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VESTOCK MARKET

Week Starts Off With Light Receipts.

D STUFF ON MARKET

tcher Cows Active, Higher. Heavy Steers Dull.

GS 10 TO 15c HIGHER

ramble to Buy Cleared Out the Pens Early.

Receipts Today.

le	600
	350
p	311

Range of Today's Market.

ATTLE—Steers, top $3.30, bulk $2.90
S. Cows, top $2.50.
OGS—Top $4.75.

THE CATTLE TRADE

Today's Quotations.

ers—Choice fed	$3 50@3 75
edium fed	3 00@3 50
tockers and feeders	2 00@3 00
earlings	1 25@2 00
s—Choice heavy fed	2 25@3 00
edium butcher	1 90@2 25
ight thin	1 75@1 90
anners	1 00@1 75
ls, stags and oxen	1 50@3 00
ves—Good to fancy veals.	3 00@4 25
ommon to fair	1 50@3 00

Receipts of cattle were unusually light Monday. Commission men as a rule re expecting a liberal supply today, er a holiday week of light runs, and ders as a rule were disappointed. From the supply today, which was all f cattle, it was evident that grass stuff s pretty well cleaned out, and though orts from the country show a few ll to come, the runs are likely to be ht for some time.

Fourteen cars were shipped in, about cattle, with enough drive-ins to make tal receipts about 600, against 1,138 the opening day last week, and 4,805 the corresponding day last month.

BEEF STEERS.

The bulk of today's run was fed steers from medium to good quality.

Trading on medium steers for those averaging from 850 to 950 pounds, bringing 3.00@3.15, was active and sales were enerally on a steady basis with the se of last week.

On the well fed heavy steers, while bidding was generally steady, the market as slow, and it was evident packers did not want many.

Choice fed steers are quoted from $3.50 3.75, with medium fed from $3.00@3.50, tockers and feeders $2.00@3.00, and earlings $1.25@2.00.

Representative sales:

No.	Ave.	Price.
12	1020	3 30
20	1019	3 25
27	900	3 15
20	926	3 00
50	840	3 00
22	896	3 00
27	817	2 95

BUTCHER STOCK.

The supply of butcher stock was small, and as everybody wanted cows, the market was good enough to put prices in a higher notch than the close of last week, and sales were generally on a 10c higher basis.

The supply was mostly fed cows, and a few topped the market at $2.50, with several loads averaging around 880 to 900 pounds at $2.30@2.35.

Choice heavy fed cows are quoted from $2.25@3.00, medium fed $1.90@2.25, light thin $1.75@1.90, and canners $1.00@1.75.

Bulls were very scarce and the few on the market were fed and sold about steady, handing around $2.50.

Stags and oxen are quoted from $1.50@3.00.

Cows.

4	1095	2 50
84	1002	2 40
31	890	2 35
1	883	2 30
1	950	2 25
3	1039	2 00
15	786	2 00
9	802	1 95
1	840	1 90
10	680	1 75
	545	1 45

Heifers.

4	783	2 35

Bulls.

2 stags	1105	2 50
2 stags	1291	2 40
1	1364	2 40
1	1106	1 85
20	1001	1 80
1	770	1 75

CALVES.

Receipts of calves were light, and only a few arrived, scattered around in a load here and there, which sold on a steady basis.

There is a strong demand for good to choice yealers at a range of from $3.00@ 4.25, with the common to fair kind from [illegible]

THE HOG TRADE

Today's Quotations.

Choice sorted	$4 55@4 80
Mixed packers	4 50@4 75
Light	4 50@4 70
Choice pigs	4 50@5 00
Stags and roughs	3 00@4 00

Receipts of hogs today were light. Only four cars were shipped in, about 350 head, against 1,204 for the opening day last week, and 208 for the corresponding day last month.

On Saturday only one car of 84 head arrived. The quality was common and the supply sold on a steady basis with Thursday.

Today the quality was good, and as packers were badly in need of hogs, trading was active, and by 9 o'clock the pens were cleared.

Sales were mostly on a 15c higher basis compared with Saturday's close. The top price was $4.75 for hogs averaging 153 to 241 pounds.

Choice sorted are quoted from $4.55@4.80, mixed packers $4.50@4.75, light grades $4.50@4.70, choice pigs $4.50@5.00, and boars, stags and roughs $3.00@4.00.

Representative sales:

Territory Hogs.

No.	Shrink.	Average.	Price.
76		237	4 75
68		241	4 75
77		219	4 75
8		153	4 75

THE SHEEP TRADE

Today's Quotations.

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

HORSES AND MULES

Horses.

Drafts, good	$140@150
Chunks, good	75@130
Drivers, good to fancy	75 up
Drivers, medium	55@ 75
Southerners, common to fair	35@ 50
Southerners, good to extra	75@100
Plugs	15@ 20
Rangers, plain	10@ 30
Choice range horses	50@ 75

Mules.

13½ to 14 hands, fat	$ 40@ 50
14 to 14½ hands, fat	65@ 75
14½ to 15 hands, fat	80@110
15 to 15½ hands, fat	115@130
15½ to 16 hands, fat with quality	135@150
16 to 16½ hands, extra, 1,200 to 1,500	155@165

RECEIPTS AT THE YARDS TODAY.

Cattle.

Jno. G. Harris, T. P. Stk. Yds.	1
W. B. Blackburn, Burton	109
J. M. Craig, Burton	24
———, Santo	62
W. W. Mars, Commerce	54
Baldridge Bros., Waxahachie	20
Harrold & Spence, Italy	46
W. A. Briggs, Waxahachie	28
F. W. Hudson, Hico	23
A. A. Hargrove, Dublin	27
W. H. B., Ardmore	38

Hogs.

J. W. Train, Foss, O. T.	82
Clark Watts, Yukon, O. T.	76
Donohue Bros., Mulhall, O. T.	85
Okla. Pkg. Co., Okla. City, O. T.	68

Sheep.

P. C. Franklin, Midland	311

Horses.

J. D. Dodson, Hillsboro	26
Cook & Simmons, Mabank	24
T. Thompson, Bremond	17

Thursday—

Cattle	274
Hogs	451
Sheep	133
Horses	1

Saturday:

Cattle	285
Hogs	84
Sheep	125
Horses	30

ABOUT THE STOCK YARDS.

Baldridge Bros. from Waxahachie sold 20 steers of 1019 pounds at $3.25.

W. A. Briggs had in from Waxahachie 27 head of 817-pound steers that sold at $2.95.

An unusual thing is the fact that all the cattle on the market today were fed stuff.

Sansom & Co. sold 84 cows of 1002 lbs. at $2.40. These cows were fed at the Fort Worth feed pens.

A. A. Hargrove of Dublin marketed 27 steers averaging 900 pounds, that were taken by Armour & Co. at $3.15.

Clark Watts of Yukon, O. T., had in today 76 hogs averaging 237 pounds, which sold to Armour & Co. at $4.75.

J. M. Craig of Burton had in today 20 steers averaging 926 pounds, which sold at $3, with 2 1105-pound stags at $2.50.

The Oklahoma Packing Co. of Oklahoma City sold on today's market 68 hogs averaging 241 pounds to Armour & Co. at $4.75.

The week starts off with a stronger and higher hog market. Tops today were at $4.75, against $4.60 on Thursday, the last market day of last week.

Donohue Bros., regular shippers to this market from Mulhall, O. T., had in today 77 hogs averaging 219 and 8 153-pound pigs, which sold at $4.75.

The next horse and mule sale will be held at the stock yards January 12, 13 and [illegible] by the Fort Worth Horse

sale in the advertising columns of The Reporter.

Commission men were looking for a big run today of cattle and hogs, after three days of no market, and receipts were so small as to disappoint them.

W. B. Blackburn of Burton was represented on the market today with four loads of steers, averaging from 840 to 890 pounds, which sold to Swift & Co. at $3.

The Stock Yards Co. is putting in an automatic weighing device at the car scales. The weight of each car is automatically stamped and registered as it is pulled on the scales.

F. W. Hudson sent in from Hico a mixed shipment of steers, cows and bulls that sold as follows: Twelve steers, 1020 pounds, $3.30; 4 cows, 1095 pounds, $2.50; and 7 bulls, 1364 pounds, $2.40.

Edward P. Croakin, from Chicago, is a recent acquisition to the industrial force of North Fort Worth and the stock yards. Mr. Croakin is acting as salesman for the North Fort Worth Townsite company.

Receipts for last week were the smallest for any week since last winter. Only 3,629 cattle came in, 2,658 hogs, and 473 sheep. The total number of cattle was smaller than an average day's run in the early part of the week.

The contract for a new building to be used for a horse and mule barn has been let to S. 3. Tomlinson, and work is to begin at once. This will be far larger than any building used for like purposes in the South, its dimensions being 160 feet front by 510 feet deep. It is to be of brick throughout, with everything necessary for the convenience of its occupants. The building is to be completed by April 1, but it is expected to be under roof and so far advanced as to provide a place for the Fat Stock Show that is to be held about the middle of March.

TELEGRAPHIC MARKET REPORTS.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Chicago	26,000	25,000	25,000
Kansas City	8,000	3,000	1,000
St. Louis	3,500	4,000	1,400
St. Joseph	1,700	3,800	500
..	39,200	35,800	27,900

Chicago.

Special to The Reporter.

Union Stock Yards, Ill., Dec. 28.—The Drovers' Journal reports:

CATTLE — Receipts 26,000. Steady, except common. Top $5.80.

HOGS — Receipts 25,000. Market fully 10 higher. Top $4.90; bulk $4.65@4.80.

SHEEP—Receipts 25,000. Steady.

Kansas City.

Special to The Reporter.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 28.—The Drovers' Telegram reports today:

CATTLE — Receipts 8,000. Market 10 to 15 lower. Top $4.60. Cows and stockers steady.

HOGS — Receipts 3,000. Market 10 to 15 higher. Top $4.75; bulk $4.60@4.72½.

SHEEP—Receipts 1,000. Steady.

St. Louis.

Special to The Reporter.

National Stock Yards, Ill., Dec. 28.—The National Live Stock Reporter says:

CATTLE—Receipts 3,500, Texas 1,200. Market steady to strong. Top $3.75. Natives strong.

HOGS — Receipts 4,000. Market 5 to 10 higher. Top $4.87½; bulk $4.75@4.85.

SHEEP—Receipts 1,400. Strong.

St. Joseph.

Special to The Reporter.

South St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 28.—The Stock Yards Daily Journal reports:

CATTLE — Receipts 1,700. Market steady to strong. Top $4.70.

HOGS — Receipts 3,800. Market 5 to 10 higher. Top $4.70; bulk $4.60@4.70.

SHEEP—Receipts 500. Strong.

GENERAL NOTES.

The San Angelo Standard mentions the case of a man in that town who offered to bet a suit of clothes that cotton futures would go to 25 cents.

The Kansas City Live Stock Exchange has voted to come back into the National association. It also voted to adopt all of the resolutions recommended at the National association meeting in this city, dispensing with solicitors, telegrams and free meals to customers.

