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**Vicious Vandals.**

GUTHRIE, Ok., Dec. 25.—Unknown parties gained admittance to the private office of Gov. Tom Ferguson during last night and destroyed a large oil painting of President Roosevelt, which since his appointment as Governor has occupied an important place in Gov. Ferguson's office. The painting scratched and broken until its value is entirely destroyed.

Gov. Ferguson denounces the insult to the President. Within the last week public documents of value were also destroyed in the same office.

**New Road Built in 1903.**

Advance figures compiled by the Railway Age show that 5,237 miles of new railroad have been built this year on 380 lines in forty-three states and territories, including Alaska, where ten miles were built by one company.

In Oklahoma 653 miles of new track were built, beating the record of all states and territories. Louisiana stands second, with 446 miles of new track. The states west of the Mississippi river built 3,789 miles of new track, the states east of the Mississippi and south of the Ohio 1,028 miles, leaving 897 miles to be credited to the states north of the Ohio river and east of the Mississippi. The new mileage this year exceeds by thirty-nine miles the amount of track built in 1902. Nebraska is the only western state in which no new track was laid in New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Delaware and Maryland. The construction of the past year brings the total railway mileage in the United States up to 209,855 miles.

A report from Quanah says the wheat outlook so far is a complete failure, owing to the long drouth here, and as a result a large percentage of the wheat land will be put to rest for the coming year. The cotton acreage will be more than halved. The boll weevil is not down, and cotton is a sure crop in this country. Some alfalfa is being tried there for the first time. Irrigation is talked of a great deal by some of the most prominent farmers, and there is no doubt that in a short while that country will be irrigated, for water is all the soil needs to produce the finest of fruit, vegetables, etc. Cattle are very poor for the time of year and will have to be fed to go through the winter, as there is no grass for them.

...has ... of Ft. ... of Henrietta, Texas, ... since then been ... of Bank Examiner ...

... leaving for Aus- ... Alexander Dowie bade ... Chicago adherents at a ... Sunday. Standing room ... a premium. After an all- ... watch meeting' in Zion ... Year's eve Dowie will ... New Orleans and will ... for New Francisco via the ... route, stopping at va- ... rious cities en route. He intends ... from the latter port Jan. 21 ... counts on being back in Chica- ... next June.

**Christmas Tragedies.**

At Corsicana a boy named Hayes McDaniel, aged 9 years, was struck by a ball from a target rifle in the hands of a playmate, and is believed to be fatal. Earl McDavitt was severely burned about the face and hands while acting the part of Santa Claus at a family gathering. The cotton with which he was covered caught fire, and before it could be extinguished he had suffered serious injury. A son of J. E. Scott, aged 6 years, was also severely powder burned. A young son of E. N. Jones was badly powder burned while celebrating with a toy cannon. The same boy was very seriously burned in much the same way two years ago. A boy named Harlee is also reported to have been shot in the hand with a toy pistol.

At Marlin Ben Duty had a hand shattered by a cannon cracker. The left side of his face and one eye was badly injured also.

At Kingsbury an anvil which was being fired on Christmas Eve exploded and a piece of the flying steel penetrated J. E. Allen's thigh. His injury is of a serious nature.

At Aspermont Paul Reed was shot through the head in a saloon and died four hours later from the wound. Rush Mitchell surrendered to the sheriff and claimed the shooting was accidental; that he did not know the pistol was loaded. Reed leaves a family.

Near Merkel Pit Jones, who was in the employ of the Texas and Pacific Railroad at Escota, was accidentally shot while bird hunting and was killed.

At Boyce, east of Waxahachie a young man named Lindsley, while exploding a giant firecracker lost portions of several of his fingers and was badly burned about the face by a premature explosion.

At Kemp Lloyd Greenway, the 11-year-old son of William Greenway, died from the effects of a toy pistol wound.

At San Antonio W. W. Welsh, a S. P. R'y conductor suicided leaving a wife and four children.

Near Gatesville George Spencer was shot and killed, and Dick Bonlet was badly cut, but is still alive. Paul Grey and George Lewis were arrested.

G. O. Cate of Altoga, while out hunting, had his right arm so badly fractured by the explosion of a gun that it resulted in amputation above the elbow.

Near Grand Prairie D. M. Thomas' son, Lee, while out hunting shot off his right foot.

At Lufkin Bill Massingil, yard foreman for the Houston East and West Texas Railway, was shot and instantly killed. J. S. Miles, agent for the Cotton Belt Railway was immediately arrested charged with the killing.

The above happenings were all in Texas.

At Danville Ky., in the Christian church entertainment the clothing worn by A. E. Gibbons, the Santa Claus, took fire. The entire assemblage fled from the church in a panic, but Gibbons coolly went to the baptismal pool and plunged in thus avoiding a horrible death.

Near Lindsly Neb., at a school house John Shields and Kate Sullivan were perhaps fatally burned and others slightly wounded. Miss Sullivan, acting as Santa Claus, was enveloped in cotton, which

took fire. Shields and others went to her assistance.

Byson Latimer of Arapahoe, Ok. was killed by falling beneath his horse.

At McHenry, Miss., a drunken negro shot and killed Deputy Marshal Walker Cobb. A mob then shot the negro to death.

At Madisonville Tenn., Lon Cagle shot and killed Lee Raser, while they were engaged in a quarrel due to too much Christmas whiskey.

Charles Snyder, a baker, shot and dangerously wounded T. J. Eitzen and Mrs. Lizzie Reed at Galena, Mo., and then committed suicide.

Near Lebanon, Tenn., Sherk Jennings shot and fatally wounded Rice Pucket, who, together with several other young men, went to the church to remove the Christmas tree.

At Kansas City the Santa Claus at the Central Presbyterian church caught fire and with two other boys was painfully burned. Kansas City holiday record was one killed and 57 injured.

The exchange of twelve words resulted in Patrick Higgins killing Micael Ryan in east St. Louis.

A Chicago young man shoots his cousin and his aunt in a quarrel over Christmas presents.

Lee Lewis was shot and killed in a fight while returning from a Christmas entertainment at Knoxville, Tenn.

Bert Barron 17 years old, killed his father while protecting his mother from assault at Joplin Mo.

William Tadlock was shot and seriously wounded by Fred Howe in a general fight at Xenia, Ill.

At Ringwood, Ok., City marshal L. E. Ferguson was shot and instantly killed by Clinton Fox, a farmer. In less than half an hour after, Fox was shot and killed by a party of men that had set out to capture Fox.

**The New Oil Field.**

The new oil field at Batson's Prairie is said to eclipse anything heretofore opened up in Texas. If the most extravagant reports are true, it eclipses all former oil strikes in the world.

