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Frisco Meteor Wrecked.

The Frisco's fast train, "The Meteor," from Fort Worth to Kansas City, was wrecked six miles south of Ft. Scott, Kas., Monday. The train was running at full speed at the time of the accident, and it took the crew a full day to make up lost time. The crew of a freight train, which preceded "The Meteor," left the switch open and the passenger train jumped the track and rolled down a slight embankment. All save the sleeper turned over, and the train was going so fast that the forward baggage car went sixty feet off the roadbed before it stopped.

Five passengers were killed in the forward end of the smoker. The news agent received injuries from which he died on the relief train. Engineer Dewees of Fort Stott, Kas., Conductor Roy of Topeka, Kan., and fireman Bishard of Fort Scott, Kan., were all instantly killed, and Express Messenger Bell of Kansas City was seriously injured. The other members of the crew and almost every passenger on the train were injured, some of them seriously.

Sherman College Property Burns.

Sunday night at Sherman the dormitory building at North Texas college, known as Annie Nugent hall, with all its contents, valued at \$25,000, burned to the ground. Very fortunately there were no young ladies in the building, all having gone home for the holidays but many left clothing and other property in their rooms, no definite estimate of the value of which can be gotten.

This building was the personal property of Mrs. Lucy Kidd Key, and she feared that the insurance policy would not cover more than a third of her loss. Shortly after midnight the president's home building on the college grounds caught fire and is now a mass of smoking ruins. It is estimated that the other buildings of \$10,000 to \$12,000.

Rev. J. M. Binkley, financial agent for the college, which is the property of the Methodist Episcopal church (South), stated that the church would rebuild all of the church property burned.

The annual report of Secretary E. A. Hitchcock of the interior has been made public. It says: The total Indian population of the United States now amounts to 270,000, as against 270,000 as last year, a decrease of approximately 270,000 of which the Five Tribes and New York embrace about 90,000, about 180,000 occupying reservations, containing 100 acres outside of the Territory and the state of Oklahoma.

Resolutions are furnished free to papers of Snyder and when a special event occurs in the territory the phone operator puts the facts in the case before the public and thereby the papers are enabled to keep up with all important occurrences in the county. They have the benefit of the news of the county in that respect.

Quanan Tribuna says the electric light man there brought and paid for a car of crude oil and upon emptying it found it to be half water with the other half mostly mud.

STATE NEWS.

F. G. Bently, a grocer at Hillsboro, has failed.

Blind staggers is playing havoc with horses in the vicinity of Ennis.

Work will commence at once on a railroad from Georgetown to Austin.

Bacon Leeson, 12 years old, had both feet cut off by a car at Sherman Monday.

Tom Coleman's gin and two cars of cotton seed burned in Kaufman county Saturday night.

A bale of cotton was sold last week in Comanche weighing 640 pounds at 15 cents, aggregating \$76.80, and the seed brought \$8.50, total \$85.30.

Hiram Featherston, aged 42, keeper of a grocery store and saloon in Dallas was shot and killed Sunday evening by R. T. Wright, aged 29, who refused to make a statement.

The most destructive fire in the history of Carthage occurred Saturday. The entire north portion of the business part of the town was burned, the loss aggregating about \$30,000.

The Victoria mill and elevator burned at Wichita Falls Monday night. Cost of structure was \$35,000. In the elevator was 30,000 bushels of wheat. Insurance will about cover the loss.

Will Sampson, Treasurer of Sterling County, has been arrested at the home of Lum Head, near Greenville on a charge of embezzlement. He was taken back to Sterling by Sheriff Wood.

Dr. W. D. Branyon of Prairie Lea, near Luling, was shot and instantly killed Friday by parties unknown. Dr. Branyon is the party who killed Jerry Moody about three years ago, for which an indictment was still pending against him.

Judge Rice Maxey, judge of the Fifteenth district of Sherman sent in his resignation Friday to take effect at once. Judge Maxey has entered a firm of lawyers and will engage in the practice of law. Hon. B. L. Jones of Sherman has received practically the unanimous endorsement of the Grayson county bar and in all likelihood will succeed Judge Maxey.

S. E. Donnelly & Co., cotton brokers, with offices at Gainesville, Tex., Oklahoma City, Ok., and Pauls Valley, I. T., and Ardmore, I. T., suspended Saturday. The company's total indebtedness will, it is said, prove heavy. Local cotton speculators are said to have been caught for probably \$20,000. The firm has a membership in the New Orleans cotton exchange and the Chicago board of trade. S. E. Donnelly has disappeared.

F. P. Dolan, from the Colorado Southern road, succeeds F. W. Egan as superintendent of the Fort Worth and Denver, the latter having resigned.

Notice, Woodmen.

A special meeting of Woodbine camp No. 476 is hereby called for tonight, Wednesday, at 7:30 o'clock. Let every member who can be present, as business of importance will come up.

J. E. COOK, Clerk.
A six room dwelling for rent. Inquire of Dr. Stocking.

Total Number of Convicts.

The state penitentiary board met at Rusk last week and approved the reports of Superintendent Baker and Financial Agent Wortham for the month of November.

The report of Superintendent Baker shows that on November 1 there were 3865 convicts on hand, and during the month the following changes occurred: Received, 157; recaptured 1; returned by sheriffs, 5; discharged, 59; pardoned, 14; escaped, 2; died, 9; delivered to sheriffs, 4; making 3940 convicts on hand on November 30.

The convicts are located as follows: State asylum, 1; contract forces, 79; Harlan state farm, 271; W. M. Clemens state farm, 305; Wynne state farm, 41; Rusk penitentiary, 694; Huntsville prison, 452.

Financial Agent Wortham reports as follows: Receipts during month from contract forces, \$29,743; railroad forces, \$2303; Harlan state farm, \$1934; Clemens farm, \$6529; Johns' share farm, \$12,710; Williams' share farm, \$520; Whatley's share farm, \$34,189; Walnut share farm, \$24,350; at Huntsville, \$12,520; Rusk, \$5334; from iron industry, \$16,064; sugar house appropriation, \$1135; total, \$94,437.

Disbursements: At Huntsville, \$46,998; at Rusk, \$11,118; returned to appropriation for conveying convicts, \$815; material appropriation returned to cover, \$19,867; total, \$78,801. Cash balance on December 1, \$15,536. Credits to unexpended appropriations total \$21,231, of which \$15,636 was in the general appropriation; \$2776 for conveying prisoners and \$670 for iron industry. The balance stated is in twelve depositories.

Charles V. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, who was escorted to the train at Pueblo on Friday night and ordered to leave town, says he will return to that city within a few days and organize the employees at the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company's steel plant if it takes him a year to do it. He insists that there is no law can compel him to remain out of Pueblo.

John R. McLean is said to own a controlling interest in both of the great Cincinnati dailies. One, the Enquirer, is gold democrat, and the other, the Commercial-Tribune, is republican. With the press in that condition, it is no wonder that Hanna rolled up a majority of 117,000. There seems to be a demand for the organization of an honest political party in Ohio.—Ex.

The American Baptist Publication society is going to put another chapel car in Texas.

Mrs. J. W. Weatherly and children are visiting in Clarendon.—Panhandle Herald.

Doll, Doll! Fine Doll!

We are going to give away one of the finest Dolls ever seen in Clarendon Dec. 24th 1903. Every 25 cent purchase gives you a chance at the Doll. We have a good stock of Watches, Clocks, Jewelry and Christmas goods. Please examine them before buying.

