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LIVESTOCK MARKET

Receipts of Cattle Today 400, Hogs 1.250.

CATTLE MARKET STEADY

Not Enough Steers to Make Quotations--Cows Strong.

HOGS 5 TO 10c HIGHER

The Quality was Inferior, but They Sold Promptly.

Receipts Today.

Cattle	300
Hogs	1,250
Sheep	150

Official Receipts Yesterday.

Cattle	688
Hogs	261
Horses	24

Range of the Market

CATTLE—Steers, top $2.50. Cows, top $2.50.

HOGS—Top $4.80, bulk $4.70@4.75.

SHEEP—Bulk $3.

THE CATTLE TRADE

Today's Quotations.

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

Receipts of cattle were very light, but the supply was about the same as the run on last Thursday's market

Only eight cars arrived at the opening, about 200 head, but enough were reported, including those driven in, to make total receipts for the day close to 400, against 274 for last Thursday, and 573 for the corresponding day last month.

BEEF STEERS.

Hardly enough steers arrived today to make a market quotable. Only a few light thin arrived, mixed in with a load here and there, which sold generally on a steady basis with yesterday.

Choice fed steers are quoted from $3.50@3.75, medium fed from $3.00@3.50, stockers and feeders $2.00@3.00, and yearlings $1.25@2.00.

Representative sales:

No.	Ave.	Price.
16	1161	3 65
26	933	3 35
1	800	2 50
1	890	2 25

BUTCHER STOCK.

The bulk of the small supply was butcher stock from common to fair quality.

Packers want cows badly and today started in taking everything in sight on a steady to strong basis.

A few cows averaging from 800 to 900 pounds sold at $2.50, with several bunches at $2.30, and bulk of sales from $1.75@2.00.

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

The few bulls on the market sold freely at unchanged prices from yesterday, with sales at a range of from $1.50@2.50.

Bulls, stags and oxen are quoted from $1.50@3.00.

Cows.		
1	900	2 50
[illegible]	801	2 50
[illegible]	920	2 30
[illegible]	990	2 30
1	926	2 30
10	801	2 30
2	825	2 25
1	770	2 25
8	682	2 15
2	705	2 15
27	846	2 00
1	820	2 00
19	803	1 95
5	746	1 90
28	651	1 80
1	610	1 75
4	760	1 75
7	778	1 70
1	610	1 00
1	750	1 00
1	630	1 00
1	670	1 00
Heifers.		
1	850	2 25
4	522	1 90
Bulls.		
1	1450	2 50
1	1470	2 15
1 stag	1040	2 00
4	[illegible]	1 80
1	[illegible]	1 75

CALVES.

Very few calves arrived, the quality of which was common to medium. There was a good demand and sales were steady with yesterday.

Good to fancy vealers are quoted from $3.00@4.25, with common to fair kinds from $1.50@3.00.

1	150	3 00
1	270	2 75
5	194	2 25
1	350	2 00
1	260	2 00
11	261	1 75

THE HOG TRADE

Today's Quotations.

Choice sorted	$4 60@4 85
Mixed packers	4 55@4 80
Light	4 55@4 75
Choice pigs	4 50@5 00
Stags and roughs	3 00@4 00

Receipts of hogs today were moderately liberal, and enough were in to keep salesmen busy for a short time. Thirteen cars arrived at the opening of the market, or about 1,000 head, and enough came in by noon to make receipts for the day figure about 1,250, against 451 for last Thursday, and 744 for the corresponding day last month.

The quality of early receipts was not as good as the usual run of hogs, but local packers, who wanted hogs badly, paid very little attention to quality as long as they could get hogs.

Trading was active and the early supply sold out generally on a strong to 5 higher basis.

Late reports from other points showed improved market conditions, and as the late arrivals here showed better quality, the market strengthened and extreme late sales were 5 to 10 higher.

The top today was $4.80 for those averaging around 220 pounds, with the extreme range from $4.40@4.80, and bulk of sales within a range of from $4.65@4.75.

Choice sorted are quoted from $4.60@4.85, mixed packers $4.55@4.80, light grades $4.55@4.75, choice pigs from $4.50@5.00, and boars, stags and roughs from $3.00@4.00.

Representative sales:

Territory Hogs.			
No.	Shrink.	Average.	Price
10		93	4 40
78		190	4 60
21		112	4 60
72		177	4 60
22		115	4 60
18		162	4 72½
16		118	4 72½
74		176	4 75
83		207	4 75
79		214	4 77½
72		229	4 80
31		221	4 80
37		249	4 80
1		170	4 80
94		219	4 80
17		126	4 80
81		188	4 80
Texas Hogs.			
57		93	4 55
58		173	4 65
15		125	4 65
35		189	4 65
32		133	4 65
13		146	4 70
10		135	4 70
102		202	4 72½
12		134	4 75
59		181	4 75

THE SHEEP TRADE

Today's Quotations.

Lambs	3 50@4 50
Wethers	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 [illegible] 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.	
E. P. Slade, Boyd	19
N. W. Taylor, Commerce	29
J. F. Beasley, Omaha	2
G. W. Mansfield, Chico	27
A. A. Spring, Ryan, I. T.	21
S. B. Middlebrook, Vernon	33
H. B. Stubbs, Wortham	33
E. J. Leggett, Roscoe	73
A. Pfluger, Taylor	26
Hogs.	
Carey Stk. Farm, Drummond, O. T.	84
C. H. Ternes, Custer City, O. T.	100
A. A. Spring, Ryan, I. T.	34
E. P. Slade, Boyd, Tex.	23
1st Nat'l Bank, Stroud, O. T.	95
Lynch & Co., Tulsa, I. T.	83
D. C. Jones, Perry, O. T.	73
J. F. Beasley, Omaha, Tex.	83
Joe Harkey, Naples, Tex.	115
Peck & Scott, Wortham	90
F. F. Simmons, Wortham	79
Thomas State Bk., Thomas, O. T.	98
S. M. Sargent, Kingfisher, O. T.	89
J. T. Robbs, Kingfisher, O. T.	94
Sheep.	
Holt & Moore, Walnut Springs	140
Horses.	
R. R. Shipman, Dalhart	16
S. Boulden, Abilene	27

BUYERS ON YESTERDAY'S MARKET

Cattle	
C. P. & Co.	60
B. C. Smith	29
Sansom	29
All others	13
Armour & Co.	267
Swift & Co.	210
Calves.	
Swift & Co.	16
Armour & Co.	4
Hogs.	
Swift & Co.	251
Armour & Co.	10

AROUND THE STOCK YARDS.

Peck & Lott of Wortham marketed 102 202-pound hogs at $4.72½.

Joe Harkey of Naples, Tex., had in a load of 141 93-pound pigs, which sold at $4.55.

Holt & Moore sent in from Walnut Springs 140 sheep that averaged 72 lbs. and sold at $3.

A. A. Spring of Ryan, I. T., had in a mixed car of cattle and hogs, which sold at satisfactory prices.

Messrs. I. G. Yates of San Angelo and W. H. Perry of Stanton, horse and mule men, were at the yards today on business.

J. F. Beasley had in a load of Texas hogs from Omaha, averaging 181 and 134 pounds, which sold to Armour & Co. at $4.75.

Lynch & Calhoun of Tulsa, I. T., were represented on the hog market with 83 head averaging 207 pounds, which sold at $4.75.

A better run of hogs today indicates that the Christmas lethargy has been overcome. Hog shipments should increase now.

D. C. Jones of Perry, O. T., regular shipper to this market, had in today 72 hogs averaging 229 pounds, which sold to Swift & Co. at the top price, $4.80.

The First National Bank of Stroud, O. T., had in today 72 hogs averaging 177 pounds and 22 pigs averaging 115 lbs., which sold to Armour & Co. at $4.60.

C. H. Ternes of Custer City, O. T., marketed 78 190-pound hogs, which sold to Armour & Co. at $4.60, with 12 pigs averaging 112 pounds at the same price.

The Carey Stock Farm of Drummond, O. T., had in another consignment of hogs. Seventy-four averaging 176 lbs. sold at $4.75, with 10 93-pound pigs at $4.40.

H. O. Dutton, one of the regular and well known shippers to this market, had in today 79 hogs from Cordell, O. T., averaging 214 pounds, which sold at $4.77½.

J. K. McCarthy, order buyer for Eastern butchers at Kansas City, is spending a few days with his brother, J. E. McCarthy, and considering the buying of cattle on the Fort Worth market.

F. W. Reed of Cameron was at the yards today, looking around with a view to shipping. Mr. Reed says there are no cattle on feed in Milam county now, but the farmers are turning their attention largely to hogs, and in the late winter a good many pigs will be big enough to ship to Fort Worth.

G. W. Moore came in today from Winnsboro with 58 hogs of 173 pounds and 15 pigs of 126 pounds, which sold at $4.65. Mr. Moore shipped these hogs to Dallas on a promise that he would get $4.60 for them, but when they were unloaded the best offer he could get was $4.50. He shipped them to Fort Worth and they were sold promptly at $4.65.

Vesuvius Long in Action.

The most recent excavations show that Vesuvius began its work as a conservator of antiquity earlier than the memorable year A. D. 79. During the excavations in the valley of the Sarno, near San Marzano, some most interesting antiquities have come to light. These had been covered up by a volcanic deposit about six feet thick, which points to an eruption of Vesuvius which must have taken place in the seventh century before Christ. The relics include a Greek burying place, archaic Italian tombs and various bronzes and terra cottas.

Hereditary Musician.

Prof. Henry Appy, violinist, who died at Rochester, N. Y., recently, age seventy-eight, was the son of the leader of the orchestra in the chapel of William of Orange.

Largest Photograph.

The largest photographic picture in existence is being exibited in Berlin. It is about 40 feet by 5 feet, and represents a view of the Bay of Naples.

Czar's Menu Tablet.

The menu card placed on the table of the Czar is printed in red letters on a pure ivory tablet, surmounted by the imperial crest and arms.

Colombian Railways.

Colombia has little more than 200 miles of railway and not a mile of road has been built in ten years.

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TELEGRAPHIC MARKET REPORTS.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Chicago	7,000	30,000	15,000
Kansas City	4,000	8,000	2,000
St. Louis	2,500	9,000	1,200
St. Joseph	1,000	5,000	1,000
	14,500	52,000	19,200

Chicago.

Special to The Reporter.

Union Stock Yards, Ill., Dec. 31.—The Drovers' Journal reports:

CATTLE — Receipts 7,000. Market 10 higher. Top $5.65. Cows 10 higher.