Within a week three gushers have been brought in by the Parafine Company, which seems to have the best of everybody in the Batson's Prairie field. The first two wells are spouting, it is claimed, not less than 10,000 barrels each a day and the third well, which seems to be a phenomenon, is spouting 25,000 barrels per day.

Reports from Sour Lake and Beaumont state that there is no doubt the new field is a wonder.

Land is selling at \$1,000 an acre, and more. There is a stampede in progress to the new fields, and the prairie is covered with every conceivable kind of vehicle, loaded with all kinds of utensils used in a field. Caravans are strung out in the most picturesque fashion.

It is reported that former Governor Hogg and his associates have formed a syndicate and got in on the "ground floor."

Last Sunday, in a hundred churches in Missouri, the ministers took a shot at boodling. If the courts would come to the aid of the churches and newspapers the state might be redeemed.—Globe Democrat.

**STATE NEWS.**

John Kelley, 25 years old, suicided near Waco last week by first cutting his throat, then leaping into a well.

There are 6,992 ex-confederate pensioners on the Texas rolls. Only one of these reside in Donley county.

J. H. Johnson, of Palo Pinto county hauled to Mineral Wells a load, 2,840 pounds, of pecans, for which he received 4 cents per pound, bringing him \$113.60.

Congressman Cooper of Texas declares Senator Gorman will manage the next Democratic national campaign and that Judge Parker probably will be the nominee.

The net deficit in the general revenue of the state treasury department at the close of business Saturday amounted to \$431,735. Seven thousand and six warrants have been registered since November 1.

Mrs. C. Smith, who was charged with the murder of Deputy Sheriff Grubbs while he was serving a paper at her house in Belton, Tex., was found guilty and her punishment fixed at twenty-five years in the penitentiary.

The exports of American-made boots and shoes for the calendar year will aggregate \$7,000,000, the United States now standing second only to England in value of exports of this kind.

Land Commissioner Terrell said in Fort Worth the other day: "The number of applications for land are not as heavy as usual, attributable to the drouth throughout the West, and for the further reason that practically all of the lands in the Panhandle and in West Texas north of the Texas and Pacific Road as far west as Big Springs have been sold."

It is stated by a prominent live stock paper that when cattle are offered for sale on one market and the shipper is not satisfied with the price and concludes to take his cattle to some other market, hoping to get a better price, that he will always get a lower price. This is said to be in accordance with an agreement and regulation of the great packers who are directly in control of all the markets. If a shipper declines to sell at any price that may be offered he is punished for it at any other big market where he may try to sell. After the dissatisfied shipper has shipped his cattle several hundred miles further in search of a market he must sell at the reduced rate, for he cannot afford to continue to reship again in the hopeless search for satisfactory prices. The great packers have the power to regulate the prices both of cattle and dressed meats, and they do not hesitate to use it.—Farm and Ranch.

According to statistics recently gathered about 30,000,000 people are living in prohibition territory in this country. This is more than one-third of the entire population. In Maine, Kansas and North Dakota they have prohibition by state law, and in thirty-eight other states they have it by local option.—Kansas City Journal.

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CLARENDON, TEX., DEC. 30, 1903.

THIS issue is the last for 1903 and the last of the fifteenth volume of this paper. We thank all patrons, both subscribers and advertisers, for all business thrown our way and we trust you have received full value in every particular. We extend a New Year Greeting with our best wishes for a prosperous year during 1904. We also kindly ask the patronage of every Clarendon business man, believing we can best lay before the people of Donley and surrounding counties your inducements for trade and in giving publicity to your desires. At the same time we propose to serve our subscribers with the best newspaper our patronage will warrant, and we believe it to be to your interest to continue with us. All whose names are not now on our list are invited to give the twice-a-week CHRONICLE a trial.

GREAT BRITAIN has officially recognized the Republic of Panama. All the leading nations have now done so and the critics can take a back seat.

AFTER all, there may be some chance of moral advancement in the negro. At Reading, Pa., eleven members of a negro Baptist church have been excluded for cake-walking. The pastor lectured his flock on the sin of dancing and its tendency to the ruin of young people and wound up by saying, "The negroes are becoming more intelligent and prosperous every day and should not stoop to such a low thing as cakewalking. It is disgraceful."

Now that Santa Claus has had his inning, everybody has either visited or been visited and the work of the old year is a thing of the past, let everyone knuckle down to business and with the determination of making Clarendon a bigger, cleaner and better town. By making everything as inviting as possible we will not only be better satisfied ourselves, but more and more of the better class of settlers will cast their lot with us during the coming year and help us celebrate its close with a keener zest than we have the one just past.

The Gray County Eagle is the name of the Alanreed paper started by Levi D. Roeder, with Forest Thomas as editor and publisher. It makes a fairly good start for a place of Alanreed's size, considering the disadvantages it mentions.

A Kansas man who very likely told his wife dozens of times before they were married that she was a little witch, is now suing for a divorce on the grounds that she is one.

"A typographical error is a hard thing to find in the proof," says the Junction City Republic; "but in the printed and completed paper it looms up like a fat lady in a group of vegetarians."

W. H. Martin has returned from his Tennessee visit.

W. M. Greenwood, of Alanreed, was in town yestaday.

W. L. Emory, brother-in-law of J. H. O'Neal, is now living on the place recently purchased by the latter from John Dalby.

W. H. Meador spent Sunday and Monday at Memphis where his family has been since the beginning of the holidays. He has about closed the sale of his place in Memphis.

## Noted Texas Murderer Pardoned.

It may, and it may not be, that the chief executive of the nation or of the state shows the best of judgment in exercising the pardoning power. At any rate, some very bad characters thus get their liberty.

The commutation of the sentence of Charles Yeager by President Roosevelt recalls one of the most sensational tragedies ever enacted in Texas. Yeager, with his partner, a man named Pitts, was convicted of postoffice robbery and was believed to have committed other bold robberies. After his conviction at Austin he was handcuffed with Pitts and was being taken from Austin to San Antonio by United States Marshal Hal Goslin, Chief Deputy Manning and other deputies. Out of the kindness of his heart, Marshal Goslin permitted certain women relatives of the two prisoners to accompany them and they occupied seats directly in front of the two men. While the train was running at a high rate of speed and Goslin was talking, the two prisoners reached over and took from a basket, which the women had brought with them, two six-shooters and opened fire.

The marshal who was noted for his bravery and coolness, was killed at the first fire. The deputies sprang into the fight without loss of time, while the passengers in the coach sought such shelter as they could find.

The mother-in-law of Pitts was killed, a bullet striking her in the abdomen. Pitts himself was so badly wounded that he did not live to get off the train. Another of the women and Deputy Manning were seriously wounded.

