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## Japan and Russia.

Japan is being worked up to a pretty warm war spirit, and her fighting strength seems to be underestimated. In Washington a few days ago an army officer who served in the recent campaign and who has the friendship and confidence of some of the highest commanders in the Japanese army said:

"Some are saying that Japan can only put 600,000 men in the field. This is a bad mistake. Japan can raise an army of 2,000,000 men, and I happen to know that Japan has begun to tap the yellow millions of China. She has plans with China for the latter to put two million more soldiers in the field under Japanese officers, which will give Japan an army of 4,000,000. This army can be put in motion in less than two months. Consequently Russia is going to have the fight of her life when she tackles the Asiatics."

In military and naval circles the chief talk now is not the impending conflict in the far east, but rather the possible outcome of the first battle, which will undoubtedly be a naval engagement. In this event the Japanese fleet will have every advantage, assisted as it will be by natural harbors and fortified islands. Six of Japan's first-class battleships were built in this country, while its seven armored cruisers are all of recent construction, and are the swiftest of their kind in the world, while their armament makes them rank as almost the equal of battleships. The respective naval strength of both countries is as follows:

	Russia.	Japan.
Battleships (rate 1)	9	4
Battleships (rate 2)	4	3
Battleships (rate 3)	4	—
Battleships (rate 4)	7	—
Armored cruisers	4	7
Cruisers (rate 5)	17	—
Cruisers (rate 6)	4	12
Cruisers (rate 7)	6	4
Torpedo gunboats	7	—
Destroyers	53	47

In the event of a conflict Japan, of course, would have her entire navy available, while Russia would be compelled to wait until she could send certain ships to the far east and would also be compelled to retain certain ships out of connection in order to maintain her interests in the Baltic, the Black Sea and the Caspian. The total number of officers and men in the Russian fleet is about 35,000. The Japanese standing squadron, which will be the first engagement, is under the command of Vice Admiral Togoda, the fighter chief of Japan. Russia's war army would probably number four and one-half million men, opposed to this Japan can place in the field within ten days after war is declared, one and one-quarter million fighters. The navy, however, is much more efficient than the army, and it is on it that the mikado will largely rely.

It is claimed that Greer county, Ok., produced 50,000 bales of cotton worth \$2,500,000.

The reported number of known dead in the Chicago theater fire up Monday was 589.

A Fort Worth lawyer says there are not less than 1500 cases on the annual docket of county court which convened Monday.

## Japanese Russian War Certain.

PEKIN, Jan. 2.—In the various foreign legations here the opinion is prevalent that war between Japan and Russia is inevitable. This opinion is based on the latest dispatches from Tokio and on the conviction that it is not a question of detail which separates Russia and Japan, but the vital principles as to whether Japan possesses the right to a voice in the settlement of questions connected with the Russian occupation of Manchuria. Russia all along has denied this right, and unless her reply shows that she has receded from this position, which is not expected to be the case, it will probably provoke an ultimatum from Japan, whose determination to resort to arms in support of her claims is unquestioned. Advices from Manchuria represent the Russian officials there as being surprised at Japan's readiness to fight. They expected that she would submit at the last moment, as she did in 1895, when she surrendered Port Arthur at the bidding of the European coalition. The Russians of this city expect support of the same powers which aided the Russian government on that occasion. Moreover, the Russians have confidence in their ability to win in the event of war. Among the junior officers this feeling takes the form of despising the enemy.

Later the Associated Press wired from St. Petersburg that it has the authority of the foreign office for the statement that the Russian reply will be transmitted to Japan in a day or two. The reply will not be merely "yes" or "no" but made up of reasonable propositions. The general basis of this communication is already complete, but the details are being elaborated.

## Train Robberies in 1903.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 1.—An estimate has been made here of train and stage robberies in the United States in 1903, with the record for the last fourteen years. The number of trains held up in fourteen years is 341. The number of persons killed is 991, and the number of persons wounded 109. The number of trains held up in 1902 was thirteen. Last year there were twenty-two. There were six stage robberies in 1903, and seven in 1902. No passengers or trainmen were killed by robbers in 1903, but there were six wounded. In 1902 one was killed and three wounded. One train robber was killed in 1903 and three killed in 1902.

