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Dead Ranger Buried at Weatherford.
There is no new development in the tragedy wherein Ranger "Doc" Thomas lost his life, aside from the fact that the body of the ranger was shipped to Weatherford, Tex., at an early hour Tuesday morning. This shipment was made upon the first train out after preparation for burial, upon advices from relatives at Weatherford.

The remains were viewed Tuesday night by a liberal number of members of a fraternal organization with which the dead man was affiliated. Quite a number of other persons viewed the remains. It was believed that shipment if made at all would not be made until the afternoon, and persons desiring to view the body were so informed. The early shipment prevented many from seeing the body, who had expressed a desire to do so.

Sheriff Hughes states that no arrangements has been made for the preliminary hearing of Deputy Jim Keeton. This fact is partially due to the absence of District Attorney Henry Bishop, an absence that will be prolonged during the remainder of the week, it is stated, under the present arrangement. The only way that this phase of the proceedings may be passed over is the waiving of preliminary hearing. This has not been decided upon, and will be determined after the matter has been thoroughly gone into by the defendant and his counsel.

The tragedy remains a topic of general conversation. Few tragedies have occurred in or around Amarillo that have been so generally discussed, regardless of class or conditions of society.—Amarillo Panhandle.

Ranger Captain to Investigate.
Weatherford, Texas, Jan. 6.—Captain Frank Johnson, commanding company A, Texas rangers in this city has gone to Amarillo to investigate the killing of Ranger Doc Thomas there yesterday. Captain Johnson was ordered to Amarillo by Gov. Campbell.

Roosevelt Refuses to Tell Facts Regarding Steel Trust.
Washington, Jan. 6.—President Roosevelt in a special message to the senate today declined to permit Attorney General Bonaparte to say why he failed to bring action against the United States Steel corporation on account of the absorption of the Tennessee coal-iron company. The message was in response to a resolution by Senator Culberson.

Messina Doomed.
Messina, Jan. 7.—Earthquake shocks are still continuing here at the rate of about 10 per hour. Fire has again broken out completing destruction of the city hall and the records stored there.

Officer Tom Haynie, one of the most successful officers of the Fort Worth police department, is slated to become a state ranger, succeeding Doc Thomas, who was shot and killed at Amarillo, Tuesday. Officer Haynie, who has a reputation for coolness and daring, has not yet been appointed, though it is understood the position has been tendered him.

Arthur Hale, chairman of the efficiency committee of the American Railway association, reports that he does not like to "knock" the prosperity gospel, but that more than 200,000 idle freight cars do not spell prosperity. The number, he says, is almost exactly what it was this time last year.

No trouble to show goods and help you make selections at Stocking's store.

To Build Road on Old Survey
Jacksboro has raised \$25,000 for a railroad through Lost Valley from Ft. Worth and on to Seymour, Texas. Negotiations have progressed so far, according to Assistant Secretary E. B. Spiller of the Texas Cattle Raisers' Association, who has just returned from Jacksboro, that the Ft. Worth Santa Fe line, as surveyed by Capt. Padlock many years ago, has been purchased.

The people of Jacksboro have also promised the right-of-way into and out of the town.

One of the principal workers in the cause of this new line, connecting Fort Worth and Jacksboro direct, is Oliver Loving, one of the best known ranchmen in the state. Mr. Loving owns the Lost Valley through which the road will pass.

Representatives of New York capitalists have already arrived in Jacksboro. One of the party, Mr. Megaril, will be in Ft. Worth Thursday or Friday.

At Seymour the new line will form a junction with the Burlington interests. The ultimate destination is Roswell or Santa Fe, N. M.

More Prosecutions for Standard Oil.
Chicago, Jan. 5.—"The Standard Oil company is not yet out of the woods."

With those words District Attorney Sims made his first comment today on yesterday's ruling of the supreme court which prevents the government from collecting Judge Landis's famous \$29,240,000 fine.

"The big fine case will be redocketed within a few days," says Sims, "and may be on trial within two weeks."

The district attorney explained that, even by fining the Standard Oil company on a basis of settlements for freights, instead of regarding each carlot as a separate offense, the government may collect 40 million dollars from the oil company in fines if convictions are obtained on all indictments which may be renewed against the corporation.

Supply of Broom Corn Very Short.
Chicago, Jan. 4.—The visible supply of broom corn in the United States at present is sufficient only to meet the normal requirements of broom manufacturers for the next six months.

As a new crop is not due until Sept. the situation is regarded as serious by delegates to the annual meeting of the National Broom Corn association, which met here today. W. L. Martin, secretary of the association, said the present high price of broom corn is not due to "corners," but to the scarcity of the product.

A Capital Wireless Station.
Bids for the construction of a steel tower about 500 feet high to be used as a station for the wireless telegraph system at Washington has been opened. It is said by officers who have charge of the wireless service of the navy that the department will be in constant communication with all vessels on the Atlantic seaboard. It is believed that it will be possible to communicate directly with ships within 1000 miles of Washington.

When the project was first broached to provide a wireless station within a short distance of the office of the navy it was proposed to use the Washington monument for this purpose. While it would have been necessary only to provide wires near the top of the monument which could not have been seen from the base of the shaft that project was abandoned as the result of protests on sentimental grounds.

Santa Fe to Use Telephones Instead of Telegraphs.
Chicago, Jan. 4.—The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad has decided to operate all its trains into Chicago by telephone instead of telegraph. It was announced today that equipment for the telephone dispatching system for 454 miles of the main line from Kansas City to Corwith, Ill., just outside of Chicago, had been ordered and would be installed as fast as the material can be delivered and the apparatus placed in working order.

This will complete a system of 659 miles of line operated by the telephone, extending from Emporia, Kas., to the Chicago terminal. The telephone line from Kansas City will be started at the western end and extend gradually toward Chicago.

At the meeting of the American Railway association in Chicago, Oct. 18, when the substitution of telephones for telegraph for dispatching and blocking trains, was formally approved by the association, it was said by the committee that about 6,000 miles of railroad in the United States were being operated by telephones.

Orders for the special telephone instruments used by dispatchers and at way stations have been placed so fast that the manufacturers are behind on their orders.

