special says: Goebel and his running mate will contest the seating of Taylor and the lieutenant governor before the legislature in a few weeks. The state Democratic committee decided on this course Thursday.

American Labor Federation.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 16.—Sentiments of the delegates to the American Federation of Labor convention on various pending labor questions were declared Thursday in the adoption of a string of resolutions reported by committee.

The report of the boycott committee on the New York Sun lock-out was unanimously adopted. The committee recommended the adoption of a resolution offered from the Detroit trades councils declaring indorsement of the Sun boycott by the federation and approving the "magnificent defense of the rights of labor" made by the printers and stereotypers in the matter.

A resolution declaring for the reduction of the standing army to 25,000 men was adopted.

Other resolutions were adopted as follows: Urging state legislature to outlaw all kinds of competitive convict labor; against permitting slavery in the Hawaiian islands; reaffirming seamen's demands; appropriating \$500 in aid of the Cramp shipyard strikers, and inviting the letter carriers to affiliate with the federation.

Louisiana Lynching.

New Orleans, Dec. 16.—Beated news reached this city yesterday from Bastrop, La., confirming the report of a lynching at Jones, Moorehouse parish, La., Monday night. A negro had come upon Mrs. Griffin, the wife of a respectable white farmer and made a desperate attempt to rape her. Her screams and stubborn resistance, however, prevented the villain from accomplishing his purpose. The negro fled but was caught subsequently and having been fully identified, the infuriated neighbors of the Griffins decided to mete out summary vengeance. A mob was organized and quietly took the culprit to a tree and swung him up.

Child Fatally Burned.

Cleburne, Tex., Dec. 16.—Thursday morning at 9 o'clock while the little 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Stout was playing around a stove its clothing caught fire and soon the little fellow was enveloped in a mass of flames. He ran to a bed, where he was when his screams brought his mother upon the scene, who found him tangled up with the clothing, which was also on fire. The child only lived an hour after the fire was extinguished.

Injuries Serious.

Plano, Tex., Dec. 16.—Jack Dickerson, the 18-year-old son of John Dickerson, a well-to-do farmer living at Renner, was thrown from a horse he was riding near Shepton, seven miles northwest of Plano, last Tuesday evening and seriously injured about the back of the head. He has not regained consciousness up to this writing, and attending physicians fear his injuries will result fatally.

Smallpox at Austin.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 16.—A third case of smallpox turned up here yesterday. A negro afflicted with the disease was found walking on Congress avenue, the principle thoroughfare of the city. The negro claimed to have come from Waco, and had been discharged from the pest house there. He was sent to the pest house here and is now detained.

Noted Divine Dead.

Newport, R. I., Dec. 16.—Rev. Dr. Warren Randolph, pastor of the Central Baptist church of Newport, formerly pastor of the First Baptist church of Indianapolis, and clergyman of national reputation among Baptists, is dead aged 94 years.

A Mysterious Will.

In the records of Dallas county there is a copy of an old will that makes interesting, if not thrilling reading. For that reason a portion of it is here given, the names being omitted for obvious reasons:

"Saturday night, half-past 11 o'clock, December 14, 1867: I have just heard that my life is threatened and may be taken at any time, and probably will be taken or attempted this night. The cause of this proceeding, I am told, is because \$5000 of ———'s tax money is said by him to be missing. I will just simply say here that I know nothing of the money and never have known. How much he had I do not know and never have known. I have seen him with money in my office table. How much he had I do not know and never did. I let him have a drawer in my safe to keep it in and the key to the drawer and one of the outside keys to the safe. I have no recollection of ever having seen into the drawer in the safe I let him have the use of since he took it. I may have done so, but if so it has escaped my recollection, and I again say that I know nothing of the missing money (if any is missing), and never have known. If any such sum, or any other sum, was ever taken or filched or stolen from that drawer or of the tax money Mr. ——— had collected, I do not know it. This I say in view of the fact that I may be mobbed to-night; and if mobbed, I shall certainly be killed, for I shall fight to the death."

Here follow clauses bequeathing much valuable property and a good sum of money to relatives and friends. After these is written:

"This paper has been written in great bodily pain and weakness, but with the mind, as I believe, unimpaired."

Then comes the signature, and then the following:

"In this note I say that I will indorse in this will a list of all my property and debts so far as I remember, if I have time. Mr. ——— has a list and papers of about one-third the debts owing to me. The whole amount owing to me is about \$60,000. I do not owe, outside of this ——— security matter, \$2000 in the world."

This remarkable will was filed for record Sept. 22, 1868.

Asked about the story hid behind these sheets of yellowed paper, those in a position to know grew very non-committal.

"Was this man killed?" was asked.

"He disappeared very suddenly," was the reply.

"What became of him? Was he ever heard of again?"

"Don't know."

Texas-Raised Tobacco.

D. E. Cobb, a prominent farmer living at Tatum, in Rusk county, went to Marshall with several hundred pounds of tobacco that he raised on his farm. Mr. Cobb took the tobacco there to be sweated and dried at the Kildee Tobacco company's warehouses. Mr. Cobb is so well pleased with his first trial of tobacco culture that he will plant on a large scale next year.

Measles the Disease.

The "suspicious case" that went to Gainesville a few days ago from Ardmore and was taken to the pesthouse has developed into a very healthy case of measles. When the party was first discovered in town it was thought smallpox was the disease with which he was afflicted and he was at once sent to the pesthouse to await further developments.

Fitting Them.

Mrs. A.—What do you think, dear? I broke that beautiful \$10 lamp all to bits.

Mrs. Z.—What a shame! But I will glue the pieces to me; perhaps I can glue them together.

Mrs. A.—But it's worse than a Chinese puzzle. There must be a thousand tiny pieces. You'd never be able to fit them.

Mrs. —Oh, yes. I've often taken letters out of John's waste basket and put them together."

Important to Know This.

office boy, sir."

"Well, are you that kind of a boy?"

"Yes, sir."

"Do you mean you are experienced at work or experienced in getting out of it?"

The Cause of Chapped Hands.

Much of the discomfort experienced from chapped hands in cold weather is due to washing with inferior soap, the ingredients being poisonous to the skin. It is therefore important to have pure soap. If warm rain water and ivory soap are used in washing the hands, they will be smooth and white at all seasons. ELIZA R. PARKER.

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A Bright Outlook.

La Porte, Texas, is now attracting the attention of the business men of the United States, and during 1900 great interest will be manifested in it. Owing to an advantageous natural location it is destined to enjoy a growth in commercial manufacturing and shipping interests which millions of dollars in advertising and years of energetic promotion could not give it were it not so favored by nature. Men of affairs with large experience in the upbuilding of cities are predicting a future for La Porte which if but half realized will make it the greatest seaport on the Gulf of Mexico and indeed one of the principal seaports of the United States as well as a city of great importance in the manufacturing, railroad and commercial world. It is at the head of Galveston Bay in the celebrated coast country of Texas and has a summer and winter climate which makes it a resort for travelers the year round. The farming land surrounding it is as fine as any in the United States.

It is a hard matter to correct the proof-sheet of life.

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Queer Lady Salisbury.

It is related of the late Lady Salisbury that she was bored by the obligations of society and was in the habit of turning away her head when she extended her hand in greeting, as if the person whom she was welcoming was not worthy of a look. It was in recognition of this peculiarity of hers that an attache of one of the foreign embassies accredited to the court of St. James trained his poodle to sit on his hind legs, and on mention of Lady Salisbury's name to turn his head over his shoulder to the side while it extended its paw.

The Man Who Defeated Grant.

The late James McManes, whose death has just occurred in Philadelphia, was a good deal of a boss in his day, and his influence in his party was by no means confined to that city. It was said of him that he did more than any other single man to defeat General Grant for a third term nomination. Roscoe Conkling said of him: "Your Irishman" (McManes) did what the Confederates could never do. He defeated Grant."

Efficacy of Prayer.

Dean Hole, of Rochester, Eng., tells of a very innocent and gentle curate who went to a Yorkshire parish where the parishioners bred horses and sometimes raced them. He was asked to invite the prayers of the congregation for Lucy Grey. He did so. They prayed three Sundays for Lucy Grey. On the fourth the clerk told the curate he need not do it any more. "Why," said the curate, "is she dead?" "No," said the clerk, "she's won the steeplechase."

Sculptor's Models in Dakota.

Solon Borgium, a Parisian sculptor, has been in South Dakota for the last three months making models in clay of Indians for the Paris exposition. He found some fine specimens of the American aborigines among the Sioux at the Crow Creek agency, South Dakota, and succeeded in working up half a dozen models.

Fifty-five Years a Teacher.

Professor Davidson Eckels has been a teacher in the common schools of Carlisle, Pa., for fifty-five years, and is thought to be the oldest teacher in the Keystone state. He is now in the 79th year of his age. Captain Benjamin F. Lambertson, late of the Olympia, who was known in his schoolboy days as "Good Ben," was one of his pupils.

A Fireworks Finish in February.