General James Longstreet, soldier statesman and diplomat, the last lieutenant general of the Confederacy, with the exception of General Gordon, died in Gainesville, Ga., Saturday from an attack of acute pneumonia. He had been ill two days. General Longstreet was a sufferer from cancer of one eye, but his general health had been good until Wednesday, when he was seized with a sudden cold, developing later into pneumonia of violent nature. He was 83 years old. He is survived by his wife two sons and a daughter. He was buried in Gainesville, which has been his home since the Civil war.

At the next general election an amendment to the voters of the state providing for an increase in the appropriation for Confederate pensions from \$250,000 to \$500,000 per annum.

## JANUARY

# Clearing Sale!

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## Standard Oil Gobbling Up Other Trusts.

Press dispatches say Rockefeller's oil crowd is taking in other trusts and is shaping itself to control every leading industry in the country. This is true of coal-mining, the oil industry, steamship lines, railroads and many small projects which are not heard of by the public at large.

The Standard has lately captured the great billion-dollar steel trust, and its methods are now being put into practice, and the plants return dividends. It is an endless-chain process. The dividends from the Standard's shares are put into other enterprises, which are made to yield dividends of large proportions, and that capital is also to find an investment. Where it is to end no one can foresee.

How vast this sum is may be seen from the figures given. The fourth and last dividend, in 1903, amounted to \$12,000,000, checks for which were mailed on the last Monday in December.

The dividend disbursed amounted to \$12 a share, which is an increase of \$2 over the dividend declared at this time last year. This brings the total dividends for the year to 44 per cent, or \$44,000,000 in dividends for the full year.

John D. Rockefeller is credited with owning 33 per cent of the stock of the Standard Oil company, and his receipts from the earnings of the corporation during the current year were approximated at \$15,000,000.

The increase of the dividends in the last quarter to 10 per cent was due to larger earnings, resulting from a sharp advance in the price of oil. According to an official of the Standard Oil Company, the corporation carries no surplus, giving the benefit of all earnings to the stockholders.

The Standard Oil company is now disbursing more money to stockholders than any other corporation in the world.

The United States Steel corporation held first place as a dividend power previous to the reduction in the common dividend and the conversion of preferred stock into bonds. It now ranks second to the Standard Oil company and the money flows into the same coffers. Since 1891 the disbursements of the corporation run close to \$375,000,000, or nearly four times as great as the \$100,000,000 capital stock.

In view of the fact that oil has been falling on the strength of reproduction is falling off

very rapidly, the present increased dividend of the Standard Oil company has caused considerable interest in financial circles. People in close touch with the situation say that it is very unlikely that Rockefeller interests would agree to an increase in disbursements to stockholders if they believed that an oil famine was threatened.

## Dowieites May Come to Texas.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 4.—John Alexander Dowie, known as Elijah III., arrived in San Antonio tonight, the guest of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass, for the purpose of locating a new eternal city at Matagordo Island, and will inspect that point.

The island is practically below the frost line and embraces 30,000 acres of the finest truck garden land in the South.

Assistant General Passenger Agent Geo. F. Lupton, who is a Dowieite, went to Chicago recently and met Dowie, taking with him a large crate of tender vegetables from the Texas Coast.

The thermometer stood 16 below at Chicago the day that Lupton met Dowie, and Elijah III. was so charmed that he decided to investigate.

Two weeks ago President R. W. Hudson of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass went to Chicago with Mr. Lupton and then the details for the Dowie movement to Texas were consummated, in case the investigation satisfies Dowie. The latter is traveling in a San Antonio and Aransas Pass special car and with the management will visit the proposed site for an eternal city in Texas.

A record of loss by fire in the United States and Canada for the year just closed compiled by the Journal of Commerce, shows a total of \$156,197,000. This is the greatest sum since 1893, with the exception of 1900 and 1901.