Land owners on the Colorado river north of Austin say that the large beds of silt left by the waters when the dam washed away are overgrown with a luxuriant bed of Bermuda grass, which, they say, furnishes fine pasturage for their stock. There was but little farm land near the river north of Austin, being hills covered with cedar. The large second river bed formed by the silt is being cultivated.

Voyages of Oceanic Peoples.

About ten years ago a patient German student named Otto Sittig collected a great many instances of the involuntary voyages of oceanic peoples from one island to another. He found that many of them, while out at sea in their small craft, had been carried over a thousand miles to other islands. The authentic evidence he collected covered a period of about 150 years, up to the time he made his investigations.

Last Moments of Tennyson.

Tennyson's last moments were very beautiful. Just before the end came, as he lay tranquilly holding his daughter-in-law's hand, he turned to her, and with a smile of ineffable sweetness said: "I have opened it." Then, to complete one of the loveliest pictures in the lives of great men, his spirit took wings as his son spoke over him his own prayer, "God accept

TO MAKE STOCK TRAINS MOVE.

National Live Stock Association to Take Action at Portland.

The treatment given to live stock shippers by the railroads is to come in for attention at the meeting of the National Live Stock association at Portland. The following resolution will be offered:

"Resolved, that legislation should be enacted by the national congress compelling the movement of stock trains at a minimum speed of twenty miles per hour from loading point to destination, exclusive of stops for feed and water, and that such trains shall have the right-of-way over trains loaded with dead freight.

"Resolved, that the National Live Stock association hereby respectfully memorialize the fifty-eighth congress to enact legislation conferring upon the Interstate Commerce Commission authority to determine upon full hearing under the provisions of the 'Act to Regulate Commerce,' what change shall be made in rate or practice found to be discriminative or unreasonable. Such determination to be immediately operative, and so to continue until overruled by the court."

The necessity of a correction of abuses from which live stock shippers are suffering is so well known to such men that any means to get a bettering of conditions will receive their support. Not only does live stock suffer by improper handing in transit and disastrous delays, but the shipper is made to suffer loss by lack of cars to receive his stock when driven to the shipping pens. The instances are many where cattle are held for a week to two weeks waiting for cars, and when at last they reach their journey's end they find a lower market than they would have had if the shipment had been prompt.

We have a law in Texas that imposes a fine on the railroad that fails to have cars ready to receive live stock, after having received notice of the day they are ready to be loaded, and where that law has been applied it has accelerated the movement of cars.

HOLD BACK THIN CATTLE.

Fat Cattle Are Wanted, and Thin Stuff is in Excess.

The view of a Chicago cattleman is thus stated by the Live Stock World:

A Chicago cattleman who has had wide experience on both sides of the market, as buyer and seller, thinks no greater mistake could be made by cattle feeders than to continue the stampede to get cattle to market, regardless of losses.

Among other things, he said:

"If the market during the past week and only been supplied with cattle that were in no worse than fair beef condition, prices for all kinds would have been fully $1 higher than they were.

"Packers, if they were to refuse to buy at any price the thousands of fleshy feeders being rushed into the beef market, would be doing a great service to feeders who own such cattle.

"There has of late been no glut of fat cattle. Right after the International, the extra heavy cattle of plain quality were badly neglected, but these cattle are almost sure to be worth 50c a hundred more in a very short time.

"If a feeder has cattle already as heavy as the market wants, he is always taking a big chance of loss by holding longer, but people who are sacrificing $10 to $15 a head on cattle that are only just in good feeding form are throwing away a splendid chance of a fair, if not a good profit for a certain loss."

TEXAS SWINE BREEDERS.

Program of the Meeting to be Held at Plano in January.

The institute meeting of the Texas State Swine Breeders' association will be held at Plano, Collins county, Tuesday, Jan. 12, 1904. This association is made up of all who are interested in any way in the growing hogs and all are invited to ask questions, discusse the papers read, etc.

The railroads have offered excursion rates of one and one-third fare, dates of sale Jan. 11 and 12, good returning January 15.

Following is the program:

"Texas vs. the Northern States For Hog Raising," H. E. Singleton, McKinney, Tex.; "Value of Improved Breeds Over Scrubs," Geo. B. Simmons, Ben Franklin, Tex. "Is the Value of Pasture for Hogs Overestimated?" Nat Edmonson, Sherman, Tex.; "How to Use Alfalfa for Best Results," J. C. Cobb, Dodd City, Tex.; "Profitable Pork. How to Raise It," C. D. Hughes, Sherman, Tex.; "Balanced Rations a Necessity," Prof. J. H. Connell, Dallas, Tex.; "Improvements for a Hog Farm," Wm. Kerr, Vineland, Tex.; "Swine Diseases, Prevention and Cure," George P. Lillard, Seguin, Tex.; "How I Raised and Fed My Prize Car of Hogs," Ed Edmonson, Newark, Tex.; "How Shall We Promote the Hog Industry?" John W. Stewart, Sherman, Tex.; "Selections and Development of Breeding Sows," Walter E. Davis, Sherman, Tex.; "Selection and Development of the Breeding Male," M. M. Offutt, Cleburne, Tex.

A WHOLESALE SANTA CLAUS.

A Missouri Farmer Who Entertains the Whole Neighborhood.

Bucklin, Mo., Dec. 26.—P. V. B. Cox, "Uncle Peter," of the Brush Creek neighborhood, White township, northwestern Macon county, began his annual week's celebration of the holiday yesterday. Mr. Cox is a native of Virginia, but has been a Missourian for the last thirty-five years. He is now 65 years of age, tall and sturdy, with whitening hair to his shoulders.

Christmas with "Uncle Peter" is sacred to the cause of generosity and hospitality. For a week ahead invitations are sent to his friends throughout the township. It is the event of the year to the farming people of Brush Creek and their little ones. Parents may forget their children at that time, but "Uncle Peter" does not. The biggest evergreen obtainable in the forest is erected in the big parlor or reception hall of the farmhouse. Everybody invited is remembered on that gram to amuse his guests. If snow is on the ground, the character of the friend of childhood is made more realistic by his driving to his house in a sleigh to the jingle of bells. Then Santa Claus climbs in the window with a pack on his back. After the Christmas tree exercises supper is served and this is followed with "music by the orchestra."

The entertainment is given every night during the holidays so all of the philanthropist's friends—children and big people—can see the show. The house, large as it is, will not accommodate over one-sixth of the neighborhood at one time.

In his costume of "Santa Claus" Mr. Cox gathers up his bow and violin and begins work. As a fiddler of the old school he "takes a back seat for no man on earth." His "music box," as he calls it, is a part of him. In the "auditorium" is a telephone, and the musician stands near it so those sick and unable to be present may enjoy that part of the program. "Uncle Peter" has a regular "fiddling season." It begins with the first frost in autumn and runs till Easter. He never touches the instrument from Easter to frost time. The philosophy of it he will not discuss. And he will not, under any circumstances, play on Sunday.

After the festivities of the holidays the old musician plays nightly to his friends over the telephone. Any resident of the district served by the Mt. Zion telephone line can step to the receiver between certain hours every night during "Uncle Peter's" "fiddling season" and listen to an excellent concert by father and sons, must be devoted strictly to edifying sire's musical footsteps. That may explain why the Mt. Zion has more patrons, according to the extent of its territory, than any other country system in the country. Everybody has the 'phone, and the east Linn county farmers are trying to get the line extended into their section.

Mr. Cox has made a comfortable fortune by farming in the primitive style. He is unalterably opposed to innovations. He will not tolerate a steam thrasher on his land. The haystacker he regards as a nuisance, and all his hay is handled by pitchforks. No political party or creed of any kind has ever won his support. He believes in the broad doctrine of "do unto others as ye would that they do unto you," and his life is purer than the rules of any sect could make it. Dances and card games of all sorts are an abomination to him.

"Where on earth can you find a game as interesting as conversation between intelligent people?" he asks. "If a man can't say anything worth listening to, or do anything to keep his brain from rotting, there may be some excuse for him to hop around over the dancing floor, or fool with colored cards."

"Uncle Peter" will not permit his children to attend parties where dancing, "kissing games," flinch or any other sort of cards are the order. The gathering for the latter are treading in their conversation, recitations or music, if his boys and girls are to be there. He is arbitrary on this point.

A WHITE BLACKBIRD.

Pall Mall Gazette: A genuine albino blackbird has just been shot near Catterick bridge, Yorkshire. Scientific ornithologists have clearly enough explained the physiological nature of albinism in birds, but it is still a mystery what originates these physiological conditions, and also why it is that very dark-plumaged birds, such as blackbirds, rooks, etc., are more liberal to albinism, pure or partial, than any others. It is strange, for instance, that white robins are rare, and it is notable that the last found in this country was obtained in Yorkshire (Sedberg district). Last summer a perfectly white sand martin was seen by hundreds in the Bethham (Yorkshire) district, and three or four in other parts of the north of England. House martins, also barn swallows, are liable to assume albinism, and many records are preserved in Yorkshire. As for "pied" blackbirds, rooks and suck like, they are as common as the proverbial blackbirds, whereas in the whole of England there are probably not more than two records of albino woodcocks.

HE BELIEVED IN CALOMEL.

Patient Might Die, But the Doctor Would Be Obeyed.

Down in the British West Indies there are many old-fashioned eccentric doctors of the ancient "calomel ard quinine school," who believe that those medicines will cure every complaint under the sun. One of these doctors was brought to the bedside of a planter who was suffering from yellow fever.

"Oh, doctor, I shall die, I shall die!" wailed the patient.

"Die and be damned to ye!" retorted the doctor. "But you shall take sixty grains of calomel first!"

The patient was so shocked that he took a turn for the better and recovered.

A Definition.

"Diplomacy, Lester," said the henpecked man, replying to the inquiry of his small son, during, it may not be necessary to explain, the temporary absence of the majestic wife of the one and mother of the other, "diplomacy is what makes a man carve a turkey and unselfishly deal out to his family and the visitors their favorite helps, including the only portions which he himself really likes, and at the same time look like a putty saint.

Penetration of Bullets.

Tests as to penetration of the present rifle bullets in sand, loam and steel show that the penetration into sand and loam at fifty feet does not exceed six inches; at 500 yards thirteen and one-half inches and at 1,000 yards sixteen and one-half inches. At fifty feet the velocity is so high that the bullets are completely flattened in the first six inches, the sand not having time to yield.

Making Pearls.

The Japanese are making "real" pearls by forcing a grain of sand into oysters and planting them until the pearl is formed by a deposit around

AN EXPERIMENT WITH STEERS.

Shipped from Illinois to Louisiana and Fed in that State.

Baton Rouge, La., Dec. 22.—A car load of steers finished at the Louisiana Experiment Station were exhibited in front of the state house here today preparatory to being taken to Chicago. They will reach the Union Stock Yards there about Jan. 1st, and their shipment will mark the termination of one of the most interesting feeding experiments ever conducted in the United States. The station authorities have demonstrated that the southern tick is not necessarily a handicap to the successful handling of Northern cattle below the quarantine line.

"We intended to ship these cattle to Chicago last week," said W. R. Dodson, assistant director of the station, "but decided to hold them, owing to the demoralized condition of the market."

