FIRST ESTIMATE

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Mayor Powell Estimates Fort Worth's Population at 41,300

FORT WORTH TELEGRAM

TABLOID NEWS

Panama treaty arrives in New York—Another wreck in Iowa—30,000 men in Connellsville, Pa., coke region have wages cut—Population of Fort Worth estimated at 41,300.

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GROWTH

Of Fort Worth's Population Estimated on Last Scholastic Census

SHOWS PHENOMENAL INCREASE IN NUMBER

Of the City's Inhabitants Since Last Enumeration in 1900

MAYOR T. J. POWELL SENDS AN ESTIMATE

Given Present Population as 41,300, to Census Director North for the Latter's Use in Report Soon to Be Made

An estimate of the population included in the limits of the city of Fort Worth has been made by Mayor T. J. Powell for the census bureau of the government, the figures being 41,300.

Mayor Powell basis the figures on the scholastic population. There is no exact way to get at the actual number of people inside the city limits. There are hundreds—yes thousands—who virtually live in the city and who do business here. They are just outside the city limits, and therefore for government purposes are not figured in the city population. For instance, there are not less than 1,500 people at Glenwood, 500 at Riverside and something like 3,000 in the packing house district, which is known as North Fort Worth. For the purposes for which a city's population is effective, these are all Fort Worth people, but technically Fort Worth cannot report them.

Mayor Powell has received this inquiry:

Dear Sir—The bureau of the census, department of commerce and labor, is preparing an estimate of the population of your city for 1901, 1902 and 1903, based on the increase as shown by the returns of the censuses of 1890 and 1900. In order that the estimate may be as correct as possible, I should like to obtain your opinion as to whether any unusual changes in the city's development or industrial growth have occurred since June 1, 1900, that have affected the normal growth of the population, and, if so, to what extent has it been increased or decreased, according to your best judgment. As the census data may not be accessible I will state that the population of your city in 1890 was 23,076, and in 1900, 26,688, the normal increase per year being 361.2. I would also like to have your estimate of the population of the city for 1901, 1902 and 1903. Very respectfully,

S. N. D. NORTH,
Director.

To this letter Mayor Powell has prepared this reply:

Mr. S. N. D. North, Director of Census, Washington, D. C.:

Dear Sir—Replying to yours of the 4th instant, asking for an estimate of the population for Fort Worth for the years 1901, 1902 and 1903, will say that the population of this city has been very largely increased since the census of 1900 was taken by the United States government, by unusual changes and development in the industrial growth of the city. The principal change being in the erection and operation of large packing houses by Messrs. Armour & Co. and Swift & Co., immediately north of the boundary line of the city. These packing houses now employ, in all departments, about 3,000 employes, and there are a number of other enterprises and business houses that have located in Fort Worth as a direct result of the packing houses being located here. My estimate of the population for the years 1901, 1902 and 1903 is based upon the public school scholastic census of the city, which is taken in May of each year. In this census the children of the city over 7 years and under 17 years are the only ones counted. I have taken the United States census of 1900 and divided it by the scholastic census of that year as follows: The United States census of 1900 gave the city a population of 26,688. The scholastic census of that year was 3,725, which divided into 26,688, gives a proportion of over seven inhabitants to each scholatic pupil. The following table shows the estimate on the above basis for the said years of 1901, 1902 and 1903:

Years.	Scholastic Census.	Estimated Population.
1900	3,725 X 7	26,688
1901	4,625 X 7	32,354
1902	4,927 X 7	34,489
1903	5,528 X 7	38,696
January 1, 1904	*5,900 X 7	41,300

*Estimated.

These estimates are conservative and are based on the actual figures of record in the mayor's office, and my judgment is that they are approximately correct.

Respectfully,
THOMAS J. POWELL,
Mayor.

Fort Worth, December 15, 1903.

SLOAN GETS DECISION

Wins Suit for $40,000 Damages Against Jockey Club

PARIS, Dec. 15.—The court which has been hearing the arguments in the case of Tod Sloan, the American jockey, against the French Jockey Club for $40,000 damages, for being warned off the turf in connection with Rose De Mai winning the Prix De Diane at Chantilly in May last, has found in favor of Sloan, and condemned the jockey club to pay the costs, the amount of which will be assessed later.

The case involved the jockey club's sole control of the French turf administration. The court, while holding Sloan's complaint was questioned, pointed out that as he had not shown that the course of the club caused him serious prejudice, that fact limited the damages he should receive.

DECISION

Just Handed Down By the Supreme Court of Missouri

OPENS DOORS FOR MANY PRISONERS

Who Were Tried on Information Sworn to by Prosecuting Attorneys—Court Holds Personal Knowledge Necessary

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 15.—Notification of a decision of the Missouri supreme court which brings into question the legality of hundreds of arrests and convictions recently made on information in St. Louis and which, according to Attorney Folk, opens the doors of the penitentiary through writs of habeas corpus to many others, was received here yesterday by that official. In the list of cases, which under the ruling of the court, could be affected if the plea of illegal arrests were raised, are the majority of the suburban franchise boodle convictions.

It was stated by a well known lawyer yesterday that the statute of limitation in these cases expired last November and that if the present charges against the acused men should be found defective it would be impossible to bring new indictments against them.

All of the cases are before the supreme court on appeal and the records show that each case was tried on information furnished by the circuit attorney on his official oaths. They follow:

Charles F. Kelly, forger speaker of the house of delegates, convicted of perjury in connection with the suburban franchise boodle deal, sentenced to two years in the penitentiary; John P. Shoettler, bribery, suburban franchise, four years; Jerre Hannigan, bribery, suburban franchise, five years; John A. Sheridian, bribery, suburban franchise, five years; Charles A. Gutto, bribery, suburban franchise, seven years; Edmund Bersch, bribery, suburban franchise, five years; Chas. Denny, bribery, suburban franchise, seven years; Louis Decker, perjury, suburban franchise investigation, four years; Harry A. Faulkner, perjury, suburban franchise investigation, three years.

Mr. Folk notified Judge McDonald of the criminal division of the circuit court, and proceedings were stopped in all cases affected. Nine cases were wiped off the docket and the witnesses sent to the grand jury room, there to give information upon which to base indictments to take the place of the invalid information.

The case against E. J. Arnold, charged with grand larceny, was one of those affected.

THE DECISION

The decision is that the revision of the state against William Bonner, which holds that any information issued by the circuit attorney's office might be sworn to by the prosecuting witnesses in the case, and that the circuit attorneys or prosecuting attorneys could only swear to information from personal knowledge of the facts. For two years, under a former decision of the supreme court and under the constitutional amendment of 1900 and the act of 1901, prosecuting attorneys and circuit attorneys have been given information under their official oaths.

In St. Louis alone it is stated fully 2,000 cases have been tried on such information and conviction resulted.

SAYS PEACE WILL COME

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The terms of Russia's reply to Japan have been communicated to the Japanese minister here, Baron Hayashi, by the government at Tokio. The minister subsequently said the negotiations were still incomplete, but he significantly said that he saw no reason to change his previously expressed opinion that a peaceable issue would result therefrom.

NEW POSTMASTERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The president has sent to the senate the following nominations for postmasters:

Oklahoma—Ella Jayne, Edmon; Thomas J Palmer, Medford.

Texas—Henry T. Vaughn, Mart.

MAY SERVE AS WARNING

WACO, Texas, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Willie Gist, a newsboy, is dead as the result of a wound in the hand from a toy pistol. Lockjaw resulting from the wound, caused his death.

GOVERNOR

And Other State Officials Leave For Rusk This Evening

AS WITNESSES IN THE BUSBY CASE

Attorney General Bell and Treasurer Robbins in the Party—Cases Before Railroad Commission Postponed.

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The matter of a new depot at Tyler and the forfeiture of the charter of the Timpson and Northwestern railroad, the cases docketed for a hearing by the railroad commission today, were continued by agreement.

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Chartered—The McClerkey-Griffin Company, of Cleburne, capital $15,000; Farmers' Lumber Company, of Chillicothe, Hardeman county, capital $25,000.

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In addition to the governor, Attorney General Bell, Treasurer Robbins and the governor's secretary, Cravens, left for Rusk this evening as attached witnesses in the Busby case, which comes up in Rusk Wednesday.

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The order of the court appointing a receiver for the Beaumont Confederated Oil and Pipe Line Company was modified so as to make the receiver temporary. The case will be heard Jan. 4.

THE NEWS OF WEST TEXAS

Local Option Election Will Soon Be Held In Borden County

COLORADO, Texas, Dec. 14.—(Special.)—County and district court convene here December 27. The dockets in both courts are large and the town will be full of people.

A local option election is on the program in the near future for Gail, Borden county. It is brought on this time by the antis.

Freighters for the Gail merchants were in town this week, hauling out large loads over the new bridge; and they seem to very much appreciate the enterprise of Colorado's liberal and public-spirited citizens.

One of the finest monuments in the Colorado cemetery was erected a few days ago over the grave of Judge Rix.

Big Springs, Colorado's enterprising western neighbor, will pull off a grand carnival on December 22 and 23, including horse racing, donkey racing, boy racing, mule and broncho riding. It is anticipated that an immense crowd for a western town will be present and the two days greatly enjoyed.

A marriage license has been issued to C. E. Wescott and Miss Janie Taylor. Both live in the northern part of the county and are well known here.

A marriage license was also issued to W. C. Morrow and Miss May Richardson. Both are popular young people from the Westbrook community.

J. H. Wallace of this city is developing quite an industry here in the way of making fine chairs and parlor suits out of cows' horns. They are beauties and some of them sell for $200 apiece.

Hec. A. McEachin has consolidated his paper here, the Stockman, with the Fort Worth Stock Journal, and will move to Fort Worth next month and thereafter will issue the one paper from that point. His family will remain here for awhile.

J. D. Wulfjen, one of the most prominent stockmen of this country, returned a few days ago from St. Louis, where he had taken seven cars of fat cattle. He sold at $2.70, and his cattle averaged nearly 1,000 pounds each. So he feels that this sale was more satisfactory than any he has made for some time.

D. N. Arnett today had ten cars of fat cattle go through for Fort Worth. They were loaded at Odessa. A number of parties will be shipping out from here Wednesday.

Hope in the hearts of the Sweetwater people has been much renewed lately in regard to their new railroad. Much material is being unloaded there now and a report has come that work will soon begin in earnest and continue until the road is finished through to Kansas City.

SOUTHERN BALL LEAGUE

Magnates Are In Session at Atlanta, Ga., Today

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 15.—The Southern Baseball League met here this afternoon. One of the principal questions to be decided will be the transfer of the franchise from Montgomery, Ala. It is believed Chattanooga is after the franchise. President Kavanaugh will be re-elected. The awarding of the penant to Memphis will not be opposed by Little Rock.

DR. J. M. HAYES DEAD

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Dr. J. M. Hays, an old citizen, died suddenly this morning, aged 74 years.

WRECK

On Burlington Near Malvern, Ia., Results in Death of Engineer

MALVERN, Iowa, Dec. 15.—Engineer Knox of the Denver limited, westbound, was killed in a wreck this morning on the Burlington. The engine and the forward trucks of the baggage car left the track. The engine rolled over on its side, pinioning Knox beneath.

He was instantly killed. Passsengers on the train were given a terrible shaking up, men and women being thrown from their chairs into the aisles, and a panic followed. Fortunately no one was seriously injured among the passengers.

ELECTION

For Municipal Officers Are Being Held in Massachusetts Cities

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 15.—Municipal elections are being held in seven cities in this state today. The weath is cold and clear. The cities balloting are Boston, Cambridge, Chelsea, Fall River, Bedford, Newburyport and North Adams.

Boston's election is marked by a lack of general interest, arising from the surety of an election majority for the democratic candidates, including Mayor P. A. Collins for his second term of two years.

WAGES

Of 30,000 Men in Connellsville Coke Region Reduced Today

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 15.—A reduction in wages averaging 14 per cent in the Connellsville coke region was announced today. Thirty thousand men will be affected.

BATTLE

Between Students at Seattle University Takes a Serious Turn

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 15.—The freshmen-sophomore warfare at the State University took a serious turn last night. A band of freshmen was fired on while surrounding the house in which Ormund, one of the sophomores, lived, under the suspicion that they were burglars.

Later Ormund was bound hand and foot and thrown into Lake Union. He was revived with much difficulty. Miles Leiser, another sophomore, was thrown into the lake with his hands bound. He was seized with cramps, but was rescued by freshmen, who swam out and carried him ashore.

Some forty freshmen and sophomores engaged in last night's battles.

THE CHRISTMAS DINNER

Captain Cumbie Acknowledges a Donation From a Knights of Pythias Lodge

Captain J. T. Cumbie of the Salvation Army acknowledges $5 from the Queen City lodge, Knights of Pythias to be applied to the Christmas dinner fund.

The cold weather is increasing the demand for assistance by the army. The dinner is growing slowly, and he urges all who desire to help, to send in their contributions at once. Donations of groceries and eatables may be sent to 303 Rusk street.

Captain Cumbie has been applied to by a woman with a child, who desires work. He would like to hear from some one who will assist such a person.

