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Party Keynote To Be Sounded At Democratic Banquet In New York January 4

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Fatal boiler explosion in St. Louis—Cruiser Topeka is ordered to Colon—T. B. Slayden succumbs to injuries at Waco—National issues to be discussed at democratic banquet in New York January 4.

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M'CLELLAN TO BE THE GUEST OF OCCASION

"Keynote Banquet" Is Being Arranged for January 4 in New York

PROMINENT DEMOCRATS PROMISE PRESENCE

Ex-President Cleveland, Judge Parker, Senator Gorman Among the Speakers

WATCHWORD OF PARTY WILL BE ANNOUNCED

Affair Promises to Be Most Important Political Function of the Season—Cockran Is Sending Invitations

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Local democrats are making preparations for a dinner in this city, January 4, in honor of Mayor McClellan who will take office on the first day of the year. It is the hope of the committee having charge of the affair to make it the occasion for sounding the keynote for the national campaign. They already have waited on ex-President Cleveland and have received his assurance that he will attend and make a speech.

For several days the members of the committee which has for its chairman Bourke Cockran has been communicating with democrats of prominence in national affairs and has been ascertained that men to whom invitations are being sent and from whom acceptances are practically assured include Chief Judge Parker of the state court of appeals; Senator A. P. Gorman, ex-United States Senator David B. Hill, Congressman John Sharp Williams, leader of the party in the house of representatives, Wm. C. Whitney and others.

The committee in charge of arrangements for the dinner includes August Belmont, ex-Secretary of the Treasury John G. Carlisle, John D. Crimmins, Ashley Fitch, Hugh J. Grant and J. Edward Simmons.

TWO WEEKS IS GIVEN AS TIME LIMIT FOR WAR

Declaration Between Russia and Japan Expected Within Fourteen Days of Yesterday's Message

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A report is current here, says a Times dispatch from Pekin, that Japan's request for the reconsideration by Russia of her reply to the Japansese demands was accompanied with a specification of a time limit.

It is expected in St. Petersburg, the Times adds, that the question of war will be decided within fourteen days.

THE TIME IS RIPE AGAIN

Presbyterians Believe Auspicious Moment Has Arrived

New YORK, Dec. 22.—A special committee of the Presbyterian ministers' association appointed to study the question of arbitration between the United States and Great Britain have adopted resolutions declaring that the time is ripe for the conclusion of a convention capable of being applied to all questions of difference that may arise between the two countries.

ON THE ISLE OF PINES

Colombian Troops Secure a Base of Operations

COLON, Dec. 22.—Information has been received here that about 100 Colombian troops have landed at the Island of Pines, northwest of Cape Piburon, which is situated at the western entrance of the Gulf of Darien.

The Island of Pines is in Panama territory and is the only island along that coast which is wooded, peaked with mountains and also well watered, thus offering every facility for camping and being used as a base of observation.

It is significant in this connection that the United States auxiliary cruiser Mayflower left this harbor yesterday bound in the direction of the Island of Pines to obtain confirmation of the report.

The United States gunboat Bancroft is still on that coast in the vicinity of Nombre de Dios. The United States cruiser Nashville has returned to Colon from Bocas del Toro.

Rear Admiral Coghlan has transferred his flag to the United States auxiliary cruiser Prairie.

THE NEWS OF CLEBURNE

Body of Late Henry L. Jones Brought From New Mexico

CLEBURNE, Texas, Dec. 21.—Ex-Sheriff W. A. Stewart will be here tonight with the body of Henry L. Jones, whose murder was recently reported in The Telegram. The man was murdered and had evidently also been robbed, near Roswell, N. M. Sheriff Stewart has been there investigating the case and two men have been jailed there under suspicion.

L. E. Wilson, a gin manager here, is putting in a machine to thresh cotton bolls, which will bring considerable money to the farmers about here on the cotton crop.

The Henry Fugett murder case has been affirmed by the court of criminal appeals, and Judge Poindexter will probably pass sentence tomorrow and fix the day of execution.

Elder J. G. Creason of Norman, Ok., has accepted the pastorate of the First Christion church here, vice Rev. A. J. Bush, resiged, to take charge of the Juliette Fowler orphan home.

POLICY SHOPS RAIDED

45 Arrests Made by Chicago Police of Harrison Street Station

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Policy shops and hand books in the Harrison street police district have been raided by the police and forty-five arrests made.

In all thirty-eight keepers of policy shops were arrested. The gambling devices were destroyed.

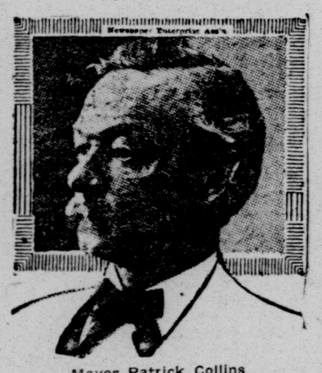
LOCKJAW

Is Cured in New York Hospital by Injections of Anti-Toxin Serum

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A case of acute tetanus has been cured at a hospital here by the use of anti-toxin injected in large quantities.

The patient was injured by a street car. His body was bent almost double when he was taken to the institution. Ten hours after the injured limb had been amputated sixty centimeters of anti-toxine was injected into the large vein at the elbow. The next day forty centimetres was administered and by the morning of the third day there was slight improvement. From that time on the injections were made in constantly decreasing quantities. At the end of the fifth day the body began to relax, and by the eighth day the patient's condition was such the injections were discontinued. The man has now recovered entirely.

RE-ELECTED MAYOR OF BOSTON BY A BIG MAJORITY



Mayor Patrick Collins

Patrick Collins has just been re-elected mayor of Boston by the unprecedented majority of 26,565.

WILLIAM AND NICHOLAS

Fifteen-Minute Interview Between Bryan and Czar of Russia

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 22.—William Jennings Bryan was received in audience of Czar Nicholas yesterday. The audience which lasted for fifteen minutes was arranged almost on the spur of the moment by Ambassador McCormick, who, until yesterday, was uncertain as to the time of Mr. Bryan's arrival at St. Petersburg.

During the conversation with Mr. Bryan his majesty expressed in the most emphatic manner the feeling of friendship entertained by him and by the Russian nation for the United States, and the hope that the good relations which have always existed between the two countries would never be disturbed. He gave evidence of the deepest interest and acquaintance with affairs in the United States. In response to Mr. Bryan's inquiry concerning the progress of public instruction in Russia his majesty gave a minute description of the system of education in the Russian empire, showing an intimate knowledge of educational methods and the statistics relating thereto.

A PHYSICIAN'S TOUR OF MEXICO TO BE ADVISED

Dr. Tabor Says Surgeon General Will Recommend Trip Through the Republic

TO STUDY METHODS OF FIGHTING FEVER

W. A. Fenner Is Appointed Receiver of Austin Bottling Company—Other News of the State Capital

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—State Health Officer Tabor, who returned last night from Washington, says the surgeon general will advise a tour of Mexico to be made and a consultation with Mexican health authorities with a view of agreeing in a plan by which the two governments can prevent epidemics of yellow fever.

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Chartered: Swearinton Realty Company of Lockhart. Purpose, the purchasing and selling of merchandise; capital, $10,000.

Cherokee Drug Company of Jacksonville; capital, $5,000.

The El Paso Foundry Company increased its capital stock from $100,000 to $200,000.

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In the Twenty-sixth district court of Travis county V. A. Fenner was appointed receiver of the Austin Bottling and Ice Company on the application of Jasper Wooldridge.

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Austin District Medical Association is in session. County Health Officer Graves read a paper on smallpox. Tonight Dr. Tabor, state health officer, will read a paper on yellow fever, and the best methods of preventing an epidemic.

YOUNG SLAYDEN IS DEAD

Nephew of Congressman Expires at Waco as Result of Injuries

WACO, Texas, Dec. 22.—T. Bailey Slayden is dead from injuries sustained in an accident occurring while he was buggy driving.

The body will be sent to Champaign, Ill., where the mother and sister of the deceased are buried.

The deceased was nearly 27 years old and had already become noted as a business man. He traveled all over the Eastern Hemisphere, beginning when a boy, and studying as he traveled, acquiring practical knowledge, speaking French and Spanish fluently and being able to read other languages. His father was formerly a Waco banker and both father and son own property in this city. The latter was here on a visit when the accident occurred resulting in his death.

Lately he has been superintending the construction of an electric steel car line connecting Monterey, Mexico, with a system of springs near Topochico, ten miles from the former place. Yesterday telegrams came directed to the dying man from the foreman in charge of the construction force.

All known methods were applied in vain and about 6 o'clock last evening the young capitalist and explorer died, surrounded by friends in his room at the State House hotel.

FLOURING MILL BURNS

Plant and Several Thousand Bushels of Wheat Destroyed by Flames

WICHITA FALLS, Texas, Dec. 22.—A disastrous fire broke out in the Victoria flouring mill and before any assistance could arrive on the scene the entire mill and elevator was a mass of flames. Today the smokestack and a large pile of burning wheat are the only evidences of a splendid milling plant that once occupied the blackened site.

The estimated cost of building and machinery, including the elevator, is $35,000. About 25,000 to 40,000 bushels of wheat were stored in the elevator. The building and machinery were insured in the Millers' Mutual Company for $22,500. The following companies covered the wheat: Aetna, $4,500; Home (New York), $2,500; Phoenix (Hartford), $2,000; Phenix (Brooklyn), $2,500; Traders (Chicago), $2,700; Pennsylvania, $2,000; Farmers, $2,500; National, $2,000; Royal, $1,500. Five or six cars of flour were also destroyed.

The mill was situated on the north side of the Big Wichita river, about three-fourths of a mile from the business center, on the line of the Denver road.

A small dwelling and contents, owned by S. L. Tabor, was also destroyed; no insurance.

The fire company responded to the call, but as there was no water system on that side of the river it was unable to fight the fire. A detail of men is now trying to extinguish the burning wheat.

The Victoria was one of the two big flouring mills of the city; capacity, 300 barrels.

LOG ROLLING ASSOCIATION

GATESVILLE, Texas, Dec. 21.—The Woodmen of the World camps of the county organized a Log Rolling Association for the county here Saturday night, with R. S. Chapman of Evant as council commander, and J. Q. King of Oglesby as clerk. W. F. Rensler was elected county solicitor. There were eight camps represented at the meeting.

FATAL BOXING MATCH

Coroner's Jury Decides That Tom Pendergast Was Killed by Blow

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 22.—The coroner's jury in the case of Tom Pendergast, the pugilist who died a few hours after his fight with Kid Williams last Friday night, has returned a verdict that "deceased came to his death from rupture of a blood vessel in the brain, caused by blows received in a boxing contest with Williams in this city and, in our opinion, without malice."

The gloves were examined by the jury and found to be over five ounces. Williams is out on $3,000 bail.

CLERKS SLEPT SOUNDLY

Safe Was Blown Open, But They Failed to Waken

MUSKOGEE, I. T., Dec. 22.—News has just reached here of the robbery of the postoffice at Milton, I. T., which occurred Saturday night. The robbers blew the safe open with nitroglycerin, secured $125 in money, a lot of stamps and some money orders. The door of the safe was blown fifteen feet. Some of the clerks at the postoffice were sleeping within a block of where the explosion occurred, but they were not awakened and the burglars escaped.

OPPOSITION TO ROSEN CAR LINE ON THIRD-ST.

Natatorium Owners Do Not Want the Line to Pass the Building — Fourth Street Wants It

The owners of the Natatorium property will make a protest against the Sam Rosen street railway being allowed to use Third street to Rusk.

The natatorium property expects to do a large business in the summer. They invite the patronage of ladies and children, and they believe the coming of a street car line in front of the place will be a detriment. George W. Armstrong, one of the owners, says: "We do not want the line to go by the Natatorium building, as it will seriously interfere with our business. Ladies and children will not feel safe if the line passes there, and we shall endeavor to oppose the franchise to this extent."

It is stated that the people along Fourth street want the line, and will try to have it go east on Fourth to Rusk. What pressure will be brought to bear on the matter is not known.

The committees of the council to which the matter was referred has had no meeting. There will be no meeting of the council before January 1, and in the meantime the franchise is in the keeping of the committees, but what the aldermen believe on the subject is not known.

SHOT IMMENSE EAGLE

Bird Which Indians Thought Had Charmed Life Is Killed

MUSKOGEE, I. T., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The largest eagle ever seen in the Indian Territory was killed in the Cherokee nation last week by Jack Cookson. It measured eight feet, ten inches from tip to tip.

The eagle had lived in the recesses of Cookson mountain for several years, and its depredations had made it famous in that section. So many futile attempts had been made to kill the bird that the full-blood Indians believed it had a charmed life. Following a custom, when the eagle was killed, they held an eagle dance. Young Cookson was the hero of the dance. He was first divested of his clothing and given a pair of beaded moccasins, then a pair of buckskin leggins and a soft skin tunic were given and over all a magnificent Indian blanket was thrown. The tail feathers were plucked from the eagle and made in a circlet around Cookson's head. He was placed in a chair in the middle of the room and around him the Indians did the curious figures of the eagle dance.

"TO MOURN HER LOSS"

Mrs. Antonio Hulec Leaves Many Descendents

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Sixty-four children, grand and great grand children are living to mourn for Mrs. Antonia Hulec, who is dead here, aged 83 years. With her husband, Joseph, Mrs. Hulec came to this country from Bohemia in 1869 and settled in Baltimore where the family resided until 1872. Mrs. Hulec is survived by eight daughters who have thirty-seven children and nineteen grand children. The family is scattered through Illinois, Minnesota, Montana, Maryland and Bohemia.

CRISP GIN BURNED

WAXAHACHIE, Texas, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The gin of Feagin & Sparkman at Crisp was destroyed by fire Sunday night. No cotton was in the building at the time. A few scattering bales in the yard were rolled out of the reach of the flames. The loss on the plant is estimated at $3,000, with insurance for $2,400.

RULING OF THE SUPREME COURT IS INTERESTING

Famous "Wire Tapping" Case From Uvalde Comes Under Scrutiny

SUFFICIENT DEFENSE IS NOT ESTABLISHED

According to Court's Opinion, When Scheme That Can Be Worked Easily Is Allowed to Pass Unchallenged

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The supreme court handed down an important opinion yesterday, in affirming the case of the Western Union Telegraph Company, plaintiff in error, vs. the Uvalde National Bank, defendant in error, from Uvalde county.

The opinion of the court is not only important, but the story of the case is one of the most thrilling that ever occurred in Texas. Briefly recited, it is as follows:

Two impostors conspired together to obtain money from the bank by means of forged telegrams, sent over the Western Union wires. One of the impostors had been around Uvalde for several days and had made the acquaintance of some of the employes of the bank and claimed to be a cattle buyer, but was really an expert telegrapher. August 16, 1900, he tapped the wire at a point near Uvalde and between that town and San Antonio, and, by means of other wires connected with it, attached an instrument in such a way as to enable him to send messages to Uvalde and to intercept and receive messages from that town intended for San Antonio.

FIRST BOGUS MESSAGE

He then sent to his pal, in care of the bank at Uvalde, this message, purporting to come from San Antonio, dated August 15:

"We will advance $4,500; your wire." This was signed by John Woods & Sons.

The firm whose name appeared signed to the message were bankers in San Antonio.

This message passed over the Western Union line to its office at Uvalde, was received by the telegraph operator, and through a private telegraph line operating between the station and the town of Uvalde, was transmitted and delivered to the president of the bank.

IMPOSTOR APPEARS IN THE BANK

Within a few minutes after its receipt the impostor appears in the bank and inquired of the president for a telegram for himself, and upon receiving this one, opened and showed it to the president and proposed to draw upon John Woods & Sons for $4,500.

This the president refused to permit him to do without a confirmation. The president then wrote out and delivered to the owner of the private telegraph line, connecting with the office at the station, this message:

"Will you pay draft of Mr. C. E. Blank for $4,500? Answer quick."

This was received and transmitted by the company's agent at the station, who undertook to send it to San Antonio, but it was intercepted by the impostor and never reached that place.

ANOTHER MESSAGE

Before any answer to it was received the impostor sent this telegram, purporting to come from Kansas City:

"To the Bank at Uvalde: If our representative, Mr. C. E. Blank, calls, please notify him to go ahead and contract for balance of the Moore Cattle.

"SCRUGGS, HULL & CO."

Later the impostor sent this telegram in answer to that to John Woods & Sons:

"Yes, we will honor C. E. Blank's draft for $4,500."

SCHEME WORKED

The Uvalde bank thereupon received the impostor's bogus check on the San Antonio banker for $4,500, paid him $1,200 in cash and gave him a letter of credit for the remainer.

When the fraud was discovered the bank brought suit against the Western Union Telegraph Company in the district court of Uvalde and recovered. The case was carried to the court of civil appeals of the Second district, where it was affirmed and carried to the supreme court on a writ of error.

THE COURT'S HOLDING

When the plaintiff proved the delivery of the message, the loss resulting from reliance and action on it, without negligence on its part, and that no such message had ever been sent by John Woods & Sons, it made out a case of calling for the production of evidence from the defendant to exculpate itself.

The defense offered is, that the defendant had, itself, been imposed on and made the innocent medium through which a false representation was made to plaintiff. The deception was practiced partly by means of the company's own wires, instruments and servants, of which it should have the exclusive control.

Under the circumstances, and in view of the duty of the company to exercise, in the organization and conduct of its business, a degree of foresight and care adequate to give reasonable protection to the immense interests daily dependent upon the reliability of the intelligence it carries, we are of the opinion that the defense was not complete with the mere showing that the false message was put upon its wires by strangers and deceived its servants.

The evidence shows that this business is open to the perpetration of such frauds at any time by a device so well-known that one of the company's operators was able to describe, without having seen, the method by which it was perpetrated. If this is true today, it has been true for all the time telegrams have been in use.

The question at once arises whether or not, with proper foresight some regulation might not have been devised to remedy this and prevent, or render more difficult the accomplishments of the designs of swindlers.

Commissioner Clay is in receipt of all the papers of the Federal Insurance company of New Jersey, which will be licensed to do business in a day or so.

This is one of the largest fire insurance companies in the United States having a capital stock of $1,000,000. Heretofore this company has done only a nominal business, but will now include fire risks also.

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Judge L. J. Storey, chairman of the railroad commission, returned from San Marcus yesterday where he went accompanied by Mrs. Storey, to attend the funeral of their brother-in-law, Capt. Ellison.

Judge Storey says the prairie portion of Caldwell county has made good crops, realized good prices and the people in fine shape.

The timbered section of the county is not so well off. The ravages of the boll weevil was worse in the timber, the season more irregular and the crops not so abundant.

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Judge T. S. Johnson of the attorney general's office, examined and approved yesterday $500,000 bonds of the city of Waco. These bonds bear four per cent interest and mature in thirty years. It is understood that this issue is for the purpose of either buying the present system of waterworks or putting in a new system in that city.

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Capt. G. A. Brown of El Paso, commander of the Border Rifles, one of the five companies of the Texas National Guard, called at the adjutant general's office yesterday. Capt. Brown was in San Antonio on business, and having a day to spare decided to spend it in Austin. He says El Paso is growing in every direction, and several valuable public enterprises are being considered by the people.

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The Paris and Great Northern railroad company has paid the comptroller $5.66 which is one per cent tax on $566.04, the road's gross passenger earnings for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1903.

DAMAGES FOR DAMPNESS

Indian School Teacher Files Suit for $10,000

SULLIVAN, Ind., Dec. 22.—Miss Erline Sinclair has filed suit for $10,000 damages against Floyd Deskard, Ira Deckard, Gertrude McClelland, Jesse McClelland, Pearl Parks and Kate Parks. She complains that the defendants, on December 8, 1903, with force and arms, assaulted the plaintiff and overpowered her, bound her hands together with ropes, lashed her to a rail and placed her in an icy pond. Miss Sinclair is a school teacher and the defendants in the case were her pupils.

UNCLE SAM'S DIPLOMAT

Francis B. Loomis Was Formerly an Ohio Journalist



Francis B. Loomis.

Francis B. Loomis, assistant secretary of state, is the United States government's diplomat in charge of the Panama-Colombian situation. He was originally an Ohio journalist, born forty-two years ago. His first venture into diplomacy was as United States consul to St. Etienne, France, from 1890 to 1893. Later he was editor of the Cincinnati Tribune. From 1897 to 1901 he was minister to Venezuela and settled several matters which had been in controversy and the subjects of correspondence for years. It was during this time that he gained familiarity with South American customs and character which is of value to this government during the present crisis. From 1901 to last January he was minister to Portugal. He has been assistant secretary of state since January 5, 1903. Mr. Loomis was married to Miss Elizabeth M. Mast of Springfield, Ohio, in 1897.

FIVE KILLED IN EXPLOSION AT ST. LOUIS

Seven Boilers in Power House of Transit Company Burst and Wreck Building

WORKMEN ARE BURIED BENEATH THE DEBRIS

Work of Rescuing Injured and Recovering Bodies of Dead Carried on in Darkness—The Property Loss $25,000

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 22.—The list of those known to have been killed in the explosion last night at the Geyer avenue power house of the St. Louis Transit Company has been increased to five.

The body of John Dixon, one of the colored firemen, was found this morning seventy feet from the place where he was at work. A number of the employes are still missing.

A. B. Dupont, second vice president of the Transit Company, says the company's loss would probably not be over $25,000.

THE FIRST REPORT

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 22.—A battery of seven boilers in the power house of the St. Louis Transit Company exploded last night, killing three employes, injuring six, and wrecking the building. The force of the explosion broke window panes for several blocks in the vicinity. When the boilers let go the brick walls fell out of the building and the heavy truss roof dropped, covering the debris, in which almost entirely employes were imprisoned. Instantly all the electric lights went out and the darkness prevented prompt work in rescuing the injured, whose cries could be plainly heard. Fire broke out in a portion of the debris, but was extinguished before it gained much headway.