The cattle are grade Angus. They were bought at Clinton, Ill., and brought to Baton Rouge, La., on Nov. 23, 1901. Their ages at that time ranged from four to eight months. They were inoculated son after their arrival at Baton Rouge, and passed through the immunization form of Texas fever with but little loss of weight. January 8, 1902, they had apparently recovered completely from the immunization fever, and from that date made satisfactory gains. On March 1st they had gained 100 pounds each. On this date the steers were placed on tick infested pastures, and the amount gained per month diminished as the ticks increased in abundance. As the pasture got better in the spring the amount of dry feed given was diminished until they received a little less than a half ration supplementing the pasturage. During July and August there was a partial recurrence of the fever produced by the unusual abundance of ticks. At this period there was no gain in weight, and some of them lost a little. This phase of the experiment was planned to test the effect of ticks upon animals receiving concentrated feed to supplement good pasturage, and in this respect much valuable information was gained relative to the losses accruing to our pastured cattle from the heavy infestation of ticks. The complete information on this subject will soon be available in a bulletin to be issued on the subject.

In October the steers were put on full feed, but did not make satisfactory gains till November, when they had all the ticks removed.

In ninety days from this time the average gain was 186 pounds per steer. However, this gain was consumed in fat, and it became apparent that we would not be able to market the animals in the early spring in the condition we desired them to be, so it was determined to carry them over the summer of 1903 for further experiment. In the early spring of 1903, they were again placed on pasture, and the dry feed diminished to less than half ration, and finally to one-third ration when the grass was good. Periodically they were sprayed with preparations for the destruction of ticks. In October they were again put in the dry lot and graduated to full feed. The gains have been very satisfactory, averaging a little less than two pounds per day.

The average weight at this time is 1300 pounds.

The average age is 2½ years.

They have been fed exclusively on rice bran, sugar-house molasses and cotton seed meal, with native hay, mostly Bermuda grass and lespedeza.

WILL KEEP UP THE FIGHT.

Chicago Live Stock Exchange Will Carry on the War.

The Chicago Drovers' Journal says: Until the supreme court of the United States has spoken finally regarding the live stock terminal charge, the Chicago Live Stock Exchange will not relax its efforts to secure removal of that iniquitous railroad tax on the traffic. At the meeting of the Exchange yesterday this sentiment predominated, taking this crystalized form:

"That the secretary of the Chicago Live Stock Exchange be directed and instructed to notify the Interstate Commerce Commission that the Chicago Live Stock Exchange has not changed its position, but is still irrevocably opposed to the collection of a terminal charge and that all reports to the contrary are false."

Mineral Products in America.

The mineral products of the United States are $350,000,000 in coal, $242,000,000 in pig iron, $87,000,000 in copper, $78,000,000 in gold, $66,000,000 in petroleum, $55,000,000 in stone, $33,000,000 in silver, $27,000,000 in natural gas and $23,000,000 in lead.

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Sonnet on the Irish Setter.

Scout of the moors and fields, of Irish fame,
Resplendent in his bright red uniform,
With nostrils slightly raised winding his game,
As some proud stallion snuffs the gathering storm
Of distant battle; o'er the hill he came
At a slow gallop, 'mid the turnips dense
Scented his foes and, every muscle tense,
Stood a carved statue in all else but name.

Furred fugitives may start beneath his feet
And tempt him plunge into the fevered bliss
Of mad pursuit, the blustering pheasants rise
Beneath his nose; he moves not but to greet
The well-aimed shot with veiled joy, the miss
He censures only with reproachful eyes.
—Westminster Review.

Corrosion by Sea Water.

The corrosion of metals by sea water has been investigated by a German engineer named Diegel. Alloys of copper and nickel are not very readily corroded and are rendered more immune by adjacent masses of copper alloys, iron or copper, these protectors being then more rapidly corroded. Copper-zinc alloys are corroded either by a uniform solution of the alloy from the surface or when the zinc exceeds 24 per cent by a leaching out of the latter, but by the addition of 15 per cent nickel this action is prevented.

The Planet Venus.

The conditions of the planet Venus are most like those on the earth, but there is a strong suspicion that Venus has no night or day, but always keeps the same side toward the sun. If this is really the case, then the sunny side must be always burning hot and quite dry, while the opposite side must be always incased in ice—nay, more, in a mixture of ice and solidified atmospheric gases. The life of such a world must be very different from any that we know.

Unique Wedding Party.

A short time ago a wedding took place at St. Luke's church, Reddall Hill, Cradley Heath, England, at which a man named John Hill was married to a young woman whose name was also Hill. The fathers of the bride and bridegroom were each named John Hill, the witnesses were all named Hill, and both the bridegroom and bride resided at Old Hill.

Simple Test for Milk.

Milk varies in viscosity with composition and temperature, and a new apparatus called the "lacto-viscometer" is regarded by French physicists as solving the problem of a simple test for milk. It consists of a tinned copped reservoir, mounted on a tripod, with a fine glass tube as outlet. When the reservoir is filled with a sample of the milk, the stopcock is opened and the time required for the escape of the liquid is noted in seconds, with the temperature, and reference to a table shows the exact character of milk corresponding to these data.

Trying to Account For It.

It is stated that there are more suicides Monday than any other day, but no attempt is made to give a reason for this fact. Somebody points out that Monday is usually wash day, and it should be added that a boiled dinner usually goes with it. The clothes line may, perhaps, suggest the fatal rope, and the clothes pin nasal asphyxiation. There are blue Mondays, too, and it may be possible that the suicides have their own peculiar ideas about starting the week right.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Value of Education.

An uneducated child has one chance in 150,000 of attaining distinction as a factor in the progress of the age. A common school education increases his chance nearly four times. A high school education increases the chance of the common school child twenty-three times, giving him eighty-seven times the chance of the uneducated. A college education increases the chance of the high school boy nine times, giving him 219 times the chance of the common school boy and more than 800 times the chance of the untrained.

Judge Dislikes Cigarettes.

To have cigarette stains on the fingers is a presumption of guilt, no matter what the crime charged. At least this is so in the bailiwick over which Judge Crane of Pittsburg exercises sway. In a recent session he uttered these apothegms: "To smoke one cigarette is worse than drinking half a barrel of beer." "Every cigarette means a dream of some future crime." "The first cigarette a boy or a man smokes is the first step in a future criminal career." "Cigarettes mean [illegible]"

FAMILY WIPED OUT.

Father, Mother and Little Son Hurled to Eternity.

Grand Rapids, Dec. 28.—In the cafe coach of the east bound train, which was demolished as far back as the rear of the forward trucks, one of the most shocking tragedies of the wreck was enacted.

Section Foreman Linden J. Baldwin, wife and son had spent Christmas in Grand Rapids and were returning to their home at Mulliken. Between the man and wife, sitting on the top of the car seat and playing with a toy bank, received as a Christmas gift was their little son. The crash came and all three were killed. A beam flying through the air struck the child, beheading him. The mother and son were found together on the floor of the cafe car by the wrecking crew when they penetrated into the wreck.

FIFTY THOUSAND FIRE.

Crowley, La., Suffers to That Extent.

Crowley, La., Dec. 28.—Sunday afternoon a fire broke out in the Acadia bakery on Second street, between Parkerson avenue and Avenue F, which resulted in a loss approximately of $50,000. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is supposed to have caught from the furnace. The flames from the bakery rapidly spread to other buildings, and as a result the large photograph studio of Barnett Bros. and the T. J. Tolar brick block were completely wrecked.

Cotton and Guano Burn.

Senobia, Ga., Dec. 28.—Fire burned 250 bales of cotton and 350 tons of guano. Loss, $50,000.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Ex-Italian Premier Zannaidelli is dead.

Dallas is to have a $10,000 woodenware factory.

Miss Fannie Martin was fatally burned at Dillon, Tex.

In a cyclone near Americus, Ga., two negroes were killed.

L. H. Scruggs, a pioneer horse man, died at Paramore, I. T.

There are 6592 names on the Texas Confederate pension rolls.

Steamer W. H. Grapevine was sunk at Cincinnati by an ice gorge.

Storm in southern Indiana on Christmas day did $100,000 damage.

During a New York firemen narrowly escaped death by a falling wall.

While fighting a fire at Alton, Ill., Charles Stallings had a fatal fall.

Freight steamer Kiowa was sunk in Boston harbor by the Admiral Dewey.

Eighty-nine men deserted from the training ship Yankee at New Orleans.

Mrs. Roosevelt entertained at the white house on the 26th, 600 children.

Sam Freshman, a Dallas man, claims to have invented a bottle that cannot be refilled.

At Red Bank, N. J., Mrs. Margaret Childs suicided by hanging herself to a banister.

A strike of gold in Cheek well No. 1, five miles east of Luling, Tex., has been found.

Fred and Max Gruben, brothers, broke through ice at Lymansville, R. I., and drowned.

It is said the Standard Oil company will operate in the oil fields around Henrietta, Tex.

A general insurrection has broken out among the Bondelswarts tribes of southwest Africa.

Two men were dorwned while attempting to cross the Hudson river at Tarrytown, N. Y.

Since July 20 the Southern Pacific has hauled from Sour Lake, Tex., over 11,000 carloads of oil.

National Exchange bank of El Paso, Tex., capital stock $100,000, has been authorized to do business.

A Moravian youth named Joe Ernemansky, ten miles east of Rockdale, Tex., blew off the top of his head.

George T. Green, a compositor, jumped from a window 120 feet high at New York. Every bone was broken.

A New York broker named Garth jumped overboard from the Denver, en route to Galveston, and was drowned.

Pedro Alvarado, an eccentric millionaire, distributed $100,000 among the poor of Parral, Mex., Christmas day.

A negro named Lynn Carr, who killed Deputy Marshal Cobb at Saucier, Miss., was shot to death by a mob.

W. W. Welch, a former Southern Pacific railway conductor, was found dead at San Antonio. He had been ill some time.

A train that left Gonzales, Tex., for New Orleans, carried 1685 turkeys, sixty-five cases of eggs and 450 head of cattle.

City Marshal Ferguson of Ringwood, Okla., was shot to death. Clinton Fox, his alleged slayer, was killed by a pursuing party.

J. H. Thompson, a deputy marshal, was shot to death at Coalgate, I. T. George England was arrested and taken to Atoka.

A boy twelve nears old, named John Hansen stole a quantity of whisky at Wilkesbarre, Pa. He drank it, went to sleep and froze to death.

Near Wiggins Cross Roads, N. C., Robert Lolley was fatally wounded by Len Wright, his wife's brother, who shot him through a window as he slept.

In a shooting affray at Purmelia, sixteen miles west of Gainesville, Tex., George Skinner was killed and Dick Boulett fatally cut. Paul Gray and George Lewis were arrested.

Hon. W. J. Bryan was tendered a reception at the American chamber of commerce, Rome. During an address he paid high tribute to the diplomatic and consular service of the United States.

Yard Foreman Bill Massingill of the Houston East and West Texas railway at Lufkin, Tex., was shot and killed. J. S. Miles, agent for the Cotton [illegible], was arrested. Dead man leaves a widow and several children.

Sneezing Evident of Strength.

Sneezing has been said by at least one great medical authority to be evidence of a robust constitution. In proof of this he declared that people in feeble health never do sneeze.

Student Averages.

Taking into consideration all studies available for the degree of bachelor of arts the average grade of the average student under the average professor is 80 per cent.

