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## Texas Farmers Able to Hold Surplus Cotton.

E. S. Peters, president of the Texas Cotton Growers' Association, announces that Texas is prepared to take care of every bale of her surplus crop of cotton.

"This will be done on the basis of 5 per cent interest," declared Mr. Peters. "An advance of \$25 per bale will be made and every bale of the surplus cotton in Texas and the territories will be taken on this basis. No matter what the price goes to this has been arranged by a syndicate capitalized for that purpose."

Mr. Peters issued a note of warning to cotton growers to hold on their surplus stock. He said: "Beware of spinners who are resorting to every device to get their hands on spot cotton. They are offering to take it off the hands of growers and to pay for it at any time the growers desire at the then market price. This is a thin scheme, as also is that one advising holders to sell spot and buy futures. Holders of cotton have the key to the situation and to retain it must hold every bale."

Mr. Peters says a large delegation of the Cotton Growers' Protective Association will meet at New Orleans Jan. 24. The purpose of this meeting is to band all farmers and cotton growers' organizations together and to form a bureau of statistics and information which will operate independently of the bureau of statistics of the United States department of agriculture.

## Year's Output of Gold.

The preliminary figures upon the production of gold and silver in the United States in 1904, submitted to the director of the mint, show larger gains over the preceding year than expected.

Nearly every state of important yield has increased its output. The Colorado yield is about \$26,000,000, as compared with \$22,500,000 in 1903, and its best record, \$28,800,000, in 1900. California has made the best output for many years, due to a good supply of water and the work of dredges. Nevada and Utah have made notable gains. South Dakota and Alaska have beaten their previous best records. The Appalachian region shows improvement. The Klondike shows a loss of about \$2,000,000.

Benjamin Franklin bequeathed a fund of \$5,000 to be invested and left intact for a century, and then to become available for industrial training of apprentices. In 1890, at the termination of the trust, the fund had increased to \$270,000. Andrew Carnegie has added \$540,000 to this sum, and the fund thus created will be used to establish a large industrial school.

It is reported that a K & T freight train was wrecked at Roanoke Wednesday and twenty cars derailed. A man named Stewart and one named Fred Hopkins, who were stealing a ride were killed.

## Attacks Validity of Constitutional Amendments.

Mr. E. G. Senter, of Dallas, says the amendments voted on in November failed to carry because they did not receive a majority of the total vote cast. He says:

"I do not believe that either of the constitutional amendments at the late election has been constitutionally adopted or that a law could be based upon either of them which would have any force or validity. The total number of votes cast at the election was about 275,000! 66,003 votes were cast for the bond amendment and 59,373 against it; 90,042 votes were cast for the pension amendment, and 42,035 against it; 70,056 votes were cast for the state bank amendment and 54,160 against it. Thus it appears that neither of the amendments received one third of the total vote cast at the election. They were so vaguely described upon the official ballot that the people did not understand them, and hence a large majority of the people did not vote at all upon the amendments."

"This question has not come before our own supreme court, but the identical question was decided by the Mississippi supreme court in 1900, and that court, in an able opinion in the case of State ex. rel McClung vs. Powell, reported in book 48. Lawyers' Reports, Annotated, construed language almost identical with the terms of our own constitution to require that a majority of all the votes cast at the election were necessary in order to adopt proposed amendments."

## STATE NEWS.

Karl Feige's residence burned Saturday night at Cleburne. Insurance \$800 on house and \$700 on furniture.

W. R. Clark, a horse trader 42 years old, was found dead in jail at Fort Worth Tuesday. He had been pronounced insane.

The skeleton of a shoemaker named Spilkner, who disappeared a year ago, has been found near Paducah. He had been murdered. A well-digger named Miller and three other men have been arrested, charged with the crime.

Three men who gave their names as Tom Johnson, Charles Taylor and J. W. Hill were arrested at Oklahoma City Monday for alleged connection with the murder of W. M. Russell, sheriff of Hugo, I. T., and are being held for identification.

Fire at Glenrose Tuesday destroyed the restaurant of C. W. Campbell and the Blacksmith shop of Mantooth & Reeder, adjoining. The damage to the restaurant was about \$600, with no insurance. The blacksmith shop loss was approximately \$450, with no insurance.