Mrs. A. Elberson, of South Bend, Ind., is warning the people of Louisville of the end of the world, which, she claims, will come in February, 1900. She says the earth will explode, owing to the waters of the ocean passing through cracks in its bed into the molten mass that forms the interior of the globe.

Professor of Athletics.

The University of Michigan, following the example of several other institutions, has raised, by vote of the board of regents, Charles Bond, former director of athletics, to the rank of junior professor, with a salary of \$2,000.

Calumny.

The naval hero was wounded to the quick by this latest calumny. "It was not enough to accuse me of having hidden behind the conning tower during the battle!" he exclaimed, with emotion. "They must needs furthermore insinuate that I have nothing tattooed on my arm!" Then he cursed the day of his being beguiled into politics.—Detroit Journal.

NEW BRITISH PLANS

Seventy-five Thousand More Men to be Sent Forward.

WILL ACCEPT COLONIAL OFFERS.

Officers, Men, Arms, Ammunition and Stores are to be Rushed Across the Ocean in a Volume Unprecedented.

London, Dec. 19.—Upon the receipt of Gen. Buller's defeat at Colenso the defense committee of the cabinet met and decided on the following measures to strengthen the field force in south Africa:

The seventh division, now mobilizing, will proceed at once to south Africa. Heavy reinforcements of artillery, including three howitzer batteries, will be sent out immediately.

Gen. Roberts has been authorized to raise a local mounted camp in south Africa and a considerable mounted force from home will be sent out.

Nine battalions of militia in addition to the three that have already volunteered will be asked to volunteer for foreign service.

A special force of volunteers from the yeomanry and volunteer regiments will be formed for south African service and the offers of mounted men from the colonies will be accepted.

These measures should give the British 50,000 more men against the Boers. This, including the loyal Cape and Natal forces, will give the British 75,000 additional troops. Thus, the British strength in the field will be almost doubled.

The newer levies will be used mainly to guard the long lines of communication, thus setting free the regular trained troops for the front. Officers, men, arms, ammunition and stores are to be poured across the ocean in a volume unprecedented in history.

Fatal Accident.

Louisa, Ky., Dec. 19.—A sad accident occurred Saturday near Alliance postoffice, Floyd county, resulting in the death of Nelson Hamilton and three of his children. Hamilton, who was preparing to do some blasting, was pouring out some powder from a keg, when his 4-year-old son picked up a small amount and tossed it into the fire. The explosion threw some embers into the powder and a terrific explosion followed. The father and little son and two older children, who were in the room, were shocked into insensibility. The ceiling was lifted from its place, the walls spread and the upper part of the house came down again and stopped about half way, thus fastening all the doors securely.

When the oldest daughter regained consciousness sufficiently to realize that the house was in flames she tried to open a door, but at once saw the hopelessness of such an effort and began to scream for help. A neighbor arrived in time to burst in a door and get the tortured persons out, but they were so badly burned that all died within a few hours.

Wants the Men.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 19.—Gov. Sayers yesterday appealed to President McKinley for the surrender of Lieut. Rubottom and all non-commissioned officers at Fort Ringgold, for the occurrences which took place on the reservation there recently in the nature of fighting, rioting, etc. Commander McKibben has declined to surrender the men to the civil authorities, and Gov. Sayers carried the matter to the president, asking him to surrender the men.

Dr. Jenkins Mortally Wounded.

Waco, Tex., Dec. 19.—The trial of Dr. S. M. Jenkins, charged with murder and abortion, the unfortunate woman in the case being formerly of Austin, but whose parents live near Holland, Bell county, came to a sudden and tragic close at 9 o'clock yesterday morning. The court had convened and the state introduced Hugh Wheat, the 28 year old brother of Mary. Wheat walked into the court room with hat on, came up to the railing where the defendant sat and pulled a Colt pistol, shot Dr. Jenkins in the back, the ball striking about midway the back and passing near the spinal column, inflicting what is believed to be a mortal wound. When Wheat fired he dropped the pistol and ran toward the door and John Halligan, a brother-in-law of Jenkins, grabbed the pistol while it was still smoking and fired at Wheat, but missed him. Wheat and Halligan were both jailed but Halligan was released on a bond of \$500 later. The mother and sister of Dr. Jenkins and the mother, father and sister of Wheat were present in the court room when the tragedy occurred. The scene was indelible as the court room was full at the time of the shooting. The scene about Dr. Jenkins was also pathetic when his aged mother fell on her knees beside him crying and stroking his hands and face. Wheat refuses to talk. Dr. Jenkins is in a dangerous condition.

Trains Stuck in Snow.

Denver, Col., Dec. 19.—Saturday afternoon twenty trains were stuck in the snow between Palmer Lake and Pueblo, where snowdrifts are reported up to the eaves of the roofs. All freight trains were abandoned and the railways bent all efforts to liberate the passenger trains.

The Rio Grande train was stalled at Fountain, and a Colorado and Southern train was stuck in the drifts at Monument. The Santa Fe train leaving Saturday morning was stopped at Palmer Lake, and the next passenger train was stalled at Castle Rock Hill. Fresh snow is falling and a heavy gale fills the cuts as fast as the snow plows push through them.

Russian Press Comment.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—The Novoe Vremya, which does not conceal its pleasure at General Buller's defeat, says: "The whole campaign must now be recommenced, but under altogether altered conditions of opinion in England."

The Svet says: "The Almighty is manifestly bestowing his blessing on the Boer arms. God is punishing an arrogant and rapacious people, who have oppressed and persecuted other races in order to enrich themselves."

South Carolina Shooting.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 19.—Police Officer Hutchison Sunday night shot and killed Alonzo Heyward and wounded Daniel Coaxum, both negroes. Hutchison was taking John Heyward and his wife to the station house for disorderly conduct, when attacked by Daniel and Alonzo Heyward and Daniel Coaxum. The officer was badly beaten and his overcoat was cut to ribbons, but he was game and fired while lying on the ground.

Granted a Franchise.

Kaufman, Tex., Dec. 19.—At a recent meeting of the city council the Southern Telegraph and Telephone company was granted a franchise to put in a more complete telephone system here. There are now about thirty telephones in use, but will on the finishing of contemplated improvements be seventy-five or eighty.

Currency Bill Passed House.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The currency bill passed the house by a vote of 190 to 150.

Buller's Terrible Loss.

London, Dec. 17.—The war office has received a dispatch announcing that Gen. Buller has met with a serious reverse, losing ten guns.

The following is the text of Gen. Buller's dispatch announcing his reverse:

"Buller to Landsowne, Chieveley Camp, 6:20 p. m., Dec. 15.—I regret to report a serious reverse. I moved in full strength from our camp near Chieveley at 4 o'clock yesterday morning. There are two fordable places in the Tugela river and it was my intention to force a passage through one of them. They are about two miles apart. My intention was to force one or the other, with one brigade supported by a central brigade. Gen. Hart was to attack the left drift. Gen. Hilyord the right road, and Gen. Lyttleton was to take the central and to support either. Early in the day I saw that Gen. Hart would not be able to force a passage and I directed him to withdraw. He had, however, attacked with great gallantry and his leading battalion, the Cannought rangers, I fear, suffered a good deal. Col. I. G. Brooke was seriously wounded. I then ordered Gen. Hilyard to advance, which he did, and his leading regiment, the East Surrey, occupied Colenso station and the houses near the bridge. At that moment I heard that the whole artillery I had sent to support the attack—the fourteenth and sixty-sixth field batteries, and six naval twelve-pounder quick firing guns, under Col. Long, had advanced close to the river, in Long's desire to be within effective range. It proved to be full of the enemy, who suddenly opened a galling fire at close range, killing all their horses, and the gunners were compelled to stand to their guns. Some of the wagon teams got shelter for troops in a donga and desperate efforts were being made to bring out the field guns. The fire, however, was too severe, and only two were saved by Capt. Schofield and some drivers, whose names I will furnish. Another most gallant attempt with three teams was made by an officer whose name I will obtain. Of the eighteen horses, thirteen were killed and as several drivers were wounded, I would not allow another attempt. Unsupported by artillery, I directed the troops to withdraw, which they did in good order. Throughout the day a considerable force of the enemy was pressing on my right bank, but was kept back by mounted men under Lord Dundonald and part of Gen. Gartol's brigade. The day was intensely hot and most trying on the troops whose conduct was excellent. We have abandoned ten guns and lost by shell fire one. The losses in Gen. Hunt's brigade are, I fear, heavy, although the proportion of severely wounded, I hope, is not large. The fourteenth and the sixty-sixth field batteries also suffered severely. We have retired to our camp at Chieveley.

Inhaled Gas.

Corsicana, Tex., Dec. 17.—While working in a ditch where gas works connections were being made Friday morning, Perry Osborne inhaled a large quantity of gas that was escaping from the pipe, and had a narrow escape from death. Rigors seized his whole body and he fell nearly unconscious and had to be carried to a neighboring building, where medical attention was given him. Had it not been that a physician was near by the man would have died, prompt remedies only saving his life.

Turned State's Evidence.