Going Security a Bad Policy.
The system of endorsing is all wrong, and should be utterly abolished. It has been the financial ruin of more men, than perhaps, all other causes. Bookkeeping, a journal devoted to merchants, clerks and business men, advises our young men especially to study the matter carefully in its bearings, and adopt some settled policy to govern their conduct so as to be ready to answer the man who asks them to sign his note. What responsibility does one assume when he endorses a note? Simply this: He is held for the payment of the amount in full, principal and interest, if the maker of the note through misfortune, mismanagement, or rashly fails to pay it. Notice, the endorser assumes all this responsibility, with no voice in the management of the business and no share in the profits of the transaction, if it proves profitable; But with a certainty of loss if for any of the reasons stated, the principal fails to pay the note.

"The telephone has destroyed all the privacy of society," said the society girl. "It breaks in on everything. Nothing is sacred to it. You may be saying your prayers. The telephone. Or in the midst of your bath. The telephone. Or doing up your back hair, or worst of all, a delightful man may be making love to you when k ling, k ling k ling! The telephone breaks off the thread of his theme and he fails to resume it."—New York Press.

The little three-year old girl of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Imboden, living near Doans, was bitten by a hydrophobia cat that had crawled into the house during the night. The little girl was carried to Austin for the Pasteur treatment.—Vernon Call.

At Springfield, Mo., Wednesday fire in the Baldwin theater and office building completely destroyed the structure and a number of other buildings in the business district. The Colonial hotel, costing \$400,000 was badly damaged. The total loss is \$250,000. Fire Chief Kanada was hurt.

An Acme man and boy were placed in jail this week charged with taking a gallon of whisky out of the express office upon a forged order.—Quannah Tribune.

Brownsville Mid-winter Exhibition and Joint Convention.
Brownsville, Tex., Jan. 1, 1909. Arrangements are nearing completion for the Joint Mid Winter meeting of the Texas State Horticultural Society, Texas Nurserymen's Association and the Texas Nut Growers Association here on Jan. 13th and 14th. The Texas Truck Growers will also meet with the above organizations. At the same time a Mid Winter Exhibition of the Lower Rio Grand valley will be held in this city.

Very interesting programs have been arranged by the societies participating in the convention and subject treated and the general discussions of them will be instructive and entertaining.

The lower Rio Grande commercial club has done in cash to be used by the organizations as premiums several displays made by it.

Extensive arrangements are being made for the social enjoyment of the delegates and including a dinner, a trip to Matamoros, Mex., and a boat trip to Matamoros, automobile trip around Brownsville, a trip special train through the lower Rio Grande valley, etc.

The citizens of Brownsville and the valley are offering a very attractive list of prizes, in addition to the \$100 donated by the commercial club, ranging in value up to city lots in several towns in the valley.

The Mid Winter exhibition of products of the lower Rio Grande valley that are being grown and marketed in mid-winter will be most interesting to delegates and visitors from other parts of the state and will demonstrate most convincingly the wonderful development and possibilities of this truly remarkable section.

A word here about this "wonderland of agriculture" may be of interest. Only a few years ago this valley was the home of the cactus, coyote, and cowboy with a few Mexican settlements and a few American settlers outside of Brownsville along the Rio Grande. Real farm and farming were practically unknown and ranch houses were many miles apart. Situated over 150 miles away from the nearest railroad its only means of communications with the outside world was by stage or by boat down the Rio Grande or through Brazos de Santiago pass to the seaports of the gulf coast. Scattered here and there might be found some evidences of the great productivity of the soil and its adaptability to the growing of vegetables, sugar cane, alfalfa and citrus and semitropical fruits. With the completion of the St. L. B. & M. Ry. into the lower Rio Grande valley these evidences of its wonderful fertility so attracting the attention of investors that now, at the end of four years over \$4,000,000 has been invested in the completion of 27 large irrigation canals, all drawing their life giving waters from the Rio Grande, and the cowboys, cactus and coyotes are rapidly giving place to the axe, the plow and abundant crops of almost unlimited variety. This section is nearer immune from frost than any other part of the United States. It is also the southern most point of agricultural land in the United States.

At Reggio Tuesday earthquakes occurred at intervals of 20 minutes. At noon a quake stronger than the others caused a number of the standing walls to collapse, and created a condition of panic among the survivors. It is not believed there were any casualties.

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Hamlin Herald by fire Tuesday and plant

dwelling at the old Whitener mill, owned and with family, week. Most of saved.

belonging to W. West Dublin, fire Wednesday. contents \$1,000; two fine hogs which adjoining the barn

mental discharge of Sam Bobo, a young man been residing with his and Mrs. A. J. Bobo, from Milford, was Monday near county.

was shot and killed in, who married Christmas day, this week. The tragedy was enacted near the home of the two men, which is 5 or 6 miles west of town. Thomas came in and surrendered.

The latest estimate placed on the loss from fire in the business section of Texarkana Thursday is \$250,000. Insurance approximates \$115,000. The cause of the blaze is a mystery and the police believes it was started by firebugs. The Hayden dry goods company, Mike Cassidy, saloonist, and the J. L. Chatfield hardware company suffered the greatest loss.

Miss Minnie Geager of North Fort Worth was the victim of a peculiar accident Tuesday which may result in the loss of the use of her left arm. In company with a party of young people Miss Geager was walking in front of a building when her foot slipped, and in attempting to prevent falling, she ran her hand through a window. The broken glass inflicted a wound on the left fore arm, cutting across the muscle about an inch and half deep.

T. B. Watson, living five miles northwest of Tyler heard a noise in the house Tuesday, and started to investigate with a lamp in his hand. As he passed out of his room he was dealt a blow on the head which rendered him unconscious. The lamp exploded and soon the house with its contents was entirely destroyed. Neighbors found him about ten steps from the house unconscious, with an ugly wound on the left side of the head.

Gallatin has—or, rather, had—a pie thief. He wouldn't steal anything else, but had a most aggravated case of kleptomaniac every time he gazed upon a pie. Science gave the case up as incurable, but Gallatin house-wives did not and the other day the thief was found gasping for help. He had stolen a luscious looking pie with cotton filling. He is cured now.—Kansas City Star.

Luck.
"Do you believe there is anything in luck?" asked the young man.
"Yes," answered the home grown philosopher. "There is a lot of intelligence and perseverance in it."—Exchange.

In Saxony no one is permitted to shoe horses unless he has passed a public examination and proves that he is properly qualified.

Don't forget the cut in jewelry at Stocking's store.