JOHNSON COUNTY POLITICAL NEWS

Democratic and Populistic Candidates are Both Making Appearance

GRANDVIEW, Texas, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The political pot has begun to boil in this section. Candidates are shaking hands with their friends, getting ready for the primaries. At the last election the populists had no candidate and many of them voted in the democratic primary. But they still have some desire for office. T. M. Saunders, one of the leaders of the populists, told The Telegram correspondent that there will be no populist party this campaign. Mr. Saunders was a candidate for the legislature in Hill county, running against Hon. T. S. Smith when the latter was a candidate for speaker. Later Mr. Saunders moved to Johnson county and was the nominee of his party, running against A. T. Cole. Mr. Saunders was defeated in both counties. He has since then cut loose from the populists and voted in the democratic primary two years ago. He says he is a candidate for sheriff of Johnson county subject to the action of the democratic primary. Mr. Saunders is very popular at home and says many prominent democrats have assured him of their support.

There are prominent men in the populist party who will offer themselves upon the altar of politics for various county offices. They claim that there is but one party now. What the regular democrats who have always voted the ticket will think of these new converts will be better told at the election.

Not all of the populists, however, will acknowledge allegiance to the democrats. Hon. D. C. McConn, who has been a candidate for state senator, representative from this county, and who also ran for the flotorial representative from Hill and Johnson county, says he is in the fight to stay. He was formerly a greenbacker, then union labor man, and next a populist. He says the principles of his party are good. While many of Mr. McConn's friends differ with him politically, they all admire his honesty and steadfast adherence to the principles of his party. He is a great admirer of W. J. Bryan and thinks he is one of the foremost Americans of the age and believes him almost, if not quite, the equal of Thomas Jefferson. Mr. McConn claims that the populist party is the only political party of the day that clings to the old time Jeffersonian principles of democracy. He says both the organized parties are corrupt and the only solution of the country's future prosperity is to come through populistic principles.

CITY ATTORNEY QUITS

W. T. Henry of Dallas Will Not Fill Out Term

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 15.—City Attorney W. T. Henry last night surprised the city council by tendering his resignation from the office, to take effect January 1, or sooner if the city council saw fit.

The reason given for resigning was the heavy weight of private business that renders it necessary for a change to be made.

Several aldermen joined in a motion that a committee be appointed, to whom the resignation might be referred, and who should be instructed to see Mr. Henry and endeavor to induce him to remain in his office until the expiration of his term.

Speaking of the resignation after the council meeting was over, Mr. Henry stated that it was a thing he had hesitated to do for some time after it became already apparent to him that his work had gotten to be too heavy for one man.

"I tried for some time to figure out a way by which I might finish the term for which I had been elected," said he, "for there is a sort of pride I have had in the work, and I wanted to finish the term. But it became patent to me that my private business was too heavy to admit of that, so the resignation was made out. I had not discussed the matter, but it is necessary. I hope that the committe will see fit to accept the resignation soon."

The resignation was a surprise to all of the members of the city council. They did not discuss the succession to the office after adjournment to any considerable extent, but the man mentioned most in connection with the place was Assistant City Attorney J. J. Collins.

TREATY

With Republic of Panama Arrives in New York This Morning

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The steamer City of Washington arrived today from Colon, bringing a signed copy of the canal treaty with the new republic of Panama. The treaty was in a metal box, in charge of the purser, who turned it over to representatives of the government on his arrival at the dock.

No news of importance is reported by the officers and passengers of the City of Washington.

RAISING TEA IN TEXAS

Congressman Randell Believes There's Money In It

DENISON, Texas, Dec. 15.—Congressman Randell of this district has been in recent conference with officials of the department of agriculture in an effort to have the department experiment with tea culture in the Fourth district.

The department informs Mr. Randell that, as far as its knowledge goes, there is no reason why tea could not be successfully grown in this section of Texas. The department, however, will not undertake at this time the experiments on its own account, but has allowed Mr. Randell a reasonably liberal supply of plants, which they believe to be especially adapted to this section of the state.

Mr. Randell will forward these plants to a constituent in Grayson county, with whom he has been in correspondence, and who has signified a desire to give the matter a thorough test, and report the result of the experiment to the department.

OSAGES WILL ASK FOR ALLOTMENT

Wealthiest Indians of the Territory Decide to Take Their Share

MUSKOGEE, I. T., Dec. 14.—At a recent meeting of the council of the tribe, the Osage Indians decided to ask for the individual allotment of lands of the Osage nation and a division of the tribal funds. A commission to negotiate along that line was appointed to confer with the government authorities.

This means the dismemberment of the tribal relations of the wealthiest of all Indian nations. The Osages have never had the highly developed legislative government that has obtained in the five civilized tribes, their laws being simply agreements, unwritten, made at pow-wows which were held as suited the convenience of the tribe.

According to the report of A. O. Mitscher, Indian agent, for the year 1902, there are 1,833 Osages who are entitled to all the benefits and annuities of the tribe. In the Osage nation there are 1,570,196 acres of land lying in the northeastern corner of Oklahoma. This, according to the recent agreement, is to be allotted to the Indians. They are entitled to 847 acres per capita, but will be allotted only 160 acres, the balance remaining as public lands, the revenue going to the Indians. It will be the purpose of the commission sent to Washington to make plans for the final disposition of this land. It is worth, at a very conservative estimate, $10 per acre. In addition to lands, the Osages have in the United States treasury $8,564,000, or a cash fund of $4,671 per capita which with the land value makes every man, woman and child worth the sum of $13,121 in addition to whatever other funds they may have accumulated. This cash fund was derived from the sale of lands in the southeastern part of Kansas that formerly belonged to the Osages.

The agent's report for 1902 further shows that there are 847 full-blood Osages. The remainder are of mixed blood. There are three principal schools, the Osage boarding school, St. Louis school and St. John's school, with a total average attendance of 241. The income from all sources for the year amounted to $574,018.79. During the year there were only twenty-one convictions of infractions of the law and only thirty-four cases pending trial.

The three principal towns of the nation are Pawhusky, where the agency is located; Hominy and Grayhorse. There are fifty licensed traders on the reservation and a few who are doing business without license.

Within the past year there has been a great activity in railroad building through the reservation and four railroads have practically completed new lines. The development of the country is going forward rapidly and there some of the biggest oil wells in the two territories are located.

The agent has been at work with the Indians for several years trying to induce them to take individual allotments as provided by the Kaw agreement and has already succeeded in getting a great many to take allotments and on these a great many Osages have become immensely wealthy.

PECULIAR OIL IS FOUND

Appears So Refined That Oil Men Are Suspicious

BARTLESVILLE, I. T., Dec. 15.—The Standard Oil Company has taken leases in Ellsworth county, Kansas, and is preparing to do a good deal of developing there. Their first leases were taken three miles north of Ellsworth, where some remarkable oil has been found in a well at a depth of twenty feet. This oil has a good appearance and strange results come from oil tests. So great is the difference between it and the usual crude oil that oil men have been skeptical for a long time, but notwithstanding a great deal of oil has been taken from the well, it still appears on the surface of the water at twenty feet. The Standard Company has taken leases in this county and are preparing to put down a lot of wells at once.

It was in Ellsworth county that salt was first discovered in Kansas. A diamond drill was put through the salt strata and as soon as it went through gas was struck. The drill was immediately withdrawn. The gas burned strongly for several days, until the well caved, and since that time the well has never been touched.

FARMERS

In Attendance at Institute Being Held in This City Today

TELL EXPERIENCES WITH VARIOUS CROPS

Showing That Systematic Agriculture Alone Is Profitable

GOING TO ARLINGTON AFTER THE MEETING

Institute Being Conducted at the City Hall Under Direction of the Agricultural and Mechanical College

While there was not a very large attendance of farmers at the meeting to organize a Farmers' Institute in this city this morning, there was more or less enthusiasm shown by those who were present, and what was heard has had a good effect. The results of the work of practical men is shown, and in this way it is expected the farmers will be educated to do better for themselves.

These institutes are being held under the direction of the Agricultural and Mechanical college of the state, Director R. L. Bennett of that institution having them in direct charge. The college has had twenty-seven of these institutes in the last two months. Mr. Bennett says: "At places where we have met we have had great institutes. There have been talks by practical men who have made distinct successes in the particular line in which they are engaged. One of the chief points aimed at is improved methods of cotton growing, and indicating methods by which other staple crops may be grown in connection with cotton, such as hogs, sheep and fruit. We are of the belief that cotton growing can be made more profitable when combined with one other crop. The highest profit in growing cotton will not be realized until some form of live stock production is practiced with it. The Agricultural and Mechanical college is assisted in this work by men prominent because of their success in various lines. The object is to disseminate literature giving practical and scientific information on different lines of agriculture."

W. J. DUFFEL TALKS

W. J. Duffel of West, McLennan county, is a hog and sheep man. He is associated with J. B. Earle of Waco in the breeding of registered Poland China hogs and Shropshire sheep. Mr. Duffel is a practical man in hogs and sheep, and while he has been at the hog business longer than he has in sheep, he is enthused over the success he has made in the sheep breeding. He exhibited a letter from S. F. Kirksey of the Slayden-Kirksey Woolen Mills at Waco, which states that the mills paid him more for his wool than they had paid for any clip in ten years. He had also a letter from Crippen & Lazenby of Waco, butchers, praising the mutton which they bought from him. Mr. Duffel says: "The profit on sheep is all you can get out of it. Sheep are an actual benefit, however, when taken in connection with other farming. They are not so profitable if you raise sheep alone. They eat grass and weeds which no other animal will touch. Sheep will eat 550 different kinds of weeds. Other animals eat less than 100. Sheep will pay 100 per cent profit on any farm."

Mr. Duffel tells much in regard to sheep raising which will be interesting to the farmer. He boasts of the ownership of a ram which is a grandson of Proud Slopias, the prize winning buck at the World's fair.

R. E. SMITH HERE

"Alfalfa Smith" is an important person at this meeting of the farmers. R. E. of Sherman has been raising alfalfa in this state for years. For ten years past he has been increasing his acreage until now he is known as the greatest grower of that hay in the state, having 1,000 acres under cultivation.

"I have cut my alfalfa five times this last year," says Mr. Smith. "I never cut it less than three or four times a year. I sell it for $15 per ton. To prepare to raise alfalfa it costs about $10 per acre. This will procure the seed and give the land the proper preparation. You are then ready for a good stand of alfalfa. The yield per acre under favorable circumstances of growth, weather, etc., will be four tons per acre per year. It costs about $3 per ton at each cutting for baling, etc. This leaves a handsome profit. It is fine food for cattle and is a good milk producer. It is a little too strong to be fed to horses alone. One ton of alfalfa is as rich in food as three tons of prairie hay. In Kansas they grind alfalfa and make a flour which they feed the hogs. It is also fine for chicken food.

APPLE RAISING

J. W. Kirkpatrick of Whitesboro tells of his success in growing apples. He has sixty-five acres in apples in Grayson county this last year, including about 3,000 trees. He says his net profit on the orchard was $6,000. "I am looking at the

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HOLIDAY OFFERINGS

Our Establishment from top to bottom is full of suitable and appreciable gifts that will bear a remembrance of the giver many months after the Holidays have come and gone. So suggestive is the sight that it is almost impossible to walk through without noticing many articles that would just suit some one on your list for a gift.

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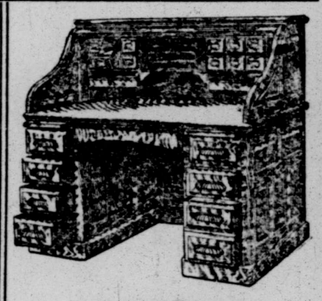

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J. O. SCHULZE, room 25 Dundee block, Fort Worth, Texas.
OTIS BROWN, Kit P. O., Dallas county, Texas, (the owners) and

Capt. J. A. H. Hosack,

THE AUCTIONEER, CLEBURNE, TEXAS

TROUBLESOME PRISONER

Officer Had to Strike Him and Fire a Couple of Shots to Frighten Him

On East Annie street yesterday afternoon Officer Walker had a strenuous time in endeavoring to arrest Harry Scheworke on a charge of aggravated assault.

The officer was passing on a car when several ladies called to him, and going to ascertain the trouble he was directed to a house in which Scheworke was alleged to be creating a disturbance. When he entered he was met by the disturber, and it was evident from the start the man proposed to close in on the officer. The officer sought to defend himself against an antagonist who was powerfully built, and could do so only by striking him with his pistol. The blows did not appear to frighten him or beat him off, and finally the officer fired two shots over the man's head. When he saw the officer meant business he quieted down some, and was safely landed in the calaboose. The officer wanted to make the arrest without injuring the prisoner, but he was forced to strike him to protect himself.

HONOR TO DR. SAUNDERS

He Has Been Elected a Vice President of Southern Medical Association

At the tenth annual session of the Southern Medical Society held in Atlanta, Ga., Dr. Bacon Saunders was yesterday elected vice president. Dr. Saunders is one of the prominent physicians and surgeons of this city, and his selection for this position is quite an honor to him. He has been in attendance upon the sessions of the association.

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CLEBURNE'S ELECTIONS

Death of Mrs. F. M. Self Occurs at Son's Home Near Joshua

CLEBURNE, Texas, Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Mrs. Letitia Langston Matthews, Miss Laura Hogsett and Mr. Ben H. Russell of Fort Worth who came down to attend the Langston-Cameron wedding have returned.

