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Fort Worth Market.

Receipts of Cattle, Estimated 1,900---Hogs 1,200

CATTLE MARKET STEADY

Other Stock in Large Supply---Sales Steady.

HOGS 10 TO 15 CTS LOWER

Good Lights and Pigs at Good Prices.

Receipts Today.

	1,900
	1,168
	750

Official Receipts Yesterday.

	2,460
	283
	270
	99

Range of the Market Today.

CATTLE—Steers, top $3.20, bulk $2.50. Cows, top $2.20, bulk $1.75@2.15. Calves top $4.

HOGS—Top $4.75, bulk $4.00@4.65. Stags $3.80.

SHEEP—Bulk $4.

THE CATTLE TRADE

Today's Quotations.

Choice fed	$3 50@3 80
Medium fed	3 00@3 50
Cows and feeders	2 00@3 00
Stockers	1 25@2 00
Choice heavy fed	2 15@2 50
Medium butcher	1 90@2 15
Cows thin	1 75@1 90
Canners	1 00@1 75
Bulls, stags and oxen	1 50@3 00
Calves—Good to fancy veals	3 00@4 25
Common to fair	1 50@3 00

Receipts of cattle today were moderate enough to give the market a better tone. Only three cabs were in early, or about noon, with enough in sight to make a fair figure close around 1,900, against 1,168 last Thursday, and 1,771 for the corresponding Thursday last month.

BEEF STEERS.

Only a few steers arrived today, but many were needed, and though the run today was composed of feeders and medium fed cattle, there was a fairly good demand from both local packers and order buyers, and trading was fairly active, with sales generally on a steady basis with yesterday.

Corn fed steers were quoted from $3.50@3.80, medium fed from $3.00@3.50, stockers and feeders from $2.00@3.00, and yearlings $1.25@2.00.

Representative sales:

	Ave.	Price
	903	3 20
	980	3 20
	1000	3 20
	977	3 00
	660	2 75
	735	2 10
	700	2 00
	440	1 50

BUTCHER STOCK.

There was not a very large supply of butcher stock on the market today, the bulk of which was only fair.

General opinion among traders that the market was steady and most of them were doing business on this basis. A number were of the opinion that it displayed a shade more firmness and strength than yesterday, but not enough to make a quotable change in prices.

The market for bulls was steady, the bulk selling at a range of from $1.50@2 and good from $1.75@2.25.

Canner heavy fed cows are quoted from $1.75, with medium butchers $1.90@2, light thin $1.75@1.90, and canners $1@1.75.

Fat stags and oxen are quoted from $1@3.00.

Cows.

	1050	2 50
	985	2 25
	838	2 10
	850	2 10
	842	2 10
	879	2 10
	793	2 10
	930	2 00
	750	2 00
	700	2 00
	785	2 00
	821	2 00
	830	2 00
	809	1 95
	920	1 95
5	802	1 90
19	794	1 85
9	627	1 85
10	801	1 85
16	728	1 80
17	588	1 75
3	826	1 75
11	797	1 70
14	712	1 65
13	698	1 65
4	735	1 65
18	615	1 65
15	596	1 60
30	671	1 00
3	730	1 50
2	770	1 25
4	605	1 25

Heifers.

1	1010	3 25
1	1290	2 50
1	1280	2 25
1	710	2 25
7	1396	2 10
2	985	2 00
1	1100	2 00
4	1062	1 80
1	1280	1 75
2	1000	1 65
3	650	1 50
1	500	1 00

Bulls.

1	870	1 00

CALVES.

The calf supply was moderately supplied, and trading was fairly active and steady with yesterday.

Good to choice vealers are selling at a range of from $3.00@4.25, with the common to fair kinds from $2.00@3.00.

1	190	4 00
2	210	3 50
4	205	2 25
9	197	2 00
1	350	1 85
4	195	1 75

THE HOG TRADE

Today's Quotations.

Choice sorted	$4 45@4 70
Mixed Packers	4 35@4 55
Light	4 35@4 50
Choice pigs	4 50@5 00
Stags and roughs	3 00@4 00

The supply of hogs today was fairly liberal. Six cars were in at the opening of the market, 477 head, and by noon 5 more arrived, which with those driven in made total receipts close around 1,200, or about the same number as on last Thursday's market, which was 1,006, against 432 for the corresponding Thursday last month.

The quality as a rule was good, as was the demand, but in spite of this, local packers, who had reports of large receipts and lower markets at other points, started bidding generally on a 15 to 20c lower basis. Salesmen were unwilling to take off so much at one time, and trading hung fire for a while, but finally, seeing they would have to sell at a decline, a 10 to 15c lower basis was established and trading became active, with the bulk selling this way.

There was a strong demand for sorted lights and choice pigs, which sold steady with yesterday, and those averaging 77 to 116 pounds sold at $4.75@4.80. The top price paid for heavy killing hogs was $4.65 for those averaging 267 pounds, with the bulk at that price.

Choice sorted are quoted from $4.45@4.70, mixed packers $4.35@4.55, light trades $4.35@4.50, choice pigs $4.50@5.00, and boars, stags and roughs from $3.00@4.00.

Representative sales:

Territory Hogs.

No.	Shrink.	Average.	Price
25		113	4 60
66		267	4 65
73		201	4 65
13		138	4 65
13		123	4 65
57		200	4 65
81		226	4 70
74		239	4 70
76		170	4 70
21		93	4 70
62		211	4 70
10		116	4 75
10		77	4 80
69		219	4 70

Texas Hogs.

78		192	4 50
15		119	4 50
1		310	4 00
70		191	4 65
22		122	4 65

Wagon Hogs.

6		221	4 60
8		250	4 75

RECEIPTS AT THE YARDS TODAY.

Cattle.

J. D. Elliott, Georgetown	64
C. D. Rice, Big Springs	31
C. & L., Odessa	41
J. V. Jones, Stamford	39
J. S. M., Albany	27
L. S. Cummings, Stamford	93
D. Taylor, Stamford	30
C. & L., Stamford	95
J. C. Gilmore, Malakoff	38
W. C. Smith, Malakoff	35
J. M. Tannehill, Decatur	31
S. L. Moore, DeKalb	31
D. C. Brant, Weatherford	38
R. L. Payne, Cleburne	34
J. T. Davis, Rhome	22
J. T. Day, Rhome	44
W. E. Banner, Wortham	31
J. E. Lutz, Vernon	31
J. Davis, Wichita Falls	31

Hogs.

D. S. Bopst, Watonga, O. T.	76
Carey Stock Farm, Drummond, O. T.	75
Tom Clarkson, Cleo, O. T.	88
J. S. Sutton, Edmond, O. T.	74
H. H. Wilson, Douglas, O. T.	81
W. P. Cranch, Stroud	92
A. M. Fritz, Ponca City, O. T.	66
E. Kyle, Cushing, O. T.	104
J. Foster, Coyle, O. T.	121
Green & Son, Coyle, O. T.	127
Brown & B., Franklin, Tex.	94
S. T. Dennison, Guthrie, O. T.	76
B. P. Marshall, Lindsay, I. T.	73

Sheep.

A. & S. Vanhorn, Tex.	750

BUYERS ON YESTERDAY'S MARKET.

Cattle.

Swift & Co.	990
Armour & Co.	791
Lawson	64
Tucker	56
Simpson	60
Schalley	78
Eaman	11
Hill & Son	27
D. & L.	47
Burns	19
Saunders	46
Fields	27
R. H. Campbell	43
East	37
S. Williams	16
Ney	20
All others	21

Calves.

Armour & Co.	94
Swift & Co.	41

Hogs.

Swift & Co.	267
Armour & Co.	20
J. Duncan	6
G. S. Miller	6

THE SHEEP TRADE

Today's Quotations.

Lambs	3 50@4 50
Fethers	3 50@4 50
Ewes	2 50@3 50
Culls	1 50@2 50

Representative sales:

No.	Ave.	Price
5	128	4 00
3 lambs	106	4 60

Give Thanks.

Give thanks for something and you will find something to give thanks for. No one is so poor as not to be comparatively rich. Envy is the mother of poverty, charity the parent of wealth and contentment the open way to Heaven.—Universalist Leader.

