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LAWYER AND WITNESS CLASH AT HEARING OF FAIR CASE

Duel Imminent Between Attorney of American Embassy and Witness—Trial to Determine Who Shall Inherit Millions of Automobile Victims, Is in Progress



NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—During the hearing of the Fair case a duel has been imminent between Dr. Dechateau, a witness, and Edmund Kelly, the lawyer representing Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., and Mrs. Herman Oelrichs, says a Paris dispatch to the American.

The hearing on Thursday was held in the contest for the millions left by Charles L. Fair has begun. In the panel above is Lucie Alfred Marjorie, both of whom swear they saw the accident. The lady to the right of Marjorie is Mrs. Marjorie Smith who will also be a witness.

the house of Dr. Dechateau at Vernon, a village near Passy-sur-Seine, the place where the accident occurred which resulted in the deaths of Mr. and Mrs. Fair. Dr. Dechateau and Dr. Perriquet had each testified that Mrs. Fair had lived the longer when Mr. Kelly intimated that Dr. Dechateau was bankrupt. Dr. Dechateau was upon his feet in an instant.

"Sir," he cried, "you have insulted me grossly and in a manner impossible for me to overlook. You must give me satisfaction, and my seconds will call upon you."

"The place was in an uproar, and for a time it was impossible to proceed with the hearing. Friends of Mr. Kelly and Dr. Dechateau intervened and the challenge was withdrawn, under protest.

"If the lawyers representing Mrs. Vanderbilt and Mrs. Oelrichs are not less offensive," he said, "I will exclude them from my house."

Hardly had the disagreement between Dr. Dechateau and Mr. Kelly been adusted before another arose between Mr. Kelly and M. T. Beckman, who represents the heirs of Mrs. Fair.

"We have given Mrs. Fair's mother \$200,000 already, in full settlement of her claims," said Mr. Kelly. "We regard that act on the part of our client as having settled effectually any claim Mrs. Nelson might have upon this estate."

"The Vanderbilts have given my client \$200,000 of her own money and have kept \$8,000,000 of it," retorted Mr. Beckman hotly.

For a moment it looked as though there might be another challenge to a duel. Dr. Dechateau and Dr. Perriquet both testified that Mr. Fair died first.

NEGRO BOY KILLED

WAXAHACHIE, Texas, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Woody Whitfield, a negro boy 15 years old, was accidentally killed near Ennis late Wednesday evening. He and two other boys were out hunting and as one of the boys crawled under the fence his gun was discharged. The lead struck Whitfield under the left shoulder blade and he died about one hour later.



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ICY BLIZZARD SWEEPS NORTH THIS MORNING

New York Has Heavy Snow-storm Which Develops Into Genuine Article

NORTHERN STATES ARE IN GRASP OF WINTER

Eight Degrees Below Zero in Chicago Causes Delay of Trains

THIRTY BELOW IS RECORD IN MANITOBA

Big Drops of Temperature in Indiana, Wisconsin, Illinois and Minnesota Follow Wind and Snow of Yesterday

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—A heavy fall of snow accompanied by a high wind began early today. So thick was the snow and clouds that during the morning darkness almost like night prevailed in the downtown streets. Later the temperature dropped and the storm took on the semblance of a blizzard.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—The minimum temperature here today was 8 degrees below zero. Trains as a result of the cold wave were generally unable to maintain schedule time.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 26.—Sixteen degrees below zero was the record of the local weather bureau today. At Winnipeg, Manitoba, the mercury went down to 20 degrees below.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Dec. 26.—From 33 degrees above yesterday the temperature dropped to 8 degrees below this morning, the coldest in two years.

LACROSSE, Wis., Dec. 26.—A temperature drop of 30 degrees in twenty-four hours occurred here and the government thermometer registered 5 degrees below this morning.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 26.—A gale blowing at the rate of fifty miles an hour struck Louisville at 5 p. m. yesterday and within two hours the mercury dropped over 20 degrees. The gale was accompanied by a brief but blinding snow storm. The ferry boat City of Jeffersonville, plying between Jeffersonville and Louisville, became unmanageable and after an exciting trip lasting two hours was blown to the bank at the eastern end of the city. The passengers were gotten safely ashore and the boat made fast for the night, with slight damage.

SIoux CITY, Ia., Dec. 26.—There was a drop in the temperature of 40 degrees here between 3 o'clock and 8 o'clock last night. The mercury stood at 6 below zero at the latter hour.

BURLINGTON, Ia., Dec. 26.—A fierce blizzard raged here yesterday, accompanied by a drop of 30 degrees in temperature.

DUBUQUE, Ia., Dec. 26.—The mercury registered 14 degrees below zero here today and at Davenport 14 below.

ENGELKING TO SUCCEED FOSTER

EL PASO, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Sigmond Engelking was named today assistant United States district attorney here to succeed Hon. A. G. Foster, resigned. Among his many endorsements was that of Colonel Cecil A. Lyon, of Sherman. Mr. Engelking is a native of Seelye, Texas, and worked his way through college. The young man has bright prospects under such a brilliant man as Judge Terrell.

STORK AS SANTA CLAUS
The stork assumed the role of Santa Claus Christmas, visiting the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Samuels, 1109 Hemphill street and bringing a nine-pound daughter. Mother and child are doing well and the happy parents are in receipt of many congratulations.

RECOGNITION OF PANAMA BY GREAT BRITAIN

News Confirmed by British Foreign Office at London Today

CHRISTMAS PRESENT TO THE NEW STATE

News Received at Colon With Great Rejoicing by All the Inhabitants

VIRTUALLY CONFIRMS UNITED STATES COURSE

Admitting De Facto Government to Have Been Formed Within Principles of International Law

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The British foreign office confirms the dispatch from Panama Thursday announcing that Great Britain had recognized Panama.

COLON EXCITED
Colon, Dec. 26.—Colon just now is in a state of joyful excitement following upon the news that the British government has recognized the republic of Panama.

The foreign population of Colon is largely composed of natives of Great Britain, and these joined the natives in their jubilation.

Senor Portorico Melendez, the civil governor of Colon, highly interpreting the feelings of the community, gave permission to the inhabitants to celebrate the event without restriction, and full advantage was taken of this permission.

A band and military, together with a great crowd of inhabitants, assembled in front of the British consulate, where the band played old English airs, and the crowd cheered most enthusiastically. A torchlight procession was afterward formed, the crowd marching through the street singing "God Save the King."

CANDIDATES FOR NEW OFFICES IN THE TERRITORY

Talk of Statehood Revives Interest and in Case Proposition Goes Through, Many Will Be Ready to Make Race

MUSKOGEE, I. T., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Politicians of the Creek and Seminole nations, quick to take advantage of opportunity of legislative changes, are already forming the lines of battle in case statehood is given Oklahoma with these two nations annexed.

They will demand a share of the political spoils and fight for them on well defined lines. The battle cry will be "more educational advantages." On this theory will be demanded one of the state normal schools, to be located in the Creek nation. This fight will be made on the grounds that Indian Territory needs, above all else, more schools.

Geographical location and population will make a congressional district out of these two nations. It is pretty generally conceded by both parties that such a district will be republican, though there are plenty of democrats who would be willing to make the race.

The peculiar conditions existing in these nations will make a necessity of a member of the supreme court from this section. Statehood will completely revolutionize the judicial system of these nations which now comprise the western judicial district. It is believed that there will be five counties made out of the two nations. These will probably be divided into two circuits and necessitate the election of two judges. It will also place the probate business in the hands of county or probate commissioners. Conditions now existing will also force the recognition of this territory as a federal judicial district. In short, the politicians have decided that they will demand of the new state a member of the supreme court, a federal district judge, a member of congress and a normal school. The other matters are of a local nature and will take

LINCOLN RELICS MAY BE SENT TO THE WORLD'S FAIR

Matter of Purchasing the Valuable Collection for the Government, First Agitated by Ex-Governor Sayers, Is Again Being Discussed in Washington

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—When ex-Governor Sayers of Texas was a member of the house of representatives he energetically pushed a bill through that body appropriating \$25,000 for the purchase of the house in which President Lincoln died after his assassination in Ford's opera house. He was preparing a second bill purchasing the Oldroyd collection of Lincoln souvenirs for \$25,000 when he was elected to the governorship of the Lone Star state. Since then several members of the house have taken up the matter and three members are now interested in purchasing the collection for the government to eventually form a nucleus of a great Lincoln memorial to be erected at the national capital.

Mr. Oldroyd has had many offers of \$25,000 from private parties for his famous collection but he has right along refused to part with his holding. He thinks it far more appropriate that the government should own these individual relics, sacred to the memory of the martyred president. Mr. Oldroyd says the Southern people patronize and appreciate his collection as much if not more than visitors from any part of the Union.

The late Alex H. Stephens said a short time before his death: "We all know that Abraham Lincoln was one of the foremost men this country has produced. The assassin's bullet that struck him down killed the best friend the South had."

All members of congress agree that the Lincoln collection would be a great attraction at the St. Louis exposition next year and its generous owner has already announced his willingness to have it exhibited at the World's Fair city under the auspices of the United States government where it naturally belongs.

The more notable articles in the collection are: Fifteen books and miscellaneous articles once the property of or associated with Mr. Lincoln, autograph letters and documents, pictures illustrating his early life and home, scenes in his life, illustrating his journey from Springfield to Washington.

An original reward bill, offering \$100,000 for the capture of Booth, Herold and Surrat.

Family bible out of which his mother read to him when he was a young boy. The bible is 160 years old, and on the cover of this bible Lincoln wrote his name when not over nine years of age.

The collection is now stored in the old house opposite the opera house. In a small room at the end of the hall the dying president breathed his last on the night of April 14, 1865.

Assuming that these offices will come to this end of the state there will not be a lack of available and willing material. In Indian Territory there are a great many politicians who have come from surrounding states with confidence that sooner or later the country would afford the finest field in the United States for political operations, and this is their chance. There are others who have been here a great many years and whose ambition and intimate knowledge of people and conditions make them available.

In case a fight for the senator is made, among the democrats there will probably get in the race would be C. L. Jackson, N. A. Gibson of Muskogee and C. H. Tully of Eufaula. For congressman there would be mentioned J. W. Zevely, J. M. Givens of Muskogee, C. E. Foley of Eufaula, Sam Powell of Wagoner and F. F. Lamb of Okmulgee. H. B. Spaulding, national committeeman, might also be induced to enter this contest.

For judge of the supreme court W. T. Hutchings, N. A. Gibson of Muskogee, Captain S. McKenney of Muskogee, would naturally be strong candidates.

Among the republicans who would accept senatorial honors are William Mellette of Muskogee and A. R. Query of Tulsa. Mellette might also get in the race for supreme judge as would Judge Trotter of Wagoner. Judge Raymond, under the present administration, would be in line for the federal judgeship, as would also Joseph McCoy or A. P. Murphy. Among the candidates for congress there would not be less than half a dozen who would make the race. Colonel C. B. Douglas, C. C. Ayers of Muskogee, C. L. Smith of Okmulgee would be leading candidates. It is also likely that P. L. Soper, now of the northern district, would come into the Creek nation as an important political factor.

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MRS. HOAR'S FUNERAL
WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Funeral services were held yesterday over the remains of Mrs. Ruth Hoar, wife of Senator Hoar of Massachusetts, at the residence of the senator in this city.

The services were conducted by Rev. U. S. G. Pierce of All Souls Unitarian church and were attended by President Roosevelt. Accompanied by the senator, the remains were taken to Worcester.

DOCTORS BUSY WITH INJURED CHRISTMAS DAY

City Physician Says He Had Just Commenced His Dinner When the First Call Came for His Services

The injured, the maimed and the wounded did not commence to arrive at police headquarters until about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The night before Christmas was not very still. There were explosions of all kinds, and revelry lasted until the morning sun told of the breaking of the day, and with it many individuals were broke for sore, weary and "cut and down." During the morning of Christmas the revelry continued and it was just after the noon hour that the first injured was brought in.

Dr. R. Chambers had just been called to his Christmas dinner, he says, when he received the first call. J. L. Senter was brought in with a bruised hand, and police headquarters sent in a call for the city physician. Dr. Chambers and his assistant, Dr. Mullenix, responded, and they remained there for several hours curing the afternoon. Senter's hand was so bruised that an artery was burst, and he needed attention at once. One after the other came, the patrol wagon keeping on the run. The two surgeons had much to entertain them.

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DYNAMITE USED AT SAN ANTONIO

Two Cars Partially Wrecked. Secretary of Car Men's Union Arrested

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 26.—Two street cars were dynamited here last night, one on South Flores street, near the United States arsenal, and one on San Pedro avenue near the high school.

Shortly after the explosion Policeman D. Diaz took into custody Frank Holcomb, secretary of the Street Railway Men's Union, and J. P. Holcomb, his cousin.

Holcomb was pushing a bicycle down the street with his cousin walking by his side. The policeman turned the two men over to the detectives, who took from Secretary Holcomb's pocket a stick of dynamite eight inches long. Both men were lodged in the county jail pending an investigation.

In neither case of dynamiting were there any casualties, but the cars were partially wrecked and the passengers terribly frightened. The two men, when interviewed, refused to make any statement as to the dynamite in Frank Holcomb's possession.

COTTON AT 12 CENTS

Top Price of the Season Was Reached at Hillsboro Thursday Night

HILLSBORO, Texas, Dec. 26.—For the first time in many years cotton sold here last night for 12 cents a pound. There have been 17,000 bales sold here from within this season.