Yeager, handcuffed to the wounded Pitts, dragged him along and made a run for the door of the coach. He sprang from it, the train still running at full speed, carrying Pitts with him. He was so badly handicapped that he had no time to get far away, though he did succeed in getting loose from the body of Pitts. He was recaptured and railroaded through to the penitentiary without further loss of time, it being decided that he already had a life term and that the evidence was hardly sufficient to have his neck broken for the murder of the marshal.

Bradstreet's says that holiday business this year has been up to the highest mark, while other lines of business are more hopeful than seemed probable a few months ago.

W. J. Bryan has bought the Bryan homestead at Salem, Ill. The purchase is a sentimental one, Colonel Bryan stating that he will continue to reside in Nebraska.

We have been favored with a Chattanooga Medicine Co. Cardui Weather Chart and Calendar. A copy of this weather chart and calendar may be secured by sending roc to Chattanooga Medicine Company, Chattanooga, Tenn.

## Fort Worth Market.

Top prices Monday were: steers \$3.30; cows \$2.50; calves \$—; hogs \$4.75. Receipts were: cattle 500, calves —, hogs 325.

The safe of the bank of Kiowa, fourteen miles south of South Mc Alester, I. T., was blown open with nitroglycerine Sunday morning by a gang of five men. They were interrupted by the arrival of citizens at the time of the third and final explosion and were driven away in a battle in the dark. They secured but \$600 in silver and gold. Bills amounting to \$1,000 were torn to pieces, in the explosion and about \$300 in silver was scattered over the floor.

All winter goods must go. Prices trimmed down to fit your pocket book at Martin Bennett and Co's.

## Memphis.

The marriage of E. N. Hudgins and Miss Bessie Berry will be solemnized next Sunday at their home.

Miss Marion Barnett came down from Clarendon Wednesday and is visiting friends here for a few days.

John Gibson was quite badly injured Monday night by being thrown from his horse near Salisbury and was dragged quite a distance by his foot hanging in the stirrup.

Judge W. M. Pardue has had a very severe spell of tonsilitis, but is now on a fair way to recovery. Last Sunday his throat (not his neck) broke and as a result he soon began to improve.

The prairie dog extermination election was a slow go but it carried. At this box only 26 votes were cast, and they all for the extermination except 2. The entire county averaged about the same.

The question of whether a justice or county judge can marry anybody outside of their domain, has been freely discussed this week on account of this having been done and the fact that it is so seldom done.

We have been favored with an announcement of the marriage of Miss Myrtle Sherwood Estes and John William Noel at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Estes, Monday night, Dec. 21.

On Tuesday J. W. Bragg sold his half section of land a half mile southwest of town to J. N. Gamble of Denton for \$3,900. The place is a good one, and was bought by Mr. Bragg four months ago for \$3,400.

## Alanreed Items.

Howard Simpkins is now helper at the J. W. Lane black smith shop. Lee Murphy of Amarillo has purchased the Lowery blacksmith shop here.

J. Walker Lane of Clarendon has put up a black smith shop in the old Thomas shop.

School being dismissed for two weeks vacation, Miss Collier left for Clarendon this morning to spend Christmas with her parents.

## Claude.

County court adjourned Tuesday afternoon, all cases being continued until next term.

The Lone Star school house was moved to Raymond last Tuesday to take in some new territory which will strengthen the school very much.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Jim Christian, December 16, a daughter. To Mr. and Mrs. Felix Honnol December 22, a daughter.

The Christmas tree at the Baptist church last night afforded a lot of pleasure for all the young folks and to some of the older ones. The movement was started by the Baptist ladies but the other churches readily joined in and made it a union affair.

By the recent government survey which throws the eastern boundary of the Panhandle three-eighths of a mile farther east, the town of Texola, on the Choctaw railroad, heretofore supposed to be in Oklahoma, becomes a Texas town.—Canadian Record.

From this date the latest designs of wall paper can always be found at Stocking's drug store, you are invited to call and examine the paper and get prices.

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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. Dunne, pastor. Sunday services: Mass at 10 a. m.; Sunday School after mass. Evening services at 7:30. Services every Sunday except 2nd

## SOCIETIES.

1. O. O. F.—Clarendon Lodge No. 381, meet 1st and 3rd Thursday nights each month in 3rd story of courthouse. Visiting brothers made welcome. D. E. POSEY, N. G.

M. ROSEFIELD, Sec'y.  
W. O. W., Woodbine Camp No. 476—Meets in Odd Fellows Hall every Friday evenings. Visiting choppers invited. ED KIEER, C. C.

J. E. COOKE, cl. rk  
A. F. & A. M.—Clarendon Lodge No. 700, meets 2nd 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. WEAVER, H. P.

JAS. 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. ROSEFIELD, C. O.

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.

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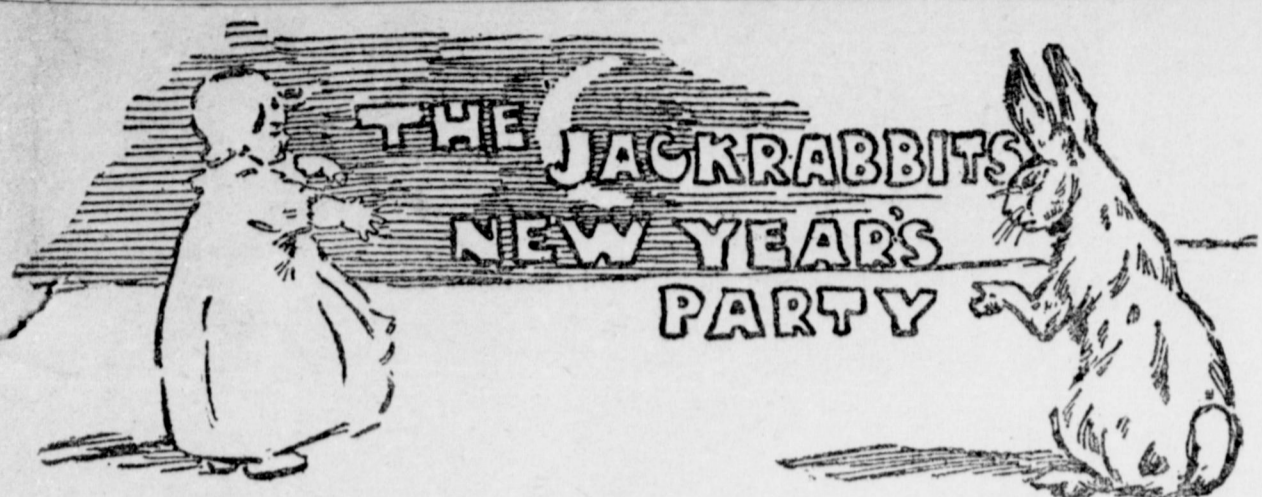
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It was the night before New Year's. The air was clear and frosty, and the moon and stars were shining down on the sparkling snow that covered the prairie, like the cloth on a round dining table. Toward midnight, if you had peeped from one of the windows of Mr. Blain's farm house, you would have seen what would have appeared to have been a shadow, coming up the road toward the house. As it came nearer you would have seen that it was a little animal about the size of a lamb, with great ears, and a bob-tail, and so white that at a little distance you could not tell it from the snow.

