AN EASIER WAY

When an ancient Roman wanted information, he consulted the augurs who, in turn, asked the chickens. The modern man merely reads the advertising columns of a live newspaper.

Japan and Russia Still World's Headquarters for War Rumors

FORT WORTH TELEGRAM

TABLOID NEWS

Cotton market continues erratic—War news from Japan and Russia is uncertain. Three lawyers lose lives in club house fire at Troy, N. Y. Young Corbett defeats Eddie Hanlon.

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PROMINENT LAWYERS ARE SUFFOCATED IN A FIRE

Blaze Destroys Handsome Club House at Troy, N. Y., This Morning

VICTIMS CAUGHT IN THE UPPER STORIES

Servants Are Rescued by Firemen, But Roomers Perish Before Help Can Reach Them. Property Loss About $35,000

TROY, N. Y., Dec. 30.—W. A. Shaw of Shaw, Bailey, and Murphy, the later a son of former United States Senator Edward Murphy, Moses T. Clough, the oldest member of the Rensselaer county bar, and Benjamin Kinney of Boston were killed during a fire in the Troy Club building today. Edward Carpentier of New York was taken to the hospital, overcome by smoke, but will recover. The property loss is $35,000.

The victims occupied an apartment in the building which was of brown stone and covered half a block. They were unable to escape from their rooms. Firemen rescued half a dozen men and women servants who were carried down ladders, exit by means of the stairways having become cut off. The bodies of the dead were recovered by firemen. All the victims had been suffocated.

FATHER FINDS HIS WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN

J. E. Howell, About Whom a Notice Was Published in Yesterday's Telegram, Is Successful

There was a reunion of the Howell family yesterday afternoon late, after a separation of several months, and the household is one of happiness.

It will be remembered that November 29 The Telegram published a notice of the arrival in this city of Mrs. J. E. Howell and two children from Childress, expecting to be met here by Mr. Howell. They missed him in someway and he could not be found. Yesterday Mr. Howell arrived in the city, and started to look for his family. He called at The Telegram, and made inquiries about his wife, the notice published in the paper having been called to his attention. A notice was published giving his address. Later in the day Mrs. Howell and her children were located at No. 810 Jones street, where they have been awaiting anxiously the coming of the husband and father. They passed through the Christmas holidays with happiness of reunion denied them, and every day the mother and the children would watch for his coming. They had some funds on hand which kept them from want, but the earning member was absent and the little treasury was fast reaching a state of depletion. The children played with the neighboring children, and they watched every big man who passed them, looking into the faces hoping to find the familiar features of the absent father. The wife was not discouraged. She knew he was somewhere in the world, and that he would find them sooner or later, and she put her trust in the prayers which were spoken every evening.

Late yesterday Mr. Howell was making inquiry of every child he met on the streets. He figured it out that his children would find other children, and that he might find a boy who knew his boy. Somewhere in the vicinity of the court house he met a little fellow and asked him if he knew a little boy named Howell. The lad said that he knew the boy and his little "Sister Gwinn."

"That's the boy," said the father. "Can you show me where they live?"

"Yes, thir," lisped the little fellow, and he started out. He guided the father south on Main street, until he reached Seventh and going east on that thoroughfare he started. They talked all the way. He told about the new found playmate whose father was absent from home, and who was expected exery day, and as they walked the little guide talked the more. Each step of the distance became lighter for the father, as he realized that it brought him nearer and nearer to his family. Sure enough the little guide had the right place in view, and there was a happy reunion.

It seems that the mail which should have been exchanged between the wife and the husband was in some way miscarried, and they missed each other. Now that they are together, Mr. Howell will remain in Fort Worth. He expects to get work here, and will stay.

He said this morning: "I am indeed grateful to The Telegram for what it has done to bring us together. The newspaper is a great aid for the people, and I certainly appreciate its worth."

ROOT TO DEAL WITH REYES ON PANAMA MATTER

Significant Change Made in Transferring Duties of Secretary of State to Secretary of War

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—At a meeting of the cabinet called by the president for 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon the Panama situation was the subject under consideration. All members of the cabinet except Secretary Hay, who is ill, Secretary Shaw and Attorney General Knox were present. The meeting was one of the longest held for several weeks, the session consuming quite two hours.

At the conclusion of the meeting the members were not communicative, but it was learned that in addition to a discussion of matters relating to Panama several departmental matters of minor importance were considered. Secretary Root was delayed half an hour in his arrival at the meeting, having been in conference with General Reyes, the special representative of Colombia.

This circumstance transpired that during the illness of Mr. Hay, Secretary Root had been designated by the president to conduct the negotiations of the government with General Reyes.

Careful consideration was given to the Colombian note filed with the state department by General Reyes, but it can be said no answer has yet been made to it. The note was submitted by the Colombian minister in Spanish. Some delay was encountered in the translation of the document, but finally the translation was laid before the president and Secretary Root for consideration.

Secretary Root informed General Reyes yesterday afternoon that the reply of this government was not ready, but that it would be given him as soon as possible. Secretary Root will give the response to General Reyes when a decision as to its precise nature shall have been reached.

No intimation of the contents of General Reyes' note or of the reply of this government is given from any authoritative source. It is known, however, that the administration regards the ratification of the treaty with the republic of Panama as the first step to be taken in the entire pending matter. What this government may do subsequently will be determined at least in part by the circumstances then surrounding the case. Just now it is said authoritatively there is nothing in the situation to arouse serious concern.

General Reyes has not asked Secretary Root what his intentions are regarding his future movements. It is believed he will remain here at least until the reply from the United States has been given to his note.

FARLEY GOING TO ROME

American Archbishop to Attend Jubilee Celebration

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Archbishop Farley of this city has received an invitation to visit Rome to attend the celebration of the jubilee of Immaculate Conception, and probably will sail early next month.

Three important church questions are likely to be brought to an issue while the archbishop is in Rome. They are the supposed need for foreign missionaries especially for the Italians; selection of auxiliary or coadjutor bishop for this diocese and the placing of the American church in direct communication with the vatican by establishing cannon law here and removing the restrictions provided for this as a missionary country.

FREIGHT AT DENTON

DENTON, Texas, Dec. 30.—Captain John Bacon, traveling freight agent of the Texas and Pacific railroad, who lives and has his business headquarters here, has compiled his annual report, and it shows an increase in the freight handled at Denton by his road in car lots over 1902 to the amount of 176 cars. In this compilation the cotton handled here is not counted, and in the volume of it there was also an increase over last season. And there was a relative increase, of course, in freight handled in less than car lots.

ORCHESTRA SEATS REDUCED

Fifty-Cent Cut Made on Price in Manhattan Theater Next Week

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Orchestra seats previously costing $2 will be reduced next Monday to $1.50 by the management of the Manhattan theater. The cut has caused much excitement among Broadway theatrical managers, who have clung for several years to the higher price for choice seats. Just what effect it will have is problematical, but several conferences have been held at which the situation was thoroughly discussed.

In announcing the cut the proprietor of the Manhattan, who is also at the head of the Independent Syndicate, says he is satisfied that the public, rich as well as poor, believe $1.50 is enough and that several other managers whom he has consulted are of the same opinion, but have hesitated at taking individual action.

CLAIMS THE SUGGESTION

A. D. Wales Says He Told Mitchell How to Settle Anthracite Strike

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Dec. 30.—It is understood that President Roosevelt and Senator Platt and J. P. Morgan and other prominent men will be subpoenaed as witnesses for the trial of the action of A. D. Wales of this city against President John Mitchell, to recover $200,000 for suggesting the plan which Mr. Wales claims was followed in settling the big anthracite coal strike a year ago.

The case is on the calendar for the term of the supreme court to convene in this city next Monday. It is not known whether it will be reached for trial at this term, however, as the Canfield case may be tried at this term.

WANT HIM FOR COLONEL

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt has been asked by the famous Newport artillery, the oldest chartered military company in the United States, to become its colonel, says a dispatch to the Press from Newport, R. I. It is understood he will accept. The company although so old in service as the ancient and honorable artillery of Boston, antedates its charter.

GAS PLANT EXPLODES

BURLINGTON, Iowa, Dec. 29.—It is reported that the gas plant in the opera house at Lone Tree, Iowa, has exploded, wrecking the building and a business house adjoining. So far as known, no one was killed.

DOUBLE KILLING AT EAGLE PASS

Bodies of Mexican and Child Found on Railroad Track. Negro Arrested

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 30.—(Special.)—News has been received of a double killing at Eagle Lake. A Mexican man and a child were the victims. The bodies were found on a railroad track with the heads battered. A negro has been arrested and he is said to have confessed.

J. C. ROBBERTS TO QUIT

Attorney General of Oklahoma Will Resign Office

GUTHRIE, Ok., Dec. 30.—J. C. Robberts, the attorney general of Oklahoma, will resign from office February 1, to form a partnership with John F. Curran to engage in the practice of law in Enid, where Mr. Robberts will move with his family from Kingfisher. The salary of the attorney general is only $1,800 a year. Mr. Robberts gave up a larger private practice to take this political appointment, and resigns that he may devote all his time to his private practice. The small salary of the office makes it difficult to secure a competent lawyer, as one qualified to fill it can make more in general practice. In appointing a successor to Mr. Robberts Governor Ferguson probably will act from a personal standpoint and disregard all political indorsements, as the governor is forced to depend upon the integrity and ability of his attorney general largely for the success of his administration. It is not improbable that the place will be given to some lawyer in this city.

BALL PLAYER SHOT

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 30.—Dennis Levy, for several years a player in the Virginia league baseball teams and who also played in Louisville and Cincinnati, was shot and killed today by Frank Ragan in a saloon row. Ragan was arrested.

DENTON NOTES

DENTON, Texas, Dec. 30.—(Special.)—R. S. Taylor of the firm of Taylor & Evans, hardware merchants of this city, has sold his interest in the business to his partner, James Evans.

The Pearl Street Christian church has been completed and will be occupied by the congregation at once.

NO LIMIT WAS GIVEN RUSSIA IN LAST NOTE

Japanese Public Becoming Dissatisfied With Dilatory Policy of Cabinet

FORMOSA COMMANDER GIVEN POWER TO ACT

General Course Seems to Be Careful Preparation for Uncertain War

JAPAN PURCHASES TWO MORE WARSHIPS

Gets Advantage of Russia in Deal With Argentine—Reported in Berlin That Japan Has Told Powers Time Is Up

YOKOHAMA, Dec. 30.—At an extraordinary meeting of the privy council today the fact developed that no limit had been set for Russia's reply to the last official note from the Japanese government.

Strong opposition is publically manifested to the cabinet, owing to the dilatory tactics they are pursuing.

The latest order announced invests the commander at Formosa with full authority to act in case war is declared.

JAPAN CANNOT WAIT

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—The Lokal Anzieger, without reserve, says:

"The Japanese government has informed the representatives of the powers to Tokio that Japan must strike if Russia does not accept the proposition which Japan has submitted, as Japan can no longer wait for a final decision.

JAPAN GETS WARSHIPS

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Japan this evening completed the purchase of the Argentine warships Moreno and Radvidvia being built at Genoa, Italy, for which Russia was also negotiating.

SITUATION NOT HOPELESS

PARIS, Dec. 30.—It is learned in diplomatic circles that the Japanese government has informed the foreign diplomats that the situation in regard to Russia is desperate, but not hopeless. It is believed this information will be communicated to the French government for presentation at St Petersburg.

NEWSPAPERS PESSIMISTIC

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 30.—The foreign dispatches received yesterday are reflected today in more pessimistic editorials. Novoe Vromya begins a leader with: "There is no war today; tomorrow there may be war." The paper rather fatalistically directs attention to the fact that wars marked the opening of the seventeen, eighteen and nineteenth centuries.

CURLING IRON WEAPON

St. Louis Stenographer Finds Substitute for a Revolver

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 30.—Miss Catherine Bowe, stenographer in the special tax collector's office in East St. Louis, routed a henhouse burglar with a pair of curling tongs early Monday morning. She thew them at him, and while she did not hit him, he ran. Unfortunately, however, he took with him half a dozen fine hens, one of them valued at $50, and a rooster.

Miss Bowe was awakened at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mary Bowe, 310 Brady avenue, shortly after midnight by the squaking of the chickens. In the moonlight she saw a man's form.

Miss Bowe, through a closed window, shouted that his life was in danger, seized the pair of curling irons and threw them through the window pane. The man ran, but kept the chickens.

BURGLARS GET $8,000

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 30.—Burglars dynamited the safe of O. Cohen, a jeweler, and pawnbroker last night and secured $8,000 in cash, diamonds, watches and other property.

CORBETT KISSES HANLON AFTER WINNING BATTLE FOR FEATHERWEIGHT BELT

Mercy of Referee Graney in the Sixteenth Round Saves San Francisco Lad From What Looked Like Fatal End to Fiercest Prize Fight in History of the Pacific Coast

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 30.—A merciful referee probably saved Eddie Hanlon from being killed by Young Corbett last night, when he stopped the contest in the middle of the sixteenth round. For two rounds previous Referee Graney had begged Hanlon's seconds to take their man out of the ring, but they kept the game youngster at it, and finally Graney, fearing that a fatality might result, ordered the fight stopped.

TERRIBLE PUNISHMENT

No man ever received such terrific punishment in a San Francisco ring, and probably Young Corbett is the only man in the country who could administer such a beating to Hanlon. When the San Francisco boy was carried to his corner, still conscious but unable to walk, his seconds worked vigorously to revive him. The terribly beaten lad, however, commenced to vomit blood, and things looked very serious for him for a short time. He was finally revived and was carried from the ring by one of his seconds. Before he left Young Corbett paid a high tribute to his skill and gameness and saluted his brother prize fighter with an affectionate kiss. It must be said for Corbett that he was as merciful, under the circumstances, as he could be. During the fourteenth and fifteenth rounds he, too, was anxious to have the fight stopped in order to save Hanlon needless punishments.

CORBETT'S SUPERIORITY

The fight demonstrated that Corbett is any man's superior at his weight. At no time during the contest was he in any apparent danger and when it ended there was not a mark upon him. Hanlon's most peculiar and very effective defense was all that saved him from a knockout early in the game. Even when he became tired and could not protect himself Corbett could not land a knockout blow. In the thirteenth and fourteenth rounds Corbett began to show what he could do. The men were allowed to fight in the clinches, and Corbett, leaning his head against Hanlon's shoulder and with his arms free, would punch him in the stomach with his right and swing fierce short lefts on his jaw. That was the beginning of the end.

FOUGHT IN A CORNER

In the fifteenth Corbett backed Hanlon into a corner and when the San Francisco boy swung freebly, Corbett swung two lightning lefts and Hanlon went down. He took the count of eight, but struggled to his feet and again received a terrific punishment that Corbett was dealing out to him. It was then that Graney wanted the fight stopped.

In the seventh round things looked a bit bright for the Californian. He scored a clean knockdown, when he landed a right swing on the point of Corbett's jaw. The Denver lad was up in an instant, however, and was apparently not hurt by the blow. In the twelfth round Hanlon made his last stand. All through he did the forcing and leading. Corbett was swinging when Eddie landed a terrific right on the stomach. It evidently hurt the champion, but he was too busy to think about it and went right on with the game. In the earlier part of the fight, when Hanlon was protecting his head and stomach by crossing his arms and gloves, Corbett would push his head back with his left and uppercut with his right. These blows did no apparent harm, but eventually they told.

BIG ATTENDANCE

Hanlon when seen in his dressing room was still in great distress and refused to talk much. He did say, however, that Corbett can beat any of them. The attendance was enormous for a featherweight fight. The receipts were between $16,000 and $20,000. Fifty per cent of the receipts were divided between the fighters, 75 per cent to the winner and 25 per cent to the loser. In addition Corbett was given 5 per cent of the gross receipts in view of his drawing powers.

The fight will go into ring history as the fastest and fiercest ever seen here.

DEADLY CANCER SAID TO HAVE BEEN CURED BY TREATMENT WITH MARVELOUS RADIUM

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Radium is reported to have removed a cancer which has spread over the entire right cheek of William Hoffman, aged 62, of Newark, N. J. Specialists had expressed the belief the cancer could not be removed.

Hoffman's nephew, who is a physician, procured a tube containing a tiny portion of radium and experimented by placing it in the patient's mouth. At the end of six weeks the cancer is said to have entirely disappeared, leaving the cheek in its normal state.