WANT MEMBERSHIP.

Fuller Company Has Filed Application For Same.

New York, Dec. 28.—The George A. Fuller Construction company, through President S. P. McConnell, has applied for membership in the Building Trades Employers' association. The application has been accepted and President McConnell will become a member as soon as the plan, scope and regulations of the association have been thoroughly explained to him.

From the beginning of the building trades war last May the Fuller company has been one of the strongest resources of the striking or lockout employes for the reason that its officers refused to maintain any relations with the association which all the other employers are affiliated.

NEW YORK'S POOR.

Thousands of Dinners Given Them by the Salvation Army.

New York, Dec. 28.—The Salvation Army, in keeping with its annual custom, distributed Christmas dinners to 25,000 of New York's poor at the Central palace. Beginning at 8 o'clock 5000 baskets containing a satisfying dinner for a family of five persons were distributed. Christmas evening 500 of the city's homeless poor sat down to

COMMANDER BOOTH-TUCKER.

tables laden with turkeys, cranberry sauce and other things of the season. Commander Booth-Tucker was in personal charge, assisted by the entire staff of the Army in this city.

FIXED PRICE LIST.

New York Patent Medicine Manufacturers Will Have One.

New York, Dec. 28.—Soon after the beginning of the year some of the largest manufacturers of patent medicines will, it is stated, put into effect in this city a new plan to stop the cutting of prices on such articles by druggists and department stores. This will be the first time that the proprietors have taken a direct interest in the solution of the cut rate problem. Heretofore they have supported movements conducted by others, notably the National Retail Druggists' association, to stop the practice.

It is the intention to have a fixed price list, below which the manufacturers will not allow their goods to be sold at retail. This will apply to the department stores as well as to all retail druggists.

TWO CREMATED.

Six Others Who Were Asleep Sustained Serious Injuries.

Cincinnati, Dec. 28.—Two were killed and six injured in a rear-end collision at Williamstown, Ky., on the Cincinnati Southern railway early Saturday morning. A wrecking train that was bearing up from Macon, Ky., was met by a freight. The relief car and two cabooses on the wrecking train were wrecked and afterward took fire. The cars burned so quickly that James Lux and Florence Crawley, two workmen, who leave families at Ludlow, Ky., perished. Six others who were also asleep in the relief car were badly injured.

Picked Recruits En Route.

New York, Dec. 28.—A volunteer fleet is on the way to Port Arthur from Odessa with over 2000 picked recruits, says a Moscow dispatch to the Times. The transport also carries several Black sea naval officers, a party of fifty naval gunners and engine room artificers.

THREE FOUND DEAD.

Were Butchers, and Failed to Turn Off Gas in Room.

Baltimore, Dec. 28.—William Goebel, twenty years of age; Frederick Haberstraw, thirty, and William Beckhosser, thirty-eight, were found dead in their room. The men were all butchers, and retired late Thursday night. It is supposed they neglected to turn off the gas and were asphyxiated.

Yen Debenture Issue.

Tokio, Dec. 28.—At an extraordinary meeting of the cabinet it is reported that it was decided to issue an urgency ordinance authorizing the guarantee of the principal and interest of an issue of 10,000,000 yen debentures on the Seoul-Fusan railway, which is expected to be finished before the end of next year.

Did Not Have Enough Presents.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—William Kauffman, nephew of George Kauffman, shot and fatally in jured his cousin and wounded his aunt, Mrs. Nega Kauffman, in the shoulder in a quarrel over Christmas presents. Kauffman declared that his uncle had not given him a proper number of Christmas presents and attempted to shoot him. The women endeavorede to act as peacemakers, and Kauffman shot them both.

Recognized by Italy.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Acting Secretary of State Loomis has notified the Italian embassy that the government of Italy has recognized the new republic of Panama.

William Cogswell, the well known artist, died at Pasaden, Cal.

AN OPPORTUNITY.

Account of the holidays, the M., K. & T. of Texas will sell round trip tickets at very low rates, between all points within the state of Texas, and from all points in Texas to all points in Louisiana and the Indian and Oklahoma Territories, within a distance of two hundred miles from selling station.

Tickets on sale Dec. 23, 24, 25, 26 and 31, 1903, and Jan. 1, 1904. Limit to return January 4, 1904.

See "Katy's" agents, or write a letter to "Katy," Dallas, Texas.

SOUTH HAS NO RIVAL

Edward Atkinson Says Her Position Is Unapproachable.

HIS INVESTIGATIONS.

Imported From Various Countries the Fleecy and Spun it, but the Cotton States of Union Surpass All Lands.

Baltimore, Dec. 28.—In an article in the Manufacturers' Record, Edward Atkinson of Boston, the well known statistician, takes the ground that because of the benefit which the south would receive from active competition of other countries in cotton production, he regrets that there can practically be no competition with the south, and that this section will continue to hold its monopoly of the world's cotton-growing. Mr. Atkinson reviews the investigations which he has made of all the efforts to produce cotton in other countries, and in closing says:

"During the civil war I was in constant correspondence with the Cotton Supply association of Manchester, Eng., by whom every effort was made to get a substitute for American cotton. I was then a spinner. I imported and spun examples of every type of cotton produced anywhere, using many thousand bales of India cotton during that period."

His observations lead to the conclusion that owing to the physical geography of the cotton states, including, of course, Texas, the mountains lying back of the cotton lands on the Atlantic coast interrupting the humid atmosphere, brought up by the gulf stream, leading to frequent showers and seldom destructive rains, give the ideal conditions for growing cotton on the uplands, and a like measure of humidity coming in from the gulf of Mexico renders the condition of the black lands of Alabama and Mississippi even more conducive to the making of the best cotton of the green-seed variety, the great cotton of commerce.

"Again, warm currents laden with humidity, as I am informed, come up from the southwest over the northern section of Texas, of Oklahoma and of the Indian Territory. These conditions, conducive to the growth of the plant, are coupled with winters by which the plant is kept annual, and that is necessary, with constant renewal of seed or improvement of seed, to maintain the best varieties of the great staple of commerce, the best for average work."

FAMILIES EVICTED.

Heads of the Households of Miners Now Out on Strike.

Meyersdale, Pa., Dec. 28.—The Soderset Coal company evicted fatalities of four striking Slavish miners at Pine Hill in the Meyersdale field. Sheriff Coleman was present and the tenants accepted the situation without resistance.

There is not a line that was running on the Somerset and Cambria branch of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad before the strike order went into effect that is not working now. These places have no organization, this being especially true of the river mines. Hardly a mine near Meyersdale is paying the old scale, 65 cents, as are also a number of others.

FORCE OF JAPANESE.

They Will Be Sent to Korea to Restore and Maintain Order.

Paris, Dec. 28.—It is learned in authoritative quarters that Japan is about to send a large military force to Korea for the purpose of restoring and maintaining order at disturbed posts. The departure of this force is imminent. It will pobably consists of a division of 15,000 men. Japan has been assured Russia will not consider sending troops to Korea to be an unfriendly act or casus belli. It is anticipated a departure of troops will revive war rumors.

ROCK ISLAND'S PRESIDENT.

Head of the Baltimore and Ohio Is Successor of Leeds.

New York, Dec. 28.—President L. F. Loree of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad company has been elected president of the Rock Island, succeeding W. B. Leeds. This road controls the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific. President Lores says he will enter upon his duties at once. Mr. Leeds will remain a member of the executive board.

Twelve Bodies Left.

Connellsville, Pa., Dec. 28.—There are still twelve bodies of victims of the wreck on the Duquesne Limited at three morgues in this city. The unknown dead will be kept at the morgues as long as possible and when all hope of identification is past they will be buried here.

Sacked a Bakery.

Paris, Dec. 28.—A band of fifty striking bakers sacked a co-operative bakery. There were several minor demonstrations. The minister for war ordered military bread makers to be in readiness to take the place of strikers in case of shortage in public bread supply.

Christmas Tree Tragedy.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 26.—At a Christmas tree festival in Cedar Bluff attacked by Parsons, who used a knife. Lockhart, an officer. The latter was attacked by Parsons, who used a rifle.

Acre Treaty Approved.

New York, Dec. 28.—The Bolivian congress, by a vote of 41 to 11, has approved the Acre treaty with Brazil, according to a Herald dispatch from La Paz. The terms of the treaty were announced some time ago.

Star Photography.

Star photography is one of the most tedious operations known. In some cases the exposure of the plate must last for several hours. During all this time both the plate and the telescope must be moved so that the image of the star will be stationary on the plate. The exposure for the star of the sixteenth magnitude is two hours, and only the image of one at a time can be secured unless those adjoining happen to be of the same size.

ALMOST LIKE NIGHT.

New York City Had Heavy Snow, Accompanied by a High Wind.

New York, Dec. 28.—Snow that was accompanied by high wind, began here early Saturday. So thick were snow and clouds that during the morning darkness almost like that of night prevailed in the down-town streets. The snow was wet and heavy. At first it melted as fast as it fell, but later on the temperature dropped and the storm took on the semblance of a blizzard.

Darkness lasted nearly an hour, after which the storm lessened considerably in severity, although snow continued to fall.

A heavy snowstorm, accompanied at many places by a high wind, prevailed throughout the state.

During the dark period in this city many ferry boats went astray. Their captains lost their bearings and the harbor resounded with whistles of tugs and other steam craft that had become enveloped in the darkness and blinding snow. Several liners on the way from quarantine to piers had to lay to until the darkness lifted.

FROZEN TO DEATH.

John Weir Is Dead and George Baumgarten Cannot Recover.

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 28.—John Weir, aged forty-five years, was frozen to death near Elmwood. George Baumgarten was found frozen to a tree here and he had to be torn loose by a patrolman. He is so badly frozen that he cannot recover.

Wind Was Stinging.

St. Paul, Dec. 28.—Sixteen degrees below zero was the record at the local weather bureau Saturday. At Winnipeg, Man., the mercury went down to thirty degrees below. The cold here was accompanied by a stinging wind, which made it intense.

Different Degrees.

Kansas City, Dec. 28.—The temperature in western Missouri Saturday averaged five degrees above zero, with a strong wind blowing. In Kansas and Oklahoma mild weather prevailed, temperature ranging from five degrees above zero in eastern Kansas to thirty-six above at the Colorado state line.

Coldest In Two Years.

Lafayette, Ind., Dec. 28.—From thirty-five degrees above Friday, the temtemperature dropped eight degrees below at 7 o'clock Saturday morning, the coldest in two years.

Fifteen Below at Lacrosse.

Lacrosse, Wis., Dec. 28.—A drop in temperature of thirty degrees in twenty-four hours occurred here and the government thermometer registered fifteen degrees below.

Crest Passed Over.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Crest of the cold wave passed over Chicago Saturday. Minimum temperature was eight degrees below zero. Trains as a result were unable to travel on schedule.

Dubuque and Davenport.

Dubuque, Ia., Dec. 28.—Mercury registered fourteen degrees below here Saturday and at Davenport twelve below.

MODIFY POSITION.

Russia Must Do This or War Will Result, Says Japanese Minister.