Palestine, Tex., Dec. 17.—The only witness in the lynching case yesterday was J. P. Weeks, who turned state's evidence. Weeks was put on the stand at the opening of court. He told a straightforward story, describing in detail the organization of the mob by Joe Wilkerson, the meeting on the fatal night, the taking of the Humphreys from their respective homes and finally the awful execution. He told the story without a falter, admitting that he climbed the bending tree and tied the ropes that had been placed around the Humphreys necks while the victims sat on their horses under the tree. When he had tied all 3 ropes the horses were run out from under the Humphreys and they were dangling in the air. One of the ropes slipped and let the victim down, Weeks said he again climbed the tree and the mob on the ground held up the half dead Humphreys while he tightened the rope and made it fast. The cross-examination, conducted by Stillwell Russell, was rigid, but the witness told the same story over and over and was at no time confused. Weeks admitted he swore falsely in the first testimony and said he did so to get out of the scrape, but when he heard John Greenshaw had given the whole thing away he thought the best thing he could do was to tell the truth.

Fatal Accident.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 17.—A terrible accident occurred here at 12:30 Friday, when double-header freight No. 243, Engineers Howe and Hadlock, ran into a hack at the east crossing. The hack contained Mrs. Lucy Duncan, Mrs. John Krupp, Mrs. Wm. Coalsen and some children. Mrs. Lucy Duncan and Mrs. Krupp were thrown against the engine and instantly killed. One of the little girls had her foot cut off and the other leg injured and was bruised about the head. She is not expected to live. The other little girl came through the accident with slight injuries. Mrs. John Krupp is the wife of a prominent Houston man, and, together with Miss Schoermann of Houston, was spending the winter on the Duncan ranch. They were caught coming into town to do some shopping. The accident occurred at a crossing a short distance east of Marfa. The train struck the hack with great force and smashed it into splinters.

Boer Position Shelled.

Modder River, Dec. 17.—During a demonstration in force yesterday morning British guns shelled the Boers for a couple of hours. The Boers did not reply until the British were retiring. The Boers are further entrenching and strengthening the old defenses with the evident intention of fiercely disputing the control of the railroad.

Orders for Otis.

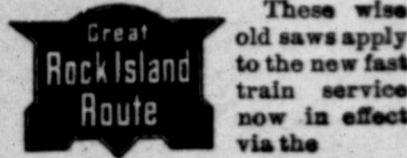
New York, Dec. 17.—The Journal's Washington special says that the cabinet, basing its decision on Gen. Otis' reports, sends him word to treat the Filipinos as brigands, which means that after he issues his proclamation all Filipinos captured in arms may be executed or imprisoned.

More Troops Accepted.

Sidney, N. S. W., Dec. 17.—The imperial authorities have telegraphed the governor of New South Wales accepting his offer of further Australian contingents for South Africa, suggesting that the men be mounted and good shots.

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Omaha 9 a. m., connecting at
latter point with train through
Iowa, arriving Des Moines 4:39
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PRISONER KILLED.

**Dr. J. E. Wicks, Colored, Attempts
to Escape and is**

SHOT DOWN BY AN OFFICER.

**Wicks Was Held by Dallas County Officers on
the Charge of Forgery—Officer Who
Did the Killing Released.**

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 16.—Dr. H.
E. Wicks, alias John Williams, a
colored prisoner, was shot and
killed Thursday afternoon be-
tween 12 and 1 o'clock on Hous-
ton street, near the front gate to
the jail yard.

Bailiff Herman Muller did the
shooting. On Wednesday Wicks
was arrested on the charge of
forgery, and waiving an examina-
tion before Justice of the Peace
Edwards was granted bail in the
sum of \$500, but failing to give
bond he was sent to the county
jail. Thursday he was out in
charge of Bailiff Muller ostensibly
to hunt bond. Muller at the time
named was taking Wicks back to
jail, having also two negroes
handcuffed together, whom he
was taking from the criminal
district court room to jail. About
thirty yards behind Muller and
his prisoners Deputy Sheriff Whit
Webb also had two prisoners
whom he was taking to the jail.

When Muller and his prisoners
reached the gate opening
into the jail yard the two men
handcuffed together stepped
through the gate into the yard,
but Wicks broke off down Hous-
ton street in a run. Muller start-
ed in pursuit of Wicks, calling
upon him three times to Halt,
but unheeding the command
Wicks kept running, going at
full speed, when Muller fired, the
ball entering the body of Wicks
under the left shoulder blade, go-
ing through the body near the
heart and passing out in front.

Wicks fell forward on his face,
mortally wounded, living only
about an hour.

Bailiff Muller surrendered him-
self at once, went before Justice
of the Peace Edwards, waived
examination and on agreement of
the state's counsel he was granted
bail, Justice Edwards fixing the
amount at \$500, which was given
at once, and Bailiff Muller re-
leased.

Measures Presented.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Among
the house measures introduced
Thursday were:

By Mr. Kitchen of North Caro-
lina, reducing the tax on snuff
and tobacco from 12 to 2 cents;
compelling telegraph companies
to pay the revenue stamp tax on
dispatches.

By Mr. Wilson of Arizona, ad-
mitting Arizona to statehood.

By Mr. Jones of Washington,
to extend the homestead law to
the Philippines so that soldiers
serving in the wars with Spain or
the Philippines shall have the
benefit of homestead settlement
in the Philippines.

Hunters Had Success.

Marshall, Tex., Dec. 16.—R.
L. Jennings, editor of the Mar-
shall Star, and Harry West, train
dispatcher, of this city, returned
from a ten days' hunt on the
Louisiana coast, sixty-five miles
from Lake Charles. The party
killed 496 ducks, eighty-five geese
and twenty plover.

Goebel Will Contest.

New York, Dec. 16.—The Jour-
nal's Frankfort, Ky., special says:
Goebel and his running mate will
contest the seating of Taylor and
the lieutenant governor before
the legislature in a few weeks.
The state Democratic committee
decided on this course Thursday.

American Labor Federation.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 16.—Sen-
timents of the delegates to the
American Federation of Labor
convention on various pending la-
bor questions were declared
Thursday in the adoption of a
string of resolutions reported by
committee.

The report of the boycott com-
mittee on the New York Sun lock-
out was unanimously adopted.
The committee recommended the
adoption of a resolution offered
from the Detroit trades councils
declaring indorsement of the Sun
boycott by the federation and ap-
proving the "magnificent defense
of the rights of labor" made by
the printers and stereotypers in
the matter.

A resolution declaring for the
reduction of the standing army to
25,000 men was adopted.

Other resolutions were adopted
as follows: Urging state legisla-
ture to outlaw all kinds of com-
petitive convict labor; against
permitting slavery in the Ha-
waiian islands; reaffirming sea-
men's demands; appropriating
\$500 in aid of the Cramp ship-
yard strikers, and inviting the la-
bor carriers to affiliate with the
federation.

Louisiana Lynching.

New Orleans, Dec. 16.—Be-
lated news reached this city yester-
day from Bastrop, La., con-
firming the report of a lynching
at Jones, Moorehouse parish,
La., Monday night. A negro had
come upon Mrs. Griffin, the wife
of a respectable white farmer
and made a desperate attempt to
rape her. Her screams and stub-
born resistance, however, pre-
vented the villain from accom-
plishing his purpose. The negro
fled but was caught subsequently
and having been fully identified,
the infuriated neighbors of the
Griffins decided to mete out sum-
mary vengeance. A mob was or-
ganized and quietly took the cul-
prit to a tree and swung him up.

Child Fatally Burned.

Cleburne, Tex., Dec. 16.—
Thursday morning at 9 o'clock
while the little 4-year-old son of
Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Stout was
playing around a stove its cloth-
ing caught fire and soon the little
fellow was enveloped in a mass
of flames. He ran to a bed,
where he was when his screams
brought his mother upon the
scene, who found him tangled up
with the clothing, which was also
on fire. The child only lived an
hour after the fire was extin-
guished.

Injuries Serious.

Plano, Tex., Dec. 16.—Jack
Dickerson, the 18-year-old son of
John Dickerson, a well-to-do
farmer living at Renner, was
thrown from a horse he was rid-
ing near Shepton, seven miles
northwest of Plano, last Tuesday
evening and seriously injured
about the back of the head. He
has not regained consciousness up
to this writing, and attending
physicians fear his injuries will
result fatally.

Smallpox at Austin.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 16.—A third
case of smallpox turned up here
yesterday. A negro afflicted with
the disease was found walking on
Congress avenue, the principle
thoroughfare of the city. The
negro claimed to have come from
Waco, and had been discharged
from the pest house there. He
was sent to the pest house here
and is now detained.

Noted Divine Dead.

Newport, R. I., Dec. 16.—Rev.
Dr. Warren Randolph, pastor of
the Central Baptist church of
Newport, formerly pastor of the
First Baptist church of Indiano-
polis, and clergyman of national
reputation among Baptists, is dead
aged 94 years.

A Mysterious Will.