FIERCE BATTLE BETWEEN NEGROES AND TRAIN CREW

Two Brakemen Are Fatally Wounded in Fight on the Southern Pacific

BLACKS ATTEMPTED TO HOLD UP THE TRAIN

Effected a Capture and Were Looting Cars When the Conductor Rallied the Crew and Desperate Fight Occurred

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—A dispatch to the Inter Ocean from New Orleans says:

In a fiercely fought battle between the railroad employes and the negroes, in an attempt to hold up a freight on the Southern Pacific, two trainmen were fatally wounded. The train was attacked by a gang of negro tramps near Morgan City and captured after the crew had been driven off. A body of railroad employes gathered by the conductor of the freight train opened fire upon the negroes, who were looting the cars. After an exchange of shots, during which Brakemen L. S. Copper and F. C. Watcher were shot, the tramps were driven off. Several of the negroes were captured later and brought to Franklin.

LOBBY WILL GO FROM TERRITORY TO WASHINGTON

Commercial Clubs Will Take Up Matter of Restrictions Governing the Sale of Creek Lands and Ask Relief

MUSKOGEE, I. T., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—In the Creek nation the question of removing the restrictions thrown about the sale of Indian lands by the secretary of the interior is towering above all other departmental affairs. A call has been issued to the commercial clubs of the various towns and united action will be taken. Last night there was a meeting of the Muskogee chamber of commerce, acting in concert with other commercial clubs, and it was agreed that a commission of five citizens selected from the various towns should be sent to Washington to try to secure the desired end. The money to pay the delegates will be furnished by the towns that are suffering because of the present conditions.

Forty thousand copies of a circular letter containing the following reasons why the restrictions should be removed have been distributed in the Creek nation with the request that every one who receives one will send it to a member of congress and make a personal request that it receive attention.

Because allottees, excepting a very small class of non-English speaking full-bloods, are as competent as anyone else.

At twenty-five pieces of land per week, the present official limit of offerings, it would take sixty-five years to give 85,000 allottees one chance to sell their land.

Under present rules, competition of bidders, except speculators, is destroyed and the allottees are denied the right of sale and thus injured.

The law of congress providing for sales has been nullified in its administration which prevents sales instead of allowing them. Seven sales have been made up to Dec. 15, 1903, in two years from date of act authorizing the sale of lands—February, 1902.

Sales already made demonstrate that bankers and speculators are getting all the land sold.

Driving out actual settlers, the most important, desirable and numerous class of bidders, diminishes the average price of all the lands.

Speculators who are getting all land sold will not improve it and the country will be retarded in its natural growth.

The allottee should be allowed to choose his neighbor by being allowed to deal directly with the new settler.

The actual settler should not be made the victim of the speculator and compelled to pay for the services of a person whose sole business is to put up ready money and comply with the very intricate rules of the secretary.

Under the present method the land is kept unproductive, and will be so for years.

The present method will delay the completion of allotment and other details of winding up the vast estate of the Indians.

The present method has made and will continue to make a vast charge on the treasury of the United States to support a system alike injurious to the allottee, the settler and every interest in the southwest.

The huge appropriations to maintain the present system serve no good use except to provide salaries for the employes, who constantly lay down the premises of fact, from which the secretary's conclusions are drawn. Their enthusiastic advocacy of the present system is the only feature of itself that has a sensible foundation.

Armed with these arguments as a foundation the lobby from the territory will go to Washington to back up the measures as provided for in the bill introduced by Congressman Little.

POLICEMAN KILLED

MOBILE, Ala., Dec. 30.—Policeman Haggerty was shot and instantly killed early today by an unknown white man whom he had under arrest. The murderer escaped and has not been captured. The killing occurred in the heart of the city within a block of the police station.

BUSINESS IS BETTER THAN EVER BEFORE

Express Companies Say Holiday Traffic Was Greater Than They Have Known in This City

The express companies doing business in this city report that the holiday traffic was greater through the offices here than ever before. It came from all parts of the world through Fort Worth, and it went from here to every section of the world. It was of all classes, and in large and small packages.

"We did a bigger business than we have ever done," said Local Agent McGinnis of the Wells Fargo. "We had less trouble handling it than ever before, and the packages were gotten out in quicker time. We had old, exprienced men doing the inside work, and that is where the congestion first interferes with quick dispatch. The express companies have no kick on the business for this holiday season."

Local Agent Edgill of the Pacific was enthusiastic when asked to talk about holiday business. "We had more of it than we ever had," he said this morning. "Although we have many men new in the business working for us now, we got the stuff out and in better shape than we have ever done. There is no doubt of the prosperity of the state. It shows in the Christmas shipments, and we are well pleased with what has come to us."

FIND MASTODON'S TUSK

Workmen Digging Austin's Storm Sewer Get Rare Specimen

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 30.—(Special.)—The digging of the storm sewer on Congress avenue in this city has proceeded in a business-like kind of way, and is finished to Fourth street. So far it has furnished the basis for some interesting stories.

On Third street, $26 in silver money was found, which recalled the fact that years ago a business house had been looted and this money is supposed to have been dropped by the robbers in their hasty exit, which has gradually become buried several feet below the surface in the intervening years.

Last evening, between Fourth and Fifth streets, a substance was unearthed which is believed to be the tusk of some antediluvian animal.

Professor C. P. Scrivener of the State University, who is engaged in making a geological and typographical map of Texas, for exhibition at the St. Louis fair, examined the specimen and, although not prepared to state upon a mere cursory investigation that the substance was actually a part of the remains of such an animal, says there are many indications pointing that way, and with other members of the state geological surveying corps, will make further study of the find.

The specimen is one foot in diameter and three feet long. It was unearthed by one of the men, who took it to be merely a portion of a large tree.

The discovery is attracting the attention of every man in Austin of any scientific attainments.

SORE LUNGS

Are often the forerunners of pneumonia and consumption. If your lungs feel sore, lose no time but get a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup and use it according to directions. You will find quick relief and be permanently cured.

Coughs, colds, bronchitis, asthma, pneumonia, grippe and consumption are quickly



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DR. BULL'S COUGH SYRUP

THE ONE THAT CURES

I have used Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup and know it to be a valuable remedy and the best on the market. I voluntarily state that it saved me from a quick burial by curing me of consumption, into which I was fast drifting as the result of a heavy cold. I must give Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup all the credit that it deserves. F. J. Jacobs, 145 E. 15th Street, New York City.

AVOID SUBSTITUTES. Always ask for Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, the old reliable, which has been on the market for fifty years. *It is the only one that cures.* Price 25c., 50c. and $1.00. Look for the "Bull's Head" trade-mark on the wrapper. Refuse substitutes, they are dangerous and do not cure. A. C. MEYER & CO., Baltimore, Md.

NAVAJO BLANKET CORNER THREATENS TO BE SERIOUS

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Dec. 30.—A corner in Navajo blankets.

Sounds good, does it not?

Much like a corner in cotton or wheat or corn, or starch or sugar or even Standard oil.

Time was when a Navajo blanket was so much dirt, worth $3 like any woolen blanket made in New England or Philadelphia.

Then the good people "back east" hadn't any idea that a Navajo blanket was worth more than any other blanket, that it was more beautiful, that it was unique, that it would wear seventeen hundred times as long. They sniffed when you showed them one and looked wise and said that the soft kind from the mills were much more comfortable to sleep under.

Now they have learned wisdom. Now they know that a real Navajo is a rare treasure to be struggled for and prized, to hang up in the Indian corner, to show to one's friends. They know also that one blanket means another, that a collection is the thing and that one's curio corner is not complete without half a dozen of the bright colored rugs. It took a long time to bring this around, many expeditions to the great southwest, many books and pamphlets on the Navajos and their curious wares. They bought a blanket and another and still another; then they became collectors, and now the Navajo blanket is a staple much like wool or cotton or wheat or chocolate drops. We must have 'em and the precious Indians have found it out.

Now a Navajo is so constituted that he will work only when it is necessary to work in order not to starve. He is in many respects the highest type of the genus hobo. He has a philosophy that work is the last resort and then that the women should do it.

LET THE WOMEN WORK

"Let the women do the work" is a maxim in Navajo society circles that has been current for centuries before the author of "Hiawatha" emerged from his blissful state. All of which leads back to the original statement—

A corner in Navajo blankets.

During the past year the Navajos have had good crops. Their corn has done exceedingly well. Their sheep have prospered and the edict has gone forth: "We and our women will work no more until the corn is gone and the money for our wool is spent."

Therefore there will be no more blankets made on the reservation for quite awhile. Most of the traders have sold their stocks to dealers here and elsewhere and as a result, according to a well known trader of the reservation who is now in Albuquerque, it is impossible to buy 200 pounds of blankets in the whole Navajo country.

PRICE WILL SOAR

The result is that unless the merchants of Albuquerque who make a specialty of this commodity are inclined to be generous, the price of Navajo blankets will go up within the next few days, way up.

The Benham Indian Trading Company, the heaviest dealers in Navajo blankets in the world, have about three-fourths of the Navajo blankets now on the market. The large portion of the remaining one-fourth is held by Albuquerque dealers. They have been buying right through the year and as a result their shelves and warerooms are full, while the rest of the world is howling for blankets.

The Benham Indian Trading Company at its headquarters here, and at its branch stores in New York, Pittsburg, Pa., Chicago, Phoenix and Los Angeles, has an immense stock of blankets from which it will probably reap a harvest within the next few weeks, or until the fresh crop of blankets is turned out on the reservation. The price of the blankets to Albuquerque people isn't likely to be raised, but the people in the east and away from the centers of the industry will find out what a corner in blankets means.

It has grown into a great industry, almost beyond the conception of the people who are not on the inside. When men write books and stories about a certain class of articles, the country gets interested and the country buys. The country is buying Navajo blankets, and that is one of the reasons that the Benham Indian Trading Company and the few smaller similar concerns in the southwest are prospering. But they, like the consumers, are hoping that the Indians will soon go to work again, for the supply is running short.

It is probable that the Indians will begin weaving again soon after the first of the year, for the corn is getting low and prospects on the reservation for next year are not particularly bright.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST

For Fort Worth and vicinity until 8 p. m. Thursday—Tonight and Thursday, fair weather with pleasant temperature.

For Texas east of the 100th meridian, issued at New Orleans—Tonight and Thursday, fair weather; warmer tonight except near coast.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

No storms have developed during the past twenty-four hours and the weather chart shows clear and normal conditions throughout the country this morning with the exception of the extreme northeast portion over the St. Lawrence valley.

The lowest temperature is still over the lake region and Ohio valley section where it ranges from about 4 degress below to 6 degrees above zero. Elsewhere the temperature is quite uniform, ranging in the southern states from about 32 to 40 degrees and from 20 to 30 degrees throughout the middle and northwestern states, and about 20 degrees in the Rocky mountain states.

Clear dry weather continues in the wheat and cotton belt states.

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. fall.
Abilene	30	56	lt.	.00
Amarillo	22	56	12	.00
Atlanta	34	50	20	.00
Bismarck	-4	28	8	.00
Chicago	-4	22	22	.06
Cincinati	6	36	8	.04
Davenport	-4	24	lt.	.00
Denver	28	58	10	.00
Santa Fe	22	40	8	.00
Detroit	4	26	12	.02
El Paso	26	54	lt.	.00
Fort Worth	32	59	7	.00
Galveston	52	66	8	.00
Jacksonville	40	64	10	.00
Kansas City	16	38	lt.	.00
Little Rock	34	56	lt.	.00
Miles City	24	44	lt.	.00
Montgomery	32	58	6	.00
New Orleans	44	64	10	.00
North Platte	12	48	12	.00
Oklahoma	30	56	8	.00
Palestine	40	58	lt.	.00
Pittsburg	6	34	10	.08
St. Louis	8	38	6	.00
St. Paul	-6	4	lt.	.00
Salt Lake	16	32	lt.	.00
San Antonio	42	68	6	.00
Shreveport	32	56	lt.	.00

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BLOW ON HIS JAW GAVE A MAN BACK HIS MEMORY

Marvelous Exhibition of Dual Memory in the Case of Charles Dubois, Who Has Just Returned to Gibson City, Ill., After Long Absence Which He Cannot Explain

QUINCY, Ill., Dec. 30.—A marvelous case of dual personality has been disclosed since the arrival here last Friday of Charles Du Bois, who is 28 years old and whose family home is in Gibson City, Ill. He became, figuratively speaking, another man for several months, until the memory of his previous life came to him suddenly while he was acting as a common seaman on a ship. The story of his experience is supported by plenty of evidence.

Du Bois went to Louisiana seven years ago to work on a rice plantation. Five years later he and another young man named Albert Carlisle agreed to run a rice plantation on shares near Gueydan, La.

One Sunday morning in June, 1902, Du Bois says he got in his buggy to go to church in Gueydan. While on the way he suddenly dropped out of existence so far as his memory was concerned. When the memory of his former career returned he was four hundred miles from the United States coast, and was on the full-rigged sailing ship Endymion, bound for Diego, Suariez, Madagascar. The vessel was flying the Russian flag, but Swedish was mostly spoken on board, and the captain's name was Peterson.

When Du Bois recovered his former self a storm was raging and the right side of his jaw was paining him. A lurch of the ship had sent him sprawling on the deck. The shock of the fall had caused him to regain the memory of his career, but at the same time he was bewildered by his strange surroundings and by finding himself a seaman.

He was attempting to collect his thoughts when the mate of the ship ordered him to make fast the sails, but the work seemed so new to him that he required instructions. Every task which he was ordered to perform subsequently was strange to him, though he was informed that he had done seaman's work satisfactorily while he was in his other psychical state.

SHIPPED AT PENSACOLA

Du Bois says the mate told him that he, Du Bois, had gone aboard the Endymion at Pensacola, Fla., on the afternoon of August 18, 1902, and together with a German, a Frenchman and two negroes, had signed as sailors before the mast. Du Bois found his own signature on the ship's book, though he had not the slightest recollection of having penned it.

The mate also told Du Bois that the latter had acted in a peculiar manner but that it had occasioned not much comment. The Endymion after discharging her cargo at the Madagascar port went to the Island of Reunion and next to Rangoon, British Burmah, and finally, after several delays and trying experiences, dropped anchor in the harbor of Leith, Scotland, on Dec. 1 last.

Du Bois says he was paid $145 and he made haste to return to his home in Illinois. He reached New York Dec. 14 and last Friday arrived here, where his sister, Mrs. R. O. Beadles, lives. He had written to her from Madagascar and had told her of his remarkable experience.

The only clue that Du Bois had regarding his whereabouts between that Sunday in June, 1902, when he started for church in Louisiana, and August 18 following when he woke to his former self on board the Endymion, was the information given to him by the German who shipped as seaman with him at Pensacola. The German told Du Bois that he first saw the latter working on a fishing smack, while he, the German, was on another smack. They met and became friends soon after.

The only other experience that Du Bois ever had in the way of his memory leaving him was a couple of weeks before the date of his long disappearance. He says he was in Gueydan, La., and then all was blank until he found himself on a pier in Galveston, Texas.

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Mrs. Katie Patterson to Henry C. Coke and others, lot 13, block C5, Daggett's addition; $30.

Jno. Dolan to R. Michero lot 14, block 33, Jennings south addition; $2,100.

L. G. Hailey and wife to Jennie Rudisill part of block 10, Daggett's second addition; $855.65.

G. W. Showers, administrator, to Wm. A. Manion lots 3 and 4, block 1, Glenwood addition; $1,000.

J. M. Knight and wife to T. F. Scarborough 32 acres Hiram Little survey; $1,000.

The Fort Worth Development Co. to Geo. W. Deats lot 9, block 103, lot 17, block 106, M. G. Ellis addition; $400.

Geo. W. Deats to H. C. Griffin lot 16, block 1, Greenwood subdivision; $887.50.

North Fort Worth Townsite Co. to Mary A. Haley lots 10 and 11, block 48, North Fort Worth; $400.

Sarah Snodderly and others to Jas. Duncan one-half lot 1, block 3, Smith & Hirshfield's addition; $275.

Geo. B. Monnig and wife and others to Nicolo Lalacono lot 17, block 5, Kennedy's addition; $850.

Ida Sloan and others to Charles Schuman, lot 15, block 29, M. G. Ellis addition; $350.

