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The Bank of Cross Plains

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THANKS

We take this opportunity of thanking the people of Cross Plains and vicinity for their liberal patronage since we have been in Cross Plains, especially are we grateful for their very liberal patronage during the holidays. We have just gone through our stock and find that we made a clean sweep of holiday goods as well as other unseasonable goods. We have no odds and ends to work off on our customers but instead will have to offer them fresh, new seasonable Cash bought merchandise. The Wholesale people are offering Cash buyers splendid inducements. We now have in transit many Cash bought bargains all of which will be "dished" out to our customers at the very lowest known price. Watch our window for extra special bargains, which are coming as fast as the train can bring them, again we thank you. The Racket Store.

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On Wednesday Dec. 27 Mrs. Ben D. Lee entertained the club of jolly rook players, every one came anticipating a good time, and none were disappointed for Mrs. Lee as usual proved an ideal hostess.

Five interesting games were played Miss Mable Hall winning high score. A delicious two course luncheon was served consisting of

cheese sandwiches and cherry salad, cake and fruit nectar. We enjoyed having a number of guests other than the members. The club meets with Mrs. J. W. Westerman January 3rd.

It is reported that a textile mill will be established at Post City. It is the intention to have the plant ready for the 1912 cotton crop. The mill will have 10,000 spindles and a capacity of 2,000,000 yards of finished cloth annually.

CARTER-WILMUT

Mr. George Carter and Miss Jeannette Wilmut were married Tuesday night at Dallas. The Review joins in congratulations and wishes these young people much happiness and prosperity. The following is from the Dallas Morning News of Wednesday: "George Greer Carter of Cross

Plains, Tex., and Miss Jeannette Wilmut were married last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton West on Rawlins street. Rev. M. M. Davis officiating. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Carter left for Cross Plains where they will make their home.

Miss Nell Wilmut, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and bridesmaids were Misses Ruby Edwards and Cora Nell Boydston. Ray Foy was best man. Little Jim

Harry was ring bearer and little Miss Elizabeth Cullum was flower girl. The house was decorated with palms, ferns and cut flowers, a canopy having been formed of smilax and pot plants, strewn with bride's roses. The dining room was decorated in green and pink with bridesmaids' rosebuds. Refreshments were served. The bride wore a hand-embroidered dress of lingerie and the bridesmaids' costumes carried out the pink and green effect of the decorations."

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\$7 Suits for.....	\$5.85
6 " ".....	4.85
5 " ".....	4.45
4 " ".....	3.25
3.50 " ".....	2.85
3.00 " ".....	2.65
2.50 " ".....	2.15
1.75 " ".....	1.45

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CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS.

The Review is a little late this week, owing to the rush of job work. Next week we begin in a new year, and we expect to make many improvements in the paper. We wish all of our friends a happy and prosperous New Year.

There is no doubt that the eyes of the country are turned Texasward and that with the completion of the Panama canal all roads will lead to the Gulf.

It has been demonstrated by the Bennett-Simms Mill and Elevator Company at Clarendon that milo maize produces as good flour for Graham bread and breakfast foods as is ground from wheat.

The Commercial Club and citizens of Rotan have recently held a meeting to take action on the proposed line of the Santa Fe, Rotan & Southern railroad. Thirty-five miles are in operation and one hundred and fifty miles are under construction.

Texas is the greatest cotton producing state in the Union; is nearer the center of population than the New England States, the present seat of the manufacture of cotton goods in this country; possesses a much more suitable climate for profitable manufacturing and has cheaper labor. Texas needs the cotton factories and it seems to us that the factories need our cotton, climate, labor and our large field of home consumption.

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Cross Plains, Tex.

GEN. REYES SURRENDERS IN MEXICO

AFTER LOSING BATTLE AND FAIL TO RECEIVE HELP.

TO BE TRIED FOR SEDITION

Asks No Guarantees for Himself But Pleads for Mercy for Men Who Followed Him.

Linares, Neuva Leon, Mexico: Gen. Bernardo Reyes, once considered the greatest of his country's military men, surrendered to a small garrison of government soldiers here Monday and afterwards sent the following telegram to Gen. Geronimo Trevino, commander of the Third Military Zone at Monterey. "I called upon the army, I called upon the people, and no one responded. This attitude I regard as a protest and I am resolved not to continue this war against the Government. I place myself at your disposition."