Married on Sight.

John T. Kruger of Wabash, Neb., bet a friend $500 that he would ask the first girl he met, after leaving his hotel, to marry him. This happened to be Mamie Grant, who promptly accepted his offer. They were married within an hour.

German Book Trust.

A trust has been formed by the retail book dealers of Germany which has advanced the price of books 10 to 25 per cent. Foreigners can now get books produced in Germany 15 to 25 per cent less than Germans can.

Protecting His Dead Body.

Bronson Tuttle, a rich ironmaster of Naugatuck, Conn., has been buried, according to his will, in a steel casket, which is not only burglar proof, but cannot in any way be opened without the use of dynamite. A man in a tent close to the grave keeps vigil night and day.

Philippine Physique.

Partial reports from the Philippines show that during the year 736 native Malays were examined for enlistment in the Philippine scouts and that all but twenty were accepted, a record which shows the Philippine physique to be greatly superior to the American.

Harvest Work.

The harvest of wheat alone engages about 1,000,000 men and 50,000 teams three months of the summer, while at least 10,000 women are needed to prepare food for the workers. The harvest of other crops employ less men, but the entire number of harvesters needed in gathering the crops of the United States has been estimated at 1,520,700—that is, exclusive of the farmers that reside on their own land and aid in the harvest.

TELEGRAPHIC MARKET REPORTS.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Chicago	10,000	30,000	12,000
Kansas City	7,000	9,000	2,000
St. Louis	3,500	7,500	2,000
St. Joseph	1,600	4,600	2,500
	22,100	51,100	18,500

Chicago.

Special to The Reporter.

Union Stock Yards, Ill., Dec. 17.—The Drovers' Journal reports:

CATTLE — Receipts 10,000. Quality inferior. Choice strong to 10 higher, others dull and weak. Top $5.65.

HOGS — Receipts 30,000. Market opened 10 higher, later weakened. Top $4.70; bulk $4.40@4.55.

SHEEP — Receipts 12,000. Sheep strong. Lambs weak.

Kansas City.

Special to The Reporter.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 17.—The Drovers' Telegram reports today:

CATTLE — Receipts 7,000. Market low to steady. Top $4.45. Cows weak. Stockers steady.

HOGS — Receipts 9,000. Market 5 to 10 higher. Top $4.47½; bulk $4.37½@4.45.

SHEEP—Receipts 2,000. Market 15 to 25 lower.

St. Louis.

Special to The Reporter.

National Stock Yards, Ill., Dec. 17.—The National Live Stock Reporter says:

CATTLE — Receipts 3,500. Texas 1,500. Dull. Natives draggy. Top late yesterday $5.40.

HOGS — Receipts 7,500. Market strong. Top $4.60; bulk $4.45@4.55.

SHEEP—Receipts 2,000. Steady.

St. Joseph.

Special to The Reporter.

South St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 17.—The Stock Yards Daily Journal reports:

CATTLE — Receipts 1,600. Market steady to 10 lower.

HOGS — Receipts 4,600. Market steady to a higher. Top $4.45; bulk $4.32½@4.40.

SHEEP—Receipts 2,500. Steady to strong. Lambs $5.50.

Tea Growing in India.

The half-million acres cultivated in tea in India produce 190,000,000 pounds, the investment being about $100 an acre. The labor required is thirteen persons to the acre. One pound of India tea will produce seven and a half gallons of tea of a given strength, while the tea of China will produce but five gallons.

Dr. Parker's Memorial.

The stained-glass window, to the memory of Dr. Parker in the City Temple, London, represents St. Paul's farewell to the elders at Ephesus. The faces of the elders form a noble and striking group. Underneath are the words: "Sorrowing most of all that they should see his face no more." In the lower panel there is a very fine portrait of Dr. Parker.

Western Reserve Divorces.

One divorce to every eleven marriages is the statistical showing for the Western Reserve—a proportion greater than that of any state or nation on earth. This 6,250 square miles in northwestern Ohio was settled while a part of the Northwest territory almost exclusively by Connecticut and Massachusetts folk, and its people are now the purest Puritan stock to be found west of the Hudson river.

French Naval Program.

The naval construction program of the French admiralty for 1904 comprises seventy vessels. Of this huge total, fifty-nine are to be torpedo boats, which are to be constructed by private shipbuilding firms. Sixteen new submarine boats are to be built; one armored cruiser, of 13,644 tons and twenty-three knots speed, and two torpedo boat destroyers, with a speed of thirty knots.

Charity of Children.

Unique among the charities of Chicago is the School Children's Aid society, whose beneficence is a gift from children to children. Last year $4,923 was given by the public school children of Chicago to help clothe 3,579 of their number so they could attend school during the severe winter weather. Every year just before Thanksgiving the public school children bring their pennies as a Thanksgiving offering.

Moorish Water Clocks.

Among the curious features of Toledo which unfortunately remain no longer, were water clocks, devised by a Moorish genius named Az Zarcal, who placed them on the banks of the Tagus so that the people could read the time. They were run by water power, and were so famous that Daniel Merlac, an English astronomer, came all the way from Oxford in 1185 to study them.

ABOUT THE STOCK YARDS.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday brought in 11,000 cattle.

J. E. Lutz sent in from Vernon 30 cows of 720 pounds average that sold at $1.60.

F. S. Sutton sold 74 head of 240-pound hogs at $4.70. They came from Edmond, O. T.

Shippers are hoping that the new year will bring a turn in the markets for higher prices.

H. H. Wilson sent in from Douglas, O. T., 81 head of hogs of 226 pounds average that sold at $4.70.

E. E. Bridge had in from Waxahachie 88 steers of 980 to 1000 pounds average that sold at $3.20.

J. C. Gilmore sent in from Malakoff 1 cows of 698 pounds that sold at $1.65. He sold 4 of 735 and 18 of 628 at the same price.

E. Kyle, who is one of the regular shippers to this market, sent in from Cushing, O. T., 69 hogs of 220 pounds that sold at $4.70, 25 of 113 at $4.60, and 16 pigs of 77 at $4.80.

E. W. Plahn was in from Indian Creek, Brown county, with cows that sold at $2.10 and $2.15. Mr. Plahn is doing some feeding of cattle of his own raising. He says a number of the stock raisers and farmers are feeding a limited number of cattle, running them on wheat or grass with hay feed, and nissing on cotton seed products. He wanted The Reporter of course, to keep up with the markets.

Col. W. H. Weeks, general agent of the Kansas City Stockyards, was a visitor today. He considers the Fort Worth Stockyards and packing plants models. "You are bound to have a big market here," he said. "One of the most important things is to enlarge the feeding business, and this will be done as soon as farmers catch on. Farmers in the country around Kansas City come to that market and buy a few feeders, which they fatten and bring back in a few months, and get the profit of their feed. A good many small feeders this way make a better business than a few big shippers. Fort Worth will get there—just give her time."

Average Marriage Age.

The average age for men to marry is highest in Sweden, thirty-one years, and the lowest in the United States, twenty-six and one-half years.

Few Railroad Accidents in Holland.

Railways in Holland are so carefully managed that the accidental deaths on them average only one a year for the entire country.

Child Mortality.

The child mortality is three times as large in East London as in west, being 350 per thousand.

Low Railroad Fare in India.

First-class railway fare in India is less than one half a cent mile.

Americans Invade Canada.

American capital is rapidly invading part of the Dominion near Sherbrooke and the near future will see the erection and equipment of many large manufacturing plants, which will greatly increase the wealth and business of the section and promote trade with the United States.

Useful Gifts.

Some eminently practical guests were among those who aided in celebrating the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Holt at Independence, Kas. Useful and ornamental gifts there were in abundance, including an overcoat for the host and a set of false teeth for his wife.

Poverty and Infant Mortality.

By way of illustrating the effect of poverty on infant mortality, a German statistician says that among the aristocratic circles in Berlin only 57 per 1,000 of the children die before they reach the age of 5, whereas among the poorest classes the number of doomed children is 357 per 1,000.

Cane of Frederick the Great.

The German emperor possesses a cane which belonged to Frederick the Great, who always carried it on his many battlefields. Frederick died in his arm-chair, having refused to take to his bed when dying, and he held this cane in his hand at the moment of his death.