R. Vickery to G. W. Fincher lot 3, block 22, Glenwood addition; $300.

R. Vickery to G. W. Fincher and wife 2.46 acres J. W. Haynes survey; $400.

W. H. Murphy and others to Lee Harrisoon lot 24, block 4, Goldsmith's subdivision; $1,250.

Jos. W. Adams and wife to W. L. Norwood lot 4, block 3, Moodie & Evans subdivision; $225.

J. J. Scott to G. H. Power 3 acres H. G. Catlett survey; $1.

Fort Worth Real Estate Co. to F. L. West, lot 13, block 4, Union Depot addition; $1,500.

Fort Worth Stock Yards Co. and others to Jos. B. Googins part of 5-acre tract, North Fort Worth; valuable consideration.

J. G. Valentine and others to James Elson 160 acres Joel Chivers survey; $2,500.

J. M. Berry and others to J. G. Valentine 160 acres Joel Chivers survey; $500.

J. H. Hicks and wife to J. T. Pherson and others 130 acres Michael Ozee survey, 108 acres Hiram Little survey; $7,254.

CARS CLEAN SINCE CARDS ARE POSTED

The Law Against Spitting Is Being Generally Observed on the Street Cars in Fort Worth

There is a noticeable improvement in the condition of the cars of the Northern Texas Traction Company since the cards warning of the city ordinance against spitting have been posted.

Before The Telegram commenced its campaign against spitting in the cars, the cars were almost too unclean for ladies and gentlemen. The conductors were unable to control the matter without some help. The city ordinance has been invoked, and now the spitting has stopped.

An amusing story is told of a stock yards car. One passenger insisted on spitting in the car although warned by the conductor that the law prescribed a penalty. The passenger said "To h—l with your law," and continued to show just how filthy and dirty he could be, by expectorating in a circle all about him. The conductor took a position on the front end of the car and watched for a Main street policeman. As soon as he saw one, he called him, and the policeman responded at once. When the spitting passenger saw the policeman get on the front end of the car, he went out the rear door, and disappeared in the crowd on the streets.

The law will be effective, and clean cars are the result.

MINNESOTA MAN MIGHT BE KING

Believed, However, That He Would Rather Run Farm Than Rule Servia

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—A writer in the St. James Gazette discussing the persistent rumor that the Servian king is about to abdicate because he is disappointed with his people, says that the world contains a lot of pretenders to the throne who do not really pretend because they prefer to keep off that dangerous elevation, cables the London correspondent of the Times.

The most interesting of pretenders, the writer adds, is the Minnesota farmer, John Boyne Vouhazer, thought to be descended from Milesh Obilich and through him connected with the last Servian ruler. Whether he would be willing to assume royalty is not known.

INTERESTING PROGRAM

Given by the Children of the Confederacy at the Court House

The musical entertainment given in the basement of the court house last night by the Children of the Confederacy, under the direction of Miss Mattie Melton, who always manifests much interest in the work among the children, was a very enjoyable affair, and was well attended, although very few of the "old veterans" were present.

The program consisted of vocal solos, violin and piano solos and duets.

The different numbers were well rendered.

Among those who took part in the program were Miss Melton and Minnie Luther, piano duet; Fannie Masterson, violin solo; Byron Gernsbacher, vocal solo; Gladis Randall, piano solo; Delia Telfair, vocal solo; Elsie Lofton, piano solo, Frances Long, song; Minnie Luther, vocal solo; Pearl Tarkington, piano solo.

When the musical portion of the program had been rendered, the hall was cleared of chairs and the young people enjoyed a two hours' dance.

Light refreshments were served.

NON-REGISTERED DOCTORS

At Hot Springs Get Injunction Against Government Officials

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 30.—United States District Judge Jacon Trieber yesterday granted a temporary injunction restraining the officers of the interior department at Hot Springs from interference with the patients of certain non-graduate physicians who allege that the government prevents them from prescribing to their patients the use of the hot waters on the government reservation.

The rule of the secretary of the interior under which the superintendent of the government reservation acts permits any person to use the waters who may desire to do so, if not under medical treatment, but if under medical treatment, then the use of the waters is denied unless such physician is registered in conformity with the regulations of the department.

MARY ANDERSON ON STAGE AGAIN

American Favorite Gives Readings in London for Benefit of the Poor

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—For the first time since her retirement, nearly fifteen years ago, Mary Anderson (Madame De Navarro), the famous American actress, has reappeared on the stage, says a Herald dispatch from London.

The event took place at the People's Palace, in the east end of London at an entertainment given by the Rev. Father Bernard Vaughan for the poor, sick and suffering, among whom he labors. She sang several songs and read the balcony scene from Romeo and Juliet.

EXPANSION OF THE FRISCO IS CONTEMPLATED

Learned From Trustworthy Source That It Will Enter Denver Over Its Own Line in 1904

According to information from what is considered trustworthy sources it is learned here today that the Frisco system is to expand, and has plans under way to purchase the El Paso and Southwestern which has obtained valuable concessions in Mexico.

It is also learned here that in a few days the official announcement will be made that the Rock Island and Frisco offices in Denver are not to be consolidated, but that the jurisdiction of the Frisco office is to be greatly enlarged.

There is a report that the Frisco will, during the coming year, build into Denver, which means that the Rock Island will also run into Denver over the tracks of the Frisco.

There are high officials of the Rock Island in Denver this week, and it is said their presence has to do with important changes and it is regarded as extremely probable they are making arrangements for constructing their own line into Denver.

It is also learned here that the Frisco is laying plans to get possession of the El Paso and Southwestern. A concession has been granted this company by the Mexican government to extend the line into the Yaqui country and on through to the Port of Labos, on the Pacific coast.

On account of these valuable concessions the Frisco very much desires to get control of the El Paso road which would give that company a great trunk line into and through the very heart of the republic.

Just how far negotiations have progressed, is not known here, but that such steps have been taken is well known.

FOR A DUAL TRACK MEET

Arrangements Between Cambridge, Oxford, Harvard and Yale Contemplated

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 30.—Negotiations probably will be resumed this winter between Yale and Harvard and the English universities, Cambridge and Oxford, looking to a dual in track athletic meeting in England next summer. Yale, it is understood here, stands ready to enter such a meet as last year, and is only waiting for the Harvard team to join the move. Last spring Harvard declined to go to England after Yale had made arrangements for the meet.

IN THE DEAD OF WINTER

Old Employes of Steel Company Are Discharged

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—On account of the closing of the Illinois Steel Company mill at South Chicago, 500 employes of the Chicago, Lake Shore and Eastern Railway which is operated by the steel company, have been laid off, and 130 more discharged. Among the men discharged were thirty of the oldest employes of the company, mostly engineers. All have been employed by the road from fifteen to twenty years.

Upon inquiry the men were told that the company must cut down expenses.

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SOUTHERN EUROPE LEADS THE LIST

Bulk of Immigrants During Past Year Came From That Section

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Immigration at this port in 1903 has passed all previous records. During the calendar year now ending 619,980 immigrants—steerage passengers—arrived here, as against 547,197 in 1902, an increase of 72,783. It is estimated that some 24,000 more foreigners will land before January 1, so that the total probably will be close on to 75,000. The year of 1902 was a record breaking year.

The increase over 1901 having been about 139,000. As was the case last year the heaviest immigration was during May, when 92,861 steerage passengers were admitted at New York. Almost as many came here on April. The immigration was larger every month of the current year, compared with the monthly figures in 1903, with the exception of the current month. Last December 36,000 immigrants, approximately, landed here. This month the number will probably not exceed 32,000.

Southern Europe contributed by far the largest proportion of the total. There was, however, a marked increase in the newcomers from northern and western Europe, especially Norway, Sweden and Denmark. Italy, nevertheless, leads all the rest. The exodus of Italian laborers, with whom the outward steamers were loaded early this month, has been a marked falling off.

R. C. VILAS DEAD

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Royal Coper Vilas, president of the Pyle National Electric Headlight Company, is dead at his residence here.

Mr. Vilas was born in Ogdensburg, N. Y. His boyhood was spent in Ogdensburg, and until seven years ago, when he came to Chicago, he lived in New York City, holding the position of general freight traffic manager of the Erie railroad. He was also at one time president of the New York Air Brake Company of New York City.

Mrs. Vilas, four sons and two daughters survive him. They are Royal C. Vilas, Jr., Logan A. Vilas, Lawrence S. Vilas and Ward A. Vilas of Chicago; Mrs. Elsie Hayden, New York City; Miss Eleanor Vilas, Chicago.

He was 61 years old. The Ontwesia Club of Lake Forest, the Pasadena Country Club, Pasadena, Cal., the Racket and Tennis Club of New York City, and the St. Lawrence Yacht Club are some of the clubs with which Mr. Vilas was connected.

INDIANS ARE IN DIRE DISTRESS

Agent at Muskogee Says That Many Have Applied for Aid This Winter

MUSKOGEE, I. T., Dec. 30.—Indian Agent Shoenfelt stated today that from information that had been coming in constantly for the past ten days from all parts of the territory, especially in the full-blood districts, that there has never been a winter since he has been in office that the Indians were so poverty stricken as at the present time. This is especially true in the Creek nation.

Mr. Shoenfelt says that the only reason that he can assign is that the Indians, believing that they had plenty of money in sight by realizing on their lands and the payment of the royal Creek claim, failed to put in as large crops as usual, and this coupled with the short crop year has reduced their supplies to the poverty line even this early in the winter. None of the Indians have realized on their land an dthe loyal Creek claim will not be paid until the hardest part of the winter is passed.

There is a peculiarity about Indians, however, that has helped them through such trials before and will no doubt do so in the present straits. The full-blood Indian is proud, too proud to ask succor from a white man, but charity develops in its fullest sense among the tribesmen when want comes on and any Indian will divide his last particle of food or clothing without question and without price when he sees that it is actually needed.

SOUTHWEST POSTAL MATTERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—These rural routes have been ordered established in Oklahoma February 1: Braman, Kay county, with three carriers; Graves, Custer county, with one carrier; Watika, Grant county, with two carriers.

Happened In Our Store

A man brought this prescription to us the other day:

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He asked what it would cost. We told him it would be worth 60 cents. He said he had been getting it filled for 35 cents. Now, Oil of Wintergreen can be bought for 65 cents per pound, the kind we fill your prescriptions with costs us $2.50 per pound of 12 ounces, or 21 cents per ounce. Which is the best Oil of Wintergreen the market affords.

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These rural carriers have been appointed:

Texas—Corn Hill, regular, W. N. Shavon; sub, Arrie Shavon; De Leon, regular, Will S. Beene; sub, Durward P. Lloyd; Grand Prairie, regular, James E. Witherspoon; sub, W. L. Witherspoon; Temple, regular, Clarence F. Masshart; sub, Charley Masshart; Tyler, regular, Elbert D. Rice; sub, C. Rice.

Oklahoma—Hennessey, regulars, Eugene R. Getzendanner, Isaac N. Chrisman; subs, Jim Waldon and Jennie A. Chrisman.

HOUSTON HAS A ROCK PILE

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 30.—The rock pile is to be revived. Yesterday Chief of Police Ellis called upon the mayor with the request for a couple of carloads of the hardest boulders to be secured from Maine to Arizona. The order was approved. Within a few days the tramps' nightmare will have commenced again.

As soon as possible the boulders are to be loaded into the jail compound, and thereafter all offenders against the ordinances not able to pay the penalty of their misdeeds from their pocketbooks will work it out among the boulders at less than the standard schedule.

VOLUNTEERS PLENTIFUL

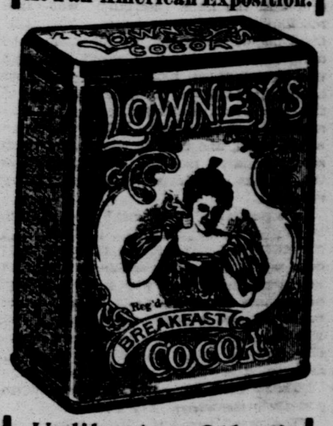
Japanese Have No Trouble Finding Soldiers in New York

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The Japanese consulate here is overwhelmed with offers of volunteers for service in the Japanese army in anticipation of war with Russia, cables the Times correspondent at Sydney, N. S. W. The consul has informed the applicants that it is impossible to accept foreigners for enlistment.

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Today's Market Quotations

Latest and Most Complete Report Printed in North Texas

NORTH FORT WORTH, Dec. 30.—Receipts of cattle today were in proportion to the light runs received Monday and Tuesday. The entire offering fell short of 400 head, the lightest supply for any day this week.

There was a good sprinkling of steers, though the majority of the stuff offered was of the medium fed kinds which sold steady and active with yesterday. One load of good quality feeders weighing 972 pounds brought $3.25, with the bulk of sales to the packers at $2.75@3.05.

Cows and heifers sold steady, the best range stuff selling at $2.35, with a range in sales between $2.00@2.25; medium butchers and strong canners bringing $1.75@2.00.

A few calves were offered, but the supply was hardly a fair market test. Bulls sold at unchanged prices, the best bringing $2.00, with the bulk at $1.85@1.90.

The hog market received a fair test today, three cars with a small supply of wagon hogs constituting the day's offering. There was very little change in values from Monday, the best quality selling at $4.75, with a slight loss on the bulk.

E. Kyle of Ripley, Ok., a regular patron to this market, sold one car of choice packing hogs, averaging 215 pounds, at $4.75, with one car of heavier hogs at the same price, and a drove of mixed packers at $4.70. Wagon hogs generally sold at $4.60, with a few sales of medium pigs at $4.35@4.40.

Although the supply has been light thus far this week the demand has been good and everything has been bought up on early markets at prices which favorably compare with Kansas City and St. Louis. Buyers are keeping in close touch with outside conditions and are to a certain extent assuming a bearish attitude on future hog values, their opinions being largiye influenced by the heavy receipts predicted for the northern markets and the bearish attitude taken by northern packers on lower prices.

Choice sorted hogs today are quoted at $4.65@4.75, mixed packers at $4.60@4.70, and pigs and lights at $4.35@4.80. Stockers and feeders will sell anywhere from $4.25@5, according to weight and quality.

TODAY'S SHIPPERS

CATTLE

W. J. Roby, Coleman	29
D. C. Brant, Jacksboro	41
Joe Payne, Graham	32
Edgar Kerr, Ector	53
A. J. Walker, Godley	28
Isaac Hart, Godley	29
J. J. Bond, Santo	28
C. F. Hutcheson, Bowie	55
J. M. Muncaby, Ardmore	29

HORSES AND MULES

J. T. Brown, Corsicana	22

HOGS

E. Kyle, Ripley, Ok.	86
C. J. Phillips, Skeedee, Ok.	70
C. C. Wilson, Mumford, Ok.	72
——, Flanigan, Texas	4
J. A. Martin, Tarrant	13
J. McGibson, Tarrant	6

COMPARATIVE RECEIPTS

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.	H. & M.
Today	400	350	....	25
Monday	630	315	332	94
Previous week	2,459	284	270	49

TOP PRICES TODAY

Steers	$3.25
Cows	2.35
Calves	3.00
Hogs	4.75

REPRESENTATIVE SALES

STEERS—The small supply of medium fed and grass steers sold early at Tuesday's quotations. One load of 972-pound feeders went to an outside buyer at $3.25, with the supply to the packers at $2.75@3.05. The sales:

No.	Ave.	Price.	No.	Ave.	Price.
25	972	$3.25	25	880	$3.05
4	750	3.00	23	768	2.75
1	650	2.15	2	590	2.10

BULLS.