Reyes asked for himself no guarantees, but pleaded for mercy for the little group of men who have followed him in his wanderings to and fro throughout a large area in this State and in the State of Tamaulipas. He requested consideration for them. They are yet fugitives and will be hunted down by Trevino's men unless they, too, surrender voluntarily.

To Reyes' message, Trevino replied that Gen. Reyes would be kept under guard in Linares pending instructions from the central Government.

His attempt to save his few followers was refused by Trevino, who telegraphed to Reyes that he had no authority to relax his campaign.

No one was more surprised by the surrender of Reyes than the little garrison to whom he appeared.

Sunday Luis Salinas, commander of a small band of volunteers, engaged in the case, surprised a group of not more than ten or twelve men riding along the Concho River, running east from Burgos. Only a few miles from the scene of the fight was Reyes. The conflict was too brief to warrant the commander in reporting it except as an exception that he had met the Reyistas.

Like rabbits the rebels fled in all directions. Two or three horses and a quantity of ammunition fell into the hands of the Government troops, but no one was killed.

It appears the insurgent band never reunited and that Gen. Reyes, humiliated at seeing what was in effect his personal guard forced to flee at the first exchange of shot and realizing that none had rushed to his support, rode to Linares and surrendered. Reyes was not surrounded and might have kept up a fight for many days, but without the army he had so confidently expected to recruit, the humiliating finish was almost inevitable.

Reyes will be taken to the National capital on a charge of sedition. He will be tried before a military court and is guaranteed all fairness possible.

FIGHTING TEMPORARILY CEASES.

Numerous Engagements with Increasing Robber Bands.

Pekin: Apparently the fighting has ceased, at least temporarily, in China. No reports have been received recently of activities between the imperialists and revolutionists, but numerous engagements have occurred with robber bands, which continue to increase. Officials here expect that the armistice will be renewed after Dec. 31.

It is believed in Pekin that Tang Shao Yi, Premier Yuan's representative, has not communicated the Premier's reply to the republican leaders at Shanghai, because it is not satisfactory. Yuan Shi Kai has declared that under no circumstances will he accept a republic.

That Yuan also will refuse to accept the proffered Presidency of the Republic is considered settled. They assert that if a Republic is forced upon him Yuan Shi Kai will relinquish the Premiership, and, recognizing the difficulties of the President's position, will await the country's call to save it from disaster.

Of all human virtues the world is apt to regard success as the greatest. The people who pose as martyrs seem to get a lot of satisfaction out of it.

TWO WOMEN ARE KILLED.

Trolley in Toronto Dashes Down Grade Turning Over on Side.

Toronto: Two women were killed and a score of person injured, some of them mortally, when a runaway trolley car on King street, crowded with church-going passengers, dashed down a steep grade Sunday night, ran into an open switch and crashed over on its side.

GIVES RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Russian Subjects are Free to Follow Own Ideas.

St. Petersburg: A more progressive attitude has been exhibited by the Council of Empire at its present session by the passage of the bill for religious freedom, which it had kept in the committee stage for over three years.

Though the measure issues from the Council of Empire in a shape greatly differing from the version passed by the Duma, and with amendments limiting somewhat the operation of the principle has been satisfactorily sustained by the upper chamber.

The bill deals with the passage from one Christian confession to another, or from a non-Christian confession to a Christian one. It ignores the possibility of back-sliding from Christianity, tacitly leaving in force, however, the paragraph of the manifesto giving such unwilling Christians a chance to escape from it. As the paragraphs of the Criminal Code imposing a penalty for defections from Orthodoxy were repealed in 1906, the situation leaves any Russian subject free to follow his religious ideals, though the State takes cognizance only of declarations of adherence to any one of the constituted Christian congregations.

JACK JOHNSON RETURNS.

Champion Says He Isn't "Broke" and Talks About His Automobiles.

Chicago, Ill.: John Arthur Johnson, the colored world's champion prize fighter, arrived home from Europe Saturday, displayed the "world's thinnest watch, the world's greatest quantity of gold teeth, the world's largest squirrel fur coat," and issued a statement five minutes after his arrival. The statement said simply: "Don't you ever think Jack Johnson's broke."