London, Dec. 28.—Japan is negotiating for the purchase of two Chilean warships, the armored cruiser Esmolda and another, probably the battleship Captain Prat, which are for sale. It is now only a matter of price. Negotiations with other South American governments for purchasing warships are also progressing.

Baron Hayashi, Japanese minister to Great Britain, said to a representative of the Associated Press relative to negotiations: "We want more ships. Of course this is only a precautionary measure and it may be a lot of expense for nothing. I have no indications of the nature of Russia's reply. Personally I scarcely expect it to be delivered for a little time. There is no truth whatsoever in the report that Japan's last note stipulated a time limit." Asked anent a dispatch from Berlin Dec. 24, saying the British government represented to the czar that Great Britain "deemed Japan's demands just and earnestly expected [illegible] Hayashi said [illegible] while [illegible] aware of the precise action [illegible] Great [illegible] at St. P[illegible] thought [illegible] British government [illegible] well aware [illegible] Japan will be compelled to go [illegible] unless Russia modifies the position she has taken up in her last note."

TURBULENT TIMES.

San Domingo In a Turmoil, Anarchy and Constant Revolution.

New York, Dec. 28.—The Clyde steamer New York arrived from San Domingo, having been subjected to considerable delay loading and discharging at ports of the revolution-swept island. Cabin passengers on board said the whole country is in a turmoil of riot and anarchy and revolution within revolution. Communication between ports, they said, is suspended, and all telegraph wires are down. At Porto Plata, the home of Morales, the people were his ardent supporters, it is reported, until he went to San Domingo City, when a strong Jiminez party developed. It was said that Morales would send war vessels to bombard the town or put down the revolution.

Secret Session.

New York, Dec. 28.—A secret session of congress will convene at once, says a Herald dispatch from Lima Peru, to discuss treaties defining the boundaries of Bolivia and Ecuador.

Three Drown, Twelve Rescued.

Boston, Dec. 28.—Three men drowned by the sinking of the dredge General Poe in the channel between Deer island and Nix's Natte in Boston harbor. Twelve others were rescued.

Most Valuable Book.

The most valuable book ever published by a private citizen was probably the catalogue of the Walters collection of pictures and ceramics in Baltimore.

British Workhouses.

There are 7[illegible] workhouses in England and Wales [illegible] 1 [illegible] in Scotland. The largest is at Liverpool. It accommodates over [illegible]

FT. WORTH RAILWAY SCHEDULE

Rock Island System.

These trains at T. & P. Passenger Station, foot of Main street:

Depart. / Arrive
8:30 am Omaha and Mo. River 7:15
9:00 pm Kansas City, Chicago, Denver, Col. Springs and Pueblo Fast Ex. 7:10

Depart East — Dallas Line — Arrive East
7:40 am Mail and Express... 8:35

Frisco System
Red River, Texas & Southern Ry.

Depart. North / Arrive North
11:15 am K.C.&St. L. Mail&Ex. 2:55
5:30 am ...... Mixed 7:50

Ft. W. & R. G. Ry.

Depart. / Arrive
3:15 pm Brownwood M. & Ex. 10:55
9:30 pm ...... Mixed 6:00

Fort Worth & Denver City Railway.

Depart. / Arrive
9:45 am Denver, Colo. Springs and Pueblo Mail & Ex 5:10
8:40 pm ... Amarillo Ex. 7:25

Missouri, Kansas & Texas.

Depart. North / Arrive North
8:35 am ... "Katy Flyer" ... 7:45
11:45 am Kansas City, St.Louis & Chicago M. & Ex. 7:40
9:00 pm Kansas City, St.Louis & Chicago Fast Ex... 5:10

Depart. South / Arrive South
8:15 pm Hou. & Gal. & San Antonio, "Katy Flyer" 8:10
8:30 am .Houston Mail & Ex. 10:55
6:00 pm .Houston & Mail Ex. 8:15

Cotton Belt Route.

Depart. / Arrive
10:30 am St. Louis & Mem. Ex 5:05
12:30 pm St. Louis Lt.via Dallas 1:20
9:30 pm Dallas, Mem. & St.L.. 6:50

Texas & Pacific Railway.

Depart. East / Arrive East
7:45 am St. Louis Cannon Ball 7:45
8:00 am St. Louis Mail & Ex. 4:45
9:25 am ....Dallas Local..... 5:15
10:35 am Dallas & Wea'fd Local 2:55
12:30 pm .... Dallas Local.... 1:20
1:55 pm .... Dallas Local.... 12:30
6:00 pm ..Wills Point Local.. 11:05
7:45 pm .St. Louis Mail & Ex. 9:25
9:30 pm .... Dallas Local.... 6:50

Depart West — Main Line West. — Arrive West
8:20 pm Colorado Mail & Ex.. 7:00
3:00 pm Weatherford Local.. 10:30
9:45 am ..El Paso Express .. 7:00

Transcontinental Division via Sherman
Depart. / Arrive
8:30 am Texark. & St. Louis. 4:35

International & Great Northern Ry.

Depart. / Arrive
7:05 am Houston &San An.Ex. 7:35
[illegible] pm Austin " " " 12:05

Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Ry.

These trains at Union Station, Cor. 15th and Jones:

Depart. North / Arrive North
7:50 am K. C. & Chi. Ex.&Mail 9:00
8:30 pm K. C. & Chi. Fast Ex. 7:50

Depart. South / Arrive South
8:00 am Hou. & Gal. M. & Ex. 8:20
9:10 pm Hou. & San Antonio Gal. Mail & Ex....... 7:40

Houston & Texas Central Railroad.

Depart. / Arrive
8:05 am Hou. & Gal. Mail&Ex 8:50
7:45 pm Hou. & Gal. Mail&Ex 8:05
1:15 pm.... Ennis Mixed 11:50

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Citation by Publication. No. 24406.—State of Texas. Suit pending in the rict court Seventeenth Judicial Dis- of Texas. To the sheriff or any con- le of Tarrant county—Greeting: are hereby commanded to make pub- tion of this citation in some newspa- published in said county, for three cutive weeks previous to the second day in January, 1904, the return day and thereby notify and summon unknown owner, and Vesta Brown George Brown, whose residence is own, and all parties owning, having laiming any interest in the land here- mentioned, to be and appear before the district court of the Seventeenth Ju- District of Texas, at the next regu- term thereof, to be held at the court e in the City of Fort Worth, Tarrant ty, Texas, on the second Monday, the day of January, 1904, then and there answer the second amended petition the State of Texas, filed in said court the 5th day of December, 1903, in said e numbered cause, wherein the State Texas is plaintiff and the hereinbefore ed parties defendants, and in which plaintiff alleges that there are now quent and unpaid to the State of s and county of Tarrant, state taxes unting to $11.23, county taxes unting to $20.50, fees allowed by law unting to $13.50, including a penalty unting to 10 per cent of said taxes the year, including and since the year for which the said taxes are delin- together with 6 per cent interest said taxes from the first day of Jan- next succeeding the years for which taxes are delinquent, and that the unt of said taxes, penalty, interest, and all court costs are delinquent, id and due to the plaintiff, and that amount thereof is a charge against a lien on the said land in Tarran- ty, Texas, described as follows: Lot ck 11, Alford and Veal addition to Worth, Tarrant county, Texas, for years 1897 to 1902 inclusive. Plain- rays judgment for the amount of the taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all costs, and for a foreclosure of the tax lien against all of said defend- on said land, to satisfy the amount id taxes, penalty, interest, fees and ourt costs, and for all other general and equitable relief. Herein fail but have then and there before this on the first day of the next regular thereof, this writ, with your re- thereon indorsed, showing how you executed the same. Given under my and seal of said court, at office in Worth, this the 7th day of Decem- 1903. Jno. A. Martin, Clerk District Tarrant County, Texas. (L.S.) J. Brock, Jr., Deputy.

ation by Publication. No. 24412.—State of Texas. Suit pending in the ict court Seventeenth Judicial Dis- of Texas. To the sheriff or any con- e of Tarrant county—Greeting: are hereby commanded to make pub- n of this citation in some newspa- published in said county, for three utive weeks previous to the second y in January, 1904, the return day and thereby notify and summon nknown owner, and John R. Swan whose residence is unknown, and parties owning, having or claiming interest in the land herein men- d, to be and appear before the said ict court of the Seventeenth Judicial ict of Texas at the next regular thereof, to be held at the court in the City of Fort Worth, Tarrant y, Texas, on the second Monday, the day of January, 1904, then and there swer the second amended petition e State of Texas, filed in said court e 5th day of December, 1903, in said numbered cause, wherein the State xas is plaintiff and the hereinbefore parties defendants, and in which plaintiff alleges that there are now ent and unpaid to the State of and county of Tarrant, state taxes nting to $3.03, county taxes amount- $5.52, fees allowed by law amount- $13.50, including a penalty amount- 10 per cent of said taxes for the including and since the year 1897, hich the said taxes are delinquent, er with 6 per cent interest on said from the first day of January next ding the years for which any taxes inquent, and that the amount of penalty, interest, fees and all costs are delinquent, unpaid and to the plaintiff, and that the amount f is a charge against and a lien on said land in Tarrant county, Texas, ribed as follows: Lot 14, block A, ve Hill addition to Fort Worth, ant county, Texas, for the years to 1902 inclusive. Plaintiff prays ment for the amount of the said penalty, interest, fees and all court and for a foreclosure of the said lien against all of said defendants aid land, to satisfy the amount of taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all t costs, and for all other general le- and equitable relief. Herein fail not, have then and there before this court first day of the next regular term f, this writ, with your return on indorsed, showing how you have uted the same. Given under my hand seal of said court, at office in Fort , this the 7th day of December, Jno. A. Martin, Clerk District , Tarrant County, Texas. (L.S.) E. J. Brock, Jr., Deputy.

ation by Publication. No. 24000.—State of Texas. Suit pending the District court Seventeenth Ju- District of Texas. To the sher- any constable of Tarrant coun- Greeting: You are hereby com- d to make publication of this cita- n some newspaper published in said y, for three consecutive weeks previous to the second Monday in January, 1904, the return day hereof, and thereby notify and summon the unknown owner, and Andrew Crumb, A. S. Hayter and J. T. Stevens, whose residence is unknown, and all parties owning, having or claiming any interest in the land herein mentioned, to be and appear before the said district court of the Seventeenth Judicial District of Texas, at the next regular term thereof, to be held at the court house in the City of Fort Worth, Tarrant county, Texas, on the second Monday, the 11th day of January, 1904, then and there to answer the first amended petition of the State of Texas, filed in said court on the 5th day of December, 1903, in said above numbered cause, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff and the hereinbefore named parties defendants, and in which the plaintiff alleges that there are now delinquent and unpaid to the State of Texas and county of Tarrant, state taxes amounting to $4.43, county taxes amounting to $10.19, fees allowed by law amounting to $27.00, including a penalty amounting to 10 per cent of said taxes for the year, including and since the year 1897, for which the said taxes are delinquent, together with 6 per cent interest on said taxes from the first day of January next succeeding the years for which any taxes are delinquent, and that the amount of said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs are delinquent, unpaid and due to the plaintiff, and that the amount thereof is a charge against and a lien on the said land in Tarrant county, Texas, described as follows: Block 33, town of Mansfield, Tarrant county, Texas, for the years 1889, 1890 and 1893 to 1902 both inclusive. Plaintiff prays judgment for the amount of the said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs, and for a foreclosure of the said tax lien against all of said defendants on said land, to satisfy the amount of said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs, and for all other general legal and equitable relief. Herein fail not, but have then and there before this court on the first day of the next regular term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon indorsed, showing how you have executed the same. Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Fort Worth, this the 7th day of December, 1903. Jno. A. Martin, Clerk District Court, Tarrant County, Texas (L.S.) By E. J. Brock, Jr., Deputy.