1	1,150	2.25	1	1,340	2.00
9	971	1.90	1	1,040	1.90
2	290	1.85	1	1,040	1.85
1	1,040	1.85	1	1,260	1.85
1	920	1.65	18	760	1.90

HOGS—Hogs sold steady and active, the entire offering selling on the early market. The best, averaging 215 pounds, brought $4.75, with the bulk of sales at $4.70@4.75. The sales:

No.	Ave.	Price.	No.	Ave.	Price.
86	215	$4.75	70	221	$4.75
72	218	4.70	4	150	4.60
5	162	4.60	10	174	4.60
4	105	4.40	3	107	4.35

COWS—There was practically no change in values on this class of cattle today, the light run changing hands on the morning market at steady prices. Good range cows brought $2.35, with the average kinds at $2@2.25, and medium butchers at $1.75@2 The sales:

No.	Ave.	Price.	No.	Ave.	Price.
1	1,170	$2.75	31	813	$2.35
1	820	2.35	3	713	2.25
2	825	2.25	1	900	2.25
6	891	2.25	7	823	2.20
1	960	2.20	1	730	2.25
3	805	2.20	28	816	2.15
28	773	2.05	2	800	2.00
1	760	2.00	1	930	1.90
22	730	1.90	18	560	1.85
4	732	1.85	2	845	1.85
8	833	1.75	8	700	1.75

HEIFERS

9	684	2.25	1	670	2.15
1	545	2.00			

CALVES

1	240	3.00	1	250	2.75
9	226	2.25			

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COMPARATIVE RECEIPTS

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

	Today.	Last Year
Galveston	12,772	8,946
New Orleans	23,680	22,222
Mobile	821	3,072
Savanah	5,783	7,781
Total estimate	58,000	64,301
Memphis	6,186	3,768

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

The estimated receipts of cotton for tomorrow at the places named, compared with the receipts same day last year, are as follows:

	Tomorrow.	Last year.
New Orleans	13,000 to 14,000	8,707
Galveston	8,000 to 10,000	8,598
Houston	4,500 to 5,000	6,851

LIVERPOOL

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 30.—The market for spot cotton was weak in tone. Middlings, 7.24d. Receipts, 38,000 bales, American, 37,000 bales. Sales, 3,000 bales, American, 2,600 bales.

Futures opened weak and closed weak at the following range of prices:

	Open.	Close.
January-February	7.12	6.95
February-March	7.12	6.94-95
March-April	7.11	6.94-95
April-May	7.11	6.94
May-June	7.10	6.94
June-July	7.09	6.91
July-August	7.08-09	6.91-92
August-September	6.96-95	....
November-December	7.13	6.95.96
December-January	7.13	6.95

NEW ORLEANS

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 30.—The market for spot cotton was dull in tone. Middlings, 13¼c. Sales, 50 bales.

Futures closed steady at the following range of prices:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
January	13.44	13.39	12.95	12.96-98
March	13.78	13.85	13.35	13.36-37
May	14.15	14.17	13.65	13.65-66
July	14.22	14.35	13.81	13.81-82
December	13.07	13.07	12.95	12.95

NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The market for spot cotton was quiet in tone. Middlings, 13.50c. Sales, 4,410 bales.

Futures closed weak at the following range of prices:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
January	13.35	13.35	13.03	13.00-03
March	13.73	13.73	13.20	13.24-27
May	13.80	13.83	13.28	13.32-34
July	13.78	13.83	13.29	13.32-34
December	13.50	13.20	13.00	12.93-95

GRAIN—PROVISIONS

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—The grain and provisions markets ranged as follows today: (Furnished by Hoffman & Weaver.)

Wheat—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close
December	81	81¾	81	81⅞
July	78½	79⅛	78¼	78⅝
May	84	84⅝	83⅞	84¼
Corn—				
December	41½	41½	41½	41½
July	44⅜	44¾	44¼	44¾
May	44⅞	45⅛	44¾	45¼
Oats—				
December	35	36	35	36
July	34⅜	35	34⅜	34⅞
May	37⅜	38⅛	37½	38⅛
Pork—				
January	12.15	12.45	12.15	12.45
May	12.45	12.82	12.45	12.82
Lard—				
January	6.60	6.75	6.65	6.72
May	6.82	6.95	6.80	6.92
Ribs—				
January	6.30	6.35	6.30	6.35
May	6.55	6.65	6.55	6.65

NEW YORK STOCKS

(Furnished by Hoffman & Weaver.)

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close
Atchison	69⅜	69⅜	68½	68⅝
Amal. Copper, pfd.	51¼	51¾	50½	50⅞
Baltimore and Ohio	80½	80½	79⅛	79⅜
B. R. T.	53⅛	53¼	52⅝	52⅝
Ches. and Ohio	34	34¼	34	34⅛
Erie	29¾	29¾	29⅜	29¼
Illinois Central	131⅞	131⅞	131⅜	131⅜
Louis. and Nash.	110⅜	110½	109⅜	109⅝
Manhattan L	144½	144½	143¾	144
Missouri Pacific	96¾	96¾	95⅜	96
Metropolitan	123⅝	124	123⅝	124
M., K. and T., pfd.	41	41	39⅞	40½
New York Central	121	121¼	120½	121
Pennsylvania	119¾	120	119	119
Reading	46⅜	46⅞	45⅞	45⅞
Rock Island	24⅞	24⅞	23¾	23¾
Southern Pacific	50½	50⅝	49½	49¾
Southern Railway	21¾	21¼	20⅞	20⅞
St. Paul	147¼	147½	146¼	146¼
Amer. Sugar, ref.	127½	127½	127	127½
Texas and Pacific	26	26⅜	26	26¼
Tenn. Coal and ron	39	39	38	38⅛
Union Pacific	80¾	80⅞	79⅝	80⅜
U. S. Steel	12⅛	12¾	11½	12⅜
U. S. Steel, pfd.	57½	57⅝	56⅝	57½
Wabash, pfd	38	38	37½	37¾

New York call money, 5 per cent.

OPEN SEASON TO CLOSE

GUTHRIE, O. T., Dec. 30.—The open cattle season, which began November 1, will close on the night of December 31. The number of cattle which have been admitted across the territorial and federal quarantine lines this season will not be as large as the number admitted last year, according to a statement made by Secretary Tom Morris of the Oklahoma Live Stock Sanitary commission. Less trouble incidental to the admitting of cattle has been experienced this season than ever before.

NEW BANK AT COVINGTON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The application of J. W. Gilliam of Hillsboro, H. H. Simmons, D. N. McLarty, J. M. Bills, F. E. McLarty, T. M. Barron and W. King to organize the First National bank of Covington, Texas, with $25,000 capital, has been approved by the comptroller of currency.

AMARILLO BANK GETS A CHARTER

Savings Association With Capital of Fifteen Thousand Is Incorporated

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 30.—(Special.)—The following organizations were chartered today:

The Blaylock Publishing Company of Dallas, with a capital stock of $20,000.

The Amarillo Savings Company of Amarillo, with a capital stock of $15,000.

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Alex Shepard's barn in Hyde Park was burned last night. The loss amounted to $600, with no insurance.

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Investigations show the burning of the property on the race course here yesterday to be of incendiary origin.

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Gustave Adolph Piermann, a baker of La Grange, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy today. Liabilities $1,800, with assets for $3,200.

COTTON EXCITED

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Cotton trading was exceedingly active again today. The market was nervous and unsettled. Fluctuations were wildly erratic again. May and March made big declines from bear raids.

IN NEW ORLEANS

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 30.—Liquidation still continued on the cotton market today and forced prices down from twenty-four to thirty-nine points.

CRUISER DETROIT TO SAN DOMINGO

Heavier Vessel Sent to Relieve Scorpion and Protect American Interests

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Cabling from Port Au Spain to the navy department Admiral Lamberton states that he has ordered the cruiser Detroit to Santo Domingo to relieve the Scorpion, which was ordered there yesterday.

BURNED TO DEATH AT GAINESVILLE

Mrs. Charley Mincus, Aged 30, the Vicitm of a Fatal Accident

GALVESTON, Texas, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Charley Mincus, aged 30 years, residing on North Richie street, was burned to death this morning by her clothes being sucked into an air tight heater.

KIDNAPERS

Are Believed to Have Secured Miss Ethel Rovelle of Birmingham, Ala.

MERIDIAN, Miss., Dec. 30.—The continued absence of Miss Ethel Rovelle, of Birmingham, the mising heiress to several millions and the total lack of any news of her whereabouts has convinced her relatives here whom she was visiting that the girl has been kidnaped. The police can find no trace of the girl. She disappeared last Wednesday afternoon.

She is said to have inherited a vast fortune from Mrs. Minerva Binford of Denver, Colo., who died recently. The family of the girl in Birmingham is almost crazed from grief.

EDWARDS' BOND $1,000

WAXAHACHIE, Texas, Dec. 30.—(Special.)—John Edwards, charged with killing Sam Reisman at Ennis Monday night, had an examining trial yesterday. At the conclusion of the hearing his bond was fixed at $1,000, which he readily gave.

SCHOOLS IN TERRITORY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Miss Estelle Reel, superintendent of the Indian schools, left here on an official visit of Oklahoma and the Indian Territory schools.

WILLIAMS RESIGNED

Vice President Barr Elected Head of the Seaboard

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—At a meeting of the directors of the Seaboard Air Line today, John Skelton Williams resigned the presidency, and Vice President Barr was elected president. General Manager Williams was elected chairman of the board of directors.

TWO QUESTIONS IN TERRITORY

A. B. Fincher Says Statehood and Education Are Discussed by Everybody

"The absorbing questions in the Indian Territory just at this time are educational and statehood," said A. B. Fincher, superintendent of the public schools at Marlow, I. T.

There was a meeting recently held at Chickasha of the school and directors association, composed of those interested in educational matters along the line of the Rock Island through the Indian Territory.

At this meeting matters pertaining to the schools of the territory were discussed, as it was the opinion of the convention that some action should be taken looking to an improvement of the present conditions.

It was finally agreed that congress should be petitioned to take recognition of the conditions and be asked to provide relief in the way of making an appropriation of funds for school purposes.

A committee composed of A. B. Fincher, W. M. Payne, judge of the federal court at Chickasha, and Mr. Benedict, superintendent of the Indian Territory schools, was named to draft a petition which was a few days ago forwarded to congress, asking the relief sought, and to provide for the schools of the Indian Territory as has been done in the Philippine Islands. A similar petition was also sent to the secretary of interior.

The action of the convention, Mr. Fincher believes, will result in congress taking recognition of the deplorable situation.

Mr. Fincher says that there are now in the Indian Territory about 100,000 children without educational facilities. Under present conditions there is no appropriations for school purposes from the federal government, and the schools now being conducted are kept going by local taxation in only towns that are incorporated. Small towns are, therefore, without public schools, hence the necessity of the federal government making an appropriation.

George Beck, supervisor of schools in the Chickasaw nation, advocates statehood as about the only relief, and on this account the teachers and school directors along the Rock Island are doing all they can for statehood, either separate or double—they don't care which.

All the pupils in the various public schools are indicting letters to congress, asking that the Indian Territory be admitted into the union of states.

SIGNBOARD IS BEING PAINTED

The Telegram's sign board on Jennings avenue and Jarvis street which is to bear Miss Bess McLean's prize suggestion was covered with its first coat of white paint late yesterday afternoon. Another coat will be placed on it and then it will be ready for the new sign, suggested by Miss McLean and which was judged the best of the several hundred suggestions that were sent in.

The Telegram's sign board is eighty feet in length and will bear the following words: "Owns Its Own Home. FORT WORTH TELEGRAM. Everybody. Everywhere. Everything. Everyday." The first phrase will be painted on a strip of the board which is not at long as the remainder and is on top of it. The words "Fort Worth Telegram" will occupy the main body of the sign and the other four words will be placed in the four corners.

The suggestions for this sign board were numerous and came from all parts of Texas and the territories, besides several from other states. Many of them were very excellent and it took the judges some time to decide which was the best. The consensus of opinion of the judges rested with Miss McLean's suggestion, however, and it is her design that will be placed on the board.

LATE CITY NEWS

FEDERAL COURT

In the federal court the case of G. A. Hatt charged with sending obscene matter through the mail is on trial.

Ollie Brown charged with forging the signature to a money order was found guilty.

James Thornton charged with post-office robbery, was found guilty.

J. H. Briggs of Uvalde county, owner of the mines which produce the asphalt being used on Houston street, is in the city a guest of General Manager McCollum of the Parker-Washington Company.

THE NEW BARN COMMENCED

Ground was broken today at noon on East Front street for the construction of the new car barn by the Northern Texas Traction Company. A large force of men will be put to work and the building will be hurried to completion.

Statistics show that in fifty years the average height of British men has risen an inch. The present average height for a man of 30 is 5 feet 8 1-2 inches.

SIXTEEN REPORTED KILLED

(3 P. M.)

MISSOULA, Mont., Dec. 30.—Word has just reached here that the east bound Twin City limited on the Northern Pacific was wrecked near Troy this morning. It is reported sixteen were killed and a large number injured. The entire train was ditched.

IN THE COURTS

The only item of news about the court house today was a letter received by County Judge Milam from a woman who lives at Johnson Station. She wants a divorce and alleges that her husband has abandoned her—gone with another—taking all their ready cash, and leaving three small children for her to care for.

The woman says she is too poor to retain counsel and is willing to plead her own case when the matter comes up in court.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Two licenses were issued this morning by the county clerk, as follows:

Charles W. Walker and Miss Allie Varnell.

A. E. Jones and Miss G. A. Labaume.

CASES FILED TODAY

The following cases were filed in the district court this morning:

W. H. Patterson vs. the Texas and Pacific railway company, damages.

Mary Davis vs. Luther Davis, divorce.

W. B. Wells vs. Florence Wells, divorce.

DELEGATES TO THE CONVENTION

Fort Worth Men Who Are Expected to Attend Portland Meeting Are Named

From the 11th to the 15th, inclusive, will be held the annual convention of the National Live Stock Association at Portland, Ore., and from present indications there will be a very fair attendance of stockmen from Texas.

The contest for the 1905 convention of the association promises to be more interesting than at any previous meeting. El Paso has announced her candidacy and is preparing to attend the convention with two special cars of delegates from this state, most all of whom will do what they can to bring the next meeting to this state. There will be some 180 delegates from Texas. Denver is also a candidate, but is not as active in its work to secure the meeting as is El Paso. The delegates from that city have secured a noted Mexican band to accompany the Texas delegates to Portland.

Among the delegates appointed from Fort Worth are the following: E. E. Baldridge, J. W. Spencer, George Beggs, R. H. Brown, A. P. Bush, Ben Tillar, Crowley Bros., Devitt & Flato, O. E. and L. H. Flato, Hovenkamp & McNatt, J. L. Johnson, Sol Mayer & Bro., D. B. Gardner, George T. Reynolds and possibly several others who have not yet announced.

There are a number of important matters to come up in the convention that interest the cattlemen of Texas in the way of desired congressional legislation, and for this reason, if for no other, the attendance of Texas stockmen will be reasonably large.

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There was no meeting of the Young Men's Democratic Club last night because of the absence of a quorum.

Rev. D. S. Moten, pastor of A. M. E. church, corner First and Elm streets, returned home from Paul Quinn College at Waco this morning, and will meet his congregation at 7:30 this evening.

Cotillon and dance at Foote's hall New Year's eve (tomorrow night), and grand New Year's ball at Foote's hall, Friday night. Ladies free.

Mrs. H. C. Graham and Miss Winifred Graham of Brandon, Manitoba, have apartments at the Metropolitan.

WE CLOSE

At 12 O'Clock—Noon

New Year's Day!

Monnig's

WARD SIGNS A GOOD TEAM FOR NEXT SEASON

Fort Worth League Club Has But One Vacancy and It Will Soon Be Filled With a Good Man

Short stop is the only hole in the Fort Worth league team for next season, and Manager W. H. Ward is now after a short stop who has been playing with the Southern League to block that vacancy.

Manager Ward believes he has framed up a good, strong team for the Northern Texas League, representing Fort Worth. He has been quietly working signatures, until he has a good bunch signed, seven of whom were with the Fort Worth team last season. The pitchers signed are Jarvis, Boles and Jackson. McMurray will catch again. Willis is down on the list for first base; Reitz for second base; Tullar for third; Disch for center; Dewey for left, and Poindexter for right. Stevens has put his name to a contract as an extra outfielder and Arnold as an extra infielder. With this crowd Manager Ward is going after the pennant and he expects to land it.

His team has orders to report March 15 for practice. All of the team will not be here for the first games with the big league clubs, but after March 15 all games with big league clubs will be played with the full Fort Worth team.

Ted Sullivan blew in town late yesterday afternoon. He is modest and retiring in disposition, but as full of information as ever. Just at present he is route agent for the White Sox, Comiskey's team. This team from Chicago will spend some time at the hot wells at Marlin, Texas, and Ted is arranging a route into and out of that resort. He looked real homelike with his feet under a table at the White Elephant yesterday, and when he talked to Manager Ward, he was quite cordial. Ted arranged for the White Sox to place two games here. One of these will be March 6 and the other March 13.