HOGS — Receipts 30,000. Market 5 to 10 higher. Top $4.90; bulk $4.60@4.80.

SHEEP — Receipts 15,000. Market 10 higher.

Kansas City.

Special to The Reporter.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 31.—The Drovers' Telegram reports today:

CATTLE — Receipts 4,000. Market 10 higher. Top $4.85. Cows strong. Stockers steady.

HOGS — Receipts 8,000. Market 5 to 7½ higher. Top $4.72½; bulk $4.60@4.70.

SHEEP—Receipts 2,000. Strong.

St. Louis.

Special to The Reporter.

National Stock Yards, Ill., Dec. 31.—The National Live Stock Reporter says:

CATTLE — Receipts 2,500. Texas steady to strong. Top $4.20. Natives steady to strong. Top $5.

HOGS — Receipts 9,000. Market strong to 5 higher. Top $4.87½; bulk $4.70@4.80.

SHEEP—Receipts 1,200. Steady.

St. Joseph.

Special to The Reporter.

South St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 31.—The Stock Yards Daily Journal reports:

CATTLE — Receipts 1,000. Market steady to 10 higher. Top $4.75.

HOGS — Receipts 5,000. Market 5 to 10 higher. Top $4.72½; bulk $4.55@4.65.

SHEEP—Receipts 1,000. Strong to 10 higher.

TEXAS TRICK MULE TROUPE.

Booker and Theodore to be the Centers of Attraction.

A troupe of Texas trick mules will before long take the road, to delight and entertain their audiences. Mr. C. B. Metcalfe, a San Angelo stockman, is backing the enterprise, and it will be a novelty in its line.

Mr. Metcalfe has on his ranch near San Angelo a collection of small mules gathered from all over the state where the right kind of an animal could be found. A professional trainer is in charge of them, teaching them tricks. Two of them are named Booker T. Washington and Theodore Roosevelt. Booker is snow-white, while Theodore is as black as a mule can get. Their special "stunt" is a dinner party, and it is said their performance at the table is such as to bring down the house. There are others whose specialties are as unique as those of Booker and Theodore, and when they take the road the Texas trick mules will show Gentry that he missed his calling.

M. W. Hovenkamp returned last week from attending the dispersion sale of Herefords at Chillicothe, Mo., where he bought Corrector, Jr., and has placed him on his stock farm near Keller. Old Corrector was one of the famous Herefords of the world, and it is said his winnings and earnings amounted to $150,000. He was bred by T. F. B. Sotham of Chillicothe, and is an important addition to the Hereford blood of Texas.

Interesting Derivations.

The name damask is an abbreviation of Damascus; satin is a corruption of Zaytown, in China. Velvet is the Italian "vellute," woolly, and is traceable back to the Latin vellus, a hide or pelt. Shawl is from the Sanskirt sala, which means floor, shawls having first been used as carpet tapestry.

Waste of Millions.

Dalnay harbor, near Port Arthur, built by Russia for an ice-free terminal port for the Siberian railway at a cost of 17,000,000 rubles, is a disappointment, for since the breakwater has been built it freezes over as did Vladivostok. The nearest possible ice-free bay is in Korean territory.

The World's Toy Center.

Every civilized country in the world receives its quota of toys from Sonneberg, and this year even such far off places as South Africa, India, Russia, Australia and Egypt are included. Dolls will sell where the product of everything else but the bakeshop goes begging.

Pointer for Housewives.

When ironing use a clean firebrick instead of the ordinary iron stand, and you will retain the heat of the iron much longer. The usual iron stand not only admits the air to the bottom of the iron, but it conducts the heat from it. The brick, being a non-conductor of heat, retains the heat in the smoothing iron much longer.

What Some People Believe.

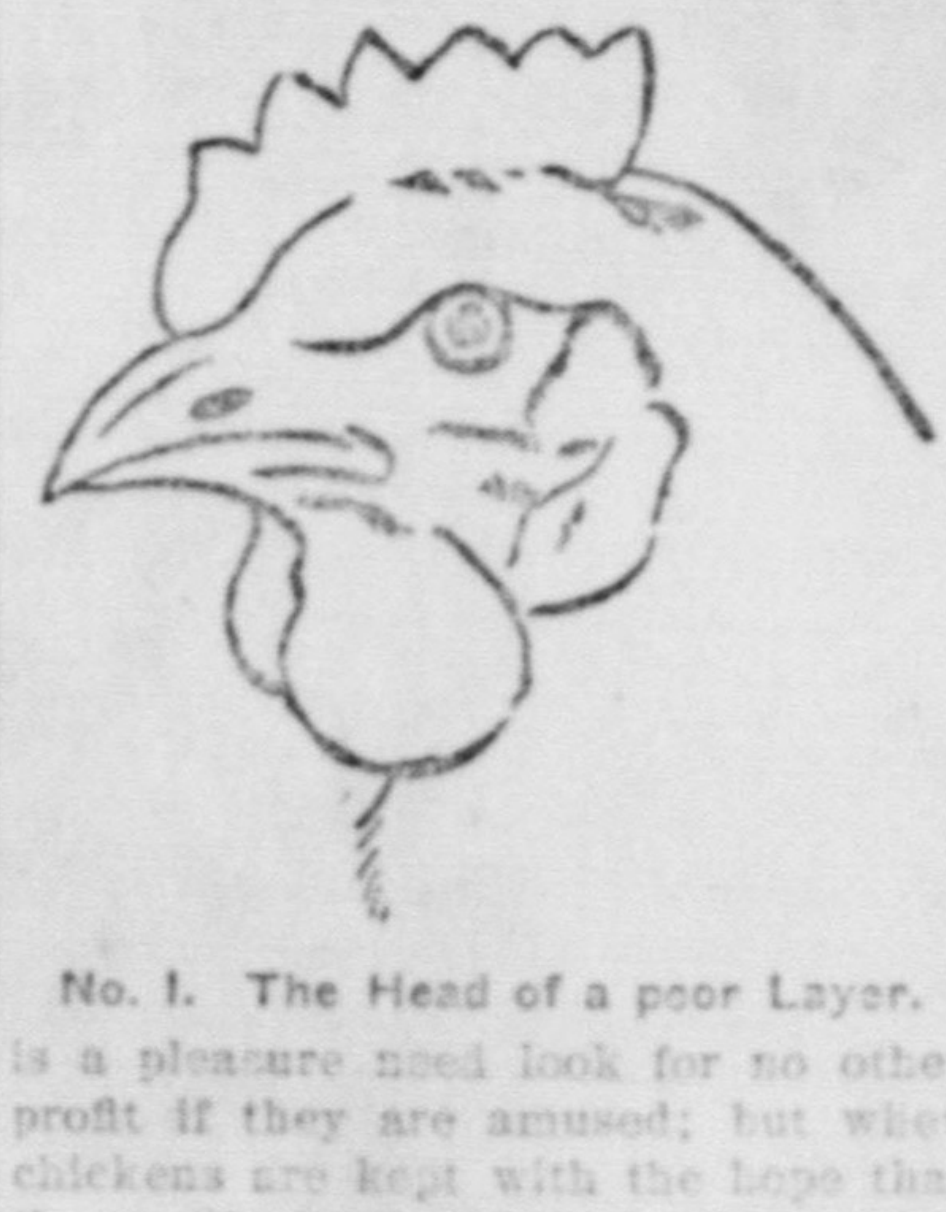
There are probably more people in the world to-day who believe with Prof. Lowell that Mars is inhabited, and also that [illegible] will be reached some day by [illegible] of wireless tele-

EGGS IN THE WINTER

ONLY WAY TO MAKE HEN KEEPING PROFITABLE.

Woman of Experience Tells What Is Necessary to Keep the Occupants of the Poultry Yard at Work During the Cold Months.

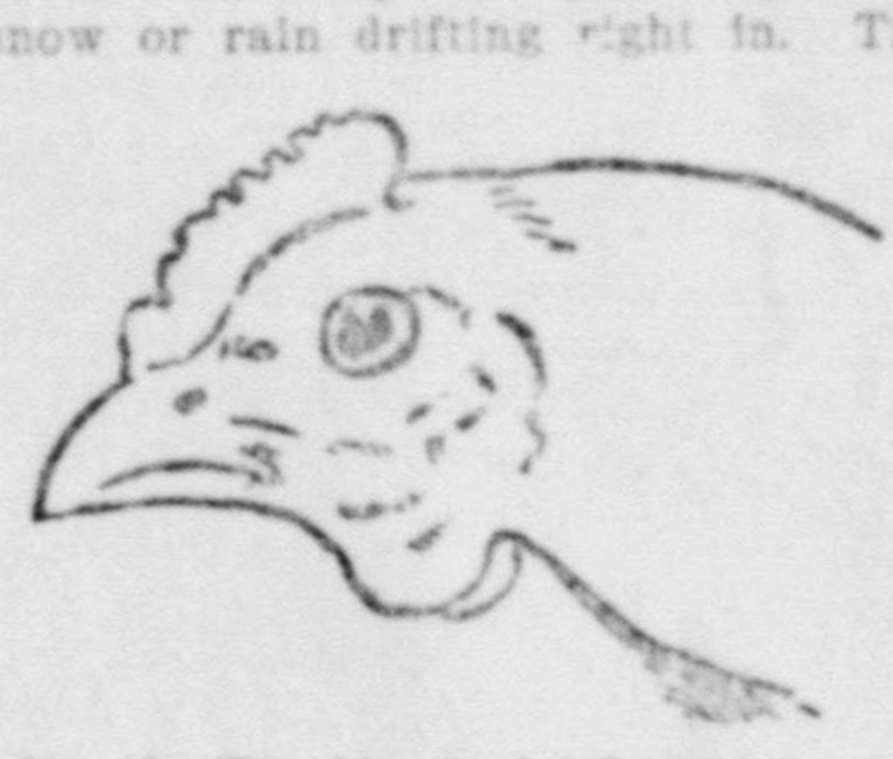
Those whose hens do not lay during the winter months, would be better off without hens. This seems like laying down the law, but it is nevertheless a fact. Those who keep hens because it is a pleasure need look for no other profit if they are amused; but when chickens are kept with the hope that they will put money into the pocket of their owners, they must be made to lay through the winter, while eggs bring prices. How can I make them lay? is a question often put. Now there are a few birds that will not lay through cold weather, no matter how good the care, and if the breeder happens on this kind, he may rise early and lie down late and eat the bread of carefulness, also feeding it to his flock and not a single egg will be his reward. At the same time good birds want good care to make them "shell their eggs out." The first point needful is to pick out laying types among early hatched pullets, or even hens. It is not too late to cull over the flock even now. A laying type is even more important than a laying strain. There are disappointments in breeding from laying strains. I have never come across a disappointment in a laying type of hen.