But nobody saw the shadow, for everyone in the house was asleep, except the baby, who was lying wide awake in her little cot at the foot of mother's bed. Just as the clock was striking midnight, there came a gentle tap at the door. Baby heard it, but no one else did, and she climbed out of her cot and ran to the door.

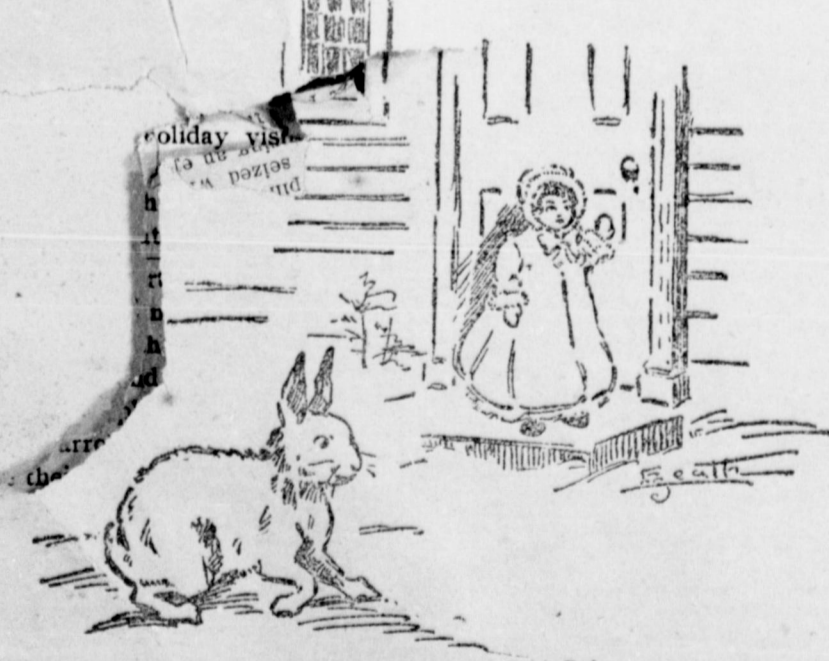
Suddenly the music stopped and Grandpa said: "Come now children and have some supper, Grandma's waiting for us." Then Mr. and Mrs. Jackrabbit lifted each one of them into a high chair and tied a big bib around his or her neck, so that the children would not spill anything on their clothes. And what a feast they had! There were baked apples, ginger bread, doughnuts, cookies, and jam, and afterwards they had nuts, raisins, taffy and popcorn.



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Grandpa Jack Rabbit went over to the stove at the other end of the kitchen, where she had a big pot of taffy boiling, some corn popping, a big pan of chestnuts roasting in the oven, and some other things cooking for the children's supper, and Grandpa began to play with the children. Oh! What fun they had! They played "Drop the Handkerchief," "Nuts in May," "Here Comes a King Arriving," "Green Gravel," "Blind Man's Buff," and every game they knew. Then Grandpa got down on his hands and knees and took them for a ride on his back all around the room and over to where Grandma was pulling the golden taffy that had been boiling on the stove.

Let's play tag and we'll all try to catch Grandma," said one of the children, and they all rushed toward her, but Grandma was too quick for them and had darted across the room before any one could catch her. Off they ran after her, Grandpa and all, but Grandma bobbed around like a cork in a pool of water, till she was all out of breath, and then Baby Blain, the littlest one of all, was able to catch her.

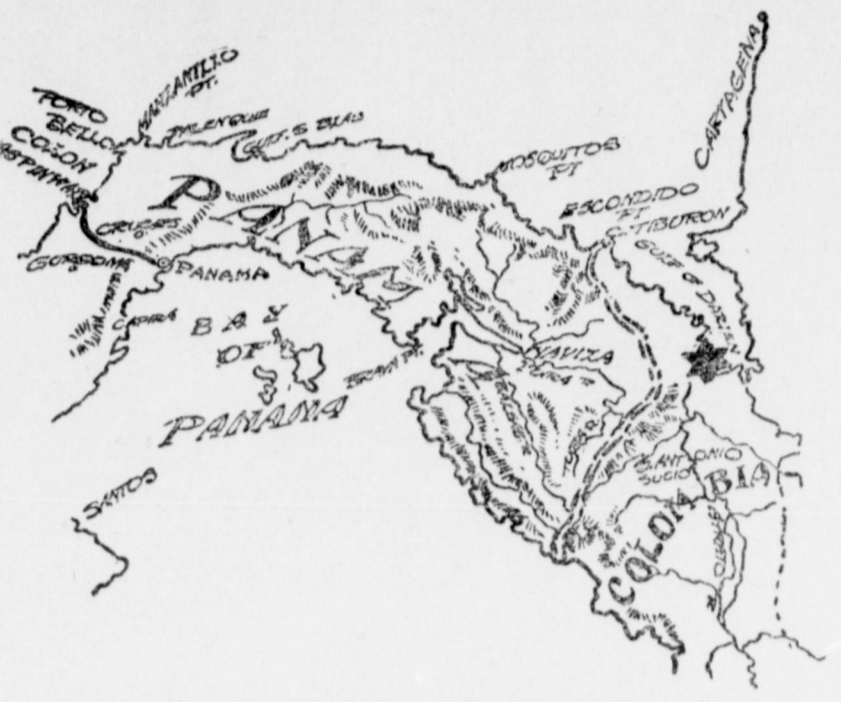


"Ha, ha!" laughed the little woman as she took the baby off the jackrabbit's back, and nearly smothered her with kisses. "Here is another little guest at Grandma Jack Rabbit's New Year's party. Now Jack, shut the door or you will freeze the little dears. Now baby let me take off your coat and

So Grandpa took the funniest looking black stick out of his pocket, and put it up to his mouth, but you ought to have heard the beautiful music that came out of that stick. It was magic and any one could dance to it even if they had never danced before, nor even seen any one dancing.