All but one of the men were stokers and boiler cleaners. A fire alarm and ambulance call were sent in and soon an army of rescuers was at work with lanterns and torches.

The cause of the explosion is not known. Several street car lines were brought to a standstill for a time for lack of power.

TO CUT WAGES OF 10,000 MEN APRIL FIRST

Operators of Central Pennsylvania Threaten Big Reduction

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Operators throughout the bituminous coal districts of central Pennsylvania, Maryland and parts of West Virginia have decided, according to the Herald, to reduce the wage scale now being paid to mine workers unless business improves materially within the next three months. The present contracts with the mine workers expire April 1, 1904, and it is at that time the reduction will be made. At least 100,000 men will be involved.

The bituminous trade has been so slow during the past two months that some operators declare they would welcome a strike as the solution of the prevailing over production.

There has been a slight improvement recently in the tide water markets, but this is attributed rather to a congestion on the railroads than to any decided renewal of vitality in the demand.

SHE HOLDS NEW RECORD

Married, Divorced and Remarried Before Sixteen Is This Girl's History

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., Dec. 22.—Not yet 16 and already married to her second husband, having been divorced from the first, is the record established in Clark county by Mrs. Clara E. Minor-Deuser-Clegg. The young woman has shown a curicus predilection for barbers, both of her swains being chosen from professors of the tonsorial art.

Miss Minor's first husband deserted his wife immediately after the ceremony. Exactly two months later, on November 17, the bride obtained a divorce.

It has now been learned that the same young woman, under her maiden name, has been married to William Clegg, a barber of Louisville, the ceremony taking place in that city on Thanksgiving day.

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HORRORS OF THE OYSTER INDUSTRY ARE RECALLED

Annual Stories of Brutality and Depravity on the Part of the Men Engaged in Securing Bivalves for Market, Begin to Reach the Mainland

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Recent murders have again directed police attention to the horrors of the oyster industry in Chesapeake bay, where 1000 vessels and 10,000 men are engaged in dredging the bivalves. Brutality, swindling, starvation, and death reign almost unchecked in the waters where the lawless can dodge back and forth between the jurisdiction of Maryland and Virginia.

The baymen and the landsmen living on the shore are bound together by ties of mutual interest and protection. They look upon the men and boys sent down from New York and other cities to man their boats as the scum of the earth, and treat them accordingly. For years many of the captains have systematically violated the law which forbids dredging for oysters at certain times and in certain places, and these have become wary and expert in dodging the police. It has been customary for them to secure crews by false representation, and once down the bay, to detain them in bondage and to beat them and mistreat them cruelly when they complained or rebelled.

CHEATED OF THEIR WAGES

Often when a man by beating or illness became unfit to work he has been set ashore in the wilderness without a penny of wages. Not a season passes that half a dozen bodies are not washed up on the beaches, and in many instances there are marks of violence upon them which clearly point to murder. It is this lawless state of affairs that makes it difficult to get at the truth in cases like the murder of Fitzpatrick. If a complaint is made in Baltimore, an investigation started, or a warrant issued, the news spreads down the bay with a rapidity that is incredible, and which almost invariably defeats the ends of justice.

Here is a sample story of one of the oyster slaves who managed to make his escape. He says:

"When we signed articles at 113 First street, in New York, we were told that we would get $15 for the first month and $25 a month afterward if we cared to remain; that we would receive an advance of $10 on our arrival at Baltimore or its equivalent in oilskins, boots and other clothing; that we would be furnished with sleeping accommodations on shore at night. None of these terms were complied with. The captain always anchored well off shore to prevent our leaving, and when he left the schooner took the only yawl it carried. When we complained that he was not living up to the contract made with us he laughed at us. He was ugly on deck and was forever yelling at us to work harder and faster.

WHIPPED INTO SUBMISSION

"One night we rebelled. Then captains from other oyster schooners anchored about it began to arrive in their small boats until there were a dozen or fifteen of them. One of them fired a revolver, which was the signal for all of them to start in to beat and kick us. Not one of the crew escaped. They outnumbered us two to one and they showed no mercy.

"There was not a man among us who did not get the worst doing up he ever had in his life. It left us with a state of terror. We realized that we were in the power of a desperate lot of men who had little regard for human life. We were cowed absolutely."

Two other victims of brutal oystermen are now confined in the Maryland university hospital. Neither can speak English. One of them is Gottshold Harch, 24 years old, and the other Janos Filip, 18 years old. They were recruited in New York by McDougall & Brenner, the same men who secured the crew of the Cornelius Miles. The doctors say that Harch's feet will have to be amputated as a result of being frozen and because the necessary medical treatment was denied him at the time. The condition of the other is almost as pitiable. Harch told his story through an interpreter.

BOY KEPT A PRISONER

Howard A. Edwards, 16 years old, an orphan, who formerly lived in Cumberland, M. D., was taken to the Franklin Square hospital, in Baltimore, on Dec. 3 suffering from exposure and ill-treatment. He had just returned from a trip down the bay. He said he had been engaged by a negro he met in the street to make a trip to the West Indies in search of pineapples. He was taken to a shipping office and promised $18 a month to make the southern trip. He was then placed aboard a small vessel in the harbor, which later proved to be an oysterman. When they got down the bay he was forced to work at the dredges. He was kept there a prisoner, abused, and half fed until he was ill.

His hands were poisoned and swollen by the handling of oysters. Not until he collapsed was he put ashore. There was no human habitation in sight, and he was starved and nearly frozen. He walked seventeen miles to Taylor's island, where Rev. D. R. Prettyman, pastor of the Methodist church, heard his story and brought him to Baltimore on the steamer Annapolis for medical attention. The lad was not paid anything for his work on the oyster boat. At the hospital Dr. E. L. Mortimer said that if he had been a day later he would have lost his hand and probably his arm.

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LITTLE STORIES OF THE CAPITOL

TESTAMENT SAVED BOY'S LIFE

There is a Bible, or rather a New Testament, in possession of Judge N. A. Cravens, prviate secretary to the governor, which, in addition to its interesting history in public and family worship, and the good it may have been the means of accomplishing for souls in the other world, has to its credit saving one man's life in this city.

The story as Judge Cravens relates it is interesting.

Samuel Woodley was indicted, tried and convicted of murder in the first degree in the district court of Fayette county in 1901, and sentenced to be hung. A motion for a rehearing was filed with the court and the point made that Woodley was under 17 years of age and that the death sentence could not be imposed. The point was not established to the satisfaction of the court and the motion was overruled, and Governor Sayers was appealed to for a commutation of the sentence to life imprisonment.

While this application was pending Woodley's mother discovered the Testament in question, upon the fly leaf of which was written in pencil these words: "Samuel Woodley was born January 1, 1885." In another place there is this record: "Samuel Woodley will be one year old January 1, 1886."

This record satisfied the governor as to the boy's age, and the death sentence imposed by the Fayette county district court was commuted to life imprisonment.

This copy of the New Testament that has the credit of saving this boy's life, was published by the American Bible Society in New York in 1884. This society was represented in Texas by the late W. B. Rankin for twenty-seven years, and who was a citizen of Austin during this time.

The book shows some use, especially the binding. There is only one passage marked; this is the sixth verse of the fourth chapter of Mathew, the language of which, under the circumstances, and in connection is thought to be a little significant if not remarkable:

"If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down; for it is written, He shall give His angels charge concerning thee; and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone."

Judge Cravens is preserving the book as one of the interesting relics of the executive department.

STOR YOF A MISSING GOBLET

In the governor's reception room, addressing himself to a party of gentlemen he was showing through the state house Saturday, Captain Musgrove said: :

"Had you noticed that there was only one goblet beside that big silver water pitcher, while there is a place for two?"

"Yes," one of the gentlemen replied. "What became of the other?"

"Thereby hangs a little story. I'll tell it to you. In 1890, thirteen years ago, I was escorting some visitors over the building, and among the number were two boys, 16 or 18 years old. When we left this room I noticed they lagged behind and were the last to come out, but did not suspect they were up to anything wrong. In a few minutes they disappeared. In about a half an hour I came back to this room and found both goblets gone. I knew the boys got them and went after them, but found no trace of either of them and not one word has ever been heard of these lads in Austin since that day.

"Who they were, and where they came from and where they went no one has the slightest idea. Some time afterwards I stopped in a business house downtown and noticed one of the goblets on the counter. I called the proprietor's attention to it and told him where it belonged and how it had disappeared. He handed it to me without any objection whatever, with the remark that he had loaned a stranger some money on it. He said he did not mind the loss, and was only too glad that he was in a position to save it for the state.

"Not only has neither of these boys ever been heard of since that day, but nothing has ever been heard of the other goblet. No effort has ever been made to match this one, and this is why there is only one on the stand. They are solid silver, and who ever has the other would be glad to return it if they knew how it disappeared and where it belonged. I am always on the lookout, and hope some day to find this lost treasure of the state."

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My sister, Mrs. C. E. Littlefield, of Lynn, advised me to give Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root a trial.

I procured a bottle and inside of three days commenced to get relief. I followed up that bottle with another, and at the completion of this one found I was completely cured. My strength returned and today I am as well as ever.

My business is that of canvasser. I am on my feet a great deal of the time and have to use so much energy in getting around. My cure is therefore all the more remarkable, and is exceedingly gratifying to me. Swamp-Root is pleasant to take. Sincerely yours,

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ASKS DAMAGES FOR HIS DANCE

Austin Colored Man Wants $5,000 for Being Compelled to Shuffle on a Train

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Ed Henderson, a colored man of Austin, filed suit in the Fifty-third district court of Travis county for damages against the International and Great Northern railroad in the sum of $5,000.

Plaintiff sets out in his petition that on April 21, 1903, he bought a round trip ticket from Austin to San Antonio, for which he paid $1.50. While returning he, with his wife and other colored people, were occupying seats in a car set aside for colored people. Soon after pulling out from San Antonio the car was invaded by several drunken men, which they used as a smoker and became very abusive to the colored people. He remonstrated, but instead of having the effect to make them desist, he was forced to march through the train at the point of a pistol, and finally had to jump off.

He managed to get back on the car, but was discovered by the same men and compelled to dance nearly all the way to Austin.

Henderson goes on to say that he invoked the protection of the conductor without avail. The case is a novel one and the result will be watched with interest.

Judge J. J. Terrell, commissioner of the general land office, announces that leases on the following list of lands will be forfeited for non-payment of rental at 9 o'clock a. m., January 8, 1904, if not paid meantime, and the lands subject to sale after that hour:

Brewster county—1,920 acres, leased to Kokernot & Holland; 3,840 acres, leased to Tom Yarbo; 2,560 acres, leased to Jackson & Harman.

Crockett county—495 acres, leased to Allen P. Folsom.

Crane and Upton counties—1,920 acres, leased to I. V. McElroy.

Ector county—1,280 acres, leased to A. W. Wright.

Edwards county—1,280 acres, leased to H. H. Winn; 1,280 acres, leased to S. H. Guthrie; 320 acres, leased to J. C. Wren.

El Paso county—1,920 acres, leased to Jaspar Giron & Co.

Kerr county—640 acres, leased to J. B. Watson; 520 acres, leased to E. F. Schmidt.

Lynn and Terry countes—5,120 acres, leased to L. R. Hastings.

Pecos county—1,280 acres, leased to L. S. Votaw; 5,890 acres, leased to Hart & Billings; 640 acres, leased to D. Hart; 8,320 acres, leased to Charles Downie; 2,560 acres, leased to Charles Downie; 1,975 acres, leased to John M. Doak.

Reeves and Jeff Davis counties—24,640 acres, leased to Bean & McCutcheon.

Presidio county—1,920 acres, leased to Cruz Rodriguez; 1,280 acres, leased to Refergio Valenzuela; 640 acres, leased to Finley & Finley.

Val Verde county—3,200 acres, leased to J. E. Everett.

Webb county—2,240 acres, leased to Antonio Salinas.

The total amount embraced in the above list is 77,470 acres.

HEADACHES FROM COLDS

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AGED FARMER INJURED

John Grumbles Probably Fatally Hurt Near Austin

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—John Grumbles, one of the most prominent farmers in Travis county, 73 years old, was the victim of what will likely prove to be a fatal accident last evening. Mr. Grumbles was driving into town to make some Christmas purchases. In crossing a rough ravine he was jolted from the spring seat, falling just in advance of the front wheels. The horses became excited and snatched the wagon over him with great violence, crushing both bones in both legs between the knees and ankle.

He was not discovered for several hours and when found was picked up in an unconscious condition, brought to this city and placed in Seton Infirmary for treatment.

A GIRL'S FATAL LEAP

Plunged Headlong From Buggy Attached to Runaway Horse

POMONA, Cal., Dec. 22.—Miss Lizzie Cooper of Salem, Ind., a cousin of Henry Cooper, the wealthy Chicago merchant, leaped from a buggy yesterday while the horse attached to it was running away and sustained injuries of which she died a few hours later.

Read Telegram Want "Ads."

NEW YORKERS AND THE NEW BRIDGE

Latest Engineering Triumph Provokes Only a Passing Interest

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The last rocket has been fired, the last orator has spouted. East river bridge is formally opened. The second high ribbon of steel has tied Manhattan to Brooklyn. From the slums of the east side to the slums of the city of churches a constant procession of humanity is crawling in midair. The work of ten years stands complete, outbriding the once-famous Brooklyn bridge. Yet today, New York hardly pauses to even glance at the new wonder.

Times have changed since the whole world stopped to gape at the Brooklyn bridge. It was a day of days in New York when, with showers of fireworks and speech, the old bridge was flung open. They didn't call it the old bridge then. They hailed it as one of the "seven wonders of the world." There was more firework sputter and just as much verbal pyrotechnics last Saturday when the more modern river girder was dedicated. But this time it was all taken as a matter of course. To the metropolis of this century it was only another bridge up—a thing to note lazily and then pass by.

BROOKLYN BRIDGE OVERLOOKED

There is a reason for this remarkable attitude on the part of the New Yorker. He knows that the new East river bridge is the latest marvel in engineering. But he knows, too, that it is officially only East river bridge No. 2. For a year East river bridge No. 3 and East river bridge No. 4 have been tangible undertakings to him; things already projected, paid for and under way. Poor old Brooklyn bridge, the wonder of the last century, has long since been relegated in official standing to "East river bridge No. 1."

So with this giant quartet of bridges fast ripening into reality the New Yorker is getting blase. He dismisses them with a listless discussion over four suitable names to replace the numbers, and wonders how the tunnels are getting along. Tunnels, he drawls, are, after all, the cheapest and best ways of obviating these inconvenient rivers. And as he is flashed across the high bridge structure he contentedly surveys the water far below, under which three mammoth moles are burrowing for his ease and convenience.

The New Yorker of the last century saw in the Brooklyn bridge a deliverance from the horrors of the ferryboat. There was a time when these ferryboats were considered models of expedition and luxury. So, in the very near future, the New Yorker sees a time when to be shot in easy trains under water to the over river world will irk him of the high, narrow, open pass of even the most wondrous bridges. In fact, the ban has already been practically put upon bridge building in this city within the past year and the tunnel proclaimed the viaduct of the future. From tunnels to airships seems no more remarkable a prospective jump now than did the first bridging of the East river seem in the time of ferries.

So you can see how one more bridge in this effete day itsn't unduly exciting Father Knickerbocker. But this new East river bridge is a prodigy of ingenuity and labor. Two years ago I walked across its span when only two cables and a rickety planking between was the forerunner of its present tons of pendant structure. As I stepped gingerly along, a whirring wheel passed and repassed at regular intervals on its endless journey from turret to turret. Behind it two wires, scarce as large as your little finger, trailed and fell whining into their alloted strands. "It's millions on millions of these little wires that are to build up our bridge," said the engineer who walked with me. "There's years ahead of this tireless weaving and binding, strand by strand and cable by cable. When that carrier wheel has traveled about as far as across to San Francisco and back this little wire you see will have built the bridge."

THE WHEEL THAT DID THE WORK

This engineer was seated in state by the mayor at the opening ceremony. "Where's that carrier wheel?" I asked him, as my eye ran along the hugh span of cable supporting its tons of steel structure and broad roadway. "In the junk heap, I guess," he responded, with a laugh. "Did its work, though, didn't it?"

L. G. MEAD.

STREET CARS COLLIDE

Heavy Stock Yards Car Crashes Into Light Glenwood Car

This morning the 10 o'clock stock yards car in charge of Conductor Hendricks and Motorman Hemmon crashed into a Glenwood car on Belknap and Rusk streets tearing away the vestibule on the Glenwood car and damaging the front and side of the stock yards car. The stock yards car was bound north and had slowed up for the two switches near Belknap and Rusk when the collision happened. Motorman Hemmon had stepped off of his car to throw the switch leaving the conductor in charge to push the car over the crossings. Owing to the closed vestibule on the northbound car the conductor was unable to see the approaching Glenwood car until within about four feet of it. He attempted to reverse the current but the reverse lever refused to work, his car striking the light Glenwood car with foregoing results.

The force and noise of the collision scared the passengers on both cars but no one was injured. The stock yards car resumed its journey but the Glenwood car was sent to the barn for repairs.

BURGLARS HEARD BELLS

Which Frightened Them Away After They Got Little Booty

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 22.—A gang of safe blowers that has been robbing Central Illinois banks exploded dynamite and wrecked the bank at Anchor last night. Just as $10,000 was exposed the telephone bells in the office commenced ringing and frightened away the men after they had secured but little plunder.

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Today's Market Quotations

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NORTH FORT WORTH, Dec. 22.—The market today experienced another light run of cattle, the aggregate supply for the day's trading being less than 1400 head, as against 2851 last week and 3,432 for the corresponding Tuesday in November. Taken as a whole all classes sold at about steady prices with Monday's advance unless on common canners which sold slow and dull.

J. B. Wilson had in from his feeding lots near Dallas one car of heavy steers averaging 1146 pounds which sold at $3.35 with a range in sales on the light supply from $2.50@3.00.

Cows generally sold steady and active, several bunches of good range stuff selling at $2.25 with the bulk at $1.90@2.10, medium butcher stuff at $1.80@2.00, and canners and the light thin kinds at $1.25@1.65.

Calves were in light supply but the demand was good and the small run changed hands at steady prices. The best light veals brought $4.00 with the bulk at $2.50@3.25.

Bulls sold steady at Monday's quotations.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

On next Friday (Christmas day) there will be no market, the market on Thursday however preceding Christmas will be kept open until late in the afternoon in order to give all consignments ample time to come in and buyers will be on hand to purchase them up until the close of the market. On Saturday following Christmas the market will be open but the commission men are discouraging the shippers of cattle on that day as Saturday at the best is a bad market day.

The hog market opened this morning with only one car of fresh arrivals yarded, the receipts including one car of holdovers amounting to about 200 head, which was later increased by two additional cars about noon, making the total run for the day close around 400 head. With moderate receipts, outside points reported steady to strong markets and with the light supply here bidding was generally on a steady basis with yesterday.

One load of mixed packers and pigs sold at $4.45@4.40, with the bulk of sales at $4.40@4.50, and a range in prices from $1@4.50. Common Texas hogs, averaging 179 pounds, brought $4.25, with a small bunch of common quality pigs at $4.

Stockers and feeders are quoted strong to a shade higher over last week's close, with the movement light.

Choice sorted hogs today are quoted at $4.45@4.50; mixed packers at $4.35@4.45, and pigs and lights at $4@4.50.

The abundant corn crop raised in parts of central Texas, supplemented with other forage, is giving impetus to the feeding industry for the live stock market. Howard Bland and J. W. Womack of Taylor, Texas, last week bought 300 stock hogs on the Fort Worth market and will feed them near Taylor. They have also bought six carloads of mixed cattle from parties around Llano, to be fattened on Williamson county's abundant supply of corn. J. E. Tucker of Taylor is feeding 250 head af cattle, which he will have in first-class condition for the spring market.

Further reports from West Texas state that farmers and stockmen are wanting rain and unless they have a good rainfall soon there will be little or no surface water for stock, necessitating the supply of stock water from wells.

A number of local commission houses have received their new calendars and will mail them out to their friends and customers the latter part of the week.