No. I. The Head of a poor Layer.

The head of a good layer, will be very sharply cut, the neck arched, the eye above all bright and sparkling. The under part of the head very clean cut, and the whole set of the head and neck a little bit like that of a race horse. These two cuts will illustrate the type I mean to perfection. I sketched the two heads from two Buff Orpington hens in my own yard. They both at separate shows won first prizes as pullets. They are bred from an exceptional laying strain, and are the same age. Both have been treated exactly alike. No. 1 lays few eggs during the year. No. 2 lays nearly an egg a day, winter and summer, as nearly as it is possible for a hen to do so.

The next important step is sheds—open sheds facing south with good roofs and deep enough to prevent snow or rain drifting right in. The front should be covered either with wire netting or slats, so that the fowls can be shut in during wet weather. Fresh air is a great essential for egg production. If the birds are put into close, warm houses during the night and allowed out into the cold morning air, they become chilled and eggs are out of the question. A cosy house, air tight, as to cracks and floor can be built in the corner of the shed.



No. II. The Head of a Good Layer.

Now as to food, where only table eggs are required, a very concentrated diet may be given; a hot mash in the morning, consisting of bran, meal, cornmeal, ground oats, boiled potatoes, peameal, barley meal and shorts. A little black pepper may be added, also granulated meat, every other morning a teaspoonful of good poultry spice per hen should be added. It should all be given hot, one quart is enough for every eight hens.—Mrs. C. B., in Montreal Herald.

Difficult Churning.

J. G.—I keep the milk from three cows about one week, then warm it to 62 degrees, and after churning from five to six hours cannot get butter. The cream will foam until it fills the churn. I fed each cow daily about one bushel of beets and about five quarts of mixed corn and oats and corn fodder with ears on.

Ans.—Difficult churning is frequently met with at this season of the year, more especially if the cows have been milking a long period and are getting dry feed. An improper re-opening of the cream often accompanies these conditions. The course to be followed is to ripen the cream more thoroughly by keeping it at a warmer temperature and churning once in not more than five days. It is also advisable to add a little warm water or weak brine to the cream and raise the churning temperature until butter comes in a reasonable time. It may be necessary to warm the cream to 75 or even 80 degrees. No fresh cream should be added to that which is to be churned for at least twenty-four hours before churning.

THIEVES RARELY TAKE BIBLES.

Few Criminals Depraved Enough to Steal Holy Book.

Bibles are said by detectives to be more rarely stolen than any other objects. This is not because bibles are worthless to a thief, but because few criminals are sufficiently depraved to steal the good book. A detective said recently that in an important case which he had followed up some years ago a thief had entered a house, stolen some valuable jewels, and left untouched a bible bound in white chicken skin and studded with pearls. The detective caught the thief and the man who had been robbed, a dealer in "curios," visited his despoiler in jail, took an interest in him because he had not taken the bible, and eventually reformed him and got him a good job.

"I knew," the thief said, "that if I took that bible it would do me harm, and if I didn't take it it might do me good. I let it alone, and now, thank heaven, I'm an honest and righteous man."

The detective added that in another case where a thief had stolen a bible the book had been returned. "Another thing few thieves will take," he added, "is a child's saving bank."

WRENS SING A REQUIEM.

How the Birds Mourn the Loss of a Comrade.

"Did you know that wrens sing a requiem—hold a funeral service—over their dead?" said a gardener. "I myself once saw a requiem in progress. It was an early morning in May, and an unusual twittering outside my window caused me to get up. I saw, under the eaves, two curious festoons hanging from the room. The festoons were two semi-circles composed of wrens—wrens to the number of 20 or 25, that clung to one another with foot and wing. Thus they hung for two or three minutes, and all the while they twittered mournfully. Then suddenly, they broke loose and flew away. On going down I found a dead wren lying just under the window over which the birds, in their strange cluster, had so sadly twittered. A naturalist to whom I described this episode said that what I had witnessed was called the 'wren's requiem,' an established fact, though a thing very rarely seen."—Philadelphia Ledger.

White House Dinners.

State dinner service at the White House is furnished by a caterer to whose chefs the official kitchen is surrendered during the function. The nation's new $30,000 service of Wedgewood and cut glass is, however, used, together with the official linen and plate, while the White House waiters are depended upon to do most of the work above stairs. Five colored women—a cook, assistant cook, scullion and two laundresses—have long been carried on the White House pay roll at $1 per day.

Food and Nervous Troubles.

I have the privilege of knowing many eminent men in the medical profession, and their advice in nine cases out of ten is to eat and take as much nourishment as possible. Numbers of cases of nervous breakdown are entirely cured by what your correspondents would call "over-eating." In all nervous disorders, from which so many suffer in this age of keen competition, the chief remedy is eating more than is seemingly required.—London Telegraph.

The Secret of Success.

"To be successful," he remarked, thoughtfully, "all we have to do is to make as much of a business of our own business as we do of the things that are none of our business."

German Canaries the Best.

German canaries excel all other canaries as singers. One has been known to continue a single trill for a minute and a quarter, with twenty changes of note in it.

Aristocratic Tramcar Drivers.

Among 5,900 tramcar drivers in Vienna a recent census showed that there are 400 knights, about fifty barons, and four counts.

Short but Powerful.

An old woman met a well-to-do and humorous Irishman and said: "Kind sir could you give a copper to a poor old woman who is short of breath?" The Irishman gave her a shilling, with the remark: "There you are, my good woman. Now, don't take any more, for, begorrah, ye may be short of breath, but what ye do have of it is mighty strong."

FOR SALE.

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The grower of farm products, live stock and poultry is requested to read this paper before going to market. It will pay him.

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1903

Notice to Agents.

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

Had Monkeys "to Burn."

The story of the mutilated telegram which was transposed from "200 leviathans" to "200 live cats" reminds a correspondent of the London Globe of an incident said to have occurred some years ago. An Italian gentleman sent to a friend in Africa for "one or two monkeys," or, as it was written in the language of Rome, "1 o 2 monkeys." By next mail he received a note saying that 85 had been dispatched and the remainder should follow by another boat.

Dog Exercisers.

There are people in London who earn quite respectable livings solely by exercising dogs, and some of those who so live are ladies. In every suburb and in every London park these exercisers of dogs may be seen each day, and one gentleman alone pays 15s. a week for the walking out of his valuable bulldogs, the young fellow who undertakes the job having quite a dozen other employers besides.

CHINFAYNE.

People who merely work for money seldom get but little beyond a living.

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The sickness that we have is generally the worst one we can possibly imagine.

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It takes twice the labor for half the returns to be crooked instead of straight.

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An expert statistician can generally make figures do anything except be believed.

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If we only knew what was going to happen there would be little comfort in living.

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Much as a man may desire to be good, temptation gets the best of him at least half the time.

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When we have nothing else to be grateful for, let us at least give thanks that things are no worse.

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Men who are able to work are infinitely better off than those who have only enough vitality left to live on their income.

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It is questionable whether an advanced state of society will not reach a point where human driftwood will be painlessly destroyed.

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There is just as much honor in being the best shoveler on the job as there is in being the greatest expert in astronomy or any other science.—"Uncle Dick" in Milwaukee Sentinel.

SAYS THE OWL.

Freshness of youth often spoils the man.

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Pessimism is merely a case of intellectual indigestion.

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Ignorance of the low excuses no man who hasn't a pull.

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What's bred in the bone is pretty apt to come out in the soup.

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Baseball gave way to football, which in turn was driven out by snowball."

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When a man fails in business he begins to look around for a political job.

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Facts are stubborn things unless they bump up against a shrewd lawyer.

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Many widows are said to be garrulous. Possibly that's why they are widows.

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When a girl informs her folks that she is determined to marry a certain young man that settles it.

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If a thing is said to be obvious it means that everybody ought to understand it—but everybody doesn't.

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The hand-shaking American public doesn't seem to know the difference between a president and a pump.

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Few men can afford to stand on their dignity all the time. It is necessary to get off and hustle occasionally.

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According to statistics nine-tenths of the female lecturers are married women. This may be news to bachelors, but with married men it is ancient history.

BY AUNT JEMIMA.

Plenty o' men goes on [illegible] dey [illegible] fo'ce o' habit.

FIVE HUNDRED AND FIFTY ARE KILLED.

Chicago Has One of the Most Awful Calamities.

FIRE IN THEATRE CAUSES A PANIC.

Audience Fought Fiercely to Leave Iroquois Playhouse.

BODIES ARE PILED UP ON THE SIDEWALK.

Matinee Performance of "Mr. Bluebeard" Was Being Presented and the Place of Amusement Was Packed.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Over 550 people were killed in ten minutes Wednesday afternoon during a fire in the Iroquois theatre, the newest, the largest and so far as human power could make it, the safest theatre in Chicago.

A few of these people were burned to death by fire, many were suffocated by gas, and scores were trampled to death in the panic that followed the mad plunge of the frightened audience for the exit. It will be several days before all of the dead are known and identified. There are bodies lying by the dozens in the undertaking rooms, in the police stations and in the hospitals, from which nearly everything that could reveal their identity to those who knew them best is gone. Their clothing is torn to rags or burned to cinders and their faces have been trampled into an unrecognizable pulp by the heels of the crowd that trampled them down as they fled for safety.

The fire broke out during the second act of the play, "Mr. Bluebeard," which was the first dramatic production given in the theatre since its erection. The company, which was very large, escaped to the street in safety, nearly all of them, however, being compelled to flee into snowy streets with no clothing but their stage costumes. A few members of the company sustained minor injuries but none were seriously hurt.