Hotel Grafters.
The proprietor of one of the largest hotels in New York, speaking of the uses made by non-paying customers of his house, said to a rural guest a few days ago: "We have a large number of patrons from whom we never collect a cent, although we have no such thing as a free list. They come here in the morning, pick up a custof paper, which they read, keeping an eye open for another, which they grab as soon as it is dropped. After reading awhile they stand at the ticker, often giving long lectures to their fellows on financial conditions and stock possibilities. The overcoat becomes burdensome, and it is taken to the check room, where its owner knows it will be perfectly safe. Then, if they can tear themselves from the ticker, letters are written on our stationery. They do not use our telephones because we charge an extra 5 cents for the call, but they carry home matches, toothpicks, blank cards and blotters and use up the soap in our lavatories. They also take generous nibbles of the cheese and crackers in the cafe. The strangest part of all is this—that the majority of this class are well to do and highly respectable, and on that account we do not shut them out."—New York Tribune.

The Sleeping Sickness.
The terrible sleeping sickness of tropical Africa is discussed at length in an article in Popular Mechanics. The disease, which long baffled scientists, is spread by the tsetse fly, a bloodsucking, day flying insect. On the approach of either man or animal at a river crossing in the densest forest the victim is soon scented out by the fly, if there is one in the vicinity, and then, either silently or with a peevish buzz, it makes straight for the most accessible spot and gives its stab. The usual course of the disease is from four to eight months. At the outset there are headache, a feverish condition, lassitude and a corresponding disinclination to work. The facial aspect changes, and a previously happy and intelligent looking negro becomes instead dull, heavy and apathetic. Later, tremor in the tongue develops, speech is uncertain, and mumbling, walk shuffling and progressive weakness, drowsiness and oblivion to his surroundings afflict the sufferer. The last stage is marked by extreme emaciation and a coma deepening into death.

Cause of Fatty Heart.
The great danger from obesity lies in the liability of the fat to invade the cellular elements of the body, especially the muscles. This produces fatty degeneration of the muscular tissues, which greatly weakens and impairs their functional activity. When the fat invades the tissues of the heart muscles the disease known as "fatty degeneration of the heart" results, and the patient is in serious danger. Whenever a slight additional strain upon the circulation results from undue exercise, excitement or other cause the muscles interfere with the heart's action, and it is liable to cease beating. Anemia and hysteria often are accompaniments of obesity. Because of the increased weight and difficulty of moving about such patients are prevented from taking an ordinary amount of exercise. Often, too, there are a lassitude and a positive dislike for muscular exertion of any kind.—What to Eat.

From Medicine to the Drama.
The earlier part of Victorian Sardou's career was beset with many trials and difficulties. His parents wished him to take up a medical career, and he began his studies with some zeal. The love of the drama, however, was far greater than the love of the pill box, and in the interval of the other work Sardou was busy upon a play. Life was a struggle for him, for he had little money, though he managed to get journalistic work to supplement his more slender income. His first play was a failure, and Sardou rushed from the theater vowing never to enter one again. He fell seriously ill, was nursed back to health by Mile. de Brecourt, an actress who lived on a floor below, and from that time his fortune was made.

A Friend in Need.
About half an hour had been expended by the bashful young man in a series of advances and retreats, and little Johnny's cramped position behind the sofa was becoming somewhat painful.
"I wish I dared"—the young man commenced on a new attack, when the couple were electrified by an impatient exclamation behind them: "Aw, make a break! She's dead easy!"—Brooklyn Life.

Literary Irrigation.
"Your latest novel seems very dry," said the reader of the publishing house to the young but rising author.
"I was pretty sure you would say that," rejoined the author. "Consequently if you will count them you will find the heroine weeps real tears on just 253 pages of my story."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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Some women can get mad enough to shoot straight. A Colorado woman killed a bear which she caught hugging her husband.

Night riders are charged with setting fire to the large cotton warehouse of Wilson Brothers at Russellville, Ark., which burned Thursday, with a loss of 500 bales of cotton valued at \$22,000. One hundred bales lost belonging to individual farmers who were holding for a better price and had no insurance.

This item of interest to Texans is from the New York World: "Men are only middle aged in whose boyhood buffalo skins were a drug on the St. Louis market, bringing \$3 to \$5 each. Hunters then slaughtered buffaloes by the thousands for their hides and left the meat to rot. Now, two fine, fresh robes are offered in New York at \$1,000 each."

Assistant Attorney General Crawford has ruled that Elk's lodges may lawfully sell liquor on Sundays. The opinion is lengthy. The rule also applies to Eagles' lodges. The decision is likely to induce such organizations to decline to make the anti-liquor affidavit as the secretary of state inquires. This will probably result in the matter being threshed out in the courts.

Every little cold snap causes the city writers to load up the daily papers with flaring headlines announcing the awful disaster to Panhandle stock. This they did in Thursday's papers when the fact is we had no falling weather and it was calm and comparatively no suffering of stock and no losses, whatever. These space writers likely never saw the Panhandle and know little of cattle.

Ministers of the churches in Ardmore, Ok., confronted with a declaration of the male members of the congregations that they would not attend church unless the women removed their big merry widows, have issued an edict that all women on entering the church door shall remove their hats. The ministers began to note a distinctive dropping off in attendance of the men members of the congregations and inquired the reason. When explanation was made the preachers took their stand.

Carelessness is responsible for nearly all so-called accidents, and a great many who are injured and killed are victims of their own negligence and carelessness. A department at Washington has been keeping tab on such things and it is shown that the total annual mortality from accidents in the United States among wage earning men is between 30,000 and 35,000, of which at least one-third and perhaps one-half should be saved by intelligent and rational methods of factory inspection, legislation and control. There were also approximately two million accidents that were not fatal, curtailing the normal longevity among these exposed to the often needless risk of industrial vocations.

A Kansas paper tells of a student at the University of Kansas, who did not return home for the holidays. His father wrote to learn the reason why. The son reported that he did not have his spelling lesson and that the teacher "kept him in during Christmas week" to make him get it. As evidence that his excuse was veracious the young man sent along a copy of the list of words he was supposed to learn—the lesson he hadn't got. Here are a few of the words: "Cytology, Icthyological, Xithidium, Sasciatum, Admirabilis, Chromosome, Melanopodus, Bizaratus, Phrynottetix, Plesiosaurus, Acrididae." After the boy's father had thoroughly digested the

"spelling lesson," he became so convinced that his son deserved sympathy that he sent him \$50 extra for spending "his" Christmas now, when the young man wants to go to Kansas. The "old man" is a Texan and the students need not this adopt this ruse with "old man" is a Texan.