The Longest Bridge.

The longest bridge in the world is the Lion bridge, near Sangang, in China. It extends five and a quarter miles over an arm of the Yellow sea, and is supported by 300 huge stone arches. The roadway is seventy feet above the water, and is enclosed in an iron network.

Paraguay Oranges.

The Paraguayan orange is one of the best on the market in Buenos Ayres and Montevideo, particularly those which are grown in the higher portions of the country, called the cordilleras, famous for their superior quality, sweetness and flavor.

THEY DO NOT WANT RICHES.

One Owns a Silver Mine and the Other a Health-Giving Spring.

"I know two men in Colorado," said Col. Alexander, an officer in the army, "who may be ranked as peculiar characters. One of them owns the greatest silver mine in the state and does not develop it, and the other owns a hot springs which is a marvel in its curative properties and he does nothing to encourage people to come to it. The mine owner digs out some silver ore from time to time, puts it in a sack and carries it to Denver, where he sells it. In this manner he gets enough money to supply his necessities, but he will do nothing more. He might become a silver king if he would develop that mine and take out the wealth of silver. I can't say why he will not do so, but he won't, and that is all there is to it.

"The other fellow has a spring that is wonderful and those who could stand the treatment they received at his place have been cured of chronic ailments of a most serious nature. He has a few tumbledown cabins about, and with nothing in the way of luxuries or even comforts. If he would put up a good hotel and make his place attractive for sick people he would have great crowds there but that is something he will not do.

"He says those who want the benefit of his spring must take what they find and be satisfied with what satisfies him. 'If they don't like it they needn't come,' is the way he puts it, and he cannot be induced to make improvements or to allow others to do so."

Habitual Criminal Law.

Great Britain is to have an habitual criminal law resembling those of some of our states. The plan now under consideration is that of an industrial penal settlement for the special benefit of such "habituals," where special efforts would be made to reform them, and opportunity given of regaining their liberty by industry and good conduct, but only on probation.

A Typical Duel.

A typical duel is that reported from the town of Minsk, in Russia. Two old friends, lawyers had been to the theater together. Coming out, one accidentally knocked off the other's hat. He apologized, but the other, very angry, called him names. The result was a duel in which one was killed. Neither had shot a pistol before.

The Sacred Name.

A Moslem in the East will never pass or trample under foot a scrap of paper, lest thereon might be written the name of Allah. He will pick it up and stuff it into the crevice of a wall, or even carry it for days until he finds out from somebody who can read whether it contains the holy name.

Student Statistics.

There are now somewhat over 100,000 students in our colleges, universities and technical schools, and somewhat over 50,000 students in our professional schools of theology, law and medicine.

Britishers Grow Taller.

Statistics show that in fifty years the average height of British men has risen an inch. The present average height for a man of thirty is five feet eight and one-half inches.

English Farm Machinery.

England makes but a third of the machinery used by its farmers. Of the remainder $1,308,000 worth of it comes from America and $212,000 from Canada.

Automatic Typewriters.

A new typewriting machine returns the carriage automatically when the end of a line is reached so that the operator is not compelled to pause.

Co-Operative Presents.

Co-operative wedding presents are now quite the fashion. When a couple are about to marry their friends combine forces and give them one or more handsome presents instead of a number of smaller ones. To avoid duplicates the bride-elect is often asked to say what she would like to have.

For Sale or Trade.

SHELLED AND EAR CORN 50c; clipped oats, 45c; rice bran, 60c; corn chops, $1.05; baled corn shucks 15c bale; red seed oats, 48c. Kolp's Elevator, North Fort Worth. Phone 800.

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Correspondence telling of the condition of live-stock, its progress and improvement of the industry, and anything that would be of interest to stock raisers, is invited.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1903

Notice to Agents.

Subscribers ordering The Reporter must sign subscription blanks. This is necessary to insure the name being correctly written, and to prevent mistakes in making up the mail list. Agents must see that these instructions are carried out.

The World Is Growing Old.

The world is growing old—
It used to have the time
To laugh at stories told
Or marvel over rhyme;
It used to listen, glad
When some one had a song;
It sorrowed with the sad,
And sought to right the wrong.

The world is growing old—
It used to run and play,
And only seek the gold
That made a merry day;
It once had time to spare
To lie beneath the trees
And hear the music there—
The songs of birds and bees.

The time it used to lose!
A rose in bloom could hold
Those who to-day must choose
The petals brown and old.
A leafy stretch of trees
Was counted something good—
A prospect made to please—
It never understood.

It did not know the hush
When day dreams come at noon
Should be a time of rush
And clamor; nor that soon
The clinking gold of trade
Would be best to behold.
One time it sang and played—
The world is growing old.

The world is growing old—
It has no time to sing;
Its stories all are told;
No more the rafters ring
With shouts when some blithe song
Or carol gay is sung.
The world has lived too long
But one time it was young.

BULLETIN BUBBLES.

A familiar saying—"Hello!"

Made over—a roof garden hit.

A snake is never rattle-headed.

Sometimes the cobbler can't tap so well as the doctor.

In a street car a man's selfishness is often deep-seated.

The female dancing team is composed of step "sisters."

The boot and shoe seller doesn't object to slippery customers.

People with clinging disposition do not always stick to the truth.

No, "blood money" is not necessarily composed of red cents.

The acrobat doesn't understand his business until he tumbles.

It takes more than the wind to make a budding mustache full blown.

Few would-be poets can say, "My lines have fallen in pleasant places."

We may not thoroughly appreciate the grass, but nature gives it its dew.

Some men are so shallow that there is nothing deep about them except debt.

As the kleptomaniac thought in the candy store, "Stolen kisses are sweetest."

"Keep on the Sunny Side" isn't the song for a woman who is forty in the shade.

Perhaps the ocean murmurs because it doesn't know what has come across it.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

ABOUT WOMEN.

Money makes the marriage go.

A proposal in need is a proposal indeed.

Women speak twice before they think once.

It's a flat courtship that has no "pop" to it.

A ring in the hand is worth two in the promise.

A woman may know a man and still not "No" him.

TURKISH PROVERBS.

If you have to gather thorns do it by the stranger's hand.

With patience sour grapes become sweet and the mulberry leaf satin.

By the time the wise man gets married the fool has grown up children.

Be not so severe that you are blamed for it, nor so gentle that you are trampled upon for it.

HORSES COLLIDED.

Rider of One Was Killed and the Other Badly Injured.

Georgetown, Tex., Dec. 17.—During the progress of the fair at Florence a team of horses driven by Miss Radliff and Miss Jones ran away. E. E. Hayden and Will Trompson, who were on horseback, started on a gallop to stop the team by heading them off. While going at full speed they collided with such force that Hayden was killed and Thompson dangerously injured. The young ladies escaped without injury.

MORE DYNAMITING.

Wheels of Car Shattered and Latter Raised About Three Feet.

San Antonio, Dec. 17.—A street car having many passengers on board was wrecked by dynamite Wednesday night. Nobody was hurt. It happened two blocks from Alamo plaza.

The force of the explosion lifted the car fully three feet off the track, shattered the wheels and tore up the rail. There were a number of ladies on the car, some of whom went into hysterics.

Flag to Be Tagged.

San Marcos, Tex., Dec. 17.—Terry's Rangers transacted much business. A motion was carried to appoint a committee to designate and tag the veteran flag and report at the next annual meeting.

Fourth Call Issued.

Austin, Dec. 17.—State Treasurer Robbins issued his fourth call to pay registered warrants up to and including warrant No. 2592, amounting to $81,759.96, out of the general revenue fund.

Has Been Defrauded.

Laredo, Tex., Dec. 17.—The Electric Light Company in Monterey claims it has discovered that it has been defrauded out of $1000 a month by its wires being tapped for light and other purposes.

BOURKE COCKRAN.

Tammany Hall Will Nominate Him to Succeed McClellan.

New York, Dec. 17.—W. Bourke Cochran will be nominated by Tammany to succeed Mayor-Elect George McClellan as the representative from the Twelfth congressional district as

W. BOURKE COCKRAN.

soon as McClellan resigns his seat to undertake his duties as the municipal executive. That was determined at Mr. Cockran's office, where he met Charles Murphy and gave the Tammany leader his consent to run.