The accounts of the origin of the fire are conflicting and none of them certain, but the best reason given, is that an electric wire near the lower part of a piece of drop scenery, suddenly broke and was grounded. The fire spread rapidly toward the front of the stage, causing the members of the chorus, who were the engaged in the performance to flee to the swings with screams of terror. The fire in itself up to this time, was not serious and possibly could have been checked had not the asbestos curtain failed to work. As soon as the fire was discovered Eddie Foy, the chief comedian of the company, shouted to lower the curtain and this was immediately done. It descended about half way and then stuck. The fire thus was given practically a flue through which a strong draught was setting, aided by the doors which had been thrown open in the front of the theatre. With a roar and a bound the flames shot through the opening over the heads of the people on the first floor and reaching clear up to those in the first balcony, caught them and burned them to death where they sat. Immediately following the rush of the flames there came an explosion which lifted the entire roof of the theatre from its walls, shattering the great skylight into fragments. As soon as the flames first appeared by the curtain, a man in the rear of the hall shouted: "Fire!" "Fire!" and the entire audience rose as one person and made for the doors. It is believed the explosion was caused by flames coming in contact with the gas reservoirs of the theatre, causing them to burst. Will J. Davis, manager of the theatre, said after the catastrope, that if the people had remained in their seats and had not been excited by the cry of fire, not a single life would have been lost. This is however, contradicted by the statements of the firemen, who found numbers of people sitting in their seats, their faces toward the stage, as if the performance was still going on. It was the opinion of the firemen that these people had been suffocated at once by the flow of gas which came from behind the asbestos curtain.

As near as can be estimated, at the present time, about 1300 people were in the theatre. Three hundred of these were on the first floor, the balance being in the upper balconies and in the hallways back of them.

FOUGHT LIKE MANIACS.

Terrible Scenes That Were Witnessed in the Theatre.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Those who reached the platform first endeavored to hold their footing and to keep back the crowd that pressed upon them from the rear. The effort was utterly useless and in a few moments the iron ledges were jammed with crowds of women who screamed and fought at each other like [illegible] but a brief [illegible] from the interior of the building became so [illegible] that many of them were [illegible] off and fell to the granite paved alley below. Others leaped from the platform, fracturing legs and arms and two were picked up at this point with fractured skulls, having been instantly.

George H Elliott, secretary of the Ogden Gas company, was in a building directly opposite from the theatre across the alley and noticing smoke, went down to ascertain its cause. Then he reached the street the women were already dropping into the alley and Elliott immediately rushed for a ladder in an effort to save as many as possible. No ladder was available and the only method of assistance he could give was to lash some planks together and throw them across to the frightened women on the platforms with instructions to place the end firmly on the iron frame work, being pushed every instant into the alley and by the time the bridge was connected, but few remained to take advantage of it. However, about two dozen, it is believed by Mr. Elliott, made their way across this narrow causeway.

The members of the theatrical company being on the first floor had comparatively little edifficulty in reaching the street although their situation was for a moment highly critical because of the speed with which the flames swept through the mass of scenery in the flies and on the stage.

FOY'S ACCOUNT.

Says Flames Started From Grounding of an Electric Wire.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Eddie Foy, the principal comedian in the play, was one of the last to escape by getting out through a rear door after assisting the women members of the company to safety. He went into the Sherman House in his stage costume, and with his face covered with grease and paint in order to secure surgical attention for some burns he had sustained. In describing the commencement of the fire, Foy attributed the extent of the catastrophe to the failure of the fire proof curtain to work properly. Because of this, he said, the flames obtained access to the main part of the theatre and were by the draft carrying with it gas as well as fire, swept up to the two balconies where the loss of life was greateest. "The fire began in the middle of the second act," said Foy. "An electric wire broke, was grounded and from this the flames started in the rear of the stage. The stage is unusually wide and there was so great a draft the flames spread rapidly. They soon had attacked all the scenery in the rear of the house. I never believed it possible for fire to spread so quickly. When it first started, I went to the footlights, and to prevent alarming the audience, said that there was a slight blaze and that it would be better for all to leave quietly. Then I stepped back and called for the asbestos curtain to be lowered. This, when about half way down, refused to go further, and thus an additional draft was created. This swept the flame out into the auditorium and I knew that the theatre was doomed. I hurried back to the stage and aided in getting the women members of the company into the alley. Some of them were in their dressing rooms and almost overcome by smoke before they could get down to the stage and to the doors. The simple fact that the curtain did not descend entirely was what saved the lives of the company, although it caused such a horrible catastrophe in the front of the house. After the curtain had refused to descend, there came the explosion of the gas tanks and with the curtain down all the fire and gas would have been confined between the rear wall of the theatre and the fire proof curtain in front. Under these circumstances it would not have been possible for a single member of the company to escape alive unless he or she had been standing imediately in front of the door leading into the alley. As it was, draught carried all the gas and fire out beneath the curtain and we were saved."

CANNOT BE TOLD.

Fight For Life Is Beyond the Powers of Description.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Iroquois theatre is modeled after the Opera Comique of Paris, and from the rear of each balcony there are three doors leading out to passageways towards the front of the theatre. Two of these doorways are at the end of the balcony and one in the center. The audience in its rush for the outer air seems to have for the greater part, chosen to flee to the left entrance and made an effort to make its way down the eastern stairway leading into the lobby of the theatre. Outside of the people burned and suffocated by gas, it was in these two doors on the first and second balconies that the greatest loss of life occurred. When the firemen entered the building, the dead were found stretched in a pile reaching from the head of the stair at least eight feet from the door back to a point five feet in the rear of the door. This was of dead bodies in the center of the doorways reached to within two feet of the top of passageway. Loss of life which must have taken place at these two points is something that is simply beyond human power to adequately describe. Only a faint idea of its horror could be derived from the aspect of the bodies as they lay. Women on top of these masses of dead had been overtaken by death as they were crawling on their hands and knees over the bodies of those who had died before. Others lay with arms stretched out in the direction toward which lay life.

Preparing For the Worst.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The Japanese minister called at the state department Wednesday and reported that the situation in the far east is one that gives great concern and that Japan is making preparations for the worst. It is hoped, however, that Russia will reconsider her first answer to Japan's request.

Largest Vessel Ever Built.

London, Dec. 31.—It is reported the White Star line has ordered a steamer 755 feet in length, or thirty feet longer than the Baltic, the largest ship in the world. Construction of the vessel, it is added, will begin immediately at Belfast, Ireland.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Russia will not evacuate Manchuria at present.

Four prisoners escaped from jail at Perry, Okla.

In a fire Monday night at Boston $100,000 damage was done.

A company of the Texas National Guard has been organized at Laredo.

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 [illegible]

HEROIC THOMPSON.

An Alderman Unaided Carries Out Eight of the Corpses.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—In spite of the efforts of the police, who had orders to allow none to enter, a large number of the people succeeded in breaking through their lines and entering the theatre and in many cases did heroic work in rescuing the injured and carrying out the dead. Among these was Alderman William H. Thompson, who unaided, carried to the street the bodies of eight women. The first newspaper man on the ground also carried out many of the dead and injured. The building was so full of smoke when the firemen first arrived that the full extent of the catastrophe was not immediately grasped until a fireman and newspaper man crawled up the stairway leading to the balcony, holding handkerchiefs over their mouths to avoid suffocation. As they reached the doorway the fireman, seized his companion by the arm, exclaiming: "Good God, man, don't walk on their faces!"

The two men immediately hurried to the floor below and told Chief Musham of the fire department that the dead bodies were piled high and prompt assistance must be rendered if any were saved. The chief called on all his men in the vicinity to abandon work on the fire and come at once to the rescue. Over 500 lights were quickly carried into the building from a nearby hardware house and the work of rescue commenced. So rapidly were the bodies brought down that for over an hour there were two streams of men passing into the theatre entrance carrying bodies and the other composed of men to get more.

Truck Was Overloaded.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—One large truck ordinarily used for conveying freight to depots was so heavily loaded [illegible] dead in front of the theatre, that [illegible] large horses attached to it were un[illegible] to start and the police were comp[illegible] to assist by tugging at the wheels.

Police Say Six Hundred.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—According to police officials, the death list of the Iroquois theatre numbers [illegible]

DOUBLE TRAGEDY.

Terrible Affair That Occurred at Greenville Wednesday.

Greenville, Tex. Dec. 31.—Constable Henry Rowsey went to the residence of a widow named Larkin Wednesday afternoon. He was in a room with a daughter of the latter and Mrs. Leftwich. Later the Larkin girl left the room and in a few seconds came pistol shots were heard. When the other occupants of the house reached the room they found the Leftwich women on the floor dead. Rowsey had been shot in the head and soon died.

Burned to Death.

Gainesville, Tex., Dec. 31.—The apron of Mrs. C. H. Minner caught fire. The lady ran outdoors. She was so badly burned she died after terrible suffering. She leaves a husband and four little children.

Papers and Addresses.

Marlin, Tex., Dec. 31.—Texas State Teachers' association was called to order by President Hopkins of Galveston. Professor Hudson of Marlin made an address of welcome to which Professor Hogg of Fort Worth responded. A number of interesting papers were read and addresses made.

NEUTRAL ATTITUDE.

Missionaries Took No Part In Political Agitation In Any Way.

Boston, Dec. 31.—The ninety-third annual report of the American board of commissioners for foreign missions, which has been made public, says missionaries in European Turkey maintained an neutral attitude, not taking part in political agitations, either Macedonia or Bulgaria. The [illegible] at Salonica in Macedonia has been the most trying period in the history of that station. Success of missionary work was largely prevented by lawlessness and anarchy prevailing throughout the region. The total contributions to the American board for the year was $719,132.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Canadian county, Texas, went dry.

A case of smallpox developed in the jail at Palestine, Tex.

An alleged case of leprosy at Lincoln, Neb., is pronounced untrue.

Milo maize fodder valued at $1000 was destroyed by fire near Denison.

Santa Fe railroad has invested $75,000 in land at Batson's Prairie, Tex.

Attorney General Bell has approved $20,000 bonds of Port Arthur, Tex.

Store of J. M. Arnold at Springer, I. T., and contents, valued at $1000, burned.

Republican statehood lobby committee will leave Oklahoma for Washington Jan. 5.

About fifty families of inter-married citizens have taken allotments around Durant, I. T.

Texas Railroad Commissioner Mayfield killed a fine buck while hunting in Uvalde county.

Mona, the little daughter of J. W. Thompson, was burned to death, at Grapevine, Tex.

Dr. J. L. Jones, a pioneer of Grayson county, died at his home, four miles east of Denison.

The new hospital at the Confederate home at Austin will soon be finished. It ill accommodate eighty patients.

A team Lowery Rippy had attached to a stalk cutter ran away near Alvarado, Tex. One of Mr. Rippy's feet was cut off.

Pan American Railway company, capital $250,000,000, to build a line from Port Nelson, on Hudson's bay, to the Argentine republic, and to pass through Oklahoma, Indian Territory and Texas, was rechartered, with headquarters at Guthrie.

Cost of Wild Animals.

An elephant cost $5,000 and he is likely to live twenty years. A lion will cost $1,000 and is good for twelve years. A Siberian tiger costs $4,000, a polar bear $1,000, a black bear $300.

It Does Make a Difference.