All the Sunday schools of town observed Christmas eve with Christmas trees. The trees were numerous and many were quite valuable.

All the schools of the city have advanced one week for Christmas.

Mr. H. S. Tucker and Miss Annie Brown were married by Rev. G. W. Tisdell last night.

COTTON TARIFFING RAYS
WAXAHACHIE, Texas, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—H. S. Tucker, a young man of this city, has been taking the experiment of shooting cotton and has found it to be impossible. He has a slingshot and has been the only one to try the experiment.

leaves the machine it is conveyed to the gin stands. Mr. Peters says the thresher tears the bolls all to pieces and they do not interfere with the ginning process to any great extent. Mr. Peters has ginned several bales of threshed cotton and says the lint is of a very good quality. He readily sells it at from 9 to 10 cents a pound. By this method farmers are enabled to save a great deal of cotton that would otherwise go to waste in the fields.

CHRISTMAS AT CONNELLSVILLE

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 26.—Another name has been added to the long death list resulting from the Duquesne Limited wreck on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad at Dawson on Wednesday.

Harry Devlin, one of the three remaining patients at the Cottage state hospital, died at 1 o'clock yesterday. The total dead now number sixty-five and this probably completes the list, as the two still at the hospital are doing well and probably will recover. Devlin's home was at Lonaconing, Md.

There was one Christmas funeral—that of Edison Goldsmith. Goldsmith was a popular young man and an immense concourse attended the services. The bodies of the other Connelville victims will be held until Saturday or Sunday for burial. In fact, this is a necessity, as the undertakers are so overworked to attempt to conduct several funerals a day.

Special services for the dead were held in all the Protestant churches of the coke regions yesterday.

The bodies of about thirty of the victims were gathered up and taken away on early trains yesterday. The remaining identified will be shipped within the next twenty-four hours and the unknowns will be cared for by the borough council.

President George G. Foster has called a special meeting to take measures toward the formation of a relief committee to look after bodies unidentified or unclaimed.

The official investigation into the cause of the disaster is being prosecuted vigorously by the officers of the railroad company, but it is doubtful if any individual will be blamed for the accident. It was reported that a number of switch men, who had fallen off a westbound freight train last night, were on the ground when the disaster occurred. The freight train was carrying a load of coal.

MEMPHIS STORE DAMAGED BY FIRE

Retail Department of Lowenstein Establishment Is Gutted by Flames

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 26.—Fire early yesterday morning in the large department store of B. Lowenstein & Bros. on Main street between Jefferson and Court, caused damage approximately at from \$100,000 to \$150,000, fully insured.

The fire started in the basement of the retail branch of the company near the engine room shortly before 1 o'clock. It spread quickly to the store room for surplus stock. When discovered it had made great headway in this inflammable material and threatened to completely gut the building. By the time the first stream of water was put in action the blaze had spread well over the basement and was sweeping to the first floor, dense volumes of smoke making it difficult for the firemen to get at the flames and entirely precluding the possibility of entering the building at any point where effective work could be done.

The first was gotten under control shortly before 3 o'clock this morning. B. Lowenstein & Bros. conduct both a wholesale and retail business, being the oldest dry goods dealers in Memphis or West Tennessee. The fire was in the retail branch of the company, where a stock of goods of almost \$500,000 is carried. The chief damage was from water. The origin of the fire is unknown.

STRUCK BY A TREE
DENTON, Texas, Dec. 26.—Alvin Wardlaw, a young man who was driving east of Mingo, five miles northeast of Denton, was struck by a falling tree day before yesterday, receiving severe injuries. A Texas physician, who was summoned to attend the young man, says it will be necessary to perform an operation on him to save his eye sight.

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THE LATEST IN RAILROAD NEWS

A SCALPER DECISION

A decision was handed down Thursday by the Missouri supreme court dissolving the writ of stay of prohibition temporarily secured by the scalpers last July for the purpose of withholding the effect of the injunction issued against them by the St. Louis circuit court on petition of six leading western railroads.

The temporary injunctions obtained by these railroads last July now go into effect and restrain in a most sweeping way the defendants, their agents, servants, etc., from buying, selling or dealing in mileage, excursion or commutation tickets where it plainly appears thereon that the ticket was issued and sold below the regular scheduled rate under contract with and signed by the original purchaser that such ticket is non-transferable.

Between forty and fifty suits were brought against separately named scalping firms in St. Louis, all scalpers being included. The prosecuting roads were the Burlington route, the Chicago and Alton, the Missouri Pacific, Iron Mountain and St. Louis and San Francisco railroads.

This decision has an important bearing upon the question of reduced rates for the World's Fair. The brokers will now have to show why the injunction should not be made permanent. The opinion was written by Judge Marshall, and Judges Robinson, Bruce, Burgess and Fox concur. Judge Valliant filed a dissenting opinion, in which Judge Gantt concurs.

TO BUILD A RAILROAD

Capitalists of New York who are connected with the Cieneguilla Copper Company in Mexico are now in the republic looking after the interests of the company.

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FORT SMITH AND NORTHERN
Articles of incorporation for the Fort Smith and Northern Railway Company have been filed. The capital stock is \$2,000,000, of which \$100,000 has been paid. The incorporators are: George Sengel, president, Fort Smith; C. E. Stokes, vice president, of Ohio; J. H. Robbins, secretary; Edward Sengel, treasurer.

The line begins at Fort Smith and will parallel the Arkansas river to Webb City, whence it will cross the river and, passing through Ozark, will continue northward to the county line of Newton and Madison counties, thence to Jasper, county seat of Newton county, and thence into Boone county to Harrison.

MEXICAN RAILROAD LAWS CHANGED
For the past number of years there has been an endless amount of complaint made to the state department at Washington by American citizens employed in various capacities on the railroads in Mexico of treatment received at the hands of the courts of that country.

Employees have been frequently arrested and imprisoned in the republic on the charge of criminal negligence in railway wrecks, homicides, etc., and held for long periods without trial. The United States ambassador to Mexico was directed, by Secretary Hay to examine into these cases and bring the subject to the attention of the Mexican government, with a view to ameliorating the conditions which appeared to exist.

As a consequence of Mr. Clayton's representations to the Mexican foreign office an important circular letter has been issued by the Mexican department of justice and sent to the district and circuit courts throughout that republic, advising against the arrest and imprisonment of such railway employees, except on a strong presumption of guilt, and directing them in all cases to expedite the judicial proceedings as rapidly as possible. The provision for the release of the accused on bail also is made wherever the nature of the offense will permit it.

Ambassador Clayton has reported to the department of state that of forty-three cases of American railway men arrested since June, 1901, thirty-eight have been disposed of, and in three of the remaining five the men who were released on bail fled to the United States. In two instances only are proceedings still pending. It is observed that of the forty-three persons arrested fourteen were arrested for offenses not connected with the movement of trains and the percentage of arrests of Americans employed in Mexico is only 32, while that of Mexicans is 46, and of all other nationalities 65.

WANTS BIG DAMAGES

Charles Chausen has filed a suit for \$25,000 against the El Paso and Southern Railroad Company at El Paso. The plaintiff alleges that while employed as a fireman he was injured by the explosion of a boiler.

GLENWOOD SENDS CHRISTMAS CHECK

Fort Worth Fire Department Handsomely Remembered for Recent Work

The relief fund of the Fort Worth Fire Department has been increased by a remembrance from Glenwood at Christmas time. The citizens of Glenwood appreciated the recent efforts of the department in saving property during a fire in that section of the city, and at the time stated that something in the way of substantial recognition would be provided. It came yesterday in the following communication to Chief Maddox:

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 25.
J. H. Maddox, Esq., chief of the fire department, city of Fort Worth: Dear Sir—It gives us pleasure on this eventful day to hand you herewith a check on the American National bank for sixty-six dollars.

This amount of money was contributed by the within named subscribers who are residents of Glenwood, to be given to you for the benefit of the fire boys who went to Glenwood a few days ago to assist in saving our homes from destruction. We know that had it not been for the timely arrival of the "chemicals" our loss would have been far greater; and in the name of all of the within subscribers to the fund, we ask you to accept this testimonial of our high esteem and appreciation of your noble response in time of need. Wishing you all a merry Christmas and happy New Year, we beg to remain very truly yours.

Signed by G. W. Fincher, \$35.00; J. J. Buford, \$15.00; R. Vickery, \$25.00; M. Perkins, \$15.00; Mr. Griffin, \$5.00; J. D. Young, \$15.00; Traxler & Corbett, \$15.00; Thos. Smith, \$15.00; C. Ambrose, \$15.00; Geo. Newton, \$25.00; W. I. Brokaw, \$20.00; Parks & Rushing, \$15.00; Mr. Pierson, \$5.00; S. C. Ash, \$15.00; J. A. Murphy, \$25.00; Joe DeFee, \$15.00; M. Percy, \$15.00; Mr. Storer, \$15.00.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Interesting Exercises Held by Children of the Sunday School

The Christmas festivities at St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church were of an unusually interesting character.

A special program including a cantata entitled "The False Santa Claus," was rendered in a manner reflecting credit upon the participants, especially the little folks who gave the numbers preceding the cantata.

Mrs. F. L. Jacard, assisted by Mrs.

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SALVATION ARMY DINNER
The dinner served by the Salvation Army yesterday was a great success. During the early morning Capt. Cumble gave out baskets from Army headquarters on Ruak street, and at noon there was a dinner served at 406 Houston street to several hundred. It was a bounteous gift for the poor and was enjoyed by all.

Rev. Luther Little and members of his congregation made a visit to many poor people yesterday and supplied them with the good things for the table and something warm to wear.

AT TRINITY CHURCH
Christmas service at Trinity church yesterday were attended by quite a number and Rev. Robert Hammond Cotton made an interesting talk appropriate to the occasion. His references to the day and the event it commemorated were very well selected. All enjoyed it very much. The singing was good, the vested choir having prepared a special program for the occasion.

HEADACHES FROM COLDS
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FT. WORTH LOSES TO DALLAS ON LOCAL GRIDIRON

Visitors Show Effects of Hard Practice and Defeat Local Team by Score of 15-0

As far as Fort Worth is concerned the football season ended yesterday with a game between the Fort Worth heavyweights and the Dallas heavy team. The attendance was disappointingly small but those who witnessed the game made up for the lack of a crowd by their enthusiasm. During the preliminary practice it could be seen that the Dallas boys were superior perfect organization and showed every indication of hard practice while on the other hand the Fort Worth eleven was composed mostly of individual players some of whom had not been in a game this season. The game was scheduled for 4 o'clock, but owing to the absence of two of the Fort Worth players it was long after that hour before the referee sounded the whistle for the teams to line up.

Dallas kicked off, Frick sending the ball beyond the local team's goal, which was fumbled by a Fort Worth player who regained it being tackled behind the goal line giving Dallas a safety, counting two points. During the next twenty minutes nothing was done by either team, although Dallas was in possession of the ball and forced it to the three-yard line where it was lost to Fort Worth on downs. By a suggestion of short runs around the ends the local eleven gained fifteen or twenty yards, kicking the ball on a third down, it being captured by a Dallas man near the center of the gridiron and carried back five yards. Time was called before either team had made any progress.

In the second half, Dallas by hard line hitting scored another touchdown, soon after the teams lined up, Frick falling a goal. After that Dallas, in possession of the ball, seemed to have the game all their way, rushing the ball to Fort Worth's five-yard line where it was carried over by Frick line hitting.

The final score stood, Dallas 15, Fort Worth 0. Besides being generally weak on account of little or no practice the Fort Worth boys were compelled to play two substitutes as two of their regular men did not show up in time for the game. Dixon, right end, upon whom the Fort Worth captain was depending largely, was laid out during the early part of the first half, Hardy being substituted in his place.

Greene of Dallas refereed the game, and while there was some little squabbling the decisions as a whole were satisfactory to both teams.

The line up.
Dallas Position Fort Worth
Anderson center Patterson
Greene Right Guard Orgain
Wallace Left Guard T. Pulliam
Johnson Right Tackle McMahon
Bennett Left Tackle Bonder
Choate Left End Hull
Foster Right End Dixon
McIver Quarter Back P. Pulliam
Crowley Left Halfback Townsend
Frick Right Halfback B. Pulliam
White Fullback Calvin
Substitutes—Dallas, Slaughter and Albright.
Referee—Greene.
Umpire—Smith.

WEDDINGS.

CATTON-ESTES
W. O. Catton and Miss Carrie Louise Estes, daughter of G. E. Estes, were married Thursday night at the residence of the bride's father, 192 West Lucia street, at 8 o'clock, by Rev. H. A. Boaz.

Mr. Catton was formerly of this city but later moved to Houston. Mr. and Mrs. Catton will be at home after December 28, corner Labranche and McKinney streets, Houston, Texas.

MARRIED AT GATESVILLE
GATESVILLE, Texas, Dec. 25.—W. J. Blair and Mary Bushy were married here last night at the residence of Mrs. Mary Fautleroy.

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Arriving at Detroit	7:50 p. m.	9:40 a. m.	12:10 p. m.
Arriving in Buffalo	4:05 a. m.	6:50 p. m.	7:50 p. m.
Arriving in New York	3:30 p. m.	7:40 a. m.	7:50 a. m.
Arriving in Boston	5:20 p. m.	9:50 a. m.	10:10 a. m.