TODAY'S SHIPPERS

CATTLE

A. A. Croxin, Nacona	30
B. A. Pierson, Travis	36
A. J. Myers, Vineyard	34
E. Riley, Jacksboro	38
L. C. Garvey, Jacksboro	20
W. P. Steen, Jacksboro	28
E. Riley, Jacksboro	11
E Riley, Bridgeport	31
A. A. Spring, Ryan, I. T.	34
I. J. Curry, Waurika	29
W. P. Hardwick, Watter, Ok.	48
H. Y. & H. O. F., El Campo	50
D. H. Bickenbaugh, Brady	29
J. Devean, Sweetwater	36
Burl Halloway, Midland	53
E. F. Dawson, Monahans	83
Dublin & Blenn, Midland	37
Burl Holloway, Midland	256
J. W. Loving, Cisco	32
F. E. McKinsey, Colorado	95
T. & H., Stamford	36
Cutbirth & Hinds, Baird	33
J. B. Wilson, Dallas	20

HOGS

William Pope, Kremlin	102
G. B. Johnson, Nacomas	90
B. L. Rapst, Watauga	96
T. J. McIntosh, Ft. T.	96
T. S. Cope, Tarrant	9
W. C. Thompson, Tarrant	2

COMPARATIVE RECEIPTS

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.	H. & M.
Today	1.350	400	....	....
Last week	2.851	15	76	3
Previous week	4.331	269	....	346
Last month	3.432	265	135	27

TOP PRICES TODAY

Steers	$3.35
Cows	2.25
Calves	4.00
Bulls	2.05
Hogs	4.50

REPRESENTATIVE SALES

STEERS—Hardly enough steers were in today to give the market a real test. One load of heavy steers, averaging 1,146 pounds, shipped in by J. B. Wilson of Dallas, brought $3.35, with a range in prices for the medium kinds from $2.50@3. The sales:

No.	Ave.	Price.	No.	Ave.	Price.
19	1.146	$3.35	1	1,470	$3.00
4	912	2.50	1	810	2.45
1	570	1.65			

BULLS

1	1,070	2.05	3	933	1.85
1	1,030	1.85	2	1,155	1.80
1	1,050	1.80	1	850	1.25

COWS—The market on cow stuff today generally ruled steady and active, with the best selling on the morning market with an early clearance. Several bunches of good range cows brought $2.25, with a range in prices from $1.90@2.25. The sales:

No.	Ave.	Price.	No.	Ave.	Price.
26	764	$2.25	23	797	$2.25
4	1,007	2.25	2	875	2.15
35	805	2.05	28	805	2.05
28	709	2.05	18	853	2.00
18	853	2.00	27	855	2.00
1	840	2.00	4	805	1.95
12	750	1.95	19	671	1.95
1	1,080	1.75	24	692	1.65
26	609	1.25	1	830	1.50
1	890	1.25			

HEIFERS

1	600	2.25	11	603	2.25
8	583	1.90	2	770	1.75

CALVES—The calf market ruled steady and active with the supply light. The best sold at $4, with the bulk at Monday's quotations. The sales:

No.	Ave.	Price.	No.	Ave.	Price.
1	110	$4.00	3	270	$4.00
3	283	3.25	1	160	2.50
6	250	2.50	9	270	2.25
1	269	2.00	3	3333	1.50

HOGS—The hog market opened slow with the supply for early trading light. With a moderate run on the late market and favorable reports from outside points the offerings on the late market sold strong and active. The sales:

No.	Ave.	Price.	No.	Ave.	Price.
73	203	$4.50	17	97	$4.50
2	265	4.40	9	181	4.35
53	179	4.25	43	120	4.00

COTTON QUOTATIONS

Furnished by F. G. McPeak & Co.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 22.—The razzle-dazzle of yesterday was a very wholesome thing for the cotton market and no real harm would have been done if the decline had been twice or even thrice as great; for it stands to reason that a myriad of moths must have been attracted by the fierce flame and that nothing short of a sudden quietus will cure the madness of the hour. Hundreds and thousands of sensibe people have been so far carried away as to forget that a slump of fifty or a hundred points is nothing of the common at this level. The counterpart of the picture was presented four years ago when a band of wise-acres could not understand that a rise of a cent or two was quite in order, when every price began with the figure 4 or the figure 5. There is nothing like a good cudgel for driving an idea so obvious into skulls so thick.

COMPARATIVE RECEIPTS

Receipts of cotton at the leading accumulative centers, compared with the receipts of the same day last year:

	Today.	Last Year
Galveston	23,678	19,076
New Oreans	27,365	18,793
Savannah	10,120	13,482
Charleston	197	988
Total	67,696	....
St. Louis	3,545	3,780
Memphis	4,282	3,797
Houston	19,616	13,647

LIVERPOOL

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 22.—The market for spot cotton was easier in tone. Middlings, 7.06d. Receipts, 52,000 bales, American, 49,800 bales. Sales, 3,000 bales, American, 2,600 bales. Export, 300 bales.

Futures closed steady at the following range of prices:

	Open.	Close.
January-February	6.81-91	6.84
February-March	6.80-85	6.82-83
March-April	6.79-82	6.80-81
April-May	6.84-83	6.79-80
May-June	6.78-82	6.78-79
June-July	6.74-79	6.76-77
July-August	6.70-76	6.73-74
August-September	6.56-60	6.58
September-October	6.17	....
October-November	5.92-94	....
November-December	5.98-94	5.91-87
December-January	5.93	5.88

NEW ORLEANS

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 22.—The market for spot cotton was firm in tone. Middlings, 13c. Sales, 3,700 bales.

Futures closed firm at the following range of prices:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
January	12.94	13.32	12.84	13.30-31
March	13.22	13.70	12.70	13.68-69
May	13.43	13.93	13.35	13.88-89
July	13.43	14.01	13.46	13.99-14
December	12.79	13.12	12.79	13.25

NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The market for spot cotton was quiet in tone. Middlings, 13.30c. Sales, none.

Futures closed steady at the following range of prices:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
January	12.73	13.22	12.69	13.21-23
March	12.97	13.47	12.92	13.45-47
May	13.14	13.59	13.06	13.58-59
July	13.14	13.61	13.10	13.59-61
December	12.67	13.10	12.63	13.13-15

GRAIN—PROVISIONS

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CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—The grain and provisions markets ranged as follows today:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
December	80¼	80¼	79¾	80⅛
July	77⅜	77½	77⅛	77¼
May	82⅞	83	82½	82¾
Corn—				
December	41¼	41¼	41⅛	41⅛
July	43⅜	43⅜	43¼	43¼
May	43⅝	43¾	43½	43¾
Oats—				
December	35	35	34⅞	34⅞
July	34¼	34¼	34	34
May	37	37⅛	37	37
Pork—				
January	....	....	11.62	11.62
May	11.27	12.27	12.05	12.05
Lard—				
January	6.55	6.55	6.45	6.45
May	6.75	6.77	6.67	6.67
Ribs—				
January	6.25	6.25	6.12	6.12
May	6.47	6.47	6.37	6.37

NEW YORK STOCKS

(Furnished by Hoffman & Weaver.)

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close
Atchison	67¼	67¼	67	67¼
Amal. Copper, pfd.	48	48⅛	47½	47½
Baltimore and Ohio	78¾	78¾	78¼	78½
B. R. T.	51	51⅝	51	51⅜
Ches. and Ohio	33	....	....	33
Erie	29⅝	29¾	29⅝	29⅝
Illinois Central	130	....	....	130
Louis. and Nash.	106¾	107	106¾	107
Manhattan L	141½	142½	141½	142
Missouri Pacific	93⅝	94	93⅝	93¾
Metropolitan	123	123	122¾	122¾
Mexican Central	9¾	....	....	9¾
New York Central	118¾	118⅝	118¼	118¼
Pennsylvania	117⅞	118⅛	117¾	117¾
Reading	45⅝	46	45	45⅛
Rock Island	24⅛	24¼	23	23
Southern Pacific	47¾	48¼	47½	47½
Southern Railway	20⅞	20⅞	20¾	20¾
St. Paul	142½	142¾	142¼	142¼
Amer. Sugar, ref.	123¾	123¾	123	123
Texas and Pacific	25	25	24½	24½
Tenn. Coal and Iron	33½	33½	33	33
Union Pacific	78⅜	78⅞	78¼	78¼
U. S. Steel	10⅝	10⅝	10½	10½
U. S. Steel, pfd.	54¾	55⅛	54¼	54¼
Wabash	19⅝	19¾	19⅝	19⅝
Wabash, pfd	37	....	....	37

New York call money, 3¾ per cent.

HE HAD A LONG GUN

Officer Speight Arrested a Would-Be Bad Man Yesterday Afternoon

Officer Ab Speight was called yesterday afternoon to a place on East Belknap street where he was advised a drunken man was causing terror to the citizens. He responded at once and found the intoxicated individual in full possession of the field. He was possessed of a dangerous looking pistol which he was displaying in a threatening manner, with the result that his wife and family had left the house and the neighbors were seeking safe places in the vicinity. The man was locked up.

GETS AN AUTOED PHOTO

W. J. Bryan Given a Present by the Czar

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 22.—The czar has sent his photograph with his autograph affixed to William J. Bryan.

Ambassador McCormick gave a luncheon to Mr. Bryan, Prince Khilkoff, minister of public works and railroads, and other high officials today.

FORT WORTH VS. DALLAS

Heavyweight Teams Will Meet on Local Gridiron

The Fort Worth heavyweight football team which was recently organized has been in constant practice for the past ten days in preparation for their coming game with the Dallas heavyweights Christmas day at Haines park. In the local team are some of the best players in the city and the admirers of good sport are promised an interesting game.

Dallas will send a large delegation of rooters with her team and with the local team's following here a large crowd, it is expected will attend the game.

CARTER GOES TO VICKSBURG

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Rev. J. R. Carter, grand prelate of the Knights Templars in Texas, delivered his farewell sermon Sunday at All Saints' chapel to the Colorado commandery No. 4. The members of this commandery attended the service attired in full uniform and there was a large congregation besides to listen to the minister. An excellent musical program was also carried out.

Dr. Carter severs his connection with All Saints' chapel here and leaves the state to accept the pastorate of a large church at Vicksburg, Miss.

KIRKPATRICK DEAD

ARDMORE, I. T., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—R. N. Kirkpatrick, who took morphine yesterday morning, evidently with suicidal intent, died this afternoon.

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AIRSHIP INVENTORS ARE SONS OF AN OHIO BISHOP

DAYTON, Ohio, Dec. 22.—Orville Wright, age 32, and Wilbur Wright, age 36, inventors and builders of the Wright airship, which was given successful trials on the coast of North Carolina, near Kitty Hawk, where the young men have been experimenting since September, are the sons of Bishop Milton Wright, of the United Brethren church, and have been experimenting with flying machines for the past seven years. When Lilienthal, the great German student and inventor of aerial machines, died, Orville Wright became interested in improving his theories. His brother took up the work with interest, and the two have devoted all their spare time to improvements and inventions for air-sailing vessels.

Each summer for the past four years they have spent on the coast of North Carolina. The first summer they became absorbed with the idea that they could eventually construct a machine that could be controlled in midair. To this end they bent every energy the second year.

They constructed a gliding machine that glided downward from a hilltop along the coast 672 feet. Realizing that the gliding process would never materialize successfully, they set to work to make an engine that could be used in propelling the ship. They conceived and executed their own ideas and perfected the gasoline engine that was used to advantage this week.

Bishop Milton Wright received a telegram from his sons, which tells of the successful experiments. They have made four flights against a twenty-one-mile wind. The aerial cutter was started from the level with the engine power. The longest time in the air was fifty-seven seconds, and the average speed through the air thirty-one miles.

The Wrights wish to develop a mechanism that will give them entire control of the ship. When this is secured they are confident that mechanical genius can enlarge and improve the invention to such an extent that it will plow the air all day at a rapid speed.

Orville and Wilbur Wright were never educated in a technical school. The knowledge they possess they dug out themselves. Each is a graduate of the Steele high school and each has a natural aptitude for mechanics and mathematics. When they left school they opened a bicycle store and manufactured their own wheels. They made printing presses and gasoline engines.

"When the boys began working on flying machines they took pleasure in them merely as a fad," says Bishop Wright. "As they worked they became more interested in the subject and after the success of the gliding machine decided to work earnestly on a flyer that could be propelled by engine power. They now believe their ideas will result in the invention of a machine that can be used to tour the world in an aerial route."

The following is a description of the flying machine:

It is distinctly a flying machine. It has no gas bag or balloon attachments of any kind, but is supported by a pair of aerocurves, or wings, having an area of 519 square feet. It measures a little more than forty feet from tip to tip, and the extreme fore and after dimension is about twenty feet. The weight, including the body of the aviator, is slightly over 700 pounds. The machine is driven by a pair of aerial screw propellers placed just behind the main wings. The power is supplied by a gasoline motor designed and built by the Wrights in their own shop. It is of the four-cycle type and has four cylinders. The pistons are four inches in diameter and have a four-inch stroke. At the speed of 1,200 revolutions a minute, the engine develops sixteen-brake-horse power, with a consumption of little less than ten pounds of gasoline per hour.

The weight, including carburetter and fly wheel is 152 pounds. The wings, though apparently very light, have been tested to more than six times the regular load, and it is claimed for the entire structure that it is a practical machine, capable of withstanding the shock of repeated landings, and not a mere toy which must be entirely rebuilt after each flight.

SAYS MRS. EDDY HAD A DENTIST

Methodist Divine Claims the Christian Science Leader Summoned Aid

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The Rev. Dr. Jas. M. Buckley, one of the ablest men in the Methodist pulpit and for a long time editor of the Christian Advocate, is fiercely attacking Christian Science and "Mother" Mary Baker Eddy.

In his latest manifesto he says:

"I know of my own knowledge of at least fifteen deaths which have occurred recently and are traceable to Christian Science. Half of these deaths have occurred in the last four weeks.

"From sources which I regard to be absolutely authentic, I might say indisputable," he declared further, "I am justified in the statement that Mrs. Eddy herself does not practice what she preaches. One instance which has come within my knowledge is proof of this statement.

"Mrs. Eddy had the toothache. It is a fundamental principle with the Christian Scientists that there is no such a thing as pain, that matter has no real existence—the mind is all. If by following out her theories she could prevent suffering, why is it that she should not be able to prevent such a trivial thing as a toothache? When the tooth became troublesome, Mrs. Eddy, despite her advertised beliefs, was not disposed to deny its existence.

"Instead she sent out for a dentist and sent out quickly. When he came she agreed to be placed under the influence of an anesthetic while the tooth was extracted. I make this charge as publicly as possible, fully confident that it cannot be disproved.

"I have left no stone unturned to demonstrate to the world just what a fraud Christian Science is. I have asked Mrs. Eddy to try her absent treatment, which is said to work at a distance of over 5000 miles, upon the inmates of the Seney hospital, of which I have the honor to be one of the board of Managers. The offer was never accepted.

"I have also placed at her disposal for treatment by the absent method the patients of one of the largest insane asylums in the country. This challenge was also ignored."

FROM A BURNING HOTEL

Twelve Guests Jumped—Thirteen Found Dead in Ruins

MENOMINEE, Mich., Dec. 22.—Fire today caused twelve persons to jump from the second story windows of the Travelers' Home, a small hotel. The thirtenth guest, James Beatrice, was found dead in the ruins. Joseph Voracheck was fatally burned. Fred Jonski was badly injured by jumping from the building. The hotel was completely destroyed.

MAY CUT OFF PASSES

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 22.—The annual meeting of the Texas Pass Association, composed of railway officials, is being held here today. Curtaiment of pass privileges is imminent. All Texas roads are represented.

LONDON JOURNALIST IN AUSTIN

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Henry C. Roberts, who formerly resided here, but for the past ten years has made London, England, his home, arrived in Austin on a visit to relatives to spend the holidays. Mr. Roberts is a newspaper man of national reputation. He formerly worked on some of the leading dailies in the state and then he went to Washington, where he was the correspondent of sombe leading journals. From there he crossed over to England, where, for the past ten years, he has been doing newspaper work. At present he is engaged as the foreign correspondent of one of the largest book and magazine publishing firms in the United States.

ENTERTAINMENT AT ROSEN HEIGHTS

There is to be a Christmas entertainment at the Rosen Heights public school tomorrow evening, under the auspices of J. J. McCook, principal, Miss Ida Draughon, primary department, Miss Julia Christian, intermediate department, Mrs. B. G. Hall, elocution and physical culture. The following program will be rendered:

Chorus—"Welcome Christmas" .....By the School
Christmas Party Twenty-one Children
Christmas Party .....Twenty-one Children
"Lullaby" ..... By Little Girls
"Brownie's Temperance Drill .....Eight Girls and Boys
Motion Song ..... Primaries
Vocal Solo—Selected .....Karl Schuman
"Tenting on the Old Camp Grounds" .....Tableau
Violin Solo .....Charles Dancala
Prof. J. J. McCook
"Creed of the Bells"..Thirteen Girls
"Christmas Carol"—Dialogue.....Mivian Hales and Fannie Hensley
"Holly Red and Mistletoe—Fancy Drill .....Twelve Little Girls
"Convention of the Muses"—
Caliope—Epic poetry .....Miss Lina Price
Euterpe—Lyric poetry..... Miss Mabel Clifton
Thalia—Comedy .....Miss Fannie Henslee
Urania—Astronomy .....Miss Annie Holmberg
Erato —Love..... Miss Blanche Martin
Polyhimnia—Sacred poetry .....Miss Florence Gibson
Terpsichore—Choral Song and dance .....Miss Norma Moody
Melpomene—Tragedy ..... Miss Cora Burkett
Clio—History .....Miss Bertha Boring
Specialties ..... W. J. Sayers
Gesture pantomime..... Nine Girls
Chorus—"Joy to the World"..... By the School
Laughing Chorus.....Sixty Little Boys

The entertainment is being given for the purpose of raising funds to be applied to the purchase of apparatus for the school. This is the first entertainment given. It is a new school. The entertainment will commence at 8 p. m. The public generally is invited.

MURDERERS SENTENCED

Perpetrators of Kishineff Massacre Given Terms in Prison

KISHINEFF, Bessarabia, Dec. 22.—The Russians named Gnetschin and Marosjeik, who have been on trial charged with murder as the authors of the massacre of Jews here last spring, were sentenced yesterday to seven and five years' penal servitude respectively. Twenty-two other persons charged with being involved in the massacre were sentenced to periods ranging from one to two years each. One person was sentenced to six months' imprisonment and twelve were acquitted, while four civil actions brought against the accused were dismissed. The cases of the prosecutions must be paid by the convicted persons.

NO CABINET MEETINGS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—There will be no cabinet meeting held during the holiday recess. Both President Roosevelt and his official advisers will observe the recess so far as public service will admit.

AFTER A WEEK'S ILLNESS

Child Cared for By Salvation Arms Passes Away

The Salvation Army watcher at the bedside of a child at 109½ Houston street, closed the eyes in death yesterday, and this afternoon the little one is being laid to rest, Captain Cumbie officiating, the city and the Salvation Army defraying the expenses.

This is a case of destitution which was found by the Salvation Army and which has been relieved as well as possible. Mrs. O. P. Harroll has been working in the cotton fields. She had a child eighteen months old, a little boy. The child was sick when they arrived here, and being without funds she applied to the Salvation Army for help. The child has been ill a week, and during that time Captain Cumbie put a member of the army in charge as a nurse. The illness ended yesterday afternoon in death. The city agreed to pay a portion of the expense of the funeral and Captain Cumbie from the army funds pays the other.

Captain Cumbie states that the army will look after the mother.

THE SUBSTITUTE CLERKS

List of Those Who Are Working as Substitutes in the Railway Mail Service

The following list of substitute mail clerks was given out last night by the superintendent of the service: W. D. Cameron, Altoga, Texas; O. H. Cross, McKinney, Texas; T. L. Anderson, Beaumont, Texas; I. I. Isbell, Oglesby, Texas; J. A. Massie, Palo Pinto, Texas; V. C. Meitzen, Warrenton, Texas; H. H. Miller, Denison, Texas; J. Mareth, San Antonio, Texas; J. T. Startz, Falls City, Texas; H. C. Schlenker, Bonham, Texas; J. H. Ward, Cisco, Texas; H. C. Hill, Whitesboro, Texas; W. E. Suddeth, Fort Worth, Texas; W. L. Flourney, Sherman, Texas; W. C. Mungin, Houston, Texas; J. L. Sams, Osage, Texas; W. A. Johnson, Houston, Texas; Oswald Neffendorf, Fredericksburg, Texas; D. W. Carr, Muskogee, I. T.; R. W. Beadle, South McAester, I. T.; G. W. Goss, Beggs, I. T.; H. C. Sansing, Tahlequah, I. T.; C. D. Jones, Purcell, I. T.; R. H. Harvey, Fort Smith, Ark.; J. G. Woodruff, Rogers, Ark.; R. C. Lane, Newkirk, O. T.; G. J. Mottler, Mendon, O. T.

THE DEAD CANNOT PROTEST

HIAWATHA, Kan., Dec. 22.—People of this town have taken no little pride in the fame "Hiawatha" has brought to it, but now they are mad and an anti-imperialist organizer would have little difficulty in working up a big branch of his society. It is all because of the news contained in a letter from Homer Cunningham, a Hiawatha boy who is serving in the Philippines. He says that the music of "Hiawatha" had just arrived there when he wrote and that the Filipinos were using it solely for a funeral march and refused to play anything else.

DENIES THE INTERVIEW

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—In reference to the alleged interview attributed to General H. C. Merriam to the effect that the proposed promotion of General Wood would be harmful to the army, Secretary Root has received a telegram from General Merriam, dated Denver, in which he declared he had not authorized any publication on the subject. It is understood the statement is satisfactory to the war department.

NEW OF PUTNAM

PUTNAM, Texas, Dec. 22.—James Tery of Quinland, Hunt county, Texas, has been here for a few days visiting relatives.

R. C. Bell of Ector, Fannin county, has bought land near Putnam, and has moved here.

The Callahan county singing convention meet here yesterday and spent the day in singing old songs. They used the old book called "The Sacred Harp," with only four notes.

J. H. Surles has been away from home the most of the time for the past month, in the interest of immigration.

Rain is badly needed in this county for wheat. Stock, however, is doing well.

PRESIDENT AND MOODY CONFER

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—Secretary Moody had a conference with the president today. They considered the latest advices received by the navy department from the Isthmus of Panama but the assurance was given they were of no great importance. Both the president and Secretary Moody are keeping in close touch with the situation through local offices at Isthmus. Should anything either significant or important occur there the administration would be advised immediately.

INJUNCTION TRIAL POSTPONED

CLEBURNE, Texas, Dec. 22.—(Special)—The trial of the injunction suit of the T. and B. V. railway against the Santa Fe last night before Judge Poindexter was postponed and it will be resumed tonight. In the meanwhile the Trinity and Brazos Valley people are building right along except they are not touching the rails of the Santa Fe. They are laying steel on both sides of the switch.

NEWS OF GRAPEVINE

GRANDVIEW, Texas, Dec. 22.—Rev. Homer Perninan of the Christian church delivered a series of lectures upon Bible topics, closing his lectures on Saturday night. He had a good attendance and his lectures were well appreciated. He left an appointment for one week early in the new year.

All the churches here are making preparations to have a Christmas tree, except the Cumberland and old school Presbyterians, and they will unite.

NEGRO SENTENCED TO DEATH

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 22.—(Special)—Ernest Thompson, a negro, was convicted of criminal assault on an eleven year old white girl at Adkins station, and given the death penalty. He was sentenced by Judge Clark this morning. The date of execution was set for January 29.