In the records of Dallas county
there is a copy of an old will that
makes interesting, if not thrilling
reading. For that reason a por-
tion of it is here given, the names
being omitted for obvious rea-
sons:

"Saturday night, half-past 11
o'clock, December 14, 1867: I
have just heard that my life is
threatened and may be taken at
any time, and probably will be
taken or attempted this night.
The cause of this proceeding, I
am told, is because \$5000 of
my tax money is said by
him to be missing. I will just
simply say here that I know
nothing of the money and never
have known. How much he had
I do not know and never have
known. I have seen him with
money in my office table. How
much he had I do not know and
never did. I let him have a
drawer in my safe to keep it in
and the key to the drawer and
one of the outside keys to the
safe. I have no recollection of
ever having seen into the draw-
er in the safe I let him have the
use of since he took it. I may
have done so, but if so it has
escaped my recollection, and I
again say that I know nothing of
the missing money (if any is
missing), and never have known.
If any such sum, or any other
sum, was ever taken or filched or
stolen from that drawer or of
the tax money Mr. ——— had
collected, I do not know it. This
I say in view of the fact that I
may be mobbed to-night; and if
mobbed, I shall certainly be kill-
ed, for I shall fight to the death."

Here follow clauses bequeath-
ing much valuable property and
a good sum of money to relatives
and friends. After these is writ-
ten:

"This paper has been written
in great bodily pain and weak-
ness, but with the mind, as I be-
lieve, unimpaired."

Then comes the signature, and
then the following:

"In this note I say that I will
indorse in this will a list of all
my property and debts so far as
I remember, if I have time. Mr.
——— has a list and papers of
about one-third the debts owing
to me. The whole amount owing
to me is about \$60,000. I do not
owe, outside of this ——— se-
curity matter, \$2000 in the
world."

This remarkable will was filed
for record Sept. 22, 1868.

Asked about the story hid be-
hind these sheets of yellowed
paper, those in a position to know
grew very non-committal.

"Was this man killed?" was
asked.

"He disappeared very sudden-
ly," was the reply.

"What became of him? Was
he ever heard of again?"

"Don't know."

Texas-Raised Tobacco.

D. E. Cobb, a prominent far-
mer living at Tatum, in Rusk
county, went to Marshall with
several hundred pounds of tobacco
that he raised on his farm.

Mr. Cobb took the tobacco there
to be sweated and dried at the
Kildee Tobacco company's ware-
houses. Mr. Cobb is so well pleas-
ed with his first trial of tobacco
culture that he will plant on a
large scale next year.

Measles the Disease.

The "suspicious case" that went
to Gainesville a few days ago
from Ardmore and was taken to
the pesthouse has developed into
a very healthy case of measles.

When the party was first discover-
ed in town it was thought small-
pox was the disease with which
he was afflicted and he was at
once sent to the pesthouse to
await further developments.

Fitting Them.
Mrs. A.—What do you think, dear? I
broke that beautiful \$10 lamp all to
bits.

Mrs. Z.—What a shame! But bring
the pieces to me; perhaps I can glue
them together.

Mrs. A.—But it's worse than a Chin-
ese puzzle. There must be a thousand
tiny pieces. You'd never be able to fit
them.

Mrs. —Oh, yes. I've often taken let-
ters out of John's waste basket and
put them together."

Important to Know This.

office boy, sir."

"Well, are you that kind of a boy?"

"Yes sir."

"Do you mean you are experienced at
work or experienced in getting out of
it?"

The Cause of Chapped Hands.
Much of the discomfort experienced
from chapped hands in cold weather is
due to washing with inferior soap, the
ingredients being poisonous to the
skin. It is therefore important to have
pure soap. If warm rain water and
ivory soap are used in washing the
hands, they will be smooth and white
at all seasons. ELIZA R. PARKER.

We are patted in prosperity, pushed
when in poverty.

If You Use Flag Tobacco
You should read the Star Flag Tobacco
advertisement in this paper. They make
the most attractive offer ever made for the
return of their Tin Tags.

One who is envious is truly to be
pitted.

A Bright Outlook.

La Porte, Texas, is now attracting
the attention of the business men of
the United States and during 1900
great interest will be manifested in it.
Owing to an advantageous natural lo-
cation it is destined to enjoy a growth
in commercial manufacturing and
shipping interests which millions of
dollars in advertising and years of en-
ergetic promotion could not give it
were it not so favored by nature. Men
of affairs with large experience in the
upbuilding of cities are predicting a
future for La Porte which if but half
realized will make it the greatest sec-
ond of the principal seaports of the
United States as well as a city of great
importance in the manufacturing, rail-
road and commercial world. It is at
the head of Galveston Bay in the cele-
brated coast country of Texas and has
a summer and winter climate which
makes it a resort for travelers the year
round. The farming land surrounding
it is as fine as any in the United
States.

It is a hard matter to correct the
proof-sheet of life.



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LOUISVILLE, SAN FRANCISCO, NEW YORK,
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FOR SALE BY ALL DRUGGISTS, PRICE 50c PER BOTTLE.

Salzer's Six Weeks
and Red Triumphant lead
the world for earliness.
Tell your dealer to get
only SALZER'S PORTLAND
Cement. It will increase your yield
100 per cent. 10,000 lbs.
shipped to Texas last
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for prices in bulk, or car
lots. Big catalogue 5c.
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quick relief and cures worst
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\$100 FOR \$10 Invest \$10 to \$100 in stocks and
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a bank. W. M. REEVE, 121 N. 4th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

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EVERY PAIR GUARANTEED

Mid-Autumn Offering of Seasonable Merchandise

At Extraordinary Low Prices.

FOR 30 DAYS. **FOR 30 DAYS.**

OUR SMALL PROFIT SYSTEM HAS WORKED SPLENDIDLY
AND WE ARE ENTIRELY SATISFIED WITH THE RESULTS.

For the next 30 days we shall make a deep cut into the SMALL PROFIT and sell you goods at just a little above cost. A glimpse at the following prices will convince you that we are in earnest:

<p>CLOTHING! CLOTHING!</p> <p>It seems almost impossible that our low prices on clothing can be made any lower, but such will be the case for the next 30 days. We will sacrifice profits to clean out all ODDS and ENDS that have accumulated after a season's fast selling in this line.</p> <p>All wool Black Clay Worsted suits, absolutely fast color, lined with mercerized silk at \$6.50 worth 10.00</p> <p>All wool grey and brown Cassimere suits at \$4.50 " 8.00</p> <p>Our \$15 line of suits will go at \$10.00</p> <p>Our \$12.50 line of suits will go at 8.50</p>	<p>We have others as low as</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Brays Brand Doeskin Jeans pants at</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>All wool Cassimere pants in neat colors at</td> <td style="text-align: right;">75c worth 1.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Boys all wool Jersey suits at</td> <td style="text-align: right;">.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Boys vestee suits at</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1.25 worth 2.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">1.75 worth 2.50</td> </tr> </table> <p>DRUMMER'S SAMPLES.</p> <p>Comprising ladies' silk, corduroy and satin waists, suits, wrappers, petticoats, skirts, ties, stockinet collars and fancy fronts. We have just purchased the entire sample line of a reputable manufacturer at a big discount and will put them on sale as long as they last at WHOLESALE PRICES. We have</p>	Brays Brand Doeskin Jeans pants at	2.75	All wool Cassimere pants in neat colors at	75c worth 1.25	Boys all wool Jersey suits at	.75	Boys vestee suits at	1.25 worth 2.00		1.75 worth 2.50	<p>only a limited amount and would suggest an early call to secure the pick.</p> <p>SHOES! SHOES!</p> <p>We need no introduction on this particular line. Suffice it to say that we guarantee all our shoes to the wearer. We still have a complete line of the "Rough on Hocks" shoes for ladies and misses; "Good as Gold" for men and boys; our popular "Tribby" shoes for women for fine wear will be on sale for the next 30 days at \$1.75, positively as good as any \$3.00 shoe on the market.</p>
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THE BEE HIVE, The New Store, Graham, Texas.

The Leader.

GEO. L. RHEA,
T. C. RICHARDSON, } Editors.

Entered at the postoffice at Graham, Texas, as second class mail matter.

RATES OF SUBSCRIPTION:
One copy one year, \$1.00.
Six months, .50.

Goebel got Taylored.

The Republican National Convention will be held at Philadelphia June 19th, 1900.

Ex-Senator Allen has been appointed to succeed Senator Hayward, deceased, of Nebraska. Allen is a fusion populist.

The Benjamin Reporter says a man in that vicinity pointed his well augur the wrong way and punctured the clouds and the weather clerk has been unable to stop the leak.

Congressman Roberts will evidently lose the gold of his ambition for being married too much. Men who have high ambitions should take warning and wed only one woman at a time.

John Raymershoffer, the Austrian consul at Galveston, died last week, and the Comanche Chief remarks that his name probably killed him. If names had anything to do with one's demise, this country would be very thinly populated.