Judge Poindexter has granted these divorces in the district court:

Lydia Williams vs. Lige Williams.
Jeff Andrews vs. Lena Andrews.
Bettie Watkins vs. Tom Watkins.
Charles A. Selzer vs. Lena Selzer.
Nannie North vs. Frank North.
Emma H. Johnson vs. B. W. Johnson.
Henry Goins vs. Belle Goins.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen will give a Christmas ball.

Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Moore of Fort Worth announce the marriage of Miss Fay Hortman Brown to Frank Magoun LaRue at Cleburne, Wednesday, Dec. 23.

John Warren of this city and Miss Estelle Olive Youngblood of Alvarado will be married today.

Dr. W. M. Yater of this city has just received a telephone message from Joshua stating that Mrs. F. M. Self has just died at the home of her son, Dr. T. N. Self.

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ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 15.—Mrs. Daniel Manning of Albany, Mrs. John Miller Horton of Buffalo, and Mrs. Mary Phelps Montgomery, a Missouri woman, living in Portland, Ore., are the three prominent candidates for the presidency of the board of lady managers of the World's Fair, to succeed Mrs. James T. Blair. The board meets today.

Mrs. John D. Davis is the only St. Louis woman mentioned for the place. In her behalf strong pressure is being used by the World's Fair directors, and prominent St. Louisians to induce the national commission to suspend the rules and appoint her a member of the board with a view to electing her president.

Miss Helen Gould, who has been asked to accept the presidency, and who, it is said, would have no opposition for the place, informed members of the national commission that she could not consider an offer of the office, as her duties and health would not permit her taking it.

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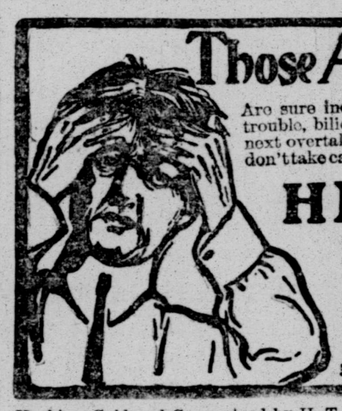

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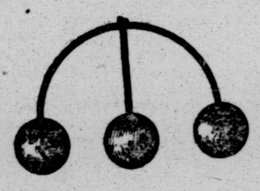

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Could Have Been Avoided, Says Secretary C. F. Martin, If An Accurate Live Stock Census Had Been Available

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The following letter relative to the subject of a national live stock census which will be discussed at the coming meeting of the National Live Stock Association, is being sent out by Secretary C. F. Martin:

The National Live Stock Association has for nearly two years been requesting congress to pass a law for taking, in 1905, a census of live stock, and of the great staple crops of the country. The agricultural papers of the country perceiving the value of such a census to the greatest industry of the nation have quite generally seconded the efforts of the National Live Stock Association. This census, if authorized, will require the expenditure of from $1,500,000 to $1,800,000. Is that expenditure justified? This question is a vital one and should be squarely met. Are similar expenditures made with reference to other farm investments and products, and, if so, have they justified themselves?

In answer to this last inquiry it must be said that the only product or investment of the farm for which a census report has, prior to this time, been made more frequently than once in ten years is that of the cotton grown in the southern states. The census office now takes an annual census of the pounds of cotton fibre ginned. That census requires an expenditure of something over $100,000 annually. The cotton crop, including seed in 1899, had a value according to the census of agriculture of $370,708,746. Owing to the higher prices which now prevail for agricultural staples, the annual value of this crop is now materially greater. The advance, however, is no more relatively, than that of other agricultural products and investments. In ascertaining the comparative cost and value of census work as now performed for cotton, and as asked for other products and investments by the National Live Stock Association, the figures for 1899 are used alike for all, since, as a whole, the advance from 1899 to the present time applies equally to all.

The expenditure of $100,000 for an annual census of cotton represents one dollar for every $3,707 worth of the crop in a year such as that for which all other crops and products must be considered. How does this relative expenditure for the cotton census compare with the expenditures asked for by the National Live Stock Association? The answer to this last inquiry can be seen in the following figures: The value of the domestic animals on farms in 1900 was $2,981,945. The value of the products derived from these animals and classed by the census as animal products had a value of $1,431,147,282. The value of the staple crops, whose census the live stock association would connect with the statistics of animals, had a value in 1899 of $2,514,453,447. The total of these three items makes the enormous aggregate of $6,927,323,674. The census, at the maximum figure given above of $1,800,000 is an outlay of one dollar for every $3,848 of these investments and products whose statistics are involved in the proposed census. The proposed expenditure which is asked for only once in every five years is here found, at its minimum, to be materially less, relatively, than is now made annually for the crop of cotton. It is when taking a five year period into consideration only one-sixth of that which is now being expended for the cotton product of the south.

COTTON CENSUS

In the discussion of the cotton census in the United States congress, no one has raised the question of exorbitant cost, or unjustified expenditure. The only discussion that has there arisen is whether this expenditure should be made by the census office or by the division of statistics of the agricultural department. The outlay of this money for this product has been commended by every commercial and agricultural paper north, south, east and west. This has been done although more and better statistics of cotton are available outside of those by the census, than are in existence with reference to live stock or any farm product other than cotton. The business world checks the cotton crop every year by accurate data relating to its shipment by rail and boat. This can be done for no other product of the farm, and nothing parallel to it is possible for the live stock on farms.

Government and private estimates of the cotton crop are and have been more perfect, and hence more satisfactory than for the other crops and the animals for which the live stock people ask a census. The live stock people have always been active in supporting all measures for more accurate government statistics. They believe in the wisdom of the measure that now gives the southern planter accurate information about his crops. They agree with the planters and the business men that the needed expenditure of the government for cotton is justified. But if justified for that crop, how much more is a corresponding expenditure justified for the things in connection with which the live stock people now ask for authority from congress for a census. But they ask, in this connection, not the same but only one-sixth as much relatively. Is it not just that the north and the great west shall be favored in this respect at least to an extent which is one-sixth as much relatively as that now granted the southern cotton interest.

Everyone in any way connected with the live stock industry is familiar with the unprecedented decline in value experienced at market centers during the past twelve months. This decline was started by manipulation in prices in the interest of corporations, and after a time resolved itself into a panic, when live stock was rushed into market in numbers never before experienced, resulting in a loss of millions of dollars to the live stock men. This decline was aided to a great degree by the uncertainty of the farmers and stockmen as to the supply existing in the country—no data being available since 1900, everything was at sea. Had it been possible for the government to advise the country as to the number of head of cattle, sheep and swine in the country, by careful estimates made from the census of 1900, it would have to a great degree, prevented the catastrophe which has befallen this particular industry.

This subject will be one of the principal ones discussed at the annual meeting of the National Live Stock Association, which will be held in Portland, Oregon, next January, and as this bill must be passed at the present session of congress in order that the census of 1905 may be taken under it, it is to the interest of every stock grower in the country to be present and make this request upon the members of congress as forcible as possible. The members of this association as well as others interested, are requested to write their members of congress and senators at once, urging favorable consideration of this measure.

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A "FAIRY" CALENDAR

The constant improvement in calendars is becoming more marked each year. The creations in this line, which a score of years ago, would be deemed works of art are now classed with those variegated mental compositions of which "Poor Richard's Almanac" was a veritable prototype.

As an illustration of this fact, the 1904 calender just issued by the N. K. Fairbank Company is an example. For years the "Fairy" calendars of this company have ranked among the leading annual art creations, but in the present instance, they have fairly outclassed previous efforts.

The calendar is composed of seven sheets, 10 by 13 inches in size, printed on heavy glazed paper and executed in twelve different colors. The first sheet represents an idealic figure of a young woman who is flanked on each side by a broad, wavy blue scroll on which appears the different monthly indices, twelve in all. The other six sheets are devoted to six individual bust studies of young women from the brush of C. Warde Traver, an artist of national repute.

Each head is given a frame effect in imitation of burnt leather, with borders and decorations in L'Art Nouveau (The New Art) which is the latest French treatment for decorative effects and is all the vogue.

Taken altogether, the calendar is a distinct and remarkably beautiful work of art which should be in the possession of every lover of the "home beautiful."

The new calendar is being given in return for ten oval fronts from Fairy soap boxes or 25 cents in stamps and can be obtained from the N. K. Fairbank Company, Chicago.

John Dwight, a chemist, who died recently in New York, founded the Dwight school at Erwin, Tenn., for mountain whites of that state.

The man on the stage who does the trick of escaping from firmly tied ropes, submits to the bonds with a smile. He knows he can get out of the ropes that are being knotted. Put the same man in the woods and let Indian captors bind him to a tree for torture and he would struggle to the last against the bonds.

When the stomach is diseased there are bonds being woven every hour about the organs dependent on the stomach—heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, etc. The folly of mankind is to passively submit to the fastening of these bonds with no effort to escape until the pain they cause arouses fear.

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition. It cures diseases of heart, liver, lungs, kidneys and other organs, when these diseases, as is often the case, have their origin in the diseased stomach.

"For a long time I was suffering and was hardly able to get about," writes Mr. Andrew J. Jennings, of Thomas, Tucker Co., W. Va., Box 194. "Was bothered with kidney trouble and my whole system was out of order; had no appetite. A friend of mine told me to try Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. I did so and the first bottle restored my appetite. I took six bottles of 'Golden Medical Discovery' and some of the 'Pleasant Pellets' and feel like a new person."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cleanse the clogged system from impurities.

Today's Market Quotations

Latest and Most Complete Report Printed in North Texas

NORTH FORT WORTH, Dec. 15.—At the opening of the market this morning about 1,800 cattle were yarded, but with the arrival of several heavy consignments on late trains the receipts for the day were increased to close around 3,000 head.

The same difference of opinion prevailed today among the salesmen as to the condition of the general market, some calling it 5 to 10 cents lower on everything, while others even quoting it steady.

Choice heavy fed steers again touched the $4.00 mark, with sales of good fed stuff at $3.25@3.75. Andy Burns, a local feeder, had in a nice string of heavy fed steers which weighed in the neighborhood of 1,300 pounds and sold at $3.80. There were fifty-one head of these and they were fed at Mr. Burns' feeding pens near this city about ninety days.

Choice range cows averaging 957 pounds, sold at $2.50, with the bulk of sales largely at $2.00@2.20; medium butcher stuff at $1.60@1.80.

The calf market was liberally supplied and the bulk of the best stuff sold at $3.00@4.10, with a range in sales from $2.25@4.10.

Receipts of hogs today amounted to just fifteen head, a part of one car shipped in with cattle. The hogs offered were heavy rough sows and sold at $4.65@4.70.

The slight advance in hog values during the past ten days has brought large numbers to market at the northern points, and Chicago is daily carrying over from 5,000 to 10,000 head. Today Chicago is quoted 5c to 10c lower, with a similar decline reported at Kansas City. However, this condition at other points has little effect on current prices here, for the reason that the receipts at this market do not justify the prices being governed by outside quotations.

The demand here is excellent and the hogs sold during the last ten days show a strong comparison with any market in the country. From now until Christmas prices should rule within a margin of 5c to 10c with present values, and unless something unprecedented happens the market probably will show an advance of 25c by the first of the year.

Choice sorted hogs are quoted at $4.80@4.90; mixed packers at $4.70@4.85, and pigs and lights unchanged.

COMPARATIVE RECEIPTS

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.	H. & M.
Today	3,000	25	....	25
Last week	4,331	209	....	346
Previous week	3,443	208	....	4
Last month	3,336	17	117	58

TOP PRICES TODAY

Steers	$4.00
Cows	2.50
Calves	4.10
Hogs	4.70@4.80

REPRESENTATIVE SALES

STEERS—With the exception of a long string of heavy fed steers, driven in by Andy Burns, a local feeder, the run of this class of cattle was light and the few sales made showed little change from yesterday. For the best steers Swift & Co. paid $4, with a range in sales on the medium good stuff between $3.25@4.50, and the bulk at $3.80. The sales:

No.	Ave.	Price.	No.	Ave.	Price.
51	1,324	$3.80	1	1,470	$4.00
4	1,082	3.50	15	1,067	3.50
1	1,170	3.25			

COWS—Top cows today, averaging 957 pounds, sold at $2.50, with the bulk of sales on range stuff at $2@2.20. The market was generally quoted slow to a shade lower from Monday's close. However, the bulk of range cows sold at practically the same prices as paid yesterday, but considering quality, there was possibly a decline from Monday's, as the general quality of the heavy end of the run showed a slight improvement over yesterday. The sales:

No.	Ave.	Price.	No.	Ave.	Price.
28	957	$2.50	27	893	$2.30
23	859	2.25	58	812	2.20
59	822	2.20	27	941	2.15
29	822	2.10	29	828	2.10
57	738	2.10	5	855	2.00
29	816	2.00	29	928	2.00
29	928	2.00	29	800	1.95
2	810	1.75	29	786	1.70
3	844	1.70	29	701	1.65
21	707	1.60	2	830	1.30

CALVES—One car of choice light calves topped the market at $4.10, with the bulk of sales on the medium kinds at $2.70@3, and a range in prices from $2@4.10. The sales:

No.	Ave.	Price.	No.	Ave.	Price.
10	142	$4.10	25	161	$4.10
42	145	4.10	70	254	3.00
1	170	3.00	96	155	2.75
14	210	2.75	9	326	2.25
53	269	2.00			

TODAY'S SHIPPERS

CATTLE

J. A. McCantey, McGregor	27
C. M. & C., Kopperl	24
— Craft, Lampasas	32
W. B. Teague, Quanah	88
C. R. Teague, Quanah	94
Hayle & Heath, Commerce	33
O. P. Marshall, Commerce	38
Beckham & Bank, Graham	54
Bob Massie, Jacksboro	12
James Turnell, Addington	39
A. G. Pannill, Minco	23
J. W. Stokes, Blooming Grove	51
J. E. Stokes, Blooming Grove	27
Ward & R., Edna Pens	29
F. Ward, Edna Pens	28
Satchett & Co., Waxahachie	60
Watt & Lay, Roscoe	36
W. H. Martin, Sweetwater	33
R. J. Anderson, Eskota	36
L. C. Downtain, Eastland	34
J. E. Witcher, Odessa	29
E. W. McKenzie, Odessa	130
E. T. Turney, Odessa	136
C. C. T., Odessa	55
S. & H., Big Springs	30
W. R. McEntire & Son, Iatan	85
McDowell & R., Big Springs	30
G. C. Fletcher, Stanton	30
Arnett Bros., Stanton	80
M. R. Bridwell, Mineral Wells	31
Cutbirth & H., Baird	80
J. A. T., Odessa	62
S. S. A., Odessa	34
S. C. A., Odessa	350
G. W. Jenkins, Brownwood	51

HOGS.