Later he amplified this by saying he started the "broke story" to justify his demand for some \$7,500 training expenses, which he says he got.

Johnson did not appear to be out of condition so far as physical appearance goes. He says he can train back to condition in a month.

"DYING OF BROKEN HEART."

Mother of Convicted McNamara Declared in Serious Condition.

Cincinnati, Ohio: Mrs. Mary McNamara, the mother of John J. and James B. McNamara, the convicted dynamiters, is in a serious condition at her home here. She had planned to leave for California soon to see her boys and learn the real truth from their lips, but the thought of their confession and their conviction has so preyed upon her mind that she has been obliged to postpone her trip. She does not leave the house, denies herself to all visitors, and, in the opinion of Rev. John Hickey, her pastor, who visits her constantly, she is slowly dying of a broken heart.

"She may improve and be able to make the journey," said Father Hickey, "but the shock of their confessed guilt and the condemnation they have received has broken her spirit, and it will be a wonder if she survives it very long."

Russian Treaty to End Jan. 1, 1913.

Washington: The house of representatives Wednesday afternoon began consideration of the final act to end the treaty of 1832 with Russia. Carrying out informal instructions from the committee on foreign affairs, Chairman Sudzer moved that the House concur in the Senate resolution ratifying President Taft's notification to Russia of the proposed abrogation. By a unanimous vote the Senate on Tuesday night at 7:20 o'clock, ratified President Taft's notification to Russia of the termination of the treaty of 1832. The Lodge joint resolution, reported by the foreign relations committee, on a substitute for the Sulzer House resolution, was adopted after an all-day debate.

\$100,000 Christmas Gifts to Employees.

New York: For the second time in his career as president of the Central Trust Company, James N. Wallace will receive a Christmas present of \$50,000 from the institution and, following a custom which dates back some years, the trust company will also cut a "melon" of \$50,000 among its employees. This is supposed to represent from 75 to 100 per cent of their salaries. The Central Trust Company, along with J. P. Morgan & Co., is generally believed by Wall street to make the largest year end donations to their clerical forces.

WANETTE, OKLA., HAS BIG FIRE.

Business Section of Town Endangered for Time.

Shawnee, Okla.: Early Friday morning fire destroyed a part of the business section of Wanette, causing a loss of \$18,000. For a time the flames threatened to wipe out the entire business section of the town. Five frame structures and two brick buildings burned.

3,759,752 BALES GINNED TO DEC. 13

CENSUS REPORT SHOWS 1911 TOTAL TO BE RECORD BREAKER.

1,860,386 BALES IN TEXAS

Prior to Last Wednesday 92.4 Per Cent of Present Crop Had Been Ginned.

Washington: Of the enormous cotton crop grown during 1911 and estimated by the Department of Agriculture at 14,885,000 bales, there has been ginned prior to last Wednesday 2.4 per cent, or 13,759,752 bales, according to the Census Bureau's report, issued Wednesday. This exceeds by more than 3,000,000 bales the amount ginned to Dec. 13 last year and by almost the same amount the ginning of previous record years.

The Census Bureau's report of cotton ginning for the seventh period of the season, from Dec. 1 to 12, inclusive, shows the number of running gins ginned to the latter date from the great record-breaking cotton crop grown in 1911, with comparative ginning statistics to the corresponding dates of last year and the former record years of 1904 and 1908, as follows:

United States 13,759,752 bales, compared with 10,695,443 bales last year, when 92.5 per cent of the entire crop was ginned prior to Dec. 13; 11,904,369 bales in 1908, when 91 per cent was ginned, and 11,971,477 bales in 1904, when 89 per cent was ginned.

Round bales included were 93,294, compared with 106,486 bales last year, 40,024 bales in 1909 and 215,059 bales in 1908.

Sea Island cotton bales included were 99,436, compared with 75,228 bales last year, 55,177 bales in 1909 and 30,316 bales in 1908.

ESTIMATES ISSUED ON 11 CROPS.

Value of Farm Yields, Excluding Cotton, Placed at \$3,769,562,000.