GROCERY STOCK SOLD

HILLSBORO, Texas, Dec. 22.—J. A. Turk bought the grocery stock of F. G. Bentley, who made an assignment yesterday, and opened up for business here today. Mr. Turk was formerly in business here and later at Ennis.

WALKER GETS BACK

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Rear Admiral Walker, United States representative on the Isthmian canal commission, arrived here today from Colon on the steamer Seguerancia. Admiral Walker would make no statement.

COGHLAN ASKS COLLIER

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—Rear Admiral Coghlan has cabled the navy department requesting that an additional collier be assigned to his squadron. His request will be granted, but the vessel has not yet been selected.

DEATH PENALTY FOR WOMAN

BENNINGTON, Vt., Dec. 22.—Mrs. Mary Rogers today was found guilty of murder in the first degree for killing her husband, Marcus Rogers, in August, 1902. The verdict carries a death penalty.

The area of the lands held by the czar of Russia as an individual is greater than that of the republic of France.

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THE TELEGRAM'S WORK

Whether there are indictments returned or not, in regard to the barratry business, The Telegram has the consolation of knowing that it has been instrumental in bringing the matter to attention in such a light that it will likely put a stop to the practices which have been followed. The Telegram has never wanted to see any one punished, just to gratify a malicious spirit. The Telegram has no desire to push the matter to the point of an indictment against those who have been guilty in the past, but it does not want the county attorney, the grand jury or any authority to ignore laws which are on the statute books, simply because those laws cut hard against a favored profession. But The Telegram wants to see the barratry practices stopped, and if it has had any effect in pushing the matter to the point where the future will be purged of that class of practice, then it feels that its labor has not been in vain. The action of Judge Meek in directing an investigation of the customs in vogue among attorneys here did not start The Telegram on this fight. The files will show that this paper three years ago and more than three years ago for that matter, discussed the shyster lawyer and the snitch and did so in no unmeasured terms. An effort has been made by this paper to stop the "snitch" but The Telegram did not have the authority to indict or to disbar and the editorials did not call a halt. But those same editorials have had a good effect. They have directed attention, and from that attention has come the action of Judge Meek. This paper has continued the fight in stronger language and through a longer period of time than any paper in this state. We are now promised that the future will see none of it; that the irregular practices will be discontinued and that all will go on the same basis in the practice of law. It is to be hoped it will. Let it be said to the credit of the city of Fort Worth that the barratrous lawyer cannot live here. Let it be said that the booster cannot find an employer among the members of the Fort Worth bar and that the man with the fake damage suit must go elsewhere to file his cause. It matters not to Fort Worth what other towns may do, but while we remain a part of Texas, let us continue to be right in whatever we do. The Telegram promises, however, that if there is in the future any intimation to this paper that attorneys are engaged in barratrous practices, and the evidence can be procured, sufficient publication will be made of the facts of the case to force the county attorney to start an investigation.

And it might be said just at this juncture that whenever there is a violation of law, and this paper concludes that it is a matter of sufficient importance to require the attention of the state or county officials, those officials can be forced to notice it. The daily newspaper can force any official to notice that which comes under his direction officially, and they all may as well make up their minds to it. The daily newspaper is a power, and in local affairs it will have weight. The officials may not read the paper, but whenever the newspaper has a message for them, they will read it. The same thing applies to a district judge, or the county judge or a commissioner, or the clerk, or the sheriff, or the mayor, or a councilman, or the chief of police. The men who hold public office do not grow so big that they can ignore the newspaper when it calls attention to duty, and whenever this paper goes after one of them, it will find him ready to do something. The Telegram is a citizen of Fort Worth. It owns a lot of land, a brick house, a printing plant which is not equaled in Texas, and on all this property it is a taxpayer in the city, the county and the state. It employs many people who earn enough for the keep of their families, and it has a right as a citizen to speak on these public questions, and it will do so.

The Telegram does not propose to go into the regulating business simply for the purpose of attracting attention. It will undertake no campaign without first knowing that the campaign is a good one and should be followed up; it will start out on no fight until it is assured the grounds of the controversy are well taken, but when it does start in, it will make a landing. The Telegram may not win every fight, but when it comes to the duty of an official, The Telegram will convince the official and the public that a man's sins are of two kind—omission and commission—and one is as bad as the other.

The Telegram is glad to receive the assurances of the lawyers that they will be good in the future. Let there then be peace, and let them all be regular.

WACO AND THE MASONS

To The Fort Worth Telegram: You ask if the Masonic Temple ground in Waco will be worth as much thirty years hence as now? Nourish no solicitude on that score. We cannot assert that by that time Waco will be as large as Houston, Dallas or San Antonio. Indeed such a thing does not seem probable. Even Fort Worth may be ahead of Waco then, as Fort Worth is now. If so, well and good. Nobody in Waco—that is, any sensible or decent person—wants to see Fort Worth or any other Texas city retrograde or languish, for there is room and opportunity for all.

But you can put it down that Waco will always be a growing, thrifty town, a desirable place to live, to do business or invest money. It has not grown much in the last three years, it is true, but what of that? We have seen Dallas and Fort Worth as much in the ruts of lethargy, for a time, as Waco is now. Is there any ground to assume that Waco will stand still for thirty, twenty, ten or even two years? Her population in 1870 was 3,500; in 1880 it was 7,500; in 1890 it was 14,500, and in 1900 it was 21,000. The years ahead will be all right for Waco, as they will be for Fort Worth, too, we hope, and the ground here worth $25,000 today will grow in value.

We do not anticipate a desire on the part of the Masonic order to leave Waco by 1934, but if they do they will have realty that will command a rich return on its original cost. The order will never have cause to regret coming to Waco. On the contrary, it is entirely reasonable to assume that three decades hence Masons of that day will have cause to praise the wisdom of their fathers in making this city the state and official home of their order.—Waco Tribune.

The Telegram hopes all this to be true.

Waco is a good interior town. It has been moving ahead for a number of years, but it is like many of the interior towns which are dependent altogether upon the rise and fall of the crop for its business. Waco has its good seasons and its bad. Fort Worth is a substantial town, which does business all the year round. All the railroads in the state center here and they do business every day in the year. Their shops must keep at work all the time, because machinery will wear out and break and must be replaced and repaired. There are always cows and hogs and sheep to kill, and the packing houses will keep busy all the time; the manufacturing establishments here do not stop a week during the year. Fort Worth would like to see Waco do well all the time, and will take nothing from that city which justly is its due.

THE JEFFERSON DAVIS SPEECH

The state of Georgia has refused to accept any reader for the public schools of that state, unless it contains the speech of Jefferson Davis on his withdrawal from the senate of the United States.

In this Georgia proposes to perpetuate the expression from the leader of the people of the South. It is possibly one of the finest expressions of the motives which actuated the people in forming the Confederate States of America. The Atlanta Journal explains why the people of Georgia want that speech in the text books: The Journal says:

It is not with any desire that the secession idea be perpetuated that we wish for this remarkable address of the president of the Confederacy to attain a wider popularity with the young generation. That idea, and the cause for which Jefferson Davis spoke, and gave the ripest years of his manhood have passed onward from the realm of the actual into that misty bourne of things that were, but are not now. Nor is it with any wish that any old, healed sores of sectional prejudice be quickened into painful pulsings again. All that is happily past—time blends all jangled chords as space gray mist with blue sky blends.

Still it is only just that the children should know what it was their fathers and grandfathers gave their brawn and brain and blood in the attempt to bring about. It is only right that they should have both sides of this question put before them in the language of the chiefest actors on that boisterous stage where one of the world's greatest dramas was played out.

The civil war marks an epoch, and one of which every school child must learn something whether he will or not. It is right that he should have both sides of the case presented to him by the proper advocates. The motives which inspired the leaders of the southern Confederacy were high and pure, and the speech of Davis is a clear voicing of them.

To read it with intelligence and without prejudice cannot do otherwise than quicken the appreciation of the reader for the author of it; fire his admiration; stimulate his sympathy for a lofty and disinterested spirit, and so make a better citizen of him. For no matter what a man's beliefs are he is to be judged by his devotion and his unswerving loyalty to them.

The high ideals of Davis and his followers, as the winnowing wings of time blow all the chaff of discord away, shine ever with a clearer luster. Perhaps their judgment was faulty; but their motives were right. It is good that the youth learn of these motives at first hand. The book commission has done well.

IT IS A GRAFT

Down in Houston there is a war on between the justices of the peace, with the result that the police have been involved. It appears that under the arrangements and practices of many previous years a large proportion of the cases wherein the arrests have been made by the police have been carried to the justice courts for trial. There at present they are allowed a fee of between $4 and $5 where the fine is paid or one-half of the proceeds of a fine worked out on the road. In state cases where indictments are handed down on bind overs the officers also receive fees. These fees are divided between the police officers making the arrests and the chief of police. In a year the sum received by the police as fees from justice court amounts to thousands of dollars.

Justice of the Peace Marmion has allowed a fee of but $4 to the police officers making arrests on warrants from his court. Justice Matthews allows $5. Justice Matthews secures practically all the cases. Justice Marmion claims that the police are combined against him and refuse to take cases before his court. Under the circumstances he proposes to stop all police cases in justice court and do so as soon as he possibly can.

This is an interesting disclosure to the public. The people of Houston have been paying salaries to police who were working for some one else at a higher pay. The monthly salary of a police officer prorated among his arrests, will put each arrest at about 50 cents. But the justice of the peace is giving $4 and $5 for it, and of course he buys it away from the city. The fines which should be turned into the city through the recorder's court, have been going to the county and the officials of the county. In other words the city of Houston has been maintaining at great expense a force of officers who have been turning the revenue of their work over to some one else. This is not honest to the city, and the council there should make a clean sweep of every one engaged in it. All of these officers have been violating the city ordinances on the subject, and the heaviest penalty is not too strong for them.

But it is the same old story. The city was paying a salary, but the justices were paying more. The state pays legislators; the corporations pay the legislators more. Put down the graft whether it is in cash or whether as a free pass.

Colonel John G. Rankin, editor and publisher of the Brenham Banner, announces that he will retire from business and offers his newspaper property for sale. Colonel Rankin has been a long time in the newspaper business. He is a former Confederate soldier, and was at one time president of the Texas Press Association. He is now very old and advancing years admonish him that he must step out of the harness, that a younger man be given the place. The Weekly Banner is one of the oldest papers in Texas. It was established in 1866, and has continued throughout the many years following the war.

Thomas W. Perkins, publisher of the McKinney Gazette, last week issued a twenty-page edition of his weekly. It is the largest weekly ever issued in North Texas and is a creditable edition. Editor Perkins is very enterprising and he is entitled to all of the prosperity which is reaching him at this Christmas time.

The silver statue of Ada Rehan, shown at the Columbian exposition, which has lain in the basement of a Topeka (Kan.) dry goods store for a long time, is to be melted into bullion.

The clam, like the lobster, being threatened with extinction, the United States bureau of fisheries is endeavoring to propagate it by artificial culture, with good promise of success.

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The IDLER'S NOTE BOOK

I went into a book store the other night to buy an ink eraser; not because I had written anything that needed erasing, but because I was out on my annual hunt for useless Christmas presents. I have a friend who is a bookkeeper, and every year I send him an ink eraser. Some times it's a steel affair, shaped like a heart, and some times it's one of those Lady or the Tiger bottle arrangements with two toothpicks attached. The directions say, "Dip first in one and then the other," but I never could tell the lady from the tiger, and probably that's the reason I always seemed to make the ink more indelible than before. The steel erasers are somewhat better, because they can be used for opening sardine cans or even for corns, but as ink erasers they are as useless as any.

It was while in the book store that I stopped awhile to listen to other foolish people at their annual spending match.

"Do you have anything real late by some Scotch writer?" said a fluffy young matron to the clerk. "I read the 'Bonnie Brier Bush' last year and I cried so many times, I want to get something new by the same author to send to my aunt."

And the obliging clerk promptly handed out an elaborately bound volume, entitled "Poems by Robert Burns." I didn't stop to see whether the fluffy matron took it or not, but if she did, I can picture that aunt's estimate of the latest in Scottish novels.

It is really worth half an hour to watch some people buy books. During the little time I spent, a fussy old gentleman bought "Sesame and Lilies" to send to a niece whom he said was a botanist, and you may not believe it, but an elderly lady purchased a copy of "Gold Dust" to give to her cook. "She's so slovenly, you know," she murmured confidentially to the clerk, "the book will probably suggest something in the way of cleaning up."

A busy school girl, who probably had her mind somewhere else, asked for something suitable for a music teacher and permitted the clerk to sell her "The Choir Invisible" without a word.

Then there was a near-sighted old lady, who peered over the shelves and, suddenly stopping in her search for something familiar, threw up her hands with the exclamation, "David's Harem!" Bless my soul, I never knew David had one of them things before. I always thought it was Solomon who had such a passle of women about him; you don't mean to tell me that book's true, do you?" and she called a busy salesman from a customer, till he could straighten the mixed bit of history out to her satisfaction.

I staid longer than the original half hour I'd intended to devote to the purpose, and when I left the store I came away with a superior knowledge that I always went with my mind fully made up and never permitted myself to become careless in my Christmas shopping. Then it was I discovered that instead of an ink eraser I had purchased for my friend a box of slate pencils, nicely sharpened and with red and white paper wrapped neatly around each one to prevent its breaking.

A SEASONALE RHYME.

Little boy,
Pistol, toy,
Christmas joy.

Fulminite
Flashes bright,
Great delight.

Finger sore,
Joy no more,
Crepe on door.

THE IDLER.

In the center of Kildine, an island in the North Sea, is perhaps the most curious lake in the world. The surface of its waters is quite fresh and supports fresh water creatures, but deep down it is as salt as the greatest depths of the sea, and salt water fish live in it.

During his hunt in Syria Emperor Franz Josef killed his two thousandth chamois.

CARE OF THE PATIENTS AT COUNTY FARM

Telegram Representative Visits its Poor House and Finds No Objection to the Manner In Which It Is Conducted

Some time recently a complaint was made by the charitably inclined of Fort Worth to The Telegram that the inmates of the county poor farm were badly treated. Yesterday a representative of The Telegram visited the poor farm to ascertain whether this was true or not. The Telegram man did not introduce himself as a newspaper man, but went as a sightseer. Mrs. Barry, the matron, was very courteous to the party of visitors which included The Telegram representative and showed them through the place.

There is nothing visible to the average sightseer to indicate that the inmates are badly treated. In fact, the regulation of the place appears to be all that could be expected under the circumstances. In the hospital there are quite a number of patients. They are to the most extent incurables. There is an idiotic girl there, and one of the complaints by the "charitably inclined" is that she is "kept chained all the time." The girl was seen. She is thoroughly idiotic, and has a long rope attached to a belt about her waist. When she was seen and inquiry was made why she was tied, the answer was that she is at times violent and tears her clothes from her person and attacks those about her. It is also necessary to keep her tied, so that she will not run away from the place. Her condition is such that she must be restrained. Every indication bears out the statement of the people at the home.

Among the incurables in the hospital are paralytics, the blind and the lame. The hospital is neatly kept. There are no velvet carpets or oil paintings, but it is as well conducted a place as a charity farm could be.

A number of the inmates were talked to. They all appeared to be in good spirits. They have their apartments, and seem to be enjoying the life which is provided for them. They welcome visitors and talk to all who call.

TEXAS POSTAL AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The following Texas postmasters have been appointed: Big Valley, Mills county, Mrs. Minnie P. Lackey; Clem, Delta county, George M. Patterson; Deepwater, Harris county, Martin L. Anderson; Harmony Hill, Rusk county, James L. Findley; Lyle, Rusk county, Louis F. Parker; Ophelia, Rains county, Isaac J. Prather; Pepper, Rusk county, William H. Morgan; Pumphrey, Runnels county, Charles R. Awalt; Purmela, Coryell county, Ogden Harris; Syringa, Upshur county, Mrs. Annie L. Walker; McCullum, Montague county, Osceola Cross; Dew, Freestone county, Miss Beulah Iott; Eureka, Navarro county, John B. Robinson; Foreston, Ellis county, J. H. Godfrey; Purdon, Navarro county, William A. Bates; Browndell, Jasper county, Enoch A. Lakey; Dinero, Live Oak county, Mrs. Eva Goodwin; Nockenut, Wilson county, J. C. Hastings; Redwood, Guadalupe county, Alexander H. Fleming.

The following Texas postoffices have been established: Birmingham, Red River county, Robert A. Nicks, postmaster; Driver, Freestone county, Jesse J. Beasley, postmaster; Shep, Taylor county, Andrew M. Sheppard, postmaster.

The postoffices at Creechville, Ellis county; Joppy and Tamega, Burnet county, have been discontinued.



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The Fort Worth division of the International and Great Northern railroad has proved a money maker since that extension of the ine was opened up in May last.

The greatest business done has been the hauling of cotton to Galveston from along the Fort Worth division, the total number of bales handled to date being more than 200,000.

Trainmaster Charles Larimer is here. He said today that there are between 30,000 and 50,000 baes yet to go.

For some time the International has been sending out a special cotton train out of Waco, being a solid train load of that product, going to Galveston for export.

When it is considered that the International is a comparatively new road in North Texas, the record made in the cotton hauling trade, is a phenomenal one.

France's import of raw material in the three months ended March 31 increased $6,667,300; its exports of manufactures increased $4,463,600.

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Music and Drama

Wednesday Matinee and Night—"The Little Homestead."
Christmas Matinee and Night—"A Chinese Honeymoon."
Saturday Matinee and Night—Frederick Warde and Louis James.

Helen Grantley played two performances yesterday in "In the Palace of the King." Miss Grantley has been three years in the profession and two seasons she has been starring. Last season she was the star in "Her Lord and Master," and it must be said that her manager would do better to keep her in the light plays of that character instead of attempting something heavy of the order of "In the Palace of the King." Had this been the first production of the dramatized version of Crawford's novel through this section, it would have pleased, but having seen the Viola Allen version, theater goers were not so well pleased with the one given last night, as it appeared that some of the lines were cut—some of those in the first scene especially. There should be a scene of love making between Don Juan and Dolores, which was not brought out by Miss Grantley at all. Her voice is weak for the part, until the fifth scene, in which she endeavors to rally the friends of Don Juan to action, that his life might be saved. In the sixth scene her scene with the King requires a great deal of strength and much acting, and she is hardly equal to it. She is almost too fragile physically for the character. Although supposed to be the court of beauty, she requires too much make up to bring out the beauty alongside the pretty girl who is playing Inez, the blind sister. Miss Grantley is attempting too much in trying this part, and the weakness shows all the more clearly, because the company is in no way a strong one. Mr. Ford, who plays the court fool, falls short of the part. In the first scene he reads his lines, as one reading quietly from a book, and at no time does he come up to the requirements of the good part. It is in the fourth scene that he does his best work.

The best players in the piece are Don Juan by Mr. Welch, the King, by Mr. McCowan, and Mendoza by Mr. Harris. Mr. Harris would do better if he were more severe and more stern. The character calls for an iron will, and that will must be shown even to the point of being despicable.

Mr. Welch has the looks and the build of the lover. He could enter more heartily into the playing of the part if he had a more fervent soul opposite him, but Miss Grantley does not appear to welcome his embraces and his kisses.

"THE LITTLE HOMESTEAD"

No more pathetic character in real life could have been introduced in "The Little Homestead" than the hunch backed cripple.

The story itself is given the added charm of realism through its quaint New England setting and its vivid portrayal of that which makes for the good and evil of the world. "The Little Homestead" will be seen at Greenwall's opera house Wednesday matinee and night, Dec. 23.

"A CHINESE HONEYMOON."

That picturesque and colorful musical comedy, "A Chinese Honeymoon," owned by Messrs. Sam S. Shubert and Nixon & Zimmerman, will be the attraction at Greenwall's opera house Friday (Christmas) matinee and night, Dec. 25. There is a large company headed by John E. Henshaw, as Mr. Pineapple, a much worried and still cheerful bridegroom. Mr. Henshaw, it is said, gets much fun out of the part. Toby Claude, the Fifi, is, says the New York Sun, "a little bit of Dresden China, and plays her role in a most interesting and diverting manner." Miss Stella Tracey, as Mrs. Pineapple, is pretty, vivacious and dainty and makes a decided hit. Charles H. Prince is the Admiral, W. H. Clarke is the self-contained Emperor. Edward Lawrence is the Lord Chancellor, May Ten Broeck assumes the role of the Official Mother-in-law. These together with the eight handsome bridesmaids and a chorus of ninety, have given "A Chinese Honeymoon" the name of the best musical comedy "show" of this season's product. Seats on sale at box office.

LOUIS JAMES AND FREDERICK WARDE

The joint engagement of Louis James and Frederick Warde at Greenwall's opera house Saturday matinee and night, Dec. 26, promises to be one of the most important events of the theatrical year on the local stage. With the interest aroused by their new play, "Alexander the Great," which will be presented on this occasion for the first time here, the theater is sure to be crowded to its capacity.

The incidental music which accompanies the dramatic action of the play, was especially composed by a well-known English composer, named Luscombe Lurelle, who has succeeded in heightening the general artistic illusion by suggesting the old Greek and Egyptian style of music throughout the score. Seats on sale Thursday, 8 a. m.

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On account of Thursday night being Christmas eve, the Fort Worth Holmess association, which has met in the past, and will hereafter each Thursday night will hold its meeting tonight at 7:30 p. m. at St. Paul's M. E. church. This will be the last meeting of the year. The annual reports will be made and other important business transacted.

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SMALL CROWD AT SHORTHORN SALE

Interest in the Sale Does Not Prove Up to Expectations of Management

The sale of registered Shorthorns which was scheduled to take place at 10 o'clock Monday morning was not pulled off until after 1 o'clock in the afternoon, the management wishing to give all prospective buyers ample time to look over the stock before offering it under the hammer. The crowd was disappointingly small and as a rule bidding was at extremely low figures. The best sale made during the day was the sale of one bull belonging to J. C. Washington of Marietta, I. T., to Brown & Tipton of Chico, at $165.