But where was Grandpa? He had disappeared while his wife was kissing the children, and in his place stood the funny little animal with the long ears, which had brought the children there, and which is called a jackrabbit. Grandma lifted the children on his back, all together, and opened the door, and away the rabbit scampered, up the hole and over the snow. When he came to the nearest house, he let one of the children off and then turned down the road, letting a child off at nearly every house he came to. Baby Blain's house was the farthest off of all, and before they reached it, Baby could see that it was beginning to get light away in the East, where the sun rises. The Jackrabbit saw the light too, and flew along, faster than ever, till the wind whistled past Baby's ears, for if he did not get home before daylight, some one might see Jackrabbit and shoot him for their dinner. But it was not long before they came to the Blain house.

**COLOMBIA MEANS TO MAKE EFFORT TO COERCE PANAMA**



SCENE OF THREATENED WAR BETWEEN COLOMBIA AND PANAMA. (Star marks location of Gulf of Darien, where Colombian troops are said to have been landed to march to Panama.)

**ENGLAND AMAZES RED MAN.**

Returning Indian Tells of Ignorance Existing Abroad. An Indian stopped in Philadelphia on his way to Omaha. He had been to London, participating in a wild west melodrama there, and it was amusing to hear him describe the ignorance regarding his race that exists abroad.

**RECONCILED IN A HOSPITAL.**

Old-Time Animositities Forgotten in Presence of Misfortune. In the early days of North Dakota Senator Jud La Moure and Alexander McKenzie, the latter famous as the most darling sheriff in Bismarck, were bitter personal and political enemies. Whatever one wanted done was sure to be opposed by the other, and they carried their enmity to each other to great and sometimes ridiculous extremes for men as level-headed as they were in ordinary matters.

**GOOD JOKE ON GOLFERS.**

Girls Have Fun with Members of Aristocratic Club. N. B. Coles and Daniel Bacon, two enthusiastic members of the new and aristocratic Country club of Lakewood, N. J., had a match game of golf for \$1,000 a side recently. Each had a good record on the links, but neither was able to cover the ground in anything like good time, both experiencing great difficulty at two of the holes. Just as the match was concluded they discovered that a tomato can had been fitted neatly into one of the holes and that a row of pins had been stuck in the hard ground around the other. These obstructions had disastrous effect on the work of the players. It was discovered that some girl members of the club were guilty of playing this joke, and formal complaint has been lodged with George J. Gould, president of the club.

**POPE PIUS IS AGING.**

Pontiff Beginning to Feel Weight of His Responsibilities. A traveler who has just returned from Rome was greatly impressed with the change in the appearance of the Pope. He was received by him the day after his accession to the pontifical throne, when he was ruddy, erect, gay and full of life. On this last occasion, however, he found him a little paler, a little more bowed, a little more subdued and less buoyant; in fact, a slight but perceptible change for the worse—a young man growing older. This change has come in less than four months and is due to the difference in habits and work and the confinement. The Pope goes in the open air less and less. In the beginning he took walks in the garden and regular exercises, but as his cares and duties increased he went less and less until he ceased altogether, confining his walks to the loggia overlooking Rome and even here he now seldom goes.

**ROBERT GOELET TO WED.**

Wealthy Society Man Captures Heart of Noted Beauty. It is said the engagement of Miss Elsie Whelen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Whelen of Philadelphia, to Robert



Miss ELSIE WHELEN. Robert Goelet, brother of the Duchess of Roxburghe, will soon be announced, and that the wedding will speedily follow. Miss Whelen is a noted beauty and was the belle of Newport last summer.

**"UNCLE JOE" AND THE SENATE.**

Speaker of the House Has Little Love for That Body. Speaker Cannon's predecessors were accustomed to bow to the secretary of the Senate when he appeared in the house with a communication from that august body. But "Uncle Joe's" backbone becomes stiff as a ramrod on such occasions. "Bow to the secretary?" he snorts. "Why, I wouldn't bow to the whole — senate." A few days ago he ordered one of the officials of the house strictly to enforce the standing rule against smoking. That same afternoon, as soon as the house adjourned, he took a cigar from his pocket and began to puff contentedly. The official approached and said: "Do you want the anti-smoking rule enforced, Mr. Cannon." "Of course I do," said the speaker. "Oh, I forgot," he continued and hurried into his private room.



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**R**ing soft and low ye brazen bells!  
**E**ach mournful note the end foretells  
**O**f dying year -  
**R**e-verberating, sweet, sublime,  
**Y**our solemn voices lift their chime,  
**A**nd as the last tones die away,  
**T**he year is but a memory.

**R**ing loud and clear, ye silvery bells!  
**E**ach joyful note the birth foretells  
**O**f glad New Year!  
**H**erald a true and lasting peace,  
**P**roclaim that strife and wrong  
 shall cease,  
**R**ing in a deeper, truer sense  
**O**f God's benign omnipotence.

N. C.

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### Who Struck James Whitcomb Riley?

With an Account of His Abandonment of the Watermelon "Habit" More or Less Truthfully Told by THE REVEREND EZEKIL LOUDMOUTH

In order that the reader may understand fully the events leading up to the misadventures herein set forth, a brief sketch of the author is necessary.

The Reverend Ezekil Loudmouth had been the pastor of a colored church in Indianapolis but owing to his inability to recognize the difference between the debit and credit side of the church's collection accounts was deposed; and drifting to Chicago had so effectually "back-slidded" that the sole remains of his ministerial life appeared in his costume and the unctious use of large and inappropriate words.

The Reverend Ezekil spent most of his waking hours in the various resorts where the gentlemen of his color most do congregate, taking such gifts as the Fates might send in the way of refreshment, and volubly thanking the "Lo'd" for the drops and crumbs which fell to his share.

Naturally the fare in both forms being of an uncertain quality, the times of famine were in an inverse ratio to the times of plenty and in consequence the talk of feasts to come occupied more hours than their consumption. On this particular occasion the conversation had turned on

the value of peaches as both a luscious and nutritious diet, whereat the Rev. Ezekil took the floor.

"I don't keer how high a dahkey gits up in de worl', ner how much lak white folks he tries to ack, he'll come right back to his natch'ul se't, ef you shet 'im up in a room alone wid a watah millun. An' de white folks laks watah millun, too! Did you know it? 'Deed dey does! Dey ain't no 'niggah problem' when it comes to watah millun! W'y, when I wuz pastah uv a little chur'ch in Injunap'lis, me 'n Jeems Whitcomb Riley eat many a good ole millun together! An' Riley sho' kin eat! W'y, ef you wuz to set 'im down 'mungst a passel o' dahkies, an' put 'em all to eatin' millun, you couldn't tell f'om 'aminin' de rines which wuz Rileys an' which wuz de cullud folks!"