Lawrence Depew, brother of United States Senator Chauncey M. Depew of New York, and one of the most prominent citizens of Detroit, fell dead at his home Sunday. Death was attributed to heart disease.

The northeast caught the full force of Sunday and Monday's cold snap. At Youngstown, O., the temperature was down to 16 below zero. At Danbury, N. H., 26 below. Troy, N. Y., 32 below. Albany, 25 below.

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CLARENDON, TEX., JAN. 6, 1904.

A CHICAGO preacher arraigned the city officials so bitterly in a sermon Sunday for their negligence for public safety that Mrs. Ousley, a sister of Mayor Harrison, who sat in the congregation, fainted and it took some time to revive her. There is no mention of any effect on the officials themselves. Very likely they don't go to preaching.

THE big banquet and big Tammany pow-wow of some 500, at which the presidential campaign of the gold standard crown was to be launched came off Monday night in New York City, but four of "the-wise-as-serpents," would be leaders held aloof, nursing a big load of policy. These four were Grover Cleveland, A. P. Gorman, Judge George Gray and Alton B. Parker.

UNCERTAINTY and vexation seems to be the lot of the "would-be, get-rich" adventurer around Lawton, Ok. Over there all titles to staked mining claims expired with December 31, and New Year's day opened with many claims in possession of new prospectors. During the last night of the year, many men from all parts of the country surrounding the mountains made for these claims and next day a general confusion arose, resulting in small fights and bitter lawsuits. Many of these claims are valuable and have improvements upon them.

THE Colorado Fuel and Iron company, who announced its intention of standing out against the labor unions until doomsday, seems to be in straits for miners now. Sunday's Telegram says its representatives are in Fort Worth in search of men to go to the coal fields of Colorado. Inducements were offered to the few miners that these men met in that city in the shape of a year's contract and a guarantee of the present scale of union wages prevalent in the Colorado district. Owing to the strike in that state it is doubtful, if any can be induced to go. After calling on the employment agencies, the agents of the Colorado company stated they would visit other places, and they will probably try Thurber, Bridgeport, Strawn and Lyra before leaving the state. They have been in the territory, but since the operators in the territory and in the Texas fields have signed the union scale it is hard to get the men to leave the places they now have, especially in the face of trouble in the west, and with a hard winter but half over. The Telegram adds: "General Manager W. K. Gordon and Assistant Manager Williams of the Thurber field were in the city this week. They state that the men at Thurber are thoroughly satisfied with conditions, and that no inducements from Colorado will take them from the work they have before them. Mr. Bennett of the Lyra mines was here yesterday. Asked regarding the conditions out his way, the reply was that everything was satisfactory to both the men and the operators."

Hon. T. Graham of Fort Worth, chief of the department of agriculture from Texas to the World's Fair at St. Louis, has arranged to ship the Williamson county prize exhibit which won the honors at San Antonio fair to Fort Worth, where all agricultural exhibits will be concentrated and sent to St. Louis. Captain W. P. McNeil, who will have charge of the exhibit at the fair, has gone to Fort Worth with it.

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## Railroads Confiscate Coal

HUTCHINSON, Kas., Jan. 1.—According to Philander C. Knox, Attorney General of the United States, railroad companies have no right to confiscate private coal, even for the transmission of the mails. As a result of this knowledge, the coal famine that has been threatening some parts of Kansas is not bothering this section. A few weeks ago it was a very serious question. The railroads were confiscating coal whenever they wanted it. The coal men were selling their stock and orders six weeks old were not filled, although the mines insisted that the coal was on the way. Finally the dealers in the central portion of the state in desperation employed Carr W. Taylor, an attorney, to see if there was not some way to compel the railroads to deliver the coal consigned to them.

Mr. Taylor urged that it amounted to the taking of private property without due process of law, and was just as unlawful as horse stealing or any form of larceny. Mr. Taylor stated his case to the Attorney General of the United States and asked if there was any act of Congress conferring such authority upon railroads. The Attorney General stated that the railroads had absolutely no authority for the confiscation of public coal. The government only has that authority, and then only in case of war or insurrection. Not even under its contract to move the United States mails were any such plenary powers conferred upon the railroads. It was assumed that the roads are prepared to fulfill their obligations.