A deaf man, lately married, was [illegible] the club about his bride: [illegible] pretty?" "No," replied the [illegible]

LAWYERS SUFFOCATED.

Lose Their Lives In the Sixth Disastrous Fire at Troy.

Troy, N. Y., Dec. 31.—The sixth disastrous fire in Troy within two months destroyed the Troy club early Wednesday. Two prominent attorneys lost their lives. The dead:

Moses T. Clough, president of the club and one of the city's oldest lawyers.

William Shaw, a prominent attorney.

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

ONE MORE DEAD.

Another Man Had a Miraculous Escape In the Troy Blaze.

Troy, N. Y., Dec. 31.—In addition to Moses T. Clough and William Shaw, attorneys, Benjamin W. Kinney, manager for the Fuller-Warren company of Boston, lost his life in the fire which partially destroyed the Troy club. Although the doomed men were seen at windows nothing could be done to save them, so dense was the smoke and so rapid the progress of the flames. Edward Carpenter of New York, was taken from an upper window by firemen and removed to a hospital, where he is recovering from the effects of the smoke inhaled. His escape from death is regarded as one of the remarkable features of the fire. All persons killed occupied rooms on the upper floor of the club building, which is four stories in height and this part the flames attacked first.

The victims were sleeping soundly when the alarm was given by employes. An effort was made to reach [illegible] sleeping apartments, but the pro[illegible] of the fire was so rapid that help [illegible] not make its way to the top [illegible]

WILDLY ERRATIC.

This Was the Co[illegible] of New York Cotton Market [illegible]

[illegible] in [illegible] active [illegible] Wednesday [illegible] sentiment [illegible] nervous and unsettled [illegible] Tuesday. From the very clang [illegible] fluctuations were wildly [illegible] a shade better [illegible] before local opening but [illegible] weakened. First prices here were 7 points higher to 8 points lower and following calls ruled very active. May, for instance, opened at 13.75, a net loss of 5 points, sold up to 13.80 on call, then broke to 13.60, recovered slightly, but within the first half hour sold back to 13.56, a net loss of 24 points. Other months showed equally wide changes, with general tendency downward as a result of heavy liquidation and rumors that bulls are unloading.

Forced Down Lower.

New Orleans, Dec. 31.—In the cotton market Wednesday morning prices were forced down from 24 to 39 points lower than at the close Tuesday.

WORK OF SECTIONS.

Much Has Been Done at the Meeting Being Held at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Dec. 31.—Members of the American Association for the Advancement of Science Wednesday, after meeting by the various sections, visited the [illegible] matics and as[illegible] American Microscopical [illegible] sessions. One new [illegible] formed. It is to [illegible] American Breeders' association [illegible] organization for practical [illegible] plant planting and animal breeding. A plan also is on foot among members of the section of geology and geography to form an organization of geography to affiliate with the association.

"THE HERMITAGE."

Andrew Jackson's Old Home Will Be Reproduced at the World's Fair.

St. Louis, Dec. 31.—The contract for [illegible] the Tennessee building [illegible] fair has been awarded. [illegible] This structure, which [illegible] reproduction of "The Hermitage," [illegible] home of Andrew Jackson at Nashville, Tenn., will stand on the hill south of the Temple of Fraternity.

[illegible]

Nashville, [illegible] gram says [illegible] is moored [illegible] Congo river [illegible] her are being [illegible] about eight [illegible] carried down with her [illegible] the native crew and [illegible] missionaries. She [illegible] of the Southern Presbyterian [illegible] the Congo Free State.

Favorable to Treaty.

Natchez, Miss., Dec. 31.—At a meeting of the [illegible] Cotton and Merchants [illegible] a resolution urging United [illegible] McLaurin and Money to vote for ratification of the Panama treaty, as a business measure and to insure construction of an isthmian canal, was adopted.

Vessels Sailed.

Honolulu, Dec. 31.—The vessels of the Asiatic squadron, under command of Rear Admiral Evans, which has been in this port for several days, sailed for Manila via the Island of Guam.

Pillaging Denied.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 31.—The correspondent of a Russian news agency at Kishineff, Remarkable, telegraphs a denial of the statement that the Jewish population is being pillaged by the Russians.

Burglars Secured Much.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 31.—Burglars dynamited the safe of O. Cohen, a jeweler and pawnbroker, and secured $1000 in cash, diamonds watches and other property.

Applause by Hissing.

Hissing means different things, according to where you happen to be at the time. In West Africa the natives hiss when they are astonished; in the New Hebrides when they see anything beautiful. The Basutos applaud a popular orator in the assemblies by hissing at him. The Japanese, again, show their reverence by a hiss, which has probably somewhat the force of the "hush" with which we command silence. In this country the hiss only [illegible] disapproval.

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

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

Frisco System

Red River, Texas & Southern Ry.
Depart North
11:15 am K.C.&St. L. Mail&Ex. 2:55 p
5:30 am ...... Mixed ...... 7:50 p

Ft. W. & R. G. Ry.
Depart.
3:15 pm Brownwood M. & Ex. 9:55 a
9:30 pm ...... Mixed ...... 9:00 a

Fort Worth & Denver City Railway.

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

Missouri, Kansas & Texas.

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

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

Cotton Belt Route.

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

Texas & Pacific Railway.

Depart. East
7:45 am St. Louis Cannon Ball 7:
8:00 am St. Louis Mail & Ex. 1:45
9:25 am ....Dallas Local.... 6:
10:35 am Dallas & Weath'd Local 2:55
12:30 pm .... Dallas Local....
1:55 pm .... Dallas Local....
6:00 pm .. Wills Point [illegible] 11:
7:45 pm .St. Louis Mail [illegible] 9:25
9:30 pm .... Dallas Local.... 6:

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

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

International & Great Northern Ry.

Depart.
7:05 am Houston &San A. Ex. 7:35 p
3:20 pm Austin " " 12:05 p

Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Ry.

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

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

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

Houston & Texas Central Railroad

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7:45 pm Hou. & Gal. Mail&Ex 8:05
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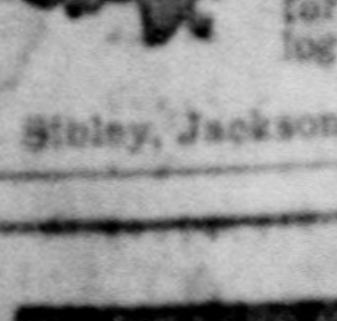

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ation by Publication. No. 25136.— State of Texas. Suit pending in the t court Seventeenth Judicial Dis- of Texas. To the sheriff or any table of Tarrant county—Greeting: are hereby commanded to make pub- on of this citation in some newspa- published in said county, for three ecutive weeks previous to the second day in January, 1904, the return day f, and thereby notify and summon unknown owner, and James Hafferty, se residence is unknown, and all par- owning, having or claiming any in- st in the land herein mentioned, to be appear before the District court of Seventeenth Judicial District of Tex- at the next regular term thereof, to held at the court house in the City of Fort Worth, Tarrant county, Texas, on second Monday, the 11th day of Jan- y, 1904, then and there to answer the nd amended petition of the State of as, filed in said court on the 5th day December, 1903 in said above number- cause, wherein the State of Texas is tiff and the hereinbefore named ties defendants, and in which the intiff alleges that there are now de- uent and unpaid to the State of Texas and county of Tarrant, state taxes amounting to $1.57, county taxes amounting to $3.70, fees allowed by law amounting to $9.00 including a penalty amounting to 10 per cent of said taxes for the year, including and since the year 1897, for which the said taxes are delinquent, together with 6 per cent interest on said taxes from the first day of January next succeeding the years for which any taxes are delinquent, and that the amount of said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs are delinquent, unpaid and due to the plaintiff, and that the amount thereof is a charge against and a lien on the said land in Tarrant county, Texas, described as follows: Lot 7, block 25, Sylvania addition to Fort Worth, Tarrant county, Texas, for the years 1899 to 1902 inclusive. Plaintiff prays judgment for the amount of the said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs, and for a foreclosure of the said tax lien against all of said defendants on said land, to satisfy the amount of said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs, and for all other general legal and equitable relief. Herein fail not, but have then and there before this court on the first day of the next regular term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon indorsed, showing how you have executed the same. Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Fort Worth, this the 7th day of December, 1903. Jno. A. Martin, Clerk District Court, Tarrant County, Texas. (L.S.) By E. J. Brock, Jr., Deputy.

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Citation by Publication. No. 2510[illegible].—The State of Texas. Suit pending in the District court Seventeenth Judicial District of Texas. To the sheriff or [illegible] constable of Tarrant county—[illegible] You are hereby commanded [illegible] lication of this citation [illegible] per published in said co[illegible] consecutive weeks pr[illegible] Monday in January, [illegible] hereof, and thereby [illegible] summon the unknown owner, and Alice Elliston, whose resi[illegible] and all parties o[illegible] interest [illegible] and a[illegible] of the [illegible] Texas, at [illegible] thereof, to be held [illegible] City of Fort Worth, [illegible] on the second Mo[illegible] January, 1904, then [illegible] the first amended [illegible] Texas, filed in sa[illegible] of December, 1903 [illegible] ed cause, wherein [illegible] 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 [illegible] amounting to $4.57, county [illegible] amounting to $8.57, fees allowed by law amounting to $4.50, 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 said land in Tarrant county, Texas, described as follows: Lot 20, block 2, Union Depot addition to Fort Worth, Tarrant county, Texas, for the years 1901 and 1902. Plaintiff prays judgment for the amount of the said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs, and for a foreclosure of the said tax lien against all of the said defendants on said land, to satisfy the amount of said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs, and for all other general legal and equitable relief. Herein fail not, but have then and there before this court on the first day of the next regular term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon indorsed, showing how you have executed the same. Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Fort Worth, this the 7th day of December, 1903. Jno. A. Martin, Clerk District Court, Tarrant County, Texas. (L.S.) By E. J. Brock, Jr., Deputy.