ROASTED ALIVE.

Terrible Scene Witnessed by a Train Crew Near Fort Scott.

Fort Scott, Kan., Dec. 17.—One man lost his life, one was fatally hurt and several others were more or less severely injured in a collision of two sections of a freight train on a long bridge on the Frisco system, fifteen miles from here. P. M. Hermitage of Monette, Mo., a brakeman, who was riding on the engine of the rear train, was roasted alive in view of the other members of the crew, who were unable to help him. He begged to be killed and placed out of his misery. W. E. Williford and H. J. James, a brakeman, are believed to be fatally hurt. The bridge burned under the wreck, and one engine and several cars went down.

PLEA OF FIVE NATIONS.

Want None of the Indian Territory Added to Oklahoma.

Ardmore, I. T., Dec. 17.—The governors of all the five nations of the Indian Territory have joined in a memorial to congress, which has just been submitted to the house and senate by Secretary Hitchcock, asking congress to refrain from adding any portion of the Indian Territory to Oklahoma when the latter is admitted as a state, and to permit at the present time the creation of a state out of the Indian Territory.

First Indian Allotment.

Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 17.—During the last week the first Indian allotment was filed in Day county by Mrs. E. H. Doyle for her minor child, Nellie Daggett, a half Indian. Mrs. Doyle's first husband was an Indian of a New York tribe.

Confesses He Is a Defaulter.

Berkeley, Cal., Dec. 17.—W. F. McKown, secretary of the board of regents of the state university, confessed to Benjamin I. Wheeler that he was a defaulter to the amount of $20,000, and possibly more. Most of the money was lost at the race track.

Agreement on Friar Lands

Manila, Dec. 17.—An agreement has been reached between Governor Taft and the friars by which the United States will acquire the friar lands for the sum of $7,2000,000, $210,000 of it in gold. Pope approves it. There are 402,000 acres.

PASSED CUBAN BILL.

Went Through the Senate With but Eighteen Negative Votes.

FIFTY-SEVEN FOR IT.

Measure as Adopted by the Upper House Causes a Twenty Per Cent Reduction From Dingley Tariff Law.

Washington, Dec. 17.—By the decisive vote of 57 to 18 the senate passed the bill carrying into effect the reciprocity treaty with Cuba. The final vote came at the close of the day, which was marked by a debate which, while at all times animated, was never acrimonious. The principal speeches were made by Mr. Spooner for the bill and by Mr. Bailey against it. Both senators were subjected to frequent interruptions. In his remarks, Mr. Bailey referred to the recent agreement of the Democratis caucus to stand solidly on party questions, and notified the Republicans that in the future they could not depend on straggling Democratic votes in support of Republican measures, regardless of whether they were or were not in accord with Democratic doctrine.

The bill passed carries into execution the treaty between the United States and Cuba which was ratified last March. The treaty provides for a reduction of 20 per cent from the rates of duty under the Dingley law on all Cuban articles imported into the United States and varying reduction of 20 to 40 per cent from the established Cuban duty on articles brought into Cuba from the United Staes. The vote in detail was as follows:

Yeas—Aldrich, Alger, Allee, Allison, Ankeny, Bacon, Ball, Beveridge, Blackburn, Burnhem, Burrows, Burton, Clapp, Clark, (Wyo.) Clay, Cockrell, Cullom, Depew, Dillingham, Dolliver, Dryden, Elkins, Fairbanks, Foraker, Foster, (Wash.) Frye, Fulton, Gallinger, Gorman, Hale, Hanna, Hansbrough, Heyburn, Hoar, Hopkins, Kean, Lodge, Long, McComas, McCreary, McCumber, Mitchell, Nelson, Overman, Penrose, Perkins, Platt, (Conn.) Platt, (N. Y.) Proctor, Quarles, Scott, Simmons, Smoot, Spooner, Stewart, Stone, Wetmore—57.

Nays—Bailey, Bard, Bate, Berry, Carmack, Culberson, Daniel, Dubois, Foster, (La.) McEnery, McLaurin, Mallory, Martin, Newlands, Pettus, Tallaferro, Teller, Tillman—18.

Pairs were announced as follows: Hawley with Clark, (Mont.) Millard with Clark, (Ark.) Kerens with Gibson, Warren, with Money, Quay with Morgan and Kittridge with Patterson.

After the passage of the Cuban treaty the senate agreed to the house resolution providing for a holiday recess from Dec. 18 to Jan. 4.

Mr. Bailey took exception to the statement made by Mr. Spooner to the effect that he (Bailey) had been influenced towards protection because of his interest in the cattle business of his sstate. "I disclaim any sympathy with any bill disavowing any opposition to any bill affecting any interest of my own state because of sentiment in that state favorable to protection," he said. He explained that his position on all matters relating the tariff was that of favoring a tariff for revenue only.

Mr. Spooner disavowed any intention of impugning the motives of Mr. Bailey.

Mr. Bailey then discussed the constitutional questions involved in the bill, maintaining that the house had the exclusive right to originate revenue legislation, and had no power over treaties.

Central American Affairs.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Central American affairs were discussed in the house Wednesday and also pensions, industrial and agricultural conditions and labor. The session lasted more than four hours, the house being in committee almost the entire time on the pension appropriation bill on which no conclusion was reached.

WARSHIP FOR DAVIS.

Consul May Return to Alexandretta at His Pleasure.

Washington, Dec. 17.—As a result of Minister Leishman's advices respecting the Alexandretta affair the state department has requested the navy department to place a warship at the disposal of Consul Davis, now at Beirut, upon which he might return to Alexandretta at his pleasure. The navy department accordingly cabled instructions to Admiral Cotton on board the flagship Brooklyn at Alexandria, Egypt, to place a vessel at the disposal of Mr. Davis. It is believed the Brooklyn will be selected. It is left to the consul to arrange the terms of his reception.

PROMPT REPARATION.

State Department Notifies Leishman to Notify Turkish Government.

Washington, Dec. 17.—State department has cabled Minister Leishman to notify the Turkish government that the officials who offended and attacked Attanan and Consul Davis must be punished and former compensated for the losses and injuries he has sustained.

Will Send Warship.

Washington, Dec. 17.—At the request of Minister Allen, at Seoul, who reports considerable uneasiness and rioting at Korea, the state department has suggested to the navy department that a warship be sent to Korean waters.

Defended General Wood.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Secretary Root, in his testimony before the senate committee on military affairs, defended General Wood. He read extracts from official correspondence.

EMPEROR FRANCIS JOSEPH.

Refers to Several Happenings of the Past and Also the Present.

Vienna, Dec. 16.—Emperor Francis

Vienna, Dec. 17.—Emperor Francis delegations Wednesday. The speech from the throne was chiefly notable for its strong affirmation of the emperor's determination to maintain the dreibund. "By renewal of the triple alliance," he said, "this well proved basis of our policy which we are determined to maintain henceforth has been consolidated for the future."

The speech referred to the death of Pope Leo, to gratifying foreign relations of dual monarchy, and to close harmony between Austria and Russia in regard to the Balkans, with the object of "maintaining peace and statu quo in those regions, in which we are receiving the energetic support of the other great powers."

The emperor also said that Austria and Russia had no selfish aims in the Balkans and only have in view the establishment of peace in the interest of the whole of Europe, to which end Austria-Hungary is endeavoring to

EMPEROR FRANCIS JOSEPH.

induce Turkey to improve her position toward Christions and restrain Bulgaria from encouraging revolt.

After mentioning the visits of "my dear ally, the German emperor," the czar of Russia and king of England, which gave the desired opportunity for personal exchange of views in regard to the Balkans and all other questions at present engaging attention, the speech continued:

"In Servia a change of dynasty has been brought about by a crime which must fill every civilized being with horror. It is hoped this country under new rules may be directed toward moral regeneration and a prosperous future."

The speech concludes with saying the war office appropriation will be the same as last year, and it only asks for money to manufacture new quick firing guns, the work to be commenced in 1904.

PORTE COMPLAINS.

Claims That American Consulate Prevents Attarian Departing.