This information was sought with the purpose of bringing suit, but it never became necessary to bring the suit, as the railroads evidently knew of the movement and dealers in this section recently have had no trouble getting coal. Mr. Taylor said that the railroads had also been confiscating state coal. He says that all that would be necessary under this ruling of the United States attorney general's office would be for the attorney general of the state to bring action against the railroads, either by injunction or some other legal process, to restrain such actions in the future. There is no excuse for any community with nerve to suffer the ill effects of a coal famine, he says, if they will bring action against the confiscating railroad companies.

## Federal Court at Fort Worth.

Last Saturday the following orders were entered of record in Federal court at Fort Worth:

United States vs. Wm. S. Brice, continued by consent.

United States vs. Gus Hubert, "illicit retail liquor dealer," plea of guilty, sentenced to one year and one day in the penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., at hard labor and fined 100.

United States vs. Tom Street "illicit retail liquor dealer," plea of guilty, sentenced to thirty days in jail and fine of \$100.

United States vs. John P. Moore, violation of postal laws; plea of guilty; fine of \$50, paid.

United States vs. James Emory Hutto, violation of quarantine regulations; plea of guilty; fine of \$100.

United States vs. Doc Bellows, charge same as above; plea of guilty; fine of \$100.

United States vs. James Thornton, robbing postoffice; defendant pleads not guilty; verdict of guilty; sentence of five years at hard labor in the penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga.

## Pay Taxes Now, Or Extra Cost.

Notice is hereby given that all taxes must be paid by Jan. 31, or the law imposes a penalty of ten per cent additional.

L. C. BEVERLY, Tax Collector.

## No Aid To Panama Insurrection, Says Roosevelt.

When Congress reconvened after the holiday recess, the president sent in his message in which he referred to the Panama question and made general denial of complicity on the part of the United States government with the revolutionary party. Regarding this charge the message says in part:

"I hesitate to refer to the injurious insinuations which have been made of complicity by this government in the revolutionary movement in Panama. They are as destitute of foundation as of propriety. The only excuse for my mentioning them is the fear lest unthinking persons might mistake for acquiescence the silence of mere self-respect. I think proper to say, therefore, that no one connected with this government had any part in preparing, inciting, or encouraging the late revolution on the isthmus of Panama, and that save from the reports of our military and naval officers, given above, no one connected with this government had any previous knowledge of the revolution except such as was accessible to any person of ordinary intelligence who read the newspapers and keep up a current acquaintance with public affairs.

"By the unanimous action of its people, without the firing of a shot—with a unanimity hardly before recorded in any similar case—the people of Panama declared themselves an independent republic. Their recognition by this government was based upon a state of facts in no way dependent for its justification upon our action in ordinary cases. I have not denied, nor do I wish to deny, either the validity or the propriety of the general rule that a new state should not be recognized as independent till it has shown its ability to maintain its independence. This rule is derived from the principle of non-intervention, and as a corollary of that principle has generally been observed by the United States. But, like the principle from which it is deduced, the rule is subject to exceptions; and there are in my opinion clear and imperative reasons why a departure from it was justified and even required in the present instance. These reasons embrace, first, our treaty rights; second, our national interests and safety; and, third, the interests of collective civilization."

## STATE NEWS.

The temperature at Fort Worth Sunday went down to 18 degrees.

Ben Slater, of Young county, accidentally shot himself through the thigh last week.

Miss Florence, daughter of R. M. Coker, near Weatherford, was severely burned Saturday, her clothes catching the flames while standing near the fireplace.

Near Sunset Saturday a dog belonging to Drew Rogers, went mad, biting three of his children. The dog made good his escape, and Mr. Rogers thinks a number of his stock were bitten. Other dogs were also bitten.

Sunday at Bartlett a fire broke out in the restaurant of Barney McKay, entirely destroying house and contents. The fire was under good headway when discovered and rapidly spread to Frank McLaughlin's grocery store, entirely destroying his house and stock of goods. Before anything could be done Bridges Bros.' meat market was destroyed with contents, as was Frank Newton's shoe shop.