Manager Ward has already arranged for games by Cincinnati March 19 and 20, 26 and 27 and April 2 and 3. There will be a game with the Cleveland team April 4.

Mr. Ward said this morning: "I feel confident for the next season. If the other towns will just make the effort to bring as good material into the league as I am doing, Texas can have good ball, and have it every day."

HARVEY CASE MAY REACH CONGRESS

Brosius Says Indian Rights Association Will Not Let Up Prosecution

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The case of George I. Harvey, superintendent of the Pawnee reservation, may be taken to congress. The understanding has been that Harvey was to be permitted by Secretary Hitchcock to resign, although Commissioner Jones of the Indian bureau recommended that he be removed. The decision of Secretary Hitchcock to accept his resignation was due to the influence of the Kansas members of congress, who insisted that the inspector who investigated the charges against Harvey did not make out a clear case and that the secretary would be doing him an injustice if he removed him.

Harvey has not resigned, although it was said at the interior department more than a month ago that his resignation would be forthcoming without delay. Today S. M. Brosius, the Washington representative of the Indian Rights Association, who filed the charges against Harvey, was at the Indian bureau in consultation with Commissioner Jones about the case. Mr. Brosius wanted to know when Harvey would get out of the government service. The commissioner referred him to Secretary Hitchcock, who gave him no satisfaction.

"I understand that Harvey is telling the people of the Pawnee reservation that he does not intend to resign and that the interior department has vindicated him," said Brosius. "My understanding has been that he was to resign his position on January 1. It looks as if he would not be disturbed, although the inspector who investigated the charges substantiated them and Commissioner Jones has insisted that he be removed. I want to find out just what disposition is to be made of the case, so that the Indian Rights Association will know how to proceed. The association has not let up on Harvey by any means. If the interior department permits him to remain in the Indian service, a resolution may be offered directing the secretary of the interior to send all of the facts in the case to congress."

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ATTENTION LADIES' AUXILIARY TO A. O. X.

Our members are requested to be at the Catholic church in the morning at 9 o'clock to attend the funeral of the infant baby of our sister, Mary A. Kelly. By order of the president.

DANCE AT ROSEN INN

About Twenty Couples Enjoy Dance and Reception

North Side society folk last night were tendered a dance and reception at the Rosen Inn, Marine, by the members of the Marine Social Club. About twenty couples attended and all enjoyed themselves to the fullest extent. Luncheon was served in the dining hall of the hotel.

Artificial rubies are now successfully made up to 12 or 15 carats by M. Vernuel, a scientist of Paris.

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THE ROSEN FRANCHISE

The Telegram has been asked the following questions:

What percentage of the gross receipts should Sam Rosen pay for a street railway franchise?

Would not the streets asked for by Mr. Rosen be the key to a future valuable franchise and should his payment be sufficient to cover future extensions and would it not sell at a higher price if offered to the best bidder?

Will the franchise, if granted, not advance the price of the lots on Rosen Heights, and ought Mr. Rosen be willing to pay the city in proportion to that enhanced value?

The Telegram is glad there is sufficient interest being taken in this matter to bring out these questions. First, the city should not grant the franchise until there is a provision incorporated in the ordinance that the city will get a percentage of the gross receipts. The council and the mayor are on record that municipal franchise grants must pay a tribute to the city and so emphatically has the mayor spoken that The Telegram is convinced he will veto any ordinance which does not provide for a payment for a valuable right. The Independent Telephone Company is required by its franchise to pay the city 2 per cent of its gross receipts for the first ten years, 3 per cent for the succeeding five years and 3½ per cent for every year thereafter. Taking this as a basis, it must be borne in mind that Mr. Rosen's franchise will be more valuable. It will give him the right to occupy one-third of every street on which the track will be constructed, it will give him almost an exclusive right in the section of the city in which he will operate and for each succeeding year the right will become more valuable. Therefore Mr. Rosen should pay a higher price than the telephone company.

It is true the streets asked for by Mr. Rosen would be the key to a valuable franchise, but there is no reason to believe it would sell in the open market. Mr. Rosen is probably the only man in the country today who wants this franchise and he wants it to improve his suburban town lots. Some day the franchise for which Mr. Rosen now petitions the council, will be valuable to other companies, but it is hardly possible they would want to come here today and make an investment in competition with the Northern Texas Traction Company. Mr. Rosen wants the franchise to help him sell his plotted property north of the city. The percentage of the gross receipts of his company should be made to cover all extensions, it matters not in what direction or when constructed.

The third question cuts two ways. The query is whether Mr. Rosen should pay in proportion to the increase in the price of the lots he will sell. The council should take this matter into consideration it is true, but the council should also consider that Fort Worth will be benefited as well by the enterprise of Mr. Rosen. If Mr. Rosen succeeds in establishing a suburban town at Rosen Heights, Fort Worth will be the trading point and Fort Worth will profit in proportion to the extent that section is inhabited. Fort Worth benefits by such suburbs, and it would be well for this city if Arlington Heights, Riverside and Rosen Heights were as thickly populated as Glenwood is today.

Charge Mr. Rosen for his franchise, but grant it to him and so condition it that it cannot be consolidated with any competing line without municipal consent.

THE ECLIPSES IN 1904

The astronomers in America will not have an opportunity to view an eclipse of the sun during the year 1904, although two are scheduled for that twelve months.

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It will be 1905 before there will be an interesting eclipse to scientists. It will be in August, 1905, and the darkness will extend from Labrador to Spain.

The annular eclipse of 1904 occurs March 16. The track of the annular extends from the eastern coast of Africa, just north to Madagascar, across the Indian ocean to Siam in Farther India, and then just north of the Philippines into the Pacific ocean.

The total eclipse of the sun in 1904 occurs September 9, and the track of totality extends from the Marshall Islands in the central Pacific ocean to the northern extremity of Chile.

The Palmyra Islands are the only observing stations included in the track, and probably the eclipse will not be observed unless by some of the European scientists.

The planets in 1904 will present no phenomena of unusual interest. Mars will not be in conjunction, but Jupiter and Saturn are coming north, and are thus more accessible to astronomers in the northern hemisphere.

The general public has shown its appreciation of the police and the fire departments by the liberal patronage accorded the balls given recently by the two organizations, for the benefit of the funds of the relief societies the two organizations maintain. It is true the firemen and the police get paid for what they do, but there is no salary which will pay these men for the times they risk their lives for the safety of the person and property of other people. It is a risk which comes in the line of duty, it is true, but nevertheless it should be given the proper appreciation from a sentimental standpoint. No person can pay for heroism. It does not come in the natural order of things. When the fireman and the policeman accept the positions in the different departments, they do so expecting to make a living for themselves and their families. Not one of them anticipates the time when he will be a hero. But the time is presented in the course of duty, and when it is presented, he shows himself the man. Many are injured in the discharge of duty, and it is to care for them that the benevolent funds have been created.

President Roosevelt will be a very busy man New Year's day if he carries out his program. The prominent personages in Washington are to be received, the first being the members of the cabinet and the diplomatic corps. The very busy time of the day will be fifteen minutes from 12:15 to 12:30, when he is expected to receive the regents and secretary of the Smithsonian institute, the civil service commission, the interstate commerce commission, assistant secretaries of departments, the solicitor general, assistant attorneys general, assistant postmasters general, the treasurer of the United States, the librarian of congress, the public printer, the heads of bureaus in the several departments, the president of the Columbia Institution for the Deaf and Dumb. Possibly these can go straight through, but if some of the former attaches of the postoffice department were yet in the list, they would block the doorways because of being crooked.

There was a conference of the friends of a prospective candidate for attorney general in Dallas a few days ago. If the roll had been called on the list it would have been seen that nine out of ten of those attending traveled on free passes. Do the people of Texas want an attorney general who is elected by the free pass packers, or do they want one who is not indebted to the railroad corporations before he goes in office?

With Arlington Heights, Rosen Heights, Riverside and the section between this city and Handley settled up, Fort Worth will be in the center of the greatest population in the state, confined to a small area. This city cannot be stopped in its march onward, and other towns may sit down and watch us grow.

Next year is leap year. Will the young ladies please have their propositions ready at 12:01 a. m. January 1, 1904? Take time by the forelock and those who have missed out during the past year can get the boys when the last stroke of the bell has died out.

The paving of Houston street with asphalt will be finished some time next year. No chance for it to be finished before January 1.

The man from Wolfe City who went with the bunco steerer to join the buffaloes, paid more than the regular price of 11 cents. It cost him $45.

THAT THROBBING HEADACHE

Would quickly leave you, if you used Dr. King's New Life Pills. Thousands of sufferers have proved their matchless merit for Sick and Nervous Headaches. They make pure blood and build up your health. Only 25 cents; money back if not cured. Sold by W. J. Fisher, druggist, and Reeves' Pharmacy.

The Blazed Trail

By STEWART EDWARD WHITE

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SYNOPSIS

Thrown on his own resources for the support of himself and his only sister Harvey 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 freshet.

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 $9,000, $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.

It is Thorpe's intention to explore timber on government land in the Northern Michigan peninsula, secure descriptions, return and interest capitalists and get a half interest in the timber for his work. Thorpe finds indications that a powerful company has made plans for stealing timber off government land. He comes across an Indian trapper, "Carley," and the two camp together. At supper time one evening, they are surprised by a boy, Wallace Carpenter, and his guide, who were on a hunting and fishing trip.

Next day Scotty established himself, as had been agreed. He did not need to shoot anybody. Daly himself came down to investigate the state of affairs. He attempted to parley, but Scotty would have none of it.

"Get out!" was his first and last word.

At the mouth of the river booms of logs chained together at the ends had been prepared. Into the inclosure the drive was floated and stopped. Then a raft was formed by passing new manila ropes over the logs, to each one of which the line was fastened by a hardwood forked pin driven astride of it. A tug dragged the raft to Marquette.

Now Thorpe was summoned legally on two counts. First, Judge Sherman cited him for contempt of court; second, Morrison & Daly sued him for alleged damages in obstructing their drive for holding open the dam sluice beyond the legal head of water.

CHAPTER XVIII.

PENDING the call of trial Thorpe took a three weeks' vacation to visit his sister. Time, filled with excitement and responsibility, had erased from his mind the bitterness of their parting. Now he found himself so impatient that he could hardly wait to get there.

He learned on his arrival that she was not at home. Mrs. Renwick proved not nearly so cordial as the year before, but Thorpe, absorbed in his eagerness, did not notice it. Mrs. Renwick thought Helen had gone over to the Hugheses.

Thorpe found the Hughes residence without difficulty and turned up the straight walk to the veranda. On the steps of the latter a rug had been spread. A dozen youths and maidens lounged on its soft surface. Thorpe, as he approached the light from a tall lamp just inside the hall, hesitated, vainly trying to make out the figures before him.

So it was that Helen Thorpe saw him first and came fluttering to meet him.

"Oh, Harry! What a surprise!" she cried, and flung her arms about his neck to kiss him.

"How do you do, Helen?" he replied sedately.

This was the meeting he had anticipated so long. The presence of others brought out in him irresistibly the repression of public display which was so strong an element of his career.

A little chilled, Helen turned to introduce him to her friends. He took a place on the steps and sat without saying a word all the evening. There was nothing for him to say. These young people talked thoughtlessly, as young people do, of the affairs belonging to their own little circle. He had thought pine and forest and the trail so long that he found these square elbowed subjects refusing to be jostled aside by any trivialities.

He took Helen back to Mrs. Renwick's about 10 o'clock. They walked slowly beneath the broad leaved maples, whose shadows danced under the tall electric lights, and talked.

"How have you done, Harry?" she inquired anxiously. "Your letters have been so vague."

"Pretty well," he replied. "If things go right I hope some day to have a better place for you than this."

Her heart contracted suddenly. It was all she could do to keep from bursting into tears. The indefiniteness of his answer exasperated her and filled her with sullen despair. She said nothing for twenty steps. Then:

"Harry," she said quietly, "can you take me away from Mrs. Renwick's?"

"I don't know, Helen. I can't tell yet. Not just now, at any rate."

"Harry," she cried, "you don't know what you're doing. I tell you I can't stand Mrs. Renwick any longer. I know you've worked hard and that you'd give me more if you could. But so have I worked hard. Now we ought to change this in some way. I can get a position as teacher or some other work somewhere. Won't you let me do that?"

Thorpe was thinking that it would be easy enough to obtain Wallace Carpenter's consent to his taking $1,000 from the profits of the year. But he knew also that the struggle in the courts might need every cent the new company could spare. It would look much better were he to wait until after the verdict. If favorable, there would be no difficulty about sparing the money. If adverse, there would be no money to spare. And so until the thing was absolutely certain he hesitated to explain the situation to Helen for fear of disappointing her.

"I think you'd better wait, Helen," said he. "There 'll be time enough for all that later when it becomes necessary."

"And in the meantime stay with Mrs Renwick?" flashed Helen.

"Yes. I hope it will not have to be for very long."

"How long do you think, Harry?" pleaded the girl.

"That depends on circumstances," replied Thorpe.

"Oh!" she cried indignantly.

"Harry," she ventured after a time "why not write to Uncle Amos? Hi wanting us to come to him seems to me very generous."

"You will do nothing of the kind commanded Thorpe sternly. "Amos Thorpe is an unscrupulous man who became unscrupulously rich. He deliberately used our father as a tool and then destroyed him. I consider that any one of our family who would have anything to do with him is a traitor!"

The girl did not reply.

Next morning Thorpe felt uneasily repentant for his strong language. After all, the girl did lead a monotonous life, and he could not blame her for rebelling against it from time to time. Her remarks had been born of the rebellion; they had meant nothing in themselves. He could not doubt for a moment her loyalty to the family.

That night he wrote Wallace Carpenter for $1,000.

Wallace Carpenter was not in town. Before the letter had followed him to his new address and the answer had returned a week had passed. Of course the money was gladly put at Thorpe's disposal. The latter at once interviewed his sister.

"Helen," he said, "I have made arrangements for some money. What would you like to do this year?"

She raised her head and looked at him with clear, bright gaze. If he could so easily raise the money, why had he not done so before? He knew how much she wanted it. Her happiness did not count. Only when his quixotic ideas of family honor were attacked did he bestir himself.

"I am going to Uncle Amos'," she replied distinctly.

"What?" asked Thorpe incredulously.

For answer she pointed to a letter lying on the table. Thorpe took it and read:

My Dear Niece—Both Mrs. Thorpe and myself more than rejoice that time and reflection have removed that, I must confess, natural prejudice which the unfortunate family affair, to which I will not allude, raised in your mind against us. As we said long ago, our home is yours when you may wish to make it so. You state your present readiness to come immediately. Unless you wire to the contrary we shall expect you next Tuesday evening on the 4:40 train. I shall be at the Central station myself to meet you. If your brother is now with you I should be pleased to see him also and will be most happy to give him a position with the firm. Aff. your uncle,

AMOS THORPE.

New York, June 6, 1883.

On finishing the last paragraph the reader crumpled the letter and threw it into the grate.

"I am sorry that you did that, Helen," said he, "but I don't blame you, and it can't be helped. We won't need to take advantage of his 'kind offer' now."

"I intend to do so, however," replied the girl coldly.

"What do you mean?"

"I mean," she cried, "that I am sick of waiting on your good pleasure. I waited and slaved and stood unbearable things for two years. I did it cheerfully, and in return I don't get a civil word, not a decent explanation, not even a—caress!" She fairly sobbed out the last word. "I can't stand it any longer. I have tried and tried and tried, and then when I've come to you for the littlest word of encouragement you have told me I was young and ought to finish my education. You haven't a cent when it is a question of what I want, but you raise money quick enough when your old family is insulted. Isn't it my family too? And then you blame me because, after waiting in vain for two years for you to do something, I start out to do the best I can for myself. I'm not of age, but you're not my guardian."

During this long speech Thorpe had stood motionless, growing paler and paler. Like most noble natures, when absolutely in the right he was incapable of defending himself against misunderstandings.

"You know that is not true, Helen," he replied, almost sternly.

"It is true," she asseverated, "and I'm through."

"It's a little hard," said Thorpe, passing his hand wearily before his eyes, "to work hard this way for years and then"—

(Ctontinued tomorrow.)