Yours,
JNO. M. CLOWER & SON.

Dogs To Be Killed.

The city council has ordered me to kill all dogs without a tag. If you want to save your dog see me at once and pay your tax.
J. T. PATMAN,
City Marshal.

Wishing.

BY JOHN GODFREY BANE.

Of all amusements for the mind,
From logic down to fishing,
There isn't one that you can find
So very cheap as "wishing."
A very choice diversion, too,
If we but rightly use it,
And not, as we are apt to do,
Pervert it, and abuse it.

I wish—a common wish, indeed—
My purse were somewhat fatter,
That I might cheer the child of need,
And not my pride to flatter.
That I might make Oppression reel,
As only gold can make it,
And break the Tyrant's rod of steel,
As only gold can break it.

I wish—that Sympathy and Love,
And every human passion
That has its origin above
Would come and keep in fashion.
That Scorn, and Jealousy, and Hate,
And every base emotion,
Were buried fifty fathoms deep
Beneath the waves of Ocean.

I wish—that friends were always true,
And motives always pure;
I wish the good were not so few,
I wish the bad were fewer;
I wish that parsons ne'er forgot
To heed their pious teaching,
I wish that practicing was not
So different from preaching!

I wish—that modest worth might be
Appraised with truth and candor;
I wish that innocence were free
From treachery and slander;
I wish that men their vows would mind;
That women ne'er were rovers;
I wish that wives were always kind,
And husbands always lovers!

I wish—in fine—that Joy and Mirth,
And every good ideal,
May come erewhile throughout the earth
To be the glorious Real;
Till God shall every creature bless
With his supremest blessing,
And Hope be lost in Happiness,
And wishing in Possessing!

Rev. Hayden Loses His Suit.

The Texas Supreme court last week reversed the verdict in the lower court in the case of the Reverend S. A. Hayden vs. The Rev. J. B. Cranfill, both of Dallas, in which \$15,000 damages had been awarded to Hayden for having been excluded from the Texas Baptist General Convention in 1897.

The Supreme Court takes the position that the general convention had the right to exclude Hayden from its deliberations. In a former trial \$35,000 damages were awarded to Hayden, but the verdict was set aside for irregularities in the trial.

The litigation has been an intensely bitter incident in the Baptist Church of Texas, and has had the result of creating two separate organizations.

We buy corn, oats, and in fact all country produce and pay highest market price.
MARTIN, BENNETT & Co.

A clearing out sale of all millinery and winter goods at greatly reduced prices at Mrs. G. M. Dickson's.

Claude.
Miss Grace Anderson of Clarendon was a guest Monday of Miss Mae Kight.

Mrs. J. B. Michener has so far improved that her friends now entertain hopes of her recovery.
Births—Dec. 11 to Mrs. J. L. Pendleton a girl. Dec. 17 to Mrs. Pete Miller a girl.

The movement of breadstuff through the port of Galveston for last week amounted to 176,000 bushels of wheat, valued at \$135,580; 34,629 bushels of corn, valued at \$15,801, and 7,654 barrels of flour, valued at \$33,400.

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Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

104 of these papers only \$1.
Some cow feed would be acceptable from some of our delinquents.

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W. P. SLAKE, Editor and Proprietor.

CLARENDON, TEX., DEC. 23, 1903.

ANOTHER season of good cheer, good wishes and fraternal greeting is at hand, and our mind floats back to the good old days when we shared the childish delusion of Santa Claus. Our heart grows young as we see the many packages being carried home. Even if the tongues of toy wagons, the feet of multi-sized dolls and the odd shape of the toy engines didn't show through the paper, we would know they contained something to make the children happy. Then we see the older ones hurrying to the train, some to go to the old home to make their parents, perhaps, their last visit, and some to meet loved ones from the old home to share the festivities of kindred who have made new homes in the new West. In our daily business, that drives us along loaded with cares and life's problems we may not appear to notice such things, but we do and we grow young for a brief season and rejoice with the young hearts made merry in the season of dispensing gifts. We heartily wish all—old and young—A Merry Christmas.

WE notice that many publishers are to take their annual lay-off and skip an issue during the holidays. We recognize the fact that the news is wanted just as much as at any other time of year and will continue to publish it twice a week—while it is news.

JUDGE PARKER of New York is Tammany's candidate, and Parker has already announced his willingness to accept the nomination. He is as much of a gold standard man as was Grover and is acceptable to that element. He has, however, been instructed to keep his mouth closed on party questions until after democrats make their nomination.

BANKERS for some time have envied Uncle Sam his money order business and last Saturday in New York the money order committee of the American Bankers association agreed upon a plan for a money order system by which sums not to exceed \$100 can be sent by mail and the orders cashed by any bank belonging to the association. The scheme will be in direct competition with the money order division of the Postoffice department and may cut into its revenues. The committee's report will be submitted to the national body in April.

Prominent Democrats say they cannot elect a president next year without New York. To carry New York the party will have to turn so near republican that the two parties must be tagged to tell them apart. That looks gloomy but it is so.—Henrietta Review.

Yes, and enough disgusted voters will turn from their candidate and vote for a man who is pronounced enough in his views to need no tag that Teddy will succeed himself, mark the prediction.

The papers are now filled up largely with announcements of Christmas trees, Christmas weddings, Christmas balls and Christmas sprees.

Candidates for county offices are budding in Carson county and some have reached the announcement stage.

Our jail is near enough completed to hold any one who may become obstreperous during the holidays, and as the heating apparatus has not been put in, it is admirably adapted to cooling one off.

All Odd Fellows, whether members of the lodge here or not, are requested to meet at the court house Saturday night to take up the question of a meeting place. Be sure and come.

Behold A King Is Born.

The Encyclopedias say that the nativity of the Savior is surpassed, in the veneration in which it is held and in the elaborateness with which it is celebrated by the church, by Resurrection and the Ascension. But the books are wrong, for no festival of the year is more generally or elaborately celebrated than is this day, which commemorates the birth in Bethlehem of "a Savior which is Christ the King." The higher critics may quote history and geology and archaeology and philology and all other ologies, but centuries of observance have fixed upon December 25 as the anniversary of the birth of Jesus Christ, and all over the Christian world the day is celebrated with ever increasing splendor, with ever widening generosity, with ever flowing good cheer and with ever growing fraternity between man and man.

And yet it is interesting to read what the books say, and then come back to the cheery, generous today and go out and buy a present for a loved one, or drop a coin in the charity box, or gather around the big dinner table and give happiness and get happiness, and then begin a new year in supreme indifference as to whether December was the probable or improbable that the shepherds could therefore have been watching their flocks by night on the plains. What matters it if we are celebrating the holiest Christian festival or a heathen date? There was a time when Christmas was celebrated in May, April and January. The date now universally observed was chosen largely for the reason that the heathen nations which surrounded the early Christians held the winter solstice in special reverence as marking the renewal of the activity of the powers of nature and the gods. The latter were originally merely the personifications of the powers of nature. The Germans held their great Yule-feast between the 25th of December and the 6th of January and believed that during these twelve nights they could trace the movements of their deities of whom Odin was the greatest. Many of the beliefs and customs of the old Germans and of the Romans thus passed into the Christian observances, but with the growing power of the church came gradual relegation of the heathen features to the back-ground and the corresponding emphasis upon the Christian character of the festival. The heat hen feasts and rites were supplanted by the splendid religious ceremonies which included representations of scenes from the life of the Savior, etc. All forms of art, and especially music and painting, have found their highest expressions in themes relating to the birth of Christ.—Republican-Record.