Citation by Publication. No. 25170.—The State of Texas. Suit pending in the District court Seventeenth Judicial District of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Tarrant county—Greeting: You

lication of this citation in some newspaper published in said county, for three consecutive weeks previous to the second Monday in January, 1904, the return day hereof, and thereby notify and summon the unknown owner, and J. Conner, whose residence is unknown, and all parties owning, having or claiming any interest in the land herein mentioned, to be and appear before the said District court of the Seventeenth Judicial District of Texas, at the next regular term thereof, to be held at the court house in the City of Fort Worth, Tarrant county, Texas, on the second Monday, the 11th day of January, 1904, then and there to answer the first amended petition of the State of Texas, filed in said court on the 5th day of December, 1903, in said above number- er cause, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff and the hereinbefore named parties defendants, and in which the plaintiff alleges that there are now delinquent and unpaid to the State of Texas and county of Tarrant, state taxes amounting to $21.15, county taxes amounting to $34.58, fees allowed by law amounting to $9.60, including a penalty amounting to 10 per cent of said taxes for the year, including and since the year 1897, for which the said taxes are delinquent, together with 6 per cent interest on said taxes from the first day of January next succeeding the years for which any taxes are delinquent, and that the amount of said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs are delinquent, unpaid and due to the plaintiff, and that the amount thereof is a charge against and a lien on the said land in Tarrant county, Texas, described as follows: West ½ of S. W. ¼ of block 42, Tucker's addition to Fort Worth, Tarrant county, Texas, for the years 1899 to 1902 inclusive. Plaintiff prays judgment for the amount of the said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs, and for a foreclosure of the said tax lien against all of said defendants on said land, to satisfy the amount of said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs, and for all other general legal and equitable relief. Herein fail not, but have then and there before this court on the first day of the next regular term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon indorsed, showing how you have executed the same. Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Fort Worth, this the 7th day of December, 1903. Jno. A. Martin, Clerk District Court, Tarrant County, Texas. (L.S.) By E. J. Brock, Jr., Deputy.

Citation by Publication. No. 25130.—The State of Texas. Suit pending in the District court Seventeenth Judicial District of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Tarrant county—Greeting: You are hereby commanded to make publication of this citation in some newspaper published in said county, for three consecutive weeks previous to the second Monday in January, 1904, the return day hereof, and thereby notify and summon the unknown owner, and A. Meyer and T. A. Bettis, whose residence is unknown, and all parties owning, having or claiming any interest in the land herein mentioned, to be and appear before the said District court of the Seventeenth Judicial District of Texas, at the next regular term thereof, to be held at the court house in the city of Fort Worth, Tarrant county, Texas, on the second Monday, the 11th day of January, 1904, then and there to answer the first amended petition of the State of Texas, filed in said court on the 5th day of December, 1903, in said above numbered cause, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff and the hereinbefore named parties defendants, and in which the plaintiff alleges that there are now delinquent and unpaid to the State of Texas and county of Tarrant, state taxes amounting to $6.94 county taxes amounting to $12.52, fees allowed by law amounting to $6.75, including a penalty amounting to 10 per cent of said taxes for the year, including and since the year 1897, for which taxes are delinquent, together with 6 per cent interest on said taxes from the first day of January next succeeding the years for which any taxes are delinquent, and that the amount of said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs are delinquent, unpaid and due to the plaintiff, and that the amount thereof is a charge against and a lien on the said land in Tarrant county, Texas, described as follows: Lot 9, block 13, Texas & Pacific addition to Fort Worth, Tarrant county, Texas, for the years 1900, [illegible] Plaintiff prays judgment for the amount of said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs, and for a foreclosure of the said tax lien against all of said defendants on said land, to satisfy the amount of said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs, and for all other general legal and equitable relief. Herein fail not, but have then and there before this court on the first day of the next regular term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, indorsed, showing how you have executed the same. Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Fort Worth, this the 7th day of December, 1903. Jno. A. Martin, Clerk, District Court, Tarrant county, Texas. (L.S.) By E. J. Brock, Jr., Deputy.

Citation by Publication. No. 25094.—The State of Texas. Suit pending in the District court Seventeenth Judicial District of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Tarrant county—Greeting: You are hereby commanded to make publication of this citation in some newspaper published in said county, for three consecutive weeks previous to the second Monday in January, 1904, the return day hereof, and thereby notify and summon the unknown owner, and Mrs. L. B. Harrold, A. D. Harrold and Mrs. E. M. Fowle, whose residence is unknown, and all parties owning, having or claiming any interest in the land herein mentioned, to be and appear before the said District court of the Seventeenth Judicial District of Texas, at the next regular term thereof, to be held at the court house in the city of Fort Worth, Tarrant county, Texas, on the second Monday, the 11th day of January, 1904, then and there to answer the first amended petition of the State of Texas, filed in said court on the 5th day of December, 1903, in said above numbered cause, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff and the hereinbefore named parties defendants, and in which plaintiff alleges that there are now delinquent and unpaid to the State of Texas and county of Tarrant, state taxes amounting to $37.14, county taxes amounting to $58.31, fees allowed by law amounting to $11.25, including a penalty amounting to 10 per cent of said taxes for the year, including and since the year 1897, for which the said taxes are delinquent, together with 6 per cent interest on said taxes from the first day of January next succeeding the years for which any taxes are delinquent, and that the amount of said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs are delinquent, unpaid and due to the plaintiff, and that the amount thereof is a charge against and a lien on the said land in Tarrant county, Texas, described as follows: North 64 feet, east ½ block 3, June Smith addition to the City of Fort Worth, Tarrant county, Texas, the above property now known as lot 1, block 3, June Smith addition, [illegible] 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.

"MARBLE CITY" IN IRELAND.

Material Used for All Sorts of Purposes in Kilkenny.

How many people are there who know that there is at least one town in Ireland whose buildings and streets are mostly of marble, whose shops, houses and churches are adorned with it? Surely not many. The town of Kilkenny in Ireland. This beautiful town has gained the designation of the "Marble City" because so plentifully has the native black marble found in its vicinity been used for various purposes in the town, that as a matter of fact, the very streets are paved with it. Black marble is not the only kind found and used, however, in the town. There are some splendid examples of what Ireland can produce in marble to be seen in the cathedral at Kilkenny. Green specimens are observed even finer than the black ones, and the reredos itself is an excellent instance of what Ireland can show in this way. The supports of the pulpit, too, are discovered to be solid pieces of this green marble, which is found, not about Kilkenny so much as in the farther district of Connemara.

PLEASANT MEMORY FOR KING.

Bismarck's Advice to the Ruler of Little Roumania.

King Charles of Roumania, addressed to his premier, M. Sturdza, an effusive telegram in acknowledgment of his people's congratulations on the anniversary of "the memorable day upon which, a quarter of a century ago (during the Russo-Turkish war), I and my much beloved army set foot on the territory of the Debrusha, which, by the blood of our heroes, has been joined forever with the kingdom of Roumania." That is a "memory" which must have made King Charles think of the advice that was given him by Bismarck when, in the spring of 1866, the young scion of the Catholic Hohenzollerns, then serving as an officer at Potsdam, went to him for advice as to whether he should accept the crown of Roumania, which had been privately offered to him. "Do so, by all means," said Bismarck, "for even if you don't stay it will always remain a pleasant memory for you."

THE APPETITES OF BIRDS.

Feathered Songsters That Work Hard for Their Living.

If a man could eat as much in proportion to his size as a sparrow is able to consume he would need a whole sheep for dinner, a couple of dozen fowls for breakfast, and six turkeys for his evening meal. A tree sparrow has been known to eat 700 grass seeds in a day. Birds can and do work far harder than human beings. A pair of house-martins when nesting will feed their young on an average once in twenty seconds—that is, each bird, male and female, makes ninety journeys to and fro in an hour, or perhaps 1,000 a day. It must be remembered that on each journey the bird has the added work of catching an insect. Even so tiny a bird as the wren has been counted to make 110 trips to and from its nest within 430 minutes, and the prey it carried home consisted of insects much larger and heavier than were caught by swallows.

IN A BLAZE OF GLORY.

Rising Young Politician Soars to a Dizzy Height.

"And," said the rising young politician as he reached his eloquent peroration, "I predict that our candidate will, when the votes are counted, be found to have ridden to success upon a tidal wave of glory that will have swept all before it like wild fire breaking in flying spray upon the strand where the sun of victory shall blaze forth its effulgent rays upon the close of one of the most noble, most memorable campaigns that have ever been launched upon the sea of politics to gather strength and carry all before it like the cyclone sweeping across the broad prairies from which even the orb of day has disappeared in terror."

Manufacture of Dye Stuffs.

One of the principal industries of Basel is the manufacture of dye-stuffs—chiefly from coal-tar products—and chemicals. New discoveries are constantly being made by the employes of the Basel factories. The extent of the field in which they labor may be judged from the fact that there now exist no less than 25,000 patents for the single series of so-called azo colors, which theoretically are capable of becoming 3,159,000. The patents mentioned are all granted by foreign governments, since the Swiss lawgivers have up to this time refused to patent anything but what can be represented materially—things, not processes.

What Might Have Been.

An undertaker and a certain girl were engaged to be married. For some unknown reason, like many cases of first love, they drifted apart, and both married in different directions. Years rolled on. One night the undertaker was officially sent for and found himself in the home of his former sweetheart, who was weeping over the remains of her husband, who had just died after a long illness. He stepped softly to her side, and with hand on her shoulder offered his sympathy in the most serious loss that [illegible] woman. She ceased crying [illegible] ment, dried her eyes, looked up in his face, ad[illegible] think, Charlie, [illegible]

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Do Not Urge Your Child.

If your child cannot concentrate its mind or commit to memory without great difficulty, or if it seems backward, do not urge it to study. No development which is forced is natural or normal. The mind may be developing unevenly, says Success. When the brain cells are more fully developed and the nerve cells more mature the faculties will balance and the child will become normal, evenly developed. But he must be encouraged instead of being discouraged, for otherwise the result may be disastrous. It is cruel to keep telling a child that he is dull or stupid, or that he is not like other children. The discouraging pictures thus impressed upon his plastic mind will cling to it and become indelible in the brain of the main and handicap him for life.

Catbirds Defeat Snake.

A writer in the Scientific American says: "I witnessed a pair of catbirds making a bold defense against a black snake bent on devouring the contents of their nest. At first the snake was inclined to disregard the distressed birds as they fought to drive it away, but the blows of their wings and bills became so annoying that the thief had to seek refuge in flight. On reaching the roots of a tree from which the river had washed the dirt, the snake started to climb, only to be driven beneath them and then out to an old stump, under which the baffled and beaten reptile took refuge."

So Kind to the Girl.

"Yes, daughter is going abroad to continue her studies in singing." "Indeed?" "Yes. Everybody in our flat contributed to a fund to send her to Berlin. They were all so kind. They wanted her to go as soon as possible, and some of them said they'd be glad to send her still further. And when I asked them if they wouldn't miss her voice they admitted that they would for a time. And then they quickly added [illegible] course, this must [illegible] going. And old [illegible] his serious voice: 'What is our gain is Berlin's loss.' Of course he meant it the other way. He's so funny."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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Electricity as Medicine.