A Decatur paper is comparing the work of the saloon and the work of the Baptist college of that place. We don't know how it's going to pan out over there, but we could draw a parallel between the work of the Baptist churches and the cold storages of Jaxboro, and we'll bet our last summer's old hat that you couldn't tell which from tother.

There are some boys, not many but a few, who have sucked away at the deadly cigarette until the color from their faces has fled, and their legs look like pipe stems. They have never been taught to work and don't know how English peas should be planted in the garden. They have read a great deal but it was the yellow back novel. These same boys are to be husbands for your daughters. How do you like your prospective son-in-law?—Ex.

E. B. NORMAN, President.
R. F. ARNOLD, 1st. Vice President.
J. B. NORRIS, and Vice President.

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The Beckham National Bank.

CAPITAL, \$100,000. SURPLUS, \$25,000.

Widmayer & Lauster,
Blacksmith & Woodshop.

If you want your Buggy, Wagon, Plow, in fact anything you have re-built or repaired, don't forget to call on us before going elsewhere. All work guaranteed to be first class. We also sell Buggy and Wagon material.

HORSESHOEING A SPECIALTY.

The Brick Stable

Graham, Texas.

G. L. Aynesworth, Prop.

DRUMMERS' OUTFITS
A SPECIALTY.

M. M. CHISM,
Dentist and Photographer,
GRAHAM, TEXAS.

West Side Public Square, First Door South of Hollingsworth & Dowdle.

The most intolerable scene we ever saw was a delinquent subscriber laughing at an editor's patched pants.—Panola County News.

A killing in a case like this surely would be reduced to murder in the second degree if it did not warrant an acquittal.—State Press, Dallas News.

A County superintendent in a neighboring county, says an exchange, asked every teacher at an institute who took their local or county papers to hold up their hands, and out of a hundred only six responded. The superintendent expressed great surprise and said: "You don't spend a dollar with these papers yet you expect them to print free of charge notices of all institutes, insert long programs and expect them to advertise you, thus assisting you to climb the ladder to the better places and better salaries without a cent's postage in return."

The Graham High School.

Of the fifty teachers in Young county, forty-four are in the county schools or schools outside of the Graham school. Twenty-seven of the forty-four have attended the Graham school; six of the remaining seventeen have attended one or more summer normals at Graham; this leaves only eleven who have not in some way been connected with this school. Fifteen other pupils hold certificates; twenty-seven are teaching in other counties. Seven of the sixteen graduates are not teaching.

There is a graduating class this year, and twenty-five pupils will take the examination at the close of the private normal in June. Many young teachers will enter school when they close their teaching in the country. They will take a course in literature and higher mathematics for life certificate.

U. S. Mail and Stage Line.

Graham to Jacksboro.

FARE---\$1.50 Each Way.

Leaves Graham every morning, except Sunday, and makes connection with train at Jacksboro. Leaves Jacksboro immediately after arrival of train.

Comfortable stages, good teams and careful drivers.

J. J. GALLAHER.

Canton Disc Drills,
Superior Disc Drills,
Disc and Drag Harrows and Seeders,
Canton Clipper & Canton Dixie Turning Plows,
Canton Chill Plows,
Canton Double Row Conlined Corn and Cotton Planters that have no equal; also No. 1 and 2 Walking Planters that never fail to give satisfaction.

Come and Get One of our New Enterprise Buggies

We have cut our Prices down and will move our stock at once.



And Ride With Ease...

Come and take advantage of the Discount. Yours to serve,
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Buy that Christmas Present.

COME EARLY
AND GET FIRST CHOICE.

We have just received a great many novelties for Christmas that will be very useful as well as ornamental.

APPROPRIATE CHRISTMAS GIFTS:

Men's House Slippers—Nice Assortment.
Ladies' Bed Room Slippers at \$1, 1.50, 1.75.
Also Soles for making Crocheted Slippers.
Ladies' and Gents' Neckwear—New Shipment just in SPECIALLY FOR CHRISTMAS TRADE.

A superb line of Mufflers, all the latest patterns. Ladies' and Gents' Handkerchiefs of every description.

Fascinators to Fascinate The Most Fastidious.

Some new ideas in Elastic Belts just in; Ladies' and Gents' fancy Garters, Overgaiters, Leggings, Hosiery, etc.

Just In

A big shipment of Jewelry and Toilet Novelties for the holiday trade.

An immense line of Gloves and Caps for the babies and children, ladies and gents.

A rain coat or an overcoat and a thousand other items we could mention might not come amiss.

Come and See Us.

J. E. Morrison & Co.

Graham and Elinsville.

THE LEADER.

Subscription \$1.00 a Year.

LOCAL NEWS.

Christmas Gift.

The old year is drawing to a close.

Maj. F. W. Girard and son, Granville, of Abilene, are visiting in Graham.

For pork, sausage and beef, call on Jones & Son.

D. A. Ford is now behind the counter at J. E. Morrison & Co's.

Fresh lard at Jones & Son's meat market.

Judge Arnold and C. W. Johnson attended court at Breckinridge last week.

Does it pay? Yes, because in case Dr. Simmons' Cough Syrup fails to cure or give satisfaction the purchase money is refunded. Try a bottle. Akin & Matthews.

Rev. W. M. Higgins will preach at Briar Branch school house next Sunday at 11 o'clock.

Backache, sprain, bruises, cuts, inflammation speedily cured by using Hunt's Lightning Oil, falling, money refunded. Akin & Matthews.

J. M. Hayes, who has been in Chickasha, I. T. for the past four or five months, returned home last Tuesday.

Constipation leads to liver trouble, and torpid liver to Bright's disease. Prickly Ash Bitters is a certain cure at any stage of the disorder. Try it. Sold by C. G. King.

After visiting Weatherford, Mr. N. M. Hays has returned to Graham with his family, and will remain during the winter.

50 doses for 50 cents. Is the same size of other \$1 bottles, and money refunded if Dr. Simmons' Cough Syrup fails to give entire satisfaction. Try it; costs nothing if not satisfied. Akin & Matthews.

Eugene Logan, of Belknap, Inspector for the Loving Cattle Co., returned Tuesday night from a trip of several months to New Mexico and other points on business.

One cent a dose is all we ask for Dr. Simmons' Cough Syrup, and we are pledged to refund the cost price per bottle if it fails to do all that is claimed for it. You get immediate relief. Akin & Matthews.

Misses May and Annie Norman, Adelle Johnson and Alice Street came in last week from Sherman, where they attend school, to spend the holidays at home.

A chronic kicker is bad enough, but a continual scratcher is worse. Better imitate a mule than a hen. Hunt's Cure will do up the worst case of itch, tetter, and ringworms, itching piles, Eczema known. Price 50c. Akin & Matthews.

Ed. J. H. Fisher, Primitive Baptist, of Ft. Worth, will preach at Median Chapel the 5th Sunday in this month at 11 o'clock. Mr. Fisher will move to that vicinity in the near future.

A system regulator is a medicine that strengthens and stimulates the liver, kidneys, stomach and bowels. Prickly Ash Bitters is a superior system regulator. It drives out all unhealthful conditions, promotes activity of body and brain, restores good appetite, sound sleep and cheerful spirits. Sold by C. G. King.

Santa Claus, Take Notice.

Emerald, Turquoise and Crystal-gold trimmed glassware;—flat and hollow silverware; Fine parlor stand and swinging lamps, Easels, Blacking-cases, Music Racks, Comb and Brush Cases, genuine Pastels and hand colored Photogravures,—Fancy Rockers, Toy Furniture, Rugs, Hassocks, etc.—In fact many useful and ornamental articles suitable for presents

AT MCGIMSEY'S.

Business and residence lots in the town of ERICSDALE, Jones county, Texas, on the line of the extension of the Texas Central Railway, will be placed on sale at the office of the Ericsdale Townsite Company, on Monday, December 18th, 1899,

AT 10 O'CLOCK
IN THE FORENOON.

The town of ERICSDALE is delightfully located, within a short distance from the Clear Fork of the Brazos River, with a surrounding country already well settled, and presents excellent opportunities for business.

Apply to
P. P. BERTHELOT, Agent.

Bad Ratiff and wife are visiting R. W. Ratiff and family.

Purify the sewers of the body and stimulate the digestive organs to maintain health, strength and energy. Prickly Ash Bitters is a tonic for the kidneys, liver, stomach and bowels. For sale by C. G. King.

There will be a Christmas tree and box supper at Salem tomorrow night, the proceeds of the supper to be given to the Methodist pastor.

Provide the children with a heavy pair of Arctics or Rubbers. You can get them cheap at Morrison's.

Ben Eubanks, who was tried in the county court last Wednesday on a charge of lunacy, was acquitted by the jury.—Palo Pinto County Star.

Don't fail to read the big ad. of the Bee Hive. They are offering great bargains for the next 30 days.

W. G. Price, from near Ft. Griffin, Throckmorton county, visited his brothers here this week.

Remember our special discount on farm implements for the next 60 days.

Hollingsworth & Dowdle.

Several parties have been on the war path the past week; six shooters, pocket knives, etc., were flourished around in an ominous manner, but no one has been damaged yet, except in a financial way.