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Citation by Publication. No. 24584.—The State of Texas. Suit pending in the District court Seventeenth Judicial District of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Tarrant county—Greeting: You are hereby commanded to make publication of this citation in some newspaper published in said county, for three consecutive weeks previous to the second Monday in January, 1904, the return day hereof, and thereby notify and summon the unknown owner, and Mrs. Chas. Tait, whose residence is unknown, and all parties owning, having or claiming any interest in the land herein mentioned, to be and appear before the said district court of the Seventeenth Judicial District of Texas, at the next regular term thereof, to be held at the court house in the City of Fort Worth, Tarrant county, Texas, on the second Monday, the 11th day of January, 1904, then and there to answer the first amended petition of the State of Texas, filed in said court on the 5th day of December, 1903, in said above numbered cause, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff and the hereinbefore named parties defendants, and in which the plaintiff alleges that there are now delinquent and unpaid to the State of Texas and county of Tarrant, state taxes amounting to $0.69, county taxes amounting to $1.31, fees allowed by law amounting to $9.00, including a penalty amounting to 10 per cent of said taxes for the year, including and since the year 1897, for which the said taxes are delinquent, together with 6 per cent interest on said taxes from the first day of January next succeeding the years for which any taxes are delinquent, and that the amount of said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs are delinquent, unpaid and due to the plaintiff, and that the amount thereof is a charge against and a lien on the said land in Tarrant county, Texas, described as follows: N. ½ block 11, and n. 75 feet block 11, Edwards heirs addition to Fort Worth, Tarrant county, Texas, for the year 1897-1900-1901 and 1902. The above is now known as lot 1, block 11, [illegible] Plaintiff prays

taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs, and for a foreclosure of the said tax lien against all of said defendants on said land, to satisfy the amount of said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs, and for all other general legal and equitable relief. Herein fail not, but have then and there before this court on the first day of the next regular term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon indorsed, showing how you have executed the same. Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Fort Worth, this the 7th day of December, 1903. Jno. A. Martin, Clerk District Court, Tarrant County, Texas. (L.S.) By E. J. Brock, Jr., Deputy.

Citation by Publication. No. 24,704.—The State of Texas. Suit pending in the District court Seventeenth Judicial District of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Tarrant county—Greeting: You are hereby commanded to make publication of this citation in some newspaper published in said county, for three consecutive weeks previous to the second Monday in January, 1904, the return day hereof, and thereby notify and summon the unknown owner, and Edna M. Baker, whose residence is unknown, and all parties owning, having or claiming any interest in the land herein mentioned, to be and appear before the said district court of the Seventeenth Judicial District of Texas, at the next regular term thereof, to be held at the court house in the City of Fort Worth, Tarrant county, Texas, on the second Monday, the 11th day of January, 1904, then and there to answer the second amended petition of the State of Texas, filed in said court on the 5th day of December, 1903, in said above numbered cause, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff and the hereinbefore named parties defendants, and in which the plaintiff alleges that there are now delinquent and unpaid to the State of Texas and county of Tarrant, state taxes amounting to $11.01, county taxes amounting to $19.80, fees allowed by law amounting to $9.00, including a penalty amounting to 10 per cent of said taxes for the year, including and since the year 1897, for which the said taxes are delinquent, together with 6 per cent interest on said taxes from the first day of January next succeeding the years for which any taxes are delinquent, and that the amount of said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs are delinquent, unpaid and due to the plaintiff, and that the amount thereof is a charge against and a lien on the said land in Tarrant county, Texas, described as follows: N ½ lot 3, Harmon addition to Fort Worth, Tarrant county, Texas (the above property now known as lot 11, block 3, Fields Welch addition) for the years 1899 to 1902 inclusive. Plaintiff prays judgment for the amount of the said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs, and for a foreclosure of the said tax lien against all of said defendants on said land, to satisfy the amount of said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs, and for all other general legal and equitable relief. Herein fail not, but have then and there before this court on the first day of the next regular term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon indorsed, showing how you have executed the same. Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Fort Worth, this the 7th day of December, 1903. Jno. A. Martin, Clerk District Court, Tarrant County, Texas. (L.S.) By E. J. Brock, Jr., Deputy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION.
No. 25386.

The State of Texas. Suit pending in the District court, Seventeenth Judicial District of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Tarrant county—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to make publication of this citation in some newspaper published in said county, for three consecutive weeks previous to the second Monday in January, 1904, the return day hereof, and thereby notify and summon the unknown owner, and A. Crumb and A. S. Hayter, whose residence is unknown, and all parties owning, having or claiming any interest in the land herein mentioned, to be and appear before the said District court of the Seventeenth Judicial District of Texas, at the next regular term thereof, to be held at the court house in the City of Fort Worth, Tarrant county, Texas, on the second Monday, the 11th day of January, 1904, then and there to answer the first amended petition of the State of Texas, filed in said court on the 5th day of December, 1903, in said above numbered cause, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff and the hereinbefore named parties defendants, and in which the plaintiff alleges that there are now delinquent and unpaid to the State of Texas and county of Tarrant, state taxes amounting to $4.09, county taxes amounting to $9.52, fees allowed by law amounting to $31.50, including a penalty amounting to 10 per cent of said taxes for the year, including and since the year 1897, for which the said taxes are delinquent, together with 6 per cent interest on said taxes from the first day of January next succeeding the years for which any taxes are delinquent, and that the amount of said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs are delinquent, unpaid and due to the plaintiff, and that the amount thereof is a charge against and a lien on the said land in Tarrant county, Texas, described as follows: Block 36, town of Mansfield, Tarrant county, Texas, for taxes for the years 1887 to 1891 both inclusive, and 1893 to 1895 inclusive, and 1897 to 1902 inclusive.

Plaintiff prays judgment for the amount of the said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs, and for a foreclosure of the said tax lien against all of said defendants on said land, to satisfy the amount of said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs, and for all other general legal and equitable relief.

Herein fail not, but have then and there before this court on the first day of the next regular term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon indorsed, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Fort Worth, this the 7th day of December, 1903.

(L.S.) JNO. A. MARTIN,
Clerk District Court, Tarrant County, Texas.
By E. J. Brock, Jr., Deputy.

Citation by Publication.—No. 22883.—The State of Texas. In the District court, Tarrant county, Texas, February term, A. D. 1904. To the sheriff or any constable of Tarrant county—Greeting: You are hereby commanded that, by making publication of this citation in some newspaper published in the county of Tarrant eight weeks previous to the return day hereof, you summon the heirs of Joseph White and wife Sarah White, late of Tarrant county, now dead, said heirs being named Annie Chambers and husband Tom Chambers, and Lizzie Tyre and husband James Tyre, and further complaining of the heirs of James E. Weathers, late of Tarrant county, Texas, now deceased, said heirs named as follows: Bill Weathers, Jane [illegible] the Ice, John Weathers, [illegible] John Weathers, Ben Weathers, Guy Weathers, Mary Weathers, Marthy Stone, Beckey Shaddy, Will Prichard, Acy Prichard, Harriett Berryhill, Logan Prichard, Ben Prichard, Cicero Prichard, and other heirs of said James E. Weathers, the names of whom are unknown to this plaintiff, all of which are herein styled as defendants, whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the District court, to be holden in and for the county of Tarrant, at the court house thereof, in the City of Fort Worth, on the second Monday in February, A. D. 1904, the same being the 8th day of said month, then and there to answer the petition of L. C. White, as plaintiff, filed in said court, on the 21st day of December, A. D. 1903, against the heirs of Joseph White and wife Sarah White, late of Tarrant county, now dead, said heirs being named Annie Chambers and husband Tom Chambers, and Lizzie Tyre and husband James Tyre and further complaining of the heirs of James E. Weathers, late of Tarrant county, Texas, now deceased, said heirs named as follows, Bill Weathers, Jane Hodge, Martha Ice, John Weathers, Jane Weathers, Catherine Parker, John Weathers, Ed Weathers, Ben Weathers, Guy Weathers, Mary Weathers, Marthy Stone, Beckey Shaddy, Will Prichard, Acy Prichard, Harriett Berryhill, Logan Prichard, Ben Prichard, Cicero Prichard, and other heirs of said James E. Weathers, the names of whom are unknown to this plaintiff, all of which are herein styled as defendants. Said suit being numbered 22883, the nature of which demand is as follows, to-wit: That heretofore on the — day of ——, 1870, he purchased from Joseph White and wife Sarah White, by general warranty deed, the south half of the R. B. Williams 136-acre survey in Tarrant county, Texas, which said land has been in the possession of this plaintiff since 1870, and plaintiff would further show that on the —— day of ——, 1881, he purchased from J. E. Weathers by general warranty deed, the following described land being situated in Tarrant county, Texas, said land described as being forty (40) acres off of the east end of the J. E. Weathers —— acres survey in said county and state above mentioned. Plaintiff would show that the said deeds to said land was never recorded, but was kept at his house until about the — day of ——, 1891, when by accident his house was destroyed by fire, together with said deeds above mentioned, and there being no record of the same, he is unable to obtain copies thereof; wherefore premises considered, plaintiff prays that he recover of said defendants and each of them his said land, together with all improvements thereon, and that he be allowed to re-establish his said deeds, and for all special and general relief, etc. Herein fail not, but have you then and there before said court, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same. Witness, Jno. A. Martin, Clerk of the District Court of Tarrant county. Given under my hand and seal of said court in Fort Worth, this 21st day of December, A. D. 1903.

(L.S.) JNO. A. MARTIN,
Clerk District Court, Tarrant County, Texas.
By E. J. Brock, Jr., Deputy.

LISTEN TO THE CHILDREN.

Excellent Advice Given by Writer in Good Housekeeping.

We must not only be ready to talk to and advise children, but also to listen while they talk, says a writer in Good Housekeeping. Give the same attention as to your most welcome guest. Often some little incident of the day related starts a conversation quite broad and impersonal, and I am amazed at the grasp and reasoning of the mind of my son, not yet six, on the whys and wherefores and right and wrong of things. Have I not reason to hope that the talks we have now, truly "heart to heart," will help him to consider and decide for the right in after years? The acts and conversation of grown persons seem ofttimes coarse and defective when judged through the eyes and ears of a child. I have to be constantly making excuses to my boy for what he sees and hears. I am trying to develop in him the power to consider the character of people, and right and wrong. Both girls and boys need this equipment.

PROVED BY THE PROFESSOR.

His Argument Surely a "Learned and Profound" One.

They were both professors, learned and profound, and they were arguing the point in terms which made the cat sneeze violently.