Constantinople, Dec. 17.—The porte has complained to the United States acting officials that the American consulate at Alexandretta is preventing embarkation of Attarian, the naturalized American, whose recent arrest caused Consul Davis to leave Alexandretta, and for whom the porte instructed local authorities to obtain passage on an Italian steamer at a cost of Turkish government. It is the opinion of the porte that the embarkation of Attarian would remove the principal cause for reparation.

The United States flagship Brookly left Beirut Dec. 14. It is said she is going to Egyptian waters for gun practice.

INCREASED TENFOLD.

Damages Raised to Five Thousand Dollars by Supreme Court.

New Orleans, Dec. 17.—The Louisiana supreme court has given damages in the sum of $5000 each to Peter Warner, Reuben Brown and Edward Warner against thirty citizens of Dodson, Winn parish, who are alleged to have whitecapped them in an effort to seecure information as to the author of several incendiary fires recently. A jury in the district court gave each of the victims $500. This is increased tenfold by the supreme court, which declared the alleged action of parties in refusing to await a hearing in the fire cases by the grand jury reduced the community of which they professed to be representatives to the level of a lawless and ignorant horde of savages.

French Cruiser Arrives.

New Orleans, Dec. 17.—The French cruiser Jurien de la Graviere, which comes to represent the French government in celebration off the centennial anniversary of the transfer of Louisiana to the United States, arrived before the city Wednesday morning. The vessel comes here from the West Indies. The United States cruisers Minneapolis, Yankee and Topeka entered the river at the passes early Wednesday.

RAVAGES OF CHOLERA.

One Hundred and Seventy-Six Deaths In Three Days.

Constantinople, Dec. 17.—An epidemic of cholera is raging at Kerbela, South Bagdad. From Dec. 9 to Dec. 12 176 deaths from the disease were recorded.

Shortage Increases.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 17.—Additional shortage of $2000, making a total thus far known of $17,000, has been discovered in the accounts of Asa C. Bushnell, cashier of the Yale National bank, who committed suicide Tuesday.

Secretary Root Testifies.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Secretary Root testified before the senate committee on military affairs in the Wood investigation.

Student Succumbs.

Ottawa, Ont, Dec. 17—Father McGuerth, a victim of the Ottawa university fire, is dead from his injuries.

KILLED BY HIS DRIVER

Tragic Fate of Prominent Louisiana Merchant and Planter.

ROBBERY IS MOTIVE.

Victim Was on His Way to a City to Deposit Large Amount In a Bank and Employe Aware of His Intentions.

Shreveport, La., Dec. 17.—J. T. Watkinr, a prominent Red river planter and merchant, was shot and killed by his negro driver, George Manuel, Wednesday. The killing occurred near Coushatta, La., and robbery furnished the motive for the crime. Mr. Watkins was on his way to make a large deposit in the bank of Minden and the negro, who knew his employer's plans, had previously placed a heavy log across the only path that Watkins could take to reach the ferry. When the log was reached the negro dismounted as if to remove it, but instead of doing so poured a load of buckshot into Mr. Watkins' head. Manuel then took possession of a bag of silver and escaped. Posses with blood hounds started in pursuit.

TYPHOID EPIDEMIC.

Butler's Affliction Due to Use of Water From a Creek.

New York, Dec. 17.—Dr. George A. Soper, the sanitary expert engaged by the Engineering News to investigate the typhoid epidemic at Butler, Pa., and its causes, reports in the publication that the epidemic had by no means attained its culmination, about 50 per cent of the cases not having reached a critical stage. The epidemic, which he regards as the most severe one of typhoid of recent record, is attributed to the suspension of mechanical filtration in the city water supply. The report says the water for the town is obtained from surface sources and is usually treated by mechanical filtration, but that during changes in the waterworks plant unfiltered water from Conoquensing creek was supplied from Oct. 29 to Nov. 2, the epidemic starting on Nov. 5. In three weeks there were 1000 cases, and up to Dec. 14 1247 cases and fifty-one deaths had been reported.

DIVINE HEALER GONE.

Passed Away at His Louisiana Home at Advanced Age.

Abbeyville, La., Dec. 17.—Theophile Abshire died at his home on Coulee Kinney, about three miles northwest of this place at the advanced age of eighty-nine years.

By reason of his assumption of the title of Jesus Christ and his claims to supernatural powers, he became an notable local celebrity. He was uneducated, but had a ready wit. He stood over six feet tall, and his long white beard gave him a patriarchal appearance.

Results of Lamp Explosion.

New York, Dec. 17.—By the explosion of a kerosene lamp in the tenement of John Stankervich, 247 East Twenty-fifth street, Stankervich and his daughter were badly burned and his wife and son were so severely burned that they are not expected to live. Members of a family living on the floor just above were found half-suffocated, and policemen assisted them to the street. The damage cause by the fire was small.

Large Theft Alleged.

New York, Dec. 17.—Rhenhold Oleski, alias George Bauman, describing himself as a waiter, has been arrested by detectives, who say he is wanted in Germany for stealing bonds valued at 27,000 marks while he was an officer of the surrogate's court of Elensburg.

Colony For Cuba.

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 17.—A party of about twenty persons from South Dakota, Iowa, Michigan and Illinois have reached Mobile en route to Cuba, where they purchased 24,000 acres of grazing land and 48,000 acres of timber land in Puerto Principe province. They will locate there.

Kansas City Chosen.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—The Prohibition rational committee met at the Auditorium and selected Kansas City as the place of the next national convention of the party. June 29 was set for the date.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Greek cabinet has resigned.

All beggars must leave Beaumont.

Assessment of San Angelo, Tex., is $1,893,940.

Oklahoma City wants $300,000 for a federal building.

Long staple cotton sold at Clarksville, Tex., at 16½ cents.

Jim Bolton of Leesburg, Camp county, Texas, died suddenly.

Gold seekers are prospecting fourteen miles from Gonzales, Tex.

Tom Hamilton, a five-year-old girl, was badly burned near Terrell, Tex.

E. R. Este, manager of the French opera house at New Orleans, died at Paris.

Thomas Show, colored, was run over and killed by a locomotive at San Antonio.

Three peddlers were held up near Eagle Pass, Tex., and robbed of several hundred dollars.

Leonard Wilson, sixteen years old, was kicked on the head by a horse at Cache, Okla., and killed.

Two-year-old child of Walter Harris was burned to death four miles from Harris' Ferry, near Clarksville, Tex.

Lelia Allen, a negress, ninety years old, was burned to death at Lake Charles, La. She laid her pipe on the bed and it caught fire.

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a 5 30 pm mixed....

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a 9 45 am Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo Mail and Ex.
a11 10 pm....Colorado Express....
a 6 00 pm....Accommodation....

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a 7 50 am Kan. C. & Chicago Ex. & Mail
a 8 30 pm Kan. C. & Chicago Fast Ex.
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a 9 10 pm Houston & San Antonio & Galveston Mail & Express....

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a11 45 am Kan. City, St. Louis & Chicago Mail & Ex.
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a 8 15 pm Houston and Gal. and San Antonio, "Katy Flyer"....
a 8 20 am....Houston Mail & Ex....
a 6 00 pm....Houston Mail & Ex....