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Arriving in St. Paul 8:50 a. m. Arriving in St. Louis 2:00 p. m.

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TIME TABLE

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES OF TRAINS AT FORT WORTH, TEXAS AND PACIFIC WEST-BOUND.

Arrive. No.	Depart.
4:45 pm—1 St. Louis, Memphis, Fort Worth	9:45 am
9:25 am—3 Cannon Ball (St. L., N. O., El Paso)	9:45 am
7:45 pm—5 Cannon Ball (St. L., El Paso)	8:30 pm
11:05 am—7 From Wills Point	6:00 pm
2:55 pm—9 Dallas-Mini Wells	9:00 pm
5:15 am—11 Dallas-Ft. Worth	9:25 am
12:30 pm—13 Dallas-Ft. Worth	9:25 am
6:50 am—103 Dallas-Ft. Worth	9:30 pm

EAST-BOUND.

Arrive. No.	Depart.
2 St. L., Memphis-New Orleans	8:00 am
7:00 pm—4 Colo., Memphis, St. Louis, N. Orleans	7:45 pm
7:00 am—6 Cannon Ball (El Paso, St. Louis)	7:45 am
8 To Wills Point	7:45 am
10:30 am—10 Min. Wells-Dallas	10:25 am
12 Dallas Local	9:25 am
14 Dallas Local	1:55 pm
102 To Dallas	9:30 pm

TRANSCONTINENTAL (Texarkana, Sherman and Paris)

NORTH-BOUND.

Arrive. No.	Depart.
4:35 pm—31 Local	8:35 am
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7:55 am—55 Mail and Express	7:45 am
11:50 am—55 Local Freight and Passenger	1:05 pm

SOUTH-BOUND.

Arrive. No.	Depart.
84 South Texas Lim'd (Houston-Galveston)	8:30 am
86 Mail and Express (Houston-Galveston)	7:45 pm
94 Local Freight and Passenger (Ennis)	1:05 pm

INTERNATIONAL & GREAT NORTH-ERN

NORTH-BOUND.

Arrive. No.	Depart.
7:35 pm—2 Mail and Express	9:45 am
12:05 pm—8 Ft. Worth Limited	9:40 pm

SOUTH-BOUND.

Arrive. No.	Depart.
1 Mail and Express (Pueblo, Colorado Springs, Denver)	9:45 am
7 Amarillo Express	8:40 pm
5:10 pm—2 Mail and Express	9:05 am
7:25 am—8 Amarillo Express	3:20 pm

FORT WORTH AND DENVER CITY NORTH-BOUND.

Arrive. No.	Depart.
1 Mail and Express (Pueblo, Colorado Springs, Denver)	9:45 am
7 Amarillo Express	8:40 pm
5:10 pm—2 Mail and Express	9:05 am
7:25 am—8 Amarillo Express	3:20 pm

MISSOURI, KANSAS AND TEXAS NORTH-BOUND.

Arrive. No.	Depart.
8:10 am—16 Katy Flyer	8:35 am
10:55 am—2 Kan. City Express	11:45 am
8:15 pm—4 Kansas City Mail and Express	9:00 pm
7:45 pm—15 Katy Flyer	8:15 pm
5:10 pm—1 Wave Mail and Express	6:00 pm
7:40 am—3 San Antonio and Houston Express	8:30 am

ROCK ISLAND SYSTEM NORTH-BOUND.

Arrive. No.	Depart.
12:30 pm—12 Fast Express (El Reno, Topeka, Denver, Chicago)	9:00 pm
14 To Omaha and Mo. river points	8:30 am
7:10 am—11 Fast Express (from Chicago, Denver)	8:30 am
7:15 pm—13 From Omaha and Mo. river points	8:30 am

COTTON BELT ROUTE WEST-BOUND.

Arrive. No.	Depart.
1:20 pm—5 From St. Louis and Memphis, through express	12:30 pm
6:50 am—101 From Dallas, Memphis, Chicago	9:30 pm
5:05 pm—103 From Texarkana, Pine Bluff and Arkansas river points	10:30 am

SANTA FE ROUTE NORTH-BOUND.

Arrive. No.	Depart.
8:20 pm—6 Day Express (Chicago, K. C. and Colorado points)	6:30 pm
7:20 am—13 Limited (Chicago, K. C. and Colorado)	7:30 am
9:00 pm—17 Limited (Galveston, H'ton, San Antonio)	9:10 pm
7:55 am—5 Day Express (Temple, Houston, Galveston)	8:05 am

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Today's Market Quotations

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NORTH FORT WORTH, Dec. 26.—There was practically no market today as the few cattle received yesterday and this morning were forwarded out leaving only a few odds and ends for the local market which was held over for Monday's trading.

At the hog division of the yards things were equally as quiet as only one load of fresh arrivals came in for market. James Dyer of Antlers who represented today's receipts sold a load of mixed common hogs at \$4.25 with a small drive of medium quality pigs held over from last Wednesday selling at \$4.35. Both salesmen and buyers are quoting a strong active market with best hogs quoted around \$4.55@4.65 and the mixed packer kind at \$4.45@4.55.

One single dock of stocker sheep shipped in Wednesday were sold at \$2.00 per head and went to outside buyers for feeding purposes.

There is an excellent demand for good fed sheep, which if there would easily sell at Kansas City prices.

Barre, manager of the Barre Live Stock Commission company, in reviewing the market for the week, says:

All the markets opened 10 to 15c higher Monday over the close of last week and held its gain through the week except Tuesday afternoon, when the market was weak and several loads of cows were forwarded from here to St. Louis. The supply has been light all week at all markets and with the demand not very heavy owing to the supply of poultry which is in demand on Christmas week. There were only a few good steers on the market here, but the demand was satisfied. Feeding steers were in light demand and few were on the market.

The calf market was good on best veals and we sold one load of 194-pound calves at about \$4.00, which probably was a little higher. Bulls were in good demand from packers and sold a little stronger. The best fed steers, 1100 pounds and up, sell from \$3.35 to \$3.75; medium fed steers, \$2.65 to \$3.10; best heavy feeders, \$2.90 to \$3.00; choice fat cows, \$2.25 to \$2.40; good cows and heifers, \$2.10 to \$2.25. Best veals, \$3.50 to \$4.00; common calves, \$1.50 to \$2.75. Choice fed heifers are in demand and if strictly choice will bring \$2.50 to \$2.75.

Fed muttons will sell for \$3.75 to \$4.00. We had no sheep on this market this week, but the packers want them and are willing to pay good prices for them.

The hog market has fluctuated around \$4.10 to \$4.25, with prospects for a good market next week.

I look for a fair run of fed cattle on all markets next week. The feeling is a little better and I hope for some improvements soon.

Advices from Omaha, Texas, state that among the feeders who are feeding at the oil mills at that place are H. T. Hall, William Coffey and J. M. Womack, all of whom have strings of steers on feed which will be ready for market in about thirty days.

Tom Tucker, a prominent west Texas cowman, says that it is getting pretty dry in his part of the country and that a good general rain is badly needed. In discussing the cattle situation he says: "The cattle look pretty good and will get through the winter, but the country is looking parched and barren just now, as we have had no rains for some time. The country is not overstocked, as a great many cattle have been shipped out and the stock on hand at the present time consists mostly of cows, as there was a good demand for steers earlier in the season. The country is well supplied with water, and all the grazing lands are now under fence in that part of the state, which makes it impossible for stockmen to run cattle any place except on lands leased or owned by each ranchman or cattle owner. In this way each cowman has to take care of his own stock, as there is no more open range. We now have on the Reeves county ranch 5,000 head of cattle, most of which are cows."

"There are very few Texas cattle left in the Ozark nation," said G. A. Watkins, who resides just below the Kansas line in the territory. "There was a heavy run of cattle into the territory last spring, and the grass was good, and the cattle put on fat very fast and went to market in good shape, but they were shipped out pretty clean and there have been no renewals of the leases for some time. This is generally done in February but the outlook for another good run is very favorable." Mr. Watkins is rated among the pioneers in the cattle business in the southwest country, as he drove cattle from Comanche, Texas, to Kansas in 1868, when there were no railroads in that country, and when the old trails were used as a highway on which to drive the big herds of long horned steers.

It is reported that the total number of calves branded on the John B. Slaughter ranch this season is in excess of 6,000 head. Mr. Slaughter's ranch is located in Garza county.

TODAY'S SHIPPERS

CATTLE

Harrold & Arnett, Stanton 22
W. H. B. Odessa 23
W. F. M. Odessa 23
W. H. B. Odessa 29

HOGS

James Dyer, Antlers 84
HOGS AND MULES
J. E. Harlin, Heidenheimer 8
Charles Culp, Athens 28

NO FOREIGN MARKETS TODAY—HOLIDAY

"Without prejudice" is the title of a series of articles Israel Zangwill is writing for a London weekly.

The latest cure for internal cancer reported in England is a tablespoonful of molasses four or five times a day.

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Wills Hunter, manager of the W. W. Turney ranch, which covers 256,000 acres, and is located near the town of Alpine, in Brewster county, says about 1000 cattle have been marketed off the ranch this season, and the range down in that section is much better at this time than it is in the Panhandle. Mr. Hunter says: "We are just 250 miles east of El Paso, and are in the heart of the great cattle country. In some parts of the Panhandle grass is very short and close marketing of cattle this fall has been almost compulsory on that account. A few isolated sections down with us show the range greatly overstocked, but generally grass is above normal. Instead of running more stock to market than usual on account of mean prices, we are figuring on holding over a full normal supply of cattle. We are so far south that we do not fear a bad winter like the Panhandle men, and with range such as we have this year, are independent enough not to care about rushing in supplies. However, shipments from my part of the state to market will continue right up to Christmas for the reason that the weather is still open.—West Texas Stockman.

LIKES STRAIGHT COMEDY

Edna May's Throat Is Tired and She Would Like a Rest

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Edna May will abandon musical comedy in favor of plays without music. That is, if she can have her own way.

She is much concerned over the fact that her singing voice has more or less disappeared. She is just at present suffering from a bad throat, and also from rheumatism.

"My voice has been troubling me for a year," said she. "I had laryngitis, but kept singing straight along on top of it."

"Some years ago my friends, Jean and Edouard de Reszke, who sympathize with me in my misfortune, advised me to go to a health resort they patronize. So I went to St. Moritz, and then to a little place in Italy. It helped me wonderfully, but as I sang again before long, the cure was by no means complete."

"In order to be my original self, vocally, I should have a year's rest, I am told. Meanwhile, I am taking heroic measures. At 6 o'clock every night I have my throat massaged, or rather, manipulated, and this is beneficial."

"For quite awhile," she added, "I have been anxious to see what I could do in a straight comedy role. Mind you, I don't say that I should succeed, but I should like to try."

DIED IN DALLAS

The wife of A. L. Ewing, paymaster of the Texas and Pacific, headquarters at Dallas, died in that city yesterday.

The remains were today taken to Seymour, Ind., for burial.

SISTER BADLY INJURED

W. R. Wallace, clerk in the local freight office of the Houston and Texas Central, was notified last evening of the serious injury of his sister at New Orleans yesterday. The explosion of a cannon cracker blew one of her hands off.

Mr. Wallace left this morning for New Orleans.

INSPECTING THE KATY LINE

General Superintendent T. S. McDowell of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas of Texas came down the Rock Island road last night in his special car from El Reno, O. T. Here Mr. McDowell was joined by C. T. McElvay, master mechanic of Denison, also John Doyle, master car builder, and other officials for a trip over the line. Mr. McDowell and party went south on train No. 3 this morning.

NOTES AND PERSONALS

J. H. Rowley, chief clerk to Superintendent John W. Ward of Big Springs, spent Christmas in Fort Worth.

Every train is crowded. Many of the travelers are returning home.

Frank Jensen, chief clerk in the general passenger department of the Rock Island, accompanied by Mrs. Jensen, spent Christmas day with relatives of Mr. Jensen at El Reno.

Conductor James Conner, who has been acting in the capacity of fuel agent for the International and Great Northern in the Indian Territory, has returned to the city and resumed his run as passenger conductor on the International between Fort Worth and Waco.

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Nebraska is the only western state in which no new road has been built this year. No new track was laid in New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Delaware and Maryland. The construction of the past year brings the total railway mileage in the United States up to 209,855 miles.

STANDARD OIL COMPANY NOW AT HENRIETTA

New Field Attracts Attention of Its Representatives, Who Are Commencing Operations in the New Field

The Standard Oil company, through Texas representatives is commencing operations in the Henrietta oil field, and it is expected that from this time on there will be extraordinary efforts to develop the property.

There are now twelve or fourteen wells in the field which are producing. Many of these are producing but little, but recently a fifty-barrel well was brought in. This well is the property of a company which includes E. K. Dismuke, H. H. Chaffee and G. E. Wilson. These gentlemen are here today on a business trip.

Mr. Dismuke says: "The oil produced in the Henrietta field is of the finest quality and ranks with that produced at Corsicana. There are now a dozen wells there and there will be more. Our well produces fifty barrels daily, and we have just put on the ground a pumping plant which will be capable of handling seventy five wells, if we find that many producers. The oil is not hard to reach. It is down only 275 or 300 feet, and a well can be drilled at a cost of \$300. The trouble we have in the field is getting water for the boilers. Up to this time we have been forced to haul water two miles. There has been no rain in the field for two months and the only water we get by being is salt. A well which was drilled for water went down 450 feet and struck salt water which rose in thirty minutes. We expect a great future in the Henrietta field."