"Went to his house one day, I did (great, big, square house made outen red brick—stan's on Lockerby Street. I knows right whah it is—bin dah mo' times den I got fingers an' toes), an' I rung de do' bell, an' sen's in wo'd 'at I wants to see Riley on 'po'tant business. Putty soon down he come f'om his study. S'I: 'Bre'r Riley, does you know milluns has gone up to fo'ty cents, an' still a-

risin'?' S'e: 'No Reverent; ain't it orful?' S'I: 'Yes, an' I don't 'pose to pay it!' S'e: 'Whut you goin' to do? We mus' hab milluns to eat!'

S'I: 'Br'er Riley, dey's lots o' fahms 'roun' h'yeah, an' on dem fahms dey's heaps o' milluns; an' de fahmahs 'ud be willin' to donate 'em to you mos' any night you'll come arter 'em—'vidin' dey caln't ketch you.' S'I: 'I'm goin' out to try ma luck to-night, an' I called 'roun' to see 'f you'd go wid me. S'I: 'Fo'ty cents foh a watah millun is a outrage!'

"Went back dat eb'nin'—as God would hab it—an' Riley say: 'Wait 'tel I git ma hat.' An' off we put—down de street—splittin' Injunap'lis wide open! Riley had a so't o' hop-light-lady step, an' I wuz a-doin' de Mobile buck. "Cah'd me out, he did, about fo' miles I'm town, an' stopped right in front uv a big ole fahm whah you could h'yeah de milluns jus' a-laughin' an' a-talkin' an' a-sniggin' in dey sie'bes, lak dey wuz goin' to buss open. "Now, sez Riley, 'dis ole feller here raises de bes' milluns in de state; but he keeps a mean dog, an' dey say he watches his patch o' nights wid a shotgun. I don't know how true 't is. S'I: 'We'll go whah dey's de bes' milluns, an' take de chances!' S'I: 'I'm done walked too fur to back watah now!' S'I: 'I'm a ole han' at dis business—foller me, an' you'll wa'h diamon's.' An' s'I: 'Les' keep close together; so's we won't take one nother fur de man.' S'e: 'Greed!'

"Well, arter we'd bin in dah a while, an' didn't see ner h'yeah nothin', we got bol'; an' raised up an' went to walkin' 'roun' dah, lak we owned de place (ca'se me wanted de bes' milluns in de patch)—an' I swah we got los' f'om one nother. But we wuz dast to holler. Made up 'ma mine to tase a piece o' millun, den fine Riley 'n' go home—already had a sackful

hid down 'side de railroad track to tote home wid me. Went up to a stump, I did, an' I brought a millun down 'cross it—'bam!' An' de stump jumped up an' tuck arter me! An' I thought I h'yeah'd a gun go off—'bud-du-ee!' S'I: 'Dah! bress God, de fahmah's comin' arter me!' An' I spread ma wings an' flew! S'I: 'Br'er Riley, de de bes' you kin foh yo' se'f! De Bible say: "Flee f'om de wraff to come!"' An' by dat time I had done gone a mile, an' had los' coat, shoes, an' hat. I made foh one o' ma membah's houses, on de outskirts o' de town, an' I fell in de do', an' s'I: 'Come an' git me!' An' I fainted plum' away.

"Ma membah tuck me in an' put me to bed, an' nex' mo'nin' he lent me a suit o' his clothes to go home in—'I'd done fixed up a ghouse story, an' tole 'im. On my way home, I stopped at Riley's house—see how he come out. An' dey tole me he wuz sick in bed. 'W'y, ain't you hyern it?' sez dey. An' dey showed me whah de papahs said he'd bin hit in de head an' helt up an' robbed! S'I: 'Ain't dat a shame!—nice a man as he is!' An' I went in whah he wuz, an' s'I: 'Fr'en Riley, whut's de mattah?' S'e: 'Mattah?—mattah? W'y, Rev'unt, I didn't think you'd do me that-a-way!' S'I: 'Whut'd I do?' 'Do?' sez he, 'do? W'y, you broke a watahmillun ovah ma head! 'At's whut you done!' S'e: 'Ma head hu't me so I could hahdy git to town. Don' 'speck I kin write none foh a week.' S'e: 'I wouldn't mine it so; but de millun wuz green!' An' he allus acted col' to'ahds me arter dat. But I ain't got nothin' 'g'inst watahmillun, all de same."

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#### Just a Passenger.

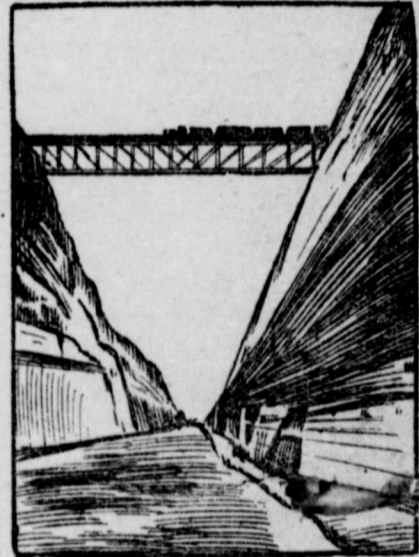
This world it keep a-spinnin'  
 As fas' as it can go;  
 We wonders whah it's rushin' to,  
 But no one seems to know,  
 De sun he is de headlight,  
 A-blazin' out so fine;  
 De stahs dey is de signal lamps  
 A-gleamin' long de line.

I ain't axin' questions  
 'Bout how de train is run;  
 I's simply gwinter stick until  
 My little journey's done,  
 It ain't no use to worry,  
 Whatever may betide—  
 I's only jes' a passenger,  
 An' mighty glad to ride.  
 —Washington Star.

#### A New Canal.

Few enterprises which have been started in Europe within the last quarter of a century are of greater commercial importance than the new Corinthian Canal, a picture of which accompanies this story.

When the project was first proposed many skeptics were at it, asserting that it would cost an enormous sum of money and that some of the difficulties in the way would prove practically insurmountable. A syndicate was nevertheless formed and the work was begun. The task of cutting a waterway proved much harder than was expected, but in time all obstacles were removed and the canal was constructed. To the merchants and traders of southern Europe the canal is bound to prove of immense service, since by passing through it their ves-



sels can reach in a few hours points which it formerly took them several days to reach. All the maritime countries of Europe have cordially welcomed the canal and therefore there is every reason to believe that the money and labor spent on it will bear good fruit.—New York Herald.