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## Australian Rabbit Industry.

O. P. Austin, chief of the Bureau of Statistics, Department of Commerce and Labor, Washington, D. C., recently said in an article on cold storage:

"Even the despised rabbit has become, through cold storage transportation, a subject of profitable merchandise with the Australian. A comparatively few years ago rabbits were introduced into Australia and New Zealand with much ceremony, in the belief that they would prove of great advantage; but to the surprise of everybody they so overran the country as to threaten the agricultural industry. So great a pest did they become that large sums were expended by the government and by private individuals in attempt to destroy them, or at least reduce the rapid increase. Within very recent years, however, the development of cold storage transportation has enabled the Australians to transform the rabbit from an element of danger to an element of commercial advantage, and frozen rabbits are now being shipped from Australia across the equator half way round the world and sold in the markets of London at a shilling a piece, with a prospect that which a few years ago threatened destruction to agriculture in that part of the world may, under these recent developments, prove of commercial advantage.

Contracts will soon be let for the erection on lower Broadway, New York of the tallest building on earth. With five stories below the street level, forty stories high from the sidewalk entrance to the top floor and surmounted by a sixty-foot tower, the gigantic new building, which will be known as the Broadway-Cortlandt, will have a total height of 615 feet, making it over twice as high as the Flatiron Building and almost as tall again as the Park Row Building, which now holds the record. The building is estimated to cost when ready for occupancy about \$4,500,000, while the site will have cost about \$5,000,000.

Fargo Squires, eldest son of the United States minister to Cuba, accidentally shot and killed himself while practicing shooting with a revolver in Havana Thursday. The weapon failed to act properly and young Squires began to examine it when it went off as the weapon was pointed at his left side.

Mr. Rockefeller and his lieutenants are said to have cleared in the deals by which they merged the copper interests into the Amalgamated Copper Company: On American stock, about \$11,000,000; on other stock, about \$13,000,000; on "inner circle" profit, \$15,000,000; total \$39,000,000. From this they allowed the underwriting syndicate to take perhaps \$2,000,000.

The grand jury at Rusk has returned five indictments against A. S. Busby for shortage while he was assistant financial agent of the East Texas penitentiary. These are the same as some of the other twenty-six indictments against Busby, being new indictments in another form to cure any defects in the first indictments.

## The Crafty Rockefeller

It is doubtful if the Rockefeller combination in this country has ever known so successful as Mr. John D. Rockefeller in making people think that it is to his advantage they should think. So remarkable is Mr. Rockefeller's persuasiveness that he has even been able to convince a large part of the general public that his great combination, far from being his work, is the inevitable result of the operations of "natural law," "economic forces." A fine illustration of how much "natural law" has had to do with much of Mr. Rockefeller's combination is found in the story of the harmonizing of the Standard Oil Trust and the Tidewater Pipe Line—the organization to which is due one of the most revolutionary and important developments in the oil business—the demonstration that crude oil could be pumped through pipe line over the mountains of Pennsylvania to the seaboard.—Ida Tarbell in McClure's.

## 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. S. Hardy, pastor. Sunday school 10 a. m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night. Junksworth 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 and 4th Sundays.

## SOCIETIES.

I. O. O. F.—Clarendon Lodge No. 381, meet 1st and 3rd Thursday nights each month in 3rd story of courthouse. Visiting brothers highly welcome. D. E. FOSBY, N. G. WELCH, Sec'y.

W. O. W., Woodbine Camp No. 476—Meets 3rd Friday night in each month at 7:30. Visiting choppers invited. ED KIZER, C. C. J. E. COOKE, clerk

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 companies cordially invited. W. H. MEADOR, H. P. JAB. 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. O.

F. A. WHITE, K. of R. S. CLARENDON CHAPTER, ORDER EASTERN STAR.—Meets 2nd 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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 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 five cents per line for first insertion and 3 cents for subsequent insertions. All locals run and are charged for until ordered out. Transient notices and job work are cash, other bills on first of month.