You'll be surprised at the low prices on clothing, Shoes etc, at the Bee Hive. Go there and save money if you need anything in their line.

If you appreciate values and low prices we can sell you your dry goods.

S. B. STREET & Co.,
Cheapest house in town.

The Health-Restorer and Health-Maintainer, Dr. M. A. Simmons Liver Medicine Strengthens the Nerves, makes you Plump and Comely, and Enriches the complexion with nature's choicest colors. Sold by Akin & Matthews.

Have you put in your "order" yet for "high-life"?

J. E. Morrison & Co. will sell you more good stuff for your money than any house in town.

Christmas will take place December 25th this year as usual. Don't fail to be on hand.

See special 30-days prices of clothing, shoes, etc., at the Bee Hive.

Wonder if Christ will appreciate the high old drinks that are meant to commemorate His birth?

Fresh meats and free delivery to any part of town by Jones & Son.

Dr. J. M. Johnson of Olney, was in town last Tuesday, and intimated that he was going to get—well, we'll let you know when it comes off.

Catch these winter rains and buy a tank or cistern to hold your water from Hollingsworth & Dowdle.

The Dallas News tells how to have Dickens parties. That must have been the kind they had out east of town the other night. They had a Dickens of a time there anyway.

Special attention is called to the ad. of the Aynes Dry Goods Co., of Jacksboro, in which they offer choice of any suit in their house for only \$9.95.

Miss Fannie Barnes, who has been visiting relatives in the Indian Territory for the past five months, returned to her home here last Tuesday night.

Dr. M. A. Simmons Liver Medicine has greatly benefited others and is reasonably certain to do you good. Try it! Sold by Akin & Matthews.

CLOTHING.....

From now until Jan. 1st, 1900. we will sell Clothing cheaper than was ever sold in Graham. We have the goods; we want your trade.

Honest Values
Cheaper than Anyone Else.

More Goods for the money than any house in town, and

A Handsome Premium
Absolutely Free.

S. B. STREET & CO.

Cheapest House in Town.

SUITS \$9.95, SUITS \$9.95
\$5,000

Worth of First Class Clothing for Boys and Men to be Distributed in

Jack and Adjoining Counties.

Suits of the tailor-made kind and of high grade,—Fine Melton, Blue Serges, Fancy worsteds, Plaids and Mixtures.

**Your Choice of Any Suit
In Our House for
\$9.95 Cash.**

NO RESERVES. EVERY SUIT GOES.

WE CAN'T CHARGE THEM AT THE PRICE.

Similar suits can be seen in the show windows of the largest clothing houses in the state marked \$12.00, \$16.00 and \$18.00.

OUR PRICE \$9.95 ONLY.

**J. W. AYNES, Mgr., JACKSBORO,
TEXAS.**

SUITS \$9.95, SUITS \$9.95.

**CALL ON MATTHEWS,
.... TIDWELL & NORMAN**

—FOR—

Bananas,
Apples, (green),
Cocoanuts, (fresh),
Cranberries,
Oranges,
Raisins,
Currants,
Cabbage.

Uneda Biscuit,
Almonds,
Grape nut,
New Crop Syrup,
Keg Pickles,
Kraut,

And all kinds of Dried Fruit.
In fact everything ordinarily kept in a first-class Grocery.

Election Notice.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held at the banking house of the Beckham National Bank between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. Tuesday, January 9th, 1900, to select a Board of Directors for said Bank for the ensuing year.

This Dec. 9th, 1899.

E. B. NORMAN, Pres.

Do Babies Cry For It?

No! They more often die for the want of it. Dr. Simmons' Cough Syrup is guaranteed to cure croup, whooping cough, colds, coughs and bronchial affections of the throat, chest and lungs, and failing, the purchase money is refunded. Sample bottle free. 50 doses for 50 cents. Akin & Matthews.

P. L. Best left Tuesday morning for his old home at Donathan, Mo., where he will spend about three weeks visiting his parents. Mr. Best has been away from the "old homestead" nearly eight years and no doubt in that short time the old familiar scenes of his boyhood's happy days will to a great extent be unrecognizable.

Brave Men Fall

Victims to stomach, liver and kidney troubles as well as women, and all feel the results in loss of appetite; poisons in the blood, backache, nervousness, headache and tired, listless, run-down feeling. But there's no need to feel like that J. W. Gardner, of Idaville, Ind., says: "Electric Bitters are just the thing for a man when he don't care whether he lives or dies. It gave me new strength and good appetite. I can now eat anything and have a new lease on life." Only 50 cents at Akin & Matthews' drug store. Every bottle guaranteed.

Scorched to Death

While sitting around one of those Airtight Heaters bought of Hollingsworth & Dowdle.

Prof. J. N. Johnston is negotiating a sale for his Civil Government Chart. Two companies have written him not to dispose of the Chart, as they are satisfied they will accept his offer. He has 600 Charts on hand and for sale. After the Chart goes into the hands of the company the price will be \$3. They may be bought now for 50 cents to \$2 each.

New Clothing.

We have just received a big shipment for Christmas. If you want something late see this new line. J. E. MORRISON & Co.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE TABLETS. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature on every every box. 25c.

I Will Trade

40 acres of land near town with good fence and plenty of wood for a good wagon, team and harness; or will sell at a bargain. C. C. MAYES, Elinsville, Texas.

Paid Dear For His Leg.

B. D. Blanton of Thackerville, Tex., in two years paid over \$300.00 to doctors to cure a running sore on his leg. Then they wanted to cut it off, but he cured it with one box of Bucklin's Arnica Salve. Guaranteed cure for piles. 25c a box. Sold by Akin & Matthews.

A Keen Clear Brain.

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Mrs. John Holtzclaw, Atlanta, Ga., writes: Dr. M. A. Simmons Liver Medicine cured me of constipation and Dyspepsia. I think it superior to Zilin's and Black Draught. Its action being stronger, yet milder. In fact I cannot say enough in its favor. Sold by Akin & Matthews.

A wagon passes through Northern Kansas, says a Missouri paper, bearing the inscription "Colorado and irrigation, Kansas and starvation. I'm going to my wife's relation." They ought to come to Missouri, where there is no irrigation, and a man of education can engage in speculation; bring along his wife's relation and have a good time and free salvation. This is worthy of consideration." This made a Kansas editor hot under the collar and he is responsible for this outbreak: "The above narration is a sort of fabrication that has obtained circulation among people of vivid imagination, and absolutely without foundation. The population mentioned in the above narration are the scum of creation, are beyond-salvation, deserve starvation, and can have free transportation to the Indian Nation or to the landdamnation on application."

MAFEEKING IS SAFE

At Least it Was So Reported on the 4th of December.

THE BRITISH REDUCE RATIONS.

Boers Fear British Steel, and Flee When the Command to "Fix Bayonets" is Given by English Officers.

London, Dec. 14.—With the exception of Sunday's sortie at Ladysmith, which the morning papers are unanimous in regarding as a brilliant piece of work, there are no other advices from the seat of war. A war office dispatch reports that Mafeking was safe up to Dec 4, but that the Boers had been shelling the town since Nov. 27, with increased effect. Rations had been considerably reduced, meat by a half a pound and bread by a quarter of a pound, in view of probable siege. Water, however, was still plentiful.

The Boers fear the British bayonets. This is illustrated by the full accounts now arriving of previous sorties. It seems that in Sir Archibald Hunter's rally from Ladysmith to capture the Boer guns the British did not carry bayonets. While they were storming the hill the Boers, suddenly aroused from sleep, rushed to the edge and opened an indiscriminate fire upon them. Just before the British secured a footing on top of the hill some one among them shouted "fix bayonets and give them cold steel." At this the Boers turned and fled into the darkness.

Little mention is made in the war office dispatches about horses, but it is understood that the losses in this respect are very heavy, among the officers alone 20 or 30 per cent of their mounts have been shot from under them, the Boer tactics being to shoot first at the officer's horse and then at the rider when dismounted.

British Defeated.

London, Dec. 14.—The war office received the following dispatch from Gen. Methuen, dated Tuesday, Dec. 12th:

"Our artillery shelled a very strong position held by the enemy in a long kopje from 4 until dusk on Sunday. It rained hard last night. The Highland brigade attacked the south end of the kopje. The attack was properly timed but failed. The guards were ordered to protect the Highland's right and rear. The cavalry and mounted infantry with Hawtizer artillery attacked the enemy on the left and the guards on the right, and were supported by the field artillery and the Hawtizer artillery. They shelled the position from daybreak and at 1:15 I sent the Gordons to support the Highlands brigade. Our troops held their own in front of the enemy's entrenchments until dusk, the position extending, including the kopje for a distance of six miles towards Modder river. To-day I am holding my position and defending myself. I had to face at least 12,000 men. Our loss is great."

Skeleton Unearthed.