LOOKS RATHER STRANGE

Indians Can Apparently Be Trusted with Money, But Not With Land

MUSKOGEE, I. T., Dec. 26.—The United States Indian Inspector in this city yesterday received from the department of the interior six deeds to Creek lands which had the approval of the department. This is the largest consignment of deeds returned at any one time approved. It is believed by the people here that now the allottees and the persons buying lands have become more familiar with the mode of selling, that the lands will move more rapidly and that there will be less dissatisfaction with the manner of selling. The six deeds returned yesterday represent nearly \$10,000 that will be distributed among the allottees and this promises to increase to \$40,000 per week if the present rate of applications to sell land keeps up.

A question as to the soundness of the policy of the secretary of the interior arises here. He assumes that the Indian is not intelligent enough to handle the sale of his land without the supervision of the department, but places the entire lump sum of money received, into the hands of the Indian to do as he pleases, assuming that he can take care of the money, though he cannot take care of the land.

THE WIND AT ST. LOUIS

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26.—Zero weather prevailed last night in St. Louis and vicinity. The day opened comparatively warm and cloudy, but in the afternoon a decided change set in, the sky clearing and the temperature dropping 31 degrees in four hours. This fall in temperature was accompanied by a high wind that gained a velocity of forty miles an hour, doing considerable damage in various parts of the city.

At the height of the blow portions of the east and north sides of the partially completed \$1,000,000 Buckingham hotel, at West Pine and Kings Highway, were blown down, causing a damage estimated at \$75,000. The building had been leased for the World's Fair by the Buckingham club, of which Miss Helen M. Gould is a member. On the World's Fair grounds near by considerable damage resulted from the wind, which blew down

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scaffolds and wrecked some temporary structures.

SMOOT LEAVES FOR SALT LAKE

Will Probably Confer With Mormon Leaders Regarding Contest on Seat

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—Senator Smoot, against whom there are charges pending before the committee on privileges and elections in the senate, has gone to Utah, it is said, for a conference with the Mormon leaders relative to the statements he is said to have made in defense of his seat in the senate. It is said the Mormon hierarchy is not altogether pleased with the attitude the senator has taken, and particularly with his reported utterances, in which he declares that he places his country above his church, and denies that he has taken an oath of blood or otherwise to recognize the church of the Latter Day Saints as divinely ordained.

When the committee, of which Senator Burrows is chairman, met a week ago Saturday it was decided to give the Utah senator one week in which to make answer. Senator Smoot failed to make any response, but instead left Washington for his home in Salt Lake.

After his conference with the Mormon leaders and his return to Washington Senator Smoot probably will lose no time in making answer to the note served upon him by the senate committee, and which has thus far been ignored by him. By that time the case will have crystallized and a hearing is expected early in January. Ex-Secretary of the Treasury John G. Carlisle, who will have charge of the prosecution, has had several conferences in New York with John W. Taylor of Ohio, his associate in this case, and who conducted the proceedings which resulted in the unseating of Brigham H. Roberts, who was sent to the house of representatives. At the capital it is said the only step will be the issuance of subpoenas for witnesses, and it was learned today that many Mormons from Utah will be placed upon the witness stand.

JAPAN IS TO SEND TROOPS INTO COREA

Fifteen Thousand Soldiers, According to Paris Report, Will Leave at Once

RUSSIA IS INFORMED OF ACT IN ADVANCE

Understanding Prevails That It Will Not Be Considered Cause of War

JAPAN NEGOTIATING FOR TWO WARSHIPS

Deal With Chile Is Now Only a Matter of Price—Report That Deals Are in Progress With Other Countries

PARIS, Dec. 26.—It was learned in authoritative quarters today that Japan is about to send a military force to Korea for the purpose of restoring and maintaining order in the disturbed ports. The departure of this force is imminent. It will probably consist of a division of 15,000 men. Japan has been assured Russia will not consider the sending of troops to Korea to be an unfriendly act or casus belli.

JAPAN BUYING WARSHIPS

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Japan is negotiating for the purchase of two Chilean warships, the armored cruiser Emerald and another, probably the battleship Captain Pratt. The sale is now only a matter of price. Negotiations with other South American governments for the purchase of warships also is in progress.

IN APPELLATE COURTS

Judge Webb Calls Attention to an Error in the Criminal Cases

Ninety per cent of the criminal cases in Texas are reversed and remanded by the criminal court of appeals, and in civil cases as many are reversed as are affirmed. In addition judges of courts suspend laws by writs of injunction whenever they feel so disposed and declare other laws unconstitutional upon questionable technicalities. Isn't the courts becoming a serious proposition in Texas, or is it that they have always been?—Beaumont Journal.

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Man Who Stole Only 2-Cent Stamp Finally Freed

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 26.—Ellsworth P. De France stepped from the state penitentiary Wednesday a free man, after having served a term of fifteen years, less good time allowance, for the theft of a two-cent postage stamp. The case is the most remarkable in the history of Western courts. De France was convicted in the St. Louis District court of Nebraska for holding up a mail car. Although it was shown at his trial that he secured only a two-cent postage stamp, he was sentenced to imprisonment for life. The matter was carried to President McKinley during his term of office, who commuted the sentence to fifteen years' imprisonment.

TRIAL OF LEEDS

MUSKOGEE, I. T., Dec. 26.—The trial of United States Commissioner Leeds, of Sapulpa, was held at Wagoner yesterday despite the fact that Commissioner Trotter of Wagoner, who was the chief witness for the prosecution, was absent, and there was a verdict acquitting the defendant.

Commissioner Trotter has been heard from, some point in Missouri, but he failed to show up for the trial. The matter has excited a great deal of speculation on account of the unexplained absence of Commissioner Trotter.

Commissioner Leeds was accused of usurpation of office and Mr. Trotter was the commissioner from whom he received the books and records of the office. It is alleged, before he had qualified.

PROSPECT PARK RACES

Good Matinee Program Afforded Lovers of Sport Yesterday

There were matinee races at the driving park yesterday. The track was good. The results were:

First race, three-minute trot—Charley, c. g. and King, Charley won first and second heats. Time, 1:20 1/2.

Second race, free-for-all trot—Ozone, b. g., owned by Foot of Dallas, and Bob G., owned by Wagonman of Fort Worth. Bob G. won first heat and Ozone second and third. Time, 1:06 and 1:05 3/4.

Third race, two-minute pace—Billy J. b. g., Deacon Post, b. g., and Almont, b. g.

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Deal With Chile Is Now Only a Matter of Price—Report That Deals Are in Progress With Other Countries

PARIS, Dec. 26.—It was learned in authoritative quarters today that Japan is about to send a military force to Korea for the purpose of restoring and maintaining order in the disturbed ports. The departure of this force is imminent. It will probably consist of a division of 15,000 men. Japan has been assured Russia will not consider the sending of troops to Korea to be an unfriendly act or casus belli.

JAPAN BUYING WARSHIPS

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Japan is negotiating for the purchase of two Chilean warships, the armored cruiser Emerald and another, probably the battleship Captain Pratt. The sale is now only a matter of price. Negotiations with other South American governments for the purchase of warships also is in progress.

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EDITORIAL SECTION



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The City and the Country.

A century ago only four persons in a hundred in the United States lived in cities or towns. Today more than a third of our people are classed as urban population. Another decade or so will probably see that proportion increased to a half.

It is not, as many suppose, a tendency that belongs only to the United States; the same drift is seen in Europe, in South America, in every part of the globe. It is a world movement.

What is to become of the farms? The cry goes up steadily. Every year millions are lost because there are not enough laborers to gather the crops. In the very seasons when starvation stalks through the tenement and thousands of able-bodied men go hungry in the streets the fields are crying for husbandmen.

But, except in the rarest instances, people in the city will not go to the country. The country may call, but the cities do not hear.

The city is always calling and the country is always listening. And thus we find the uninterrupted procession of country boys toward the brick pavements and the sky-scrapers.

In the face of the facts, it is easy to forget the tremendous importance of the agricultural interests. We have other great industries,

other amazing statistics, but the farms still remain our most stupendous total; they are the basis on which all the rest of our wealth is built.

There are upward of six millions of them in this country alone. Their value is over twenty billions. Their products approach five billions annually. They spend nearly four millions a year for labor. Five millions of these farms are operated by white persons, and nearly a million by negroes.

These numbers increase each year, and one reason why the farmers are able to get along is that they have not yet begun that race suicide about which President Roosevelt complained a few months ago. A big family is rural—it is the city influence which cuts down the number of children.

Why should young men rush to the city? They leave the most independent life in this age of the world, when true independence is so rare; they leave nature and the sports of their fathers; they leave the conditions under which they might live to a peaceful old age, and choose instead the little rooms, the crowded streets, the noise, the glare and the strenuousness.

But there is a reasonable explanation which urges them on.

Let us take, for instance, a score of the great men who have

reached what we call success since the Civil War. That war in itself showed what country boys could do. From messenger to President, from sutler to the commanding general, the services of our Government were in the hands of boys from the country.

And since that time the country boy has had things pretty much his own way. So when we take our score of statesmen, professional men, financiers, plutocrats, inventors and other leaders and discoverers we find that practically all of them came from the country, or from what is next to the country—the village.

The conspicuous exceptions in the life of the day are President Roosevelt and J. Pierpont Morgan. But we may almost take the President out of the list, because it was by country life that he conquered the frailty which was his as a city youth.

If we go to any centre of population and take a count of the successful men—the men who do things—we encounter so many country boys that the search becomes monotonous.

With these examples before him and with the consciousness that the greatest opportunities are always those of tomorrow, who can blame the country boy for quitting his quiet life and going forth to

conquer the world?

He has, as a rule, the American spirit somewhat more genuinely fixed in his bosom than any other youth of the general population.

Moreover, there are within him the reserve force, the physical resources, the mental freshness and acuteness, the heart and the soul to take hold of the lowest round of the ladder and to keep his eye steadily on the top.

His senses are not dulled by satiety; he has a few appreciations left after the age of twenty; his ambition, like his eyesight, is trained for longer distances than the youth whose days have been spent between narrower walls.

And so he goes forth to seek and to conquer—and he finds and he wins.

But what is to become of the country? Who are to work the farms if the depopulation continues? Where shall the owners turn for help to realize upon their investments?

Abandoned farms are found by the hundreds in New England. All along the eastern slope are tens of thousands of acres which are not producing enough to pay taxes. Within a half-hour's ride of our greatest cities are lands that lay in idleness throughout the year.

The cry from the great West is for labor. More fruit rots on the

ground than is gathered and sent to the markets. Thousands of farmers have to buy hay from cities in order to keep their stock alive throughout the winter. Desperate conditions are reported from many localities. They are not, of course, characteristic of the whole situation, but there are enough of them to disturb the hopes even of the agricultural optimist.

Make country life more attractive; that was the cry of a few years ago.

It was thought that rural delivery would help the cause by bringing the farmers in closer contact with the busy world. But there are thousands who are already objecting to it because it is eliminating the small storekeeper, discounting the crossroads exchange, and, by the distribution of mail-order catalogues, carrying more of the interest and money of the farmers to the big cities.

And where the interest and the money go the sons and daughters are likely to follow.

At the same time, farm life is more attractive. It has more comfort, more luxuries, more facilities, more bath tubs and more pianos; the uplift is there as well as in metropolitan affairs.

He would be a rash prophet who would attempt to point out all the drawbacks and to prescribe all the

remedies.

But one thing is very certain, the length of the farmer's day is a serious fact. In almost every other avenue of effort the working day has been reduced. The tremendous cause of labor is to diminish it by half hours and hours. There are good men who measure progress by the reduction of man's necessity for work. Union labor has steadily fought for this purpose, and has won many of its battles. In general business the office hours are shorter, and the Saturday half-holiday is becoming general.

The farmers' boys know this, and, however much they love nature, they are not likely to want to work from sunrise to sunset, through all kinds of weather, when there are opportunities to get more pay, to see more life and have a livelier time in towns and cities.

To readjust the farmer's day to the new conditions is a problem that time must solve.

So the farmer boy goes to the city and he works there, and he finds with all the glare much shadow, with all the exuberance of life a lot of gloom and disappointment. Still he perseveres, and then, as he tires of the excitement, the thought of the country comes back like the face of the first girl he ever loved.

Thus we have that delightful contradiction in our population

whereby men go from the country to make money in order to return to the country.

There is not a farmer's boy who succeeds in the metropolis who does not mean some day to buy a farm and settle down with his acres around him. Many millions of accumulated wealth are being spent this way today, and the result is that we are acquiring a lot of magnificent country estates that will in time reclaim the abandoned farms and will add new charms to the fields and woods.

He is a poor city man who does not realize that the best place in which to bring up his children is the country, and the first American habit of making everything pay will still hold in his handling of his rural property.

Perhaps the most regrettable circumstance in the whole situation is that so few of the vast army of immigrants now coming to our shores want to go to the farms. If, instead of making worse the condition of the cities and of increasing the population of the helpless, they could be induced to work on the farms, they would not only become better citizens, but they would do vastly more good for the country. And we should be glad to see them, instead of wanting strict laws to keep them out.