**Business Locals.**

Wall paper at Stockings.  
 Jackson has pure maple syrup.  
 Pure ribbon cane syrup for sale by Posey & Patman.  
 Just received—Fresh evaporated fruit at J. A. Jackson's.

**LOCAL AND PERSONAL.**

Read Martin, Bennett & Co.'s new ad in this issue.  
 The Ex-Confederate Veterans held a meeting today at the opera house.

C. A. Wright has moved to the Chamberlain place, as has also Jim Smith.

J. E. Crisp has finished his new residence and will move into it tomorrow.

Mrs. Curtis Traweck, of Leger, Ok., is visiting her mother, Mrs. A. J. Barnett.

Prof. Wade Willis and wife returned to their home at Texline Sunday after spending the holidays here.

Mrs. J. M. Hill, and daughter, Mrs. Minnie Kella, of Dalhart, returned home Monday night after a weeks visit here.

Vital statistics for December show eleven births; three boys and eight girls. There were two deaths, both females.

George Allman and wife have gone to housekeeping in the house just vacated by Charles Parsons, near the court house.

D. A. Gathings and daughter, Thera, returned from Cleburne Sunday and Mrs. Gathings returned from Waco Monday night.

Mrs. D. Barnhart, and daughter, Lucy, left Monday night for a visit at Dalhart, where Frank, son of Mrs. B. is working in the Rock Island shops.

A small shed in which there was about a wagon load of hay back of the Schnitz restaurant burned yesterday, likely the result of a careless smoker.

Guyton Skinner writes that he has been promoted and engaged for the year by the mercantile firm at Brownwood, where he is in the sales department.

Lew White is now bookkeeper at the Citizens bank, having taken the place of his brother, Cliff, who is devoting his time to the Colonization Agency business.

Last month's business in the postoffice here has been the best in its history. Nearly 500 money orders were sold and the stamp sales amounted to \$421. This is a considerable increase over December a year ago.

Allen Baker had the misfortune to lose his house near Alanreed, and about half the contents by fire Friday morning. The fire started from the kitchen flue. G. S. Patteron was taking up a collection for him Monday.

The Woodmen, K. of P's and the Odd fellows have rented the upper story of Mrs. Donahue's building, except the two front offices, for two years at \$15 per month. The partitions have been taken out and the Woodmen will hold their first meeting in it Friday night.

Dr. Stocking says tell all the people THANKS and a Happy New Year, and he will be at the same old stand for 1904.

T. B. Lumpkin has bought the Rev. Hall land.

Judge Browning of Amarillo, spent Monday here.

The Eastern Star order will have a supper at their hall tonight.

R. A. Chamberlain has bought the Crosby 640 acres of land four miles west of town.

Prof. W. G. Stewart orders his paper changed from Dallas to Mosheim, Texas.

Clint Weatherford and Mr. King will leave tonight for Tucumcari, the latter on a prospecting tour.

D. B. Hill from Dalhart was here through district court and left for home last night and was feeling good over being successful in the cases he had.

The Witt Bros. now have charge of their hardware business, bought from Mr. Hartman, and the three residences rented by the members of the firm are the Burnside place, the Stockett place and Grant Calvert place.

The county commissioner's met yesterday, thoroughly examined the jail, received it and paid for it, \$9,000 being the total cost. Bonds for \$10,000 were sold, but \$1,000 remains in the county treasury to the credit to the jail fund. After allowing several accounts the court adjourned to the February term.

**District Court.**

District court convened Monday, Judge Webster presiding, and the grand and petit juries were qualified, which pretty well took up the day. The following cases were taken up and disposed of as noted:

R. B. Pyron vs. F. W. & D. R'y, continued by consent.

H. P. Farris vs. Geo. R. Smith, continued for service.

G. A. Wallace vs. C. O. & T. R'y, continued to include new parties as plaintiff.

Clarendon Land Investment and Agency Co. vs. D. M. Galloway, et. al., continued by agreement.

Same plaintiff vs F. B. Rudolph, continued by agreement.