The homeseekers' excursions to Texas this year over the various railroad lines are largely patronized by a class of people who are coming to the state for the purpose of ascertaining everything possible as to its resources. These excursionists are looking for homes and are coming to the right place to find them.

One hundred and eighty-two passenger trains now are operated daily in and out of the Kansas City union depot.

President Trumbull of the Colorado and Southern has resigned, his resignation to take effect January 1. Vice-President Herbert will be his successor.

One thousand farms have been recently sold at Alva in Woods county, Oklahoma for taxes. This doesn't sound very good.—Higgins News.

Groom.

CHRONICLE CORRESPONDENCE.

C. E. Boydston has sold a quarter of his section to T. R. R. Atkins at \$5.00 per acre.

As Sam Whatley's children were going home from school Friday, their horse got scared, and ran away. Charley Whatley was hurt by being thrown out of the buggy. He is getting along very well.

Mrs. Ora Merrick has been real sick for the last two weeks, but is improving now.

We are going to have a Christmas tree here. The house now being decorated. Hale Cambell and Will Harris obtained the tree beyond Jerico.

Mrs. Maggie Johnson was in town shopping to day.

Prospectors still coming around; one from Chicago, Ill., recently. Some around here were wanting to sell awfully bad before the prospectors came.

Mrs. Dora McDaniel left Thursday for Texico, New Mexico.

Apples, Apples! Apples!! A whole Car Load.

MEADOR GROCER CO.

Goodnight College.

Second term, current scholastic year, will begin Monday, Jan. 4, 1904, and will continue five scholastic months. COST FOR FIVE MONTHS, board and tuition, (per month \$13.00,) \$65.00, payable in advance.

The term just closed has been pleasant and prosperous, eighty-four boarding pupils enrolled. For information or catalogue, address.

MARSHALL McILHANY.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the following goods are remaining in our warehouse since Sept. 23, 1902, and that if not called for and charges paid in 30 days from the date of this notice, the same will be sold for charges according to law.

One organ, consigned to H. B. Gerke, Clarendon, Texas, received from Giles, Texas, Sept. 23, 1902, and covered by Giles to Clarendon, way bill 2, Sept. 22, 1902.

J. W. KENNEDY,

Local Agent.

Clarendon, Texas, Nov. 28, 1903.

Fort Worth Market.

Top prices Monday were: steers \$3.20; cows \$2.20; calves \$7.75; hogs \$4.55. Receipts were: cattle 1,400, calves 83, hogs 1,300.

Car of Belle of Wichita flour, car of Albatross flour and a car of extra rich Texas bran just received by Martin Bennett & Co.

Books, Books!

We have the largest stock of Holiday books ever brought to Clarendon. There is no present nicer nor more acceptable than books. Come and examine list. Can order you any book or magazine wanted at publisher's price and save you some money.

Yours,

JNO. M. CLOWER & SON.

Our line of shoes is the best to be had. Such well known brands as Hanan & Son, Florsheim & Craddock Terry for Men, Utz & Dunn for Ladies and Budd's for the little folks.

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Holiday Excursion rates on sale via the F. W. & D. C. R'y to all points in Texas on Dec. 23-24-25-26 and 31, 1903 and Jan. 1, 1904. Final limit Jan. 4th 1904. For rates and further information call on J. W. KENNEDY, agt.

AN OPPORTUNITY.

The M K & T Railway of Texas will sell round trip tickets at very low rates between all points within the State of Texas, the Indian and Oklahoma Territories within two hundred miles of selling station account of the holidays.

Tickets on sale: Dec. 23rd-24th 25th-26th and 31st 1903, and limited to return: Jan. 4th, 1904.
See Katy's Agents, or write a letter to "Katy," Dallas, Texas.

This is No Fish Story But PLAIN FACTS.

We are selling more fancy Groceries than any house in town. The reason is simply because we have at all times the best and Freshest Goods and at reasonable prices. All concede that ours is the best place in town to buy stock for your Christmas Fruit and other Cakes, and when it comes to

APPLES,

we are Strictly Headquarters. We have just received a Car-load, 160 barrels, of Fancy New York Stock, consisting of Baldwins, Northern Spies, Pewauke, Wagners, Russets, Greening, Tennessee Sweets, and others.

Don't fail to see us before buying your fruits, candies and nuts for Christmas.

Flour, Flour! Flour!! The best brands of Texas and Missouri for both Light Bread and Biscuit. Our Car of Canned goods has arrived and we are prepared to make prices right.

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WE WILL PRESENT the person who obtains the largest number of new Annual Cash Subscribers to THE CHRONICLE between now and April 1, 1904, a round-trip ticket to St. Louis during the Greatest World's Fair next year. This is no chance game, guessing contest, or voting ballots that may be issued in unlimited numbers, but a fair, square offer for

SECOND PRIZE.

To the one getting the next highest list, we will give free admission ticket good for one week.

This is a Great Opportunity!
Go to work and Secure the Prize!

To all that contest for these Prizes and don't win we will allow a commission of

TEN PER CENT.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

Baptist, Every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.—Rev. W. L. Skinner, pastor. Sunday school 10 a. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday night.

M. E. South, services every Sunday—Rev. G. S. Hardy, pastor. Sunday school 10 a. m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night. Junior Epworth League at 3 p. m. Epworth League at 4 p. m. every Sunday.

Catholic, St. Mary's Church—Rev. D. H. Dunn, pastor. Sunday services: Mass at 10 a. m. Sunday School after mass. Evening services at 7:30. Services every Sunday except 2nd and 4th Sundays.

SOCIETIES.

I. O. O. F.—Clarendon Lodge No. 281, meet 1st and 3rd Thursday nights each month in 3rd story of courthouse. Visiting brothers made welcome. D. E. Posey, N. G. M. ROSENFELD, Sec'y.

W. O. W., Woodbine Camp No. 476—Meets in Odd Fellows Hall every Friday evenings. Visiting choppers invited. Ed Kizer, C. C. J. E. COOKE, cl. k.

A. F. & A. M.—Clarendon Lodge No. 700, meets 2nd and Friday night in each month over the Bank of Clarendon. JAMES TRENT, W. M. R. A. CHAMBERLAIN, Sec.

CLARENDON CHAPTER, No. 216 R. A. M.—Meets the first Friday night in each month at 8:30 o'clock. Visiting companions cordially invited. W. H. MEADOR, H. P.

J. B. TRENT, Sec.

K. of P.—Panhandle Lodge, No. 90. Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights in every month in their Castle Hall, in Johnson's Hall. Visiting Knights cordially invited. M. ROSENFELD, C. C.

F. A. WHITE, K. of R. S.
CLARENDON CHAPTER, ORDER EASTERN STAR—Meets 1st and 3rd Thursday each month at 7:30 p. m. in Masonic Hall over Bank of Clarendon. Mrs. FLORENCE TRENT, W. M. MRS. MARY ANDERSON, Sec.

INVITATION.

To take advantage of the very low rate made by the M. K. & T. Railway to the North and Southeast for the Holidays.

Tickets will be sold on December 19th 20th-21st and 23rd at rate of One Fare Plus Two Dollars For Round Trip.

Tickets will be good returning thirty days from date of sale.

If you are contemplating making a holiday trip you should see one of "Katy's" Agents, or write a letter to "Katy," Dallas, Texas and learn of the many inducements offered the holiday traveler.