The Quannah Tribune out this week half its size or the same size, once the Chronicle is twice the Memphis Democrat has had two pages, and the papers have been cutting business policy to keep in accordance with its patronage.

The president sent to the senate Wednesday that the steel trust executed for acquiring the Coal company, because presented to him there would unless this was allowed an admission from Mr. himself that the steel trust than the president of the States, and that he does of the combines. He backbone we once thought.

The present tariff battle section arrayed against with the south liable to worst of the fight. Republic liable to follow the Cleveland on raw materials, while dutiable manufactured products will be reduced.

A Missouri woman wanted divorce because her husband to "read her thoughts." Her husbands do not have to be read her thoughts. It is sufficient.

Revenous Dogs Gnaw Corpses And Attack the Living.

Messina, Jan. 7.—Dogs now constitute one of the dangers of earthquake refugees. These animals are starving, and often rabid, through lack of water, gnaw corpses like hyenas and frequently attack refugees themselves. Among the wounded who left for Palermo was a young man whose right cheek had been horribly mutilated by dogs. After the earthquake he was buried in debris up to his neck, and while thus unable to move was attacked by three animals and was seriously hurt before his cries attracted help. Many people are shooting vagrant dogs at night and stray bullets are another danger in the city.

Consul Cheney Buried Deep in Debris.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Some idea of the terrific damage done in Messina by the earthquake may be obtained from a despatch which was received at the state department today from Ambassador Griscom at Rome, transmitting a telegram from Vice Consul Stuart K. Lupton, who says that it will take a week's work of 200 men to excavate the bodies of Consul Arthur Cheney and his wife from the mass of ruins of the building in which the consular offices were located.

The deputy consul at Milan and J. F. Landis, the military attaché at Rome, who have gone to the scene of the disaster, telegraphed to Mr. Griscom that the only private American in Messina Dec. 28, the day of the earthquake, were Mr. and Mrs. Forbes, whose fate is unknown. It is said at the state department that the names of these persons do not appear on the list of those for whom inquiry has been made.

A report received from Washington indicates that John N. Simpson of Dallas, the recent Republican gubernatorial candidate in Texas, is slated for appointment as internal revenue collector, succeeding Webster Flanagan.

One can easily see from the senate's attitude toward the president and the president's attitude toward the senate, that reciprocity is the law of censure and hostility as well as the law of approval and anity.—Star.

Phone us your local news items.

Construction for the Burlington.

Although the Burlington people have not yet taken over the property of the Colorado & Southern, Denver and Trinity & Brazos Valley railroads and will not do so until after another inspection of the lines is made, the Burlington people are behind the building of the Stamford Northwestern from Stamford to a point in Dickens county 75 miles northwest of Stamford through Aspermont. The actual work of construction will be commenced in the near future and, although the ultimate destination of the line is not yet known, it looks as if it is the intention of the Burlington people to continue and open a new country still further west of Dickens. A visit of Frank Trumbull, president of Colorado & Southern lines, is expected in the near future and that official arrives it is expected that some interesting developments will take place in the railroad world in the southwest. In all probability when Trumbull arrives the official family of the system will come with him.

vice president and of the Denver road, in New York, where matters of business the lines in Texas. so far as he knew no change in affairs, but that since people have pursuing interest in Texas and Colorado transfer is formally may happen. say something will the course of time, al nothing is being said. worth Record.

Seven Persons Say He is "Archie" Bannister.

Hot Springs, Ark., Jan. 5.—Claiming that he is Arthur Bannister, and not Archie Bannister, wanted here for the murder of Mrs. Reichers and kidnapping her daughter, the prisoner brought from Texas, faced a trying ordeal at the court house when 7 persons brought before him positively identified him as the man who, as a piano tuner here before the crime, reported he was "Archie" Bannister.

"That is my brouner," he finally said, when Mrs. Rapley, in her identification, suggested that the Bannister she knew was about twenty pounds heavier and more full of face. Further than this comment, Bannister would not talk of the case.

There is nothing but circumstantial evidence connecting Bannister with the murder, but witnesses to whom he pawned a diamond ring in Little Rock while escaping from here with the kidnaped little girl, declare the man to be the same.

A deputy sheriff at Altus shot and killed a 17 year-old boy, who with his companions, had raised a disturbance on New Year's morn. The officer was hit over the head with a sixshooter before he fired. Will Howell, the dead boy, was the son of a prominent druggist there.—Tribune Chief.

Gam's Dry Humor.

When the gallant Welsh captain David Gam was sent forward by Henry V. to reconnoiter the French army before the battle of Agincourt he found that the enemy outnumbered the English by about five to one. His report to the king is historic: "There are enough to be killed, enough to be taken prisoners and enough to run away." This quaint forecast of the result of the battle at once spread through the camp, and doubtless every yeoman armer of the valiant company felt an inch taller. We know that it was almost literally justified by the event. Poor Gam's dry humor was equaled by his courage. He was killed while in the act of saving the life of his prince.—London Standard.

Distilled Water. Distilled water after having been exposed to the air is one of the most salutary of drinks. Its daily use in numerous quantities is helpful in cases of dyspepsia and greatly assists the general functions of the body. Every large steamer carries a water distilling apparatus by which sea water is made fresh. In the days before steamers primitive distilling apparatus was used on warships and vessels carrying passengers.

Live Stock and Agriculture.

"The secret of successful farming will be found in live stock," said James J. Hill, the railroad magnate of the northwest a few weeks ago. "Our farmers must learn how to farm. Every year they are robbing the soil, taking away and putting nothing back. Every year the crops grow smaller under that kind of farming. The only redemption is to feed as much of the products as possible to live stock and return the manure to the land. The farmers of other countries know more than we do. They have been farming for thousands of years and their lands are richer today than ever. We must learn how to breed and feed live stock—that is the secret. Establish stock shows and the whole country should be interested in such events.

"In 1950 the population of the United States will be 200,000. It will take the products of all our agricultural lands to feed us and if we destroy the producing power of our land instead of building it up, we will starve. The future of the country depends upon agriculture. The only successful agriculture is that built upon live stock as a foundation."

Mr. Hill is right, but already the people are waking up and the interest in live stock is evidenced by the growth of such live stock exhibitions as the national show at Denver, which opens its fourth annual event in the new amphitheatre on Jan. 18th.