The breeders who contributed stock to this sale were: B. C. Rhome, Rhome, Texas; J. W. Burgess, Fort Worth; P. B. Hunt, Dallas; J. C. Washington, Marietta, I. T.; George Craig, Graham; R. H. Brown, Chico; J. T. Day, Rhome; T. B. White, Watonga; Morton Bros., Saginaw; Charles Maloney, Haslet; T. B. Brown, Smithfield.

Following are the sales of cattle yesterday:

Ella Rea—cow, to J. B. Salyer of Jonah, for $90.

Miss Perfection—cow; to Hugo Russell, of Hereford, I. T., $90.

Horace—Red bull; to Hugo Russell, of Hereford, I. T., $90.

Fancy—Cow; to C. E. Stewart of Grapevine, $50.

Wardlaw—Bull; to Hugo Russell of Hefeford, I. T., $55.

Craig's Duke—Bull; to J. W. Burgess of Fort Worth, $75.

Factory Girl—To C. E. Stewart of Grapevine, $40.

Duke of Fairview—Bull; to Hugo Russell of Hereford, I. T., $55.

Lulu May—Cow; to J. B. Salyer of Jonah, $85.

Faithful—Cow; to J. W. Mullens of Fort Worth for $70.

Mysteria—Red cow; calved January 13, 1900; bred by J. W. Burgess of Fort Worth; owned by W. D. & G. H. Craig of Graham; to J. W. Burgess, Fort Worth, $135.

Royal Boy—Bull; to Hugo Russell of Hereford, I. T., $75.

Rose Washington—Red bull; calved April 26, 1902; bred and owned by Louia B. Brown of Smithfield; to Hugo Russell of Hereford, I. T., $105.

Madge's Pride—Red bull, double standard polled Durham; calved February 5, 1901; bred by J. W. Burgess Co. of Fort Worth; owned by W. D. & G. H. Craig of Graham; to T. P. Hughes of Georgetown, $105.

Ruth Third—Red cow; calved March 4, 1898; bred by Hurley & Maloney of Haslet; owned by Louia B. Brown of Smithfield; to M. A. Spoonts of Fort Worth, $100.

Bernice—Cow; to J. W. Burgess Co. of Fort Worth, $80.

Eliza Jane B. 6th—Cow; to T. B. White of Watonga, $65.

Henrietta Butterfly—Red cow; calved November 23, 1902; bred and owned by J. T. Day of Rhome; to Harrington Bros. of Estelle for $100.

Lady Rayner Second—Cow; to Hugo Russell of Hereford, I. T., $75.

Seventh Duke of Twin Oak—Bull; to Hugo Russell of Hereford, I. T., $75.

Eighth Duke of Twin Oak—Bull; to J. F. Hovenkamp of Fort Worth, $50.

Lenora—Cow; to J. M. Mullens of Fort Worth, $90.

Princess Consuelo Second—Red cow; calved May 30, 1898; bred by T. J. Wallace & Son of Bunceton, Mo.; to J. W. Williams of Fort Worth, $140.

Roan Lily—Cow; to Hugo Russell of Hereford, I. T., $75.

Carter Harrison—Bull; to A. J. Davis of Watauga, $55.

Nellie Day—Cow; to David Harrell of Liberty Hill, $95.

Dutch—Bull; to J. B. Salyer of Jonah, $105.

David Harum—Bull; to J. D. Hughes of Georgetown, $70.

Count—Bull; to Hugo Russell of Hereford, I. T., $75.

Costly II—Cow; to E. P. Van Zandt of Fort Worth, $65.

Sharon, Duke of Ashland XIII—Bull; calved July 22, 1895; bred by Francis Hall of Paris, Ky.; owned by Hurley & Maloney of Haslett; to J. W. Trigg, Estelle, $100.

Fancy King—Red bull; calved April 26, 1902; bred by E. S. Perryman of Dallas; owned by R. H. Brown of Chico; to M. W. Hovenkamp of Fort Worth for $105.

Rosette IV—Cow; to J. B. Slayer of Jonah, $55.

Fourteenth Duke of Twin Oak—Bull; to C. E. Hicks of Fort Worth, $70.

Miss Georgia—Red cow; calved October 4, 1900; bred by Hurley & Maloney of Haslett; owned by Harrington Bros. of Estelle; to J. W. Trigg of Estelle, $105.

Airdrie, Duke of Estelle—Bull; to Hugo Russell of Hereford, I. T., $70.

Rosette III—Cow; to C. E. Stewart of Grapevine, $95.

Slaughter—Bull; to Hugo Russell of Hereford, I. T., $70.

Enola—Cow; to J. W. Trigg of Estelle, $90.

Sixteenth Duke of Twin Oak—Bull; to J. B. Salyer of Jonah, $70.

Sonya Belle—Cow; to Hugo Russell of Hereford, I. T., $90.

Pontiac—Bull; calved March 18, 1899, bred by Joseph Holton of Roseville, Ill.; owned by J. C. Washington of Marietta, I. T.; to Brown & Tipton of Chico, $165.

Shelly B—Cow; to Hugo Russell of Hereford, I. T., $90.

Fifteenth Duke of Twin Oak—Bull; to Hugo Russell of Hereford, I. T., $65.

Ruth—Red cow; calved July 5, 1902; bred by E. S. Perryman of Dallas; owned by R. H. Brown of Chico; to C. E. Stewart of Grapevine, $120.

Eleventh Duke of Twin Oak—Bull; to C. E. Hicks of Fort Worth, $65.

Thirteenth Duke of Twin Oak—Bull; to C. E. Hicks of Fort Worth, $55.

Sally Ann—Bull; to Hugo Russell of Hereford, I. T., $85.

Ninth Duke of Twin Oak—Red bull; calved July 13, 1902; bred and owned by J. C. Washington of Marietta, I. T., to W. L. Gatlin of Cresson, $60.

Twelfth Duke of Twin Oak—Bull; to B. Johnson of Granbury for $50.

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST

For Fort Worth and vicinity—Tonight and Wednesday, generally fair weather; no decided change in temperature.

For Texas east of the 100th meridian—Tonight and Wednesday, increasing cloudiness and probably rain; stationary temperature.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

Clear weather continues generally in all states south of the Ohio and west of the Mississippi. There was no precipitation whatever in the wheat belt or cotton belt states.

Whereas the continued cold throughout the northern states no severe temperatures are noted, in fact the temperatures are more moderate and are quite uniform throughout the country, ranging from about 36 to 40 degrees over the southern half to from about 10 to 20 degrees above zero over the northern half of the country.

Local conditions will likely continue generally fair over Wednesday. There will be no decided change in temperature.

GEORGE REEDER,
Official in Charge.

WEATHER RECORD

Following is the weather record for the last twenty-four hours—minimum and maximum temperature, wind in miles per hour at 8 a. m. and rainfall in inches:

Stations—	Temperature. Min.	Max.	Wind.	Rainfall.
Abilene	44	64	6	.00
Amarillo	26	56	8	.00
Bismarck	8	14	lt.	.01
Chicago	14	38	12	.00
Cincinnati	28	42	6	.01
Davenport	10	40	8	.00
Denver	20	50	6	.00
Detroit	22	38	10	.01
El Paso	30	62	lt.	.00
Fort Worth	42	68	lt.	.00
Galveston	54	68	8	.00
Jacksonville	38	56	6	.00
Kansas City	26	52	lt.	.00
Lander	8	52	lt.	.00
Little Rock	36	50	8	.00
Miles City	14	38	lt.	.00
Montgomery	32	54	lt.	.00
Nashville	32	52	lt.	.00
New Orleans	40	62	lt.	.00
North Platte	20	50	lt.	.00
Oklahoma	36	60	lt.	.00
Palestine	40	66	lt.	.00
Pittsburg	32	42	16	.00
Rapids City	28	42	lt.	.00
Saint Louis	28	52	10	.00
Saint Paul	2	22	6	.00
San Antonio	42	68	lt.	.00
San Diego	48	64	6	.00
Santa Fe	24	48	lt.	.00
Shreveport	38	54	lt.	.00

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YOAKUM CONFIRMS THE FRISCO DEAL

Says That Report of Trackage Agreement With Southern Railway Is Correct

President B. F. Yoakum of the Frisco is on his way from New York to Christmas with his mother.

Mr. Yoakum confirms the report from New York relative to the arrangement consummated with the Southern Railway for the use of the tracks of the Mobile and Ohio and the New Orleans and Northeastern, for entrance into New Orleans. The Frisco, by this trackage arrangement, will be able to handle its own tonnage from the Birmingham district.

President Yoakum expresses the belief that the Chicago-St. Louis line will be ready for traffic by April 1, and the St. Louis, Memphis and Southern will be completed for St. Louis business by February 1.

The Frisco can now handle business from Chicago to the gulf via Thebes, and the car ferry there will be replaced in about a year by the bridge across the Mississippi river between Thebes and Grays Point, in which the Frisco has one-fourth interest through the control of the Chicago and Eastern Illinois.

The Frisco, President Yoakum says, will be in shape to handle a satisfactory share of the World's Fair business.

TWO PRESIDENTS CONFER

A conference has just been held in Chicago between President Harriman and President Earling which it is said will have an important bearing on future relations between the Union Pacific and St. Paul railroads.

Recent rumor had it that the preferential arrangement entered into between the two companies was not altogether satisfactory to the St. Paul management and that therefore, the latter might at any time see fit to extend its line to the Pacific coast.

Regarding this recent trip west President Harriman says: All over the West the prospects for continued prosperity are excellent. I would not like to say, however, that I do not look for as great tonnage during 1904 as during 1903, for if I did I might be disappointed. I have to confess, also, that despite the favorable outlook there is an undercurrent of apprehension. I am inclined to believe that this is largely due to the coming presidential campaign, which will undoubtedly have its usual effect upon business. Other than that I do not think that there is any foundation for the doubt which seems to exist regarding the future."

ACROSS GALVESTON BAY

A dispatch to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat from Galveston says: The Southern Pacific and the Rock Island systems are back of the project for the construction of a causeway across Galveston bay, just west of the city. The plans call for a causeway about 500 feet wide, with concrete retaining walls and an opening of about 300 feet to permit the flow of water from the upper Galveston bay to the west bay. A double-track railroad bridge, a wagon bridge and foot bridge will be built across this opening. The single-track bridge now spanning the bay is two miles long and the causeway will mean the filling of this area with a 300-foot width to the new grade of the city. The double-track steel bridge idea has been abandoned and the new improvement will be made by the organization of a company of Galveston capitalists, in which the railroads entering this port will take the majority of the stock. Representatives of contracting firms have been here this week, making surveys of the work, which, when completed, will cost over $1,000,000, and establish permanent and safe communication between the island and the main land.

THE SANTA FE CUT OFF

It is reported that the newly chartered Texas, New Mexico and Western railway, which is to run from Dallas to Roswell, N. M., is a Santa Fe proposition and is a solution of the long-talked of cut-off connecting the gulf with the Pacific coast by a line several hundred miles shorter than the one now being operated.

It has been reported time and again in the past that the Santa Fe would extend its Lampasas branch to make this connecting link, but the above report appears more probable and reasonable, especially as a portion of this cut-off between Dallas and Roswell is now under construction, that is, the cut-off between Roswell and Texline.

It will only be necessary to build the line from Dallas to Texline directly across the state to connect the gulf division with the main Atchison system at Roswell.

The Santa Fe has acquired the charter, franchises, etc., of a defunct railroad proposition, with thirty miles of graded roadbed, west of Dallas. This, with the recent sale of $10,000,000 bonds to J. P. Morgan & Co., it is said, means that the new road will be immediately built.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address,

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HOLIDAY TRAVEL GOOD

The holiday travel of the different Fort Worth railroads has never been more satisfactory than this season. Trains have been leaving the different depots in this city loaded to the guards. It has crowded the railroad companies to supply the necessary equippage to handle the heavy travel.

Railroad people say that the heavy travel is a fair indication of favorable conditions in Texas. People are in better financial shape than they have been in a long while and are taking advantage of conditions to visit their former homes in the old states.

MILLIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS

J. P. Morgan & Co. have purchased from the Santa Fe $10,000,000 of the general mortgage 4 per cent bonds, of which $15,000,000 were recently made available. The sale will provide funds for additional equipment and construction of extensions and for double-tracking part of the system. The total amount of Atchison general mortgage 4s now outstanding is $148,737,500.

Under the general terms if the mortgage the Santa Fe Railroad Company has been empowered to sell these bonds at the rate of $3,000,000 a year for improvements.

President Ripley is authority for the statement that a large part of the $10,000,000 bond issue just authorized would be used in the construction of the cut-off from Belen, N. M., to a point on the Santa Fe's line in Texas, yet to be determined. Work, it is said, is to begin on this line in the spring and will be pushed to a rapid conclusion.

According to the report of President Ripley, a portion of the proceeds of the bond issue is to be used on the Bradshaw Mountain railway, which is to extend east of Prescott, Ariz., into the mining region. Some of the money will be required to construct the Phoenix and Eastern line and for sundy other extensions in Arizona, the main double tracking which is to be done between Olathe and Emporia, Kan., and over small stretches in Missouri and Illinois.

GOES WITH BURLINGTON

Daniel Willard, vice president and general manager of the Erie road, has been elected second vice president of the Burlington system to succeed Howard Elliott, who recently became president of the Northern Pacific.

VIOLATION OF VESTIBULE LAW

The superintendent of the Jacksonville, Ill., street railway company is to be arrested for violating the vestibule law. Three warrants for his arrest have already been issued. The law provides for a fine of $25 per car each day for violations.

FRISCO APPOINTMENTS

General Passenger Agent Hilton of the Frisco has announced the following appointments to become effective January 1:

New York—Hal S. Ray, general eastern passenger agent; George L. Truitt, traveling passenger agent.

Boston—K. E. Palmer, New England passenger agent; George A. Finch, traveling passenger; H. M. Brown, traveling passenger agent.

Salt Lake City—E. Drake, district passenger agent; George A. Bibie, traveling passenger agent.

Atlanta—S. L. Parrott, district passenger agent.

Richmond, Va.—W. T. Saunders, district passenger agent.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Phil A. Aner, district passenger agent.

Indianapolis—J. T. Powers, traveling passenger agent.

Philadelphia—Perry Griffin, district passenger agent; M. J. Geary, traveling passenger agent.

Detroit—F. B. Gilmer, district passenger agent.

Portland, Ore.—L. B. Gorham, general agent; George W. Bainter, traveling passenger agent.

V. M. Cluis, traveling passenger agent.

Cincinnati—H. I. McGuire, district passenger agent.

San Francisco—C. A. Rutherford, district passenger agent; F. W. Caldwell, traveling agent.

Los Angeles—Frank L. Miller, district passenger agent; J. L. Stanton, traveling passenger agent.

Chattanooga—F. D. Blackman, traveling passenger agent.

Toronto—A. C. Turpin, general agent.

Louisville—Howard M. Jolly, traveling passenger agent.

IMPROVING THE KATY TRACK

WAXAHACHIE, Texas, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Arthur M. Hall, traveling passenger agent of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway, with headquarters at Dallas, has been in the city two or three days looking after holiday business for his road. Mr. Hall has been touring the state with the Katy passenger agents and left them to come to Waxahachie. He says the gentlemen who look after the passenger business for the Katy, especially those who were on their first visit to the Lone Star state, were loud in their praises of the state and of the receptions given them at the different places at which the special train stopped.

In an interview with The Telegram correspondent, Mr. Hall talked enthusiastically of the special World's Fair train which will be put in service by the Katy next year. Mr. Hall said this train would be made up entirely of vestibuled coaches, Pullman sleepers and a dining car. The cars for this train, said Mr. Hall, are now being built and when ready for service they will be veritable palaces on wheels. "This train will leave Galveston at about 7 o'clock every morning," said Mr. Hall, "and will arrive at St. Louis about 3 o'clock in the afternoon the next day. The officials of the road now have in preparation the running schedule of the new train. By this schedule it is proposed to make the run between Dallas and St. Louis in exactly eighteen hours. The track is now being put in condition to maintain this schedule. Extra gangs of trackmen are now putting down eighty-five pound steel rails and balast is being burned to surface on an average of a mile of track each day. The work of laying heavy steel has reached Celeste and within a few more weeks the gang will reach Dallas. Then a gap between Dallas and Waxahachie will be all that remains to be furnished with new rails. The work of replacing the old rails with heavy steel was completed on the southern division some time ago. The new train service will be inaugurated about April 1 and the traveling public who go over the Katy to the World's Fair will be given the very best of accommodations."

The Mansion hotel is around on 4th street between Rusk and Main.

AFTER WEEK'S ILLNESS

Courts Convict Three Fort Smith Liquor Dealers

MUSKOGEE, I. T., Dec. 22.—Ever since prohibition laws were effective in the Indian Territory, Fort Smith has been the mecca of persons with a thirst, and ever since there has been a thirst in the Indian Territory a good deal of liquor has gotten out of Fort Smith and over the territory line.

Finally, indictments were found against Tom Powell, Pat O'Keefe and C. F. Reynolds, wholesale liquor dealers of Fort Smith. They were tried at the Wagoner term of court, convicted of introducing liquor and sentenced to a fine of $100 each, and six months in jail. This is the first time a wholesale liquor man has ever been convicted of introducing liquor into the Indian Territory.

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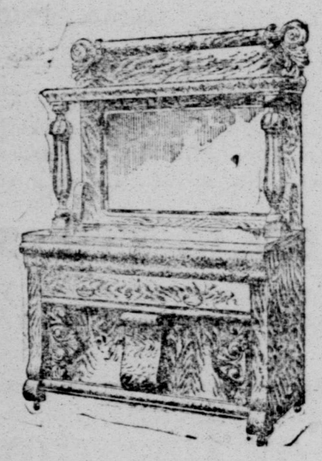
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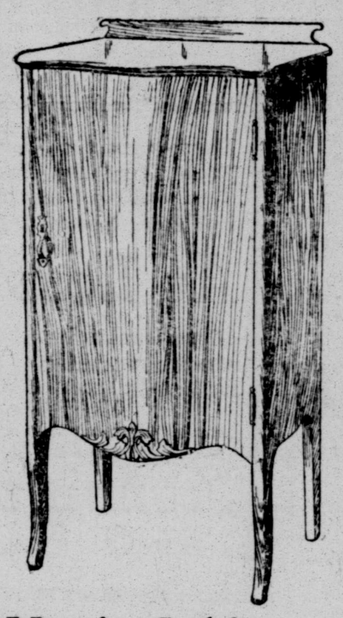
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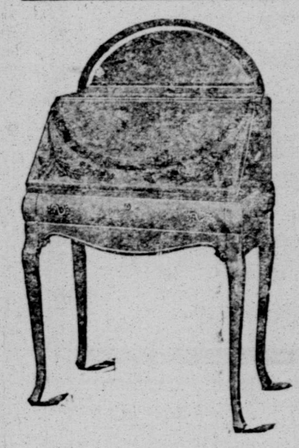
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PRINCE OF PICKPOCKETS IN THE PEN

Otto Henry, Who Touched King Edward, and Other Members of European Royalty, Now Safe Behind the Bars in Ohio

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 2'.—Picked the pocket of the king of England, "touched" Rothschild, England's ruling financier, for $30,000; made away with a sack full of diamonds at Atlanta, Ga., and swindled an American insurance company out of $50,000 on bogus claims, are a few of the many big items of crookedness in the career of a half century of crime of Otto Henry, who was landed in the penitentiary here last week on a five-year sentence for picking the pocket of Alex McBeth of $5,000 at the Urbana fair last summer.

Henry is said to be the most noted pickpocket in the world. He is now 71 years old and for fifty years has been a crook of great cunning. To Scotland Yard he is known as "The Russian Baron," and in other parts of the world he is known as "The Count," "Albert Wise," "Albert Metzony," "Sheeney Al" and numerous other aliases. He was at one time the pal of Jimmy Carroll, Jimmy Pates and Tom Bigelow, crooks of world notoriety, all of whom are now dead. Police officers believe that Henry was the head of a gang of some 200 crooks that worked the central west last summer.

DRESSED UP TO DATE

A part of Henry's game was always to be dressed in fashion and the silk tile and Prince Albert coat were ever articles of his apparel. To those to whom he felt called upon to explain he was always either a titled gentleman traveling through the country or a retired man of means. This makeup, a good education and a sunning equal to that of a cat made him reasonably safe from detection. In his day he has stolen millions, but he is the converse of the "Man That Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo." Monte Carlo has gotten all his stealings. After a big haul, or an accumulation of more moderate ones, he would make his visit to Monte Carlo. He would play as high stakes as anybody. A few brief days or weeks of terrific gambling would render him poor again and absence of money would turn his thoughts and his fingers again to pocket picking.

Henry is accredited with having baffled the bodyguards and picked the pocket of the present king of England when he was prince of Wales. It is said he escaped prosecution for that offense through a desire of the prince to avoid notoriety of that character.

When Henry was received at the Ohio prison he was attired in a magnificent suit of Prince Albert style, with a silk hat that might be used for a mirror, so glossy was it.

HE FOUND A CURE

R. H. Foster, 318 S. 2d Street, Salt Lake City, writes: "I have been bothered with dyspepsia or indigestion for 21 years, have tried many doctors without relief, but I have found a cure in Herbine. I recommend it to all my friends, who are afflicted that way, and it is curing them, too." 50c at H. T. Pangburn & Co.'s.

DON'T LIKE RED TAPE

Choctaws and Chickasaws Want to Sell Lands Themselves

MUSKOGEE, I. T., Dec. 21.—The Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians will fight any proposition that will necessitate the sale or lease of their lands passing through the hands of the secretary of the interior for approval. A prominent Choctaw said: "We have profited by the example of the lease system in the Creek and Cherokee nations and we want none of it. We want to handle our lands ourselves and avoid all the red tape and consequent delay incident to getting everything approved in Washington. The Indians are poor and must dispose of their leases. The delay necessitated by the approval of the secretary of the interior would mean a hardship to many, besides, we are able to transact our own business."