James Turner, Addington, I. T.	15

COTTON QUOTATIONS

Furnished by F. G. McPeak & Co.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 15.—The prevailing calm in the cotton market is a positive boon to everybody concerned. In the first place brokers and broker's clerks are enabled to get abreast of their work and recruit their energies against the furors which the future is quite sure to bring in its train. On the other hand, operators are permitted to view the developments of the hour with dispassionate eyes. It is well enough to sail by dead reckoning once in a while, but too much of that sort of thing always means shipwreck. The time for crop estimate is past and forecasts of consumption will henceforth fall upon deaf ears. The prospects have had their innings and the statistics will now go theirs. In other words, the movement will be closely scanned for conclusive proof as to supply and Mr. Hester's weekly statements will be the best evidence as to the magnitude of the demand. In such circumstance the actual stuff should be allowed to marshall the way. With middling at 12⅛ and March contracts at 12.52 the bull will need all his staying power to overcome the handicap under which he starts, the bear, in his turn, may well hesitate to sell a commodity which rises by leaps and bounds on the slightest provocation.

COMPARATIVE RECEIPTS

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

	Today.	Last Year
Galveston	27,174	16,486
New Orleans	15,620	14,656
Mobile	1,507	1,342
Savannah	9,673	8,009
Charleston	719	551
Wilmington	....	2,638
Norfolk	4,544	4,778
Baltimore	....	852
New York	....	387
Boston	....	467
Philadelphia	....	12
Total estimate	60,000	50,178
St. Louis	3,810	7,332
Memphis	3,995	3,528
Houston	26,167	11,273

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

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

	Tomorrow	Last year.
New Orleans	16,500 to 17,500	14,514
Galveston	11,000 to 13,000	6,614
Houston	14,000 to 16,000	6,918

LIVERPOOL

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 15.—The market for spot cotton was steady in tone. Middlings, 6.74d. Receipts, 41,000 bales, American, 40,900 bales. Sales, 5,000 bales.

Futures opened quiet and closed steady at the following range of prices:

	Open.	Close.
January-February	6.49-52	6.53
February-March	6.47-49	6.51-52
March-April	6.47-50	6.50
April-May	6.46-49	6.49
May-June	6.44-48	6.48
June-July	6.43-44	6.46
July-August	6.40-42	6.43-44
August-September	....	6.31
September-October	6.95	....
November-December	6.58-59	6.61-62
December-January	6.53-54	6.57

NEW ORLEANS

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 15.—The market for spot cotton was steady in tone. Middlings, 12¼c. There were no sales.

Futures closed steady at the following range of prices:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
January	12.37	12.37	12.29	12.30-31
March	12.63	12.67	12.58	12.61-62
May	12.74	12.79	12.69	12.72-73
July	12.83	12.88	12.78	12.82-83
December	12.18	12.25	12.21	12.20-22

NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The market for spot cotton was steady in tone. Middlings, 12.45c. Sales, 300 bales

Futures closed steady at the following range of prices:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
January	12.20	12.27	12.18	12.22-23
March	12.40	12.46	12.36	12.40-41
May	12.48	12.53	12.43	12.47-48
July	12.47	12.52	12.43	12.46-47
December	12.14	12.18	12.10	12.14-15

NEW YORK STOCKS

(Furnished by Hoffman & Weaver.)

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close
Atchison	69	69⅛	68⅜	68½
Amal. Copper, pfd.	47⅜	49	47⅜	47⅜
Baltimore and Ohio	79¼	79¾	79¼	79⅜
B. R. T.	49½	50½	49½	50½
Ches. and Ohio	33¼	33¼	33	33
Erie	30½	30¾	30	30
Illinois Central	130	130¼	129⅝	130
Louis. and Nash.	107¼	107¼	106⅞	107
Manhattan L	141¼	142	141	141
Missouri Pacific	93⅛	93⅝	92⅞	93
Metropolitan	122½	122½	122	122
M., K. and T., pfd.	39¼	39⅜	39	39¼
New York Central	119	119	118¾	119
Pennsylvania	117¼	118	117	117¼
Reading	44⅜	44⅞	44¾	44⅝
Rock Island	26¼	26¼	25⅝	25⅞
Southern Pacific	48⅝	49⅛	48½	48½
Southern Railway	21⅛	21⅜	21	21
St. Paul	142⅜	143¼	142¼	142¼
Amer. Sugar, ref.	124	124⅝	124	124
Texas and Pacific	25½	25⅝	25¼	25⅜
Tenn. Coal and Iron	33	33½	32½	33
Union Pacific	79¼	79⅝	78⅝	79
U. S. Steel	10⅝	10⅜	10¼	10¼
U. S. Steel, pfd.	54	54¼	52⅝	52⅜
Wabash	20⅜	20⅜	20⅜	20⅜
Wabash, pfd	37⅜	37½	37⅜	37½

New York call money 5¼ per cent.

GRAIN—PROVISIONS

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CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—The grain and provisions markets ranged as follows today:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
Cash	76⅞	77	75¾	75⅞
May	79⅛	79¼	77⅞	78⅛
July	81⅞	82	80¾	80⅞
Corn—				
Cash	43⅜	43⅜	43	43
May	41⅞	42¼	41½	41⅝
July	43⅜	43⅝	43¼	43¼
Oats—				
May	35	35	34¾	34¾
July	36¾	36⅞	36½	36⅝
Pork—				
Cash	11.32	11.40	11.30	11.60
May	11.77	11.77	11.65	11.75
Ribs—				
July	6.45	6.45	6.42	6.42
May	6.62	6.62	6.60	6.00
Lard—				
Cash	6.07	6.10	6.07	6.10
May	6.30	6.30	6.25	6.27

MARKET TIPS

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 15.—It is rumored that Ellison will reduce his estimate of consumption to 10,300,000. His personal estimate of the crop for this season was 11,300,000. Wheat, increase, 1,500,000.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Short covering active.

A prominent house of Savannah, Ga., wires: "Big demand for spots at ⅛ higher quotations. Expect cotton will advance much further. Shorts nervous, expect covering on large scale.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 15.—Cable says: "Six failures in Manchester. Meeting called to consider short time.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 15.—Better spot demand here. Some good round lots sold already at full prices. Interior not offering. Northern and southern mill demand reported from interior.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 15.—Good spot demand here this morning at full prices.

VICKSBURG, Miss., Dec. 15.—The Ludlow Manufacturing Company of Boston say that they cannot see how this crop can reach 10,000,000.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 15.—New York warehouse stock up to 61,107; official estimated ports, 60,000.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Rumored on floor that four failures have occurred in Manchester. No details or confirmation and no effect yet on market.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—There is not a trace of precipitation on the map. The temperature is still wintry but the mercury is some higher than yesterday.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Corn—Trade now quiet, very little doing today.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Haghorn & Allen are taking large blocks of May and July, shorts covering eagerly.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—The indications are for mostly fair weather, although snow flurries are possible. The temperatures will be moderate.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Estimated hogs tomorrow, 24,000; market very slow; prices weak at yesterday's close.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The Manchester failures referred to are reported to be among the yarn agents.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 15.—Oil mills here have received as much seed as last year to same date and they have already bought to arrive here nearly enough to equal last year's total. The compress handled 56,000 bales last year and so far this year 65,000; expect to press a total of 85,000 bales.

Liverpool cable: Spinners in the market for futures, the south offering very little.

Charleston clears 200 bales coastwise. Boston clears 575 Great Britain. Galveston clears 116 Great Britain.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Wheat: John Bryant selling July wheat again, weakening the market. Think he is selling July for Armour.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Primary movement—Wheat: Receipts, 1,125,000; last year, 831,000; shipments, 156,000. Corn: Receipts, 476,000; shipments, 200,000; last year, receipts, 802,000; shipments, 205,000; last week, wheat, 1,129,000; corn, 508,000. In 1901: Total clearances, 97,000; corn, 150,000; oats, 9,000. Cars tomorrow, wheat, 35; corn, 75; oats, 55.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 15.—Failures entirely commission men, not manufacturers, caused by selling cloth short. Weaving conditions very unsatisfactory. Many looms were working short time. Unable to sell output at present prices.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 15.—Latest cable from Liverpool says Manchester failures unimportant.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Clearances: Mobile clears 200 coastwise. Norfolk clears 2,664 coastwise. New York clears 1,014 Great Britain, 8,501 coastwise.

Swanson's Liverpool cable states five failures Manchester unimportant, as they have been expected for some time.

Havre spots quiet, middling, 81¾; yesterday, 81½; May, 77¾.

CITY IN BRIEF

Nash Hardware Company.

Dr. Ray, osteopath. Phone connections.

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Dr. M. V. Creagan, 403½ Main street, phone 2903. Special attention given to diseases of the skin.

Go to the O. K. Restaurant, 908 Houston, for the best meal in the city.

Naomah Council No. 11 is serving dinner and supper at 604 Houston street for 25 cents per meal.

The ladies of the First Christian church will hold their Christmas bazaar on the 14th, 15th and 16th inst. in the parlors of the Parker drug store, corner Seventh and Houston streets. They would be pleased to have all their friends call.

W. C. T. U. ladies will hold a bazaar at residence of Mrs. B. H. Goetz, 805 West Fifth street, Wednesday afternoon. Refreshments will be served. Everything nice for Christmas will be sold. Admission 10 cents.

Picture frames at Brown & Vera's.

The Kindergarten Association will meet Thursday at 3:30 p. m. in the parlor of the Kindergarten College. The members are urged to attend.

Second grand masque ball at Foote's academy tonight. Davenport's orchestra. Per couple, 50c. Extra ladies, 25c.

Jacob Schriener played on a program at Waxahachie last night, given by the lyceum course.

A program by the chorus and violin department was given at the Polytechnic College Saturday night.

The auto-bus which has been ordered by the company which will provide transportation between this city and Arlington Heights, has been delayed in transit and is now expected every day. H. H. Newsum of Chicago, who is to put the vehicle in operation for its first run, arrived this morning. He expected the machine to be here before he arrived, but for some reason it is held up on the road. As soon as it arrives it will be started.

IN THE COURTS

In the Seventeenth district court today the case of C. W. James against the Rock Island, (damages) is being tried.

In this court Judge M. E. Smith dismissed the case of M. H. Walters and wife against the Mutual Home and Savings Association and others.

CASES FILED

Mrs. Victoria R. Gipson vs. R. J. W. Gipson, suit for divorce.

Mrs. Elizabeth Wells et al vs. the Rock Island et al, damages.

COUNTY COURT

There were four pleas of guilty for betting in this court this morning. In each case the defendants were fined $10 and costs.

The trial of the case of N. M. Rust vs. the Fort Worth and Denver City railway company is being heard today. The plaintiff is seeking damages.

COURT HOUSE NOTES

Sheriff James Sandlin of Hood county is in the city today.

J. H. Whitner and Miss Lula Hines were issued marriage licenses today by the county clerk.

A negro charged with burglarizing a dwelling on the South Side a few days ago is to be given a hearing in Justice of the Peace Rowland's court this afternoon.

Up to last night 2,080 persons had paid their poll tax. The majority of those who have liquidated thus far are farmers and labor union people. The collector believes that from now on there will be quite a rush to pay poll taxes.

WILL LOOK TO FORT WORTH LATER ON

"We expect to be running trains over the entire eighty miles in two weeks."

So said Captain R. H. Baker of Austin, president of the Trinity and Brazos Valley railway. This road is one of the new ventures in this state. It has been pushed from the start, and has now been completed into Cleburne. The line is now being operated from Hillsboro to Mexia, and the engineers have just run a line from Mexia south to Beaumont.

"We will talk of Fort Worth later," said Captain Baker this morning. "We are within twenty-eight miles of the city now, and of course this road will point to the same railroad center which all lines have selected. We are figuring now on the coast, however, and must push south before we do anything else. When we finish the 300 miles which are projected, then we will be more important to Fort Worth as a railroad. It is the only line ever built in Texas paying cash for everything, and there is enough money in hand to complete it and equip it, without the issuance of a bond.