In Dallas Monday, W. B. Maddox, while helping to tear down an old wall at the rear of the Windsor hotel, was buried beneath a section of the wall that fell and injured so badly that he died. He was a native of Tennessee and was 55 years old. He had lived in Dallas twenty years.

## RUSSO-JAPAN WAR NEWS.

Capture 25,000 Prisoners, 20,000 Sick.

Tokio, Jan. 4.—The Japanese captured twenty-five thousand prisoners at Port Arthur. The total number of inhabitants is thirty-five thousand, of which twenty thousand are sick.

General Nogi reports to the army department that on Jan. 3 the commissioners of both Japanese and Russian armies concluded their conference and that on the morning of Jan. 4 actual transfer of war material at Port Arthur as the property of the Japanese government commenced.

## Russian Squadron Recalled.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 5.—Although orders to that effect have not yet been sent to Admiral Rojestvensky, the Associated Press is able to announce positively that a decision has been reached that the Russian second Pacific squadron will return to European waters.

It is said that the booty which fell into the hands of the Japanese at Port Arthur only amounted to 80,000 tons of coal and two months' rations of rice. Of the 270 officers of the Russian navy at Port Arthur at the beginning of the war, 180 have been killed or wounded, many of them while doing duty in the forts.

## Terms of Surrender.

Tokio, Jan. 4.—A telegram from General Nogi last night giving the text of the capitulation convention is as follows:

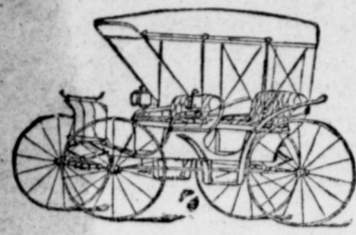
"Article 1. All Russian soldiers, marines, volunteers, also government officials at the garrison and harbor of Port Arthur are taken prisoners."

"Art. 2. All forts, batteries, warships, other ships and boats, arms, ammunition, horses, all material for hostile purpose, government building and all objects belonging to the Russian government shall be transferred to the Japanese army in their existing condition."

"Art. 3. On the preceding two conditions being assigned, as a guarantee for the fulfillment thereof, the men garrisoning the forts and the batteries on Etze mountain, Sungshu mountain, Antze mountain and the line of eminences southeast therefrom shall be removed by noon of Jan. 3 and the same shall be transferred to the Japanese army."

"Art. 4. Should Russian military or naval men be deemed to have destroyed objects named in article 2, or to have caused alteration in any way in their condition in the existing time, the signing of this compact and the negotiations shall be annulled and the Japanese army will take free action."

"Art. 5. The Russian military and naval authorities shall prepare and transfer to the Japanese army a table showing the fortifications of Port Arthur and their respective positions and maps showing location of mines, underground and submarine, and all other dangerous objects; also a list showing the composition and system of the army and navy services at Port Arthur, a list of army and navy officers, with their names, rank and duties of



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said officers, a list of army steamers, warships and other ships, with the numbers of their respective crews, a list of civilians showing the number of men and women, their race and occupations.

"Art. 6. Arms, including those carried on the person, ammunition, war materials, government building, objects owned by the government, horses, warships and other ships, including their contents, excepting private property, shall be left in their present positions and the commissioners of the Russian and Japanese armies shall decide upon the method of their transformation."

"Art. 7. The Japanese army, considering the gallant resistance offered by the Russian army as being honorable, will permit the officers of the Russian army and navy, as well as officials belonging thereto, to carry swords and to take with them private property directly necessary for maintenance of life. The previously mentioned officers, officials and volunteers, who will sign a written parole pledging that they will not take up arms and in no wise take action contrary to the interests of the Japanese army until the close of the war, will receive the consent of the Japanese army to return to their country. Each army and navy officer will be allowed one servant and such servant will be especially released on signing the parole."

"Art. 8. Non-commissioned officers and privates of both army and navy and volunteers shall wear their uniforms, and taking portable tents and necessary private property and commanded by their respective officers shall assemble at such places as may be indicated by the Japanese army. The Japanese commissioners will indicate the necessary details therefor."