Brenham, Tex., Dec. 14.—The city of Brenham owns six acres of gravel land in the eastern part of town, to which the people have unrestricted access. Monday evening late Mr. B. Williams was loading his wagon with gravel to build a sidewalk and exhumed a human skull. The teeth are all intact, the skull in a good state of preservation, and appears to be that of a middle-aged and middle-sized white man. No one here has the slightest idea of who the man was or how or when he met his death.

Whipping Filipinos.

Washington, Dec. 14.—General Otis makes the following flattering report:

"Fifty men of the navy and fifty men of the army, transported by the navy, took Laog on the 10th inst. Gen. Young with his staff followed the next day. Gen. Young states the extreme northern forces passed over the mountains, driving the insurgents under General Tino, who was badly wounded, killing 50 and wounding many. He made a large capture of rifles and property with all the insurgent transportation and released all the Spanish prisoners in that section to the number of about 2000. Our casualties were two wounded. March's battalion of the 33d reports from Cayan, Lepanto province, on the 7th instant that he destroyed Aguinaldo's bodyguard, killing General Gregori Pilar, and received the surrender of General Concepcion and staff, killing and wounding 52 insurgents. He released 575 Spanish prisoners, including 150 friars and captured considerable property. His loss was two killed and nine wounded. My information is that Aguinaldo has disguised his individuality, abandoned the troops and is hiding in the province of Bengue."

Poultry Show.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 14.—With much crowing and cackling of high-bred aristocratic fowls the Southwestern Poultry, Pigeon and Pet stock show opened in a building opposite the corner of Elm and Poydras streets Tuesday. There were 1500 fowls on exhibition, coming from ten states in the south and southwest, some as far away as California and South Carolina. The show occupies the building extending from Elm to Pacific avenue, and is jammed with coops from the entrance to the back door.

There are on exhibition light and dark Brahmas, buff, white and partridge Cochins, white and black Lankshans, buff, white and barred Plymouth Rocks, white, brown, buff and rose-combed Leghorns, white and black Minarcos, buff Orpingtons, Houdans, Klondykes or Silkies, buff, white, golden and silver Wyandottes, silver spangled Hamburgs, cornish Indian Games, game Bantams, golden and silver Seabrights, black breasted red Pyles, white, black, pekin and rose-combed, Pekin and Japanese Bantams, mammoth bronze, white, black and Holland Turkeys, Rouen and Pekin ducks, fifty varieties of pigeons, Belgian hares, white rabbits, English Guinea Pigs, English Pheasants.

Mr. Welburn Not Guilty.

Hillsboro, Tex., Dec. 14.—A dispatch was received from San Francisco Tuesday stating that O. M. Welburn has been tried and acquitted on a charge of embezzlement. He was collector of internal revenue there and was arrested on an alleged shortage of \$40,000. Mr. Welburn was born in Dallas county; but lived for many years in this county. When here he was a leading merchant. After moving to California he took an interest in politics and was appointed collector under Cleveland's administration.

Sudden Death.

New York, Dec. 14.—John Rymershoffer, Austrian consul at Galveston, Tex., died suddenly on Broadway Tuesday. A few days ago with his wife he came to this city to visit his two daughters, who reside here. Tuesday afternoon, while accompanied by his wife on Broadway, he complained of being sick and fell to the ground. He died almost immediately.

Burned to Death.

Merit, Tex., Dec. 14.—Monday about 11 o'clock Jessie Daniels, the 4-year-old boy of Bob Daniels, caught fire from a heating stove and only lived three hours.

England Using Our Engines.

"England's railways are patronizing American locomotive manufacturers more and more," said a prominent London man, now on an American tour, the other day. "Two of the great transcontinental roads of Great Britain have recently placed several very large orders with prominent American firms. The reason for this is not so much the superiority of the American make of locomotive as the fact that the English firms are too slow in filling their orders." For instance, the directors of a strong English railway gave an order for a large number of engines to a home firm, on condition that the latter deliver the engines by a certain day. That order was given many months ago, and the locomotives have not been delivered yet. This same road, becoming disgusted with the tardiness of the English builders, gave an order for sixteen locomotives to an American manufacturer. In two months from the time the order was given, the engines were on British soil, ready for use. This practical demonstration of the haste of American builders has resulted in the English roads giving all their recent contracts to the builders in the United States. I often wonder how long it will be before my people will adopt that same of traveling comfort used in this land—the sleeping car. It seems rather queer that we should be so far behind the Americans in our modes of comfort for travelers. Instead of stretching ourselves out luxuriously in a bed at night when on the road, we are compelled to cuddle up in a corner of a car with a rug thrown over our knees."

Voodoo Gets a Negro.

"Night Doctors" have got Lewis Johnson, according to his wife, Eliza, who says that they spirited him away last night almost before her eyes.

Mrs. Johnson, who is a colored woman, created a sensation in Q street last night by shrieking murder. By the time the police had made their way through the resultant mob Mrs. Johnson was in hysterics. She explained that her husband had left her side for a moment, and had then vanished into the air. They were standing near an alley in which is situated an undertaking establishment, and when she realized this she knew that the Voodoo had got him.

There is no doubt that Johnson, who is a respectable old colored man, disappeared in a most mysterious fashion. No one has seen him or heard of him since. His disappearance occurred early in the evening, while he and his wife were returning from church, and when there were plenty of people in the street. The white people, including the police, cannot explain it, and the negroes believe with Mrs. Johnson that it was a case of "Night Doctors."

Popular Potato Patches.

The localization in Columbus, O., of the Pingree potato-patch plan of self-relief for the poor and unemployed, begun by Mayor Black in 1898, has produced results worthy of note. Land to the extent of seventy-six and one-half acres was given out in 1899, against fifty-three and one-half acres in 1898, the quarter acre farms being worked this year by 207 heads of families in comparison with ninety-three in 1898. This means a total of 1284 people helped, if not supported, by the patches. An interesting feature of the statistics is the fact that sixty widows have worked patches this year, preferring farming on a small scale to the washboard.

Troublesome Clam.

Colonel Du Paty de Clam has completely recovered his health. He was arrested recently for assaulting a dentist who tried to enter the railroad carriage in which he was, at a station just outside of Paris.

The Coachman's Exercise.

"John, I'd like to know what makes your back so straight," said a rich man to his coachman the other day. "And how do you stand the fatigue of sitting so beautifully erect while you drive for hours and hours at a stretch?" The coachman blushed with pleasure as he led his master to a light and airy corner of the carriage house. "I'll show you the kind of exercise I take every day, sir," he said, "so as to be a credit to your livery, and your equipage, and yourself and lady." The man then lay down on his stomach and drew upward his body and legs until he formed a V, the point of which—his admomen—alone touched the ground. "I do this 200 times a day, sir," he said. "It gives correct carriage." Then on parallel bars, he dipped. "One hundred of these daily, sir, expand the chest and give a robust grace to the upper arms and shoulders." He put his arms, well stiffened, at his sides and then slowly raised them till the hands met over his head. "I do about 500 of that movement for a chest broadener, also for straighteners." He then nearly touched his back with the crown of his head and quite touched his chest with his chin. "That straightens the neck, sir, and gives the head the proper poise. And so on, sir; I continue for an hour or two every morning, and I don't believe, as long as I keep it up, I'll ever lose my figure."

Novelist Allen Hated Fiction.

Grant Allen was not singular among novelists in disliking fiction and not reading it if he could help it. This characteristic is reached by Andrew Lang in his recent tribute to his dead friend. Incidentally he relates the following anecdote: "As an instance of his kind temper, I remember that he showed me proof-sheets of a novel in which I appeared as the villain. The personal portrait (apart from my series of heartless crimes) was flattering, but recognizable; and, at my request (for it could only cause gossip), the villain was altered out of all possibility of recognition. 'The body is yours,' he said, 'but the soul is the black soul of —' The soul appeared to me to be that of the common miscreant of romance. Mr. Allen's whole career, as far as I witnessed it, was kind, gentle, beneficent, and, above all, courageous."

Fortunes in Old Bills.

In an old pasteboard bandbox, stowed away in a cobwebbed closet at the Munson Cook farm house, in the town of Theresa, N. Y., \$15,000 in paper money has been found, which Mrs. Cook, whose death occurred on Saturday last, had spent a lifetime in hoarding up. The money, which filled the old bandbox, was carried to Theresa and placed in the bank. Many of the bills were issued previous to the war, back in 1850, while on the top of the pile were greenbacks of recent issue, showing that she had continued to hoard away her income almost to the day of her death. Mrs. Cook was more than 70 years old when she died.

Suicides' Bodies in Olden Days.

At Harborne, England, laborers excavating to widen the road, unearthed the skeleton of a man with a wooden stake driven through the breast bone.

The skeleton was evidently that of a suicide who, in accordance with the custom of the old days, had had a stake driven through his heart and then been buried at the dead of night at cross-roads.

His Opinion.

"Every man," said the man-with-the-celluloid-dickey, "has a right to his own opinions." "What I object to," answered the man-with-the-largest-jaws, "is your thinking that you have a right to mine.—New York Press."

Very New.