Washington: With decreases in the production of the eleven important farm crops, not including cotton, the total value of these crops this year reached the total of \$3,769,562,000, according to the final estimate announced Monday by the Department of Agriculture of 1,567,000 bushels and an most \$150,000,000, over their value last year. The important features of the crops compared with last year were:

Corn—An increase of 1,790,000 acres, a decrease of 354,772,000 bushels and an increase of \$180,441,000.

Winter Wheat—An increase of 1,833,000 acres; a decrease of 3,486,000 bushels and a decrease of \$3,167,000.

Spring Wheat—An increase of 2,029,000 acres, a decrease of 10,297,000 bushels and a decrease of \$14,821,000.

Oats—An increase of 390,000 acres, a decrease of 259,215,000 bushels and an increase of \$8,257,000.

Rice—A decrease of 26,500 acres, a degree, made a motion for a new trial increase of 1,650,000.

Potatoes—A decrease of 101,000 acres, a decrease of 56,296,000 bushels and an increase of \$39,212,000.

Hay—A decrease of 2,674,000 acres, a decrease of 13,534,000 tons and a decrease of \$53,199,000.

Tobacco—A decrease of 353,000 acres, a decrease of 198,306,000 pounds and a decrease of \$16,932,000.

MAY SETTLE CHINESE AFFAIR.

First Meeting of the Peace Delegates is Held at Shanghai.

Shanghai: It is the general opinion that the first meeting of the peace delegates has shown that there is a satisfactory prospect of the settlement of the struggle that is now disrupting the Chinese Empire.

Woman Fights off Robber.

Dallas, Texas: Fighting with all her strength and screaming for help, Miss Elizabeth Fitzgerald Thursday night frustrated attempts of a negro man to snatch her purse, containing, she said, \$75. Miss Fitzgerald said of the occurrence: "I was walking on Munger avenue and had almost reached Gaston avenue when a negro sprang from behind a telephone pole and grabbed my purse. I struggled with the man and screamed. It seemed to me as if I fought the negro for ten minutes before he turned from me and ran away. I had \$75 in my purse."

Vandals Cut Great Picture.

Washington: Vandals got into the capitol Tuesday night and mutilated "The Battle of Lake Erie," the largest canvas of the collection of paintings which adorn the walls of the corridors and stairways. A strip two feet long and three inches wide was cut from the lower left hand corner of the painting at place the artist had shown a great deal of detail. The strip was found close by upon the floor. It can be replaced.

BODY HANGING FROM RAFTER

Children Were Waiting for Him to Play Santa Claus.

Dallas, Texas: While waiting for her grandfather, S. M. Blankenship, age 50, a resident of the Farmers Branch community, to act as Santa Claus at a family Christmas tree Monday morning, an eight-year-old girl found his lifeless body swinging from a rafter in the kitchen at their home.

Blankenship was a prosperous farmer. His children and grandchildren had gathered at the home for a Christmas tree and he was to act as Santa Claus. After the child had discovered the body Mrs. Blankenship was called and with a butcher knife cut the cotton rope that held her husband's body.

No cause for the rash act can be given unless it was that because of bad health for some time and he became despondent. The funeral occurred that afternoon.

BIG WAR SHIPS IN GALVESTON.

Utah and Florida are Taking a Rest for the Holidays.

Galveston, Texas: Drawing twenty-nine feet of water, the Utah and Florida, two of the largest battleships in commission in the United States Navy, crossed Galveston bar Saturday and cast anchor in Galveston Harbor.

"We took sounding all the way in from outside the bar," said Capt. William S. Benton of the Utah, ranking officer in command of the two Dreadnoughts, "and there was not a minute when we had less than six fathoms. Both the Utah and the Florida had a good six of seven feet to the clear all the way in."

Scarcely had the two vessels come to anchor in the roads when the pilot boat Texas steamed out from the docks bearing the committee of Galvestonians who were to extend the welcome of the city to the officers and men of the fleet. And scarcely had the committee reached the ship when the deck of the Utah when, after launch loaded with men, who joked and frolicked like school boys at the thought of the forty-eight hours shore leave that was theirs, shot out from the battleships and headed for the city. The streets of Galveston were filled with nearly a thousand of the jacksies, who were rejoicing in the sights and sounds of the city after their trip from Pensacola.

WIFE KILLS HUSBAND.