MISS McLEAN WINS PRIZE FOR A SIGN SUGGESTION

Idea Submitted for The Telegram's Big Display the Best Out of Over Two Hundred Phrases—Watch for the Sign at South End of the Viaduct

OWNS ITS OWN HOME

EVERYBODY EVERYWHERE

FORT WORTH TELEGRAM

EVERYTHING EVERYDAY

Miss Bess McLean is the winner of the \$5 prize that was offered by The Telegram Company for the best suggestion for its new sign board on Jennings avenue. The sign as it will appear on the big board near the south end of the viaduct will be painted in the form as set forth at the head of this article. A check for \$5 awaits Miss McLean's call at The Telegram office.

Over 200 suggestions were sent to The Telegram for this big eighty foot sign board. A great many of them were very good and the decision was made only after a great deal of consideration had been given to the suggestions. One of the stipulated conditions was that the suggestions must be brief and to the point. A great many of the contestants sent in suggestions that were entirely too elaborate to be used on a sign board. A sign must be so presented to the passer-by that he can read as he runs. There were some very excellent ideas presented in the competition, some which would have made good ground work for a booklet, but which would not do at all for placing on a sign board.

The Telegram had no idea that so many suggestions would be sent in. They came from all parts of Texas. One came from St. Joseph, Mo., and another came from St. Louis. El Paso contributed several, while Houston had two entries. From up in the two territories, where The Sunday Telegram is largely read, thirty-one suggestions were sent. Twelve contestants went to the trouble of laying the sign out on a large scale and presented their ideas exactly in the way and the space, on smaller scale, of course, in which they would appear on the sign board. In the reproductions of some of the suggestions herewith no account could be taken of these suggestions. The paper has no way in which some of these contributions could be presented in the paper.

There may be some difference of opinion by contestants as to the awarding of this prize. There were a number of judges and the consensus of opinion of all was that the design submitted by Miss McLean was better suited to the requirements of the occasion and to the board itself than any other entry. One other contestant submitted almost the same words that Miss McLean did, but Miss McLean's presentation of the idea was much better.

Langever & Co., will paint the sign and work on it will be begun in a few days. Watch for it.

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SOME OF THE SUGGESTIONS

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It is more blessed to give than receive—except when you receive The Telegram.
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Read The Telegram—best evening paper in the state.

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Music and Drama

"A Chinese Honeymoon" is the class which pleases every one who attends the production. It includes all the good things which can be said of other productions of like character, and the bad of the others is eliminated. In fact it is good from beginning to end, and it was a treat to the theatergoers that the Christmas matinee and night production was of such merit as to justify the excellent patronage which was given.

The musical comedy is tuneful. It has excellent music throughout and as presented by a large company cannot fail to please. The chorus is strong, and the numbers by the principals are that music which lives in the memory of those who hear it. It is presented with great scenic effect, and every one is attracted in a handsome costume.

"Fl-Fli," the waitress at the hotel, as shown by Miss Toby Claude, is well the feature of the play. She is a wee bit of a thing appearing as delicate as a piece of fine china. The manner in which she costumes the part is attractive itself, and with this is her ability to entertain with a beautiful voice. She is so diminutive that she has the appearance of a pocket edition of a comedienne, but throughout the action of the play she appears to be the central figure. John E. Henshaw, as Samuel Pineapple, is the leading comedian of the production. He has much humor in him, and plays as if he really enjoyed it. He made a great hit last night in "Mr. Dooley," and during the singing became so overcome with laughter by some accident in the orchestra, that it added to the pleasure of his song. W. H. Clarke was the self possessed emperor. He has a fine voice, and his stature is so much in contrast with that of little Fl-Fli that his height was remarked. Edward Clarke, as Tom Hatherton entertained with a solo "Could I but Tell," which was enjoyed because of the manner of its singing, his voice being in excellent tune.

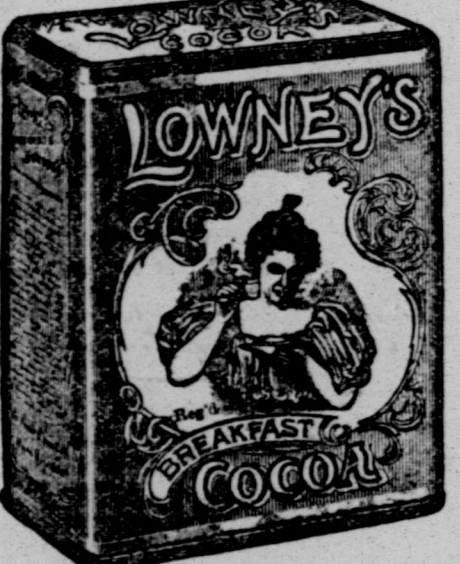
The production is an excellent one throughout, and every one applauded to the echo. There were several recalls throughout the action of the play.

LOUIS JAMES AND FREDERICK WARDE

"Alexander the Great," the new play which Louis James and Frederick Warde will present at Greenwall's opera house tonight, has apparently all those qualities which are considered essentials for popular entertainment, not excepting the type of villain most dear to the world of the theater—the type which Shakespeare brought to the highest development in the character of Iago. In "Alexander the Great" he is called Perdicas, and is played by Mr. Warde, and provides, it is said, a magnificent foil for Alexander, who is portrayed by Mr. James.

Among the other essentials for a heroic drama, to which Managers Wagenhals and Kemper have always attached the greatest importance, is the scenic equipment. To this end they have made "Alexander the Great" the most elaborate dramatic spectacle sent on tour this season. While each of the six scenes are said to be remarkable in one way or another, that which is being talked about more than the rest is the scene among the clouds among the dizzy heights of the mountain crags, where the war of the elements

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and the absence of any sort of vegetable life, imbues the mind of Alexander and that of his generals, with the idea that they have arrived at the end of the world. The company is an admirable one and includes many favorites among whom are Norman Hackett, Wadsworth Harris, Thomas Cooke, Alma Kruger and Engel Summer.

"MAN TO MAN"
A quick jump into popular fancy has been made by the novel scenic melodrama, "Man to Man," which comes to Greenwall's opera house Tuesday matinee and night, December 29, and it certainly deserves its success, for Manager W. S. Butterfield has spared no expense in getting up the production in a most complete manner in every possible detail. The plot is concise and intense throughout and the author has woven adventure, love, pathos and comedy in his story so carefully that the audience is deeply interested from rise to fall of curtain.

At Greenwall's opera house Wednesday night, December 30, the bill will be the original production of the very successful musical comedy, direct from Weber and Fields' music hall, New York City, entitled "Pousse Cafe." Among the headliners may be mentioned Bobby Harris, Sam Sidman, Jake Bernard, Louis De Lange, Ted Burns, Arthur Whitelaw, Jessie Moore, Gertrude Reynolds, Jesse Carr, Jane Bernard and a chorus of forty people.

"JEFFERSON DE ANGELIS"
That merry, and always popular fun-maker, Jefferson De Angelis, with his opera company, will make his new local bow at Greenwall's opera house Friday (New Year's) matinee and night, January 1, in the sumptuous and brilliant Sam S. Shubert and Nixon and Zimmerman production of "The Tormentor." The event promising to be a noteworthy one in the history of local musical comedy successes. The piece is now in its second year at the Gaiety, and the American production has a record of seventeen weeks at the Knickerbocker theater, New York.

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INJUNCTION DISSOLVED

T. & B. V. R. R. Allowed to Build Across Santa Fe at Cleburne
CLEBURNE, Texas, Dec. 24.—The Injunction suit was brought to a close by Judge Polindexter who after hearing the testimony of both sides entered his order dissolving the restraining order granted last Friday by Judge Dunklin of Fort Worth, which stopped the progress of the Trinity and Brazos Valley road across the Santa Fe near the round bale gin plant.

The new road has crossed the switch of the Santa Fe in the short distance it traversed to reach its depot and no other trouble of that nature is apprehended.
The following weddings occurred here yesterday and today:
D. F. Moore of Aledo to Miss Rosa Willis of Keene.
George Voight and Miss Nannie Copeland.
Felix Prather and Miss Myrtle Morgan.
E. A. Rice and Miss M. Pauline Meredith. Mr. Rice is the Johnson county representative in the state legislature.
W. J. Wigley was badly injured in a runaway and his death is momentarily expected.

SHOOTING AT PURMELA

George Spencer Killed and Paul Gray Arrested.
GATESVILLE, Texas, Dec. 25.—At Purmela, fifteen miles west of town, George Spencer was shot and killed last night. Paul Gray, a merchant at Purmela, was arrested and is in jail. George Spencer and George Lewis and Nick Bramlette were in a cutting scrape. Bramlette is cut up very badly and George Lewis is in jail on charge of cutting Bramlette. Spencer leaves a wife and two or three children. Paul Gray is a married man.

THEIR SCARS IN VAIN

Two Gatesville Youth Now Convinced That Woman is Fickle
GATESVILLE, Dec. 25.—Two boys had a fight in town yesterday evening over a girl. After they had settled with the court, they found out the girl had taken another man the night before, and they are out their money and have scars that will stay with them the remainder of life.

THE DEADLY MICROBE
"Germs cause an enormous amount of sickness, don't they?" said the superficially informed young man.
"Yes," answered the old-fashioned doctor; "if they don't get into a man's system they are liable to get on his mind and worry him half to death."—Washington Star.

**WARDE TALKS
OF THE STAGE
IN EDUCATION**

**Distinguished Actor Says the
Drama Is a Potent Factor in
Enlightening Students and
Creating Love for Classics**

The James and Warde company arrived this morning and a large audience is enjoying a matinee at the opera house this afternoon and tonight there will be another production. These stars are well known in the theatrical world and they always draw well in Texas.

Mr. Warde has made more visits to Texas than Mr. James, and Mr. Warde has many personal friends in the state who are always glad to see him. He has spent many a happy moment with those whom he has met in this state year after year, and a high ball or a tickle now and then have helped to make the meeting pleasant to all.

But this year there are no high balls and rickies. Mr. Warde is "on the water wagon," so to speak. He eschews the intoxicants which are offered him, and when he takes a social drink, it is "seltzer and sweet milk" which he says is refreshing and nourishing and does not leave that funny feeling.

But Mr. Warde was welcomed by his friends as soon as he reached the city today. He found the glad hand outstretched to greet him, and it was cordially taken. Mr. Warde has a strong affection for Texas and Texas people. Way up in the Catskills in New York state he has a boat house at which he spends several weeks every year. He has his own pennant flying from that boat house, but it is not flying alone. Unfurled to the mountain breezes in a Lone Star flag of Texas. This flag was presented to Mr. Warde long years ago, and every year he goes to his retreat for a time at fishing and hunting, and when he opens up the place, he takes out the Texas flag and unfurls it in that great state. They know all about the flag of Cuba, and the flag which the constitution follows or does not follow, it just depends on your politics, but the Lone Star flag of Texas does not live there in numerous form, and the natives look at the Lone Star and ask about it. When they do, Mr. Warde tells them how it was bathed in blood at the Alamo, how it was dragged at Goliad, and how it waved in triumph over the field of "San Jacinto." He knows a great deal of Texas history, and can tell the people of other states about that declaration of Texas independence which was signed at Old Washington on the Brazos, March 2, 1836, and how that independence was achieved at San Jacinto April 21, 1836. He can tell of the historic towns in the state which he has visited, and his story of Texas is an interesting one.

Mr. Warde is starring jointly with Louis James, and the two are being given an ovation everywhere they go. It is not a James ovation or a Warde ovation, but a joint affair, in which all join.
Mr. Warde is a "crank" (if "crank" is the word to use) on the subject of education. He believes the stage is one of the strongest educators in the world today, and he makes an argument which bears out his contention. His reasoning is good.
Speaking this morning on the subject, he said:
"As an abstract proposition I regard the drama as one of the most potent factors in education. It teaches by living, moving examples, as well as by precept. The cold type of the text book and the platitudes of the pedagogue are given vital force and effect by the impersonations of the actor, by whose art
"Familiar forms step out from history's page,
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The student has before him the living, breathing embodiment of the character represented, palpitating with passion, feeling, power; sees the varying emotions reflected in the countenance of the actor, and hears the sentiments of the author expressed by delicate and appropriate vocal inflections, the result of a life of elocutionary study and trained oratorical ability. The actor today is surrounded by an environment of archaeological accuracy, so that the play becomes a costume object lesson in architecture, costume and sumptuary embellishment, preserving the atmosphere and completing the picture of the life, period and locality in which the drama is laid, while the blending of color, the rhythmic melody of sound and the grace of movement and action appeal to the

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sense of beauty and harmony. The eye, the ear, the mind are alike instructed and the imagination stimulated by the combination of elements that are found in the actor's art, which Shakespeare most eloquently tells us is "To hold as 'twere the mirror up to nature. To show virtue her own feature, scorn her own image and the very age and body of the time his form and pressure."

"Another advantage as an educator that the drama possesses, is that it arouses a desire for greater knowledge, hence a student who has seen the play of Julius Caesar, will turn to the pages of Gibbon or Plutarch for further information on the subject, carrying in his mind, not merely imaginary, but the real characters he has seen impersonated in the play. The late President McKinley told me that he had taken the motto of his life from the drama, quoting the words of Wolsey in Henry the Eighth,
"Let all the ends thou aim'st at Be thy country's, thy God's and truth's."
"And a knowledge of this life must convince us of his fidelity to that maxim."