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a 8 00 am....St. Louis Mail & Ex....
a 9 25 am....Dallas Local....
a10 35 am Dallas & Weath'ford Local
a12 30 pm....Dallas Local....
a 1 55 pm....Dallas Local....
a 6 00 pm....Wills Point Local....
a 7 45 pm....St. Louis Mail & Ex....
a 9 30 pm....Dallas Local....
Depart Main Line West.
West
a 8 20 pm Colorado Mail & Express..
a 3 00 pm....Weatherford Local....
a 9 45 am....El Paso Express....
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Citation by Publication. No. 25084.—The State of Texas. Suit pending in the District court Seventeenth Judicial District of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Tarrant county—Greeting: You are hereby commanded to make publication of this citation in some newspaper published in said county, for three consecutive weeks previous to the second Monday in January, 1904, the return day hereof, and thereby notify and summon the unknown owner, and Allie Pittenger and Jas. Patterson, whose residence is unknown, and all parties owning, having or claiming any interest in the land herein mentioned, to be and appear before the said District court of the Seventeenth Judicial District of Texas, at the next regular term thereof, to be held at the court house in the City of Fort Worth, Tarrant county, Texas, on the second Monday, the 11th day of January, 1904 then and there to answer the first amended petition of the State of Texas, filed in said court on the 5th day of December 1903, in said above numbered cause wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff and the hereinbefore named parties defendants, and in which the plaintiff alleges that there are now delinquent and unpaid to the State of Texas and county of Tarrant, state taxes amounting to $4.91, county taxes amounting to $6.13 fees allowed by law amounting to $6.75 including a penalty amounting to 10 per cent of said taxes for the year, including and since the year 1897, for which the said taxes are delinquent, together with 6 per cent interest on said taxes from the first day of January next succeeding the years for which any taxes are delinquent, and that the amount of said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs are delinquent, unpaid and due to the plaintiff, and that the amount thereof is a charge against and a lien on the said land in Tarrant county, Texas, described as follows: Lot 15, block 12-4, Welch addition to Fort Worth, Tarrant county, Texas, (the above property now known as Seidel addition), for the years 1900, 1901 and 1902. Plaintiff prays judgment for the amount of the said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs, and for a foreclosure of the said tax lien against all of said defendants on said land, to satisfy the amount of said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs, and for all other general legal and equitable relief. Herein fail not, but have then and there before this court on the first day of the next regular term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon indorsed, showing how you have executed the same. Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Fort Worth, this the 7th day of December, 1903. Jno. A. Martin, Clerk District Court, Tarrant County, Texas. (L.S.) By E. J. Brock, Jr., Deputy.

Citation by Publication. No. 25194.—The State of Texas. Suit pending in the District court Seventeenth Judicial District of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Tarrant county—Greeting: You are hereby commanded to make publication of this citation in some newspaper published in said county, for three consecutive weeks previous to the second Monday in January, 1904, the return day hereof, and thereby notify and summon the unknown owner, and Alice Elliston, whose residence is unknown, and all parties owning, having or claiming any interest in the land herein mentioned, to be and appear before the said District court of the Seventeenth Judicial District of Texas, at the next regular term thereof, to be held at the court house in the City of Fort Worth, Tarrant county, Texas, on the second Monday, the 11th day of January, 1904, then and there to answer the first amended petition of the State of Texas, filed in said court on the 5th day of December, 1903, in said above numbered cause, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff and the hereinbefore named parties defendants, and in which the plaintiff alleges that there are now delinquent and unpaid to the State of Texas and county of Tarrant, state taxes amounting to $1.57, county taxes amounting to $3.70, fees allowed by law amounting to $9.00, including a penalty amounting to 10 per cent of said taxes for the year, including and since the year 1897, for which the said taxes are delinquent, together with 6 per cent interest on said taxes from the first day of January next succeeding the years for which any taxes are delinquent, and that the amount of said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs are delinquent, unpaid and due to the plaintiff, and that the amount thereof is a charge against and a lien on the said land in Tarrant county, Texas, described as follows: Lot 20, block 2, Union Depot addition to Fort Worth, Tarrant county, Texas, for the years 1901 and 1902. Plaintiff prays judgment for the amount of the said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs, and for a foreclosure of the said tax lien against all of the said defendants on said land, to satisfy the amount of said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs, and for all other general legal and equitable relief. Herein fail not, but have then and there before this court on the first day of the next regular term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon indorsed, showing how you have executed the same. Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Fort Worth, this the 7th day of December, 1903. Jno. A. Martin, Clerk District Court, Tarrant County, Texas. (L.S.) By E. J. Brock, Jr., Deputy.

Citation by Publication. No. 25170.—The State of Texas. Suit pending in the District court Seventeenth Judicial District of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Tarrant county—Greeting: You are hereby commanded to make publication of this citation in some newspaper published in said county, for three consecutive weeks previous to the second Monday in January, 1904, the return day hereof, and thereby notify and summon the unknown owner, and J. Conner whose residence is unknown, and all parties owning, having or claiming any interest in the land herein mentioned, to be and appear before the said District court of the Seventeenth Judicial District of Texas, at the next regular term thereof to be held at the court house in the City of Fort Worth, Tarrant county, Texas, on the second Monday, the 11th day of January, 1904, then and there to answer the first amended petition of the State of Texas, filed in said court on the 5th day of December, 1903, in said above number cause, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff and the hereinbefore named parties defendants, and in which the plaintiff alleges that there are now delinquent and unpaid to the State of Texas and county of Tarrant, state taxes amounting to $21.15, county taxes amounting to $34.58, fees allowed by law amounting to $9.00, including a penalty amounting to 10 per cent of said taxes for the year, including and since the year 1897, for which the said taxes are delinquent, together with 6 per cent interest on said taxes from the first day of January next succeeding the years for which any taxes are delinquent, and that the amount of said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs are delinquent, unpaid and due to the plaintiff, and that the amount thereof is a charge against and a lien on the said land in Tarrant county, Texas, described as follows: West ½ of S. W. ¼ of block 42, Tucker's addition to Fort Worth, Tarrant county, Texas, for the years 1899 to 1902 inclusive. Plaintiff prays judgment for the amount of the said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs, and for a foreclosure of the said tax lien against all of said defendants on said land, to satisfy the amount of said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs, and for all other general legal and equitable relief. Herein fail not, but have then and there before this court on the first day of the next regular term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon indorsed, showing how you have executed the same. Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Fort Worth, this the 7th day of December, 1903. Jno. A. Martin, Clerk District Court, Tarrant County, Texas. (L.S.) By E. J. Brock, Jr., Deputy.

Citation by Publication. No. 25130.—The State of Texas. Suit pending in the District court Seventeenth Judicial District of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Tarrant county—Greeting: You are hereby commanded to make publication of this citation in some newspaper published in said county, for three consecutive weeks previous to the second Monday in January, 1904, the return day hereof, and thereby notify and summon the unknown owner, and A. Meyer and F. A. Bettis, whose residence is unknown and all parties owning, having or claiming any interest in the land herein mentioned, to be and appear before the said District court of the Seventeenth Judicial District of Texas, at the next regular term thereof, to be held at the court house in the city of Fort Worth, Tarrant county, Texas, on the second Monday, the 11th day of January, 1904, then and there to answer the first amended petition of the State of Texas, filed in said court on the 5th day of December, 1903, in said above numbered cause, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff and the hereinbefore named parties defendants, and in which the plaintiff alleges that there are now delinquent and unpaid to the State of Texas and county of Tarrant, state taxes amounting to $6.94 county taxes amounting to $12.82, fees allowed by law amounting to $6.75, including a penalty amounting to 10 per cent of said taxes for the year, including and since the year 1897 for which taxes are delinquent, together with 6 per cent interest on said taxes from the first day of January next succeeding the years for which any taxes are delinquent, and that the amount of said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs are delinquent, unpaid and due to the plaintiff, and that the amount thereof is a charge against and a lien on the said land in Tarrant county, Texas, described as follows: Lot 9, block 13, Texas & Pacific addition to Fort Worth, Tarrant county, Texas, for the years 1900, 1901, 1902. Plaintiff prays judgment for the amount of said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs, and for a foreclosure of the said tax lien against all of said defendants on said land, to satisfy the amount of said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs, and for all other general legal and equitable relief. Herein fail not, but have then and there before this court on the first day of the next regular term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, indorsed, showing how you have executed the same. Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Fort Worth, this the 7th day of December, 1903. Jno. A. Martin, Clerk District Court, Tarrant County, Texas. (L.S.) By E. J. Brock, Jr., Deputy.