Miss Cinders—I done reckon dat chocolate wench das jus' come ter town an's cuttin' sich a swell amongs' de bungtung, mus' be oner dese yere new women.

Miss Tarheel—Wha' mek yo' tink dat, Miss Cinders?

Miss Cinders—I draws dat inf'unce, Miss Tarheel, 'case her face shine lak de paint her mighty fraish.

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Winter Tours.

Should you desire information regarding California, Arizona, Texas or Mexico, and the long limit, low rate, round-trip tickets, sold to principal points, the various routes via which the tickets can be purchased, or regarding one way first and second-class rates, through sleeping car lines, first-class and tourist, call upon or address W. G. Nelmyer, Gen'l Western Agent, Southern Pacific Co., 238 Clark St., Chicago; W. H. Cosner, Com'l Agent, Chamber Commerce Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio; or W. J. Berg, Trav. Pass. Agt., 220 Ellicott Sq., Buffalo, N. Y.

Puerto Rico.

Three tours of the beautiful island of Puerto Rico are scheduled to leave Chicago December 27, January 28 and February 15. Special Pullman sleepers and dining cars will convey the party to New York, thence on board the splendid new steamships Ponce and San Juan, through and around the island by rail, automobile, carriage and boat. Tickets include all expenses everywhere. These select limited parties will be under the special escort of Mr. Walter Boyd Townsend, under the management of The American Tourist Association, Reau Campbell, general manager, 1423 Marquette building, Chicago. Itineraries, maps and tickets can be had on application to the agents of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.

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Via Texas Midland railroad to all points in the southeast. Through cars via Memphis and New Orleans; tickets will be sold Dec. 20, 21, 22. Also holiday rates to points in Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas and Nebraska; tickets will be sold December 19 and 20. Also holiday rates to all points in Texas; tickets will be sold Dec. 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, 1899, and Jan. 1, 1900. See our Agents. J. E. LEITH, G. P. A., Terrell, Texas.

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CHASED A LUCKY NICKEL.

Its Pursuit Saved a Man from a Horrible Death.

Among a handful of small change which a young business man pulled out of his pocket in a St. Charles cigar store was a well-worn nickel in which a heavy gold ring had been inserted, says the New Orleans Times-Democrat. "It's merely a luck piece," he explained in response to the question of a bystander, "and I kept it because on one occasion it probably saved my life. I was in Philadelphia several years ago," he continued, "and had occasion one day to call on a gentleman who had his office on the fourth floor of a large business block. After leaving him I was standing in the hallway waiting for the elevator to come up, when this nickel, which I was turning between my fingers, slipped out of my hand and rolled downstairs to the next landing. I was at first inclined to let it go, as the elevator just then arrived, but on second thought I told the boy inside that I would walk, and started down to recover the coin. Before I had descended half a dozen steps I heard a tremendous rushing sound, like a ton of coal tearing down through a chute, followed by three deafening explosions and a dull crash. The elevator had fallen and the three reports were caused by the blowing out of the glass doors on each floor as it shot past. The crash, of course, was the noise of its wind-up in the subcellar. The thing was so sudden and unexpected that it left me momentarily paralyzed with consternation. Then I ran downstairs, and noticing something bright on the landing stooped mechanically and picked it up. It was my lucky nickel, but for which I would have been at that moment considerably nearer earth. The elevator boy was fatally injured. I had the coin marked with this ring to keep it from getting mixed with other nickels."

A TIP FOR BARNSTORMERS.

Russian Manager Who Knew How to Fill Her Theater.

A woman theater director in Russia recently hit upon a novel plan for attracting an audience in an unpeppery dull provincial town, says the London Telegraph. She was at Perm with a traveling troupe, the capital of the "government" of the same name, with a population of 20,000 souls, notorious, above all, for their contempt for art and literature. It is related of the inhabitants that scarcely one had ever crossed the threshold of the theater and that no manager had ever earned enough to pay his hotel bill. Doubtless the lady in question wanted to score a point, so she determined to venture where angels fear to tread. At first she met with no better success than her male colleagues, and the players had to perform before empty seats; but as soon as she played a trump card, which held good for one evening, the receipts considerably exceeded her anticipations. The house was literally packed full, right up to the gallery. The way it was done was as follows: On the morning of the performance she had notices placarded all over the town announcing for the evening a "Performance with Surprises!" The surprises consisted of a series of lotteries during the pauses after the acts. The prizes were seven samovars, five dressing gowns, seven clocks, a variety of household necessities and—a live horse and a live cow! The audience was enthusiastic and the people roared they would visit the theater every night if the above program were repeated. The manager preferred, however, to be content with her one-night success and left the sleepy town the next day—the population having been thoroughly roused out of their state of inertia.

A Successful Experiment.

The experiment made by Lord Rowton and his associates in building model lodging houses in the poorer sections of London has been so successful that a fourth house is to be opened shortly in Hammersmith. When this addition is made, the number of tenants lodging in these houses will be about twenty-five hundred. There are stores for the sale of provisions; the workman has a home where he can live comfortably, write letters, read books and enjoy many of the privileges of a club; a day's expenses come to one shilling sevenpence for bedroom, bath, breakfast and dinner; and there is a dividend of 5 per cent on the investment. The cubicle in a Rowton house is not a corner of a palace, but it is a comfortable place, worth much more than its costs. The experiment will not be repeated in provincial cities. Unmarried men will first be provided for, and then houses will be built for married men with families.

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Lake Titicaca is unique among the waters of the world, says Harper's Magazine. Its extent is fourteen times that of the Lake of Geneva, and the level of its surface is 12,545 feet above the sea. Along its eastern shore runs the main Cordillera, rising aloft at its southern end into the mighty Mount Sorata, whose broad expanding glaciers seem to lift themselves like silver from the waves. The shores and islands of the lake were—who knows how long ago?—the cradle of a remarkable civilization, or even series of civilizations. Perhaps latest among them was that of the Inca tribe, which, rising in this place, spread northward over the hills and down a valley to Cuzco, and thence stretched forth its conquering arm over a vast area whose exact limit can no longer be defined. The Incas looked back to Titicaca island as the sacred spot whence emerged their legendary founders, Manco Capac and his consort, Mama Occlo Huaco. The traveler on the waters or round the shores of the lake beholds many a monument of departed greatness and industrial prosperity. He feels that he is looking upon historic ground and the dim glamour of a well-nigh forgotten past sheds luster upon peaks and ranges doubtless untrodden by human foot, but often traveled by human eyes, and in whose names yet linger the fossilized faith and poetry of departed men. The waters of Titicaca lake reflect no longer the splendor of Inca religious pageants; they are placed instead by three bustling steamers, on one of which we voyage 111 miles to the Bolivian port of Chillyaya. Fortune favored us with a day brilliant and calm, when the waves lay asleep and all the hills were clear. Generally a storm rages, and the voyager suffers from such an irresistible combination of mountain and sea sickness that even the hardy stokers of the engine do not become habituated to it, but suffer like so many newcomers.

THE OLD STORY.

He Had "A System" That Was Absolutely Infallible.

Walking down the Strand the other day I was attracted by a crowd that was collected round an omnibus. It was the usual scene—a prostrate horse, with the conductor sitting on its head and an officious policeman jotting down voluminous notes, says Answers. I was about to pass on when the face of the driver attracted my attention. "By jove! that man is uncommonly like _____, a friend of my undergraduate days at Oxford," I said to myself, and as he at that moment took off his hat my impression was confirmed beyond a doubt. What a reverse of fortune! Five years ago he was quite the richest undergraduate at Oxford, for, besides a very liberal allowance from his parents, he won large sums on the turf. The persistence and regularity with which he won was very marvelous, and he accounted for it by saying that he gambled on an infallible system, which he would not divulge. His unvarying success produced a belief in us young spirits that he had successfully solved the problem which had been the ruin of so many people. The last time I saw him he was driving his own coach; five years later I met him driving an omnibus. It was a sad sight, and I passed on in fear of his recognizing me. I suppose the sequel's plain enough. The old story. Luck changed, and like all gamblers, he drifted on to his beam-ends trying to retrieve his reverses.

A Valuable Sentinel.

Napoleon, the big bird of the ostrich farm, in Jacksonville, Fla., has proved itself a valuable sentinel in defending the pheasants and other fine fowls in the enclosure. It is a huge bird, weighing some 400 pounds, is pugnacious in disposition, and thinks it can whip anything in sight. Some of the negroes living near the farm have cast longing eyes at the fat pheasant, thinking they would be equal to juicy turkeys. The other night some of them crept into the enclosure and got near the pheasants' cage before Napoleon observed them. Then with a shrill harsh hiss the bird raised its wings and rushed at them. The negroes yelled for help and rushed to the fence to escape. Napoleon helped them over in fine style. One of them was severely hurt by the bird's sharp claws. The negroes fled, while Napoleon paced up and down the enclosure, hissing with anger and exultation. The next morning shreds of clothing were found in abundance, while the blood around showed that Napoleon had hurt the intruders. Every night now the big bird patrols the yards, marching along like a sentinel on duty.

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