"In England some years ago when yet the prejudice was strong against the stage, exceptions were made in favor of certain plays, and in apprentice indentures there was a clause that on Shrove Tuesday the apprentice was to be permitted to go to the theater to witness the performance of 'George Barnwell,' a play founded on Hogarth's series of pictures of the good and idle apprentice, that the moral effects of the drama might influence their youthful minds to a life of industry and integrity."

"Today our most liberal educational institutions recognize the influence of the drama, and frequently our audiences consist largely of students coming in a body, making the rafters ring with their class and college cries between the acts, but listening with rapt attention to the glorious lines of Shakespeare and other classic authors during the progress of the play, intelligently discriminating and applauding the more striking points, making their enthusiasm contagious and inspiring the actor to his best efforts in the cause of public education by the force and power of that noble institution, the drama."

**SMUGGLING OF
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BEEN REDUCED**

Immigrant Inspector at El Paso Says That Few Orientals Crossed the Border of the Republic Last Year

F. L. Barnett, United States Immigrant and Chinese Inspector at El Paso, has recently returned from making an inspection of conditions in the republic. Referring to the Chinese situation, particularly Chinese immigration to the United States, the inspector says that the number of Chinamen who are smuggled into the states from the republic has been greatly reduced in the last year and there is hardly any comparison, considering the number that went over the line in years past.

Inspector Barnett says that since the Canadian or British government passed the act placing a \$500 head tax on every Chinaman who entered that dominion, Chinese importers have turned their attention to Mexico, and this being the case, the Texas border has been the place where all the hopes of the Chinese lie, in getting into the United States. On this account the conditions have forced an increase of guards and inspectors along the Mexican line.

The Chinese act recently passed prohibits the immigration of Chinese entirely, with the exception of the ambassador and his suite, and those who go to the states for education.

The United States government recently has had but a comparatively small number of smuggled Chinese with which to deal, owing to the fact that the people from the Orient consider it a disgrace to be deported from this side of the ocean.

The chief of the department of the Texas border is Louis Adams, headquarters at El Paso. It is said that very few Chinese get across the boundary by way of El Paso.

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The Blazed Trail

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SYNOPSIS

Thrown on his own resources for the support of himself and his only sister, Harry Thorpe finds employment in Radway'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 Radway has been made practically bankrupt by a fire.

Under the terms of his contract, Radway had agreed to finish the entire job for Marcus & Daly, owners of the timber, in a stipulated time, and on his failure to do so, the firm refused to pay anything for the work done. Thorpe secures from Radway permission to act as his attorney and effects a settlement for \$3,000, \$1,000 of which Radway forces him to accept. Thorpe goes to visit his sister, gives her \$500 and then starts north for the timber regions.

Morning came at last, and the train drew in and stopped. Thorpe, being in the smoking car, dropped off first and stationed himself near the exit where he could look over the passengers without being seen. They filed past. To two only he could accord the role of master lumbermen, and in these two Thorpe recognized Daly and Morrison themselves. They passed within ten feet of him, talking earnestly together. At the curb they hailed a cab and drove away. Thorpe with satisfaction heard them call the name of a hotel.

It was still two hours before the land office would be open.

Thorpe repaired at once to a boarding house off Fort street, where he had "stuffed" three months before. There he reclaimed his valise, shaved, clothed himself in linen and checked out more and snatched slowly to the land office to await its opening.

At 9 o'clock neither of the partners had appeared. Thorpe entered the office and approached the desk.

"Is there a telegram here for Harry Thorpe?" he inquired.

The clerk to whom he addressed himself merely motioned with his head toward a young fellow behind the railing in a corner. The latter shifted uncomfortably and replied "No."

At the same instant steps were heard in the corridor, the door opened, and



"I'm going now for a fresh pair of valises," Mr. Morrison appeared on the sill. Thorpe showed the stuff of which he was made.

"Is this the desk for buying government lands?" he asked hurriedly.

"Yes," replied the clerk.

"I have some descriptions I wish to buy."

"Very well," replied the clerk. "What township?"

Thorpe detailed the figures, which he had by heart. The clerk took from a cabinet the three books containing them and spread them out on the counter. At this moment the bland voice of Mr. Morrison made itself heard at Thorpe's elbow.

"Good morning, Mr. Smithers," it said with the deliberation of the consciously great man. "I have a few descriptions I would like to buy in the northern peninsula."

"Good morning, Mr. Morrison. Archie, there, will attend to you. Archie, see what Mr. Morrison wishes."

The lumberman and the other clerks committed in a low voice, after which the official turned to fumble among the records. Not finding what he wanted, he approached Smithers. A whispered consultation ensued between these two, then Smithers called:

"Take a seat, Mr. Morrison. This gentleman is looking over these townships and will have finished in a few moments."

Morrison's eye suddenly became uneasy.

"I am somewhat busy this morning," he objected, with a shade of command in his voice.

"If this gentleman—" suggested the clerk delicately.

"I am sorry," put in Thorpe, with levity. "My time, too, is valuable."

"I suppose you have cash or a

Morrison looked at him sharply. "My deal is a big one," he snapped. "I can probably arrange with this gentleman to let him have his farm."

"I claim precedence," replied Thorpe calmly.

"Well," said Morrison, swift as light, "I'll tell you, Smithers. I'll leave my list of descriptions and a check with you. Give me a receipt and mark my lands off after you've finished with this gentleman."

Now, government and state lands are the property of the man who pays for them. Although the clerk's receipt might not give Morrison a valid claim, nevertheless it would afford basis for a lawsuit. Thorpe saw the trap and interposed.

"Hold on," he interrupted. "I claim precedence. You can give no receipt for any land in these townships until after my business is transacted. I have reason to believe that this gentleman and myself are both after the same descriptions."

"What?" shouted Morrison, assuming surprise.

"You will have to wait your turn, Mr. Morrison," said the clerk, virtuous before so many witnesses.

The business man was in a white rage of excitement.

"I insist on my application being filed at once!" he cried, waving his check.

"I have the money right here to pay for every acre of it, and if I know the law the first man to pay takes the land."

He slapped the check down on the rail and hit it a number of times with the flat of his hand. Thorpe turned and faced him with a steady look in his level eyes.

"Mr. Morrison," he said, "you are quite right. The first man who pays gets the land, but I have won the first chance to pay. You will kindly step one side until I finish my business with Mr. Smithers here."

"I suppose you have the amount actually with you," said the clerk quite respectfully, "because if you have not Mr. Morrison's claim will take precedence."

"I would hardly have any business in a land office if I did not know that," replied Thorpe, and began his dictation of the description as calmly as though his inside pocket contained the required amount in bank bills.

Thorpe's hopes had sunk to zero. After all, looking at the matter dispassionately, why should he expect Carpenter to trust him, a stranger, with so large a sum? It had been madness. Only the blind confidence of the fighting man led him farther into the struggle.

Thorpe's descriptions were contained in the battered little notebook he had carried with him in the woods. For each piece of land first there came the township described by latitude and east and west range. After this generic description followed another figure representing the section of that particular district. So 49-17 W-8 meant section 8 of the township on range 49 north, 17 west. If Thorpe wished to purchase the whole section that description would suffice. On the other hand, if he wished to buy only one forty he described its position in the quarter section. Thus SW-NW 49-17-8 meant the southwest forty of the northwest quarter of section 8 in the township already described.

The clerk marked across each square of his map as Thorpe read them the date and the purchaser's name.

In his notebook Thorpe had of course entered the briefest description possible. Now, indicating to the clerk, he conceived the idea of specifying each subdivision. This gained some time. Instead of saying simply, "Northwest corner of section 8," he made of it four separate descriptions, as follows: Northwest quarter of northwest quarter; northeast of northwest quarter; southwest of northwest quarter, and southeast of northwest quarter.

He was not so foolish as to read the descriptions in succession, but so scattered them that the clerk, putting down the figures mechanically, had no idea of the amount of unnecessary work he was doing. The minute hands of the clock dragged around. Thorpe drained down the long column. The clerk scratched industriously, repeating in a half voice each description as it was transcribed.

At length the task was finished. It became necessary to type duplicate lists of the descriptions. While the somewhat youth finished his task Thorpe listened for the messenger boy on the stairs.

A faint slam was heard outside the rickety old building. Hasty steps sounded along the corridor. The land looker merely stopped the drumming of his fingers on the broad arm of the chair. The door flew open, and Wallace Carpenter walked quickly to him.

Thorpe's face lighted up as he rose to greet his partner. The boy had not forgotten their compact after all.

"Then it's all right?" queried the latter breathlessly.

"Sure!" answered Thorpe heartily. "Got 'em in good shape."

At the same time he was drawing the youth beyond the vigilant watchfulness of Mr. Morrison.

"You're just in time," he said in an undertone. "Never had so close a

approach. I suppose you have cash or a

certified check. That's all they'll take here."

"What do you mean?" asked Carpenter blankly.

"Haven't you that money?" returned Thorpe quick as a hawk.

"For heaven's sake, isn't it here?" cried Wallace in consternation. "I wired Duncan, my banker, here last night and received a reply from him. He answered that he'd see to it. Haven't you seen him?"

"No," repeated Thorpe in his turn. "What can we do?"

"Can you get your check certified here near at hand?"

"Yes."

"Well, go do it. And get a move on you. You have precisely until that boy there finishes ticking that machine—not a second longer."

"Can't you get them to wait a few minutes?"

"Wallace," said Thorpe, "do you see that white whiskered old lynx in the corner? That's Morrison, the man who wants to get our land. If I fail to plank down the cash the very instant it

is demanded he gets his chance. And he'll take it. Now go. Don't hurry until you get beyond the door, then fly."

Thorpe sat down again in his broad armed chair and resumed his drumming. The nearest bank was six blocks away. He counted over in his mind the steps of Carpenter's progress—now to the door, now in the next block, now so far beyond. He had just escorted him to the door of the bank when the clerk's voice broke in on him.

"Now," Smithers was saying, "I'll give you a receipt for the amount and will send to your address the title deeds of the descriptions."

Carpenter had yet to find the proper official to identify himself, to certify the check and return. It was hopeless. Thorpe dropped his hands in surrender.

Then he saw the boy lay the two typed lists before his principal, and dimly he perceived that the youth, shamefacedly, was holding something bulky toward himself.

"What's that?" he stammered, drawing his hand back as though from red-hot iron.

"You asked me for a telegram," said the boy stubbornly, as though trying to excuse himself, "and I didn't just catch the name anyway. When I saw it on those lists I had to copy I thought of this here."

"Where did you get it?" asked Thorpe breathlessly.

"A fellow came here early and left it for you while I was sweeping out," explained the boy. "Said he had to catch a train. It's yours, all right, ain't it?"

"Oh, yes," replied Thorpe.

He took the envelope and walked uncertainly to the tall window. He looked out at the chimneys. After a moment he tore open the envelope.

"I hope there's no bad news, sir?" said the clerk, startled at the paleness of the face Thorpe turned to the desk.

"No," replied the land looker. "Give me a receipt. There's a certified check for your money."

CHAPTER XIV.

NEXT day the articles of partnership were drawn, and Carpenter gave his note for the necessary expenses. Then, in answer to a penciled card which Mr. Morrison had evidently left at Thorpe's hotel in person, both young men called at the lumberman's place of business. They were ushered immediately into the private office.

Mr. Morrison was a smart little man, with an ingratiating manner and a fishy eye. He greeted Thorpe with marked geniality.

"My opponent of yesterday," he cried jocularly. "Sit down, Mr. Thorpe. Although you did me out of some land I had made every preparation to purchase. I can't but admire your grit and resourcefulness. How did you get here ahead of us?"

"I walked across the upper peninsula and caught a boat," replied Thorpe briefly.

"Indeed, indeed!" replied Mr. Morrison, placing the tips of his fingers together. "Extraordinary! Well, Mr. Thorpe, you overreached us nicely, I suppose we must pay for our carelessness. We must have that pine even though we pay stumpage on it. Now, what would you consider a fair price for it?"

"It is not for sale," answered Thorpe.

"We'll waive all that. Of course it is to your interest to make difficulties and run the price up as high as you can. But my time is somewhat occupied just at present, so I would be very glad to hear your top price. We will come to an agreement afterward."

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FOR SALE—A first-class three-story brick hotel; strictly up-to-date; furnished throughout and doing a first-class business, in a thriving east Texas town, with four railroads. Reasons for selling, other business. Address, "Hotel," care this office.

\$500 WILL buy beautiful Chickering & Sons upright piano, good as new, formerly cost \$750. Alex Hirschfeld, 812 Houston street.

HAVE FROM ONE TO THIRTY cars strictly choice hay for sale at \$5.50 per ton, and one to ten cars good packing hay at \$2.25 per ton, f. o. b. cars. N. P. Teague, Rosenberg, Texas.

FOR SALE—Cheap, a plain, all oak dining room table and chairs. 991 West Seventh street.

FOR SALE—Fresh young cow, giving four gallons. D. S. Ross, corner Magnolia and Washington street.

FOR SALE—At a great bargain, household goods, dressers, washstands, beds, springs, stoves, carpets, etc. 705 South Main st.

FOR SALE—One upright Grand Piano, Mahogany case, new, at \$135.00; cost \$190.00; must be sold to satisfy mortgage. S. W. Rhodes, 795½ Main street, room 3, phone 1782.