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CHRISTMAS TREE FOR THE ORPHANS AT MASONIC HOME

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The affair was under the auspices of the Ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star. It was originally the work of a few ladies every year to provide this entertainment, but the grand chapter of the order has taken it up, and it is given a great deal of attention. In addition to the representatives of local chapter present, the grand chapter was represented yesterday by Mrs. Alma M. Walker of Galveston, grand matron; Mrs. Amelia Huvelle of Dallas, associate grand matron; Mrs. Cassie C. Leonard of Fort Worth, grand secretary; Mrs. Laura Seaman of Greenville, grand treasurer; Mrs. Fannie V. Ward of Big Springs, grand organist; Past Grand Matrons Mrs. Virginia Tucker of Essex, Mrs. A. A. Garrison, Mrs. Kate M. Bogan; Past Grand Patron Mrs. L. S. Garrison; Mrs. Mary Smith, worthy matron of Greenville chapter No. 189.

Among the more prominent visitors were Grand Master W. R. James and Captain B. B. Paddock of Fort Worth, B. F. Frymier, grand treasurer, Houston; John Ward of Big Springs, division superintendent of the Texas and Pacific, and George E. Briggs of Barstow.

A huge Christmas tree was erected in the chapel of the institution. It was laden with presents of all kinds. Every bough hung heavy with a package, and when the inmates of the institution, the children and the widows, were assembled, an informal program was carried out. There was a present for every child and every widow. The little girls were given dolls and doll buggie, and the boys had appropriate presents in the toy lines. Things substantial were provided for the adults.

Dr. Frank Rainey, superintendent in charge of the home, made a short address, introducing the exercises, and Miss Frances Rainey made the address of welcome.

Mrs. L. S. Garrison of Dallas, past grand patron of the Order of the Eastern Star, made a presentation speech of a handsome painting to Dr. and Mrs. Rainey, whose excellent management has resulted in the proper conduct of the institution. Dr. Rainey made a proper response in accepting.

Captain B. B. Paddock was called on and made a delightful talk in reference to the great benefits which are brought about by the establishment which is fostered by the great order in this state.

There was an informal program of music, calesthenics, etc., in the hall after the Christmas tree exercises.

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TERMS OF RECENT MEXICAN MERGER

Arrangement Between Interoceanic and National Railroads Explained

The very interesting report of the directors of the Interoceanic Railroad Company for the year ending June 30, 1903, shows that the entire length of the line is now 580 miles, twenty-five miles having been constructed during the year just passing. Total receipts for the road for the year are $5,224,396.88, with expenditures of $4,374,787.03, leaving a net profit of $849,609.85. The number of passengers carried during the year increased 80,207, or 8.36 per cent and the receipts therefrom $50,105.60, or 6.98 per cent. The receipt gave an average of seventy-four cents per passenger, the distance traveled for this being 27.93 miles.

FREIGHT DECREASE

The freight carried shows a decrease from last year of 20,648 tons, or 2.78 per cent, but the receipts therefrom gave an increase of $751,635.51, or 26.58 per cent, a greater average rate having been received per ton of freight. There was a decrease in a number of articles of traffic, the most considerable being in building materials and in coffee. The principal increases were in fuels, flour, iron, lumber, minerals, pulque, railway materials and sugar. The average distance goods were hauled was 29.09 per cent longer than in 1901-02, and the average rate received per ton was 30.53 per cent greater.

The total expenses increased $946,279.39, or 27.60 per cent over the previous year. The lower value of the Mexican dollar during the year 1902-03, by increasing the working expenses and reducing the sterling value of the net dollars earned, affected the net profit to the extent of some 26,000 pounds. Considerable sums were spent upon improvements and renewals, additional to the ordinary maintenance, besides an increase of the scale of pay to employes.

Referring to the combination or merger of the Interoceanic with the National Railway, which has been so much talked about lately, the report goes fully into the subject of which the following is the substance: The National Railway Company of Mexico has acquired a large holding of the Interoceanic stocks and shares, including the million pound 4½ per cent debenture stock which had been sold to the Mexican government. The Interoceanic board was subsequently approached by the National's board, who were desirous of entering into an agreement under which the management of the Interoceanic should be entrusted to the National. Harrison Hodgson, chairman of the Interoceanic board in London, accordingly proceeded to New York, where an ad referendum agreement was made, which has since been approved and sealed, subject to the confirmation of the company in general meeting, which is now requested.

OPERATING AGREEMENT

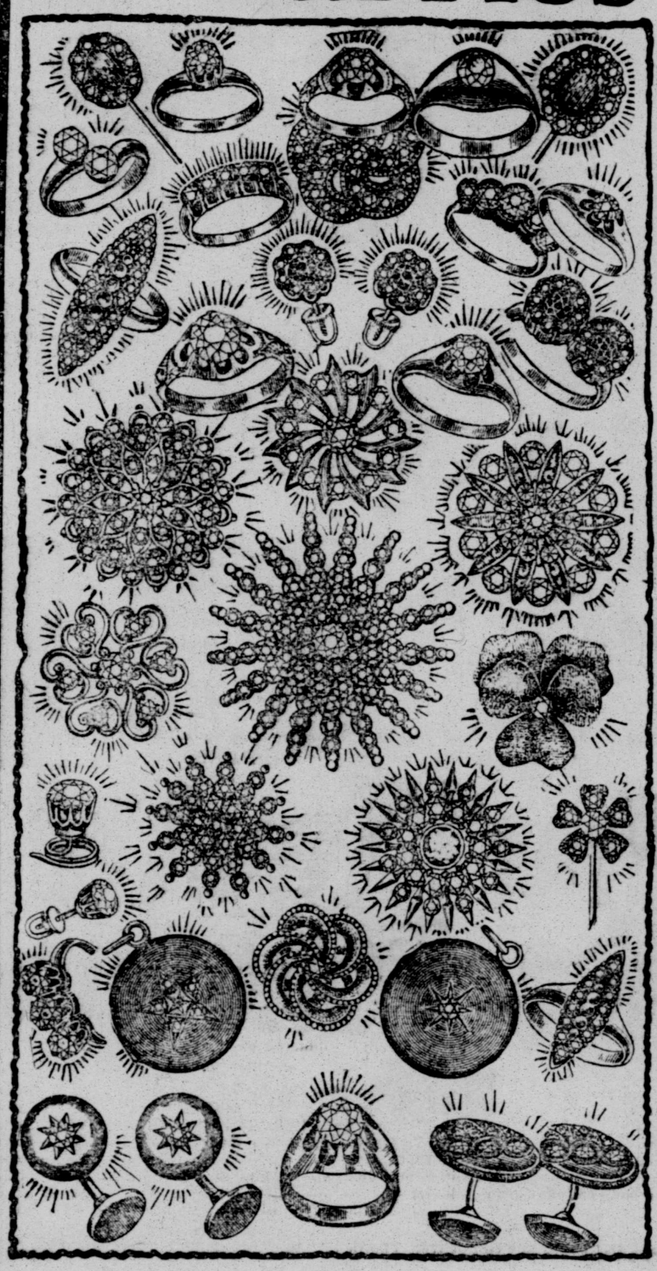
Under this agreement the National Railway Company undertakes, on behalf and for account of the Interoceanic Company, the operation and maintenance of its system. Any alteration of the rates is to be subject to the supervision and control of the Interoceanic Company, and the National undertakes to operate the lines as economically as is consistent with proper efficiency, and to do its utmost to encourage traffic and the general development of the districts served by the Interoceanic. Expenditure on capital account is not to be undertaken without the approval of the Interoceanic Company, but such approval is not to be arbitrarily withheld. The Interoceanic may name a representative resident in Mexico, entitled to inspect the railway and books for the purpose of reporting direct to the board. The position of auditor in Mexico is to be held at all times by a nominee of the auditors in London, and the system of auditing now in force is to be maintained.

The agreement is for one year from January 1, 1904, and thereafter until six months' notice in writng is given by either party to terminate and its terms are quite satisfactory to the Interoceanic board, who unanimously recommend its acceptance by the members of the company.

The report says that it is anticipated that the merger with the assistance of the National Railway, will greatly increase the traffic which would otherwise be unobtainable, and in this connection the large holding of the National Railway Company in the securities of the Interoceanic Railroad Company, is a very important factor. And the arrangement will enable the introduction of economies not possible under separate management.

When the conference to arrange the merger was held in New York Secretary of Treasury Limantour of Mexico was present on behalf of the government's acquired holdings and interests in both roads.

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Many of the rich man's troubles today come from high living and could be avoided. They are brought on by eating all kinds of rich, heavy foods at irregular times, lack of proper exercise, undue mental strain, unnatural stimulants, etc., and are commonly known as indigestion, dyspepsia and weak stomach. They are serious troubles all right, but not only can they be avoided but can also be cured, and that without loss of time or proper food and nourishment.

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BUILDING SAP EXTENSION

J. P. Nelson, who is now constructing the first section of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass between Brownsville and Alice, has been awarded the contract for building the second section of the line. Thirty miles of the road have been completed and fifty miles are to be finished by February 15. Beginning about January 1 rails are to be laid on the first thirty miles of grade, and that part of the line is to be put into operation by the middle of February.

CONTRACT LET FOR DEPOTS

G. W. Hunnard of Kansas City has secured the contract for building the depots, station houses and section houses on the St. Louis, Brownsville and Mexico road, now being constructed under the management of B. F. Yoakum of the Frisco, and Colonel Uriah Lott, between Sinton and Brownsville, and work is to be commenced during the present week. The depots, stations, section buildings, etc., to be built between Alice and Brownsville will cost $300,000. The first depot will be erected at Robstown.

A NEW LINE TO MEXICO

Practically Settled That Yoakum and Lott Will Push Project Through

It is said to be practically settled that a new line is to be built from Houston to the City of Mexico by B. F. Yoakum and Colonel U. Lott, who are now constructing the St. Louis, Brownsville and Mexico. The plan as intimated is for the Lott road to extend from Brownsville into the republic, and that early in the coming new year a contract for the extension is to be let by President Yoakum and his colleagues.

During January Colonel Lott is to make a visit to Mexico in the interest of the proposed line, accompanied by an engineer, the object being to select the most feasible route from Brownsville to Tampico. Colonel Lott will also make a trip over the proposed line from Tampico to the City of Mexico.

It has been intimated time and again that Messrs. Yoakum and Lott contemplated building their new road into the heart of the republic, but until now no definite plans have been given out.

It is understood here that Mr. Yoakum himself will soon visit Texas and go over the proposed route to Mexico, as far as Tampico, at least—possibly further. His idea of building to the City of Mexico is to skirt the gulf coast the entire distance from Brownsville to Tampico, thence direct to the City of Mexico, thus making a line that will be several hundred miles shorter than any now operating between the United States and the republic.

It is reported that the Mexican government has already been approached on the scheme and is said to be favorably inclined towards the road being constructed. Valuable concessions are to be given.

The new line will not be a Frisco proposition, but interests which control the Frisco will be connected with the road.

COLORADO INTERURBAN LINES

The Denver and Northwestern interurban line will cut the time between Denver and Golden to thirty minutes.

The rails used are eighty pounds. When the line to Golden is completed the road will have over thirty miles of track in operation.

It is understood extensive plans are under way for the construction of a net work of interurban lines to connect all small towns around Denver with that city. One of the first extensions will be to Littleton.

STARTLING EVIDENCE

Fresh testimony in great quantity is constantly coming in, declaring Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds to be unequaled. A recent expression from T. J. McFarland, Bentorville, Va., serves as example. He writes: "I had Bronchitis for three years and doctored all the time without being benefited. Then I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery, and a few bottles wholly cured me." Equally effective in curing all Lung and Throat troubles, Consumption, Pneumonia and Grip. Guaranteed by W. J. Fisher, druggist, and Reeves' Pharmacy. Trial bottles free, regular sizes 50c and $1

TROLLEY TO VESUVIUS

Daring Feat of Engineering on Side of Old Volcano

The new Vesuvius Crater railway starts at the little village of Pugliano and traverses first a fertile tract of land, where vines, figs, peaches, oranges and lemons grow in great abundance. Up to the point where the rack section begins the rails traverse all the old streams of lava which settled down there during the eruptions of 1737, 1858, 1868 and 1872, and which, in some places, extend down as far as the shores of the Gulf of Naples. The rack-wheel section begins at a distance about 150 feet from the great lava deposit formed through the eruption which occurred in 1872. Up to that point the land is still cultivated, and all along the track there is an abundance of wild chestnut trees.

The road now runs at a length of nearly 1,300 feet over the ridge of the famous Puzzolan hill, formed by masses of lava during various eruptions of the volcano.

Very powerful machinery has been installed in the electric power station. Water power for the generation of electricity was not obtainable, and therefore heavy steam engines and motors had to be used. All the machinery of the plant, including the rolling stock and locomotives of the railway, are of Swiss origin. The cars are lighted by electricity, and are very comfortably equipped.

The railway was successfully opened for traffic in September last, and will no doubt induce many tourists to go to the famous crater of Mount Vesuvius, whence one enjoys one of the most magnificent panoramas in the world.

OKLAHOMA RAILROADS

Review of Lines Built and Progress Made During Past Year

Governor Ferguson has made a statement that the total railroad mileage completed in Oklahoma during 1903 was about 1,000. Among the roads completed and placed in operation during the past year are as follows:

Arkansas Valley and Western, a Frisco extension, from Tulsa, I. T., to Enid, Ok., 150 miles, with an extension graded westward from Enid to Avard, sixty miles.

Denver, Enid and Gulf, the "Alfalfa Route," from Enid to Guthrie, sixty miles.

Fort Smith and Western, from Fort Smith, Ark., to Guthrie, 150 miles.

Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf, from Chandler to Guthrie, sixty miles, now operated by the Frisco.

St. Louis, El Reno and Western, from Guthrie to El Reno, sixty miles, on which the rails will be laid by January 1.

Missouri, Kansas and Texas, from Stevens, I. T., to Guthrie and Oklahoma City, 125 miles; also from Coalgate to Oklahoma City, practically completed, 125 miles; also from Wybark, I. T., to Hominy, Ok., seventy-five miles.

Santa Fe, from Newkirk to Paul's Valley, 125 miles; also from Paul's Valley twenty-five miles westward toward Chickasha to a connection with the Santa Fe from Paul's Valley.

The Kansas City, Mexico and Orient placed in operation during the year from Kansas City to Fairview, Ok., seventy-five miles in Oklahoma, and to be completed during the year through Oklahoma to the Texas border.

It is believed that the next year will see an equal amount of railway completed in this territory. There are extensions projected now for all the roads above named and in addition there are numerous other lines chartered, many of which are being graded or surveyed at this time. The total list is a long one, a part of which follows: Colorado, Texas and Oklahoma, chartered from Pueblo to Denison, Texas, partly graded; Wichita Falls and Northeastern, from Wichita Falls, Texas, to Oklahoma City, partly graded; Vinita, Oklahoma and Northwestern, from Vinita, I. T., to Alva, Ok., surveyed; Muscogee Southern, from Guthrie to Muscogee, a Santa Fe project, surveyed; El Paso and Northern, chartered from El Paso, Texas, to St. Louis, partly surveyed; Kansas and Oklahoma Central, from Peru Junction, Kan., to Guthrie, a Missouri Pacific project, surveyed.

The Missouri Pacific has a line surveyed also from Wagoner, I. T., to Shawnee, Ok. In addition there are projected lines chartered and surveyed from Oklahoma City northwest to Woodward, from Woodward south to Weatherford, from Bartlesville, I. T., to Pawhuska and Medford, from Guthrie west to Watonga and Taloga, and from El Reno southwest to the Texas border.

Miss Alice Dunlap has just completed the thirtieth year of continuous service as manager of a telegraph office at Peru, Ind.