In Fatal Combat Joe Sims is Shot, Was Hotel Clerk.

Waco, Texas: His face covered with blood and a bullet through his body, Joe B. Sims, clerk at the Exchange hotel, staggered into a corridor from his room at 10 o'clock Monday morning and fell dead. His wife was taken to a sanitarium with wounds in her neck from a knife. She claims that Sims cut her, when she shot him. Sims was thirty-eight years old and was formerly clerk at hotels in Hillsboro and Dallas. Jealousy of Sims by his wife is given as the cause.

It was stated at the sanitarium that Mrs. Sims' wounds are slight and she will recover. She was to have gone to her former home in Lawton, Okla., to spend Christmas.

SNOW PLOW ENGINE KILLS TWO.

Turned Over on Denver. Fireman and Engineer Dead.

Amarillo, Texas: Engineer G. T. Callahan and Fireman S. G. Williams of the Fort Worth and Denver City Railway Company, were instantly killed in a wreck which occurred at Ady Texas, thirty miles west of this city, at 3:45 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Both men resided in Amarillo.

Callahan's engine was equipped with a snow plow and was running special just ahead of passenger train No. 2. The caboose attached to the engine remained on the track and none of the other trainmen were injured. The engine turned completely over, crushing the two men beneath it.

The main line is well ballasted, and officials of the road are as yet unable to say what caused the wreck. The train was traveling at a rate of twenty-five miles an hour. Trainmaster Groves was in the caboose at the time that engine left the track.

There is always a certain amount of coolness between the iceman and his customers.

Jewels Missed from a Tomb.

Paris: Jewels of great value laid in the tomb of the famous Parisian actress, Lucie Lantelme, with her corpse, were reported stolen from the body Friday morning, though later they were found enclosed in an envelope under the dead woman's head. An examining magistrate entered the tomb and made the reassuring discovery. The gems included a pearl necklace, which alone was valued at \$30,000.

JEWELER MURDERED; \$30,000 GEMS TAKEN

ASSASSINS ROB SAFE AFTER MURDERING OWNER.

\$2,500 REWARD IS OFFERED

Discovery of Crime Is Made by Man Who Notices Establishment Not Open.

Laredo, Texas: Friday night G. J. Levytansky, a well-known jeweler of this city, was assassinated in his place of business and the large safe in the store robbed of diamonds and other jewelry to the amount of over \$30,000.

The murder was not discovered until shortly before noon Saturday, when a friend noticed that the store was closed and went to make an investigation. He tried to get in at the front door, but found it locked. He then went to the back door and finding it open, entered. After calling several times, he went through the store and found Levytansky lying in one corner.

An examination showed that he had been murdered while standing near a large glass front door in the center of the store, where a pool of blood was found. He had evidently been standing near the showcase when he was struck in the back and front of the head with a hammer and then, as he turned, a knife was plunged into his heart. After he fell he was dragged from the spot to where he was found.

The safe in the back part of the store was found open. It had been looted by the assassins and diamonds to the amount of \$30,000, with other jewelry, had been stolen. Levytansky was reputed to be worth about \$30,000, which he had in a bank, while he carried in stock in diamonds and jewelry to the value of from \$30,000 to \$40,000. At night he slept in the store.

Three persons were taken in custody, but no clew had been located at Saturday night. Mayor McComb offered a personal reward of \$2,500 for the arrest and conviction of the assassins.

UNUSUAL PARDON IS GRANTED

Man Who Escapes from Penitentiary 28 Years Ago Exonerated.

Austin, Texas: An Executive pardon was granted Friday in a case reading like romance. Twenty-eight years ago a young man was sent to the penitentiary from Tarrant County for seventeen years on two counts of horse theft, one sentence for twelve and the other five years. Within three months after incarceration he escaped from a railroad convict construction gang, and his whereabouts have not been known to the penitentiary officials from that day to this.

But Friday his aged father, who has reached four score, came from Tarrant County and told the Governor that his son is living in a small town in Missouri, not far from St. Joseph and is a highly respected citizen with a family. He asked for a full pardon, that it might be presented to the son before the new year and it was granted.

It will be taken to the son by the silver haired father and a paternal request made that the son face the world as a man who long ago repented of the follies of youth, who has proven his right to good citizenship and has been punished enough.