STATE NEWS.

Bottles of milk left at Dallas residences have been stolen in a number of instances.

The attorney general's department holds that a bank official cannot be city treasurer.

Albert Peterson was run over at Cleburne by a horse this week. His right jaw was dislocated.

A syndicate for \$700,000 has purchased the Callaghan ranch of 125,000 acres in Webb county.

Judge Edgar Scurry of Wichita Falls, associated with another capitalist, has requested a franchise of the city council for constructing an electric street railway.

Tom Henderson, an aged Confederate veteran, was found dead at his home in Rosenberg Thursday, aged 70. He had been missing 3 days. Death was due to natural causes.

In Gainesville Wednesday fire damaged the fine residence and contents of C. C. Potter. The loss will reach \$2,000. It originated from the furnace in the basement. The loss is covered by insurance.

T. J. Byron, an old man 76 years of age, was killed in Dallas by being knocked down by a lawyer, Chas. I. Evans, the skull of Byron being fractured when it hit the stone curbing. Evans was released on the light bond of \$250.

Wanted on a charge of embezzling \$300 in Fisher county, D. S. Ezell was arrested in Ft. Worth at his home Wednesday, and placed under \$1,000 bond to await the arrival of an officer from Robey. The charge is based on insurance premiums said to have been collected.

Nearly 100 Tyler traveling men have formed plans to erect on the court house square in Tyler a statute to each of the governors of this state who were elected from Tyler: Richard B. Hubbard, Oran M. Roberts and James S. Hogg. The traveling men have already raised in cash over \$1,200.

Sleepless. Slobs—Why don't you consult a doctor about your insomnia? Slobs—What! And run up more bills? Why, it's because of what I owe him now that I can't sleep.

Wanted Full Credit. "Now, my little man, you are accused of striking another boy and knocking out one of his teeth!" "Since me, Judge, two of his teeth."

When He Enjoys Home. "Does your husband enjoy his home?" "Yes—whenever I want him to take me to the theater."—Cleveland Leader.

Venezuela received its name from the early Spanish residents, who saw in it a resemblance to Venice.

Millinery and Dry Goods

I have put on a CLOSING OUT Sale on Dry Goods, Ladies' Furnishings, Notions, etc.; also making very Low prices on some millinery. Come see what you can do before buying. Leave your orders for the New Boston Hygienic Corset, which will please you.

Miss Porter has some furnished rooms to let.

MISS SARAH PORTER hon 15

15 Per Cent Discount Sale!

For the next 30 Days we will sell our Entire Stock of

Boots, Shoes and Rubber Goods

at a Discount of 15 per cent. It has been our practice to give our patrons a Discount sale every year and we find they appreciate it and stock up their whole families with good shoes. Our goods are marked in plain figures, enabling anyone to figure the discount. We still have a limited number of Hats left, which we will sell at Cost.

RATHJEN'S SHOE STORE

The Right Kind of Reading Matter

The home news; the doings of the people in this town; the gossip of our own community, that's the first kind of reading matter you want. It is more important, more interesting to you than that given by the paper or magazine from the outside world. It is the first reading matter you should buy. Each issue of this paper gives to you just what you will consider

The Right Kind of Reading Matter

What Four Countries Drink.
The British Board of Trade has lately published a memorandum showing the per capita consumption of wine, malt liquor and spirits in four of the principal countries of the world, based on the averages for ten years. Here are the figures:
United Kingdom 33.21 gals.
France 33.80 gals.
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A Mogul Hero.
Here is a little vignette of Babar, the first of the great moguls. At eleven he succeeded to his kingdom of Ferghana. His father was accidentally killed, and "I," says the boy, "immediately mounted in great haste and, taking such followers as were at hand, set out to secure my throne." He succeeded in holding it, nearly lost it by trusting a traitor who was "the best player at leapfrog he had ever seen" and actually lost it by grasping at the possession of Samarkand. Then came two years of wandering. Then he got Ferghana again and lost it a second time by trying to make his Mongol soldiers restore their loot to the peasantry. And all this before he was seventeen! Thirty-two years later he died, the last scene being the most striking of all. His darling son Humayun was desperately ill. Only some great sacrifices could save him, said the doctor. He entered the chamber, walked round the bed three times, saying, "On me be thy suffering," and a few days afterward died.—London Spectator.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Jack Killough is in Ft. Worth in a business college.

Mr. H. Myrick of Memphis was here this week on business.

G. W. Smith has returned from his holiday visit in the lower counties.

Rev. E. Dubbs preached to a large congregation in Pampa last Sunday.

Mrs. Henry Parks is down from Amarillo spending this week with relatives.

Miss Clifford Reeves left Wednesday night for Greenville to visit relatives.

Carl Robeson was down from Amarillo this week visiting R. E. Leonard.

Miss Maud Davis of Claude spent this week here with Miss Leslie Antrobus.

Elvin Boydston has returned from a visit at Ft. Worth and Mansfield, Texas.

Frank Whitlock has returned from Joaquin, where he has been visiting relatives.

Mrs. Will Dubbs is in a Ft. Worth Sanitarium for treatment and for an operation.

Mrs. B. F. Baldwin has returned from Teneha, where she has been visiting with relatives.

Miss Della Witt, who has been in Quanah for several months, returned home Thursday night.

W. G. Smith, county commissioner of the Jericho precinct, spent the past two days in the city.

Miss Maude Atterberry returned home Tuesday night from a visit in San Antonio and other places.

Mrs. Chas Baldwin writes that her baby is ill and that she can not return home as soon as expected.

Floyd Oliver, a railway shop employe at Amarillo, spent a day or two here this week with relatives.

Tuesday night the temperature went down to a fraction below 5 above zero, next night five, but yesterday was a pretty day and we have escaped any very severe weather.

The Clarendon Lumber Co. held a meeting this week and elected the following officers: W. H. Craig, pres.; T. S. Foster, first vice-pres.; R. H. Alexander, second vice-president, and Frank Bourland, secretary and treasurer.

The Eastern Star members entertained Thursday night with a banquet, several visiting members being present from Claude and Amarillo. Mrs. Mollie Gray, Mrs. R. W. Talley, and Mesdames Clarke and Williams lead in serving suitable refreshments, and Miss Beulah Dodson favored them with excellent vocal music, while Mrs. Beach pleased them with reading a fine selection. The whole affair is reported to have been thoroughly enjoyed.