S. L. Boone (two cases) vs. F. W. & D. R'y, continued on application of the M. K. & T. R'y.

The appointment of John R. Bell by the court at Dalhart as court stenographer was put to record.

J. B. Williams vs. L. C. Barnes was dismissed at cost of plaintiff.

J. E. Tracy vs. W. W. Brooks was dismissed at cost of plaintiff.

State vs. Ed Johnson dismissed.

G. T. Hamlin vs. W. F. Many, continued on application of defendant.

A case was tried this morning in which W. D. McMananny sued Cline & Haggard and garnisheed a fire insurance company, in whom Haggard had a claim, and judgment was rendered for plaintiff.

The petit jury was discharged last night and there is but little more business in the court. The grand jury is still in session, however.

Rev. J. F. Elder, pastor of the Baptist church, tendered his resignation last Sunday and will in a few days leave for Waco where he will spend some months in a much needed rest. Mr. Elder's health has been bad for sometime, and after 23 years of arduous labor as pastor, he finds that it will be necessary for him to quit work for awhile at least, else he will break completely down under the great strain.—Hereford Brand.

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**College Clatter.**

Jesse Stanford returned Saturday from a visit to Waco.

Tom Talley, Lonnie Sweeney, J. H. Absber, Frank Gardenhire and Miss Bramley Price have returned to college.

Mr. R. N. Rutherford, who has lately moved from Hill County, placed his children in college this week.

A Mr. Sweeney from Virginia, entered this week, also Miss Ada Hawkins of Claude.

V. H. Trammel is very sick now.

The reception Friday night was the most enjoyable social event at the college this year.

The first term ends Jan. 15, and the students are reviewing for examination then.

Lee has a car of flour, car of cotton seed and cotton seed meal, as well as oats for sale. Give him a trial when you want feed.

**Giles Gossip.**

Mrs. G. G. Willingham returned home Wednesday after spending Christmas with her parents in Leger, Ok.

Many friends of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Watt enjoyed a progressive Flinch party at their home Wednesday.

Mrs. Banty, and daughter Ruby, returned to Iowa Park Tuesday, after a week's visit with Judge Akers' family.

Several hunting parties from Dallas and other cities are out north and east of Giles hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Curtis returned home Tuesday after spending the holidays with relatives and friends in Amarillo.

H. I. Reed is spending his leisure time in grubbing and other wise preparing his land to put in 25 acres of cotton.

Mr. Young moved Monday to his home in Giles. He bought John Roads' place.

Carpenters have commenced work on Mrs. Ranson's new addition to her home.

Amount subscribed to this date for building a gin at Giles is \$400. NESTER.

**Concerning college football teams.**

Too often it comes to pass, The man who's halfback in the field Is well back in his class.—Ex.

The Panhandle Herald already carries three announcements for county officers. Down the road, announcements are appearing in several counties.

**Fort Worth Market.**

Top prices Monday were: steers \$3.90; cows \$2.45; calves \$4.00 hogs \$4.90. Receipts were: cattle 2,500, calves 119, hogs 1,400.

A six room dwelling for rent. Inquire of Dr. Stocking.

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**WASHINGTON LETTER.**

From the Democratic Congressional committee Addressing Yale students, Rev. Dr. Rainsford said:

"Mr. Roosevelt has earned the thanks of this country for the good he has done in telling the truth.

"The man who tells the truth and sticks to it does the most lasting good, whether he tells that truth at the dinner table or in public."

Did Mr. Roosevelt tell the truth when, in his "Life of Thomas H. Benton," he agreed with political economists that protection "is vicious in theory and harmful in practice?" Then did he stick to it when he advocated a protective tariff wherein the duty should be "more than" equal to the cost of wages abroad and at home?

Did he tell the truth when in his Cincinnati speech on September 20, 1902, when he said that the tariff did not foster trusts, and asserted that the anthracite trust was not protected by tariff duties? Did he stick to it when in his message of December, 1902, he admitted that the tariff can produce monopoly, and recommended the removal of the tariff on anthracite coal?