FOR SALE—One of the most desirable homes on southwest side, two-story, plastered house, all modern conveniences. Corner lot, 19015th, east front. Terms, part cash, part on time, part for city real estate. A bargain for a few days only. Byers & Trice.

SPECIAL NOTICES

PHONE 2171, Mitchell & Mitchell, 1418 Oak Grove street, for wood; coal and all kinds of feed. Prompt service and satisfaction guaranteed.

FUSCO TAILORING COMPANY, 1211½ Main street. Why send to Chicago or other northern points when we will do your work for less money? Special rates on pants. Cleaning, dyeing and repairing neatly done, at any old price. All work guaranteed.

FOR ONE DOLLAR A MONTH

THE FORT WORTH PANITORY

presses four suits and shoes your clothes every day.

Steam cleaning and dyeing.

Ladies' work a specialty.

Clothes called for and delivered.

Phone 1588, 111 W. Sixth street.

B. D. KETH, Manager.

IT JUST COMES NATURAL when the people want new or second-hand furniture, stoves, etc., and knowing they will be treated right and get the lowest prices, to go to Standley's Hardware Store, corner Third and Houston.

IS IT furniture you want? It is furniture we have. It is prices you desire? It is prices we give. For prices and terms, always the lowest, when others haven't got it, see Nix, the furniture man, 292-4 Houston st. Phone us for your want.

W. H. WILLE—Fire, tornado and plate glass insurance. 291 Main street, Fort Worth, Texas. Telephone 1800.

M. VOLINO, bridge carpenter, can secure a certain note and book, by describing same and paying for this notice. A. B. Collins, at King's Chie Parlor.

HOUSE FURNISHERS—We rent goods. We furnish your home complete, on easy payments. A few bargains this week: Chiffoniers, \$10 to \$35; sideboards, \$12 to \$30; folding beds, \$15 to \$25; cook stoves, \$10 to \$25; steel ranges, \$35 to \$50. Ten per cent cash and balance on small payment—a little at a time is all we ask. Furniture and Carpet Company, 704-6 Houston street. Phone 562.

TOOL'S wood yards, corner 14th and Throckmorton and 19th and Elm. For prompt service in anything in wood line. Cord, chunks, range and stove. Phone 225.

ACCORDION PLAITING by Mrs. Kats Wolfe. Skirts repaired at 200 S. Rusk.

THOS. DILLARD, cabinet maker and fixture dealer. Sells plate glass and show cases, Flemish oak furniture made to order, mirrors resilvered and furniture repaired. 1304 Jennings ave. Phone 727-2 rings.

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. Waggoner 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 re-nomination as alderman from that ward, subject to the action of the democratic primaries, January 12, 1904.

Respectfully,
J. F. LEHANE.

FIFTH WARD

Fort Worth As It Is Today

In the first place Fort Worth is the most essentially American city of its size in the United States. It has 4 per cent colored population, 6 per cent foreign-born and 90 per cent American-born white population.

Fort Worth possesses the purest water in the world. It is artesian and is obtained by a tunnel system from 900 feet below the earth's surface.

Fort Worth is situated on a high bluff overlooking the beautiful Trinity river, the West and Clear forks of which converge at this city. Until the artesian system was installed Fort Worth's water supply came from the Trinity in part and from artesian wells in part.

Statistics show that Fort Worth, in proportion to population, is the second healthiest city in the world, and with the introduction of artesian water it is certain to become the most healthful.

Although young in comparison with other leading Texas cities, Fort Worth is rapidly overcoming the disadvantages its rivals had by reason of their earlier starts. Fort Worth today is acknowledged to be the most rapidly growing city in Texas.

If you are interested in Fort Worth, read the following:

Population, 43,000.
Good newspapers.
Rural mail routes.
Free kindergartens.
A \$100,000 city hall.
A healthful climate.
Beautiful residences.
A \$75,000 county jail.
Many women's clubs.
The Commercial Club.
Five artificial ice plants.
Four express companies.
Reasonable city taxation.
Forty acres of public park.
Eighteen wholesale houses.
Several messenger services.
Annual business \$50,000,000.
A \$500,000 county courthouse.
Four railroad machine shops.
Bank deposits over \$5,000,000.
A teachers' training institute.
Two local telephone systems.
The natural live stock market.
Five loan and trust companies.
Seventy miles of water mains.
Over 150 miles of public streets.
A \$50,000 public library building.
Twenty hotels of various grades.
Bradstreet's Commercial Agency.
Freedom from labor disturbances.
Annual pay rolls of over \$1,000,000.
Several energetic historical societies.
Sixty-eight passenger trains, all daily.
Two long-distance telephone systems.
The finest Country Club in the South.
Real estate valuation about \$17,000,000.
Seven national and two savings banks.
One company Texas National Guard.
The Board of Trade, with 25 members.
Many philanthropic and charity societies.

A splendid surrounding agricultural region.
The gateway to the panhandle and the west.
R. G. Dun & Co. report 950 business houses.
Unsurpassed advantages as a business center.
Unrivalled facilities as a manufacturing center.
A commodious and well-equipped natatorium.
Over forty-five miles of underground sewerage.
Five and two-thirds square miles of territory.
A \$175,000 postoffice building, about to be enlarged.
Sixty-eight miles of paved public thoroughfares.
Postal and Western Union Telegraph companies.
Unequaled attractions as a place of residence.
One handsome theater and several vaudeville houses.
Headquarters of only literary magazine published in Texas.
More fraternal organizations than any city of its size in the south.
Most efficient police force of any city in the state.

Lowest per cent of losses by fire for any city of the size in the south.
There are three state banks in Texas. One of them is located in Fort Worth.
Population of over 100,000 reached by electric car service.
One extensive gas and three large electric lighting companies.
The largest and most efficient freight depot of any city of its size.
A \$100,000 steel viaduct across the Texas and Pacific reservation.
Two well-equipped hospitals and a third one in course of construction.
Forty-two church edifices, nearly all of striking architectural beauty.
Young Men's Christian Association, about to erect a costly structure.
Twenty-two miles of modern street car lines, not including the Interurban line.
A newly formed merchants' and wholesalers' association, with fifty-six members.
A kindling factory, where prepared kindling for making quick fires, is manufactured.
One of the seven complete roundhouses in the United States and four other roundhouses.
The finest passenger station in the

world for a city of its size; also a second fine passenger station.

Over 200 artesian wells, supplying pure water for domestic, factory and fire protection purposes.

The home of the Texas Cattle Raisers' Association, the richest association of cattlemen in the world, the National association not excepted.

A paid fire department of eight companies which is the most thoroughly trained department in the southwest.

Medical department of Fort Worth University which has graduated 1,200 students in the past ten years.

Headquarters of the Eleventh division of the Railway Mail service comprising Texas, Arkansas, Indian Territory and Louisiana.

Many clubs devoted to social, athletic, literary, musical and dramatic objects, forming the best fire department in the southwest, besides several factory besides a large number of lesser social organizations.

Twelve public and one parochial schools, all of high order; the Fort Worth University, Polytechnic College, St. Ignace's Academy for girls and several business colleges.

One Grand Army of the Republic post, one Woman's Relief Corps, one Confederate camp, one Sons of Confederates, one Daughters of the Confederacy, one Children of the Confederacy, one Mexican Veterans' Association, and one Dames of '46.

Eleven railroads, all trunk lines, including the Texas and Pacific, Missouri, Kansas and Texas, Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe (Atchison system); Houston and Texas Central (Southern Pacific system); Fort Worth and Rio Grande (Frisco system); Transcontinental branch of the Texas and Pacific, Fort Worth and Denver City, Chicago, Rock Island and Texas; St. Louis Southwestern (Cotton Belt); St. Louis and San Francisco, International and Great Northern.

"Shoeborn Stock Farm" is one of Fort Worth's important business enterprises. At this stock farm one will find facilities for the breeding and management of pedigreed swine that are unequalled by those of any similar institution in the South. The best brood stock known is to be found here. The farm consists of 400 acres. City Railroad Company, 46 Southwestern nearly all of which can be utilized for hog raising.

No torture to that of a rheumatic. Prescription No. 283, by Elmer & Amend, quickest relief of all. E. F. SCHMIDT, Houston, Texas. Sole Agent.

**FUTILE ATTEMPT
TO CRACK SAFE
OF PARKER-LOWE**

**Burglars Shatter Big Doors
With Nitroglycerin, But Fail
to Burst the Cash Box.
Firm's Loss About \$275**

A fruitless effort to rob the safe of the Parker-Lowe Dry Goods company was made by unknown parties sometime between midnight Thursday and Friday morning, and about the only satisfaction the intruders got out of the burglary job was a wrecked safe, as no money was secured.

Entrance to the building was effected by forcing open the back door on the Seventh street side with a crowbar. Once inside, the robbers went upstairs on the second landing and proceeded to crack the large burglar-proof safe by first boring two holes near the time lock. It is presumed by the police that nitroglycerin was used as an explosive. The outside doors were blown open and other parts of the safe shattered, but the force of the charge failed to budge the small door to the inside safe in which the money, which had been taken in by the firm from a clock in the afternoon up to the closing hour, about midnight, had been deposited. The exact amount was not stated, but was in the neighborhood of \$200 or \$400.

On the floor near the wrecked safe were found chisels, hammers, a sledge hammer and a large crowbar, which had been used during the preliminary efforts to blow the safe.

Large pieces of the wrecked safe were scattered over the floor for a distance of several feet. The robbers opened a small drawer near the safe, but as they no doubt were after bigger fish, left the small change, \$2.75, in the drawer.

Mr. Lowe said that the safe was practically ruined by the explosion, entailing a loss to the firm of about \$275.

The attempted robbery was at once reported to Police Chief Rea, who, with assistants, were soon on the scene and began an investigation; but thus far no definite clue as to whom the perpetrators are, has been secured.

Police officers have a suspicion and are following it up with the hopes of catching the parties.

Free, 10-inch mirror with \$5.00 purchase. Blue or black jersey overcoat, \$2.85; \$10.00 and \$12.50 men's suits for \$7.45; \$2.50 and \$3.00 pants for \$2.00. L. Gordon, 1513 Main.

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RIPANS Tabules
Doctors find
A good prescription
For mankind.

The Ripans packet is enough for an ordinary occasion. The family bottle (price 50 cents) contains a supply for a year.

WARNING TO OLD WORLD

Government's Plan to Guard the Southern Republics.

"HANDS OFF" SIGN TO BE POSTED

Big Fleets to Enforce the Monroe Doctrine Both in Letter and Spirit in Central and South America. United States Will See Neighboring Republics Not Humiliated.

The administration is preparing to post a "Hands Off!" sign on South and Central America which will be so big and plain that every nation on earth can read and understand it, says a Washington special to the New York World.

The Monroe doctrine will be enforced both in letter and spirit, in the broadest sense in which it can be interpreted, and no repetition of the Venezuelan incident or anything closely approaching it will be permitted. It is explained that this does not mean that the little republics of Latin America will be allowed to take refuge behind the United States to evade payment of their debts. If necessary, the United States will exert friendly pressure to bring about the faithful discharge of their obligations, but in any event American warships, and plenty of them, will be on guard to see that their creditors do not apply any serious or humiliating amount of force.

Just how European bondholders are to secure their money if the little republics refuse to pay up and the United States will not allow the treatment that was given Venezuela to be repeated is a matter for other nations to worry about, according to the decision of the president and his advisers.

The action that has been decided on and which the general board of the navy has arranged to carry out amounts to little less than the policing the waters of the isthmus and the northern shore of South America, which is the region that some of the nations of Europe are believed to be most covetously eyeing. Hereafter American warships will be much more familiar objects in those waters than in home harbors.

At the time the fleets of the allied powers were blockading and bombarding Venezuela the navy department, by order of the president, was careful to keep all American warships well away from those waters through a fear that the motive of sending them there might be misunderstood and lead to friction. Hereafter, also by order of the president, American warships will be right at the hitherto avoided spot all of the time.

The "Hands Off!" sign will be posted immediately after the winter maneuvers of the combined fleets in the Caribbean, when, instead of returning to their accustomed haunts, an imposing array of warships flying the stars and stripes will be permanently located almost within shooting distance of South America and the isthmus. Cuba and Guantamano will then become the joint base of operations of the powerful battleship squadron.

The battleships will cruise around the Caribbean, visiting ports in the West Indies, South America and along the isthmus. They will come north only in the middle of the summer to take part in the combined maneuvers off the New England coast. The Caribbean squadron, when not engaged in other parts of the Caribbean, will be stationed at Culebra. The base of operations of the coast squadron will be at Key West. The training squadron will continue to have its summer bases in Hampton Roads and Long Island sound, but it will be in these waters for not more than three months of the year. The rest of the time it will cruise in the gulf of Mexico and will keep a watchful eye on the isthmus. Its base during the winter, spring and fall will be Pensacola.

Nothing could more forcibly show the determination of the administration to protect the republics of South America from foreign interference as well as from foreign invasion than the official announcement of this programme. When this was suggested to a high official of the navy, he said:

"We can only tell what it has been decided to do. We cannot explain, even if any explanation were necessary."

How Sea Gull Caused a Wreck.
Investigation shows that a sea gull caused the wreck of the British second class cruiser Flora, which was recently hauled off Village Point reef, near Nanaimo, says a Tacoma (Wash.) dispatch to the New York Herald.