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A good many fond parents are thankful. The football season is over.

Lawyers connected with the Fair state can see no signs of the decline of prosperity.

Mr. Robert Fitzsimmons seems to be one of those fortunate souls whom age cannot wither.

A Chicago man wants a divorce because his wife will not talk to him. One man's meat, etc.

Perhaps if we make this farewell trip of Patti's a success she will return for one or two more.

Kipling has sold his Vermont home at a sacrifice. His brawny brother-in-law refused to leave the neighborhood.

A Utah man thinks he has solved the airship problem. He will know better if he ever wakes up after the bump.

There is in Boston so much intellectual illumination that only one and a half electric lights are sufficient for each person.

There is some talk of a Siberian revolution. It isn't likely to go any farther than the throwing of the first bomb, however.

Mr. Alfred Austin might amuse himself by writing the battle hymn of Panama. It would be just about the size of his genius.

A very indignant man is the one who has been trying to pronounce "isthmus" all these years and has just found the "th" is silent.

John D. Rockefeller, Sr., seems to be trying his best to hold up his end as a continuous example for the young man's Sunday school class.

Mr. Gates' yacht was not lost in the Gulf of Mexico. Mr. Gates stands ready to bet a million that he can't lose anything or on anything.

Prof. Langley says that he got the idea of his flying machine from the pterodactyl. If he paid anything for it the pterodactyl swindled him.

The Duke of Roxburghe utters the crushing threat that he will never return to America. Worse than that, none of the money is coming back, either.

It was a sad but glorious day for young Mr. Gardner, who will take no chances on the decrepitude of the time.

Miss... us hope there is a mistake in announcement that there is a Xmas... in kerosene. Who among us afford to pay \$75,000 a pound for Lew...?

...s can't... all his money to the... who had refused to marry him, ...nce question is whether the... was inspired by sentiment or... de.

...is along about now that the horny handed tilers of the soil sit down to ponder comfortably on the folly of living in town, where men must hustle all the year through.

Facial stringency has overtaken Mr. John L. Sullivan again. He has been obliged to sell his famous \$10,000 diamond belt because he put too much liquid refreshment under it.

A New Jersey hunter killed a rabbit... without removing all the shot from the carcass, and developed a fine case of appendicitis. Moral: Always filter your slain rabbit before eating.

The magazine publishers announce that there are more than 5,000 new writers of fiction in the field this year. In ascertaining the number of writers of new fiction drop the ciphers and divide by five.

King Peter of Serbia is to be formally recognized by the United States. He is still hoping, however, that only a trusted few of his loving subjects will ever be able to recognize him... see him.

... Massachusetts, involuntary dredging... coast last summer, is... ever, but the United... why about \$75,000, ... in their...

... Court reports as to the... Quana... college football... another jolt... light made... wholesome... paid for a car of... at the bot... emptying it found... with the other half...

Sirius, the Star of Bethlehem

Theory of Profs. Forbes and Servis Refuted—Kepler's Hypothesis Untenable—Star in the East Must Have Been a Magian Star—Were the Magi, or Wise Men, Keltic Druids?

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The Star of Bethlehem is a theme of wondrous power. It has fascinated sages of the East and philosophers of the West. It has been discussed these nineteen hundred years by men of varying minds with a freshness that never falls. It excites a glow of fervid love in the breast of the saint. It kindles the dying embers of hope in the soul of the sinner. It is the ray of Heaven's own light to the afflicted. It beckons the prodigal back to the Father's home. It gives strength to the living. It brings peace to the dying.

But though a mystery of awe to angels, it is a Symbol of Love Divine to men. As such it cannot fail to profoundly interest every intelligent inquirer after truth. That we may the better understand the subject and more thoroughly appreciate the ways of God with man, I propose to treat the subject under the following heads:

1. The star was a real, true, bona fide star—not a mere temporary miraculous creation for the specific purpose.

It is allowed by all authorities that the Magi, or Wise Men, were learned. They would, therefore, make use of words and terms with discrimination. But not only were they learned, they were astronomers. Hence, when they used an astronomical term, they would use the appropriate word or phrase descriptive of the object referred to. They use the word "aster," which means an ordinary and permanent star, not an extraordinary and temporary one.

Now, in the Bible star is used only in a twofold signification—literally or figuratively. In its figurative sense it

held that the Magi were resident or located in the east at the time the star appeared to them. Yet according to the plain terms of the statement, they must have been located in the west. Anatole means (1) the rising of the heavenly bodies from the horizon; (2) the dawn or dayspring; (3) the east or Orient. Whichever meaning you adopt the beholder must have been west of the star. The star must have pointed to or been at Jerusalem when first observed by the Wise Men. Therefore the Wise Men must have been west of Jerusalem.

6. It was a fixed star—not erratic in its movements. The term "star" was used by the Wise Men. But they were skilled astronomers and knew the difference between a star, a planet, a comet or a meteor, for all of which there were distinct names. Hence planet, comet, meteor are ruled out by the word aster (star). And hence we conclude that the Star in the East was a fixed star.

7. It was a star in the sign Pisces of the zodiac—the Sign of Judea. This is an important factor. Among the ancients there was a part of the heavens called the zodiac. It was a belt encircling the heavens on each side of the ecliptic, or apparent path of the sun among the stars, within which the larger planets always remain. It extended to eight degrees on either side of the ecliptic. It was divided into twelve parts called the Signs of the Zodiac. The different countries of the earth were divided among the twelve signs. Judea belonged to the sign pisces, the twelfth. The Magi, like all other astrologers or astronomers, believed in that division.

junction of Mars and Jupiter on the night of Dec. 25 in the year of Rome 747. Next year Saturn joined Mars and Jupiter, and according to Dean Alford, the eminent commentator, the light of the three planets blended and appeared to the beholder as one light. What a beautiful illustration of Trinity in Unity—the lights of three planets blended into one light! Ideler confirmed Kepler's calculation as to the conjunction of the planets. Wieseler, who followed, makes the conjunction in A. U. C. 750, the year of the Nativity now agreed upon by the learned. It is remarkable too that the conjunction of the planets took place in the sign pisces, the Sign of Judea. This theory is also free from the objections above referred to.

But beautiful as is the theory, Biblical conditions compel us to reject it. Christ's birth took place, according to St. Paul, in "the fullness of time." This fullness of time is an astronomical expression meaning the completion of a cycle, or the revolution of a sphere in its orbit. That cycle, or revolution, occupied thousands of years in its completion. As we have seen, the Star of Bethlehem had a periodic time, which must necessarily have corresponded with "the fullness of time." But the periodic times of Mars, Jupiter, Saturn are all known and are of short duration. Even if we apply the periodic time to the conjunctions of the planets the objection still holds good. The times of the conjunctions are known and are comparatively short. So that attractive as is the theory of Kepler, we must dismiss it, and look elsewhere.

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the Gaelic priests or Druids that the star of Bethlehem appeared, let us go back to primitive times, when Magism was incorporated with Zoroastrianism.

Besides Ahura-Mazda there were the Amesha-Spentas, or "the Immortal Holy Ones." There was a third class lower than the Amesha-Spentas. Among this class were Mithra and Tistrya. Mithra was the spirit of light, or the sun. Tistrya was the spirit of the brightest star in the firmament, or Sirius. Ultimately Mithra became associated with Ahura-Mazda and placed almost on an equality with him. So we may exclude Mithra from our calculations. Tistrya, next to the Divinity, became the object of the Magi's reverence. Sirius was his star, and thus became to the Magi "the star."