REVOLUTION

Breaks Out Afresh in San Domingo With Serious Proportions

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—United States Consul Simpson at Puerto Plato, San Domingo, cabled the state department that a revolution had broken out in Santiago, that the movement was extensive and serious. This is supposed to be the result of a failure of the provisional government to secure recognition at the hands of the United States.

WILLIAMS

Springs Bill in the House to Refund Cotton Tax to the South

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Chairman Driscoll of the election committee No. 3, has postponed the first hearing of the Cross vs. McGuire of Oklahoma contest from Thursday to Jan. 11.

Congressman Williams of Mississippi has introduced a bill to appropriate $65,000,000 to refund the cotton tax to the states wherein collected.

Congressman Russell has introduced a bill for a federal building at Terrell to cost $150,000.

NORDICA KILLS A LIE

Writes Note to Mme. Melba Regarding Divorce Suit

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The following note, sent last night by Madame Lillian Nordica to Madame Nellie Melba, the great prima donna, disposed of the veiled, as well as the direct, insinuations which were made in the columns of one weekly publication and several of the afternoon newspapers connecting the name of Madame Melba with the divorce suit brought by Madame Nordica against her husband:

My Dear Nellie—You have doubtless seen the unfortunate story which has been published, connecting your name with my divorce suit. Some very considerate friend has taken the trouble to place you in an unfortunate position in the Town Topics report. I cannot imagine how this silly rumor started, and I hasten to write to you, fearing that it may be the cause of embarrassment to you. Of course, there is no foundation to the statement that you are in any way concerned in my domestic affairs, and I am sorry this ridiculous rumor has been spread. I know that when the facts are made public there will be no doubt that we are still the best of friends. Again regretting the turn taken by this unfortunate affair, I am, Nellie, with love, very sincerely yours,

LILLIAN NORDICA.

The two singers have been friends for years. They are each too great to be rivals, and have never been such. When Madame Nordica first decided to bring action against her husband for divorce she consulted her friend Melba, and received her sympathy.

SNOW IN NEW MEXICO

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The Rock Island passenger train this morning came in covered with snow. Ther was a heavy fall throughout northern and central New Mexico last night.

The duke of Abruzzi recently entertained Governor Hunt on the cruiser Liguria when the latter called at San Juan, Porto Rico. A banquet at the palace followed.

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COUGHING SPELL CAUSED DEATH

"Harry Duckwell, aged 25 years, choked to death early yesterday morning at his home, in the presence of his wife and child. He contracted a slight cold a few days ago and paid but little attention to it. Yesterday morning he was seized with a fit of coughing which continued for some time. His wife sent for a physician but before he could arrive, another coughing spell came on and Duckwell died from suffocation.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat, Dec. 1, 1901." Ballard's Horehound Syrup would have saved him. 25c, 50c and $1.00 at H. T. Pangburn & Co.'s.

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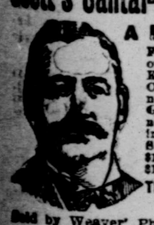
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Men's Beautiful Silk Handkerchiefs of the finest manufacture, good size, prices are 25c, 50c and ..... 75¢
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Men's Cambric Hemstitched and Initial Handkerchiefs, good size, price each ..... 10¢

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AFTER THE SCALPER

The Southern Pacific Company has adopted a new plan by which the work of the scalper is to be met. The company will employ men who will receive commissions as officers. Those officers will be stationed at the depot. When a train is about to depart they will accompany the conductor through the train, and each person holding a return coupon ticket will sign it in the presence of the officer, conductor and agent, and should he or she be not the original purchaser, it will then be the duty of the officer to eject the passenger from the train.

"We were forced to take this step," said an official of the road, "on account of the scalpers practice. They have resorted to all kinds of means to sell their tickets and we only take this step to block their little game. In the past the scalper would solicit the original purchaser of a returning coupon ticket, have him go and sign it up and return it to the scalper. The ticket broker would then place it in the hands of the prospective purchaser and get him out of town on it. In the future we will not honor any return ticket until the passenger gets on the train at the depot."

The new plan goes into effect in San Antonio at once, and if it proves an effective method of disposing of the scalper, other roads are expected to follow suit.

The scalper has long been a disturbing element in railroad affairs. The lines have stopped giving cheap rates in the last few years, because of the scalper, and until there are laws passed which will put him out of business, it is believed that excursion rates will be a maximum instead of a minimum. There was a time when round trip rates in Texas were a maximum of $5 from any point in the state, on the occasion of big affairs at any one point. This rate has gone out, because the roads did not propose to enter into competition with the scalper with such cheap tickets. Some of the scalpers in the south have been proved to be forgers, thieves and crooks, and several were sent to the penitentiary from New Orleans. Until there is an effective law against the scalper, railroad rates will not be as cheap as the people expect to see them.

THE SNITCH MUST GO

It is to be hoped the wholesome effect expected from the investigation which Judge Edward R. Meek has caused to be made into the manner in which damage suit lawyers have been conducting their business, will prove itself, not only in the northern district of Texas, but throughout this entire state. Judge Meek says the "booster ridden attorney" is a bad thing. This has been a "snitch ridden state" a long time, and it is very proper that in the course of time such regulation of the practice of law be brought about that men who force litigation to be continued, will become so unpopular with the public and with the profession that it will be stopped.

It is a surprise to the general public that the committee of attorneys appointed to prosecute those who were charged with irregular practices were moved to sympathy, with the result that no action will be taken against the individuals involved. So far the general public does not know the name of an attorney involved in that grand jury report, but the public does know that attorneys were returned to the court by the grand jury, against whom evidence is very strong. Judge Meek says in his remarks from the bench that the committee has asked leniency of him, "in the face" of strong evidence against various lawyers. Had this "strong evidence" been brought against a private citizen engaged in irregular practices, such as theft, forgery, fraud, assault, etc., any one of the committee, as a prosecutor would not have allowed sympathy to control him, and would have forced the case to a trial, the private citizen being called on to serve a term in the penitentiary, after conviction. This term in the penitentiary would have been "disastrous to him for the remainder of his life." Why should the attorney who has continued his shyster practices be immune from a prosecution which would be "disastrous to him for the remainder of his life?" There is not a lawyer engaged in this damage suit business who learned it at the school of law. It is a modern method, and a method which is disgusting to every fair minded man who knows what fairness, honesty and justice is. These attorneys knew they were doing wrong, they knew there was a state law against such methods, they knew they were violating the ethics of their profession. They have continued the business, although the newspapers have from day to day condemned the practices, and have called on the courts to prosecute. The state law has really been a dead letter. It was enacted more than two years ago, but there are no prosecutions under it reported up to this time. In Southern Texas a negro lawyer who is charged with having been irregular in his practice is being put to the rack, and if he is convicted his career in the legal profession will be ruined. But the others—the white men in the profession—are immune because they will be ruined if they are disbarred by the judge of the honorable circuit and district courts of the United States.

The Telegram believes the prosecution should have followed, hurt whom they would. There is no excuse for barratrous practices among honest lawyers, and although some may have been unwilling to enter the race for business, there is no reason they should go scot. free, with but a warning.

Will District Attorney Atwell dismiss a case against a perjurer in his court, because the perjurer promises he will lie no more?

Will District Attorney Atwell dismiss a case against a postoffice robber, because he promises to rob no more?

Would any one of the committee acting as a prosecutor, dismiss such cases, because the culprit promises to be good in the future?

From the remarks of Judge Meek, it is to be believed he was unwilling to show the leniency recommended by the committee. He has a disgust and a contempt for the barratrous lawyer, and it is believed he wanted to force the prosecution of each case to disbarment. On this, of course, mere supposition is authority, as he has not discussed the matter publicly, but it would be interesting to know his thoughts when any one of these cases comes to trial in his court—cases which were secured through the influence of the "booster," of which fact he has a record in the grand jury report.

It is to be hoped the "snitch" will retire from business since such a narrow escape has been allowed him, and if in the future he is found plying the irregular vocation, let him be called before the bar of an honorable court, and his license revoked.

If there are other cities in the state where the "snitch" thrives, send for Judge Edward R. Meek. He talks with the bark on.

Has the "snitch" discharged the "booster," since the remarks of Judge Edward R. Meek?

While you are buying holiday goods, drop around to the collector's office and pay your poll tax.

Pay that poll tax today. It is just the thing to get you a vote.

Music and Drama

"PECK'S BAD BOY"

Peck's Bad Boy, which will be at Greenwall's opera house tonight, has not only met with great success, but the piece has actually deserved it.

"IN OLD KENTUCKY"

"In Old Kentucky" comes to Greenwall's opera house Wednesday matinee and night, Dec. 16. What more could be said to delight the average theater goer who likes a real good, entertaining American play, full of action and go, and abounding in everything that appeals to the manhood and womanhood of the American people.

THELMA

Will be seen at Greenwall's opera house Thursday matinee and night, Dec. 17. This play is now well advanced in its third successful season, and has lost none of its powers to attract by repeated presentation.

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"THE SMART SET"

A novelty is offered at Greenwall's opera house Saturday matinee and night, Dec. 19, when the attraction will be "The Smart Set." This wonderful organization of colored singers, dancers and comedians is the talk of the day and those theater goers who delight in good singing and dancing will welcome the appearance of this company.

MISS GRANTLY IN ORIGINAL PRODUCTION

The original, massive and elaborate production of "In the Palace of the King," the play used by Miss Viola Allen for two seasons, will occupy the stage of Greenwall's opera house Monday matinee and night, Dec. 21.

Read Telegram's Want "Ads"

The Idler's Note-book

A little girl, at least I think it's a little girl, writes to know the answer to a riddle printed in The Telegram some weeks ago. The man who wrote it doesn't live in Fort Worth, so I suppose the answer is up to me. The riddle is:

"This is a new dress riddle,
How do you figure it?
The lady had a misfit,
And so she had a fit."

Now there's a proposition to answer. If I give the correct reply I'm bound to initiate an innocent seeker after the riddle's solution, into the mysteries of a slang phrase which she doubtless never heard. It's a rather pointed commentary on the danger of trying to write clever things by using slang.

Suppose I were to answer the question directly. The chances are that the next time there was company at the house, the little girl would startle someeone by innocently remarking, "Mamma had a fit last night because I didn't get home from school till after 5 o'clock."

On second thought I'm not going to answer the riddle. It is a poor joke at the best and an old one besides. No, I'm not going to admit that I really do know the answer. If the little girl has any grown relatives who imagine slang is clever she can apply to them. It'll probably make them uncomfortable and if it does, 'twill serve them right.

—●—

To Madge—No, Madgie, I wouldn't wear a blue gauze veil if I had cheeks as red as you say yours are. It might make people think your face was a basket of peaches marked down to 35c.

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SAVED AGAIN

Bobby—Papa, how can they make jelly fishes in the sea when the water is always salty?

Papa—E-r-r, I dunno. Out of crabs and C sugar, I guess.

—●—

When a man has a religion he can't express in words of less than four syllables you needn't worry that he'll die young with excessive piety. Some men would be religious too, if they only knew what a good bluff the dictionary is.

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I am grieved to note that some one is signing articles which appear in a publication that comes up from Austin under the name of "State Topics," with my favorite signature, "The Idler." Do not misunderstand me. I'm not grieved because some one has calmly appropriated my signature without even a polite "by your leave." What worries me is the thought that there is probably some one else in the state who is willing to work for $3 a week and the privilege of writing soul-inspiring thoughts under the shadow of the pseudonym. Now if the State Topics Idler had really wanted to use the signature exclusively in Texas, wholly ignoring the fact that my $3 a week has been running along on The Telegram pay roll for over a year and a half, I'd gladly have given up and consented to sign my stuff simply "Bill" or any other chaste name that my gentle Austin friend might have suggested, save Beelzebub—I'll admit I'd draw the line there. Perhaps Robin Hood, prince of thieves, would have been better. It grieves me, too, to think that the State Topics Idler is really frittering away time using the signature under society notes. Society people aren't idle. Heaven bless you no, they're the busiest people on earth.

The Idler is such a calm, uplifting title, far removed from the strenuousness of social ambition, and it looks much better with psychological maunderings in the realms of soul-to-soul symphony and heart-to-heart confidences, than merely under a bunch of personal and social notices. Society in itself is so typical of ambition, of spiritual unrest; in fact it has no single idea in common with peaceful meditation on the follies of the world and the fact that there can really be so many varities of Swiss cheese and rye bread in this world, though they all have the same name.

I really think the State Topics Idler ought to borrow some other signature. Don't imagine he borrowed it of me. I never lend to society people because I've had experience, but probably it was borrowed from the Boston Traveler which abandoned it long ago, or maybe from the Chicago Inter Ocean, which also tried the title and then gave it up as a bad job. Or maybe it was gotten from the Davenport (Iowa) Times, where Harry Wilkinson made it a name worth while. No matter, it's a name that has knocked around the country a good while and can stand more abuse. So if the State Topics has no genuine objection, with its kind permission, I'll use it some more, maybe a month or two, or—till I get my salary raised and don't have to do it.

THE IDLER.