It is likely that a special session of the tribal council will be called and an ironclad resolution passed asking the secretary to keep his hands off of Choctaw and matters.

TULSA GROWING RAPIDLY

Citizens Want Lease to Sell More Lots for Homes

MUSKOGEE, I. T., Dec. 21.—Prominent citizens of Tulsa, I. T., were here today to appear before the Dawes commission asking that they be allowed the unrestricted sale of a part of the allotment of T. A. Hodge which joins the townsite in order that they may lay out a new city addition.

Hodge wants to sell the land and the citizens say the town needs more room. There are 640 acres in the original townsite and there are 4,000 people in Tulsa. They say the town is already compactly built and still growing.

Nearly every town of importance in the Creek nation now has similar petitions before the Dawes commission. It is only recently that the secretary of the interior has agreed to approve unrestricted sales of land for townsite purposes and progressive towns are quick to take advantage of it.

Prescription No. 2851 by Elmer & Amend, will not cure all complaints, but it will cure rheumatism. E. F. Schmidt, Houston, Texas, sole agent.

MAILS HEAVY AT CHRISTMAS EVERYWHERE

The Postoffice People Have a Lot of Work to Do This Week Handling Packages

"If Fort Worth people will get in registered packages at once without waiting till a day or two before Christmas, it will not only save confusion in the postoffice, but insure delivery of the packages to their proper destinations and at the right time," said Assitant Postmaster W. H. McKee this morning.

"It's not so much a question of extra work," he continued, "as a question of getting the packages out at all, for even if the postoffice were crowded with clerks only so much matter can possibly be handled and if every one waits till the day before Christmas before starting to send away their gifts, the congestion is sure to result.

"A little forethought will avoid this difficulty and will insure the delivery of packages on time instead of having them run the risk of getting in maybe a day or two late, if they are mailed at the last minute."

In the postoffice the registry department already feels the influx of Christmas letters and packages. This department feels it sooner than the others, though an increased business is being felt throughout the office. The great rush, usually comes from the 25th to the 25th. Then it is that the postmaster will take advantage of the extra help allowed him by the government. This allowance, by the way, is very elastic. If the office is allowed 150 extra days, the postmaster may put on as many men in one day as will exhaust the whole time. In other words, he may use up his allowance in one day or may string it out for a week.

It is a mass of matter that the carriers tackle for the morning delivery. The carrier then begins to sort the mail. He hasn't room on the shelves or in the pigeon holes, so he makes little piles on the floor and adds to them from the mass. When he has sorted out all he can handle on his route, he begins to put it in the sacks. The mail for the last house on his route he places at the bottom of the sack, so that the mail for the first house will be on the top.

NOT MANY LETTERS

The Christmas mail is not increased to any great extent by letters. Most of it is packages, and this makes it all the harder for the employes. The letters, for instance, are stamped with the stamping machine, and it is almost as easy to stamp 1,000 letters as 100. But not so the packages. They cannot be stamped by the machine, but must be done by hand. The stamps also cover all sides, and this makes the work even harder. Also every package must be weighed, and it must be examined to see whether it contains writing of any kind. If it does it is marked as first class matter and regular rates are charged.

These are the main difficulties that beset the postoffice—the labor of distributing and delivering the incoming mail and the burden of examining, weighing and sending the outgoing mail. There are other troubles also. As people wait until the last minute to send a Christmas present congestion and confusion are bound to follow, and in their wake an occasional lost letter or misplaced package. Then, in addition to the regular duties, the employes must listen to complaints. Sometimes the complaints are just, more often they are not. For instance, a woman in Tennessee complains that she sent a letter to some concern in Atlanta which was never delivered. The postoffice begins a search for the letter, and after it has made inquiries in every department, and wasted much of its valuable time, the woman discovers that the letter is on her dresser without any address or stamps.

Though Christmas day is half holiday, it is seldom that the carriers and other employes get away from work before afternoon. It is wonderful that more mail is not lost in the rush, but then the work is so systematized that, with the additional help allowed no great complication arises.

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RICH ANTHRACITE FIND

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 21.—Much excitement has been caused here by reports from Auchris Station, Schuylkill county, of the discovery of beds of pure anthracite coal far beyond the limits of what has heretofore been considered the southern boundary of the hard coal region in Pennsylvania. Many farmers in the district have began to prospect for veins on their property.

LAWYERS ASK TELEGRAM TO FORGET PAST

Promise Is Made that if the Former Barratrous Practices Are Overlooked, There Will Be No More

The agitation by The Telegram in regard to violations of the barratry law, has had a good effect, and the indication is that the future will see no more of the irregular practices which have been complained of.

It is understood that a meeting is to be held, at which resolutions will be passed, stating that the practice as prohibited by the law shall not occur in this county or by members of this bar, and that these resolutions will be signed by all attorneys of this city, the regular and the irregular alike. This will be a meeting of attorneys, and all will participate. It is also stated that the attorneys will agree that whenever it is known that any one of the attorneys at this bar is engaged in the irregular prictices that he will be reported to the county attorney for indictment. In the meantime the attorneys want the agitation of the proposition stopped. They say there will be no further violations of the law, and they ask that the practices which have been condoned in the past, be overlooked, to the end that no indictments will be returned. Said a gentleman, who is in a position to speak for the profession, to The Telegram today:

"I promise for all members of the bar, guilty and innocent alike, that in future there will be nothing to complain of. The thing is to be stopped, and we ask The Telegram to pass up the agitation. We promise to be good in the future, and you can rely on it that we will. There will be no barratrous practices."

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THE NEWS OF ABILENE

ABILENE, Texas, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Mrs. R. G. Petus is visiting her sister, Mrs. T. S. Rollins, of this place.

The Palace hotel on Chestnut street has been purchased by J. A. Thomas, who was formerly county surveyor of this county.

Mrs. Will Davis has gone to Beaumont to spend the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Dr. Fields.

Will Merchant and wife of Hot Springs are visiting in Abilene.

Mrs. Fred Baker of Midland is visiting her mother, Mrs. Medaris.

Major Kirby has returned to his home in Georgia, after several months' visit with his sons, Attorneys A. H. and E. N. Kirby, of this place.

The city schools here adjourned Thursday to January 4, for the holidays.

Mrs. W. C. Bailey will spend the holidays at her old home in Plano.

J. M. Cunningham and wife returned to Abilene a few days ago to live, and Mr. Cunningham has resumed his old position with the Farmers and Merchants National bank.

Messrs. Tandy & Price shipped about fifteen turkeys from this place to Chicago this week for the holiday market.

The Home Circle Society of Texas has been inaugurated here, with seventy-five charter members in the Abilene council. The officers and trustees are Judge D. G. Hill, president; Professor J. W. Christopher, vice president; C. L. Halley, secretary; W. G. Swenson, treasurer, and J. W. Wagstaff, B. A. Cox and G. S. Anderson, trustees.

District Clerk V. F. Womack, with his little daughter and sister-in-law, were driving his newly-purchased horse a few days ago, when the horse became frightened at some one galloping by and ran away, tearing the buggy almost to splinters, its occupants being thrown to the ground, each of whom was more or less bruised. Mr. Womack was bruised about the face, shoulder and one leg.

Photographs were never better and cheaper; big cut in price. No one makes better work. Frames cheap.

JOHN SWARTZ,
705 Main Street.

WILL DO NO BUILDING

The Union and Southern Pacific railroads will do no rebuilding or other work during 1904, according to reports from Omaha.

On this subject President Harriman says:

"Don't you think we have done enough for the present? I believe we have, and I guess we will let the matter rest for one year at least and perhaps for a longer period. There will be no rebuilding nor shortening of the lines next year. The construction of the Sierra Nevada tunnel has been given up for the present, but will be built later."



Too Much Holiday Fun and Folly

Too much of a good thing! That's what we are all liable to take during a holiday season. Healthy, jolly people will do it and make themselves sick. "In time of peace prepare for war," and have about the house a pleasant, perfect, palatable, positive medicine for sour stomach, sick headache, colic, winds, belching, biliousness, furred tongue, lazy liver, constipation, bad breath, bad taste, all liable to result from holiday over-indulgence. Cascarets Candy Cathartic is what you want; a tablet after a big meal will prevent sickness, or a tablet at night before going to bed, after a good time, will fix you all right for morning, and let you get up clear as a bell, ready for business or pleasure.

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All druggists, 10c, 25c, 50c. Never sold in bulk. Genuine tablet stamped C C C. Guaranteed to cure or your money back. Sample and booklet free. Address 513
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Dolls Merry-go-rounds....75¢
Boys' Tool Box, $3.00 down to .....25¢
Wheelbarrows, 90c down to .....15¢
Building Blocks .....25¢
Dishes, per set, $2.50 down to .....5¢
Blackboards, folding, with desk and A B C Pictures, to draw $1.50

Large Hampers, nice for presents, from $1.50 up to..$3.25
Wash Sets, for little girls..25¢
Little Red Tables, round..25¢
Doll Chairs .....10¢
Buggies .....25¢
Go-Carts .....20¢
Waste Baskets, trimmed with sweet grass .....95¢
Work Baskets of all kinds, from 85c down to .....15¢

Ladies Manicure Sets, in burnt wood $5.75
Toilet Sets $3.25
Chamber Sets $2.65
Bohemian Water Sets, with gilt $1.00
English Dinner Porcelain Dinner Set, 50 pieces...$8.78
Cups and Saucers, decorated .....50¢
Plates, 8-inch, per set....50¢
Vases of all kinds, from 5c up to, per pair.....$12.50

Many other things that we would be glad to show you. Call early in mornings, as we are always rushed in the afternoons.

1204-1206 MAIN STREET. THE ARCADE LEE HAGOOD, Proprietor





LETTERS TO Santa Claus



But a few days remain in which the children can communicate with Santa Claus, and the letters are coming daily to The Telegram. The Telegram has a message from Santa Claus that he is reading every letter and those children who "have been good" will not be forgotten. Santa Claus puts a great deal of faith in the little fellow who is "good." The old man does not like a bad boy.

The following letters have been received:

HOPES HE WILL COME

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 5 years old. I want a watch and chain and a doll and set of dishes and doll furniture, a cloak, candy and fruit. Hope you will call at my place, No. 1612 Smith avenue.—Irene McHam, Fort Worth.

SHE WANTS SHOES

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a doll, a pair of shoes, a doll buggy, a doll trunk, some doll dishes, tabe, some nuts, trunk, some doll dishes, table, some nuts, candy, oranges and apples. I live at 309 Your little girl—Willis Ward.

WANTS MAGIC LANTERN

Dear Santa Claus: I want a football, a magic lantern, some fireworks, some nuts, candy, apples and oranges. I believe Santa that is all. I live at 309 North Burnett street. I am 9 years old. Your little boy—Lee Ward.

WILL DIVIDE WITH BROTHER

Dear Santa Claus: I am glad I have a chance to thank you for the nice things you brought me last Christmas. I wish you would bring me this Christmas a big doll, a ring and a necklace, and a tooth brush, and some nice warm gloves and I want some fruit and candy. Please bring my little brother Bob (his name is Robert Louis) a black dog and a drum and I will give him some of my fruit and candy. Now, Mr. Santa Claus, if you will put these things on the Christmas tree at the Broadway Baptist church I will be sure to get them. I am a little girl 8 years old, am in the third grade, Miss Mabel Vanarsdale is my teacher. Wish you a Merry Christmas. Your little friend—Lillie May Goodwin, 811 West Railroad avenue.

BUREAU AND WASHSTAND

Dear Santa Claus: I want a bureau and a washstand, and please don't forget my mamma and papa, and that will be all for this time. I am a good girl.

THELMA HORRELL,
1306 Evans Avenue.

WANTS SANTA'S PHOTO

Strawn, Texas, Dec. 18, 1903.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little girl 7 years old and I thought I would write you a letter and tell you what I wanted Xmas. Will you please bring me a sleepie doll, a doll cradle and a doll buggy, a doll chair and a set of dishes, and please send me your photo as I know you are a good old man but oh, you must be so very old. So good bye, dear Santa Claus.

MACKIE STUART,
Strawn, Texas.

GRAND JURY IS AFTER SHORT COAL WEIGHTS

Understood That Investigation Has Been Made to Ascertain How Many Pounds Make a Ton of Coal

It is understood that the grand jury has been investigating the question of short weights of coal, but that not sufficient evidence was obtained to result in an indictment.

Very little can be learned about the inside workings of the grand jury as everything is done secretly and under oath. This much is known however, that the matter was taken up and an effort was made to ascertain just how much coal is delivered when a ton is the order. There was a story going the rounds that coal was being sold at 1450 pounds to the ton. One coal dealer was asked about the matter. He said:

"I know nothing about short weights. We give twenty hundred pounds to the ton, and as far as we know all of the dealers are doing the same. We have heard no complaint, except that now and then we have a customer who wants his coal weighed on the city scales. Whenever this is the case, we accommodate him, and the weight always comes up to standard."

"Did you hear that the grand jury was investigating the matter," he was asked.

"Yes, I heard something about it, but I don't know what it resulted in."

The matter has been handled with the utmost secrecy and it is hard to ascertain what is to be the result.

BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP

Immediately relieves hoarse, croupy cough, oppressed, rattling, rasping and difficult breathing. Henry C. Stearns, druggist, Shullsburg, Wisconsin, writes, May 20, 1901: "I have been selling Ballard's Horehound Syrup for two years, and have never had a preparation that has given better satisfaction. I notice that when I sell a bottle, they come back for more. I can honestly recommend it." 25c, 50c and $1.00 at H. T. Pangburn & Co.'s.

Try Boone for feed and fuel. 501-3-5 West Weatherford. Phone 2493.

NEW TEXAS INDUSTRIES

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 22.—The press in southern industrial development for the week just closed, as reported by The Tradesman, includes the following new organizations for Texas as among the most important:

Beaumont—$6,000 oil and mining company; piano factory; $50,000 oil company; $6,000 development company.
Rosebud—$10,000 land company.
San Angelo—Irrigation system.
Terrell—$100,000 ice company.
El Paso—$20,000 plant for the manufacture of mining machinery.
Markham—$50,000 rice mill.
San Marcos—$20,000 implement company.
Sherman—$50,000 refinery.
San Antonio—$20,000 lumber company.
Cooper—Handle factory.
Port Arthur—Land and irrigation company.
Stowell—Irrigation system.
Somerset—Telephone company.
LaGrange—Kaolin mines.
Houston—Bag factory.
Chillicothe—$25,000 lumber company.
Brownsville—Telephone system.
Gatesville—$5,000 land company.
Floresville—$30,000 manufacturing company.
Corpus Christi—$25,000 contracting company.
Gonzales—Gold mining company (near.)

FARMER'S HOUSE BURNS

WAXAHACHIE, Texas, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The house and all its contents of Egan Wilson, a farmer living near Maloney, was destroyed by fire Sunday night. The family was away from home when the house burned. The loss is estimated at $1,000, with no insurance.

QUEER CUSTOM OF EXCHANGING CHILDREN IN SWITZERLAND

Switzerland is divided into several states called cantons, and in some of these the people speak French, in others German and in others Italian. The Swiss parent desiring that his boy or girl shall learn all these languages first teaches the language of the home canton, then exchanges for the child of parents living in a canton where another language is spoken, where it stays until it masters that language, then it is again exchanged to a canton where the third language is spoken. In every language Dr. Burkhart's Vegetable Compound is a synonym for health. It cures Rheumatism, Catarrh, Constipation and all Diseases of the Blood. Thirty days' treatment costs 25c at any drug store.

CANNING FACTORY STORY IS DENIED

L. F. Swift of Swift & Company Says There Is Nothing in the Rumor

L. F. Swift of the packing firm of Swift & Co. arrived this morning from Chicago headquarters.

Mr. Swift was seen by The Telegram and asked what he had of interest to Fort Worth or Texas in general.

"Texas does not need anything additional that is good—she is good enough just as she is," was the reply of the packer.

"I am on my yearly periodical trip to Texas," said Mr. Swift.

He was asked if his firm contemplated any additional improvements to the Fort Worth plant. Mr. Swift replied that at this time he knew of nothing in that line.

"How about the reported canning factory?" was asked.

"Nothing in it," he said, "as I stated before, Swift & Co. contemplate no more improvements for the time being."

Mr. Swift, when asked about business conditions, said his firm was well pleased with the results of the Fort Worth packing plant.

He will be in the city several days inspecting the plant. In company with General Manager Goggins, Mr. Swift visited the plant this morning.

IN ADVANCE OF THE AGE

The increased comfort and safety with which women travelers can journey these days is characteristic of the age. This is largely due, too, to the greater attention paid the subject by the big transportation companies. This added to the attention and courtesy on the part of employes makes journeying alone for women or children a treat instead of a burden.

The New York Central shows itself to be in the front rank in this matter as in so many others where the comfort of its travelers is concerned. The Central for instance advertises that its employes "will meet you at the pier on your arrival in port." That this means much to some people can be seen from the following letter to George H. Daniels from a very prominent business man of Minneapolis. The letter states, "I have just received from my wife a letter advising me of the most efficient manner in which your office has taken care of her on her trip over your road and on her arrival in New York city.

"I wish to thank you for the great assistance you have been to Mrs. ——— which has greatly facilitated her trip and taken all worry and annoyance off her shoulders. It goes without saying that when she returns to this country she will come west over your road and I shall also take pleasure in traveling over your road when I go east to receive her."

The Central makes a point of meeting steamship passengers, arranging for the transfer of their baggage and seeing that they are introduced to the pursers and stewards and in every way making traveling a pleasure, not a burden. It is characteristic of American lines and especially of the Central that the comfort and safety of their passengers comes first of all.—Niagara Falls Gazette.

FOR THE TELEGRAM SIGN

Best Suggestion Will Be Awarded Prize Thursday Noon

At noon Thursday The Telegram will award a prize of $5 to the person suggesting the best wording for a sign board which is to be occupied as an advertising feature of The Telegram.

The sign board is eighty feet long, and four feet wide. It is on the corner of Jennings avenue, just south of the viaduct, and is very conspicuous. The Telegram wants a wording for it, and it will give $5 to the one making the best suggestion. You can make as many suggestions as you wish, and you do not have to pay to enter the contest. It is free to every one. This is an opportunity to get a $5 bill for Christmas spending.

WEDDINGS.

PECKHAM-MYERS

Married, at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the parsonage of the First Methodist church, George W. Peckham and Miss Elsie Myers, Rev. Alonzo Monk, officiating.

The groom is in the real estate business in this city, with offices in the Hoxie building. The bride is the daughter of Rev. James S. Myers, pastor of the Christian tabernacle. The wedding occurred directly after the young lady had left school for the day. They went to Dallas on a brief wedding trip and will return and have apartments at the Worth hotel. The wedding was a surprise to the family and friends of the young people.

Sporting Goods

Your son, grandson or nephew would surely appreciate a great many things that we handle, and an examination of our large line of **Shotguns, Rifles, Hunting Coats, Boxing Gloves, Striking Bags, Footballs, and Bicycles** would interest you. Besides you will find the finest line of **Razor and Pocket Cutlery** in the city, at the big Gun Store of

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WAXAHACHIE WEDDINGS

Approach of Christmas Makes Matrimonial Business Better

WAXAHACHIE, Texas, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—With the approach of the Christmas holidays considerable activity is being shown in the matrimonial market. Last Saturday County Clerk Hendricks issued seventeen permits to wed, this being the greatest number ever being recorded in the clerk's office in a single day. Sunday four weddings were celebrated in and near Waxahachie. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon J. H. Erby and Miss Carrie Steart were united in marriage by Rev. T. B. Criddle, the ceremony taking place at the bride's home, three miles west of the city. Chalmers McPherson, pastor of the Main Street Christian church, went to Forreston and performed the ceremony for R. G. Scanlon and Miss Etta Webb. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon H. H. Wheatley and Miss Ida Cox of the Howard country came to Waxahachie and were married by Rev. F. P. Ray. Later in the afternoon County Judge Hawkins officiated at the marriage of T. J. Lehew and Miss Katie Shackelford.

TURKEYS FOR COLORADO

WAXAHACHIE, Texas, Dec. 22.—Friday and Saturday Satchell & Co. of this city killed and dressed 400 fine turkeys which were shipped to Colorado Springs, Colo. This is the biggest shipment of birds made from Waxahachie this season. This firm has been shipping on an average of 200 birds a day for a week or more.

WILLIAM TAPP

WAXAHACHIE, Texas, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—William Tapp, a highly respected citizen of the Nash community, died yesterday morning about 7 o'clock. He was about 39 years old and had resided in Ellis county several years. He was a prominent Mason and while attending the grand lodge at Waco contracted pneumonia, which resulted in his death. The interment took place this morning at Nash.

PROF. MATTHEWS

WAXAHACHIE, Texas, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—News was received here yesterday afternoon of the death of Prof. Matthews at Italy. Prof. Matthews was about 37 years old and was superintendent of the Italy public schools.

NEWS OF THURBER

THURBER, Texas, Dec. 2.—C. F. Hutchings left today for New York, where he is to spend Christmas with home folks.

The Tuesday Evening Whist Club meets with Miss Etta Willett next Tuesday night.

The Thurber opera house will give a grand masquerade ball Thursday evening, December 24. This promises to be one of the most successful social affairs of the season.

Cotton in this vicinity is about all picked. Each day two or three bales are ginned and its bringing the top market prices.

The public school here will dismiss Wednesday, December 23, and reopen the following week on Monday.

Robert Binnie of Denver, Colo., is spending a few days in this city.

Mrs. R. M. Loflin, who has been very sick for three weeks, is improving.

Miss Archie Cook spent Saturday with relatives and friends in Strawn.

Dan Rogers of Stephenville is in this city visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. James Burney are the proud parents of a son Thursday.