Two fire alarms were sent in this week, but no damage was done in either instance. Wednesday N. N. Martin undertook to thaw out a water pipe, running down from his tank, and in burning material around it set fire to the bottom of the tank. Fearing he would lose the tank he turned in an alarm, but succeeding in putting out the fire before the fireboys reached it. Next day a burning trash pile in the rear of J. B. McClelland's barn started the alarm of fire, but no damage was done.

"She married him to reform him." "Did she succeed?" "Sure! He used to be a spendthrift, and now he has nothing to spend."—Ex.

Today opened up like a nice spring day.

George Tipton, a Memphis painter, spent today in Clarendon.

E. S. Reed late from Louisiana has rented Mrs. Tomb's house temporarily until he can get one for a stated time.

George Doshier has been confined to his home all week with rheumatism and something like chickenpox.

District Court.

Cases disposed of this week in court are: V. B. and F. R. Smith vs. J. A. Whitaker, suit on notes, judgment for plaintiffs.

Dr. Gray vs. Nat Smith suit for foreclosure, decided for plaintiff.

Case of Wm. Cain, theft, dismissed.

J. H. Altizer vs. D. Cordell suit on note, judgment for plaintiff.

B. P. Hardy's suit for damage against the railroad was continued.

Allen T. Jefferies had his disabilities as a minor removed.

As we go to press the court is in the midst of the Hood Brown case, transferred from Amarillo. This originated in Armstrong county and he is charged with a serious crime against a girl under 16.

Miss Ida Harrington of Clarendon is visiting in the city the guest of her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. McWhorter.—Plainview News.

Idle and shiftless young men seem to be on the rapid increase, regardless of the prosperous times. The charitable institutions of Kansas City last year furnished 19,025 meals to men out of funds, and most of them young men able to work, and likely could have found work if they had really wanted it.

Statistics there show that 36 per cent of the unemployed of 1908 were less than 25 years old. This is an increase of 33 per cent over the number of men under 25 who applied to such institutions ten years ago. Reader, is your boy constantly employed, or is he growing up to depend on charity—or worse.

At Memphis Monday R. L. Moran lost one of his children by death from diphtheria, and two more of them are ill. Fear of a spread of the disease is keeping many children from school.

The contract for the excavation for the \$150,000 Panhandle Packing company plant at Amarillo was let Thursday. Work begins Monday. It is expected to be in operation not later than June. Amarillo is elated over the proposition.

The Memphis gins have turned out up to date over 4356 bales of cotton and the season goes merrily on. Our neighbors on the south are doing well but even Quanah is 1,000 bales behind Memphis at this time.—Herald.

A Missouri editor in telling how things have changed says: "Thirty years ago this morning we went out and pulled a ton or two of straw out of the mouth of the cave and got out enough apples and potatoes to last the family for a week. This morning we handed over a dollar for a half bushel of measley little apples and sixty cents for a half bushel of potatoes that would have been called 'culls' when we were a boy."

The Fair has moved to the Parks Build'g. near P. O. Drop in and see our Bargain Counter.

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Good stock, neat work, moderate price, are features of our job work.

Old papers for sale at this office only 15 cents per 100. Good to put under carpets, on shelves, etc.

Market Report.
The following is the Fort Worth stock market report for Thursday:
Steers \$2 80 to \$3.00.
Cows \$2 30 to \$3.10.
Calves \$2.75 to \$3.25.
Hogs \$4.75 to \$6.00.

Street Coat Suit.
The girl of today lives most of her life out of doors. What she wears on the street is, therefore, of the utmost importance. She often puts the larger part of her dress allowance in a good street suit and economizes on her indoor gowns. The sketch shows a good looking model that carries out all the latest points of style. The skirt is mar-



OF BROUGH BLUE SERGE.

row and fastened down the front with braided buttons. The long coat is also narrow, but loose from the figure. It has admirable lines under the arms. It is fastened single breasted and has wide revers of the material, which is rough blue serge. The hat is a blue beaver with a plain crown band of scarlet ribbon, with a pump bow in front.

Lost.

Lady's gold watch and gold fob. Finder please return to this office and receive reward.

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A pastorless church is like an engine without steam.

The road to heaven is not constructed for lazy travelers.

The pies are just as good—the degeneration is in the eater.

Twice nine tailors couldn't make men out of some male bipeds.

We all feel the need of piety when we are up against hard luck.

A man in good health finds it easy to laugh at the ills of others.

The foolish man wastes the present worrying about the future.

A life time of regret is often unfolded in a moment of foolishness.

There is always room at the top, but it isn't so lonesome at the bottom.

The church that waits for work ingmen to come to it will remain very exclusive.

For a wise man Solomon had a woeful lot of idiosyncrasies.

A man with a million has plenty of time to write long articles on "blessings of poverty."

The easy way to do a hard scidom profitable.

People need neither bell nor w to inform them when it is time to theater curtain to go up.

The man who seeks temptat merely to show his strength only hibits his foolishness.

The man who is always taking things as they come sooner or later finds everything going.

A man may profit temporarily by stealing playtime from youth, but his loss will be permanent.

A short sermon is the one that contains the most meat, no matter how long it takes to deliver it.

A lot of young men spend a mint of money to acquire that cheapest of all titles—"Dead Game Sport."

The poorest way to set about converting a hungry man is to hand him a tract and leave him to read it.

The news that the "comic supplements" are to be discarded by daily newspapers is the first thing we've seen in connection with them to laugh about.

A lot of workmen imagine the "industrial problem" to be how they can put in the time until the whistle blows to knock off work without letting the boss know they are "sold iering on the job."

B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM, Jan. 10.

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The Senate's Hole in the Wall.
 When the nineteenth century was as yet only half grown, senators applied customarily for their toddlers at the so-called Hole in the Wall, a small circular room just off the postoffice of the upper house. The latter body then occupied what is now the chamber of the supreme court, and the postoffice building on the same floor. When a wearer of the toga found himself in need of a "snifter" he had only to cross over to the mails department and pass through it to the little circular room aforesaid, which was about the size of a pantry. The Hole in the Wall was the first senate restaurant, and the bill of fare for edibles was short, though to the point. There was ham, guaranteed to have been smoked for six months, a veritable sublimation of the pork product; there were corned beef and bread and cheese, but very little else. They served, however, as an accompaniment for the fluids, and when the Hole was crowded, as was often the case, senators ate their sandwiches outside, in the postoffice.—Washington Post.