"It is nonsense for you to say, Prof. Pragman, that the ancient Egyptians were less advanced than the ancient Assyrians. The very fact that wires corresponding to our own telegraph wires have been found in Egypt proves that the ancient inhabitants must have understood electricity."

"That may be," said Professor No. 2; "but you see, brother, the fact that no wires have been found in Assyria also convincingly proves that the ancient inhabitants of that country were in the habit of using wireless telegraphy."

UNLUCKY FUR-BEARING ANIMALS

Their Extermination Certain as Result of Hunters' Greed.

The fur-bearing animals are more persistely hunted than any other, since many people depend for a living on their capture. When it is shown that in one year there are brought to the market the fur of 180,000 pine-martens, 400,000 stone-martens, 600,000 pole-cats, 400,000 ermines, 160,000 minx, 55,000 otters, and from America alone 150,000 beavers and 100,000 chinchillas, it will be seen that their extermination is a question of a short time. The sea-otter is now to be found only in the Northern Pacific, on the northern coast of California, and thence along the cost of America and of Asia. To-day fewer than 2,000 sea-otter furs are sent to the market annually.

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LITTLE MIRRORS THE BEST.

Large Glasses Do Not Reflect as Well as the Small Ones.

In the mirrors of to-day the light is reflected by a layer of silver or an amalgam of tin, but a proportion of light is lost in the process of reflection, and the image is less luminous than the original. The value of a looking-glass is usually estimated by the thickness of the glass because the thicker it is the stronger it must be. But speaking scientifically thick glasses are defective, because the outlines of the image reflected are less clearly defined. An ideal mirror is one with a perfectly flat surface. But it is only possible to obtain this result in comparatively small glasses. The larger glasses do not reflect a true image, because it is not possible to make them quite flat.

Remains of Oxford's Founder.

A peculiar incident was the recent discovery at Queen's College, Oxford, of a leaden casket in the crypt bearing the words "Reliquae Fundatoris," the remains of the founder, Robert Eglesfield, chaplain and confessor to Philipoa, Queen of Edward III. Eglesfield died in 1349, and more than five centuries have passed, during the greater part of which even his name was almost forgotten. Chance has restored his name temporarily to notice. History remains, but the names of its makers sometimes have a precarious claim to remembrance.

Was Not His Cue.

From the untimely demise of a member of his congregation the pastor of a rural church was drawing a lesson several weeks ago. After urging upon his hearers the consideration of things spiritual and the necessity of preparation for death, he asked impressively: "Is it not a solemn thought? I repeat it, Is it not a solemn thought?" At this all was silent for a moment, when a small boy in the rear, in whose direction the minister had apparently been looking, answered [illegible]

ISLAND RULED BY WOMEN.

One Place on Earth Where Men Play Second Fiddle.

A remnant of the Sevis tribe of Indians inhabits the island of Tiburon in the gulf of California, and is ruled entirely by the women. Formerly the tribe numbered about 5,000, but is now shrunk to a few hundred, living a life of almost complete isolation, and refusing to intermarry with any of the Indians of the main land. Food and fresh water are scarce on Tiburon but what is left of the tribe is healthy and vigorous, and has always maintained its independence, fighting valiantly for it when necessary. The woman is master of the household and a council of matrons is at the head of public affairs, the men having no voice in them. They have a nominal chief, who is a man, but he has no authority, and any assumption of it would bring the women about his ears like a nest of hornets. It does not say much for the wisdom of female government that the tribe is rapidly dying off, but it would probably be no better with men at the head of its inconsiderable but rather interesting affairs.

Various Army Uniforms.

Noticing that the gray winter uniforms of German troops and the blue clothing of Chinese spectators could not be distinguished from each other at long distances, a German officer in China experimented on the visibility of uniforms. A column was divided into five sections, each with its special clothing, and was placed in close formation behind bushes without foliage. At about 1,400 yards the section in gray and that in overcoats appeared like uniform dark posts, while the section in khaki and that in canvas were hardly visible. At 500 yards the gray began to look lighter than the dark blue. The gray overcoat like long dark stripes, made very good marks, but both khaki and canvas were difficult marks at all distances.

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"MAN TO MAN."

One of the pronounced successes of last season's comedy dramas which comes to Greenwall's opera house Tuesday, matinee and night, Dec. 29, was "Man to Man," a highly thrilling and interesting play, which according to all reports is a first-class production in every respect. Its story is intensely interesting, and while full of thrills and startling climaxes, is consistent and probable all the way through and is decidedly well played by a company of merit. The management has been lavish in the fittings, costumes and scenery—the latter being of special design and correct in every detail. The picture showing Log Lake Inn with Schroon Lake in the distance and the abandoned copper mine are both said to be marvels of the scene painter's art and are arranged with new and novel electric devices. The comedy has not been neglected and many songs and dances are introduced during the action of the play.

"POUSSE CAFE."

The engagement of Harris and Sidman in Weber and Fields' "Pousse Cafe" promises to be a very successful one when those mirth provokers appear at Greenwall's opera house, Wednesday, matinee and night, Dec. 30. Local theater-goers have been looking forward to the first visit of those clever German dialecticians who have blazed the pathway of laughter from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

JEFFERSON DE ANGELIS.

Messrs. Sam S. Shubert and Nixon and Zimmerman, on Friday (New Years) matinee and night, Jan. 1st, at Greenwall's opera house, will present the Jefferson De Angelis Opera Co., in the tuneful and diverting musical comedy, "The Toreador," in which Mr. Jefferson De Angelis is given greater scope to create laughter than in anything he has had. Messrs. Shubert, Nixon and Zimmerman's magnificent production of this London gaiety piece has, it is said, called for no end of commendation every place it has been produced.

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"THE TOREADOR."

POKER HANDS JUST ALIKE.

Story of a Game Which the Narrator Says Is Literally True.

The man who tells this poker story declares that it is literally true:

"There were five of us in the game," he says. "It was only a fifty-cent limit, but we played the cards very liberally and there was much action.

"It was my ante. The next man stayed and all the rest dropped. I held a pair of threes, so I remained.

"The other fellow drew three cards and so did I. He bet a half. I looked at my hand and found I had drawn a pair of queens, and the other card was a nine, so I raised it a half.

"He raised back and I called. I announced two pair. He said:

"'So have I.'

"I said, 'Queens up.'

"He said, 'So've I.'

"I said, 'Queens and threes.'

"He said, 'That's mine.'

"'Well,' I said, 'I've a nine next.'

"And he said, 'So have I.'

"There were our two hands identically the same. We didn't endeavor to consider any prority in the suits, but divided the pot and thought it a very odd occurrence."

WHY YOUR COFFEE IS BAD.

Perhaps It Is Spoiled by Adding the "Other Quarter."

Bridget is an excellent cook, but like most women of her profession she is opinionated and insists upon making all her dishes strictly according to her own recipes. Her mistress gives her full swing, not only as to cooking, but as to the purchase of supplies. The other day her mistress said to her:

"Bridget, the coffee you are giving us is very good. What kind is it?"

"It is no kind at all, mum," said Bridget. "It's a mixer."

"How do you mix it?"

"I shake it one-quarter Mocha and one-quarter Java and one-quarter Rio."

"But that's only three-quarters. What do you put in for the other quarter?"

"I put in no other quarter at all, mum. That's where so many spoil the coffee, mum—by puttin' in another quarter."—New York Press.

"THE BREAD OF LIFE."

Peculiar Ways of the Oriental Market Place Merchant.

In the market place the Seller of Bread sits on his heels, with his wares in a large, flat basket before him.

"Ho!" he cries. "Come and buy; come, buy the Bread of Life, without money and without price!"

He slaps the flat, round cakes with resounding thwacks to emphasize their size and solidity.

Should you try to take him at his word, however, he will assure you, with profound salaams, "All that I have is yours, my lord, but I have many children, and if I bring not home the price of the kouskous (the favorite native dish), my mother-in-law will smite me on the cheek with her shoe."

An Oriental will never speak of his wife to strangers.

Gigantic Water-Pipe.

The biggest water-pipe in the world—capable, it is said, of holding any average river—is that of the Ontario Power Company on the Candian side of Niagara Falls. The gigantic pipe, which is made of steel throughout, is a mile and a quarter in length and 60 feet in circumference. The steel plates from which the big tube is made have the thickness of one-half inch, and in putting them together 200 tons of rivets were required.

Town of Divorces.

The town of Plauen, in Vogtland, holds the record in the matter of divorces. In one day no fewer than seventy divorce cases were dealt with by the civil court of the town, which has a population of 55,000. Every month the court is occupied with a large number of divorce cases, but in many instances the petitions are ...

THIRTY-TWO DEAD AND MANY HURT.

Disastrous Results of a Collision In Michigan.

WIND CAUSED FEARFUL MISHAP.

Blows Out Signal Light and a Train Swiftly Goes Along.

CRASH WAS TERRIBLE AND SCENES AWFUL.

It Was the Most Disastrous Wreck That the Pere Marquette System Has Ever Sustained and of Peculiar Origin.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 28.—The most disastrous accident in the history of the Pere Marquette railroad happened Saturday night when two trains collided half a mile west of East Paris. As usual, the smokers bore the brunt of the wreck shock, and in there every seat was occupied. At the place where the wreck occurred there is a curve. A long grade extends from half a mile east of East Paris to near the scene of the wreck.

Train No. 5 had just descended the grade when it met No. 6. The speed of the trains must have been terrific, both because of the velocity given by the descent of the grade and the fact that the trains were both trying to make up time.

The death list up to Monday morning stands at thirty-two, with twenty-eight injured, some fatally. The dead are:

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Baldwin, Mulliken, Mich.

Louis N. Baldwin, their son, Mulliken.

Lester Williams, Lansing, Mich.

Mrs. Daisy Giles, Lowell, Mich.

Burt Myers, Grandville and Lake Odessa, Mich.

Walter Jordan, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Joseph Hull, (colored), Windsor, Ont.

Austin I. Hager, baggageman, Detroit, Mich.

Charles A. Stoddard, engineer, No. 6, Detroit.

Charles A. Devine, Grand Rapids.

William Helmrich, Detroit, baggageman.

F. M. Gillet, Burr Oak or Portland, Mich.

Allen N. Wells, Big Rapids, Mich.

Frank Burns, Detroit, fireman No. 5

Peter W. Wierengo, Grand Rapids.

George Halmer, American express agent, No. 6, Detroit.

William Smith, Saranac, Mich

Four unidentified.

It was the most disastrous wreck in the history of the Pere Marquette system, and instead of being caused by man's carelessness or mistake, is charged to the high wind which extinguished the red signal light in the order board at McCord's Station, where the northbound train was expected to stop and receive new orders. Two minutes before the train rush by McCord's the light was burning, says the operator there, but in that brief interval the blizzard extinguished it, and No. 5 flashed by the station to crash into eastbound No. 6 near East Paris. The trains, which were two of the finest on the system, were reduced to a pile of broken timber and metal, and the injured were pinned down and crushed by the fragments of the heavy cars. Five cars and two large locomotives were jammed into a space ordinarily occupied by three coaches.

When train No. 5, westbound, slipped by McCord's, instead of stopping, the operator notified the dispatcher, then found that his red light had been extinguished. He reported this fact, and then there was but one action to take. The collision was inevitable. The dispatcher's office called for medical aid and gave orders to hold the train over the Saginaw branch at the depot and get the wrecking outfit under steam. They waited for the word they knew must come.