DRIVEN TO DESPERATION

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Brashear & Hill, 12th and Main sts.
Court house cigar stand.
O. M. Peck.
J. Mayers, liquor house.
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John M. Parker.
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M. Albert & Son.
C. H. Blum, Silver Dollar saloon.
Sam Rodick, Congress barber shop.
R. L. Corr, The Annex bar.
D. W. Phillips & Co., the Busy Bee.
J. W. Exum.
Crews & Comer.
L. A. Barnes.
Moore & Stillman, cafe.
S. R. McLean.
J. M. Henderson, 612 Main street.
W. C. Gowing, Crown bar.
J. A. Starling.
E. A. Kruse.
J. H. Tiller, Lenox billiard parlor.
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COTTON CAMPAIGN OF EIGHT YEARS AGO

The record prices and record speculation in cotton have attracted world-wide attention, quite natural in the circumstances, seeing the extent to which influence of cotton developments is carried; but so far events have failed to recall what took place in 1895, when in some respects conditions displayed parallel features. There had been a heavy crop for the cotton year 1894-1895, reaching a total of 9,892,763 bales, and making a new high record, with the result that for many years the lowest price was touched. On November 12, 1894, this was 5.23 cents a pound in New York for the December option. The year 1895 opened with cotton ruling low, and continuing low throughout January, 5 3-16 being the quotation toward the close of the month, and comparing with 7 5-8 for January, 1894, on the 7,500,000 bale crop for that season. In February a still lower figure, 5 1-8 cents, was placed on record, giving a fair idea of the state of the markets on which the next crop estimates would fall.

There was a determined effort made to reduce acreage, the situation generally was full of disturbing features, and in August prospects for cotton grew less and less favorable. There was a great speculation at hand, and price for low middling uplands in the month named advanced to 7 3-4 cents on the 31st. Speculation developed activity in September, when bad news as to cotton was rife, and conflicting statements still left bulls on the staple holding the advantage of position. Further advance was made to 8 11-16 cents. This, however, was to be outdone by developments of the following month, when, to quote records of that time, "during the early part of October the market continued to advance, and on the 15th and 16th low middling upland cotton sold at 8 11-16 cents. On the latter day the price of the January option (in which speculation chiefly centered) touched 9.44 cents, and the future sales reached 557,900 bales, the largest previous day's total having been 556,900 bales, on November 25, 1892." This was the top notch, and it will be noted that it was touched in the middle of October, a couple of months and more ahead of the date for which high prices have been made this year.

Speculation, however, did not let up. On October 21, 810,700 bales were traded on, but the price broke, and the option dropped to 8.27 cents, a decline of 1.17 cents. Here a noteworthy comparison may be made, for the excited markets and high prices, instead of being accompanied by this year's phenomena, had an adverse effect. Exports were restricted, exchange fell and gold exports, which had been temporarily stayed, were discussed. Outgo of $17,400,000 in September was followed on the resumed movement by $14,000,000 in November and $15,500,000 in December. Striking as the contrast, no less striking is the fact that the advance this year—starting, of course, from a higher level—has been approximately the same, between 4½ and 5 cents, but with a comparative feature of importance worth noting. This has reference to the crop itself. In 1895 operations were conducted with a crop outlook which indicated a falling off of 2,730,000 bales, or 27½ per cent, to a total of only 7,167,473 bales. Now the prediction is for a crop of 10,250,000 bales, accepting the generally adopted view that the government estimate of a little below 10,000,000 bales will be raised to the figure named on the calculation of error being more than usually modest proportions. Such a crop will show a decrease of only 500,000 bales, or less than 5 per cent, and the break of 1895 has yet to be duplicated. It would seem that the further investigation and comparison proceed the dimmer the light thrown upon the recent speculation, hence the more interesting its final outcome. That it will not be without sensational episode is the growing opinion.—Philadelphia Ledger.

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USE OF HAVERLY NAME

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—As the result of a decision handed down by Justice Davis in the supreme court, Mrs. "Jack" Haverly, widow of the well-known minstrel of that name, receives an order by which William E. Nankeville is restrained from using the names and trade marks made well known by Haverly in the minstrel business. The decision also makes Mrs. Haverly entitled to damages occasioned by the already unlawful use of the name "Haverly's Mastodon Minstrels" and costs of the action. The amount of damages is to be reckoned by a referee.

In 1899 Mrs. Haverly entered into a contract with Nankeville by which he leased the exclusive right to the use of the Haverly minstrel names and trade marks for a term of five years. These she had received from her husband by assignment prior to his death.

When Haverly died it was found that he was penniless, although he was supposed to have made a fortune out of the theatrical business. Mrs. Haverly was forced to borrow $500 with which to pay the funeral expenses. She got the money from Nankeville and signed what she afterward said she believed to be an acknowledgment of the debt. Subsequently she learned that it was a release of the contract between herself and Nankeville regarding the Haverly names and trade marks.

Mrs. Haverly also alleged that there was a considerable amount due her as royalties under the contract.

WANTS HANNA TO HAVE GOOD SHOWS

Cleveland Man Shocked Because He Saw Du Barry in Senator's Opera House

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 30.—"I have appealed to United States Senator Mark Hanna as a family man of unblemished reputation to keep this theater at least within the law by ordering his manager to exclude strictly all plays, or parts of plays, offensive to womanly modesty," said Dr. William F. Crafts, superintendent of the International Reform Bureau, this afternoon.

Rev. Mr. Crafts saw Mrs. Leslie Carter play in "Du Barry" in the opera house on Christmas day, and this is what he says: "I found the play in very striking contrast to the event the day celebrated, which put the highest honor on pure motherhood, while the play aroused a maudlin sympathy for dissolute women, presented as more unfortunate than wicked. The audience was two-thirds of young women, and the tough man who sat behind me wondered why a play representing a notoriously dissolute woman had brought out so many girls, accompanied in many cases by young men.

"I have looked up the law relative to corrupt plays, pictures and literature. This law could not but be broken, in the case in question, if a realistic representation was to be made of the notorious woman presented. I wouldn't allow my minor son to be in the company of a girl who would attend a play presenting, by its very name, such salacious matter."

Senator Hanna owns the opera house here.

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MOKIS GETTING WISE

Tourists Begin to Find the Guileless Indians Know Their Business

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Dec. 30.—The tourists and other admirers and purchasers of Indian ware have discovered with sorrow the organization of a union and a higher scale of prices among the beblanketed Indians who minister to their wants at the local railway station and elsewhere. But Albuquerque is not the only place which has begun to feel the effects of the increased business-like conduct of the solemn aborigine. There are others. The Moki snake dance for 1903 at Wolpi, Ariz., is a good example of how the modern commercial spirit is spreading. Until now visitors have been permitted to witness this spectacle without money and without price, the Indians being content with what they could pick up from the camera fiends for posing, and from the tourists generally for baskets, pottery and blankets. This year each visitor was charged $1, with a sliding scale of special favors like going into the kiva where the snakes are kept.

The dance was just as weird as ever and the spectators more than got the worth of their money; but the old-timers sadly viewed the change and predict that the dance will be discontinued before many seasons have passed. You had better go to the next one, or it may be too late to see this most remarkable pagan ceremony.

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Tonight—"Pousse Cafe."
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Saturday matinee and night—"The Burgomaster."

"Man to Man" was the offering at the opera house last night, but the attendance was not large. The announcement of other bills during the week of much merit has had a tendency to hold the theater-goers back. The play abounds in startling situation, in heroic rescues and sensational climaxes. There was some singing and dancing which was enjoyed.

"POUSSE CAFE"

Lustily and with might and main do the artists in the Weber & Fields' "Pousse Cafe" company—which will be the attraction at Greenwall's opera house tonight, work to entertain their audiences. There is not a mediocre performer in the entire organization of fifty people, and some of the members are stars of the very first class.

JEFFERSON DE ANGELIS

The Jefferson De Angelis Opera Company comes to Greenwall's opera house Friday (New Year's) matinee and night, January 4, in Sam S. Shubert and Nixon & Zimmerman's production of "The Toreador." Jefferson De Angelis in the part of Sammy Gigg is said to be a continual joy to his countless admirers, and Edgar Norton, Margaret McKinney, William Pullman, William Blaisdell, John Dudley, Norma Bell, Bertha Ricca, Edna Burd and Adine Bouvier will stamp the visit of "The Toreador" with strong individual successes. The many brilliant musical numbers, including "Dreamy Eyes," "The Language of the Flowers," "Keep Off the Grass," "I'm the Glory and Pride of the Land of Spain," will be heard.

"THE BURGOMASTER"

This season "The Burgomaster" is seen with a new production and new costumes and with the famous original Chicago and New York cast, including Ruth White, William Riley Hatch, Thomas Ricketts, R. J. Moye, George McKissock and others. The new comers in the company include Charles Sharp, Kathryn Roberts, Harriet Sheldon, Louise Brackett and Josephine Ditt. Oscar L. Figman is the new Burgomaster and has made a big hit in the part.

"The Burgomaster" will be seen at Greenwall's opera house Saturday matinee and night, January 2.

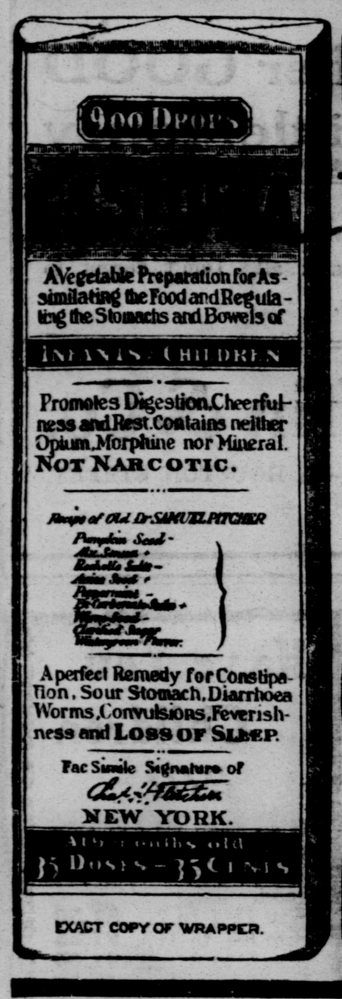
"THE FATAL WEDDING"

"The Fatal Wedding," from the pen of Theo. Kremer, is the excellent attraction announced for Greenwall's opera house for Monday matinee and night, January 4.

"THE BATTLE OF PRAGUE"

"The Battle of Prague" must have been popular as an instrumental pianoforte selection in the early part of the late Queen Victoria's reign, since the love-lorn youths of England's romantic nineteenth century demanded its rendition. In "Rosemary," which Howard Kyle will present at Greenwall's opera house Tuesday matinee and night, January 5, the popular music of the period has much to do with the unfolding the the pretty story by Louis N. Parker and Murray Carson, which Charles Frohman kept at the Empire theater, New York, one entire season.

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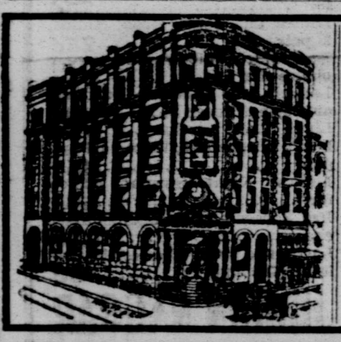
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MOTHER-IN-LAW CAUSE ENOUGH

Judge Says Man Who Quits Home Under Circumstances Cannot Be Blamed

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—"Home is not home with a mother-in-law. A man can not be accused of deserting his wife when he leaves home because she brings her mother to live with him."

This opinion was delivered by Justice Hurley after a woman had her husband arrested on a charge of wife abandonment. The husband and the other married men in the court room smiled complacently, the wife became thoughtful, and the mother-in-law scowled at the jurist.

Andrew Ziegelmaier was arrested on a charge of wife abandonment. While waiting to be arraigned he carefully kept the width of the room between himself and his mother-in-law.

"The man certainly can't be of any assistance to his wife's support if I send him to the county jail," Justice Hurley declared. "He seems to be a sober, hard-working man, but there is a disturbing element in the family affairs. I'll give him a week to patch up matters.

"You must first provide a home for your wife," the court continued, addressing Ziegelmaier. "That will free you from any charge of wife abandonment. Then your wife can either remain with her mother or come and live with you and leave her mother. You are not obliged to shelter or support a mother-in-law."

MAIL POUCH IS FOUND

It Has Been Thrown in an Old Boiler Near the Union Depot, After Robbery

The public will remember The Telegram recently published an exclusive story of the disappearance of a mail pouch which was to have gone north on the Santa Fe, but which was lost between the postoffice and the depot. It contained among other mail a letter which included a draft. The draft afterwards showed up at a local bank, after being changed in amount. There has been a mystery as to the disappearance of the pouch. Late yesterday it was found in an old boiler on Front street by J. R. Stewart. He called Officer Turner and gave it in his charge and it was returned to the railway mail service. The pouch had been cut open and all the mail matter extracted.

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

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FOURTH WARD

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

Respectfully,
J. F. LEHANE.

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WATCH FOR THE HEADLESS ITEM.

ORDINANCE NO. 691

An ordinance to prevent oil wagons from dripping oil on the streets of the city of Fort Worth—

Be it ordained by the city council of the city of Fort Worth:

Section 1. That it shall hereafter be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to haul oil upon any of the paved streets of the city of Fort Worth in any vehicle which has a faucet for drawing the oil from such vehicle, unless there is provided for such faucet a good and sufficient drip pan to keep any and all oil that may drop from the said faucet in such manner that the same cannot and will not be dripped or spilt from the said drip pan upon any of the said paved streets of the said city of Fort Worth.

Sec. 2. Any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of section 1 of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in any sum not less than five dollars and not more than one hundred dollars.

Sec. 3. All ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. That this ordinance take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication as required by law.

Filed December 18, 1903.
JNO. T. MONTGOMERY, City Secretary.

Passed under suspension of the rules December 18, 1903.
JNO. T. MONTGOMERY, City Secretary.

Recorded in ordinance book E, page 79, December 21, 1903.
JNO. T. MONTGOMERY, City Secretary.

This ordinance not having been approved nor disapproved by the mayor within three days after its passage, as required by the charter, takes effect the same as if approved.
JNO. T. MONTGOMERY, City Secretary.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Yellow Jersey milk cow, dehorned. Reward. Phone 882-1r.

LOST—Between church and 1302 East Weatherford street, Christian Tabernacle medal, engraved Star Redford, 1903.

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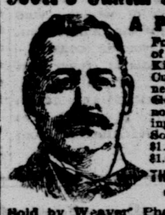
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SAYS HE STOLE ASPHALT

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Henry E. Brown, formerly of Pittsburg, where he was employed by the Empire Asphalt Company as an engineer, has been arrested in Jersey City on a warrant brought on from Pittsburg. It is charged that Brown stole asphalt from the company. He denied the charge and was held to extradition.

Augusts'

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Men's Overcoats, made of guaranteed all wool, fast color black and blue kersey with raw edges, formerly $12.50, now **$9.40**

Men's Overcoats, cut 45, 48, 50 and 52 inches long, made in Belt, Chesterfield and Ryton style, formerly sold at $16.50, now.. **$12.40**

Men's Finest Overcoats, many lined with silk, from the best makers in America, formerly sold at $20.00, now **$15.00**

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SAWED AN END OUT OF A CAR

Shipper Fixed Rolling Stock to Suit His Needs and Says He Was Right

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 30.—(Special.)—The railroad commission is called on to adjust many novel differences between the railroads and shippers of the state. In the opinion of some, there seems to be no limit to its jurisdiction. It can remove mountains, smite the rock and gushing water comes forth, and is ready with a remedy for every controversy of whatever kind or size.

A letter from a shipper today brought one of the most singular complaints ever received. A shipper over the Houston East and West Texas road made application for a car in which to ship some lumber. The car was placed on the sidetrack at the station where it was wanted, and when the dealer came to load his lumber he found it several feet too short. Thereupon he proceeded to saw out one end of the car, loaded his lumber, leaving several feet of the pieces projecting.

The road, of course, objected and put in a claim for damages, which the shipper declined to pay, on the ground that the road was under obligations not only to furnish a car, but one of adequate capacity. He appealed to the commission to adjust the trouble, but as they replied that it was a matter over which their jurisdiction did not extend, it is probable the courts will be called on to adjust it.

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The comptroller has registered $8,000 bonds of the county of Hood, issued for the purpose of building a bridge across the Brazos river near Granbury.

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An unusually large number of people from various portions of Texas have visited the state house during this week. The great majority of these are on short holiday excursions, and find much to interest and entertain them in the several departments in the capitol building.

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Judge John W. Veal of Amarillo was in Austin yesterday on business. Judge Veal was the law partner of the lamented Judge Plemmons, known all over Texas, of whom he speaks in terms of the most affectionate regard.

He says the forage crop on the plains was unusually good which has enabled the stockmen to bring their cattle through the winter in good condition.