There has been no rain here for two months. The country is in a very dry condition. It is hoped by farmers in this vicinity that it will rain soon so they will not be delayed in their early planting.

Mrs. C. S. Campbell of this city is spending a few weeks with relatives at Weatherford.

SOCIETIES UNITE AFTER 20 YEARS

Two Bodies of the Ancient Order of Hibernians Agree on Settlement

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—After twenty years of dissension the two bodies of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the board of America and the board of Erin, have amalgamated in New York county. It is estimated that 100,000 men and 180,000 women will be affected by the reunion which was brought about by county president of the board of America, P. J. McNulty, and the national president of the board of Erin, James Dougherty. Daniel V. Clancy, county corresponding secretary of the board of America made the announcement.

"The settlement of this dispute is the most important move we have made in our entire history," he said. "Now that differences are patched up I feel sure that thousands of Irishmen in this country will desert the smaller organizations and become members of our order.

"The dissension arose at our national meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1884, over the question of admitting the children of members who had intermarried with other nationalities. Nearly all of the members voted in favor of admission, but the balance, who held that only full-blooded Irishmen should belong to the organization and that the head power should be on the other side, remained steadfast and formed the board of Erin.

"The national officers of the two bodies got together in 1897 and decided upon arbitration. This resulted in favor of the board of America, but 5 per cent of the members would not join and they maintained the board of Erin.

"Three months ago the question was again brought up by McNulty and Dougherty. It has been under discussion ever since, and we have just reached a settlement."

The first result of the reunion will be the erection at Fifth avenue and One hundred and sixteenth street of a club room and offices, which will be thrown open to all Irish societies.

MRS. GILBERT TO RETIRE

Veteran Actress Will Make Farewell Tour Next Year

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Now nearly 84 years old and from childhood an actress, Mrs. G. H. Gilbert has decided to retire from the stage. She recently made known her decision to Manager Frohman, who had decided to send her on a special tour of the country next year as a triumphal farewell.

CHRISTMAS AT TRINITY

The usual Christmas service at Trinity church, Hemphill street and Pennsylvania avenue, will be held on Friday morning at 11 o'clock. Special Christmas music both at that service and on Sunday. It is urgently requested that all arrearages on the current expense fund will be paid up before the end of the year.

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Dressed Turkeys,
Celery, Cranberries,
Lettuce, Tomatoes,
Cauliflower, Radishes,
Parsley, Green Onions.
Batavia Olives,
Batavia Plum Puddings,
Batavia Asparagus,
Batavia Extra Fine Peas,

Our own Fruit Cakes, 35c and 50c per pound.
Seedless Oranges, dozen.....15c
Pecans, 3 lbs. 25c
Mixed Nuts, 3 lbs. 50c
Pineapples, Bananas,
Oranges, Apples,
Malaga Grapes, etc.

Butterine, per lb.....15c
Country Butter, 20c and.....25c
Creamery Butter, lb.....30c
Belle Springs Butter, lb.....35c
Imported Swiss Cheese,
Brick Cheese,
Neufchatel Cheese,
Roquefort Cheese.

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EXTRA FINE CAKES FOR CHRISTMAS ORDERS!

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Ayer's Cherry Pectoral
This is the medicine doctors have prescribed for sixty years for coughs, colds, croup, bronchitis, consumption. J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

ATTORNEY J. S. DAVIS PRESENTS "OTHER SIDE" OF THE FEE BILL

Explains the Provisions of the Measure as Enacted and Holds That It Is Not Opposed to the Principles of the Constitution

Inasmuch as the Texas fee bill is being discussed generally throughout the state and controversies having arisen as to whether or not such law conflicts with certain provisions of the state constitution, and especially with sections 48 and 51, article 3 of the Texas constitution, a representative of The Telegram requested Attorney James S. Davis to give his views upon the subject, which he did to the following effect:

NEGATIONS OF POWER

How can the fee bill violate the provisions of both section 48 and 51, article 3, of the Texas constitution? Section 48, article 3, says: "The legislature shall not have the right to levy taxes or impose burdens upon the people, except to raise revenue for the economical administration of the government." Section 51, article 3, says: "The legislature has no power to make any grant of public money to any individual, associations of individuals, municipal or other corporations whatsoever." Both of these sections are negations of power.

Section 48 limits legislative action in raising revenue for the administration of the state government to direct taxation and prevents the levying of taxes or imposition of burdens upon the people not based on public necessity. It has reference to revenue raised solely for state purposes.

Section 51 prohibits the exercise of power by the legislature towards granting or donating the state's public money which has been raised by taxation. Section 48 protects the people against taxation and burdens not levied or imposed for the purpose of raising revenue for the economical administration of the state government.

Section 51 protects the state against an appropriation of that revenue to other than state purposes. If the fee bill violates section 48, article 3, of the constitution, it does so because it taxes or imposes burdens upon the people to raise revenue for purposes other than the economical administration of the state government. It must raise this revenue for the state, however, to violate this section. If, by the fee bill, public money is raised for a county, and not for the state, section 48, article 3, is not violated.

It is claimed that the fee bill does raise public money for the county. If this is the purpose of the fee bill, it does not thereby violate section 48, article 3, nor does it violate section 51, article 3, for that section has reference to the state's public money which may not be granted or donated away by the legislature. The state could not donate her money to the county when the money raised by the fee bill was never the state's money. The money spoken of in section 51, article 3, of the constitution, has reference to money acquired by the state in the way provided by the constitution, namely, by direct taxation on property privileges and occupations. If the money donated to the county is not this character of money, a donation of it to the county is not prohibited by section 51, article 3, and hence is not the money of the state. And if the legislature has donated it to the county, it never was legally the money of the state.

Section 48, article 3, does not prohibit the legislature from enacting a law for the purpose of raising revenue for the county. It is said in Storrie vs. Houston City Railroad Company, 46 Southwestern Report 22, that the legislature, notwithstanding section 48, article 3, of the constitution, may enact a law authorizing the raising of revenue by a city and the legislature could hardly grant the city power to raise money for municipal purposes, if the legislature did not possess the power itself. It could hardly grant power that it did not possess. If the legislature has the power to enact a law whereby revenue may be raised for city purposes, it would follow that it had power to enact a law whereby revenue might be raised for county purposes.

NOT STATE MONEY

If the object of the fee bill is to raise money for county purposes, which the legislature can constitutionally do, then it is not the object of the fee bill to raise money for state purposes. If it is not raised for state purposes, it is not the money of the state, and if it is not the money of the state, no state money has been granted or donated to the county as is prohibited by section 51, article 3, of the constitution. If the money is not raised for state purposes, it makes no difference that it is not raised as a revenue for the economical administration of the government, nor that it is not raised by direct taxation.

If the fee bill levies a tax or imposes a burden upon the people to raise "county money," how does it donate the county the state's money? And if the fee bill is taxation upon the people to raise revenue for the state, it is not taxation to raise revenue for the county. Does the fee bill levy any tax upon the people? Upon what property privilege or occupation is it levied? This question must first be settled before we need inquire whether or not the revenue derived from it is to be applied to the economical administration of the state government. No such tax is attempted to be levied. Does this law directly impose any burden upon the people?

The bill only requires the state and county to compensate their officers for their services, and demands of convicted criminals certain costs to aid the payment of offices for services rendered the public in securing such convictions. The only part of the people who are burdened by this law is the criminal part, and they are reached through the police power of the state. None of their property is taken by way of taxation, and no occupation of theirs is touched, except their "criminal" occupation.

It would be more appropriate to say that this part of the people had burdened society, rather than the state had "burdened them."

The purpose of this bill is to raise a public fund, made up of fees for specific work to compensate public officers for services rendered to the state and county. A law for such a purpose is not prohibited by the constitution, but on the contrary, is expressly commanded by it. The purpose of the law—the intention of the legislature must control in passing upon the question of the validity of a law.

The fund to be raised for this purpose is contributed to from three sources. From state and county for specific work done for each separately, and from persons convicted of crime.

The legislature in fixing fees for each separate piece of work could not calculate to a certainty how much it would take in each case to obtain the exact sum total to be paid each officer each fiscal year. It could only approximate. And if the question was one, which, from its very nature, an excess might arise over what was actually necessary, to compensate each officer for his services, it could hardly render the law invalid to provide that such excess, instead of being squandered, when not necessary for the economical administration of government, either state or county, should be covered into the county treasury. The legislature thus put into practice the theory of the constiuion, and his is a fitting crown to all law.

This money, the excess, if it is to become the money of the county, when paid by the officer who collects it, into the county treasury, were it converted to purposes not contemplated by the fee bill, would not render the fee bill void. It belongs to a specific fund to pay officers, and though a contingency might arise by which this fund would be diverted from its purposes, it would not be presumed, as a matter of law, that such would be the case. The presumption of law is that funds intrusted by law to public officers will be applied to the purpose for which the fund was created; that the public officer will perform his legal duty in the matter. The fee bill itself provides that there are sums to be paid public officers as ex-officio services, that shall not be included in the maximum amount allowed by the fee bill. Also, that should there be a delinquency in collections during any fiscal year so that any officer could not receive the maximum salary to be paid him each year, that he might make up such delinquency out of collections on next fiscal year.

So it would appear that since the fund was created to pay officers, and since they were to have a maximum sum each year, besides a sum for ex-officio services, that an excess of one year might be appropriated to meet a deficiency of collections in any subsequent year. It has been so held in other states. The presumption of law would be, in the absence of a different direction of the law, that it was to be applied to such purpose. Raising the fund for this purpose, and paying it out for that purpose, would in no way violate the constitution. On the contrary, it would conform to its provisions. Should it be admitted, however, that this public fund has been raised in a way to conflict with section 48, article 3, of the constitution, or has been donated to the county in violation of section 51, article 3, of the constitution, what right would the officer who has collected this public money have to refuse to do with it what he was directed by the law to do? What right has he to plead the invalidity of the law? If it is a tax for county purposes not authorized by the constitution, then those who are called upon to pay the tax are the ones to raise the question of the constitutionality of the law. If it is a tax, and the tax has been collected and the state has made a donation of it to the county and the county has accepted the donation, could the state herself reclaim it? If the legislature violated the constitution in donating the excess to the county, how could the officer who had collected the "excess" obtain the right to hold and use the "excess" himself? How would the wrong be righted by taking the excess away from the county and giving it to the officer? The law vests the legal title to this excess in the county and if the officer wrongfully withholds the "excess" the county should be entitled to use the money when recovered. The judgment would be in favor of the county "for the use of the state," if it was the money of the state, in fact. Section 48, article 3, has no reference to any "excess."

If any burden is imposed by the fee bill, it is a burden upon the state and county to compensate their officers for services rendered to each of them. This the constitution commands. It is a burden upon convicted criminals. This is permitted by the police power. The "people" could hardly be hurt by such burdens.

The public officer who had received an amount which should not have been paid him, could not justly complain at the law and ask to be permitted to keep that which confessedly had been wrongfully obtained by him. It would be a singular demonstration of virtue to contend that the "people" ought not thus be burdened by the state, when the officer making the contention had received the fruits of the burdensome law. Divine grace could not have penetrated very deep into the soul of the officer who condemned the law by which he had profited, and yet retain the "forbidden fruit." It would be rather an ungrateful act to condemn the state for making it possible to provide for himself a "downy bed of ease."

PUBLIC MONEY NOT GATHERED

No "public money," as is contemplated by section 51, article 3 of the constitution is gathered in by the "fee bill." That is to say, no tax is levied upon the people to pay the officers provided for by the fee bill. In some instances officers are paid out of money which has been legitimately raised by taxation, but the constitution expressly authorizes a tax to secure revenue to run the government. The tax that goes to pay any of these officers is not levied by the "fee bill." The fund from which the officers may draw their salary is made up of money paid by the state, by the county and by individuals. It is paid for specific work done by each officer. The sum total to be paid is derivable from "fees." The state must contribute her quota to the fund, to be determined by the amount of work done for the state. Likewise the county. Individuals contribute to the fund in the form of "costs" paid in criminal cases as a punishment for crime. From neither source does there come a greater amount than the law obligates each to pay. The fee bill does not appropriate this fund to the officers. It gives them an equity therein when collected. The law does appropriate the amount to be paid by state, county and individuals into a "public fund" for the specific purpose of compensating public officers to draw from such fund an amount equal to the maximum of their salary, and compensates them with a commission of 25 per cent of the "excess," and directs that the remainder be, by them, turned into the treasury of the various counties of the state.

The state does not pay any officer in any one year more than the law requires her to pay him for specific work done for the state. The fact that the officer may take from the fund already collected, derived from the county and from persons convicted of crime, sufficient to pay in full the maximum salary allowed him by the "fee bill," does not operate as a "grant or donation" to the county of the delayed payment by the state of her quota of the fund. The state could not refuse to pay her part simply because the officer had already remunerated himself out of money in the fund that did not belong to the state. The fund is a remuneration to the officers for services and not a simple "grant or donation," and the state owes to this fund her pro rata. It matters not how much the state pays into the fund, so long as she pays it as "a compensation for services rendered" her, unless such compensation amounts each year to more than the maximum salary allowed to the officer by the fee bill.

It is probable that the legislature decreed that the constitution required them to give this "excess" to the county, if they did not intend it to remain on hand as a public fund for officers—since it might be more than sufficient to pay her officers in any one year. It may have been the opinion of the legislature that section 48, article 3, of the constitution would prevent the giving of this "excess" to the "state," as it was not derived by taxation. If this excess is not money obtained by taxation, it would not "constitutionally" be the "state's" money. And if the legislature has given it to the county to prevent violating the constitution, it cannot "legally" be the "state's" money. The state then could hardly be guilty of "granting or donating" her money to the county, when it never belonged to the state.

In enacting this "fee bill" it would seem that the legislature has closely followed the footsteps of the constitution. It certainly cannot be well said that a "burden has been imposed upon the people" by a law which takes thousands of dollars annually that is not necessary to pay officers, and covers it into the treasury of the various counties of the state.

The very provisions of the constitution urged against this fee bill bespeak an economical administration of government. The "fee bill" is practical economy. No decision of any Texas court declares a view contrary to that herein taken. On the contrary, what has been said herein is in perfect accord with Texas decisions.

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A rich Chinese merchant returning to Canton from a European tour, stopped at the Annex. His knowledge of English was meager, but he possessed a fondness for games of chance, particularly poker, and he and Mr. Gates sat down to a friendly game when a mutual acquaintance brought them together.

The game progressed until late in the evening. Finally there was a "jack pot" of substantial proportions. The Chinaman opened it, drew one card, and Mr. Gates drew one card also.

"Bet you five thousand," said the Chinese merchant through the interpreter.

"Raise you five thousand," said Mr. Gates.

The Chinaman looked at his hand, a bland smile stole over his round face and he said something in Chinese.

"He raises you $15,000," said the interpreter.

"The son of a sea cook," gasped the astonished Gates. The Chinaman turned ashen, his chin dropped on his breast, the cards fell from his hands and he feebly pushed the pot toward Mr. Gates, who was more than ever astonished.

"The ot's yours," said the interpreter.

"Why, how's that?" asked Mr. Gates.

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COMPLICATED LEASING

MUSKOGEE, I. T., Dec. 21.—The lease system in vogue in Indian Territory is one of the most complex that the officials have ever had to handle. One of the most remarkable leases yet seen is one which was filed for record the other day, in which the grantor agrees to lease the land for five years for 25 cents per acre for each year. She further agrees to put the lessee in possession by a stated time or forfeit $5 per acre. Another remarkable provision in this lease is that the grantor agrees that if there is any stone, gravel or shale found within ten feet of the surface she will forfeit the entire rental price on such land.

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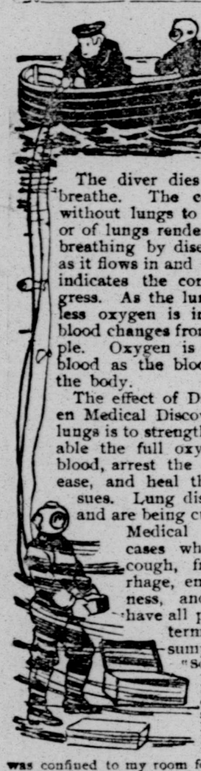
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SYNOPSIS

Thrown on his own resources for the support of himself and his only sister Harvey Thorpe finds employment in Radaway's lumber camp which is doing a contract job and which has suffered various annoying delays including a shortage of men.

Thorpe is hurt by a falling log and after six weeks in the hospital he returns to camp to find that Radaway has been made practically bankrupt by a freshet.

Thorpe found his sister already a young lady. After the first delight of meeting had passed they sat side by side on the haircloth sofa and took stock of each other.

Helen had developed from the school child to the woman. She was a handsome girl, possessed of a slender, well rounded form and deep hazel eyes, with the level gaze of her brother, although a figure rather aloof, a face rather impassive, but with the possibility of passion and emotion and a will to back them.

"Oh, but you're tanned and—and big!" she cried, kissing her brother. "You've had such a strange winter, haven't you?"

"Yes," he replied absently. "Things came a little better than I thought they were going to toward the last, and I made a little money."

"Oh, I'm so glad!" she cried. "Was it much?"

"No, not much," he answered. The actual figures would have been so much better. "I've made arrangements with Mrs. Renwick to hire a servant girl, so you will have all your time free, and I've paid a year's tuition for you in the seminary."

"Oh," said the girl, and fell silent.

After a time, "Thank you very much, Harry dear;" then, after another interval, "I think I'll go get ready for supper."

Instead of getting ready for supper she paced excitedly up and down her room.

"Oh, why didn't he say what he was about?" she cried to herself. "Why didn't he? Why didn't he?"

The days, however, passed in the main pleasurably for them both. They were fond of one another. The barrier slowly rising between them was not yet cemented by lack of affection on either side, but rather by lack of belief in the other's affection. Helen imagined Thorpe's interest in her becoming daily more perfunctory. Thorpe fancied his sister cold, unreasoning and ungrateful. And yet this was but the vague dust of a cloud. They could not forget that but for each other they were alone in the world. Thorpe delayed his departure from day to day, making all the preparations he possibly could at home.

Finally Helen came on him busily unpacking a box which a dray had left at the door. He unwound and laid one side a Winchester rifle, a variety of fishing tackle and some other miscellanies of the woodsman. Helen was struck by the beauty of the sporting implements.

"Oh, Harry!" she cried. "Aren't they fine? What are you going to do with them?"

"Going camping," replied Thorpe, with his head in excelsior.

"When?"

"This summer."

Helen's eyes lit up with a fire of delight. "How nice! May I go with you?" she cried.

Thorpe shook his head.

"I'm afraid not, little girl. It's going to be a hard trip a long ways from anywhere. You couldn't stand it."

"I'm sure I could. Try me."

"No," replied Thorpe. "I know you couldn't. We'll be sleeping on the ground and going on foot through much extremely difficult country."

"I wish you'd take me somewhere," pursued Helen. "I can't get away this summer unless you do. Why don't you camp somewhere nearer home, so I can go?"

Thorpe arose and kissed her tenderly. "I can't, little girl; that's all. We've got our way to make."

She understood that he considered the trip too expensive for them both. At this moment a paper fluttered from



the excelsior. She picked it up. A glance showed her a total of figures that made her gasp.

"Here is your bill," she said, with a strange choke in her voice, and left the room.

"He can spend $60 on his old guns, but he can't afford to let me leave this hateful house," she complained to the apple tree. "He can go way off camping somewhere to have a good time, but he leaves me sweltering in this miserable little town all summer. I don't care if he is supporting me. He ought to. He's my brother. Oh, I wish I were a man! I wish I were dead!"

Three days later Thorpe left for the north.

CHAPTER X.

FOR more than a week Thorpe had journeyed through the forest. His equipment was simple in the extreme. Attached to a heavy leather belt of cartridges hung a two pound ax and a sheath knife. In his pocket reposed a compass, an air tight tin of matches and a map drawn on oiled paper of a district divided into sections. Some few of the sections were colored, which indicated that they belonged to private parties. All the rest was state or government land. He carried in his hand a repeating rifle. The pack, if opened, would have been found to contain a woolen and rubber blanket, fishing tackle, twenty pounds or so of flour, a package of tea, sugar, a slab of bacon carefully wrapped in oiled cloth, salt, a suit of underwear and several extra pairs of thick stockings. To the outside of the pack had been strapped a frying pan, a tin pail and a cup.

He had not met a human being or seen any indications of man excepting always the old blaze of the government survey. Many years before, officials had run careless lines through the country along the section boundaries. These latter stated always the section, the township and the range east or west by number. All Thorpe had to do was to find the same figures on his map. He knew just where he was.

The map he had procured at the United States land office in Detroit. He had set out for the purpose of "looking" a suitable bunch of pine in the northern peninsula, which at the time was practically untouched. Access to the interior could only be obtained on foot or by river. The South Shore railroad had as yet penetrated only as far as Seney. Marquette, Menominee and a few smaller places along the coast were lumbering near at home, but they shipped entirely by water.

Thorpe, with the farsightedness of the pioneer, had perceived that the exploitation of the upper country was an affair of a few years only. The north would not prove as accessible as it now seemed, for the carrying trade would some day realize that the entire waterway of the great lakes offered an unrivaled outlet. With that discovery would begin a rush to the new country. He resolved to anticipate it and by acquiring his holdings before general attention should be turned that way to obtain the best.

He was without money and practically without friends, while government and state lands cost respectively $2.50 and $1.25 an acre, cash down. But he relied on the good sense of capitalists to perceive from the statistics which his explorations would furnish the wonderful advantages of logging a new country with the chain of great lakes as shipping outlet at its very door. In return for his information he would expect a half interest in the enterprise.

Thorpe was by no means the first to see the money in northern pine. Outside the big mill districts already named cuttings of considerable size were already under way, the logs from which were usually sold to the mills of Marquette and Menominee.