"Art. 9. The sanitary corps and the accountants belonging to the Russian army and navy shall be retained by the Japanese while their services are deemed necessary for the caring for sick and wounded prisoners. During such time such corps will be required to render service under the direction of the sanitary corps and accountants of the Japanese army."

Articles 10 and 11 relate to transfer of documents, books, municipal administration and the signing of the treaty.

Fire in McGregor Thursday morning damaged the stores of Yates and Connally, John A. Wood, G. N. Yarbrough, C. A. Green and O. S. Potter. The heaviest loss is to Yates and Connally, and Yarbrough. The total loss is \$5,000, partially insured.

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The Youth's Companion, 144 Berkeley Street, Boston, Mass.

Old papers for sale at this office only fifteen cents per 100.

The old leather pouches which have been used for so many years in the railway mail service for the handling of mail have been discontinued. In their places the new vass sacks are being used. The leather pouches are being sent western points for the star carriers.



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A DISPATCH from Austin says that city is fairly teeming and swarming with men and women who are candidates for office or appointive positions in one or the other branch of the legislature. They are there from every point of the compass, and every portion of the state. The desire of some kind of a public office, either elective or appointive, seems to be growing.

THE Russians estimate that the taking of the Port Arthur fortress has cost Japan \$100,000,000, while they admit that their own war expenses for the year have been \$364,000,000. It is further said the casualties at Port Arthur are, Russian 21,000, other battles 129,000, total 150,000; Jap casualties at Port Arthur 70,000, other battles 78,000, total 148,000. Total dead; Japs 56,000; Russians 67,000.

EL PASO parties claim that when the new oil field at Carlesbad, N. M., is developed, fuel oil will be delivered there for one-half the present price. During the next week or two over twenty carloads of additional machinery and about seventy-five men will be brought from southern California to the new field. A railroad will be built from the new field to connect with the Pecos Valley lines.

CURTIS HANCOCK, a Dallas county member of the state legislature, has returned to the railroads seven passes, accompanied by a letter, which says among other things: "I have never taken the position that a legislator is dishonest when he accepts a free pass, but do maintain that it is much easier for him to be honest without them. As you well know, the last two Democratic conventions denounced free passes as an evil. This is a law of my party that I shall obey and will not wait for legislative action upon the subject to compel me to obey." Wonder how many others will do likewise?

ONE George O. Squier, of the United States army signal corps, claims that living vegetable organisms may be used as part of a circuit for electrical oscillations or Hertzian waves, which in turn suggests the possibility of using living trees as substitutes for masts and towers in the operation of wireless telegraphy. To use a tree instead of a mast, balloon or kite for wireless telegraphy it is only necessary, according to Major Squier, to drive two ordinary iron nails into the tree on or near its base and the other where the main branches of the tree divert from the trunk and to connect the receiving apparatus between the two nails. With this simple arrangement the messages from the distant wireless station are read by means of a telephone.

The residence of Ed C. Hyde at Hart burned Sunday night, the son building and contents being 000. Insured for \$1,300.

Edgar Adams, aged 19, was killed while out hunting near Kemp Bay. He stooped down to pick up his pistol, his pistol fell from his pocket and was discharged with fatal

**Lynchings Fewer.**

The Chicago Tribune makes the satisfactory showing that during 1904 there were fewer lynchings than in any previous year since 1885. Lynchings for the year number 87 as compared with 104 the previous year, 96 in 1902, 105 in 1901.

November was the one month in twenty years during which no lynching was reported North or South. Of the 87 lynchings 82 took place in the South and 5 in the North. There were 83 negro victims and 4 whites. Two women were among the number.

The high water mark for lynchings was in 1892, when mob vengeance was wreaked on 235 persons. Mississippi heads the list of states with 18 lynchings. The alleged causes of the lynchings were: Murder, 36; race prejudice, 19; attacks on women, 20; murderous assault, 4; conspiracy to murder, 2; unknown, 2; threats, 1; and robbery 1.

Legal executions numbered 116, as compared with 123 the year before and 194 in 1902.

The "divorce evil" is a subject that is just now being discussed all over the country. It is argued that divorces are too easily obtained. This may be true, and if so it is proof that marriage licenses are also too easily obtained.—Tyler Courier.