Citation by Publication. No. 25094.—The State of Texas. Suit pending in the District court Seventeenth Judicial District of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Tarrant county—Greeting: You are hereby commanded to make publication of this citation in some newspaper published in said county, for three consecutive weeks previous to the second Monday in January, 1904, the return day hereof, and thereby notify and summon the unknown owner, and Mrs. L. B. Harrold, A. D. Harrold and Mrs. E. M. Fowle, whose residence is unknown, and all parties owning, having or claiming any interest in the land herein mentioned, to be and appear before the said District court of the Seventeenth Judicial District of Texas, at the next regular term thereof, to be held at the court house in the city of Fort Worth, Tarrant county Texas, on the second Monday, the 11th day of January, 1904, then and there to answer the first amended petition of the State of Texas, filed in said court on the 5th day of December, 1903, in said above numbered cause, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff and the hereinbefore named parties defendants, and in which the plaintiff alleges that there are now delinquent and unpaid to the State of Texas and county of Tarrant, state taxes amounting to $37.14, county taxes amounting to $58.31, fees allowed by law amounting to $11.25, including a penalty amounting to 10 per cent of said taxes for the year, including and since the year 1897, for which the said taxes are delinquent, together with 6 per cent interest on said taxes from the first day of January next succeeding the years for which any taxes are delinquent, and that the amount of said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs are delinquent, unpaid and due to the plaintiff, and that the amount thereof is a charge against and a lien on the said land in Tarrant county, Texas, described as follows: North 64 feet, east ½ block 3, June Smith addition to the City of Fort Worth, Tarrant county, Texas, (the above property now known as lot 1, block 3, June Smith addition, for the years 1898 to 1902 inclusive. Plaintiff prays judgment for the amount of the said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs, and for a foreclosure of the said tax lien against all of said defendants on said land, to satisfy the amount of said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs, and for all other general legal and equitable relief. Herein fail not, but have then and there before this court on the first day of the next regular term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon indorsed, showing how you have executed the same. Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Fort Worth, this the 7th day of December, 1903. Jno. A. Martin, Clerk District Court, Tarrant County, Texas. (L.S.) By E. J. Brock, Jr., Deputy.

TWO LADIES AT WORK.

City Policeman Explains Cause of Unusual Gathering.

Two lusty Italian women the other day were gathering into a pile a quantity of refuse lumber being taken from a Philadelphia building preparatory to making extensive alterations. Many of the sticks were too long to carry handily, so the daughters of King Victor Emmanuel were rending them in pieces in various ways. If they did not yield by striking them across their knees, they placed them across the gutter and jumped upon them. The women were possessed of remarkable strength and the ease with which they made kindling wood attracted a crowd of fully 200 men and boys. As the sidewalk was becoming blocked a policeman hastened to the scene and ordered everybody to move on. A gentleman happened to come upon the dissolving throng, and being curious to know the cause of the gathering, asked a white-whiskered son of Erin what it all meant.

"Sure, an' it's only a coople uv Italian ladies breaking wood," he rejoiled.

Holiday Rates of the Rock Island System

The Rock Island System announces that it will sell holiday tickets to points in the Southeast and also to Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska and Colorado at rate of one fare plus two dollars for the round trip on December 19, 20, 21 and 26, limited 30 days. This rate is an extremely low one and gives opportunity for all to spend Christmas and New Years at the old home. The 26th was made a date of sale to accommodate those who will be compelled to remain at their work until the Christmas rush is over.

The Rock Island has one route to Memphis via the Katy to South McAlester, one each via Paris and Denison in connection with the Frisco, one via Ardmore via the Santa Fe and Choctaw and one via El Reno and the Choctaw.

To the north it has its own rails to all the states mentioned, and runs through sleepers and chair cars to Kansas City and Chicago daily, connecting at gateways with diverging lines.

Local holiday tickets will be sold December 23, 24, 25, 26 and 31, and January 1, limit January 4, at rate of one and one third fare for distances of one hundred miles, and a fare plus ten per cent beyond.

Full information regarding rates, routes, schedules, etc., can be secured by writing Mr. W. H. Firth, G. P. A., Fort Worth, Tex.

LOW RATES TO THE EAST.

As Christmas time approaches, the railroads are preparing to handle large crowds of those going back to their old homes in the East, and the Southern Pacific will place on sale December 19, 20, 21 and 22 a rate of one fare plus $2 to New Orleans and points in Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North and South Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky. Tickets are good for return in thirty days, and Christmas turkeys will be eaten by many Texans visiting their old home places. Southern Pacific agents will be glad to supply all information.

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"THELMA."

The attraction at Greenwall's opera house tonight will be Thelma. This play has been one of the phenomenal successes of the past two seasons, and is still reaping the reward of popularity, and turning a flood of wealth into the bank account of its managers. To withstand the trying test of public criticism a play must be away above the average in these days, when even the gallery boy is a critic, and the theater lover soon turns from the mediocre or even fairly good play quickly—he has so many from which to choose. The cast that will be seen is said to be one of unusual excellence.

"THE CONVICT'S DAUGHTER."

The "Convict's Daughter," which will be the attraction at Greenwall's opera house Friday, Dec. 18, is said to be one of the best presented comedy dramas offered to the theater-going public, while in incident and theme it is most powerful, every climax breaking with almost volcanic intensity. So much, by way of introduction. To go into the play itself, nothing can be said to detract from its worth. In the entire company, from the actor who interprets the leading part down to the mere stage loiterers, there is not one single person who has been negligently selected or unintelligently cast. This comedy drama, which lacks all the melodramatic thunder of bygone days, is new and unknown, but cannot remain so for its magnificent staging at once becomes its herald and sounds its own alarm. Nothing has been sacrificed to appearances, for there is brought together a series of incidents that hold the interest as has nothing that has come before it. The situations, the motives, the characters commingle without the least jarring or tugging or straining, giving a pleasing finesse to a story that is said to be taken from life. The climaxes develop quickly and break magnificently, while the lighter moments are as rolling as a Sousa march, the sentimental fragments being truly natural and comedy hits as sparkling as the lights which adorn the stage.

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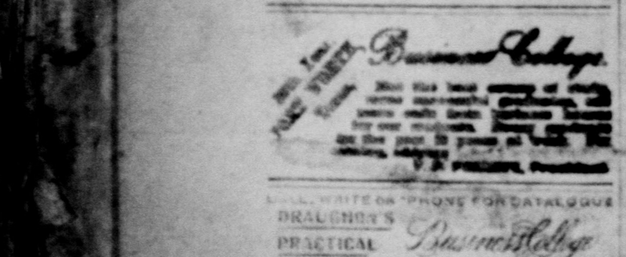

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TERRIBLE DEED DONE

Wealthy Young Farmer Beaten Terribly at Ennis, Tex.

FOUR MEN DID DEED.

Was Starting to His Farm, and In Spite of His Terrible State Josh Reager Managed to Reach Home, but Soon Died.

Ennis, Tex., Dec. 17.—A murder which is clouded in mystery was committed here Wednesday morning at 5:30. Josh Reager, a well known young farmer, who resided at Ennis, started to his farm, a few miles from town, and when in the outskirts of the city he was waylaid by four men, who beat him up so badly that he died in less than an hour.

After being left for dead Reager regained consciousness, got back into his buggy and drove home. Entering the house, he told his wife that he had been attacked by four men and beaten. He died without being able to give a description of the men who assailed him. Robbery is supposed to have been the motive for the crime, as it was known that Reager had received a check for $10,000 Tuesday from Johnson county. He was about thirty years old and was reared in Ellis county. He carried $25,000 insurance.

BURNED TO A CRISP.

Terrible Fate That Little Irwin M. Jones Met by Fire.

Austin, Dec. 17.—On Tuesday night Irwin M. Jones, the three-year-old son of H. G. Jones, was burned to a crisp at the home of his parents, Delva, Ill. The boy was playing near a fire in the house when his clothing caught and before assistance reached him his head, arms and trunk of the body was burned nearly off. Death resulted shortly, the boy suffering intense agony.

T. E. Catter, at one time the leading merchant of Travis county, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. J. Elders. He was eighty years old and a brother-in-law of ex-Mayor McCall and grandfather of Mrs. W. F. Seabury, wife of Representative Seabury of Starr county.

TURKEYS BY MAIL.

Individual of Dallas Fails to Thus Forward a Couple.

Dallas, Dec. 17.—A party carried two live turkeys to the postoffice and endeavored to mail them, but was refused. He was advised to carry them to an express office. Each fowl was in a separate sack with a slit, through which the head protruded. He said a rural mail carrier had turned them down. Superintendent of the latter official was not conversant with his duties applied to the office in this city.

SEA OF AZOF RECEDES.