But work was on a small scale and with an eye to the immediate present only. It was accomplished by purchasing one forty and cutting a dozen. Thorpe's map showed often near the forks of an important stream a section whose coloring indicated private possession. Legally the owners had the right only to the pine included in the marked sections, but if any one had taken the trouble to visit the district he would have found operations going on for miles up and down stream. The colored squares would prove to be nothing but so many excuses for being on the ground. The bulk of the pine was stolen from unbought state or government land.

This in the old days was a common enough trick.

Thorpe was perfectly conversant with this state of affairs. He knew also that in all probability many of the colored districts on his map represented firms engaged in steals of greater or less magnitude. He was further aware that most of the concerns stole the timber because it was cheaper to steal than to buy, but that they would buy readily enough if forced to do so in order to prevent its acquisition by another. In his exploration, therefore, he decided to employ the utmost circumspection. He would pose as a hunter and fisherman.

For a week he journeyed through magnificent timber, working always more and more to the north, until finally he stood on the shores of Superior. He resolved to follow the shore west to the mouth of a fairly large river called the Ossawinamakee. It showed in common with most streams of its size, land already taken, but Thorpe hoped to find good timber near the mouth. After several days' hard walking with this object in view he found himself directly north of a bend in the river, so he turned through the woods due south, with the intention of striking in on the stream. This he succeeded in accomplishing some twenty miles inland, where also he discovered a well defined and recently used trail leading up the river. Thorpe camped one night at the bend and then set out to follow the trail.

It led him for upward of ten miles nearly due south, sometimes approaching, sometimes leaving, the river, but keeping always in its direction. The country in general was rolling. Low parallel ridges of gentle declivity glided constantly across his way, their valleys sloping to the river. Thorpe had never seen a grander forest of pine than that which clothed them.

At the ten mile point he came upon a dam. It was a crude dam, built of logs, whose face consisted of strong buttresses slanted up stream and whose sheer was made of unbarked timbers laid smoothly side by side at the required angle. At present its gate was open.

The purpose of the dam in this new country did not puzzle him in the least, but its presence bewildered him. Such constructions are often thrown across logging streams at proper intervals in order that the operator may be independent of the spring freshets. The device is common enough, but it is expensive. People do not build dams except in the certainty of some years of logging, and quite extensive logging at that. If the stream happens to be navigable the promoter must first get an improvement charter from a board of control appointed by the state. So Thorpe knew that he had to deal not with a hand to mouth lumber thief, but with a great company preparing to log the country on a big scale.

He continued his journey. At noon he came to another and similar structure. Here he left his pack and pushed ahead in light marching order. About eight miles above the first dam and eighteen from the bend of the river he ran into a "slashing" of the year before. The decapitated stumps were already beginning to turn brown with weather; the tangle of tops and limbs was partially concealed by poplar growths and wild raspberry vines.

To Thorpe this particular clearing became at once of the greatest interest. He scrambled over and through the ugly debris which for a year or two after logging operations cumbers the ground. By a rather prolonged search he found what he sought—the "section corners" of the tract, on which the government surveyor had long ago marked the "descriptions." A glance at the map confirmed his suspicions. The slashing lay some two miles north of the sections designated as belonging to private parties. It was government land.

Thorpe sat down, lit a pipe and did a little thinking.

He had that very morning passed through beautiful timber lying much nearer the mouth of the river than either this or the sections farther south. Why had these men deliberately ascended the stream? Why had they stolen timber eighteen miles from the bend when they could equally well have stolen just as good fourteen miles nearer the terminus of their drive?

Thorpe suddenly remembered the two dams and his idea that the men in charge of the river must be wealthy and must intend operating on a large scale. He thought he glimpsed it. After another pipe he felt sure.

The unknowns were indeed going in on a large scale. They intended eventually to log the whole of the Ossawinamakee basin. For this reason they had made their first purchase, planted their first foothold, near the headwaters. Some day they would buy all the standing government pine in the basin, but in the meantime they would steal all they could at a sufficient distance from the lake to minimize the danger of discovery. Every stick cut meant so much less to purchase later on.

Thorpe knew that men occupied in so precarious a business would be keenly on the watch. At the first hint of rivalry they would buy in the timber they had selected. But the situation had set his fighting blood to racing. They undoubtedly wanted the tract down river. Well, so did he!

He purposed to look it over carefully, to ascertain its exact boundaries and what sections it would be necessary to buy in order to include it, and perhaps even to estimate it in a rough way. In the accomplishment of this he would have to spend the summer and perhaps part of the fall in that district. He could hardly expect to escape notice. By the indications on the river he judged that a crew of men had shortly before taken out a drive of logs. After the timber had been rafted and towed to Marquette they would return. He might be able to hide in the forest, but sooner or later, he was sure, one of the company's land lookers or hunters would stumble on his camp. Then his very concealment would tell them what he was after. The risk was too great, for, above all things, Thorpe needed time. He had, as has been said, to ascertain what he could offer. Then he had to offer it. He would be forced to interest capital, and that is a matter of persuasion and leisure.

(Ctontinued tomorrow.)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Candidates for Municipal Offices Announced Subject to the Action of the Democratic Primaries, January 12, 1904.

FIRST WARD

The Telegram is authorized to announce W. H. Ward as a candidate for re-election as alderman of the First ward, city of Fort Worth, subject to the action of the democratic primaries, January 12, 1904.

SECOND WARD

The Telegram is authorized to announce B. L. Waggoman as a candidate for re-election as alderman of the Second ward of the city of Fort Worth, subject to the action of the democratic primaries January 12, 1904.

The Telegram is authorized to announce B. J. Houston as a candidate for alderman from the Second ward of the city of Fort Worth, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries to be held January 12, 1904.

THIRD WARD

The Telegram is authorized to announce W. R. Parker, as a candidate for alderman from the Third ward of the city of Fort Worth, subject to the action of the democratic primaries, to be held January 12, 1904.

The Telegram is authorized to announce Carl Schiller as a candidate for alderman from the Third ward of the city of Fort Worth, subject to the action of the democratic primaries, January 12, 1904.

FOURTH WARD

Thanking the voters of the Fourth ward of the city of Fort Worth for past courtesies, and appreciating election in the past, I hereby announce myself a candidate for renomination as alderman from that ward, subject to the action of the democratic primaries, January 12, 1904.

Respectfully,
J. F. LEHANE.

FIFTH WARD

The Telegram is authorized to announce M. M. Lydon as a candidate for re-election as alderman from the Fifth ward of the city of Fort Worth, subject to the democratic primaries, January 12, 1904.

SEVENTH WARD

The Telegram is authorized to announce J. F. Henderson as a candidate for re-election as Alderman of the Seventh ward of the city of Fort Worth, subject to the action of the democratic primaries, January 12, 1904.

EIGHTH WARD

The Telegram is authorized to announce J. F. Zurn as a candidate for alderman from the Eighth ward of the city of Fort Worth, subject to the action of the democratic primaries, January 12, 1904.

NINTH WARD

The Telegram is authorized to announce Clarence Wallace as a candidate for alderman in the Ninth ward, subject to the action of the democratic primary.

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CITATION

The state of Texas, to the district court, Tarrant county, Texas, January term, A. D. 1904. To the sheriff or any constable of Tarrant county, greeting:

You are hereby commanded, that, by making publication of this citation in some newspaper published in the county of Tarrant four weeks previous to the return day hereof, you summon Thomas Brown, whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the district court, to be holden in and for the county of Tarrant, at the court house thereof, in the city of Fort Worth, on the second Monday in January, A. D. 1904, the same being the 11th day of said month, then and there to answer the petition of Flora Brown, as plaintiff, filed in said court, on the 9th day of December, A. D. 1903, against Thomas Brown, as defendant. Said suit being numbered 22845, the nature of which demand is as follows, to-wit: That plaintiff and defendant were legally married in Sherman, Texas, Dec. 17, A. D. 1895, and lived together as husband and wife until Oct. 12, 1899, when defendant abandoned plaintiff with the intention of never again living with her as his wife. That said abandonment continued for more than the full period of three years. Premises considered, plaintiff prays judgment for her divorce for costs of suit, and for general relief, etc.

Herein fail not, but have you then and there before said court, this writ, with return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness,
(L. S.) JOHN A. MARTIN,
Clerk of the District Court of Tarrant County.

Given under my hand and seal of said court in Fort Worth, this 10th day of December, A. D. 1903,

JOHN A. MARTIN,
Clerk District Court, Tarrant County, Texas.
By E. J. BROCK, Deputy.

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IN THE COURTS

Judge Irby Dunklin of the Forty-eighth judicial district court will likely hear the application for a new trial in the Johnson murder case during this afternoon.

Johnson, it will be remembered, shot and killed J. R. Robinson on the afternoon of November 11, 1902, over a disputed board bill.

Johnson was recently tried before Judge Dunklin and given five years in state's prison.

The dead man was a Confederate soldier, as is also Johnson.

The case of Agnes Belt against Zane Cetti is still being heard in the Seventeenth district court.

COUNTY COURT CASES FILED

Texas Manufacturing Company against Alex Canto et al, debt.

Same against Joe Flowers, debt.

H. T. Farrell against J. M. Carlisle & Bro., debt.

J. R. James & Sons against the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company, damages.

DISTRICT COURT FILINGS

Ex parte against Robert Cawron, removal of disabilities of minority.

Lee Lewis against Maggie Lewis, divorce.

Minnie Scharff against Henry Scharff, divorce.

Dona Pitts against J. T. Pitts, divorce.

B. Lavoise against J. A. Allen et al, trespass and injunction.

COURT HOUSE NOTES

R. H. Crank, county clerk of Johnson county, is taking notes in the county clerk's office today.

Attorney S. L. Samuels returned today from Houston, where he went on legal business.

There is a rush now of people to pay their poll tax.

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Mrs. Andrew Sullivan and Mrs. Florence Davis of St. Louis are spending a few days with Mrs. C. M. Onins, sister of Mrs. Sullivan.

The students of the Fort Worth Business college presented "Chimes of Normandie" last night for the pleasure of a number of their friends. This delightful and familiar opera has much of music in it, and the good voices of those of the school who took the parts, were equal to the occasion. The cast was as follows: Serpolette, Frances Preuitt; Germaine, Pearl Preuitt; Gertrude, Manette, Suzanne and Jeannie, village maidens, Willie Hunter, Emma Hibbard, May Foy and Addie Prince; Henri, the Marquis, Rollin Pease; Grenicheaux, the fisherman, Bert Jones; Gaspard, a miser, Emet Key; the Bailli, Edward Reid. Miss Hager presided at the piano.

G. A. Brewer and E. R. McCauley of Moody, Texas, who have been attending the University of Medicine at Fort Worth, returned to their homes this morning to spend the holidays.

W. P. Dingle, a student of the University of Medicine here, returned to his home at Moran, Texas, this morning to spend Christmas.

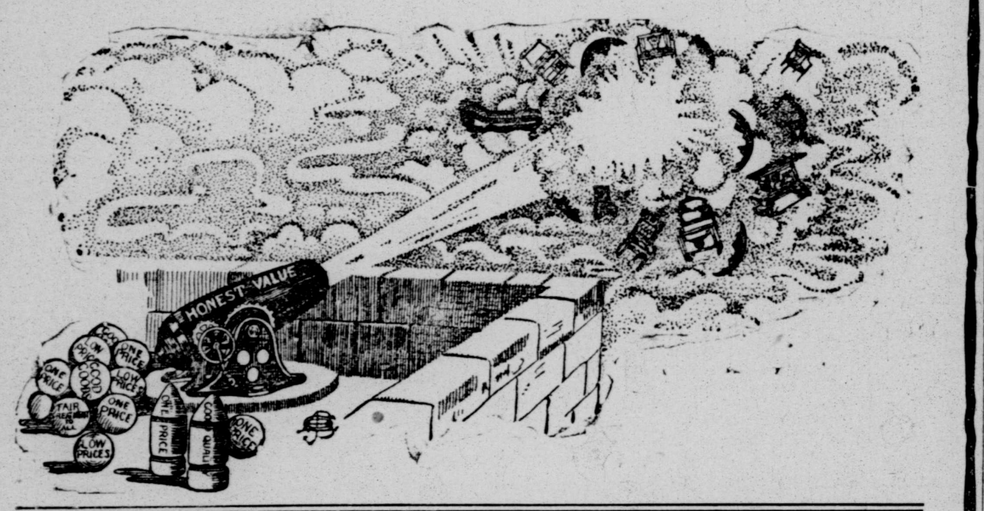
Vice President and General Superintendent W. E. Green of the Cotton Belt, accompanied by his private secretary, Mr. Windsor, was in Fort Worth last night from Tyler.

Miss Adella Fowle of Central City, Colo., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Bogert on Broadway.

Miss Myrtle Davenport, who has been conected with kindergarten work at Chickasha, I. T., is expected home today for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Young, Mrs. E. O. McIlhaney and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. George were Stephenville visitors in town yesterday.

Mrs. Charles W. Connery calls a meeting of the members of the Elks' wives and daughters in the club rooms Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The meeting is important and all members are urged to be present.



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OVERDOSE OF MORPHINE

Taken by Roy Kirkpatrick at Ardmore May Result Fatally

ARDMORE, I. T., Dec. 22.—(Special)—R. N. Kirkpatrick of Fox, stopping at the Westhoff Hotel of this place, took an overdose of morphine yesterday morning with suicidal intent. He was found late yesterday afternoon unconscious and has been so ever since. His brother attributes his act to financial troubles. The attending physician says Kirkpatrick cannot live.



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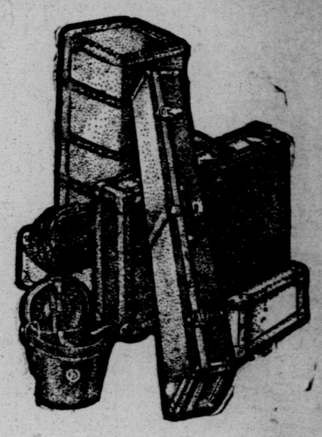
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Big line of Ladies and Gents' Handkerchiefs, choice 6 for 25c
Another lot with initials, choice, 2 for 25c
Men's Silk Handkerchiefs, 25c, 50c, 75c and $1.00
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Dressing Rolls.....$1.50 to $ 2.50
Seal and Morocco

Suit Cases.....$4.50 to $20
Sole and Grain Leather

Dressing Sets.....$4.50 to $20
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RESOLUTIONS OF PRAISE PASSED FORT. F. MURRAY

Alderman of Third Ward Gets Vote of Thanks From Citizens of Third Ward—Street Car Matters Are Discussed

A meeting of the Third ward citizens was held last night at the store of Gyrock for the purpose of considering the election of an alderman for that ward and also to consider the best interests of the ward.

B. F. Wallace, former alderman for that ward, called the meeting to order and Judge J. E. Martin, as chairman of a committee appointed at a previous meeting to present resolutions expressing the gratitude of the people of the Third ward to Alderman T. F. Murray for valuable services rendered by him during his two terms of office, presented the following resolutions:

We, your committee appointed to present resolutions expressing our gratitude and kind feeling for Alderman T. F. Murray, who has for two terms faithfully and energetically served the people of the Third ward as alderman, report as follows:

Resolved, That Alderman Murray needs no encomiums in writing to tell the people of his valuable services. They are all around us and visible monuments to his honor and credit.

Seventy-two new incandescent and eight arc lights, filling, grading and bridging streets, remodeling culverts, additions and repairs to school houses, street car improvements and improved street car service on Front street, and other valuable improvements in the Third ward are monuments to his credit entitling him to the sincere gratitude of the people.

On motion of Judge W. R. Parker the resolutions were unanimously adopted. Judge Martin and Judge Parker, referring to the resolutions in addressing the meeting, manifested a feeling of the strongest friendship for the retiring alderman. Judge Parker said: "I have always been his friend and I supported him both times in his election. I know he has faithfully served the people of the Third ward. Personally, I am his friend. He is a broad gauged man, free from prejudice, and always has a kindly feeling for all."

Judge Martin spoke of the good work of Alderman Murray in co-operating with himself in procuring for the Northern Texas Traction company the right of way out of Fort Worth, and expressed the opinion that had it not been for Alderman Murray that company would be tied up in Fort Worth today.

Judge Martin said that he was for street cars, and a friend to the Traction company, and then referred to Sam Rosen and spoke of him as a man of great energy and enterprise. He added that if Mr. Rosen was willing to take up the transportation question and build another street car line, he should be encouraged.

A committee will be appointed to wait upon Mr. Rosen and give him encouragement in his street car undertaking in the interest of having him build into the Third ward.

The meeting adjourned to meet at Alex Canto's store next Monday night.

DR. PEARSON'S PRESENT

$50,000 Will Be Turned Over to Missionary Society if Balance Is Raised

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Dr. D. K. Pearson has offered $50,000 to the Chicago City Missionary society on condition that the money be used as a nucleus for a permanent endowment fund of $150,000. Under the provisions of the offer the missionary society must raise $100,000 before it will receive the gift.

Eighty-five thousand three hundred dollars has been secured, leaving $14,700 still to be raised. The entire sum of $100,000 must be raised before January 1.

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SUSPECTS MAKE ESCAPE

Two Men, Thought to Be Safe Blowers, Elude the Police

A couple of men suspected of being safe blowers eluded the officers yesterday afternoon after they had been under surveillance for a week.

It was about a week ago that Officer Bert Thomason located a couple of strangers in a rooming house on Main street. He has been shadowing them during that time, endeavoring to get a clew that would lead to an investigation which would be thorough. Yesterday afternoon he concluded it was time to act, and with Detective James Thomason and Assistant Chief Allen, he went to the place. While the forces were being distributed, part of them in the rear and the others in the front, the birds took fright and made off. It is believed they were warned by a teamster who was going up and down the stairs at the time.

The officers believe these men were those engaged in blowing the safe at Burleson when the postoffice was recently robbd.

VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

Strip Four Inches Wide and Ninety Feet Long Brings Fancy Figure

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A piece of real estate with a four-inch frontage on the west side of Seventh avenue, south of Fiftieth street has changed hands, making a novel record in realty transactions here. The parcel has a depth of 90 feet and brought a price based on $5,000 a front foot. The odd lot was created through a mistake made some time ago in surveying. Plots on both sides of the strip were sold to various parties neither of whom wants the four-inch frontage. What the purchaser expects to do with his acquisition is a mystery.

ELLIS COUNTY ROADS

WAXAHACHIE, Texas, Dec. 22.—Rapid progress has been made in Ellis county this fall by the county road gangs in the way of putting the public roads in good condition. The continued dry weather has afforded a splendid opportunity to work the roads and no time has been lost. A few months ago the four road gangs were consolidated into two and the county commissioners have found that much more efficient work can be done. County Commissioner Moore of Midlothian said to The Telegram correspondent a few days ago that the gang in his precinct now consisted of fourteen convicts. They have a number of plows, four scrapers and two road graders in daily operation and the work is being done in a most thorough manner.

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Heavy Dry Salt Meat, per pound	9c
Fancy Dry Salt Meat, per pound	11c
Orange Peel, per pound	25c
Lemon Peel, per pound	25c
Citron, per pound	25c
Two-Crown Raisins, 3 pounds	25c
Fancy Four-Crown Cluster Raisins, for table use, per pound	25c
Shelled Almonds, per pound	50c
Shelled Pecans, pound	60c
Mince Meat, 3 packages	25c
Mixed Nuts, 20c pound; 3 pounds	50c
Apple Cider, gallon	50c
Three-pound can Pumpkin	10c
Three-pound can Pie Pineapple	10c
Three-pound can Pie Peaches	10c
Three-pound can Pie Apples	10c
Five-pound pail Leaf Lard	50c
Ten-pound pail Leaf Lard	95c
Breakfast Bacon, by the strip	15c
Smoked Bacon, heavy	10c
Smoked Bacon, fancy	12½c
Choice Evaporated Apple, 2½ pounds	25c
Fancy Evaporated Apple, 2 pounds	25c
Choice Evaporated Peaches, 3 pounds	25c
Fancy Evaporated Peaches, 2 pounds	25c
Fancy Evaporated Pears, 2 pounds	25c
Choice Evaporated Apricots, 2 lbs.	25c
Fancy Evaporated Apricots, pound	15c
Fancy Evaporated Nectarines, 2 lbs.	25c
White California Figs, 3 pounds	25c
Small Prunes, 22 pounds	$1 00
Large Prunes, 3 pounds	25c
Extra Large Fancy Prunes, pound	15c
Granulated Sugar, 19 pounds	$1 00
Fancy Yellow C. Sugar, 20 pounds	$1 00
Dark Brown Sugar, 21 pounds	$1 00
Asparagus Tips, can	25c
Asparagus, can	30c
Mushrooms, can	20c
French Peas, Tins	20c
Good Sugar Corn, can	10c
Fancy Sugar Corn, 2 cans	25c
Three-pound Tomatoes, can	10c
Two-pound Tomatoes, 3 cans	25c
Scotch Oats, 3 package	25c
Friends Oats, 3 packages	25c
Five-pound Oats, 2 packages	45c
Aunt Jemima Pancake	10c
Ralston Pancake	10c
H.-O. Pancake	10c
H.-O. Buckwheat	10c
Maple Syrup, quart	20c
Maple Syrup, one gallon	75c
Maple Syrup, 1-2 gallon	40c
New Crop Cane Syrup (The best you've tasted), gallon	65c
Van Camp's Soups, 3 cans	25c
Potted Ham, 3 cans	10c
Patent Flour, sack	$1 05
Patent Flour, small sack	55c
Arbuckle Coffee, 8 packages	$1 00
Dates, per pound	10c
Figs, 15c; two for	25c

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FATAL FALL FROM HORSE

PARIS, Texas, Dec. 22.—Word was received in the city yesterday of the death of Byron Lattimer at McGee valley in the territory west of Antlers. His death was caused from a fall from his horse. Mr. Lattimer was well known in this city.

Mlle. de Flaudre has been given the degree of doctor of science by the faculty of Paris, with honorable mention.

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