The divorce problem is a serious one, but so long as people make mistakes in marriage just so long will they seek to have such marriages annulled. We may all talk about restricting divorces and making them more difficult to obtain, but in the end we will find out that those who desire separation will manage to find a method of obtaining it.—Dallas News.

The Texas newspapers that were for Parker because they knew he could win are already talking about other ways to win. How little they have learned from the late cataclysm. Happily for the country, the man whose only thought is of winning is a thousand meters below the general level of American politics. When the Democratic national organization again comes under control of men who will preach righteousness instead of victory it will have a chance to win. The people of the whole country have wisely learned to fear the politician who is out for success more than they fear any other pest which afflicts the land.—Lantern.

**What Texas Spends to Educate Negroes.**

Railroad commissioner Colquitt publishes a tabulated statement showing that Texas has spent for negro education in the past twenty-three years the enormous sum of \$17,395,008.50. He says further: "If we add to this the sum expended on the Prairie View Normal out of the general revenue, saying nothing about amounts spent from other sources, the total for negro education expended by Texas since 1881 amounts to \$17,740,508.76, or nearly 22 per cent of the whole sum. If, therefore, the estate of one hundred million dollars for free schools since their organization in Texas is correct, nearly twenty millions of it has been apportioned or spent to instruct the negro children of the State. I doubt if any other State has spent one-half or one-third as much."

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**Freight Charges Enormous.**

The railroads collected through freight charges \$1,338,020,026 from the people of the United States last year, and the total receipts of the government for the same period were \$694,621,118. The increase in freight revenues from 1898 to 1903 was 54 per cent. The Wall Street Journal, the leading financial publication of New York, commenting on these startling facts, said recently:

"It is not difficult to see that if the railroads are to continue to exercise full power in levying of the transportation tax they may easily become more powerful than the government itself, especially as by successive combination two-thirds of the railroad mileage of the United States is aggregated in eight or nine railroad systems, and it is not too much to say that eight or nine men practically dictate the railroad policy of the country.

"On the other hand, if the government is to assume the power to fix the transportation tax, that amounts practically to taking over the railroads themselves. In other words, it amounts to government ownership, which is a form of state socialism.

"What seems to be necessary is that there should be some judicial body created of the highest standing and character, almost equal, in fact, to the dignity of the Supreme Court, which shall protect the interests of the people in the levying of the transportation tax. If the railroads would themselves favor the establishment of some such tribunal, it is probable that the people in return might give them the right to pool their business.

"It is absolutely impossible that the people of the United States will forever permit a few men in control of the railroads of the country to levy a tax upon its trade and industry twice as large as that levied by the government itself."—Lantern.

Three children of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hanley, twin boys, aged 5 years, and one aged 3, were burned to death at Victoria Tuesday with the destruction of the barn and its contents, in which they were playing and in some way set on fire.

The New Year was celebrated at Frost by some of the people hauling a bale of cotton to a vacant lot and burning it.

While using a mouth wash containing carbolic acid, W. A. Moody a Mineola merchant, was strangled to death Tuesday.

A barn, two buggies and a lot of feed belonging to E. F. Aycock at Midlothian, burned Tuesday.

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Texas Advance	\$1.50
Scientific American	1.60
Phrenological Journal	1.60
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Will Everidge of Grant has been appointed sheriff of Kiamitia county, Choctaw nation, to fill the vacancy caused by the killing of Sheriff W. M. Russell. The three men recently detained at Oklahoma City have been dismissed by the authorities, as they were not the guilty parties.

**Fort Worth Market.**

Prices Thursday were:  
Steers from \$2.25 to \$3.25.  
Cows from \$1.20 to \$3.25.  
Calves from \$1.50 to \$4.75.  
Bulls from \$1.30 to \$2.40.  
Hogs from \$4.00 to \$4.65.

Lindon, the 9-year-old son of Bent Roberts, died at Bridgeport from lockjaw, caused by injuries received Christmas day.



**TIME TABLE.**

Fort Worth & Denver City Railway.

**NORTH BOUND.**

No. 1, Mail and Express..... 6:47 p. m.  
No. 7, Passenger and Express..... 6:25 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 Agent.

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.**

A nice line of fresh nuts and candies at J. M. Clower & Son's. Visit the Studio and see some late styles in all the very latest finishes. H. MULKEY.