Balaam, the Rab-Mag, Chief Magian, or Arch Druid of his time, was a prophet like Iarbondol of the Gaels. In his prophecy, which still lives, he uttered, under the inspiration of Jehovah, "The star shall come out of Jacob." Sirius was "the star" to all the Magians. The stars symbolized kings or rulers. He whom Sirius symbolized, therefore, would be greatest of all kings.

If we could connect Sirius in any way with Jacob at the time of the Nativity there could be no question as to the star of Bethlehem. And we can do it. The twelfth sign of the Zodiac was Pisces. And Pisces was the Sign of Palestine, or Jacob, or land of Judea. That part of the heavens known as Pisces presented a most remarkable spectacle at the time of the Nativity. There the splendor



means a king or other civil ruler, an ecclesiastical teacher, and perhaps an angel. It is not used in its metaphorical sense here. Therefore it means a real star.

2. It was a star in motion—it changed its position in the heavens. Motion is characteristic of all the heavenly bodies; and the words of the sacred narrative are, "The star went before them till it came." When first they saw the star it occupied a particular spot in the sky. Now, however, it has a different position, not relatively because of the change in the field of observation, but absolutely by change of location in the heavens. No doubt the motion was a movement in its orbit. This will appear more plainly from our next proposition.

3. It was a star that had an asterism—it stood at a particular point in the sky above them. The statement is very distinct: "It came and stood over where the young child was."

4. It was a star that moved in an orbit—it had a periodic time. This is a most remarkable statement. We are told that Herod privately learned of the Magi "what time the star appeared." The margin of the Revised Version gives us a better, because a more correct translation of the phrase; it is, "The time of the star that appeared." But the literal rendering is "the time of the appearing star."

5. It was a star that had a relative position in the sky—it was in the east. Assuming that the correct rendering of "anatole" is "in the east," then it has reference to that particular part of the heavens to the east of the observer. The observers, therefore, must have been west of Jerusalem. This is a point to be borne in mind, as we shall have to refer to it more particularly later on. The conclusion here arrived at is contrary to the generally received opinion. As far as I am aware, it is universally

So far we have traced some of the necessary conditions of the star. Let us now try and discover the star that fulfills these conditions. In doing so we shall briefly discuss the different theories put forth and held by different people, some of them men of great eminence in their own particular sphere. We shall also show the untenableness of the different hypotheses.

I—The star was not an angel. No less a father of the church than Theophylact held this view. He believed it was an angelic apparition. No doubt angels were sent on messages from Heaven to men, and the Angel Gabriel was used in the Annunciation. But the angelic vision would disappear with the accomplishment of the object. Not so the star; it remained.

II—The star was not a meteor. This view has been largely held. It is asserted that some kind of meteoric phenomenon would best meet the necessities of the case. But any meteor drawn to the earth would either be consumed by the atmospheric friction or else would fall to the ground and become extinguished. Its appearance would be almost momentary.

III—The star was not a comet. One of the greatest fathers of the church, Orogen, held this view. But not all the weight of Orogen's great scholarship could obtain credence for such a belief. Just recently this theory of a comet has been revived, unconsciously, however, that Orogen was the father of it. Prof. David Forbes in England and Prof. Servis in America both claimed to have identified the Star of Bethlehem with Halley's comet. At the time I refuted the theory in an article that appeared in the Chicago Evening Post, April 11, 1903.

IV—The star was not a conjunction of planets. This is the most feasible as well as fascinating theory. It is that of the great astronomer, Kepler. He calculated that there was a con-

junction of Mars and Jupiter on the night of Dec. 25 in the year of Rome 747. Next year Saturn joined Mars and Jupiter, and according to Dean Alford, the eminent commentator, the light of the three planets blended and appeared to the beholder as one light. What a beautiful illustration of Trinity in Unity—the lights of three planets blended into one light! Ideler confirmed Kepler's calculation as to the conjunction of the planets. Wieseler, who followed, makes the conjunction in A. U. C. 750, the year of the Nativity now agreed upon by the learned. It is remarkable too that the conjunction of the planets took place in the sign pisces, the Sign of Judea. This theory is also free from the objections above referred to.

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There is one star which fulfills all the conditions. (a) It was in an especial sense the Magi's star. (b) It has a periodic time. (c) Its revolution is of indefinite length. (d) It was in the sign Pisces at the birth of our Lord. (e) I believe we can find a peculiarity by which it could be called "His Star." That star was Sirius, the brightest in the firmament of heaven. Before we can arrive at our final conclusion it is necessary to learn something about the Wise Men, or Magi. Who were the Magi? Where did they come from?

The etymology of the word Magi is involved in much doubt. It is generally supposed to be primarily a Persian word, but the Persian is only a form of the original. Our word Magus, of which Magi is the plural, is but the Latin rendering of the Greek Magos, the Persian of which is probably Maz. Maz is cognate to Maj in Major, Mag in Magnus and Meg in Megas (Rawlinson). "It is an intensive and means much or all." In Ahura-Mazda, Persian name for God, it means the all wise or all powerful.

The Irish word Druid means wisdom or Magian. It is worthy of record that the Irish Scriptures render "there came wise men from the east" by "there came Druids from the east." The Irish words are: "Draioch o naird shoir go Hierusalem," which shows the Irish belief that the Druids were Magians.

It is a matter of history that part of the Gaels or Irish in the westward movement of the race returned by the valley of the Danube and settled in Asia Minor. They prefixed their own name to Asia, and called their abode Gael-Acia, or Galatia, as it came to be spelled. Whether the Druids or Magi to whom the Star of Bethlehem appeared were residents of Ireland, Scythia, or Galatia is immaterial, for they were all the same Gaelic race. Having, as I hope, made it clear that it was to

of the heavens appeared to culminate. The sun seemed to shine with a deeper effulgence. Meteors, precursors of some mighty event, flashed athwart the sky. Comets shot from out the darkness of space and illuminated the sign with their fiery flow. Mars and Jupiter and Saturn halted in their orbits to focus their lights into one mighty blaze in Pisces. And wondrous sight! The star—the Magians' Star—his star—Sirius!—enters Pisces, and is now in Jacob!

This wondrous event occurred in B. C. 5. The heliacal rising of Sirius took place on the same day in four successive years, the fifth, fourth, third and second B. C. There is something most remarkable about this heliacal rising. It is on the same day. But sameness is unity. It thus symbolizes the Unity of the Trinity. Assuming that B. C. 4 is the correct year of the Nativity, which scholars assert, there was one year before the birth and three after it. In the symbolism of numbers one is Unity and three Trinity. But the one year before birth signified the past revelation of God, or unity of the Deity. The three years after the birth symbolized the new revelation, the Trinity of Persons. Lastly unity and trinity (one year + three years) equal the complete and perfect number four, the years that Sirius may be said to have remained in Pisces. This symbolism occurs with the rising of Sirius, which signified the rising of the Light of the World. It was as if, whilst heaven's arches rang with the angels' loud acclaim, Sirius flashed through space, "Arise! Shine! For thy light is come!"

Ravenswood, Chicago, Feast of the Nativity, 1903.