The Aurora Borealis.
 The aurora borealis, or northern light, is something that we have all heard about, but very few, perhaps, can give any explanation of it. No one definitely knows what causes it, but the scientists are pretty well agreed that it is due to electricity. They believe that the light is made by the recombination of the positive and negative electricity always in the upper and lower strata of air, respectively. M. Lenstrom made an interesting experiment in Finland in 1882, his object being to determine the nature of the aurora. He had the peak of a mountain surrounded by a copper wire, pointed at intervals with tin ribs. When he had charged the wire with electricity a yellow light appeared on the tin tips, and an examination of the light by the spectroscope revealed the greenish yellow ray that is a marked feature of the aurora. This evidence among scientists is almost convincing, for it is by means of the spectroscope that we discover the constituent parts of the sun and the stars.—Exchange.

"Thou Diest on Point of Fox."
 Fox blades were celebrated all through the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries for their excellent temper, and mention of them is frequent in English drama. This is their history: There was a certain Julian del Rel, believed to be a Morisco, who set up a forge at Toledo in the early part of the sixteenth century and became famous for the excellence of his sword blades, which were regarded as the best of Toledo. That city had for many ages previous been renowned for swordmaking, it being supposed that the Moors introduced the art, as they did so many good things, from the east. Julian del Rel's mark was a little dog, which came to be taken for a fox, and so the "fox blade" or simply "fox" for any good sword. See "Henry V.," act 4, scene 4, "Thou diest on point of fox." The brand came to be imitated in other places, and there are Sollingen blades of comparatively modern manufacture which still bear the little dog of Julian del Rel.—London Notes and Queries.

A Royal Snake Slaughterer.
 The "secretary bird" is one of the most precious birds in South Africa. It is royal game, and any person destroying one is liable to a fine of £50. Majestic looking birds, they stand about three feet high and generally go in pairs. They are of drab color, with black, feathery legs, and are valued for their propensity for killing snakes. Where the secretary bird is seen there are sure to be many reptiles about. The bird beats down its adversary first with one wing and then with the other, at the same time trampling on it with its feet until the snake is sufficiently stunned to catch it by the head with its claws. Then the bird rises far up in the air and drops its victim to the ground, to be killed. By this means thousands of venomous reptiles are destroyed.—London Scraps.

Natural History.
 "What is you been workin'?" asked Miss Miami Brown.
 "Up to one of deseher garridges whar dey keep de automobiles."
 "I s'pose you likes 'em better dan mules."
 "Well, de difference is dat a mule kicks wif his hin' feet an' de automobile is mo' lible to butt same as a goat."—Washington Star.

Busy Woman.
 Every monthly magazine carries as many as two continued stories in it. When a man takes six it means that his wife is carrying twelve continued stories in her head in addition to doing the cooking and trying to find out how much the new hat cost worn by the woman next door.—Oil City Derrick.

Economical.
 She—I'm going to give you back our engagement ring. I love another. He—Give me his name and address. She—Do you want to kill him? He—No, I want to sell him the ring.—Pick-Me-Up.

Milk Toast and Cheese.
 Make some rich milk toast and spread out on a flat dish. Cover with a thick layer of grated cheese and put in the oven till the cheese melts and browns.—Harper's Bazar.

A Sponger.
 "The worse of Spongy is he never pays anything," said Grabbles.
 "Oh, doesn't he, though? Ask him to pay you a visit and see," retorted Micks.

A Phonetic Purchase.
 The late Henry Miller, who was a guide, philosopher and friend to many book lovers, was a most successful salesman. One day he called on Collis P. Huntington, and sold him a rare copy of a book.
 "There are two volumes of this," said Mr. Miller, "and I am in perfect command of one is. You can see this volume if you have a chance to have it." "What is the price?" asked the railroad king.
 "Seven hundred dollars," said the bookman.
 "Those are too high for my library," Huntington exclaimed.
 Mr. Miller went on and sent the book to Huntington's house with the railroad king.
 "Why did you sell it to me?" he demanded.
 "Because you are the bookman's call," said Mr. Miller.
 "I certainly did not," Huntington said.
 "Oh, yes, you did," said Mr. Miller. "You'll find it well when I tell you that you sold two valuable volumes to me."—Harper's Weekly.

Books of Reference.
 Newspaper editors are constantly asked questions addressed to readers—if they are, and they deem them rather than as accusers, demagogue when they are for information "to decide" they wonder sometimes questions are put to them when the answer is found in one of three books—an almanac, a gazetteer, or a dictionary. These are books of reference, and they are, however small, we guess, are, but that they are some with misuse or out of easy top shelf. It is well to have an almanac, a dictionary or a gazetteer when you are reading. By consulting them the reader will find his doubts cleared up and his early historical events and makes his world closer and more significant. Get the habit!—New York Mail.

A Sporting Parson.
 The inhibition of a hunting rector by his bishop reminds a correspondent that the Rev. Jack Russell, the famous west country sporting parson, was once cited to appear before the bishop of Exeter to answer charges of neglecting his spiritual and parochial duties, and he was also remonstrated with for keeping and following a pack of hounds. The charges were proved unfounded, and Russell refused to give up the sport, which he continued to pursue almost to the day of his death in 1883, at the age of eighty-eight. Besides being an insatiable hunter, he was, as his biographer pithily remarks, "a staunch supporter of Devonshire wrestlers, an admirable sparrer and an enthusiastic upholder of the virtues of Devonshire cider and cream." And in the pulpit he tried to reform conduct rather than to expound doctrine and was a stern denouncer of bad language, strong drink and "the filthy habit of smoking."—St. James's Gazette.

Sarcasm in the Commons.
 The reluctance of the house of commons to adjourn over Derby day recalls a story related of one of the Roman Catholic peers who took their seats some four or five years before the passage of the first reform bill after an exclusion of a century and a half. He gave notice that on a certain day he would make a certain motion, whereupon there arose from his noble colleagues a general cry of "Derby!" The astonished novice named another day, only to be greeted with an equally unanimous expostulation of "Oaks!" At this he explained that he would have to ask the forgiveness of their lordships; but, having been educated abroad, he was forced to acknowledge that he was not familiar with the list of saints' days in the Anglican calendar.