WOMAN BADLY BURNED.

Mrs. G. N. Chitwood Receives Hurts Regarded as Fatal.

Dallas, Texas: While her three children were mingling with the happy Christmas crowds downtown Saturday afternoon, Mrs. G. N. Chitwood, 2420 Allen street, fell into an open fireplace of blazing embers and was so terribly burned that no hope is entertained for her recovery.

Alone in the room, Mrs. Chitwood lost consciousness and fell into the flames. After a time she became conscious again and realizing her peril she jumped in and attempted to smother the flames with the bed clothes. She at once became the center of a blazing mass of her clothing and quilts and blankets.

Hearing her screams, a stranger passing on a hack ran in and rescued her from the flames and called in the neighbors to take care of her. Her body was roasted and the skin was blackened and parched.

A physician who was immediately summoned and administered remedies said late Saturday night that there was no chance for the woman to recover.

OFFERS BIG PRIZES.

Plans are progressing well for the annual exhibition of the Southwestern Poultry Association at Dallas in the State Fair Grounds Jan. 18 to 23, 1912. It is announced by the management that within a few days the catalogues will be issued and all the rules of the affair published. Premiums of more than \$5,000 are to be offered and the list is ready to be forwarded upon application. It is to be printed for general distribution.

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PACKERS' COUNSEL FINISH STATEMENTS

FIRST WITNESS WILL TAKE
STAND TUESDAY.

TO CALL 300 WITNESSES

Believed Several Months Will Be Required to Present Testimony and Documentary Evidence.

Chicago, Ill.: Counsel for the Chicago meat packers, charged with combining to control the price of meats in violation of the criminal sections of the Sherman law, concluded their opening statements to the jury Friday and United States District Judge George A. Carpenter adjourned court until next Tuesday morning. At that time the first witness for the Government will take the stand.

The Government will present its case in chronological order. The witnesses will tell the story of the old packers' pool, which, it is charged, was in existence prior to the organization of the National Packing Company in 1902 and which held weekly meetings at which, the Government charges, prices were fixed. Later conditions, which led to the formation of the National Packing Company, will then be detailed, and in concluding its case the Government will endeavor to prove that the National Packing Company was the instrument the packers used to continue the old pooling arrangement.

Three hundred witnesses will be called by the Government and it is believed it will take several months to present their testimony. In addition to this a mass of documentary evidence will be offered. The jury will be closely sequestered during the adjournment of court, and the twelve men, all of whom are married, will be obliged to eat their Christmas dinner at a downtown hotel.

BRIGANDS CARRY OF \$850,000.

Imperial Convoy, with Large Amount of Bullion is Attacked.

Harbin, Manchuria: A band of Chinese brigands Saturday attacked an imperial convoy which was on the way to Kirin with a large amount of bullion. The robbers carried off a sum of \$850,000.

The number of brigands in the province of Kirin has increased rapidly since the beginning of the political disturbances and consequent unsettled condition of all parts of the country. Many soldiers have deserted from the army and have joined the ranks of the brigands and now live openly by plunder. Murders occur frequently along the high roads and the brigands even attack settlement of considerable size, in which they loot the stores and do not hesitate to murder the inhabitants if they offer any resistance.

American Bank for Nicaragua.

New York: A bank financed by American capital and managed by Americans—the first of its kind in the tropics—is soon to be organized in Nicaragua. The authorized capital is to be \$5,000,000.

DECLARES WOMEN AND CHILDREN ARE BUTCHERED.

National Council at Teheran is Dissolved by Action of Regent and Cabinet.

Teheran: A telegram from the Vice Governor of Tabriz gives an appalling picture of the situation in that city as a result of Russian aggression.

"I swear before God that innocent women and children are being butchered in cold blood." The Governor estimates the number of Persians killed in Tabriz at 500, and adds: "The Russians ignore our overtures for the cessation of hostilities."

Telegraphic communication between Teheran and Tabriz is interrupted. The British and Russian legations are without means of communication with Consuls. The Regent, Nazireh Mutk, acting in agreement with the Cabinet declared the National Council dissolved. The war minister sent troops to prevent the deputies from entering the Parliament Building.