Santa Claus in Larrigans

A BALLAD OF THE LUMBERING CAMPS By Holman F. Day

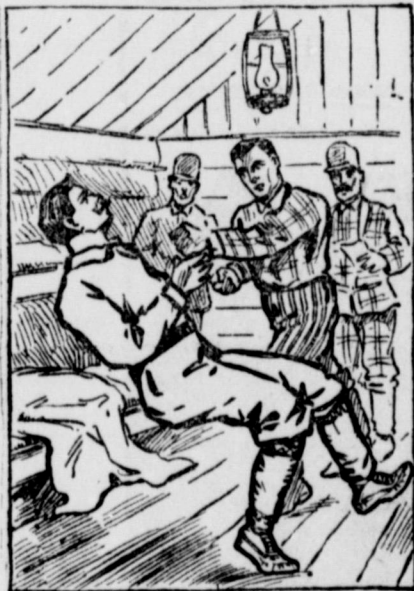
Dumphy had ducked the dough-boys—Dumphy had bucked at beans,
For most of a week he wouldn't speak, but he chopped like four machines.
He hadn't a word for no one, not even for me and Mike,
And whenever we spoke or tried to joke,
He growled like a Chessy tyke.
When Bill, the P. I., fiddled, or Charley Canuck would jig,
Dumphy would crawl to the dark o' the wall and sog there like a pig.
Daytime he chopped like fury—nighttime he hugged his bunk,
—Physog as long as a boardin' house arm, and chawin' some bitter hunk.
And the deacon-seat crowd it wondered, for we sartinly liked the lad,
But he wouldn't let out what it all was about, though we saw he was havin' it bad.



Some allowed he was homesick, while others said 'twas wuss,
For Tote-team Jake had heard at the lake that 'twas sort of a family fuss.
If 'twas family fuss we were sorry—we wondered how it began,
And this as because young Dumphy was our only family man.
Now family men, I don't care who, belong at home with their broods,
—No hearts will ache nor grieve for sake of us lonesome old chaps o' the woods.
Here's good health to ye, family man,
Wherever ye've built your nest:
Ye've more than your share of the good things, but there!
We reckon it's all for the best.
There's an arm for your neck and a kiss for your cheek
When there's trouble ahead or your courage is weak,
And comfort and courage and grit you will need,
With a wife and some younkers to house and to feed.
God bless you with patience and peace and with goods,
Is the very best wish of us men o' the woods,
—Us lonesome old backs of peavies and patches,
Bills, Jimmies and Jacks, o' the Ax.

Some others hung sleeves and leggins—the boss hung a rubber boot—
'Twas Christmas eve, and we made believe. Jest the lark of a Christmas toot!

The cook he had hung a shoe-pac, the cokee hung one, too,
And Larrigan Joe a sock with a toe—the only whole sock in the crew.



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We hadn't thought of presents—why, the most of us never had hung
A stockin' up at the chimney-side even when we were young.
It was only a bit of foolin', and a part of our ev'nin' plan
Was a Santy Claus, and Dumphy was our only family man.
We dug him out of his blankets and hauled him out to the light,
—His eyes were red with tears he had shed, but now he wanted to fight,
And screaming a string of curses, he struck as he raved and swore,
Floored Joe Lacrosse and the swampin's boss, and announced he was ready for more.
But no one was 'specially anxious and we backed away, because
Good will to men was not jest then in the eye of our Santy Claus.
The boss was a-thinkin' to swat him, but allowed he had better not,
For 'twas trouble bad that Dumphy had, whatever it was he'd got.
So back in his bunk he butted—unsociable kind of a goat—
While our pryin' cook was takin' a look at a letter that dropped from his coat.

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And it's wicked y'd better believe,
When ye find that there's trouble piled heavy and double,
On the poor little home that ye leave,
There are sharks who are hungry when money is due,
And a man is away in the woods with a crew;
Shiverin' babies and heart-broken wife
Don't hinder the Shylocks who're out with a knife.
And the tear-spotted letter that cook choked and read
Was writ from a poorhouse—and "baby was dead."
One after the other, we forty-five men,
Kissed where the kisses were marked by her pen,
Kissed on the smooches of little ones' smacks,
—We lonesome old backs of peavies and patches,
Bills, Jimmies and Jacks o' the Ax.

Boss he fair, square blubbered—cook he blubbered, too,
There wasn't a face in all the place but glistened with tears like dew.
And Joe threwed galley-eastard the duds the crew had hung,
For we knowed that joke to Dumphy spoke of empty stockin's hung;
—We all of us saw a pictur' of youngsters wonderin' why

Old Santy Claus, like other friends, had passed that poorhouse by.
We looked to Dumphy's corner, where he curled with buried head,
But his grief and tears stopped eyes and ears to all we did or said.
"Dang rat the man that's secret," growled the boss, "but others can be jest as clus' as that secret cuss, our only family man."
Then boss he fetched a pen-stock and thawed the yaller ink,
And he scratchity-scratchied a writin' and he wunk a wettish wink;
He whispered, "There's an order for thirty days o' my pay;
If the rest of ye's men ye'll take that pen and do a stunt my way."
We fought to get that pen-stock, and them as couldn't write
They had the boss attest their cross to make their writin' tight.
When all had made their papers, he stacked a reg'lar dome,
Says he, "It's done! Less rum and fun, but, boys, there lays a HOME!"
Then he clinched his fist and muttered as he turned to Long-gear'd Mike,
"Ye're Santy Claus for us, because ye've got the legs to hike.
Take snowshoes to the carry, catch tote-team to North Twin,
I huff it again to strike the train and cash them orders in.
Then stiver it to that poorhouse where she has 'ad they be—
Ye're startin' NOW, and we don't allow for sleep nor stop-offs—see!
It's a blame dark night, but ye're startin' NOW, and if for any cause
Them babies cry terrormer night, Gawd help ye, Santy Claus."



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The Spirit of Christmas

By BYRON WILLIAMS

Christmas, the birth-time of Jesus,
Comes with its holly again—
Would that the world's acceptance
Guaranteed peace to all men!

Christmas, the time to be merry!
Christmas, when garlands are hung—
Why do we fall back to furrows
After the bells have been rung?

Christmas, the day of unbending!
Christmas, when hunger is fed—
Why must it ever go wanting,
Wasting and crying for bread?

Christmas, bediademed season!
Christmas, then sorrow and fear!
Surely the Christ-child who blessed us
Meant it to last all the year!

What is the spirit that drives us
Back to our hearthstones that glow,
Leaving the heart-sick to perish
Out in the cold and the snow?

Let the glad paens of plenty
Ring and reverberate long!
Catch up humanity's chorus,
Gladsome and great be the song!

Sing it forever and ever,
Throughout the aeons of Time!
Carol it ever and always,
Symphony blest and sublime!

Twine with the mistletoe branches
Love for the fallen and sad!
Uplift with sanctified kindness
Those who are lowly and bad!

Live every day on the dial
Just as God wishes we might!
Making our Christmas eternal,
Paving our way to the light!

Celebrations the World Over

Christmas in the South.
Fireworks are being shipped into all parts of the South for the Christmas and New Year holiday celebrations, says the New York Tribune. Large consignments have been going out every day during the past three or four weeks, and these shipments will continue until after Christmas. It was estimated by two prominent local dealers last week that not less than \$1,000,000 worth of Roman candles, rockets, pinwheels, crackers, torpedoes and colored fire powder will be set off south of the Mason and Dixon's line during the last week of the dying year. In the South the Christmas celebration takes the place of the Independence day celebration, there being little demonstration there on the Fourth of July. This has been true for many years, both of the cities and country districts, but since the Spanish-American war the people of the South have entered more heartily into the noisy observance of the Fourth. Colored folks will spend their last dollar for firecrackers and rockets.