#### Chopin and His Funeral March.

The story of how Chopin composed his wonderful "Funeral March" is related by M. Ziem, the celebrated painter, who still lives on the heights of Montmartre, Paris, and despite his great age is clear in his recollection of the facts that occurred over half a century ago. Ziem was the friend and comrade of Chopin, and it was in the former's studio that a Bohemian past was given, with Ludre, De Polignac, the musician; Ricard, the painter; Chevandier de Valdrome, the sculptor; Chopin, as gay and festive spirit around the table. There was an old rickety piano in the corner, all the panels having been taken out of the picture, as Ziem was poor, and had to economize. Behind a curtain a skeleton, and this gave a gloomy atmosphere to the room. Ziem, who brought the skeleton, covered it with drapery, and agitated it with realistic touches. Polignac then took the skeleton to the piano, and sat with it to make a study. It was then that Chopin, who had been quiet, was struck by the inspiration. Uttering a cry, he rushed forward to the piano, and beside De Polignac, and to the music, and with a look of rapture and awe of his friend, he played the world-famous "Funeral March." "We were all touched," added Ziem, "and a silence reigned. We thought of laughter, and saluted with admiration the composer's creation."—Paris Correspondent, London Daily Chronicle.

#### Work of the Human Heart.

Some one with an aptitude for statistics has been doing a little calculating on the subject of the human heart and its activities. The normal heart, it appears, beats about seventy-five times in a minute; so that an hour's record would be something like 4,320 beats. Supposing that a man lived to be fifty, his heart would have beaten 1,892,100,000 times. If a son of this man, more robust than his father, should fill out the scriptural allotment of three-score years and ten, his heart beats would number 2,649,024,000. It is easy to understand, after such a computation, why this hard-working servant of the human body so frequently wears out.

**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.
J. W. KENNEDY, Local St.	

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Buy lubricating oil at Stocking's store.  
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**LOCAL AND PERSONAL.**

Capt. Chas. Goodnight spent yesterday and today in town.

Mr. George E. Thomas of Taylor, Texas is in Clarendon this week.

Miss Mamie Dyche, of Childress, is paying Miss Kittie Flemming a visit this week.

Mrs. Westbrook and children went to Amarillo Monday to spend the week visiting.

W. R. Claunch is setting shade trees in front of the Gathings and Barnett property.

The Woodmen have changed their meeting place to the upper room of the court house.

Mrs. Lillie Harrington held the lucky ticket that drew Martin Bennett and Co's prize piano.

Austin D. Arnold from Memphis has succeeded Mr. Smith, resigned, as express clerk at the depot.

Returned to Tulsa last night. He contemplates bringing his family there soon.

Mrs. M. E. Harrington and Lula came down from Amarillo last week and remained until Monday.

F. Smith and family of spent the holidays at the W. G. Ross' family.

W. G. Ross, publisher of the Times, came up Monday and spent Tuesday in town on business.

A case in county court closed Saturday, that of McFadden vs. F. N. Page, resulting in a verdict for defendant.

T. B. Bugbee and Miss MacCarroll are to be married at Dallas, Wednesday, evening. Dr. Carroll and wife left yesterday to attend the wedding.

W. H. Meador has bought lots 8 and 9 in Block 25, Clarendon from the T. A. Driskell estate through Geo. Morgan, trustee. Consideration \$200.

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**College Clatter.**

The holidays are over now and most of the pupils have already returned. There are several new pupils, some of them are: Messrs Beverly, Hosmer, Roberts, and two Crowell brothers.

The football game between Clarendon and Amarillo resulted in a tie, five to five.

Miss Mary Anthony was visited last week by a friend(?)

There were only eighteen boarding pupils who did not go home for the holidays. They were not allowed to become lonesome, however, for there were many entertainments given them. Among the entertainments were parties at Mr. Wedgworth's, Mr. Clower's, Mr. Talley's and Mr. McLean's, and there was a little social gathering at the dormitory Monday night.

Monday all the college folks went out to Cottonwood Springs hunting and had one of the most enjoyable times they have had this year, although they failed to find much game.

Miss Iva Martin and Hon. V. K. Wedgworth visited the college Monday and the latter made a highly appreciated talk. Both are cordially invited to call again.

We must have space for our spring stock, so winter goods must go if prices will move them.

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**Giles Gossip.**

CHRONICLE Correspondence.

Gus Johnson, wife and little daughter left Friday for East Texas where they will visit friends and relatives during the holidays.

Mr. Arthur Ranson, who has been visiting relatives in Michigan the past month, returned home the 18th.

A meeting called by the citizens of Giles for Saturday to discuss the gin question was well attended and several hundred dollars subscribed, with more promised.

A literary entertainment at Giles school house Monday night was quite well attended and was very entertaining.

Clay Akers and Andy Bell returned to college at Hereford Sunday night after spending Christmas with home folks.

W. S. Price returned home the 28th after 10 days visit to relatives and friends at Fort Worth and Cleburne.

Mesdames Shelton, Craine, Thaxton and Newman gave Xmas dinners to their friends.

F. A. Curtis and wife went up to Amarillo on the 24th to spend the holidays with friends and relatives.

Mrs. F. C. Ranson is having lumber hauled to build more rooms to her home on section 62.

Mrs. Banty and daughter, of Iowa Park, are visiting at Judge Akers' this week.

P. C. Johnson and family took Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Moore.

Prince Hawkins and wife of Wellington visited in Giles this week.

Chas Crow will move into his new home on his place south of Giles the last of this week.

W. Newman went down to Childress and spent a couple of days this week on business.

Farmers at this end of Donley county seem to be behind with their cotton picking. NESTOR.

We receive a shipment of fresh vegetables such as Lettuce, Young Onions, Radishes, Beets, etc., twice a week and will fill all orders promptly.

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**Piano For Sale.**

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**Jury List For District Court.**

The following is a list of jurors drawn for the January term of District court:

**GRAND JURY.**

W. F. Harding, E. W. Watt, C. V. Bray, J. H. Shelton, W. M. Cross, B. P. Crawford, A. A. Beedy, S. H. Hunt, R. S. Thompson, Frank Kendall, N. T. Hodges, J. N. Eddins, Levi Angel, W. F. White, George McMahan, W. R. Bourland.

**PETIT JURY.**

P. A. Buntin, T. M. Powell, J. O. King, J. W. Ogelsby, S. A. Killian, F. N. Page, C. D. Murphy, G. W. Antrobus, D. L. McClellan, W. R. Boydston, Harvey Palmer, J. E. Humphrey, D. Hoodenpyle, S. D. Churchman, H. S. Boydston, W. W. James, W. S. Boydston, F. A. Killian, C. A. Burtin, W. P. Blake, T. M. Pyle, T. H. Gatlin, C. E. Dubbs, T. H. Allen, J. M. Clower, W. J. Greer, C. M. Ray, J. T. Coulter, T. W. Latimer.