Did he tell the truth when, in his speech at Logansport, Ind., he admitted that the tariff might need revision, and when in his message of December, 1902, he said that it was important that a tariff commission be appointed? Did he stick to it when he later adopted the "stand pat" policy and showed his utter contempt for the tariff question by ignoring it in his latest message to Congress?

Did he tell the truth when he rejected the little gift of a silken flag woven by the hands of a patriotic American girl on the ground that the President of the United States should not receive gifts? Did he stick to it when he accepted free of all cost special trains at the hands of railroad magnates?

Did he tell the truth when in his "Ranch Life and Hunting Trail," he said that the "cowboys are much better fellows and more pleasant companions than small farmers and agricultural laborers; nor are the mechanics and workmen of the great cities to be mentioned in the same breath?" Did he stick to it when he came to appeal for the votes of the small farmers, the agricultural laborers and the mechanics and workmen of the great cities?

Did he tell the truth when he said he would strictly enforce the civil service laws of the country? Did he stick to it when he made one of his own appointees as Civil Service Commissioner tear up a report he had written recommending the dismissal of the Philadelphia postmaster for just cause and for flagrant violation of the law, simply because he was afraid of Matt Quay?

The people of the country need not be at all surprised to hear of some rather interesting developments ament the Panama matter when the democrats get into action after the holidays. They are going to make every honest attempt to get the administration to give them all the facts, and thus give them to the country, concerning this entire transaction from start to finish. After they have exhausted every resource to get at the facts from the republicans, they are going to spring a few they now have up their sleeves. The democrats will show that the republican administration dealt not only with Wall Street, but with the French Panama company. Wall Street was to help push the deal through for the French company and then was to give the promoters \$10,000,000 out of forty million, and then five million of this sum was to go to

the republican campaign fund in recognition of the help given them by the administration. If these things be true is it any wonder that the administration does not ask any odds of Wall Street? If they be true does any honest man desire to see the thing consummated by the ratification of such a treaty when it does not at all endanger the building of an Isthmian canal?

C. A. EDWARDS.

The 4-year-old daughter of S. P. Carpenter, superintendent of the county poor farm near Austin was sealed to death Monday night in a most unusual way. The little girl was standing near an inmate, who was partially blind, and who was doing some laundry work. Her presence was unobserved and when he had finished he heaved ten gallons of boiling soap suds on her body.

On Christmas day three brothers-in-law, Brack Mitchell, Jack Moseley and Pit Jones, all brothers-in-law to our townsman, S. Loveless, and living at Eskata, were out hunting when Moseley's gun was accidentally discharged, killing Mr. Jones. This is only one of the many sad accidents that occurred during the holidays.—Hereford Brand.

**The Lowest Form of Bird.**

There is a peculiar bird commonly known as the "kiwi," its scientific name being Apteryx mantelli. It is the lowest form of bird which exists, but is so scarce that scientists are happy to get a specimen in any condition. It is absolutely without wings or tail. Its legs are short, stubby, but very strong, and are used by this bird for digging. The body covering is a cross between hair and feathers, a material which is very coarse. They can develop great speed and make a desperate fight when attacked. Breeding them in captivity has utterly failed, and only a few museums can boast of a specimen. They are now very rarely found in the forests and swamps in the north of New Zealand.

**Boiling Down a Speech.**

An old newspaper man in Washington tells this story of Mr. Blaine: "My first experience with Mr. Blaine was when as correspondent for a western paper I endeavored to get him to withdraw from the official reporters of the house a speech which he had made in order that I might make an abstract of it.

"How much of this do you want to use?" Mr. Blaine asked. "I replied that I thought I would send about half of it. "Then I will make an abstract myself," said he, "reducing it one-half. I do not doubt your skill, but I want this speech boiled down by its friends."

**Of Two Evils.**

He—You're getting your hat ruined. She—Well, it's an old hat, and I do hate to wet my new umbrella.—Detroit Free Press.

There are animals purporting to be whales a-swim in the ocean of Fame of whom Posterity will easily pack a dozen at a time into a sardine box.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

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