Christ's Birthplace.
According to an article by Paul Carus in The Open Court, Chicago, the apocryphal gospels tell a somewhat different story of Christ's birth from the canonical books. According to the former, Christ was born in a cave and thence transferred to a stable, where the ox and ass worshiped him, while, according to the canonical gospels, the Nativity takes place in a stable. The apocryphal legends proved so strong that in spite of the canonical version of the story, a cave near Bethlehem came to be finally regarded as the place of the Nativity, and a church was erected on the spot to commemorate the event and still stands as a lasting monument of this belief.

Merry Christmas.
In the rush of early morning,
Eager faces peeping through,
When the red burns through the gray,
And the wintry world lies waiting
For the glory of the day,
Then we hear a fitful rustling
Just without upon the stair,
See two small white phantoms coming,
Catch the gleam of sunny hair.
Are they Christmas fairies stealing
Rows of little socks to fill?
Are they angels floating hither
With their message of good-will?
What sweet spell are these elves weaving,
As like larks they chirp and sing?
Are these palms of peace from heaven
That these lovely spirits bring?
Rosy feet upon the threshold,
Eager faces peeping through,
With the first red ray of sunshine,
Chanting cherubs come in view;
Mistletoe and gleaming holly,
Symbols of a blessed day,
In their chubby hands they carry,
Streaming all along the way,
Well we know them, never weary
Of this innocent surprise;
Waiting, watching, listening always
With full hearts and tender eyes,
While our little household angels,
White and golden in the sun,
Greet us with the sweet old welcome—
"Merry Christmas, every one!"
—Louise Alcott.

Some Christmas Notes.
In Silesia there is a superstition that a boy born on Christmas day must be brought up a lawyer or he will become a thief.
Christmas mince pies in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries were made with crust so shaped as to represent the manger.
In the fourth century the celebration of Christmas was fixed by the Latin church for December 25th. Before that time it had been a movable festival like Easter.
In France it is a common practice to celebrate Christmas by giving an extra ration to domestic animals, on the theory that all creatures should unite in rejoicing at this season.
In Sweden there is a superstition that the men of the extreme northern regions become wolves during Christmas week.

Holly the "Holy" Tree.
In the middle of the Forest of Dean, England, there stands a building called the Speech House, around which grows a number of old holly trees. They were looked upon as the holiest of the locality with so much veneration that, so recently as 1830, boys were cut from them and used to the place of the Testament in swearing in witnesses in the adjoining court. It is said that the ancient Britons held the tree as sacred, and played it round their villages in Cornwall. When holly came to be coupled with Christmas other notions prevailed. Rutlandshire it was thought unwise to bring it into the house before Christmas. In the Western shires no branches were taken home from the churches which they had adorned and kept for luck during the following year. School boys used to make a lime by chewing the bark. Because the leaves of its lower branches are more spiny than those of the upper, the tree escapes damage from cattle, which cause harm to most trees. Dear, however, attack it.—Little Folks.

Celebration at Lima, Peru.
Probably the most gorgeous Christmas spectacle in the world takes in Lima, Peru, where a wonderful procession several miles long winds through the streets, bearing figures of hundreds of saints and the sacred pictures of the cathedral. Many thousands of soldiers in their Mexican forms, Indian women, acemets ribbons and flowers, and the whole laden with choice fruits and adorned with strings of golden beads, appear in line, and on stands placed by the parade are representations of scenes from the Nativity. At night the whole city makes merry with guitars, castanets and weird native dances, and the celebration ends with great public feasts where rich and poor exchange greetings.

TIME TABLE.

Fort Worth & Denver City Railway
 NORTH BOUND.
 No. 1, Mail and Express..... 8:47 p. m.
 No. 7, Passenger and Express..... 7:15 a. m.
 SOUTH BOUND.
 No. 2, Mail and Express..... 7:15 a. m.
 No. 8, Passenger and Express..... 9:30 p. m.
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Business Locals.

Jackson has pure maple syrup.
 Buy lubricating oil at Stocking's store.
 Just received—Fresh evaporated fruit at J. A. Jackson's.
 Pure ribbon cane syrup for sale by Posey & Patman.
 Remember that we sell feed, corn chops, oats, bran and hay and make prompt deliveries.
 MARTIN BENNETT & Co.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

D. A. Gathings went to Rowe on business Monday.

John Alexander and family will spend Xmas at Memphis.

Miss Kittie Jones is spending the holidays with her parents at Memphis.

J. H. Roberts is spending the holidays with relatives in Kentucky.

E. A. Boles and wife left Saturday for Cameron to visit during Christmas.

R. H. Elkins and family left yesterday for O. V. Ranch on a weeks visit.

Miss Eddie Boles is spending the week with Miss Nelle Parsons in the country.

Lena and Ben McElreath have gone to Memphis to spend the holidays at home.

T. E. Egerton left Saturday for Tucumcari where he has a homestead claim.

Mrs. G. W. Washington who has been in feeble health for some time is improving.

Miss Loxa Boles left Saturday for Chillicothe where she will spend Xmas with friends.

Lew White came down Saturday from Amarillo to spend the holidays with his parents.

Geo. McMahan and wife, and other, Dock McMahan, left Saturday for Kentucky to visit relatives.

Ben Anderson and wife came down from Trinidad Sunday to spend the holidays with their parents.

Bond Johnson, wife and family, except Maxey, left Saturday night to spend the holidays with relatives in Alabama.

P. D. Hudgins and wife are spending the holidays with Prof. B. W. Hudgins, his son, and family, at Snyder, Texas.

F. M. Hundley, wife and family arrived here Sunday morning from Garland, Tex., with the calculation of making this their home.

Ben Anderson says the coal miner's strike in Colorado is about to end, as the miner's families are suffering from the necessities of life.

D. Marcum, recently from Texas, bought the Henry place south of town, for \$2,000. The deal was made through the Priddy-Huie Realty Co.

Rev. Skinner has been offered the presidency of the Canadian Baptist college; quite a compliment from the board. While he appreciates the offer, he expects to stick to his pastoral work and will have to decline the office tendered.

F. P. Campbell of Boydston was trading in town yesterday.

The Woodmen and Odd Fellows are contemplating building a hall.

Miss Winnie Fisher will leave tonight to spend the holidays at Bonham and Paris.

Van Lane and little daughter went to Claude this morning to spend Christmas.

Sam Anderson came in this morning from Tucumcari, N. M., to spend Christmas with his family.

The collection for Buckner Ordhan's Home taken at the Baptist church Sunday amounted to \$76.90.

Sid Morga has sold his 640 acre place near Boydston, through the Priddy Huie Realty Co., to Rev. A. L. Bruce.

Prof. Wade Willis and wife came down from Texline this morning to spend the holidays with Mrs. Willis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Ross.

The Christmas tree at the Baptist church will be tomorrow night (Thursday) and not on the night of the 25th, as stated in a paper last week.

Miss Anna Stone, daughter of Mrs. Ella Sides, and J. H. Sims, of Elida, New Mexico were married early Sunday morning by Rev. W. L. Skinner, at the latter's residence. They left on the early morning train for Elida, N. M., where they will reside.