**LOCAL AND PERSONAL.**

W. H. Meador attended the Masonic exercises at Memphis this week.

A Mr. Creighton from down near Abilene is here prospecting this week.

So far, we have had pretty weather this month, but threatening snow today.

Clarendon College is running again in full swing and the public school opens again Monday.

Marion Williams has put 106 head of good steers on feed near town to be fattened for market.

A letter on "Panhandle Fruit Culture" was handed in too late for this issue, but will appear next.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. White, of Memphis, and Mrs. Watkins are here on a visit to their brother, Attorney H. B. White.

Episcopal Church, Sunday next, 1st after Epiphany, Evening service and sermon. Subject: "The Epiphany." 7:30. All cordially invited.

J. H. Rutherford has bought out his partner's interest in the harness and saddlery business and will run it singlehanded. We are told that Mr. Collins will buy and sell stock.

Be sure and attend the Mexican Tea at Dr. Gray's Saturday afternoon and night. See the girls in beautiful Mexican costumes, serving Mexican National dishes at customary prices.

Rev. T. R. Bowles, of Quanah, came up this morning and will preach at the Baptist church tomorrow and tomorrow night. Everybody invited, and all Baptists especially requested to be present.

W. L. Powell, brother of W. P. Powell whom we mentioned Wednesday, has bought an interest in the Powell mercantile firm. He is an affable, business-like gentleman and we are pleased to have him locate with us.

A party of officials of the Fort Worth and Denver City went up the road Thursday night in Mr. Keeler's private car on their way to Denver. Besides Vice President and Traffic Manager Keeler, there were in the party General Superintendent Dolan, Auditor Hudson, General Attorney Spoons and Hal Sperry, private secretary to Mr. Keeler. The object of the trip is to attend a banquet in honor of President Frank Trumbull, who retains the presidency of the Colorado and Southern. The dinner is to be given by Vice President Herbert. Mr. Trumbull will engage in the banking business in Chicago.

It sometimes seems as if the lighter the individual, the easier it is for him to be in the social swim.—Ex.

See Mulkey's Samples and give him a trial order. Everything up to date.

**District Court.**

Since our mention of court proceedings Wednesday, the following cases have been continued: J. B. Williams vs. L. C. Barnes, land title suit. Etta McKenzie, et al, vs. C. A. Crawford, et al, land suit. R. B. Pyron vs. F. W. & D. Ry., damage suit. Clarendon Land, Investment & Agency Co. vs. D. A. Galloway, damage and land suit. G. T. Hamlin vs. W. F. Manney, damage suit over disputed survey.

J. D. Riee obtained judgement against G. A. Pyron in a suit on note.

Court took a recess until next Monday to wait on report of grand jury.

The new store of W. P. Powell & Sons shows up well and the interior looks like a regular department store. They are receiving big lots of new goods and say they will put prices on them to make them sell.

The "Mexican Tea" to be given this evening promises to be an unique affair. The reception committee will be dressed in Mexican costumes and is composed of the following ladies: Misses Lee Patton, Kittie Kimbrough, May O'Neal, Ethel Alverson, Annie Bourland, Lelia Ross, and Mesdames Skinner and McCormick.

Amarillo's much-advertised wolf hunt did not come off last week. The bleak norther was too much for the hunters.

The Misses Davis of Clarendon, who have been visiting the family of J. Y. Lane returned home Saturday evening, accompanied by Misses Retta and Ruby Lane.—Quanah Tribune.

Every saloon man closed up on the dot at 12 o'clock on the night of Dec. 30th and sustained their reputation as simon pure democrats abiding the will of the majority.—Childress Post.

**Lively Interest in Home Mission Society.**

On Monday, Jan. 2nd, the ladies of the M. E. church were using their buggies to convey the members of the Home Mission Society to the church. The occasion of this unusual excitement was the contest which has been in progress for several months. Two sides have been chosen: the side having the greatest attendance will be entertained by the other side. As one side is only a few ahead of the other, it naturally behooves the ladies to be out reminding the tardy members of the need of their presence. Fifty-one answered to roll call. A very instructive and interesting meeting naturally resulted. The ladies were encouraged by a splendid talk from Bro. Dodson. Mrs. B. W. Dodson was chosen leader for Jan. 16.