Remarkable Scenes Are Being Enacted as a Consequence.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 17.—Sea of Azof is disappearing and remarkable scenes are in course of enaction. At Taganrog the waters have receded to such an extent during the last few days that the bed of the sea is visible for a distance of thousands of feet. High winds hurled clouds of sand shoreward, covering the town. Vessels are lying high and dry and the greatest confusion prevails in the harbor. Work in factories has been reduced to a minimum, owing to the lack of water.

SPOONER AND GIBSON.

One Declares Senators Inconsistent, Other Endorses President on Panama.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The senate was prompt in taking up the Cuban reciprocity bill Wednesday and Mr. Spooner was immediately recognized. He began by remarking that it was strange the senate should find it necessary to spend so much time in consideration of the bill, which had been so promptly accepted by the house. This attitude, he declared, was inconsistent with the attitude of the senators who not so long ago were engaged in accusing a white-faced patient man who then occupied the executive mansion with ulterior motives and standing out against war with Spain for the liberation of Cuba.

When the house convened consideration of the bill was resumed in committee of the whole, Mr. Gibson (Rep., Tenn.) being the first speaker. He said the president had pursued a wise and prudent course in connection with the Panama situation.

NOT BINDING.

Democratic Senators Will Vote as They Wish on Cuban Bill.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Democratic senators continued in conference Wednesday with a view of reaching a conclusion as to the course to be pursued regarding legislation. It was decided that the caucus action in deciding that Democratic senators should vote together on party questions in the future should not be binding in the vote upon the Cuban reciprocity bill, but that each senator should vote as he might prefer on that measure. The conference also decided to postpone its decision as to the course to be pursued with reference to the Panama canal treaty, and decided to hold other meetings for consideration of that and other questions as they may come up for consideration.

Several Addresses.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 17.—Wednesday's session of the Southern Surgical and Gynecological association was devoted to a further discussion of technical branches of the medical profession. President Bovee of Washington delivered the annual address, and memorial addresses were made by Dr. Davis and Dr. Douglass of Nashville.

AN INVITATION

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

Tickets will be sold on December 19, 20, 21 and 26, at rate of one fare plus two dollars for the round trip.

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

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

PROTESTANT MISSIONS.

Increase of Membership Reported In Nearly Every Land.

Boston, Dec. 17.—The American board of commissioners for foreign missions had made public a summary of Protestant foreign missions. In most of the items there is shown to be an advance over reports of the preceding year. Income of societies in the United States and Great Britain shows an increase of over $2,000,000. Statistics are as follows: Stations, 577; outstations, 22,354; total missionaries, 16,618; native workers, 75,281; communicants in churches, 1,497,042; pupils under instruction, 1,127,863. The total native constituency is 3,613,391.

The United States is represented by 1591 stations and outstations, 1617 men, 2638 women, 2901 native laborers, 508,604 communicants, 43,724 of whom were added last year, and 259,537 under instruction. Income of societies is reported as $2,176,810. Missionary work in the Hawaiian islands having been assumed by churches at the island, that mission disappears this year from the rolls. That to the Philippines has been added, so the number of missions is still twenty.

In Chinese missions of the American board there are more church members by 855 than before the Boxer outbreak, while native laborers have increased nearly threefold.

Other organizations of such interests are within the Turkish empire. These interests the Turkish government failed to recognize.

The United States government is seeking to secure the same privileges for American missionaries as have been granted to the subjects of other nations.

LOOMIS' SPEECH.

It Is the Subject of Considerable Gossip at Washington.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The speech of Assistant Secretary of State Loomis Tuesday night at the banquet of the Quill club in New York, in which he laid bare some pertinent facts regarding the attitude of Colombia toward the Hay-Heran treaty, was the subject of considerable gossip here, and there is much speculation as to the effect it will have on the future course of General Reyes, special envoy of Colombia, now at Washington. When seen General Reyes admitted that he had read Mr. Loomis' address, but declined to make a statement. "I am a diplomat," said he, "and it ill becomes me to make any comment."

General Reyes is still engaged in the preparation of the statement which he will submit to the state department, and while refusing to disclose its nature, said much of it will be devoted to an argument setting forth his reasons why the United States should see to it that Panama shall assume her share of the Colombian debt. General Reyes is uncertain when he will file the document with the department, but it is thought it will be within the next few days.

COTTON TRADE.

Lancashire Master Spinners Meet and Pass Resolutions.

Manchester, Eng., Dec. 17.—A well attended conference of southeast Lancashire master spinners here considered the present state of the cotton trade and passed a resolution as follows:

"That communication be entered into with the American and continental associations engaged in the cotton trade and that the following cable message be sent to each:

"Lancashire has suggested short time in the cotton trade. Are you prepared to do the same?"

"That a mass meeting of all interested in the cotton trade be called at an early date to consider the position."

SINGULAR BEQUEST.

First Avenger of Defeats of Cuba and Philippines Well Reimbursed.

London, Dec. 17.—The will of the late Cardinal Ferero y Espinosa, contains, according to a special dispatch from Madrid, the extraordinary bequest of $10,000 to the first Spanish general landing in the United States territory with an army sufficiently strong to avenge the defeat of Cuba and the Philippines." Pending the happening of the event, the legacy is to remain deposited in the Bank of Spain.

FATE OF GRASBYS.

Three Members of Family Burned to Death and Another Missing.

Johnstown, Pa., Dec. 17.—James Grasbys, wife and daughter, Grace, the latter aged thirteen, were burned to death in their home, while a son, James, is missing, and is believed to have also perished. The family were all asleep. The fire started from the kitchen stove.

MINOR MATTERS.

Japanese fleet goes to Korea.

Leid Rutland was overcome by paint glass at Houston and died.

Dr. J. R. D. Long died suddenly at Richardson, Dallas county.

Farmers around Wylie, Tex., will thrash out frozen cotton bolls.

Ministers' credentials on Texas railroads will be good until Jan. 30, 1904.

State department has cabled for full particulars of the Alexandretta affair.

There have been fifty-one typhoid fever deaths at Butler, Pa., up to 16th.

Some farmers of Brown county, Texas, are holding their cotton for 15 cents.

Adjutant General Hulen has returned to Austin from his north Texas inspection trip.

Mrs. Daniel Manning of Albany, N. Y., was elected president of the board of lady managers of the World's fair, receiving thirteen out of fifteen votes.

R. E. Cowart, Jr., of Dallas, Tex., has been appointed a special messenger in the house of representatives. Mr. Williams, minority leader, was authorized by Speaker Cannon to select the messenger.

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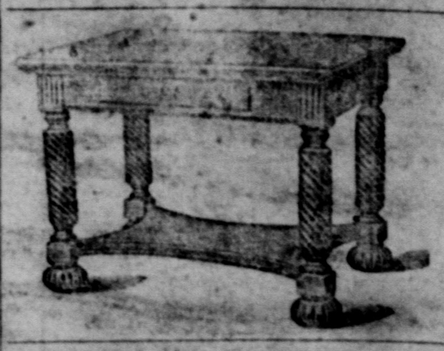

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Fasting is a serious matter in Russia, for fish, milk and eggs are forbidden as well as meats. The result is that the markets for such products are largely cut off for about one-third of the year, and dairy farming becomes unprofitable, as strict observance of fasts is a weightier matter with the people than honesty or any other feature of our system of morals.—Yale Review.

Tourists Enriched Switzerland.

Tourists have in a decade converted Switzerland from one of the poorest to one of the richest countries, the money per capita being larger than that in the United States.

Of Interest to Women.

The Medical Press and Circular has learned that, so long as skirt bands are fastened round the waist, corsets or stiff material should be worn.

Sun's Rays for Patients.

Dr. Pelegin in the Maritime Alps makes his patients live in houses set on turn tables, so that all sides may be exposed to the sun's rays.

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Problem Puzzled Young Mamma.

Here is a dialogue which took place between Prof. Yen Dyke of Philadelphia and his little daughter: "Where were you first, my dear?" "Where was I born? "In San Francisco." "And I born?" "In Philadelphia." "Isn't it funny how we live together?"

A Serious Condition.

Ethel had heard her Sunday school teacher speak of backsliders. It rained Sunday morning and she thought it best for her to attend Sunday school, she said, "I just got to go, mamma, 'cause she says if we don't come she says our backs will slide!"