Cooper Morgan and Miss Ada Sherman were married yesterday afternoon by Rev. G. S. Hardy at the residence of the bride's parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Sherman. We extend congratulations and bid them a merry Christmas, a happy New Year, and a pleasant life-journey.

Rev. Skinner pushed his way into the office this morning with a nice armed, castor, revolving office chair with the remark, "Here is a Christmas present for the CHRONICLE editor from me." It is a nice present and one we appreciate—if it does look a little out of place in its surroundings and we only about half fill it. Many thanks, Bro. Skinner, we will try to grow to fit it.

Some one remarked to us that we had little to say about the foot ball game. True. There is nothing we could say commendable about it, and we had thought to ignore the matter, but as comment seems to be expected we will say that we are surprised that the faculty of any Christian college will tolerate such a game. "Oh sour grapes," you say. Not a bit of it. We would have condemned it as quickly if the Clarendon boys had won. And we will add, further, that we hope they will be defeated in every game they tackle, at home or abroad, until they take up something better for a pastime. There is not a single feature in it that is ennobling or elevating, but its tendency is the reverse. The board of education of the District of Columbia, not of a Christian college mind you, condemns it for its "tendency toward rowdyism and savagery," and it adds, "No self-respecting school organization should tolerate such manslaughter in the name of athletics." We have heard, but it may not be true, that the boys from Fort Worth brought along some paraphernalia that was not worn on the ground, and some snake medicine, a lot of both being stored in one of the rooms at the college while the game went on. Then some of them seemed to be adepts in other games than foot ball. It might be argued that foot ball could be played without these things, which is true. But how many traveling teams do so? We add, again, the tendency is not good.

Several buggies to trade for stock at Baker's Livery Stable.

Santa Claus Mail Route.
 In order that all the children may notify Santa Claus of what they desire, we assign them a column in THE CHRONICLE for their letters, assuring them their letters will all be read by Santa. Write plain, short letters, telling just what you think Santa should bring you and sign your name plainly and bring or mail it to this office.

DEAR OLD SANTA CLAUS:
 Please bring me a pair of boots, one engine and a suit of clothes and some candy and apples and oranges.—Oblige,
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College Clatter.
 Mrs. M. E. Rogers is enjoying a visit from her daughter, Miss Lucile from Port Gibson, Miss. She has accepted a position as music teacher at Kemp, so as to be near her mother and sister.

Prof. M. L. Williams will spend the holidays with his sister at Miami.

The levee Friday night was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Saturday night the rules were suspended and the students enjoyed a social evening together.

V. H. Trammel left Monday for Memphis to visit his friend, Rev. Ben Hardy.

O. T. Warlick returned the first of the week and will spend the holidays in Clarendon.

The attendance this week was very slim, and so the remaining faithful were given Wednesday off, a day more than was expected.

Episcopal Church Services Xmas-Day.
 MORNING, 10 O'CLOCK.
 Processional, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing."
 Venite, Anon.
 Te Deum, Goss.
 Benedictus.
 Introit, "Adeste Fideles."
 Kyeie, Elvey.
 Sermon.
 Sursum Corda, }
 Sanctus, } Carnidge.
 Agnus Dei, Gounod
 Gloria in Excelsis, Old Chant.
 Recessional, "Whilst Shepherds Watch their Flocks by Night."
 EVENING, 7 O'CLOCK.
 Processional, "Angels from the Realms of Glory" Smart.
 "The Heavens Were Glowing" May Smith.
 Veniti Adoremus Dominum," Warren.
 "Glory to God," Moorehouse.
 "Ring out Ye Bells," Stone.
 Evening service is the S. S. Xmas festival.
 The Choir of the Episcopal Church will wear their vestments for the first time on Xmas day. Also a pipe organ will replace the reed organ.
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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From the Democratic Congressional committee

The democrats here in Washington who are the leaders of the party have been indulging in a good deal of discussion and speculation as to presidential candidates lately. It is a favorite theme of conversation wherever politicians do congregate. Apropos of this subject the information given me the other day by one of the leading democrats of New York State may prove of intense interest to the democrats of the country and may guide them right in making up their choice of a candidate. I asked him the straight question about Judge Parker and his strength in the State of New York, in-as-much as the Parker boom seems to have taken a new lease of life since the withdrawal of Grover Cleveland. He answered me unhesitatingly that there was much misinformation concerning Judge Parker and his strength in New York. He said that Judge Parker, instead of being a strong man, really was a weak man.

"All that the people know about him is that he was elected Chief Judge of the New York Court of Appeals by about 60,000 majority in 1887, but they do not know how that result was brought about," said he. "The truth of the matter," he continued, and to quote almost literally, "is that he is the result of a fluke election, and that under normal conditions he would have been defeated from 10,000 to 50,000 majority."

"Any man can take the official election returns of the State of New York for the year 1897 and figure out the result for himself. It will be remembered that there were three tickets for Mayor of the city of Greater New York in that year. The democratic, or Tammany ticket, was headed by Robert Van Wick, the republican ticket by B. F. Tracy, Platt's candidate, and the Citizens' Union ticket by Seth Low, the present Mayor.

"The democratic candidate for Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals was Parker and the republican candidate was Wallace, a very unpopular candidate, because he had been forced on the ticket by Platt. On the Citizens' Union ticket there was no candidate for Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, and on that very circumstance hangs the election of Judge Parker. The Citizens' Union ticket got nearly 150,000 votes in Greater New York, and of this number of votes about three-fourths of them were republican on account of the unpopularity of Tracy, Platt's candidate for Mayor, and the other one-fourth were democratic votes. Very few of these voters were sufficiently interested in the election of either Judge Parker or Wallace to mark a vote outside of their own column, so it will be seen that nearly the whole of the 150,000 votes were practically thrown away so far as the election of Chief Judge was concerned. If the three-fourths of that vote thus thrown away had been cast for the republican candidate for Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and the other one-fourth had been cast for the democratic candidate, the democratic candidate would have only about 65,000 majority in the city of Greater New York, instead of the 137,000 majority that he did get. Inasmuch as the republican candidate, Wallace, beat Judge Parker up the State, which always is republican, by about 76,000, it will be seen that Judge Parker would have been defeated for election by over 10,000 majority. Indeed by a greater majority than that if the republican candidate had not been very unpopular. The people did not like him because Tom Platt had forced him on the ticket to pay a debt. Wal-

lace had a few years before made Tom Platt receiver of a New England railroad when the former was a Judge of the United States District Court. That gave Platt the opportunity to make a few hundred thousand dollars for doing nothing, and he in return for the favor forced the nomination of Wallace for Chief Judge of the State Court of Appeals. A more popular man would have polled the full strength of the republican party up the State and would have defeated Judge Parker, by adding the republican vote in the city thrown away, by over 50,000 majority. The State election in the following year of 1898 for Governor, when Roosevelt was the republican candidate and Judge Van Wyck was the democratic, further showed the weakness of Parker in a race before the voters. Judge Van Wyck polled 75,000 more votes up the State in the republican section of the State than had Judge Parker the year before."

"These are the absolute facts in this matter," said this democratic leader in the State of New York, "and the people ought to know them. If the people want a New York man we have much stronger men than Judge Parker, who, aside from his weakness at the polls above demonstrated, is the creature of David B. Hill, and is as acceptable to the trusts and the Wall Street gang as is Grover Cleveland himself, and it is from that source that the Parker boom receives strength enough to walk. Personally I entertain the opinion that William Randolph Hearst is the strongest man in the State of New York, and will make a greater race before the people than any other man we could name."

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