An instructive instance of the use of electrical effects in a legitimate way for treating diseases is described in a recent issue of the Lancet, London. The practitioner makes use of high-frequency alternating currents to cause electrical osmose, by means of which drugs were introduced into the tissues of the diseased part. [illegible] per cent of the cases of [illegible] the treatment was such [illegible] come to the conc[illegible] active salt of [illegible] the tissues by [illegible] frequency [illegible] panacea for [illegible]

The Hittite Alphabet.

If not the Hittite language, at the alphabet devised by that prevailed all over Asia Minor. of its 125 distinct signs were grams—survivals of the picture-writing stage. It, therefore, stood midway between the cuneiform Assyrian and the phonetic Phenician. In Cyprus and Asia Minor the far handier alphabet which the Phenicians had adapted from the Egyptian came into competition with the [illegible] tongues adapted from the Hittite and vanquished their clumsy characters.

First Ribbed Stockinet.

Ribbed stockinet was first made by Jedediah Strutt in England in 1759, on the machine invented by William [illegible]. This was not used for underwear in the United States until 1885, when a small manufacturer in New York state used it for undershirts; now nearly all of the knit underwear used in this country is ribbed. The ribbed stitch was made by reversing the stitch. The machine is so arranged that every alternate row, or two rows alternately, are reversed, so that both sides of the web are alike.

Mrs. Astor's Private Detective.

A good story on one of the White House dinners is told by Crump, who was steward during the Hayes regime. In January, 1880, Mr. and Mrs. William Waldorf Astor were guests at the President's board. During the dinner [illegible] happened to discover a stranger wandering about the apartments. When [illegible] to watch Mrs. Astor's diamonds. [illegible]

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JEFFERSON DE ANGELIS.

Sam S. Shubert and Nixon and Zimmerman will present the Jefferson De Angelis Opera Co. at Greenwall's opera house, Friday (New Years) matinee and night, Jan. 1, in "The Toreador." The opera is unquestionably the best medium that Jefferson De Angelis, who is one of the most popular of comic opera comedians, has ever had. It enables him to be seen in a character that is admirably adapted to his quaint style and method and there is continuous laughter while he is on the stage. The company is described as exceptionally strong. Edgar Norton, it is said, scores an unmistakable hit as Sir Archibald, as does Margaret McKinney in her dainty performance of Nancy Staunton, in which it becomes necessary for her to disguise herself as a boy. Other decided hits are made by John Dudley, Wm. Pullman, Norma Bell, Bertha Ricci, Edna Burd as Susan, William Blaisdell and Adine Bouvier. The large chorus is seen to splendid advantage as flower girls, bridesmaids, picadors, matadors and Spanish gentlemen. The scenic production is magnificent and the costumes beautiful to behold.

"THE BURGOMASTER."

Good old Peter Stuyvesant as "The Burgomaster," will stump around on the stage of Greenwall's opera house Saturday, matinee and night, Jan. 2, and advise the audience to "Just Keep Cool." "The Burgomaster," with the biggest company which has yet gone on the road, new production and costumes and a big list of principals, among whom will be found many of the famous original cast should prove an attraction which should attract lovers of music and mirth.

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$1.00, 75[illegible]

FAVORITE OF THE CHILDREN.

Little Ones Sought the Society of Prof. Mommsen.

J. B. Bashford writes of the late Prof. Mommsen, the German historian: "He was the father of sixteen children in all, of whom twelve are now living. This diminutive little man, with his emaciated frame and silvery locks, reaching to his shoulders, was the last person one would have expected to be a friend of children, and yet it was so. They reveled in his company, and sought it. Nevertheless, when he was preoccupied he could not recognize his own offspring. One day, when sitting in the tramcar on his way from Charlottenburg, a little boy near him disturbed him by chattering loudly as he was reading, according to his wont. 'What is your name, youngster?' he said, in a sharp tone, intending to scold him, and to his surprise the boy pronounced the word 'Mommsen.' It was not till then that the professor became aware that he was talking to his own son. Earlier in life he pushed his infant, who had been confided to his care in his study, into the waste paper basket and covered him up with papers!"

THE PRECAUTIONS HE TOOK.

They Were Important to the Old Farmer's Suit for Damages.

A farmer in Cumberland county was driving across a railroad track when a train killed both his horses and knocked him about ten rods off his course. In the resulting suit for damages the plaintiff was on the witness stand, making out a good case, when the defendant's lawyer asked him:

"Did you take any precaution before driving upon the track?"

The witness seemed reluctant to answer, but being pressed to do so, finally stammered out:

"Wall, squire, I took a little—just a couple of swallers, that's all."

This started a new line of defense, and it turned out that the couple of swallows were the last in a pint flask that had cajoled the honest old farmer along the road. This put a new face on the situation.—Lewiston Evening Journal.

Olive Oil for Croup.

A threatening of croup often ends in the threatening only if olive oil and camphor are applied to the child's chest and well rubbed in. Another method is to saturate a piece of flannel with the oil, sprinkle it with powdered camphor, and apply it to the chest and neck as warm as the little one can stand it. Cover it with a piece of dry flannel, and change it as soon as it gets cold.

Virus Is Fatal to Rats.

A new virus called "danysz" is made in France and is claimed to be harmless to domestic animals, but fatal to rats. Bread impregnated with it was scattered in docks, vessels, railway stations and schools, in Marseilles, and over a thousand rats were destroyed in a single night. The final results of the experiments will be eagerly awaited.

South African Education.

Prof. Hele-Shaw of the new University of Liverpool, is in South Africa to organize scientific education and prepare a university scheme for the Transvaal and Orange River Colony.

Undoubtedly.

A mouse club has been formed in London with 400 lady members. Club business is probably transacted with all the members standing on chairs.—Denver Post.

Regulate Korean Clothing.

The Korean government has or[illegible]

WAR NOT PROBABLE.

This Seems to Be the Consensus of Opinion at Berlin.

REQUESTS OF JAPAN.

Government of the Mikado Is In Hopes That Russia Will Accede to What Is Asked In a Short Time.

Berlin, Dec. 31.—The foreign office continues to ensure inquiries that the German government does not believe war will issue from the Japanese-Russian controversy. This is also the view of the press, whether derived from official sources or as independent opinion.

It does not appear that Sir Frank C. Lascelles, British ambassador here, as previously cabled, said that war was not unlikely unless Russia yields. The Japanese legation believes and hopes Russia will grant Japan's just requests. Baron von Osten-Sacken, Russian ambassador, has been accepting invitations in usual numbers, appearing at breakfasts, receptions, dinners and balls, serene and confident, always taking it as an impossibility that the situation in the far east is even grave. Other diplomatic corps seem to be without news and express general ideas, the easy and safe one being, "hostilities are quite unlikely," and each side testing its adversary to the breaking point. Everywhere there is anxiety for authoritative news that shall bring the period of suspense to an end.

The mobilization of the Japanese navy is partially attributable, according to a Vladivostock dispatch, to the Cologne Gazette to open acts of hostility on the part of Koreans toward Japan, probably necessitating active measures of defense of Japanese interests in southern Korea. The Cologne Gazette considers this dispatch as an admission that Japan has a good claim to defend her interests in southern Korea by force of arms and controverts the rumors to the effect that Russia would regard the landing of any considerable Japanese force in southern Korea as casus belli. The paper concludes: "The attitude of Russia on this question may therefore be regarded as a further concession on her part."

PESSIMISTIC PRESS.

"There Is No War Today; Tomorrow There May Be War."

St. Petersburg, Dec. 31.—Foreign dispatches received here are reflected in more pessimistic editorials. The Novoe Vremya begins its leader with: "There is no war today; tomorrow there may be war." The paper rather fatalistically directs attention to the fact that wars marked the opening of the Seventeenth, Eighteenth and Nineteenth centuries. The Novoe Vremya, nevertheless, still professes faith in a peaceful settlement, saying: "We believe Japan will not place Russia in a position where to yield would appear to be a renunciation of defense of her vital interests in the far east. Russia does not desire war; but nobody in Russia will permit the Japanese or other friends to execute a diplomatic dance upon Russia's peaceful disposition. In firm consciousness of her power, Russia will await events."

NO TIME LIMIT.

This Has Not Yet Been Set by the Japanese Government.

Yokohama, Dec. 31.—At an extraordinary meeting of the privy council Wednesday the fact was developed that no time limit had been set for Russia's reply to the last official [illegible] from the Japanese government. Strong opposition is publicly manifested to the cabinet owing to the [illegible]atory tactics it is pursuing. The latest order ordinance announced invests the commander of Formosa with full authority to act in case war is declared.

Called Unbearable.

Berlin, Dec. 31.—The Lokal Anzieger, without reserve, says: "The Japanese government has informed a representative of the powers to Tokio that the situation at this moment is unbearable; that Japan must strike if Russia does not accept the propositions Japan has submitted, as Japan can no longer wait for a final decision."

Desperate, but Not Hopeless.

Paris, Dec. 31.—It is learned in diplomatic circles the Japanese government has informed diplomats that the situation with respect to Russia is desperate but not hopeless. It is believed this information was communicated to the French government for presentation at St. Petersburg.

Purchase Completed.

London, Dec. 31.—Japan has completed the purchase of the Argentine warships Moreno and Ravidvia, building at Genoa, Italy, for which Russia also was negotiating.

Seaboard's New President.

New York, Dec. 31.—At a meeting of the directors of the Seaboard Air Line J. Skelton Williams resigned the office of president of the company and Vice President Barr was elected president and general manager. Mr. Williams was elected chairman of the board of directors.

Was Never Quieter.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 31.—It is officially announced that in view of the reports current abroad of renewed attacks on the Jews Kishineff was never quieter than at the present time.

Fine Hotel Burns.

Albuquerque, N. M., Dec. 31.—The Highland hotel, one of the finest winter resorts in New Mexico, has been destroyed by fire. Several invalids at the hotel had narrow escapes, but there were no casualties. Loss, $60,000.

Side Light on Social Buying.

The Presbyterian church brought its fair to a close last evening. . . . One lady, in purchasing handkerchiefs, said to the lady in charge of the stall: "I always like to buy handkerchiefs at a church fair because the work on them is usually done by the hand, and my friends to whom I send them are sure to write to me: 'How sweet of you with all you have to do to spend [illegible] you must [illegible] beautiful handkerc[illegible]

HIT WITH A POKER.

Ranger Shot the Porter, Who Hit Him and Latter May Die.