The Persian Government has unconditionally accepted the Russian ultimatum, Persia having previously agreed to a slight modification of one of the demands. The Russian Minister has suggested his acceptance of the Persian reply.

St. Petersburg: As the result of a long conference between Premier Kokovsov and Foreign Minister Sazonoff, heavy reinforcements have been ordered from the Caucasus to Tabriz. The director of the Persian department of the Russian foreign office says: "Russia will take justice at Tabriz, Resht and Enzeli into its own hands and will show no mercy to the Filais and revolutionaries who are shedding Russian blood. The lesson which we intend to give will long be remembered."

BUTTS RESCUER INTO LAKE

Pet Billy Goat Saved From Drowning, Turns on Man Who Dragged Him Ashore.

South Haven, Mich.—Butted into the water by a pet billy goat he went to save from drowning during a heavy storm which flooded the ravine where the goat was tethered, was the experience of William Jacobs, a retired butcher.

The waters converted Morning Glork Park, located in the ravine, into a miniature lake and the goat, tied securely, stood upon a hummock with only its head above the water. The owner waded out to it and, throwing a rope over its head, pulled it ashore. Bending over to pick up his hat, he



Butts Master Into Lake.

was struck in the rear by a terrific bunt from the goat, landing him in four or five feet of water. He has sold the goat.

Licensed to Hunt, Not Marry.

Quincy, Ill.—Aaron Sigelman and Miss Julia Bernstein had joined hands and were about to be pronounced man and wife when the clergyman glanced over the license. Then he noticed for the first time that the license permitted Sigelman to hunt deer, but said nothing regarding marriage. Sigelman had gone to the desk where hunting licenses are issued and had not mentioned marriage.

Church Ousts Sleepless Pastor.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Giving counsel and advice to a young woman in a park at three o'clock in the morning is no part of a pastor's duty, in the judgment of official members of the Memorial Baptist church. That is the reason Rev. W. B. Shaw is no longer pastor of the congregation, his resignation having been accepted.

Seven Confederate Senators.

The only United States senators now serving who were in the Confederate service are Bankhead and Johnson of Alabama, Bacon of Georgia, Foster of Louisiana, Money of Mississippi, Martin of Virginia, and Tillman of South Carolina. Tallaferrero of Florida was a Confederate soldier, but he has been defeated for the renomination, and will leave the senate very soon. Senators Bailey, Clay and Culberson were all babies at the time of the war.

Age of Naval Academy.

The naval academy at Annapolis is just sixty-five years old, which is rather startling, as some way or other we expected it to be older. It was founded during the term of President James K. Polk, when George Bancroft was secretary of the navy. It was reorganized in 1850, and then styled the United States Naval Academy. It was removed to Newport, R. I., in 1861, and remained there until the summer of 1865, when the course of instruction was again taken up at Annapolis.

W. A. Brandon was up from Crosscut this week. He reports his boy's leg about healed up. It was scalded very badly earlier in the year.

Mr. Burkett was showing a two pound lemon Thursday. It was raised by Mrs. Thames, near Burkett, and measured 17 inches around.



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LOCALS

News of the week told quick

TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

We desire to thank each of you for your business and good will towards us during the past year and hope for a continuance of the same during the coming year. We appreciate your friendship and hope to so treat you that we may retain it during the coming years. We wish for you and yours a happy prosperous 1912.
The Bank of Cross Plains.

Dr. and Mrs. Ramsey and baby spent Christmas with relatives at Baird.

A sack of American Beauty flour will please you try it. Davis-Garner & Co.

Fine chocolates and all kinds of candy at McCords.

Miss Nora Ferguson resigned her position with B. L. Boydston, the 24th and left for Cottonwood to to spend the holidays.

Buy her a coat suit at Davis-Garner & Co.

C. C. Neeb spent Sunday at Carbon and Gorman with friends?

Bottles wanted at Dr. Tyson's.

Misa Grace Cox left Saturday for Gorman to visit home folks.

Buy from the New Store. Davis-Garner & Co.

Mr. Armstrong was in Rising Star on business last week.

Real crown chocolates at Davis-Garner & Co

Pierce Shackelford, Miss Wilma Shackelford, and Miss Hale of Putnam and Miss Brown of Scranton were down this week visiting Mr. Joe Shackelford.