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CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 15.—The progress in southern industrial development for the week just closed, as reported by the Tradesman, includes the following new organizations in Texas as among the most important:

Beaumont—$10,000 oil company.
Houston—$10,000 oil company; $10,000 building material company; soap factory.
Bay City—Rice mill.
Victoria—Irrigation system.
Corsicana—Mattress factory.
Bay City—$50,000 irrigation system.
Dallas—Foundry; warehouse company.
Wichita Falls—Electric light and power plant.
Boquillas—Cinnabar mines.
Sherman—$150,000 cotton compress, to be rebuilt.

MRS. PHOEBE HERD DEAD

Sudden Demise at Her Home on East Tucker Street

Mrs. Phoebe Herd, mother of Mrs. C. W. Milliken, a conductor on the Texas and Pacific, was found dead in bed at the family home, 610 East Tucker street, this morning at 8:45 by Mrs. Milliken.

The deceased was a native of Tennessee and was 65 years of age.

Death is believed to have resulted from heart trouble. Yesterday Mrs. Herd complained of not feeling well, but her condition was not considered serious by members of the family. She got up yesterday morning at the usual hour, and went about the house throughout the day as was her custom. Last night she partook of the supper meal and retired as usual.

At the above hour Mrs. Milliken went to the room of her mother to call her, and discovered the old lady dead in bed.

The deceased leaves five sons and one daughter. P. J. Herd is road master of the Frisco at Carl Junction, Mo.; two other sons live at McAlester, another lives at Columbus, Kan., while the fifth resides in Missouri and is a section foreman for the Frisco. Mrs. Milliken is the only surviving daughter.

Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been perfected.

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POTATO CROP FAILURE

Imports Into the United Kingdom for November Valued at $165,000

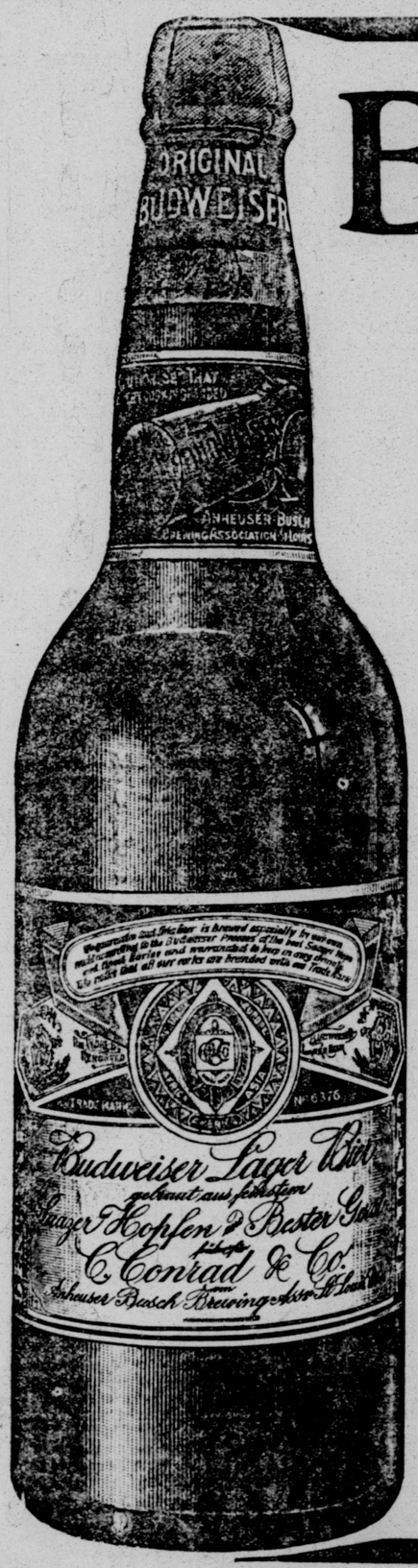
NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Disaster has befallen the potato growers of the United Kingdom, according to a Times dispatch from London. In November, 1901, the imports were about 200,000 hundred weight, valued at about $165,000

HEADACHES FROM COLDS

Laxative Bromo Quinine removes the cause. To get the genuine, call for the full name. 25c.

SOUTHERN MEDICAL SOCIETY

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 14.—The Southern Medical Socity convened here this morning. Only routine business was disposed of today.



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[Special to the Associated Press.]

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A correct translation of the results of their examinations is given below, with the Imperial and Royal Notarial and United States Consular verifications.

Upon subjecting a sample of BUDWEISER Beer, brewed by the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Ass'n, St. Louis, U. S. A. to a thorough examination, we declare it to be a fully matured lager beer. Its whole nature bears witness to the fact that only the very best materials were used, and that the greatest cleanliness prevailed in its manufacture. The product is not only similar to the highest grade of Bohemian Pale Beers in all its properties, but surpasses our best beers in keeping qualities, which is of the utmost importance.

Experimental Station for the Industry of Brewing, Prague, Bohemia.
JAROSLAV SULA, Supt. and Manager.

I hereby certify that Mr. Jaroslav Sula is personally known to me as the Official Chemist of the Experimental Station for the Brewing Industry of Bohemia, and has this day executed and signed the above document in my presence. Prague, November the third, nineteen hundred and three.
J. U. Dr. JOHANN SLAMENIK, Imperial and Royal Notary, Prague.

I certify that the foregoing authentication is under the official seal of J. U. Dr. Johann Slamenik, Imperial and Royal Notary, and is entitled to full faith and credit. In testimony whereof I, Arnold Weissberger, Vice and Deputy Consul of the United States of America, have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the seal of this consulate to be affixed. Done in this city of Prague this third day of November, 1903.

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THE LATEST IN RAILROAD NEWS

WILL USE MESQUITE

When the Brownsville extension of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass road is completed the company will on that branch of the system, revert back to the old time locomotive fuel wood. In this the management figures it will help to develop the country through which the new branch traverses. There is a world of fine mesquite wood that is being cleared away, and this will be cut into proper lengths for locomotive firing. The growth of mesquite is large and dense—large enough even to furnish splendid ties.

Mesquite wood makes a strong fire, producing a great amount of heat, though its consumption is more rapid than oak. The management of the "Sap" belilelves that this fuel on the Brownsville branch will prove economical to the road and the handling of it before delivery to the railway company will distribute money among the people of that section.

The "Sap" will then be one of the few roads in this country using three kinds of fuel on its engines—coal, oil and wood.

President Hudson of the "Sap" believes the mesquite tie to be an economical one in that its life is longer than the hard pine tie so generally used by roads in this state. On the Brownsville branch, where the dry seasons are long, he thinks the mesquite tie will last for fifteen years, practically double the life of the pine tie under ordinary conditions.

HEAVY SANTA FE BUSINESS

Trainmen on the Santa Fe say that the business on that road now is larger than was ever known in the history of that company for many years.

The improvement plans of the Santa Fe for the coming year call for the enlargement of all the yards of the company at all stations along the main lines and the important branch lines. This expansion will practically double-track the road if the trains are well handled by the dispatchers. It will nearly double the passing track room, thus making it possible to make better connections at the different stations. It was found necessary to do this on account of the heavy increase in the grain business along the western lines and the additional population which is locating along the lines of the Santa Fe.

CLARK WILL BUILD OWN ROAD

It was noted some days ago that Senator Clark had effected an agreement with the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe, whereby the San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake railway secured temporary trackage concessions over the Santa Fe road to close up the gap between Daggett and Caliente, in Nevada.

It was the intention to delay building that section of the road for a year or two. Subsequently, however, the Montana senator determined to operate his trains over his own road and ask favors of no one. Surveys were hurriedly completed between the two points and a large force of construction men was put to work. At present there are 700 men working on this line between Daggett and Caliente, and track-laying has commenced. Eighty-pound steel rails are being used.

LINE FROM WICHITA

The Wichita, Oklahoma and Indian Territory Railroad Company of Perry, Ok., with a capital stock of $6,000,000, has been chartered at Guthrie, to construct a line from Wichita, Kan., to Fort Smith, Ark. The incorporators are mainly Oklahoma capitalists.

HOMESEEKERS FOR PECOS

The Pecos Valley railroad is making an effort to induce immigration to the Pecos country, and Don A. Sweet, traffic manager of the line, has been in consultation with C. L. Tallmadge of Chicago, who is engaged in the immigration business and has under him some 8,000 subagents.

The intention is to send hundreds of newcomers to the Pecos valley country from the northern states, among them a colony of cantaloupe growers.

HILL IS FIGURING ON IT

It is stated in a dispatch from Washington to The Telegram that J. J. Hill is figuring on building the railroad which the United States government is anxious to have constructed in the Philippines. Mr. Hill has been in communication with the war department officials concerning this matter, but as yet has bade no direct proposal to undertake the work, which will cost, according to estimates by Secretary Root, $11,140,095. The federal government stands ready to lend general aid to whatever competent interests undertake the work. Governor Taft has already received several proposals to build the road.

UNION PACIFIC WILL EXTEND

E. H. Harriman announces that the Union Pacific railroad will be extended from the Columbia river to Tacoma and Seattle in the near future. He says that one of the most important matters now before the officers of that system is the matter of reaching Puget Sound. It is also uncertain at this time, says Mr. Harriman, whether the Union Pacific will come by a trackage arrangement with the Northern Pacific or over its own tracks, the matter being in such shape that it may be settled at any time.

Over three years ago the Northern Pacific negotiated for trackage rights down the Columbia river to Portland over the Oregon Railroad and Navigation line, offering in return trackage over the Northern Pacific into Tacoma. These negotiations have never been ended.

At the same time Messrs. Ladd and Tilton of Portland, who originally built part of the Oregon Railway and Navigation lines, are constructing the Tacoma Eastern railway from this city to the Cascade mountains and across to the Columbia river near Dalles. It seems likely that connection will be made with the Union Pacific at or near that point. Mr. Harriman has returned to Portland.

PANAMA DIVIDEND

A dividend of 5 per cent, payable January 1, has been declared by the Panama Railroad Company on the outstanding $6,000,000 of capital stock.

The last dividend paid October 1 was 2 per cent and made the total for 1903, 4 per cent, the same as in 1902. In 1901, 2 per cent was paid, while from 1894 to 1900 nothing was paid.

Of the total capital stock, $6,850,000 is owned by the Panama Canal Company.

UNIQUE ADVERTISEMENT

George H. Lee, general passenger and ticket agent of the Choctaw route, has adopted a unique, but effective method for advertising his line, by the use of a deck of playing cards, on which is printed many appropriate quotations showing the excellency of the "Choctaw Route." The cards are of the finest quality—really handsome. On the back of each is a fine picture of a Choctaw Indian attired in all the colors of the redskin. Some of the quotations follow:

"If poker is your little game,
And things 'do come your way,'
You're like the Choctaw, bold and strong,
And winning every day."

"From Memphian towers to eHxas plain,
Thro' the land of flowers and the land of grain,
Straight the road, with schedule fast,
From cramped abode to prairie vast,
"The Choctaw."

STOCKHOLDERS PASS THROUGH

A party composed of stockholders of the El Paso and Northeastern railroad, passed through Fort Worth last night from the west, en route east, going direct via to St. Louis. They attended the annual meeting of the company at El Paso.

The El Paso and Northeastern is a Rock Island connection, and is the only connecting road that the Rock Island has not merged into the system. While it could not be learned from members of the party last night that the proposition to buy up the road by the Rock Island was considered in the meeting, it is believed by railroad men that such a thing was considered and that the line may fall into the hands of the Rock Island, and in the near future.

The Rock Island now has a close working interest in the El Paso and Northeastern, and it is understood desires to secure control of the property.

RAILWAY NOTES AND PERSONALS

R. L. Peck, agent of the Texas and Pacific in Houston, was in Fort Worth yesterday evening.

E. Greenfield has been checked out as agent of the Texas and Pacific at Wills Point. He is succeeded by W. D. Montague.

The Texas and Pacific yards are practically undergoing a car blockade. The movement of freight is heavier than known in years.

The Mangum, Ok., party of Mexico colonists did not reach Fort Worth until Sunday. They came here over the Frisco and left south over the Katy.

J. Myers, division freight and passenger agent of the Rock Island, headquarters Dalhart and Amarillo, is in the city.

W. W. Stevenson, comptroller of the Rock Island, passed through Fort Worth yesterday on his way north.

George L. Ball, who came here with A. J. Davidson, general superintendent of the Frisco, Saturday, was taken sick and had to be carried to the Protestant sanitarium. He is reported better today.

The official corcular announcing the appointment of O. M. Conley general agent of the Frisco, headquarters at Fort Smith, Ark., has just been issued by General Freight Agent Middleton.

URIC ACID GRAVEL

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THE CAUSES OF THE CIVIL WAR

Review of Woodrow Wilson's Book Prepared by Cullen Grimes

The following review of Woodrow Wilson's "Causes of the Civil War," as given in his "History of the American Pebple," has been prepared by Cullen Grimes, historian of the Texas division, United Sons of Confederate Veterans, and will be of interest to all who desire a fair and impartial historical account of the primary reasons leading up to the struggle:

John Eston Cooke, in one of his romances, refers to the war as a continuation of the long drawn-out contest between Round head and Cavalier. Many who philosophize on the question, neglect the difference in the opposing factions in that great struggle, but Woodrow Wilson, in his "History of the American People," has rendered such neglect inexcusable for the future historian. In tracing the colonists of the various sections of the country to their original homes, considering the reasons why they emigrated, and by investigating their actions, socially, religiously and politically, he shows that the ancestors of our nation were made up of elements so divergent that contention and strife could not be avoided. On page 112, volume 1, he says:

"Virginia had been recruited, not out of a special class like the Puritans, with a cause at their hearts, but out of the general body of the English people, in whose lines and thoughts the disputes which grew so keen from year to year had little part. They had brought their religious beliefs and their forms of worship to Virginia as habits in their blood. The new settlers on the Massachusetts bay, on the contrary, had been settled out of a special class. They were men bent for conscience sake upon setting up a particular standard of their own in both church and state." "God sifted a whole nation that he might send choice grain out into the wilderness," one of their own preachers said.