When the accident happened both Captain Baker and the navigating officer were on the bridge. They mistook the spar buoy at Village Point for the cage buoy two miles farther down the sound and steered their course toward the shore, grounding on a reef in consequence. A sea gull perched on top of the spar buoy is said to have given it a resemblance in the fog to the cage buoy. Both buoys are in the same side of the channel.

The Bath.
[Lines on reading a Chicago physician's assertion that bathing is dangerous.]
Dear friends, be wise; no longer rise at an unearthly hour.
You see, the learned man denies
There's health in scrub and scour.

Your ills will fly, you'll never die,
If only you'll eschew
The rubber sponge, the towel dry,
The soap and water too!

If you would scrub in daily tub,
Then must you rise at six.
For to be clean must always mean
Those lengthy bathing tricks.

Then take advice and in a trice
Cast off all useless fears.
Rise at eleven (more bed, more heaven!)
And live a thousand years.

—New York Herald.

The Churches of Fort Worth

TAYLOR STREET CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, corner Fifth and Taylor streets—Order of services Sunday, December 27: 11 a. m., vocal solo, Miss Downing; sermon by pastor, Matth. 6:10; 7:30 p. m., vocal solo, Miss Downing; sermon by pastor, Ezek. 33:12. You will be welcome at these services.

TRINITY CHURCH, Hemphill street and Pennsylvania avenue, rector, Robert Hammond Cotton, M. A. B. Sc. (London), (take the Hemphill street car)—First Sunday after Christmas, 11 a. m., subject, "John the Evangelist"; 7:30 p. m., subject, "The Holy Innocent." Christmas music will be rendered, but a different program from that rendered on Christmas morning.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Rev. Alonzo Monk, D. D., pastor—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Seats all free. Strangers and visitors always made welcome. Subject of morning sermon, "General Fidelity," subject of evening sermon, "Let Brotherly Love Continue." Church located on Jones and Fourth streets. Pastor resides next door to church. Phone 757.

TABERNACLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, corner Fifth and Throckmorton, James S. Myers, pastor—Services Sunday morning at 11 and Sunday evening at 7:30. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Rev. Frank O. Fenton, the noted actor-preacher of St. Louis, will begin a revival meeting in the church Sunday morning. Services each evening during the week at 7:30 and in the afternoon at 10 o'clock. There will be a rally meeting of all the members of the church Sunday afternoon at 3:30. The pastor is desirous that every member be present at this workers' conference.

College Avenue Presbyterian church, Rev. Wm. Hughes, D. D., pastor. The pastor will preach Sunday at the evening service, 7:45, subject, "Opportunity."

The Sunday school of the College Avenue Presbyterian church will have their Christmas entertainment Monday night, at 7:45. All friends of the children and congregation are heartily invited. A very interesting program has been prepared after which presents will be distributed to all the children.

Broadway Presbyterian church, Rev. J. B. French, D. D., pastor. Services Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. A special Christmas service will be held at 11 a. m. Dr. French will preach. There will be also special and appropriate music.

There will be a special Christmas service at the Cannon avenue C. P. church, corner Cannon avenue and Hemphill street, tomorrow morning.

Mrs. Chandler will sing, "The Choir Invisible" and Rev. and Mrs. Chandler will render a soprano and baritone duet, entitled, "Hope Beyond."

Mrs. J. P. Wear, organist. Given Winton, cornetist.

The pastor will preach a Christmas sermon. All are cordially invited. Take the Hemphill car.

At St. Paul's M. E. church, corner of Seventh and Lamar streets, the pastor the Rev. J. P. French, will preach at 11 o'clock on the theme, "Paul's Holiday Greetings"; and at 7:45 on "God's Unseen Books Opened."

First Congregational church—corner of College avenue and Leidy street. The pastor, Rev. Geo. W. Ray, will preach at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., subject morning Christmas sermon, "In the Fullness of Time." Evening, "The Last Shall Be First and the First Last."

On account of the rain a large number of the scholars of the Tabernacle Sunday school were prevented from attending the Xmas exercises and presents. The superintendent has announced that all those who failed to be present will receive their gifts at Sunday school Sunday morning.

TO RAISE THE MAINE
St. Louis Firm Would Exhibit Ill-fated Vessel at St. Louis.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 26.—The Seawell Bros., who have been actively engaged in closing cruises and raising wrecks, propose to raise the wreck of the United States man-of-war Maine, sunk in the harbor of Havana in February, 1898, and take it to St. Louis for the exposition.

They are said to be well backed with capital for the enterprise, and will depart for Havana in a few days. They estimate that it will take less than sixty days to raise and repair the vessel. It will be on exhibition at Havana for a few days, afterwards at New Orleans during the carnival, and then will be taken up the Mississippi river to St. Louis.

APPRAISING COAL LANDS
Coalgate, I. T., Likely to Be Thrown on Mines for Resources.

MUSKOGEE, I. T., Dec. 26.—Government appraisers are at work appraising the improvements on the coal land surrounding Coalgate which is a part of the Choctaw coal segregation and a complex question arises therefrom. The Atoka agreement provides that when the segregation is made the citizens and the freedmen shall be paid out of the tribal funds for their improvements as the land on which they are built is not subject to allotment. This does not provide, however, for the non-citizens. There are many around Coalgate who have valuable improvements on lands.

Another feature that interests Coalgate is the fact that it means the removal of all the people who are now living on the land and in case it passes into the hands of a big corporation, it is not likely that it will be tenanted for a long time. This will make Coalgate a town without a country population to keep it up and throw it entirely upon its coal resources.

EASILY BELIEVED
"Many have said that if Longfellow were living today he could not sell his poems," remarked the girl with the book.

"I'm sure of it," replied the amateur poet. "Why, I haven't been able to sell mine."—Philadelphia Record.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

Methodist Pastor Says Latter Are Luxuries and Clergymen Parasites.

These are the principles laid down by David Morgan, Methodist clergyman, city missionary and Methodist leader, during a discussion at the Hamline (Minn.) Six O'clock club the other afternoon, says a St. Paul (Minn.) dispatch to the Chicago Tribune:

"Ministers of the gospel are parasites. 'Religion and the church are luxuries.' 'Teachers and professors are leeches. 'Schools and universities are nonessentials.'"

"Society can exist without churches and without schools," said the Rev. Mr. Morgan during a point in the debate, "it having been founded before either existed."

"You are a parasite on society," he said to Professor R. W. Cooper, a professor of English literature in the Hamline university, who refuted his argument.

"I may say the same of you," replied the professor.

"I acknowledge it," said Morgan. "I am a parasite on society. All ministers are parasites."

"Your gospel leaves out the soul," replied the professor.

"Society is not made up of souls," replied Morgan. "The world can get along without the church. Religion is a luxury that people may have if they wish to pay for it. I do not believe in forcing all citizens to pay for it if they do not want it."

"Your creed is founded on selfishness. It is theorized selfishness and cannot stand," replied Cooper. "It leaves man with the beasts, and I speak with you not to argue, but to tell you of your mistake."

Morgan was still argumentative when Professor Cooper declined to carry the discussion further. Hamline residents who heard the argument were astounded at the position taken by the Rev. Mr. Morgan, who is regarded as one of the most influential ministers of the Methodist creed in Minnesota. They are wondering "What next?"

HAD NO USE FOR AMBERGRIS
Sailors Let a Fortune Slip Through Their Hands.

Two sailors on the Kelvinbank, which arrived at New York recently from the tropics, unwittingly let a fortune slip through their hands, says the New York Tribune. While off the coast of Brazil, Adolph Hansen and Peter Smith, who were on the dog watch, saw off the port bow a spongy mass of some greasy substance. It was black, with the exception of a few places where it was mottled like marble. Smith, who is a cockney dock rat, wondered what the "blooming thing" was, so, dropping overside in the light of a rope, he captured the stuff and got on board with the help of his mate. No one knew what it was, and as it began to give off a most unpleasant and rank odor it was thrown overboard again after a fair quantity of it had been transferred to the slush bucket.

The contents of the slush bucket are generally the greasy refuse from the galley, which is used to slush down various parts of the standing rigging. The floss found by the two sailors was thrown into this mixture, which the men used for various lubricators, including the greasing of their boots. While apparently full of grease, it lacked the fine points of a good piece of fat salt pork green with age, so the most of it was finally dropped overboard in disgust.

The men had no idea what they had picked up until they had been told at this port. One of them paid a reporter and then learned that they had run across a lump of ambergris weighing probably 200 pounds, which would have netted them a sum that would have given them a month's disipation, even in Port Said. For the last few days the two men have been trying to drown their sorrows in the waters of Lethe as supplied along the water front, but all in vain.

NEW SOCIETIES IN LONDON
One Fights Demon Solemnity, the Other Introduces Lady Bachelors.

Two remarkable societies have been formed in London, says a cable dispatch to the New York World.

One, which calls itself "the Dancers," is intended to "fight the high and powerful devil solemnity." The members meet weekly, dressed in classic costumes, and dance rollicking measures of all times, the music and the dances being unearthed from the British museum.

The principal promoters of this fellowship are artistic people. Up to now the dancers have provided more fun for outsiders than for themselves. The prime mover is Miss Florence Farr, a clever actress, who formerly deepened London's natural gloom by playing leading parts in Ibsen plays.

The other society's object is to abolish the term "spinster." Spinster, it thinks, somehow implies scraggy antiquity, and today's unmarried women want to be known as "lady bachelors." It is agitating for removing the word "spinster" from the dictionaries and substituting "lady bachelor" in all legal documents.

New Law For Boys.
There should be some sort of law framed whereby each boy—just as in France and Germany each abbeidied man performs his term of military duty—must spend at least three winters of his boy time in the country, says a writer in Outing. And when I say country I do not mean that pert refinement of the genteel pastoral, the suburb. It believe it would act as a tonic to the race—there would be wider outlooks, freer, less cramped bodies, harder souls.

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST
For Fort Worth and vicinity until 8 p. m. Sunday—Tonight and Sunday, fair weather; no decided change in temperature.
For Texas east of the 100th meridian, issued at New Orleans—North, tonight and Sunday, generally fair; warmer Sunday, and in extreme north portion tonight.
South—Tonight and Sunday generally fair except probably rain Sunday in extreme southwest and on west coast. Colder tonight on east coast with temperature about 30 degrees in sugar and truck growing region; warmer Sunday.

WEATHER CONDITIONS
Yesterday was a stormy and rainy Christmas throughout the country from and including the Mississippi valley section eastward to the Atlantic. Noticeably high winds occurred generally throughout the middle Texas-Mississippi valley section thence eastward and northward.
The weather is clear and colder this morning throughout the country; the coldest portion has drifted eastward, settling over the lake states where it is 18 degrees below zero and but 4 above zero in the Ohio valley and 10 degrees above zero in the Cumberland and Tennessee section.
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.	Rain.
Abilene	34	54	11	0.00	
Amarillo	30	52	6	0.00	
Bismarck	12	20	11	0.00	
Chicago	8	14	14	0.36	
Cincinnati	4	10	10	0.10	
Davenport	12	24	6	0.10	
Denver	34	48	6	0.00	
El Paso	2	20	12	0.02	
Fort Worth	24	52	11	0.00	
Galveston	46	54	12	0.00	
Huron	14	10	12	0.00	
Jacksonville	50	76	8	0.66	
Kansas City	6	40	11	0.00	
Lander	8	44	11	0.00	
Montgomery	30	52	16	0.78	
Nashville	10	46	6	0.7	
New Orleans	46	68	16	1.70	
North Platte	20	46	11	0.00	
Oklahoma	18	54	14	0.00	
Palestine	32	54	12	0.00	
Pittsburg	10	38	14	0.24	
Pueblo	30	54	8	0.00	
St. Louis	16	40	10	0.00	
St. Paul	16	0	11	0.00	
Salt Lake	18	34	11	0.00	
San Antonio	42	52	8	0.00	
Santa Fe	22	38	6	0.00	
Shreveport	32	54	8	0.00	

Professor Gaston Hill of this place is spending the holidays at Atlanta, Texas.

Attorney William Hamilton is at home in Merkel for a few days.

Miss Oliver of Audra is the guest of the family of Dr. W. C. Jackson.

Sidney Payton of this place is in Holdenville, I. T., to remain through the holiday season.

Mrs. S. W. Grimes and daughter, Mrs. Thomas, of Abilene, are visiting in Corsicana.

William Christian and wife of Shreveport, La., are in Abilene for the holidays.

Mrs. T. W. Allen and Miss Kittle Kennedy are spending the Christmas holidays in Benton, La.

Mrs. Eugene Wood of Waco is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Warren of this place.

Mrs. W. H. Pool of Waco, wife of Professor Pool of Baylor university, is visiting Mrs. C. C. Comper of this city.

Miss Willie Norwood who has been in college at Sherman is spending the holidays at her home in Abilene.

Dillon Paramore and wife of Runnels county are visiting relatives in this city.

Max R. Andrews of the Taylor county News leaves tomorrow for Floydada to attend the golden wedding of his parents.

J. E. Brown of this place attended a bull fight in Juarez, Mexico, a few days ago, and reports that vicious brute created great consternation among the spectators by jumping over a nine foot fence enclosing the ring and landing upon the grandstand.

At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Pegues Wednesday afternoon, Victor Anderson and Miss Bennett Young, both highly esteemed young people of this city, were united in matrimony. Rev. L. R. Scarborough of the First Baptist church officiating.

A SOUVENIR PROGRAM
A feature of the Christmas matinee and