**In Memoriam—1903.**

Farewell! old year, Thy silver locks have ripened fast. The snow locks about us, and wrap her soft pall around thy lonely frame; and all our hearts are sad, for nevermore shall we see thee treading upon the shore

Of time. Thou camest to us in the wee sma' hours.

Like the budding of some fairy flowers; Like the century plant, a life expired With the birth of another most desired.

Thou wast born to us in the cold dark night,

And the glowing blaze of the crisp fire-light

Had hardly died; and the weird winds, Were sounding a requim over the minds Of the watchers by. And we knew not The future of thy short earth's lot.

But now, sweet year, we have lived with thee,

And have seen the things that thou didst see,

'Twere more than I could trace tonight, To recount the days thou shedst of light.

And thy clouded days were for the best, Thy hours of gloom oft brought sweet rest—

Thy golden skies oft formed a scene Which cast a feeling, calm, serene— The flowers that came in the early days, Shed their sweet fragrance along our ways.

The showers of rain, so softly dripped, The dewdrop came and the lily sipped, The green groves lighted with beautiful gleams, The water-fowls drifted adown the streams.

The brooklets revelled away thy hours, And thy days and weeks were hid in flowers.

Came the young crop of wheat, cotton, and corn, And life passed on as if the morn Shouldst linger here forever and aye, Through sunshine and shadow, and each day

Shouldst weave a garland for the heart-throbs of joy;

And time wouldst ne'er cease nor cause alloy—

But soon came the gold, then came the sheaf, And Autumn, with her serene and painted leaf.

Then again we saw the white frost falling,

The rain and winds, and the snow-birds calling,

We knew thy race was nearly run, And thy wings so swift would soon be gone!

Farewell! farewell! thou'rt floating adown

The valley so dark and so lone, The dim, shadowy vale of For-Get-Me-Not—

Oblivion claims thee, thou'lt soon be forgot;

Did I say forgot? No, no, sweet year; For memory shall often linger near, Thy tomb. And think on the joy or sorrow

Thou gavest us, or we didst borrow.

There is a hand divinely made, That traced the smallest or deepest laid

Events that came with thee; and it may be That we shall review them in Eternity— For thou hast stepped over life's golden brink,

And with thy predecessors thou'lt form a link In the eternal chain, and evermore 'Twill remain unclasped on the Mystic shore.

LAVINIA FRANCES.

Clarendon, Tex., Dec. 30, 1903.

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**American Beef Abroad.**

A New York report says that last year the United States sent abroad more than 175,000 tons of fresh beef, representing a slaughter of half a million cattle. It also forwarded 350,000 head of beef on the hoof, sent across the ocean during the same period. In other words, sufficient cattle were shipped, dead and alive, to outnumber the immigrants from Europe in the banner year of 1902.

Possibly the size of this immense traffic may be better understood from the statement that if all the beeves supplied to the butcher block of Europe for one year were to leave New York harbor at one time 850 ships of the same class as the giant liner Minnetonka and Minneapolis, which carry from 1,000 to 1,200 head, would be required to contain them all, and that if these vessels were to be strung out in single file with the bow of each ship touching the stern of the one before it, they would form a procession 100 miles long. These same cattle if collected in a single large herd on land would form a procession in tandem that would reach from New York to Pittsburg. The total value of our meat export is, in round figures, \$100,000,000, and beef stands for the larger part of this.

The high standard that has been reached in the production of American beef cattle is primarily responsible for this result. A secondary cause, however, is the perfect organization of the packing business in the United States, which, it is believed, is not equaled in any other industry, assisted as it is by the railway and steamship companies providing the best possible transportation facilities. American chilled beef commands better prices in England than the Australian product, which is its chief competitor, while American fresh killed beef exported on the hoof, competes on even terms with British home-fattened cattle.

When American beef is ready for shipment it is wrapped in clothes, which are cut to fit it perfectly, with nothing but the end of the leg protruding, so that it will not be touched in the process of handling. It is then placed in the refrigerator cars, which, on arrival in New York or Boston, are transferred to floats and run directly alongside the steamship pier. Here the beef is loaded into the vessel's great refrigerator boxes, which have been thoroughly cleansed and packed with ice.—Dallas News.

**The Manufacture of Steel Rails.**

In the Scientific American's Iron and Steel Number the manufacture of steel rails naturally receives the first consideration, both because the total output greatly exceeds that of any other branch of the steel industry, and because the steel rail has undoubtedly had more to do with the rapid development of this country than any other single product of the steel industry. The largest rail making works in the United States, which stretch for over a mile along the banks of the Monongahela River, at a point not far from the city of Pittsburg, require the services of some 4,000 men, who are continually at work on the manufacture of steel rails. These are turned out at the rate of over 7,000 rails, or nearly 3,000 tons, per day, and the output of the blast furnaces is about 4,250 tons of cast iron per day. Of the furnace output, about 20,000 tons are cast into pig, and 70,000 tons are converted into steel and rolled into rails every month. In a single month the rail mills have turned out as high as 180,000 rails, which varied in weight from 25 to 100 pounds per yard and in length from 30 to 60 feet.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union at Muskogee, I. T., adorned a Christmas tree for the poor with popcorn, cranberries, candies, etc. Next morning when they went to tie on the presents they found that rats had climbed the tree and eaten everything, from candles to cranberries.

J. H. Killion, of Moorland, has in his possession a copy of the Missouri Gazette, dated Tuesday, July 26, 1808, four years before the last war between this country and England. The paper was published at St. Louis, La., by one Joseph Charles, who is styled 'Printer to the territory.' The paper is full of interesting articles and has a communication relating to the celebration of July 4 in Indian territory. It has only two advertisements of one inch space each.—Woodward News.

Congressmen are insisting that their salaries ought to be raised, because they are claimed not to be sufficient for decent support. The salary now is \$5,000—perquisites not counted. There are Congressmen who save a good deal of money, and who would save some at half the price. There are others who save nothing, and would not save anything were salaries \$50,000. There are other Congressmen and Senators who make "on the side" several multiples of direct salaries. A reform is needed, especially in this "on the side" item. To get the salary matter intelligently before the people it would be a meritorious achievement if some good newspaper man would publish a list of expenses, legitimate and illegitimate, that now consume the six to eight thousand dollars at disposal of a Congressman.—Texas Farmer.

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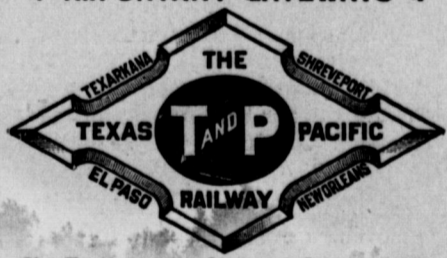
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