El Paso, Dec. 31.—William Johnson, a negro porter in the employe of the Southern Pacific railway, was shot twice and perhaps mortally wounded here by a state ranger, J. B. Bean, of Fort Hancock, this county. The ranger was struck on the head with an iron poker. Bean was arrested and Johnson was sent to the hospital. The trouble occurred in the smoking car while the train was standing at the depot. The negro ordered the ranger to leave the car and it is alleged the latter resisted.

Forty Possums Served.

Waco, Dec. 31.—At the first annual banquet of the Central Texas Possum and Tater club there were about 300 members and guests present. Senator R. V. Davidson of Galveston and Col. L. J. Wortham of Austin were among the speakers. The toasts were happy ones and the festivities lasted until a late hour. Forty possums were served. Other portions of the menu were turkey, oysters, salads and a full drinking list.

Will Keep His Word.

Austin, Dec. 31.—Governor Lanham was surprised by a visit from Jack McQuitter, whom the governor had pardoned during Christmas. McQuitter was sent up from Travis county for two years for theft. The man from whom the property was stolen agreed to give McQuitter employment in case he was pardoned, and he will keep his word.

Large Depot at Houston.

Houston, Dec. 31.—From a source that is official it is learned the International and Great Northern Railway company will erect a $100,000 freight depot. The general offices will be in the structure.

Another Gusher.

Palestine, Tex., Dec. 31.—A genuine gusher is reported in the oil field ten miles west.

REMOVED BY RADIUM.

Said to Have Taken Cancer Off Cheek of a New Jersey Man.

New York, Dec. 31.—A radium is reported to have removed a cancer which spread over the entire right cheek of William Hoffman, [illegible] years old, of Newark, N. J., which specialists expressed the belief could be removed only by cutting away. Hoffman's nephew, a physician, procured a tube containing a tiny portion of radium and experimented by placing it in the patient's mouth. At the end of six weeks the cancer is said to have entirely disappeared, leaving the cheek in its normal state.

TRAMPS ATTACK TRAIN.

They Are Negroes, and In Fight Two Trainmen Fatally Hurt.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—A dispatch to the Inter Ocean from New Orleans says that in a fiercely fought battle between railroad employes and negroes, in an attempt to hold up a freight on the Southern Pacific two trainmen were fatally wounded. The train was attacked by a gang of negro tramps near Morgan City, La., and captured after the crew had been driven off. A body of railroad employes gathered by the conductor of the freight train opened fire upon the negroes, who were looting the cars. After an exchange of shots, during which Brakeman [illegible] S. Copp[illegible] and P. C. Watcher were shot, the tramps were driven off. Several of them were captured later and brought to Franklin.

CHINESE COPY.

It Will Be Forwarded to Washington Before Many Days.

Pekin, Dec. 31.—The Chinese government has promised United States Minister Conger to soon forward the Chinese copy of the treaty to Washington for exchange of ratifications. It is necessary to first obtain the emperor's seal. After the treaty is ratified the opening of Mukden and Antung to the commerce of the world can be pro[illegible]

STILL MISSING.

Whereabouts of Heiress of [illegible] Millions Remains a Mystery.

Meridian, Miss., Dec. [illegible]—The continued absence of Miss [illegible] of Birmingham, Ala., [illegible] several millions, and [illegible] any news of her whereabouts [illegible] relatives here whom she [illegible] that she [illegible] has been kidnaped [illegible] no trace of her [illegible] appeared Dec. 23. She [illegible] inherited a vast fortune from [illegible] of New [illegible] relative. The family of the girl are almost crazed with grief.

Policeman Slain at Mobile.

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 31.—Policeman Charles Haggerty was shot and instantly killed by an unknown white man whom he had under arrest. The murderer escaped. The killing occurred in the heart of the city and within a block of the police station, and was witnessed by one man, who can give only a vague description of the slayer.

Has a Rival.

St. Louis, Dec. 30.—"Scrupulous Conscience," who scattered $3000, mostly $50 bills, among railroads and other corporations as Christmas presents, has a rival in "Honesty," who appears to have confined his generosity to the [illegible] "[illegible]." Two letters have been received by the latter road, each containing $50.

Base Ball Player [illegible]

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. [illegible] Levy, for several years [illegible] Virginia League baseball [illegible] who also played at Louisville [illegible] cinnati, was shot and killed [illegible] Ragan in a saloon row. Ra[illegible] mediately arrested.

Twenty-Second Victim.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 3[illegible] ductor George Neil, the twenty[illegible] victim of the Pere Marquette [illegible] near East Paris, is dead.

Rain Makers in Australia.

The rain-making hoax, which has run its course in this country, is being worked extensively by "drought-busters" in Australia.

New York's Visitors.

The average number of visitors in New York city is estimated at $50,000 and their stay is ten days.

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WHISKY, POISON AND PHYSIC.

Proof That There Is No Rule or Secret of Long Life.

All very old men cast about for an excuse or apology for being so long in the world. But recently one died at age of 123, and his excuse was that he had smoked and drunk liquor all his life. Another, passing away at 104, had never touched either tobacco or whisky. Some of the hardest drinkers I know cannot bear the taste of whisky or brandy before breakfast. Others must have a dram the moment they [illegible] bed or they do not have a [illegible] the pillow. There is no [illegible] of long life. What's [illegible], signor, is another's [illegible]. The French are [illegible] they are fond of gravies [illegible]. To some men poison is [illegible]—New York Press.

[illegible] IN SCHOOL.

[illegible] of Education Advocates Its Study.

[illegible] time ago the Russian minister of education issued a circular [illegible] instructions that the study of [illegible] should be added to the curriculum [illegible] schools. In an article in one [illegible] papers Dr. Tarrasch [illegible] declares that chess is [illegible] possible use in form[illegible], inculcating prudence [illegible] awakening thought[illegible] imagination, and in [illegible] the [illegible] advo[illegible] chess as a regu[illegible] education in Germany, [illegible] prizes or other re[illegible] proficiency therein.

[illegible]aph Next Door.

[illegible] phonograph that has [illegible] that its owner [illegible] the window and betrays a [illegible] about "the good [illegible]"

[illegible] whenever I [illegible] to [illegible] things [illegible] "Mr. Dooley" [illegible]

I might feel somewhat better [illegible] thing [illegible] up to date,
But no one can enthuse upon the things it tries to state;
I knew before this blamed machine had ever seen the light
[illegible] "hot time" was expected in some measly town "to-night."

It may be I've a temper that I really ought to curb;
It may be that I ought to try some soothing kind of herb;
But this at least is certain: Though he mortal may be killed,
Some day I'll get a hatchet, and you'll hear "a voice is stilled."
—Brooklyn Eagle.

Worshiped the Cat.

The people of Egypt, who had many idols, worshiped the cat, among others. They thought she was like the moon, because she was more attractive at night, and because her eyes changed [illegible] the moon, which is sometimes full [illegible] other times only a light crescent, or, as we say, a half moon. So [illegible] made an idol with a cat's head, [illegible] it Pasht. The same name [illegible] to the moon, for the word [illegible] the face of the moon." The [illegible] been changed to "Pas," and [illegible] has come at last to be "Puss."

Ice in Behring Sea.

Behring sea, on which Nome stands, is shallow, and owing to the fresh water which many rivers pour into it, the sea is brackish rather than salt. The result is that in winter ice readily forms and extends over the surface of the sea for 300 to 400 miles [illegible]

UNNEEDED STRAIN ON HO[illegible]

Good Teamster Can Do Much f[illegible] [illegible]imals In His Charge.

The strength required of an [illegible] age sized team of horses an[illegible] strain on the horses to draw a [illegible] load over stones or out of a [illegible] hole, or over many other av[illegible] obstacles is often greater th[illegible] draw the same load over a s[illegible] surface fifty yards.

It would be a small estimate t[illegible] a careless driver strains his [illegible] in that manner twenty times a d[illegible]

If a driver prevents straining [illegible] horses twenty times each day he [illegible] save them 1,000 yards of unnece[illegible] pulling and in the 300 working [illegible] [illegible] year 300,000 yards, and in [illegible] years 1,500,000 yards—nearly [illegible] miles.

With proper judgment and ca[illegible]ness the driver, at the e[illegible] of five years, will have in place [illegible] team of weak, over-worked, [illegible] horses, a team of healthy and s[illegible] ones.

From a business point of vie[illegible] it not pay any horse owner [illegible] teamster to be careful [illegible] cons[illegible]ate and to avoid all unnece[illegible] strains on horses?—Our Dumb [illegible]mals.

Atmosphere of Plants.

Owing to the high gravitation, [illegible] atmosphere of such planets as Jup[illegible] and Saturn is very dense, and [illegible] loaded with opaque particles that [illegible] cannot see through it to the body [illegible] the planet within. But though [illegible] body is beyond our scrutiny, we [illegible] infer that it is very hot, even at [illegible] surface; for if the solar system [illegible] formed (as is assumed) by conden[illegible]tion of nebula, the heat of conden[illegible]tion must be proportionately gr[illegible] and longer retained in a large w[illegible] than in a small one. Thus for [illegible] purpose of life on these great plan[illegible] the energy radiating from within m[illegible] be available and, indeed, may lar[illegible] exceed the energy received from [illegible] sun at so great a distance.

Stands in Three Parishes.

In the chapel-of-ease at Tunbrid[illegible] Wells, which stands in Kent and S[illegible]sex and in three parishes—Frant, T[illegible]bridge and Speldhurst, the officiat[illegible] clergyman robes in the parish [illegible] Frant, in Sussex; officiates at the [illegible]tar in Tunbridge parish, [illegible] walks to his pulpit through the pa[illegible] of Speldhurst. The whole journey [illegible] two counties and three parishes [illegible] be made quite comfortably in thi[illegible] seconds.

Double Knitting.

Double work in knitting consi[illegible] merely in running two threads inste[illegible] of one. Very pretty effects are som[illegible]times made by using two colors, [illegible] one thread has a tendency to tw[illegible] about the other, giving a sort of dou[illegible]ble and twist effect. Lumbermen[illegible] socks and similar goods are made [illegible] this manner, although most doubl[illegible] work is used in the heels, toes an[illegible] soles of ordinary hose.

Daily Newspapers.

The daily newspapers of the Uni[illegible]ed States use in a yea[illegible] $29,197,[illegible] worth of paper; in weight nearly 1,0[illegible]000,000 pounds.

To Rebuild Campanile.

It will take five years to rebuild [illegible] Campanile of Venice. The new [illegible] will probably have an elevator.

[illegible]rage Age of Se[illegible]