There was no chance of the fast-running trains to see each other through the driving blizzard in time to even slow down, and in a few minutes word came from the conductor of No. 5 that they had crashed together, and that there was an awful loss of life.

The westbound engine drove through engine No. 6 like a wedge, separating the gear from the boiler and standing the latter on end like a broken, twisted shell. The running gear was crumpled up like so much twine. Great steel side rods were bent into many shapes. The boiler of engine No. 397 turned over several times, and the very force of the twisting impact seems to have been the means of saving the life of Engineer Waterman. He was flung over a fence.

Many stripped warm overcoats from their backs and covered the suffering injured as they were borne to the less shattered cars of No. 5 and into the remains of the parlor car of No. 6. Nearby farmers, hearing the crash, turned out with blankets and did valiant service.

According to the officials of the Pere Marquette, the westbound train was traveling down grade at the rate of sixty miles an hour. The eastbound train was climbing the hill at a speed of forty miles an hour. The former carried probably seventy-five passengers, while the latter is believed to have been carrying at least 125 persons.

Convenes at Atlanta.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 28.—Southern Editorial association meets here on the 30th.

Short and to the Point.

The register which an undergraduate signs on first entering his college does not provide much scope for humor, conscious or otherwise. He has only to give his name and address and the name and status of his father. There is, however, a story told of a more than usually guileless freshman who inserted in the column headed "Description of father" the terse and vivid sentence, ...

BOLD SCOUNDREL.

Lady Had a Desperate Struggle With a Negro Miscreant.

Houston, Dec. 28.—While a Mrs. Schuller was returning from a neighbor's to her residence on the Harrisburg road, she was accosted by a negro, who demanded her purse. She refused to comply, and he grabbed her. The lady jabbed him in an arm with a hatpin. This enraged the rascal, and he struck her a terrible blow over the right eye with a rock, felling her to the sidewalk, where she lay insensible. The negro snatched her purse. Some white men appeared and shot several times at the negro, but he escaped. The lady's skull was fractured.

GREAT GUSHER.

It Is the Deepest Producing Well In Sour Lake District.

Sour Lake, Tex., Dec. 28.—Spindletop Powder company's new well No. 2, south of the Cannon tract, and within ten feet of the Texas company's south-east line, came in as a gusher Sunday morning and threw oil to the top of the derrick.

This well is the deepest producing well in the field, its depth being greater than 1500 feet. It also extends the proven territory several yards.

Took His Diamonds.

Marshall, Tex., Dec. 28.—Three strangers grabbed Hiram Growman on the Shreveport train at the station here and forcibly took $425 worth of diamonds out of his necktie.

KIOWA BANK ROBBED.

One Thousand Dollars In Bills Destroyed by Explosion on Sunday Afternoon.

South McAlester, I. T., Dec. 28.—The safe of the Bank of Kiowa, fourteen miles south of here, was blown open with nitroglycerin at 3 o'clock Sunday morning by a gang of five men. They were interrupted by the arrival of citizens at the time of the third and final explosion and were driven away in a battle in the dark. They secured but $600 in silver and gold; $1000 in bills was torn to pieces in the explosion and about $200 in silver was scattered over the floor. Cashier Burge heard the last explosion. He was joined by four citizens. Hemp Bell shot twice with a shotgun at the miscreants. One screamed and dropped his sixshooter, but no blood was found.

BESIDE HIS BODY.

Miss Bennett Stands by the Corpse of Her Betrothed Husband.

McKeesport, Pa., Dec. 28.—After a journey of nearly 4000 miles which was to have had its termination at the nuptial altar, Miss Lillian Bennett of Wedensbury, England, Sunday stood in the presence of the remains of her betrothed, Ambrose Good, who was killed in the wreck of the Duquesne limited. The scene in the little darkened parlor of th home of Thomas R. Good, a brother, of Ambrose, was pathetic. Just across the street from the home of Thomas Good stands the cottage which Miss Bennett's intended husband had purchased and furnished for her.

TERRIBLE DEED.

Man Kills His Wife, and Child Lay by Corpse Two Days.

Salt Lake City, Dec. 28.—Frank Rose, a barber, surrendered himself at police headquarters. He said that he had killed his wife Christmas afternoon and that the body was still lying in the bedroom where the woman had died after lingering for two hours with a pistol bullet in her brain.

The police found lying on a bed in a miserably furnished shack the body of Mrs. Rose, clad only in her under garments, and by her side was the woman's two year old son, the baby's clothes being saturated with its mother's blood. It was at first thought the child was dead, but when an officer attempted to release the little arms from around the woman's neck the baby began to cry and plaintively told the policeman that something was the matter with his mamma and that "she won't wake up." For almost two days the child had been locked in the cold room with its murdered mother, without food or attention of any kind. The child is in a serious condition.

WORK OF BURGLARS.

Held Up Several Persons and Secured Large Sum From Safe.

Philadelphia, Dec. 28.—Two men with revolvers blew open a safe, held up several persons and otherwise caused considerable excitement in the suburban towns along the main railroad of the Pennsylvania. Two were held up at Burford, and later a man escorting several ladies was stopped by the same men, but the screams of his companions scared the footpads off. Several hours later they appeared at Strafford, covered an aged watchman with revolvers and blindfolded him. The men then blew open the safe in the railroad station which is also used as a postoffice and took about $1000 in money and stamps.

Negro Farmer Slain.

Athens, Ala., Dec. 28.—Anderson Malone, a negro farmer of some prominence, was shot and killed at Rowland, five miles south of Athens, and Fletcher and Mollie Hull, two young white men, it is alleged, are the slayers.

Young Lady Burns to Death.

Mound City, Ill., Dec. 28.—During a fire here Miss Cuna Calheun was burned to death. She rushed into a burning building after her trunk.

Fifth Disastrous Fire.

Troy, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Fire here Sunday did $200,000 damage. This is the fifth disastrious conflagration Troy has recently had.

Edible Frogs.

The edible frog is considerably larger than the common frog, and, though rare in England, is common in Italy, France, and Germany; they are brought from the country to Vienna, 3,000 or 4,000 at a time, and are sold to the great dealers, who have conservatories for them. They are caught at night by means of lights and nets, or hooks baited with worms; in Switzerland, by long rakes, with dove-... thrown into the ... only out again.

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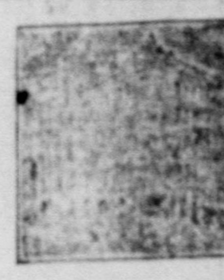

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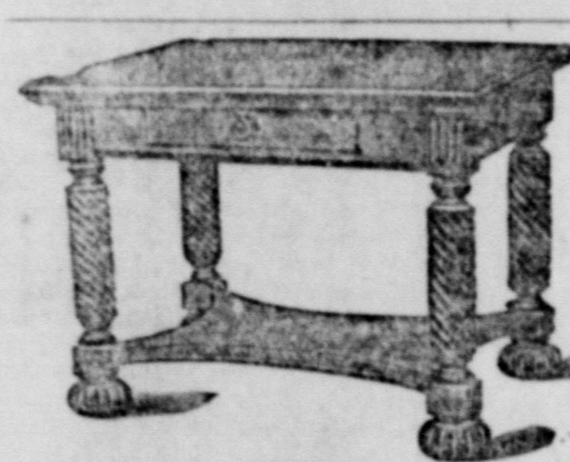

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Across the lawn sweet Kitty trips,
A smile upon her rosy lips,
Her bright eyes flashing;
But all in vain are glow and glance
Of lips that laugh and eyes that dance,
For I am thinking of the chips
I might be cashing.

No doubt, her beauty is divine
And should ensnare this heart of mine,
So fresh its graces;
A queen she is to other men,
But I am the exception, then:
For me, no queen of all the line
Can beat four aces.

She has a rival, and her name,
By strange mischance is just the same,
And more's the pity!
That I—the graceless vagabond—
Should fly a maid so fair and fond,
To court that less deserving flame,
My poker "kitty."

And yet, when flush and jackpot pall,
I rather like to make a call,
To chat, on ramble;
And she who chides my love of play
May win the gamester's heart some day—
For is not marriage, after all,
A sort of gamble?
—Eric Moore in New York Times.

Checks for Large Amounts.

One of the largest checks ever drawn was used in completing a deal in Kimberley mines. It was drawn up by the De Beers for the round sum of £5,000,000 ($25,000,000). At the time it was supposed to be the largest check ever drawn, representing more wealth than any other object in the world. Since the drawing of the De Beers check, however, several new records have been made, including a check for £10,000,000 ($50,000,000), drawn upon the Bank of England by the Chinese government in settlement of the Chinese-Japanese war indemnity.

AN EXPERIMENT WITH CROWS.

Efforts to Ascertain Wanderings of These Birds.

At Rossitten, in Eastern Prussia, large numbers of crows and rooks are caught in nets every year during the two migration seasons, says Nature. The director of the station of the German Ornithological Society at Rossitten proposes to try a curious experiment with these birds. Small metal rings bearing a number and date will be attached to one foot of each of them, after which they will be liberated and permitted to proceed upon their own paths of migration. Notices have been sent all over Germany requesting that when any of these birds are shot the foot and the ring attached to it may be returned to the director of the Vogelwarte at Rossitten. It is quite possible that some of them may stray even as far as the shores of Great Britain, and if this should happen it is hoped that the director's request may be attended to. An accurate record will be kept at Rossitten of the dates of the liberation of every bird and of the locality whence its foot is returned, and it is expected that some interesting deductions will be made from the information thus obtained.

Government Must Be Neutral.

It is expressly provided in the constitution of Colombia that "when one state of the Union shall be at war with another, or the citizens of one state shall be at war among themselves, the government of the union is required to preserve the strictest neutrality."

Ambiguous.

Among a number of notes received by a teacher in excuse for the absence of children was the following: "Dear Teacher—Kindly excuse Minnie for having been absent yesterday, as she fell in the mud on her way to school. By doing the same you will oblige Her Mother."

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KNEW HOW IT WAS.

Minister Familiar With That Kind of Smoky Chimney.

The minister, while passing down the street of a Scotch village, observed one of his parishioners seated at his cottage door sipping his broth. This appearing an unusual proceeding, he stopped and asked him what was the matter. "Oh," replied John, "the chimley is reeking a bit, so I cam' oot to sup ma broth! Ye had better gang in, and gie the missus a bit advice aboot it." The minister had scarcely opened the door when a female voice exclaimed: "Is that thoo again, ye awd rascal?" and the minister's hat was crushed over his eyes with a ... Without uttering a word the minister closed the door and, stepping to where John sat, said solemnly: "John, our chimney at home smokes sometimes, too!"—Liverpool Mercury.

The First Bayonet.

It is not generally known that the British bayonet is not an English invention, but comes from France. It was one of those numerous inventions of necessity being the mother of invention. In one of the French wars the Basque soldiers ran out of ammunition. The enemy were at hand and their officers bade them tie their knives to their muskets. They did so, and the weapon thus made was successfully used to put to rout a charge of cavalry. The battle thus fought was near Bayonne, and so we have the name bayonet.

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