Amarillo is growing, he says, in every direction, several new railroads projected, and the plains country settling up, and rapidly developing.

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Tom White, the porter in the executive office, discovered an old photograph in some unused corner yesterday which attracted a great deal of attention, copies of which were eagerly sought by great numbers of people around the capital.

It is a picture mainly of the employes of the comptroller's department with a few other state officials sprinkled in, taken in 1888, during the administration of Governor Ross. It is a good picture, the group containing eighty-five faces and is in good state of preservation. Among those whose faces were recognized are:

Governor L. S. Ross, J. R. Curl, W. B. Wortham, John D. McCall, R. W. Finley, A. S. Thweatt, R. Mahorney, L. L. Foster, R. H. Harrison, T. C. Dumble, Oscar H. Cooper, W. H. King, General Hardeman, Ed Kaufman, S. L. McCulloch, L. P. Sieker, Dr. Morse, D. A. Wiggins, R. C. Roberdean, Harry L. Haynes, Hardin Walsch, Irwin Daniel, H. L. Spoin.

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The state treasurer's department was not taking a holiday yesterday, and all the employes were at their posts ready for duty. The business rush, however, did not arrive as they had some reason to expect earlier in the day and only twenty-four warrants were registered, amounting to $8,326.50.

The total number at the close of the day was 7,111, amounting in the aggregate to $712,230.75.

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Colonel J. K. P. Hanna, a prominent cotton planter of Calvert, Robertson county, is in the city on business. Colonel Hanna visited the capitol yesterday calling on his friend, Secretary of State Curl, and also paid his respects to Governor Lanham.

Colonel Hanna is one of the old guard of democracy in his section of the state and speaks in terms of warm commendation of the present administration.

He filled the position of state registrar of statistics during Cleveland's first administration, and in this capacity rendered the state valuable service.

He has been in politics all his life for his friends, and only this one time for himself. He will return to Calvert today.

DEATHS

JOHN WILSON

Died, this morning at St. Joseph's infirmary, John Wilson, aged 58 years.

The deceased was an employe of the Denver road at Wichita Falls, and was brought here recently for attention. No disposition had been arranged for the body this morning.

MYRTLE ALICE FERRIS

Died, last night at the family residence, No. 1422 Terrell avenue, Myrtle Alice Ferris, aged 9 years. The family has but recently moved here from Bosque county. The child was buried this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

MRS. M. J. POE

Died, at 10 o'clock this morning, Mrs. M. J. Poe, aged 72 years.

Mrs. Poe has lived in this city about ten years past. For several years she has been in feeble health. She was the mother of R. W. Poe and Mrs. M. J. Sparkman.

The funeral will be held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock from the family residence, No. 702 East Second street.

MRS. ELIZABETH GUNTER

Died, last night, Mrs. Elizabeth Gunter, aged 45 years. The deceased has been living in this county twenty-eight years. She was a native of Illinois. She has been ill for some time with consumption at the residence of Mrs. Richter, east of the Fort Worth iron foundry, and the Salvation Army has been looking after her wants. She will be buried tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

THE COOKS AND WAITERS

They Will Not Treat With the Chinese Restaurants at All in This City

The Cooks' and Waiters' Union of this city has taken up the work against Chinese restaurants, and will hereafter look to the American restaurants for their support and employment. At a meeting of the union last night letters from the other unions in the city indorsing the opposition to the Chinese places were received, and the local union feels much encouraged.

Officers were elected as follows: President, W. J. Crawford, Jr.; vice president, L. Chaure; secretary and treasurer, R. L. Freeland; chaplain, Frank Roollison; corresponding secretary, A. J. Shanahan; sergeant at arms, Nicholas Lewis; inspector, Frank Harris.

GET ALLEGED MURDERER

Authorities Capture Dick Harrison and Tom Mahardy

SHAWNEE, O. T., Dec. 30.—The capture of Dick Harrison and Tom Mahardy on charge of murder of the three weeks' old child of Levi Bullfrog Friday night at Bullfrog's home five miles west of this city, probably saved the lives of the men, or at least that of Mahardy, who is a tough with plenty of crimes behind him. Harrison was concerned slightly in the murder, but not enough to cause the Indians to want to wreak vengeance on him. Mahardy will say nothing whatever of the crime, but Harrison talks freely, putting the blame on Mahardy, who, he says, tried to get into bed with Mrs. Bullfrog and on her refusal choked and struck the child, killing it almost instantly. Both men were drunk Saturday when arrested.

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HEADLESS ITEM CONTEST BEGINS

First of the Telegraph Stories Is Printed This Evening

Here is the first headless item:

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Fred Kienzie, a veteran of the Franco-Prussian war, is at the Eaglewood hospital, with a bullet in his brain, but conscious and likely to recover. He had attempted last Thursday to commit suicide.

In the operation that was necessary to save his life, Kienzie lost about two ounces of brains, nevertheless he talked rationally today. If he recovers he will be partly, if not entirely, blind.

Kienzie is 58 years old. He was despondent because he was ill and unable to buy Christmas presents for his wife and children.

"It is a wonderful case," said Dr. Carl Barnes, chief of the hospital staff. "Kienzie lay in the house for five hours before the police were called, his wife being afraid to enter."

The rules of the headless item contest have been published in The Telegram, but for the beenfit of those who may be still in doubt as to how the contest will be conducted, they are again outlined.

The Telegram will give $5 to the subscriber of the paper who will succeed in earning it according to the plans outlined.

Beginning this evening and continuing six days there will appear daily one telegraph news story without a head, selected from the regular routine news service of the day on which it is published. The person who succeeds in writing the best six heads wins the prize. The heads may be similar to any style used in The Telegram. Cleverness in wording, and ease in which the heads can be set in type will be considered. Headlines must fit the columns. Keep the six items and the six heads till the last day of the contest, then send them in with your address plainly written, to The Headline Editor.

HOMES WANTED FOR AN INFANT AND SMALL BOY

Capt. Cumbie Has Two Children Which He Offers to the Charitably Inclined People of the City

Captain Cumbie of the Salvation Army says that the emergency home for the homeless is doing good work, and is locating quite a number of unfortunates in good homes. Yesterday a woman applied to the army for assistance and within a few minutes Captain Cumbie was enabled to supply her with a good home.

The army now has an infant and a small boy, for whom homes are desired. They ask any one who cares to take these children or any one of them to advise by telephone No. 1669, or call at 203 Rusk street.

Captain and Mrs. Cumbie desire to thank all those who have in any way contributed to the success of the Christmas dinner for the poor of the city. They consider it was a great success, and they are grateful to all who in any way assisted.

"The Telegram has done a good work for us," said Captain Cumbie today, "and we could not have gotten along without its help. All we need now is to have the public advise us when impostors come along, and we will be able to work unhindered."

The attention given a few days ago by the army to the family on the bank of the Trinity near the wire bridge was supplemented by the charity of others. Mrs. Jake Stine reported the matter to The Telegram and a notice was published. She says the notice resulted in many good things being sent to the distressed, and they are doing nicely.

GEN. MEANEY IN TEXAS

General Counsel of Bell System Looking Over Properties

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 30.—(Special.)—General Edwin P. Meaney, general counsel of the Bell Telephone system, is in Dallas from New York to look over the company's properties in Texas. General Meaney is accompanied by his wife and son. He is one of the most prominent stockholders in the telephone lines of the east.

KELLY

Died, December 30, at 7 o'clock a. m., James Hubert, infant son of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Kelly of 1429 Evans avenue. Funeral at 9 a. m., December 31, from St. Patrick's church.

F. T. DOLAN NEW SUPERINTENDENT OF THE DENVER

He Comes From Colorado and Southern and Will Have Position Similar to That Formerly Held by W. R. Scott

The official circular noting the resignation of F. W. Egan as general manager of the Fort Worth and Denver City railway company and the abolition of that position, was issued by Vice President and Traffic Manager David B. Keeler and made public late last evening.

DOLAN AS SUPERINTENDENT

The circular also announces the appointment of F. T. Dolan as general superintendent of the Fort Worth and Denver City, with headquarters at Fort Worth.

The issuance yesterday of the official circular with reference to the above matters has been anticipated some days, and did come as a surprise as the facts in the main have been known more than a week.

HERBERT COMING

Vice President and General Manager J. M. Herbert of the Colorado and Southern is expected to reach Fort Worth from Denver headquarters Thursday. As to just what calls Mr. Herbert here is not given out at Denver Road headquarters, but his mission here is likely in connection with the foregoing changes which are announced as effective Jan. 1.

EGAN'S PLANS

The retiring general manager of the Denver Road was seen today and asked as to his future railroad movement. In reply to the question Mr. Egan said that he had not yet determined definitely where his lot would be cast, but that he is to go with a prominent railway system, is acknowledged by parties who evidently know. One report is that he will be connected with the transportation department of the Grand Trunk, while another rumor has it that he will soon after the first of the new year accept an important position with the Missouri Pacific system.

Mr. Egan came to the Denver Road from Colorado in August last. He is conceded to be an unusually practical man in railroad transportation matters, and while associated with the Denver Road made many warm friends in and out of railroad circles who will regret his departure.

TO LEAVE SATURDAY

Mr. Egan said today that he would likely leave Fort Worth Saturday, but his going may be delayed a day or so later. He was at his desk this morning transacting and directing affairs under his supervision with the same degree of earnestness that has been observed even before his resignation was thought of.

THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT

The changes to take place Jan. 1 places the Denver Road, so far as heads of departments are concerned, where it was before the resignation of W. R. Scott as general superintendent, except that this position will in the future be held by Mr. Dolan, who comes to the Denver Road from the Colorado and Southern. Mr. Dolan is a man about 42 years of age, but practical in his railroad knowledge. He was once in the operating department of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe prior to August 1, last, as superintendent of joint tracks of that road and the Colorado and Southern at Pueblo, Colo. Up to the time of his appointment with the Denver Road, Mr. Dolan was general superintendent of the Colorado and Southern.

Prior to his connection with the Denver roads Mr. Dolan was division superintendent of the Santa Fe with headquarters at Newton, Kan., and previous to this he had charge of the Santa Fe's terminals in Chicago.

He is expected to arrive in Fort Worth in the course of three or four days.

Blue or black Kersey overcoat, $3.85. $10.00 and $12.50 Men's suits for $7.45. $2.50 and $3.00 pants for $2.00.
L. GORDON, 1513 Main St.

FOUR BURNED IN BALLINGER FIRE

Entire Family Incinerated in $35,000 Blaze—Property Loss Heavy

BALLINGER, Texas, Dec. 30.—Fire yesterday morning destroyed the two-story building of J. A. Ostertage & Co., and incinerated four persons. The dead are J. D. McBeth, Mrs. J. D. McBeth, Baby McBeth, aged 5 years, and Bert West, brother of Mrs. McBeth. The bodies were recovered.

The fire was discovered by T. M. Osten and Hez Cobb. When they got out they discovered Mr. McBeth standing in a window, calling for help, and they at once ran for a ladder. When they returned Mr. McBeth was gone and smoke was belching from the window where he had been standing.

Others who came early to the scene claim to have heard calls for help, but there was no chance for rendering aid to the trapped family.

The building was occupied by Ostertage & Co. furniture and undertakers' supplies; the law office of C. H. Willingham and M. C. Smith; the city secretary's office, the Woodmen and the Red Men's lodges and two rooms by the McBeth family.

The fire started from some unknown cause in the hallway, between the stairs and the rooms occupied by McBeth, where there was a pile of coal and trash. It spread with great rapidity and must have cut off escape within a few minutes.

The entire contents of the building were destroyed.

Ostertage's loss was covered by $9,000 insurance. The total loss was about $35,000.

Salt Rheum

You may call it eczema, tetter or milk crust.

But no matter what you call it, this skin disease which comes in patches that burn, itch, discharge a watery matter, dry and scale, owes its existence to the presence of humors in the system.

It will continue to exist, annoy, and perhaps agonize, as long as these humors remain.

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FORT WORTH BOY INJURED BY CARS

W. L. Ligon, Jr., Is in Cotton Belt Hospital at Tyler. Father Summoned

W. L. Ligon received a telegram this morning too late to catch the Cotton Belt train for Tyler where his son, W. L. Ligon Jr., is in the Cotton Belt hospital, suffering with severe injuries.

Mr. Ligon does not know how his son was injured. The information in the telegram was simply that his son was injured severely and was at the hospital. He is endeavoring today to get what information he can by wire, and will go tonight to be at his bedside.

W. L. Ligon Jr., is a brakeman on the Cotton Belt. He is 26 years of age and is well known to the young men of this city. He was raised here.

WEDDINGS.

WALTON-BOERNER

Married at St. Matthew's Cathedral, Dallas, yesterday, Mr. James Conrad Walton and Mrs. Elizabeth F. Boerner, both of this city, Rev. Hudson Stuck officiating.

This wedding has been anticipated for some time by the intimate friends of the parties to the contract, but it was not expected that it would occur before some time in January. Yesterday they went to Dallas and were quietly married, the only witnesses to the affair being Miss Clara Mae Seigler and Jesse Bynum of Dallas. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Walton returned to Fort Worth and are domiciled at their future home corner of First street and Royal avenue.

Mrs. Boerner is the owner of one of the Main street jewelry establishments and Mr. Walton has for the past eighteen months been one of the employes of the store. He was raised in this city and is well known here, where he has many friends and acquaintances.

REESE-CONNELL

A few relatives and intimate friends only were present to witness the marriage of Miss Elmer Connell to Jep Hill Reese of Dublin, the ceremony taking place at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Connell, at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The Rev. Luther Little performed the ceremony amid a setting of palms and bridal flowers. Miss Mollye Connell, the bride's cousin, was maid on honor and Walter Williams of Dublin, the groom's man. Mr. and Mrs. Reese left immediately after the ceremony for Dublin where they will reside.

ARE NOW COURTEOUS

Texas and Pacific People Telephone in About the Trains Which Are Delayed

Clerk Bush of the Metropolitan hotel was agreeably surprised this morning when he was called by telephone and advised of the arriving time of a delayed Texas and Pacific train. The information came voluntarily from the railroad people.

Specials for Today and Tomorrow

Men's heavy fleece lined Undershirts; choice, 3 for....**$1.00**
Ladies' Undershirts; choice, 2 for .....**25¢**
Ladies' and Gents' Hose; choice, 3 pairs for .....**25¢**
Underskirts, nicely made; your choice for .....**75¢**
Ladies' and Gents' Handkerchiefs, per dozen .....**50¢**
Linen Table Cloths .....**75¢**
Men's Suspenders, large variety; pair .....**15¢**
Ladies' Night Gowns; choice for .....**50¢**
Bed Spreads, white and colored; each **$1.00**
Laces and Embroideries, in two lots; 10c and .....**5¢**

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"I have been clerking in this hotel years," said Mr. Bush, "and I never k the railroad to do that for us before. has been impossible heretofore to find when trains would come, when they w delayed, and it has been a matter of m annoyance to us. The notice in The T gram yesterday has had an effect, an guess they will be more accommodatin the future."

The Telegram yesterday called attent to the fact that little information co be obtained regarding the trains of Texas and Pacific which are delay Some times the yard office will give information and some times it will It is the general opinion that in addit to the bulletin at the station that bu tins ought to be maintained at the town offices of the road, as a matter convenience to the public.

ASKS MORE APPRAISERS

MUSKOGEE, I. T., Dec. 30.—(Speci —Indian Agent Shoenfelt stated today t as soon as congress passes the urge deficiency bill, two more land apprais will be added to the force here to as with the sale of Creek lands. The lottees are posting lands at the rate about eighty tracts per week and it take two and possibly three more to k up with the work of appraising, as appraisers have to visit the land in p son and pass upon its value. The worl such that it requires of the appraisers intimate knowledge of the country conditions. The appraisers receive a ary of $125 per month and expenses. said to be the hardest job in the Ind service.

A steel-like grass from the volca slopes of Oran, Algiers, is so elastic t it can be used instead of springs in manufacture of furniture.

Distressing Stomach Disease

quickly cured to stay cured by the master power of Drake's Palmetto Wine. Invalids nger suffer from this dread malady, becau is remarkable remedy cures absolutely eve rm of stomach trouble. It is a cure for t hole world of stomach weakness and constip on, as well as a regulator of the kidneys a ver.

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