**BANKRUPT COURT SALE.**

CLARENDON, TEXAS, }  
January 2, 1905. }  
I will sell at Clarendon, Donley County, Texas, on 12th January, 1905, at 11 o'clock a. m., to the highest bidder, for cash, the entire stock of family groceries, invoiced at \$1,020 belonging to the estate of C. E. Blair, bankrupt. Check for 25 per cent of the offer must accompany the bid, which will be held until the sale is approved or rejected by the Hon. United States Court. I. W. CARHART, Trustee in Bankruptcy.

**Dog Tax Notice.**

The City Council has ordered the City Marshal to promptly collect all dog tax for the year 1904, or impound the dog as the ordinance directs. Let everyone give a ready compliance to the marshal's order in this matter. A. M. BEVILLE, Mayor.

**Giles Gossip.**

CHRONICLE CORRESPONDENCE.

J. H. Witherspoon shipped a car of cotton from Giles to Houston Monday.

Mrs. G. G. Wellingham and sons went hunting a few days last week in the Ring pasture. They report seeing several deer but was not lucky enough to get one.

Mr. Crawford is moving to Geo. Crain's place this week. He will plant 200 acres of cotton this year.

Maxie Johnson and Allman Blair came down from Clarendon Tuesday. They will spend several days hunting and visiting with P. C. Johnson.

Mrs. P. C. Johnson left the 28th to visit her parents in the Territory.

Messrs. Black and Bouden unloaded a car of household and farming implements at Giles the 28th. They are practical farmers from Wise county and will locate on the Fort and Jones places near Rowe.

H. I. Reed returned Wednesday after a few days trip to points up the Road.

The Section men unloaded a car of coal Wednesday.

The social at Mrs. T. C. Ranson's Tuesday night was a very enjoyable affair and well attended by the young folks of Giles, Rowe and Memphis.

Mrs. H. Franks of Memphis visited Mrs. Ranson this week.

J. N. Watt, of Navarro county who has been visiting his brother, E. H. Watt, returned home last Friday.

The farmers in Giles community are about through picking cotton. Mrs. T. A. Curtis and little Billie returned home Tuesday after spending the holidays with relatives and friends in Amarillo.

The Misses Agnes and Lillie Devine visited in Memphis Monday and Friday of this week.

**NESTER.**

**Farmers Asked to Meet**

Jan. 14.

Secretary Oswald Wilson of the National Cotton Association has mailed to all county judges, clerks and supervisors in the cotton growing states, the following letter asking that calls be issued for organizing associations for diversified farming:

In compliance with a resolution of the national executive committee you are requested to call all farmers, bankers, merchants and others interested in the cotton industry together on Wednesday, Jan. 11, 10 a. m., at the county seat, to elect vice president, who will hold precinct meetings at each school house in your county Saturday, Jan. 14, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of taking definite action on reducing cotton acreage this year. At these meetings have all farmers who will sign this agreement:

"We, the undersigned farmers residents in voting precinct No. —, county, hereby pledge ourselves to reduce the acreage of cotton to be planted by us in 1905 25 per cent below the amount that we planted in 1904."

Those who will not sign, take their names, address and number of acres they will plant this year. Have a committee appointed at the precinct meeting to visit every farmer, landlord, tenant, white or black, in their precinct who are not at the meeting, to secure their acreage. This request is sent to every county in the cotton states, and unless prompt action is taken the acreage will not be reduced. Texas has begun, but it will take your support to avail anything. Give notice to all newspapers. Mail a written report Jan. 18, giving names and acreage of all who sign and those who do not sign.

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**SOCIETIES.**  
I. O. O. F.—Clarendon Lodge No. 351, meet every Thursday night in Donahue building. Visiting brothers made welcome.  
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**Time to End The War.**

The fall of Port Arthur ought to end the war, but it will not. Russia, in her foolish pride, will feel it all the more incumbent to win a great victory to recover her prestige.

The folly of it all is pitiable. Port Arthur has been doomed for months. Since the first signal victories of the Japanese fleet in crippling the warships in the harbor and since the Japanese armies obtained control of the railway line from the port to Mukden, it has been palpable to all the world that the siege was merely a matter of human endurance. In the meanwhile tens of thousands of lives have been sacrificed.