In speaking of the development of the colonies, he shows that there was religious persecution in both north and south. In Massachusetts those of faith different from the prevailing religion were persecuted by the people; in Virginia, the occasional nonconformist was some times persected by the clergy, but the people took no part in it. Mr. Wilson, though born in Virginia, does not make the mistake of thinking Virginia the whole south. He shows that the original settlers of the other southern colonies were lovers of liberty in church and state, and willing that others should hold such views as they pleased. They were not bent on forcing their opinions on others. In the light of inspiration and history it is not difficult to understand that the descendants of the religious persecutors and fanatics of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, should be the fanatics of the nineteenth. Reputable people at Salem were condemned and executed as witches, upon flimsy evidence. So we find the descendants of these people damning the south, devastating her territory, and shooting down her sons upon much the same kind of evidence. There was this difference: Fanaticism of the Salem kind had taken possession of a large part of the north. The pulpit, press and platform fulminated against iniquities largely existing in the minds of their proclaimers. The gentle Longfellow labled the southern master as an adulterer and a trader in his own children; Lowell's verse fairly burned with indignation; even the Quaker Whittier grew bellicose. The "Helper" book was swallowed whole, and the fabrications of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" received as gospel truth. John Brown became a martyr to the north, for whom funeral services were held in many places. Let us say in passing that this fanaticism has not yet spent itself. "Uncle Tom's Cabin" is still a very salable book. William Dean Howells, in the "Young People's History of Ohio," speaks of its being an honor to Ohio that John Brown lived in its borders a short time. Mr. Wilson probably had in mind these things, and much more, when in summing up the hearings of the slavery question upon secession in volume IV, he says: "It was the accusation of moral guilt in the matter that stung the southern men most intolerably. They knew with what motives and principles they administered it, and felt to the quick the deep injustice of imputing to them pleasure or passion or brutal pride of mastery in maintaining their hold upon the slaves. Many a thoughful man among them saw with keen disquietude how like an incubus slavery lay upon the south; how it demoralized masters who were weak, burdened masters who were strong, and brought upon all alike enormous hopeless economic loss. The care of the slaves, their maintenance like a large family of shiftless children, remained a duty and a burden which the master could not escape, good season or bad, profit or no profit."

We think Mr. Wilson is wrong in declaring: "The north had not realized as the south did, what the election of 1860 meant." That the south did realize it is evident from the large vote given for Ball. This means of escape was sought from the fatal antagonisms of party. Mr. Wilson also emphasizes the fact, that in the south the same view of the constitution obtained in 1860 as in the whole country at the beginning of the century. The southern states might have declined entering the union, and they had a right to leave it when conditions in it became intolerable. It was the north that had changed. The northern politicians read into the constitution their own interpretations. To the northern men of 1800 and the men of 1860 the constitution was practically an instrument of totally different meaning.

Speaking of the period of Jackson, he says: "The south lived and thought as she had always lived and thought. The union was still to her, that it had been to all the states alike in their first generation, whose life and thought she kept. There had been no amendment to the fundamental law. Could the law change because men's thoughts and interests had changed." The strict construction of the constitution was held by the south up to the sixties.

Again: "Slavery was rooted deep in the whole economy of the south; the constitution of the union itself was founded upon arrangements which took the permanence of slavery for granted. The few who gave themselves to the agitation were of the crusading temper. Such men with such ideas finally got the north in their grasp. Believing every idle tale against the south, incited to frenzy by their own fanaticism, they swept away the constitution and plunged the country into a horrible war."

In reading between the lines one can hardly escape the conviction that Mr. Wilson sympathizes with the lax construction of those who would read into the constitution whatever may be necessary to meet the present exigencies as the majority sees them; but no more can the conclusion be avoided that the war resulted primarily from the brutal abuse of the south by crusading fanatics, who would stop at nothing to secure their end; nor can one fail to believe that slavery would have been abolished by peaceable methods and the union of our fathers preserved inviolate, had not the south been so bitterly assailed with vituperation by a people who, to say the least, were partly responsible for the traffic in human beings. Of course other causes of the war are discussed; but we leave the five volumes with the idea that the conflict was irrepressible on account of the expansion of two peoples so different in character, living in a common country. Had slavery never existed our New England friends would doubtless have persuaded themselves that it was their imperative duty to fight us to enforce their view of some question of morals. At some time in the near future the writer may consider the tariff and other economic policies in estranging the people of the two sections.

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Prof. Pomeroy Ladue, head of the department of mathematics at New York university, will not resume his duties until after January 1, owing to illness.

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

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LETTERS TO Santa Claus

The announcement in The Telegram Sunday that Santa Claus would take notice of the letters written to him through The Telegram has met with a liberal response at once, and letters are pouring into this office by every mail. The little folk are much interested in the affair, and are writing for their toys. These have been received:

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TRICYCLE, TRAIN, WAGON

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a tricycle, train, great big marble, blocks, a little wagon, and ball, a little fire wagon I am 3 years old.—William Andrew, 1309 Granger street.

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DOLL AND DINNER DISHES

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a great big doll that can walk, and cry and dishes for dinner and a bed room suit and a stove, a doll chair ,table, a doll swing, lamp and automobile for my doll. I am 8 years old.—Lole Andrew, 1309 Granger street.

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MAGIC LANTERN AND TRAIN

Dear Santa Claus: Bring me a magic lantern and views, train, top and ball. But Santa Claus of all the toys that I may seem fickle, please bring me a bicycle. I am 11 years old and live at 1309 Granger street.—Edward Andrew.

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THINGS FOR HER DOLL

Dear Santa Claus: I am so glad that I saw the news of you in The Telegram and that you are coming to see us so soon. I will be so glad if you will bring me a table and a suit of graniteware for my doll and some clothes for a big doll. My name is Florence May Peak Jones, 715 West Third street, age 8.

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WILL CALL ON SANTA

Dear Santa Caus: I heard you want all little children to write you what they want Santa to bring them Christmas. I am a little boy 6 years old. I read in the Second Reader and can spell and learning the multiplication table. 3x3 equals 9; 3x4 equals 12; and 6 plus 7 equals 13; 4 plus 5 equals 9. I am going to school next winter. I have no brothers nor sisters to play with me? I play with Higie and Daggett. Dear Santa, please bring me a railroad engine with train of cars and track to run on, an automobile and street cars with tracks, a windmill and this is all this time and next year you can bring me something else. Higie wants to write to you.I will close. Mamma will take me to one of the stores. Good bye, dear Santa.—From Willie Griswold, 1710 Crump street.

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WANTS A BIG DOLL

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 6 years old. I am reading in the First Reader and will finish it Christmas. I can write in addition table; 2 plus 7 equals 9; 2 plus 8 equals 10; 8 plus 3 equals 11. I have a little brother 18 months old. Higie is my name and I want a big doll as big as I am and a bed room set for it and everything my mamma has in her kitchen. I want a little rubber tire buggy and shetland pony and a organ, Billy a sword and little Daggett a hammer, a pair of shoes, a cup and saucer, knife and fork and a plate. Dear Santa, good bye.—From Highie Hill, 1710 Crump street.

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WOULD BE A MILITARY MAN

Dear Old Santa: I want a captain's hat, I want a little sword, I want a little drum, I want that little train in the window on Houston street, I want a soldier's horn, I want a wagon.—Frank Bardon.

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DOLL AND DOLL BUGGY

Dear Santa Claus: I will write to you a few lines to let you no what I want for xmas. I want a doll and a doll buggy and some candy and some fruit. I was 8 years old last Thursday.—Bertha Kline, 1201 East Ninth street.

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WILL BRING IN THE WOOD

Dear Santa Claus: I will write you a few lines to let you no what I want for Xmas. Please sir I want some candy and some nuts and a wagon. I will be a good boy and get the coal and wood. I am 9 years old.—Russell Kline, 1201 East Ninth street.

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SAW IT AT A STORE

Dear Santa Claus: I want a large doll with light, curly hair and black slippers and stockings with a kid body. It is up to a store on Houston street and I want a doll buggy that fits the doll and two pair of kid gloves and some oranges and candy that is all I want. Yours truly—Clara Strong, 1312 Kane street.

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WANTS A FOOTBALL

Dear Santa Claus: I thought I would write you a few lines. I want you to bring me an egg shaped football and I want you to bring me a magic lantern and I want you to bring me some oranges and candy. I will be so glad if you will bring me these things. I will close.—Lawrence Strong, 1312 Kane street.

SHE WANTS A DOLL

Dear Santa Claus: Will you please bring me a pretty doll with black hair" Now I will tell you where the doll is. It is at a Houston street store. Will you please bring it in a box? Will you please bring me a pair of kid gloves and also will you please bring me some oranges and candy, and I guess that is all. Yours truly—Grace Strong.

n. b.—Oh, yes, bring me a doll buggy too, please.

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A DOLL AND CANDY

Dear Santa Claus: I will write you a letter as I heard in The Telegram you told the little folks to write. I want for Christmas a doll and a box of nice candy. I am 10 years old.—Gertrude Carnreke, 506 East First street.

These letters are before Santa Claus and he will try to accommodate all. He is a busy man from one Christmas to the next. His work consists of something more than distributing presents. He must make these and in the making he requires hundreds of assistants. He has them in all parts of the world.

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BUSY ALL THE TIME

The child-mind that thinks of Santa Claus as a jolly old soul who does nothing all the year around but pack toys the week befor Christmas has much yet to learn. His saintship is just about one of the busiest people that the world knows, and the people who work for him are steadily employed all the year around, their number rolling up into the many thousands.

Four millions of the dollars he spends each Christmas time for toys go to Germany alone, while other countries come in for a large share of toy money. For his sweets and fruits he sends the world over and many more millions go this way.

He has regular factories in Switzerland and in Germany, and in 30,000 German homes the fathers, mothers and children are kept busy twelve months in the year putting finishing touches on the millions of toys that are factory or hand-made, and are ready for the little American children all but a few touches here and there. He has his dolls made chiefly in Sonneberg, and this year he is having more made of papier mache than of anything else, for he finds wax is not lasting enough, and he prefers giving things that are good and durable as well as pretty. The women of Sonneberg are noted the world over for the pretty dresses they make for the dolls, and it doubtless saves good St. Nicholas many a sleepless night to know that feminine hands are looking after the more intricate matters of attire for the many millions of dolls. From the villages through all that part of the country come marvelous toys, especially ships, and a writer in one of the western papers tells us that few of these toymakers have ever seen ships in all their lives.

His hobby horses he has made in Eisfield, and his guns for small soldiers in the Schalkau and Ehnes, while his birds and beasts of the finest kind come from Neufang.

Nuremberg is the oldest factory town that Santa Claus operates, and is still his favorite, for from this city come the most ingenious bits of mechanism that gladden the inquisitive youths of the age. The military toys come from Nuremberg, legions of tin soldiers sweep through its city gates every year with attendant artillery and muskets to conquer the lesser lights in thousands and thousands of American, English and German nurseries in the post-holiday times. He has his best mechanical toys made there. Over here in America there are hundreds of other factories where men, women and children work a great part of the year making cheap mechanical toys, but they are the kind that are easily destroyed and are generally contrived with that object in view by the manufacturers, so the next Christmas will bring an equally large demand.

His books are made for Santa Claus in all the countries where he is known, each nation having its own folk-lore that must be printed in its own tongue, but all this must be attended to. The United States leads each winter with thousands of children's books, both old and new, and other countries must get out a proportionally large number.

It may be we think of Santa Claus sleeping late the morning after his Christmas eve distribution of presents, and rising whenever he pleases in the afternon to smoke his pipe and think over the happiness he gave others the night before. But far from it. The very day after Christmas he begins to look his stock over and plan the presents he means to have made for the next year, and then through all the months to come, even in the hottest summer days, he and his millions of workmen labor from daylight until far in the night designing and manufacturing toys for the next Christmas time.

Cotton Queen Isn't Engaged To a Broker

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—"Giles is going to be married," is the persistent rumor which has been circulated in "the street" during the past few weeks, and brokers to whom this would mean a more terrible calamity just at this time than an earthquake or a cyclone have been worried in consequence.

There was a time, some six weeks ago, when every one was asking, "Who is Giles?" But since that eventful December 5, when Giles' word turned the tide of the cotton market and increased cotton values some $5,000,000, every one, at least, every one on the street, knows that Giles is the "Cotton Queen;" in other words, she is a cotton statistician upon whose estimates of the cotton crop many big firms depend.

The lucky one who, it was said, had won the heart of the youthful "Cotton Queen" was a young man in the employ of a firm of commission merchants in the cotton exchange building. Search was made for Miss Giles to either affirm or deny the rumor, but she was not to be found. In fact, it was stated she was out of town and would not return to her office until Thursday of this week.