His Glasses.
 He came home in the small hours of the morning, and his loving spouse confronted him with wrath in her eye and a telegram in her hand, saying, "Here is news that has been waiting for you since supper time."
 He blinked, looked wise and, braced up against the hatrack, felt through his pockets, murmuring, "I left my glasses down town."
 "Yes," she replied, with scathing irony, "but you brought the contents with you."

Not Grasping.
 "What a grasping fellow you are, Hawkins! You've bothered me about this bill fifty times in ten days."
 "You wrong me, Jarley. I'm not grasping. I've bothered you about the bill, I admit, but I haven't been able to grasp anything yet."

Found Him Guilty.
 Counsel (to the jury)—The principal fault of the prisoner has been his unfortunate characteristic of putting faith in thieves and scoundrels of the basest description. I have done. The unhappy man in the dock puts implicit faith in you, gentlemen of the jury!

She Had to Mend Them.
 Benham—I believe in putting my best foot forward. Mrs. Benham—I have noticed that your toe always goes right through your stocking.—New York Press.

A Wedding Decoration.
 Whether it was a mistake or a joke or simply an example of bad taste is a question that is still puzzling most of the passengers. But no matter about that. It certainly was a floral masterpiece. Full four feet it stood from the ground, in the form of a cross. Roses white and roses red composed the body of the cross, and dainty white blossoms and green leaves formed the trimmings. In the center the word "Peace" was spelled out in rosebuds.
 Everybody in the car admired the offering, and when the boy set it down on the floor all leaned forward to examine it more closely. At length one old gentleman stood up and readjusted his glasses in order to get a better look at it.
 "That is a mighty pretty posy you've got there," he said. "Who, may I ask, is dead?"
 The boy giggled.
 "Nobody 't I know of," he said. "This ain't for a funeral; it's for a wedding."
 The old gentleman sat down heavily.
 "Good Lord!" he said. "What idiot ever ordered 'Peace' inscribed on a wedding decoration?"
 The rest of the passengers smiled, and many of them, being married, wondered as well, but nobody ventured an explanation.—New York Times.

Death and Snuff.
 A certain Margaret Wilson of Westminster, who was an inveterate snuff taker, was once asked to take a quantity of snuff should be placed in her hand, she also ordered that the articles connected with her funeral should be as follows: "Six men to carry the coffin, six men to carry the snuff takers in the parish church, Westminster. Instead of each to wear a snuff colored coat, which I desire may be the purpose and given to the makers of my old coat to bear my pall, each to be filled with the best Scotch snuff to take for their refreshment on the way." Snuff was also to be on the threshold of the dwelling before the cortege set out, snuff was to be strewn around at every twenty yards in the case of the coffin, and the officiating clergyman's fee was to be proportional to the quantity of snuff he consumed during the ceremony.—London Globe.

What the Peruvians Believed.
 A unique idea of the future state was that of the ancient Peruvians. As the disembodied soul winged its way to eternity it encountered two rocks, upon one of which it must needs rest. The choice was determined by the morality of the life in the flesh. If it rested upon the left hand rock it was instantly translated to "Po," or oblivion, a state analogous to the Nirvana of the orient. If through early misdeeds, however, the unhappy spirit was guided to the right hand rock it entered into a purgatorial hell where fiends grated away the flesh from all the bones in succession, after which the skeleton was re clothed and sent back to earth for another try. There was no haste about this grating process. It took something over 10,000 years.

Australia's First Theater.
 The first recorded production of a play in Australia took place in June of the year 1789. It was called "The Recruiting Officer." The proceeds of the first pay night (some £20) went to the family of a man who had been drowned. In January, 1796, a rough and ready playhouse was opened, and the public had to pay a shilling a head for admission. The payments were made in kind, wheat, flour or rum taking the place of the usual currency.—London Standard.

Disappearing Home Life.
 The flat dweller ought not to keep a dog, prefers not to keep a cat, cannot have a garden, has no chance of keeping house, has no possible place for memories and, most emphatic of all, has no use or accommodation for babies. Although it may be possible to make homes without kitchens or cupboards, the spirit of home is hard to woo and win without any of them.—Fortnightly Review.

Go Right at It.
 "Of course you know that germs communicate sickness?"
 "Yes," answered the man who is apprehensive about his health, "and the worst of it is that they get right down to business in their communications, instead of employing the scientific circumlocution of the medical profession."—Exchange.

Trying to Make a Hit.
 Judge—Do you acknowledge the charge brought before the court of throwing your wife to the ground and knocking her head repeatedly against the floor? Prisoner (evasively)—I was only trying to make a hit with her, your honor.—Judge.

A Substitute.
 "I am sorry, my dear sir, but I neglected to bring my surgical instruments with me."
 "That will be all right, doctor. The plumber who has been working in the cellar has left his tools here."—Exchange.

The Fatted Calf.
 That mighty unfair trick of killing the fatted calf for the prodigal causes more family rows than anything else on earth except the division of father's money.—Athenian Globe.

Out of a great evil may come a great good.—Italian Proverb.

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WOMAN AND FASHION

A Winter's Gown.
 The present rage for buttons used as a decorative feature is illustrated in the sketch shown today. The skirt is a modified directoire model, with a plaited panel set beneath the slashed side. The blouse is cut in one with the sleeves and is arranged in an attractive manner with buttons running in a



Buttons as a Decorative Feature.
 line over the shoulder and on the front of the bodice. The neck is shaped in a point and is trimmed with satin, heavily braided with soutache. The girdle and sleeves also show the same decoration, with silver and gold threads. These may be purchased in bolero shape or short waisted effect and give an elaborate and dressy air to an otherwise plain gown.

New Waistcoat Sweater.
 The fashion for waistcoats has brought about a new sweater which is tight fitting and is made to show. It is knitted in most of the fashionable colors and is smart in leather brown, jade green with a black border, bright blue with a striped border and gray with a black edge and smoked pearl buttons.

Coiffure For Schoolgirl.
 Any kind of pompadour for school children other than that they can get by doing their hair softly is the worst possible form. If when the top part is tied the bow is brought a little forward and the barrette put in, a slight puffiness is made to the hair about the face which is both pretty and suitable. With very little children care must be taken that only the very least roundness is made in this fashion or it will become grotesque.

Inconsistent.
 Howell—Rowell is an inconsistent fellow. Powell—That's right; he would tell you take all the time you wanted and then have you arrested for stealing his watch.—New York Press.

Public Opinion.
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