White Crest flour at Boydston's

Miss Esther McCord of Gorman visited relatives here during Christmas.

3 lb box of special cake flour at Davis-Garner & Co.

Just arrived, car of Poultry wire, hog wire, etc at B. L. Boydston's.

Remember you can get that cigar at McCords.

Mrs. R. I. Lee, who has been visiting relatives here, returned to her home at Rising Star Friday.

Two carloads of feed received at B. L. Boydston's this week.

Dr. J. A. Shackelford, of New Orleans, visited his brother, Joe Shackelford here Christmas.

Four carloads in 2 weeks, 2 cars feed one car of flour and one car wire received at Boydston's.

OLD LADIES OLD SETTLERS REUNION.

One day this week we stepped into the Crstal Cafe about noon and found Uncle Epp Bond eating a chili. He said Mrs. Bond was attending an Old Ladies Old Settlers Reunion at Uncle Charley Neeb's and Mrs. Baum's.

Mr. Neeb was wandering around like a lost calf, and when we asked what the trouble was, he just pointed over his shoulder and said, "Oh, I tell you there is an awful mob over there." All who attended say they never enjoyed them selves better. Those present were Mesdames J. M. Coffman, W. A. McGowan, Epp Bond, Foster Bond, Will Butler, Martin Neeb, Austin Payne, Scott Gilbert and their children.

Uncle Epp Bond is responsible for the heading to this article, as the Review doesn't believe any of the ladies mentioned are old, altho they came here in the early days and have helped very materially in making Cross Plains what it is today.

Uncle Epp also says Mrs. Bond and Mrs. Coffman have been trying for the talkers championship for nigh onto thirty years, but to date it has never been decided who won.

We would advise the ladies to take Uncle Epp with them next time so he won't tell tales.

CANDY—CANDY—CANDY

CANDY at Davis-Garner & Co. Miss Dora Plaine of Stephenville is visiting her friend Mrs. J. Lee Jones.

Carload of wire and nails received this week at Boydston's.

Eldon Boydston was in DeLeon Tuesday and Wednesday on business connected with cotton shipments.

Lots of oranges and apples at Davis-Garner & Co.

W. N. Williams was down from near Nugent, in the southern part of Jones County. He came down to move O. B. Carter.

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THE VOTING CONTEST

Miss Lean Hargrove won the cut glass water set for the most votes up to Dec 24. Miss Josie Goodman won the locket and chain for the greatest gain between Nov. 24 and Dec. 24.

Ladies List

Leean Hargrove.....	13230
Madie Harlow.....	2757
Miss Josie Goodman.....	3731
" Bessie Haley.....	682
" Abbie Ferguson.....	559
" Mabel Hall.....	595
" Era Davis.....	1350
" Gussie Odom.....	2012
" Etta Breeding.....	1226
" Elsie Cochran.....	2919
" Cora Baum.....	555
Nina McDougal.....	642
Vivian Nordyke.....	722
" Ethel King.....	507
" Beulah Irvin.....	529
" Fannie Armstrong.....	517
Ruby Gilbert.....	502
Ada Williams.....	508
Beulah McDonnough.....	501

Organizations

Burkett Public School.....	13230
Dressy Methodist Church.....	4731
Dressy Public School.....	2400
Cottonwood Public School.....	1238
Caddo Peak School.....	1273
Crosscut I. O. O. F.....	1814
Burnt Branch Public School.....	528
Burkett Baptist Church.....	600
Crosscut Methodist Church.....	641
Pioneer Public School.....	507
Liberty Public School.....	556
Belle Plaine Public School.....	500
Board Flat School.....	826
Crosscut School.....	594

NOTICE

Because of recent decisions and the action of the Comptroller of the Currency of the United States, and the Commissioner of Banking of the State of Texas, the undersigned banks of Cross Plains Texas, will not allow any overdrafts in any form after February 1st, 1912.

This is for the purpose of notifying our customers in order that they may govern their future business accordingly.

Farmers National Bank. Bank of Cross Plains.

NOTICE

Beginning January 1st, 1912 our places of business will be closed promptly at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

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Mrs. Lyles and Gaud spent Christmas with relatives at Leuders returning home Wednesday.

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