Now the Japanese armies in Manchuria will be strengthened by the forces around Port Arthur, for only a few troops will be sufficient to hold the fort with nothing threatening by land or sea except Kuropatkin, who is held at Mukden and Rojstvensky, whose Baltic fleet will be intercepted by the Japanese long before he can reach Manchurian waters. Not for this winter, anyhow, is it possible for the Russians to make headway, and not without overwhelming numbers can they hope to drive the Japanese back into Korea, much less into the sea.

It would seem to be Japan's part now to be content to hold what she has won, and that undoubtedly she can do for an indefinite period.

The fact is that Japan has won her original contention. She has established paramountcy in Korea and gained a foothold in Manchuria. Those were the objects of her declaration of war. Being thus advantaged, she can afford to proffer liberal terms of peace. Perhaps Russia would not accept any proposal, but an overture from Japan would furnish an excuse for the powers to urge Russia to accept mediation and in this way possibly peace might come. —Ft. Worth Record.

**Alanreed Items.**

**CHRISTMAS Correspondence.**

Albert Anderson has sold his barber shop to W. A. Ball & Son. S. L. Ball is our new barber. Albert left for Childress, where he has a job in the round house.

Elder Tipton preached here last night. The Baptists of this place have called him as their pastor for this year.

Mrs. Vinyard, of whom we made mention last week, returned to Elk City Saturday.

A New Year's dinner was served at F. R. McCracken's on Whitefish. A few of their friends of Alanreed were invited.

Messrs. Dot and Thos. G. Babb were trading in Alanreed Saturday.

Judge Davidson, of Lefors, unloaded a car of oil cake Wednesday and hauled out to his ranch on Northfork. He also unloaded two cars of cotton seed recently.

Jones Slavin returned Wednesday from Oklahoma, where he had been with a bunch of horses. He peddled them out to good advantage.

Dr. Coppedge was called to see Mrs. McNight on Whitefish Tuesday.

Messrs. Bevers and Williams, of Glenwood, was in Alanreed on business Thursday.

Thelma, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Baker, is on the sick list this week.

Uncle Jessie Blaylocke, of McLean, was in Alanreed Saturday, having his buggy repaired, which was damaged by his pony running against a post.

**American Women Spoiled by American Men.**

The men of no other nation on earth are so liberal with their wives, either in money or privileges, as are those of the United States. Helen Mathers, the English novelist, in speaking of this, in comparison with men and women of her own country, says:

"American women one meets abroad are not like the best of your women one meets in America. Traveling American women have made a reputation for extravagance and all manner of foolish escapades. They are spoiled by the affection and lavishness of their men. The women here are delightful, however, frank and sweet, and with a vivacity and quietness one rarely finds in an Englishwoman. They are good mothers and housekeepers, well bred, and seem to represent a higher type of women than those one meets abroad.

"American men are altogether charming. Their only fault is that they spoil their wives. Even those abroad are better bred than their women. They lead more moral lives than Englishmen, and their courtesy and deference to women are beautiful.

"What chiefly impresses me here is the general air of independence in everybody. The servants, the people in the street, even the trolley car men and conductors, have it. English railway men have such a gloomy, depressed air. Your motormen answer you civilly, but with a devil may care expression that is very fetching."

**Colorado Governorship.**

Alva Adams, the democratic contestant in the governorship fight will be sworn into office Jan. 10, according to the plans of the party leaders. Justice Steels of the supreme court will administer the oath. The hour and place, however, have not yet been made public. Much speculation is rife as to the effect of such action, in view of the fact that the election is still contested.

The order for the investigation has been modified by Adams, limiting the amount of expense. The report that it has been limited to opening the Denver boxes alone is denied.

Canvassing the vote was not reached Wednesday by the legislature, the house notice of readiness being returned by the senate with the information that organization of the body had not been completed owing to a struggle on credentials, the committee seeking to unseat democratic Senators Born and Healy.

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As many matters of vast importance to livestock interests are to receive attention in these conventions an unusually large attendance is expected from all sections and it goes without saying that Texas will, in all respects, be well represented.

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