PREPARING TROUSSEAU

"Preparing her wedding trousseau, of course," declared some far seeing individual.

Miss Giles was finally discovered in West Nyack. And what was she doing? Concocting dainty lingerie or attending to the construction of pretty gowns? Not a bit of it. On the contrary, she was discovered perched high up at the top of a step ladder busily engaged in trimming a church with greens and red fall berries for a bazaar to be held tomorrow and next day. For when one is chairman of the entertainment committee the responsibility is one that can only be met personally.

It was a blue-eyed, blonde-headed young woman, extremely feminine and womanly, that looked down upon the visitor.

This hard-headed little woman, upon whose judgment a big number of prominent brokerage firms rely, and who revolutionized the values in cotton less than a month ago, had left the busy mart and the world of finance to trim the little village church and help along the cause of Christianity not by her money alone, but by her individual effort.

"Mamma, just listen to this," called out Miss Giles, when asked concerning the rumor connecting her name with that of the young cotton broker.

"They say I'm engaged to be married," and her face lighted up with amusement.

"Never with my consent," emphatically replied her mother, adding with a merry laugh. "She knows how I feel on that subject." The remark was made jokingly but earnestly enough to leave no doubt as to her sincerity. "Now, how do you suppose such a story got about?" she continued.

"I think I can see," interrupted Miss Giles. "It's all through so and so," mentioning a young man, a friend of the family. "He's the only man I ever go out with in New York, and you know how people are. They have decided that I must be engaged to him, but I'm not. Why, I've known him for years, as my sister and mother have, too. It was through my advice that he went into cotton. He is one that I might say I have guided and he has been successful."

DEVOTED TO BUSINESS

"Would you give up your business if you married?"

"Never, not if I married a million. I love it as my life. It is my life, or a very big part of it. I have made my way in it step by step, and it means everything to me. I have made a name for myself, there is no denying that.

"I'm lucky, financially lucky, have always been, but not in love affairs. No; luck doesn't follow me in that direction. I don't mean that I haven't worked hard to reach my present position. I've worked and worried and labored, and many is the sleepless night I've had."

"Yes, indeed," interrupted her mother, looging fondly upon the girl. "Many a morning she has come down with that worn, sleepless look on her face, indicative of a broken rest."

"Yes," went on Miss Giles earnestly, "and it's my belief that a woman who possesses the energy and ambition to succeed in one thing will be successful in others. That, to my mind, is the secret of success."

HE FOUND A CURE

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

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Capt. J. A. H. Hosack, the famous auctioneer, was in the city today. The captain is talking this time about his coming sale at Irving, the first town site west of Dallas, on the new Rock Island road, between this city and Dallas. The captain's advertisement for this sale, which takes place December 19, appears in today's Telegram, and prospective buyers of homes will do well to give the sale a little thought. Captain Hosack is one of the best known men in Texas. He has traveled from one end of this big empire to the other, promoting town lot sales. He has his turn in Fort Worth many a time, and looks upon the growth of this city as one of the developments of his sales, which those who know him are willing to concede is true. Many of the flourishing towns of Texas today had their incipiency in one of Captain Hosack's town lot sales. This would make the venerable auctioneer father to a big part of Texas. The sales that Captain Hosack conduct are always sure to be a success. He is a believer in the results that come from the judicious use of printer's ink on every one of his sales. His breezy circular talks are known all over the state. In the coming sale the captain is showing the value of the land in and about Irving to be as good, if not really better, than any in the state for the raising of all kinds of farm products. Read the captain's ad on page 2 of this issue of The Telegram.

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

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

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

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FEEDING CATTLE ON A MODERN TEXAS RANCH

Col. J. L. Pennington Describes the Method Now Used by Swenson Bros. at Stamford—Cattle Conditions in that Vicinity Are Good, Despite Low Prices.

John L. Pennington, live stock agent of the Frisco system in Texas, has returned from an extended trip through the counties of Shackelford and Jones. At Albany, the county seat of the former county, Mr. Pennington met Messrs. Webb, Hill, Matthews, Blanton and Honeycutt, well-known cattlemen. From them he ascertained that there are about 45,000 head of well-graded cattle in that part of the country. There is plenty of grass and water and these gentlemen report the cattle in that section in better condition now than they will be in August. They complain of the low prices now prevailing for cattle, yet congratulate themselves on carrying their cattle largely on home money, and are not being forced on the market. They are not discouraged by conditions as they are now and think that the present hard time in cattle circles in the near future will prove a benefit. That cattlemen will be forced to shape themselves up and do business on more conservative lines; have smaller herds and better grade of cattle, and less borrowed capital. The farming class are the depositors in the local banks instead of being in debt to the merchant for their daily bread. Colonel Pennington said that Shackelford county is forging to the front and passing from one of the best cattle countries in Texas to a very good farming country. A very few years ago most of the male citizens were bow-legged and slept in their spurs, ready to chase the festive steer and brand a title on his maverick hide. Today the men are straight-limbed, active, energetic citizens. The county has its fair proportion of churches and school houses. The howl of the Comanche is now but an echo in the memory of the oldest inhabitant. The rising generation sees written on the vast and sunny plains, Texas, the great and good virtues, temperate and most blessed of any state in the union.

BUT ONE RAILROAD

The Texas Central is the only railroad serving what in the east would be considered an empire, and serving it well under the able management of Hamilton and his chief lieutenant, Ramsey Cox, whose name is a household word along that line. The Central is doing a good business with the Frisco at Dublin, furnished from Stamford, in Jones county, the most direct route for freight and passengers, to all the trade centers of the north and south.

STAMFORD GROWING

Stamford is a growing town, yet in its swaddling clothes—a place of about 4,000 inhabitants—with banks, large stocks of goods, schools and churches, many lodges of various orders and last but not least, the Stamford Inn, a hostelry second to none between San Antonio and El Paso, in point of equipment and service. There were shipped from Stamford this season 25,000 bales of cotton. It is also the home of the headquarters of the celebrated Swenson cattle ranch, consisting of 250,000 acres in Jones and adjoining counties. This ranch is owned by Swenson Bros. of New York city, and was founded in 1882, and the present herd has for its basis Texas-bred cows and crossed by high-grade Herefords. The ranch is well watered and carries a good crop of grass. There are now on the ranch 12,000 breeding cows, 2-year-olds and over, which will average 97 per cent of pure bred from a beef standpoint. The herd is kept well culled of dry cows or inferior cattle.

This ranch is in charge of Frank S. Hastings, as manager; Andrew J. Stevenson, superintendent, and Joseph Enicson, in charge of the range. The principal object of this company is to raise and sell to northern breeders the best cattle that can be raised in Texas. The range has a minimum altitude of 2,000 feet above the sea level, making the cattle practically acclimated for the northern ranges or feed lots. This herd has a national reputation. The S. M. S. cattle have been sold direct to feeders in the Dakotas, Colorado, Nebraska, Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Kentucky and Georgia—in fact, to all the corn belt states. They have been matured to the satisfaction of the buyers and to the credit of the breeders. They further show the possibility of Texas as a cattle-breeding state. This herd was well represented at the international exposition recently held at Chicago, and was awarded against all comers in their class, three blue, two red and two white ribbons.

THREE THOUSAND ON FEED

Mr. Pennington was shown through the company's feed lots, containing 3,000 head of this and last year's calves. The feed is composed of sorghum, cotton meal, hulls and molasses, in proper proportion, all prepared by machinery. The feed lots are built near the oil mill, which is a part of the property. They extend about three miles from the mill and in long narrows pens on each side of a tram track. In the pens on the side next to the tram is a long line of feed troughs, about thirty inches wide and six inches deep. At the end of each pen is the water troughs. Each pen holds about 500 head of cattle. The tram cars, propelled by a mule, haul the sorghum to the mill, where it is thrown onto a cutter, which chops it into pieces of about one-half inch at the rate of twenty tons an hour. An elevator takes this chopped sorghum to the upper floor, where it is put through a conveyor to another department, and thus it is carried on until properly mixed for use. When the feed is deposited in the troughs the cattle fall in line like soldiers and in less than twenty minutes the feed is distributed to the different pens. This in brief describes an up-to-date ranch of Texas, run on business and economical principles by a progressive management.

Mr. Pennington says that the results of feeding after the manner here described is giving results eminently satisfactory to the Swenson Bros.

You will miss a treat if you fail to see our Christmas display of Fancy China and Decorated Dinner Sets. It is a pleasure for us to show these goods whether you buy or not.

NASH HARDWARE CO.

ELLIS & GREN,
Real Estate, 708 Main Stret Phone 1922

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

W. R. Edrington to Mrs. M. V. Murphy, part William Edwards' 320-acre survey, $900.

J. E. Brock et ux to R. Lee Thweatle, 2 acres, A. F. Leonard survey, $175.

Mrs. M. R. Keene to J. E. Brock, 2 acres, A. F. Leonard survey, $175.

S. D. Lary to E. A. Rendon, lot 14, block E, Daggett's addition, $3,000.

W. R. Harper et al to J. W. Harper, 80 acres, D. M. Davis survey, $1,000.

North Fort Worth Townsite Company to L. L. Hawes, lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19, block 44, North Fort Worth, $1,500.

J. S. Odom et ux to W. R. Edrington, lot 1, block 20, Jennings' South addition, $2,200.

Mrs. Ira C. Gibbs to L. L. Hawes, lot 11-4, block 16, Fields' subdivision, $1,150.

D. McGinnis et ux to P. C. Davis, 44 acres, M. W. Wilmeth survey, $500.

M. C. Hukill to T. M. Edmonson, 44 acres, M. W. Wulmeth survey, $800.

S. Gatew et ux to Nancy L. Taylor, lots 323, 326, 327 and 328, block 28, Ditto & Collins subdivision, $200.

J. D. Luckett to J. Knell, 50 acres, David Hitson survey, $800.

E. E. Baldridge to Mrs. Flora Parker, lot 5 and part lot 6, block 2, College Hill addition, $7,300.

THOSE COMBINATION PURSES

are here again. You know the purse that your wife cannot open, unless she knows the combination.

We will give them away to buyers of Green River whisky.

For particulars call on

H. BRANN & CO.,
108 and 110 Main St.

NORTH SIDE AND ROSEN HEIGHTS

Nash Furniture Company.

Mr. H. P. McKee of the Circle H ranch, San Angelo, Texas, spent Sunday in North Fort Worth.

Miss Etta Finley entertained Saturday night with flinch.

J. W. Condon is building on the corner of Denver and Central avenue.

Mr. J. G. Smith is on the sick list.

A new dry goods firm will open on the North Side about the 20th of this month.

S. A. Chapman is building a home on Goul avenue.

Mr. B. L. Yancy is building on the corner of Central avenue and Lee.

There will be a Christmas tree at both the Methodist and Baptist churches Christmas eve.

Mrs. W. T. Hillsman, who has been very ill for the past two weeks, is now greatly improved.

Prof. S. S. Schiedeller will give a musical entertainment Wednesday, December 16, at Marine school house.

Mrs. Hall, music and elocution teacher, of Marine school, will give a Christmas entertainment Christmas eve at the school house.

The North Fort Worth Baptist church gave an supper Friday night at Rosen Inn which was quite a success.

Miss Arry Wheeler, who has been visiting Miss Willie Hemphill, has returned to her home in Dallas.

BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP

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

TEXAS CATTLE FOR THE ORIENT

California Buyers in This State Looking For Their Supply

"There is a big demand from the Orient for American cattle, and Texas is furnishing her quota of the stuff that is being shipped abroad," said a prominent stockman to a representative of this paper.

During the past week buyers from California were in West Texas looking over the field before continuing their journey into the republic of Mexico for the purpose of buying cattle to be shipped to California points where they are fattened and then exported to the Orient. Not only are these shipments going from California, but from other states on the Pacific coast.

S. B. Garner, who is one of the shippers, says that since the close of the American-Spanish war the stock trade has been rapidly increasing until it has attained an enormous proportion. It is said that the American army in the Philippines has created a big demand for beef cattle, and this has opened up the market in other countries that were formerly supplied from other parts of the world.

The drouth of the past years practically depleted the ranges in California of marketable cattle and the feeders in that state are now compelled to come to Texas or go to Mexico for their cattle with which to replenish their ranches. As a consequence a good market for this class of cattle has been opened up for Texas.

Most of the shipments being made to California are young cattle and they are going from West and Central Texas. It is claimed at present prices Texas stock are more desirable for California than that from Mexico, still there is a heavy movement from the republic at this time, only a day or so ago a shipment of 4,000 head passing through El Paso en route west.

When these cattle are fattened they will be exported to the Orient.

RETAIL CLERKS' UNION

Officers for the Year Elected at Last Night's Meeting

The retail clerks' union met last night and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, R. A. Massie; first vice president, E. R. Glenn; second vice president, M. A. Harwood; recording secretary, H. P. Swayne; financial secretary, C. C. Hall; treasurer, E. D. Ingrum; delegates to the trades assembly, R. A. Massie, C. C. Hall and J. D. Bell. There were eighteen new members received into the union last night.

MORE MACHINERY TO THE TELEGRAM

R. Hoe & Co. Rush Big Curved-Plate Router by Express

From New York to Fort Worth in an express car, The Telegram's new curved-plate router, one of the most complicated pieces of machinery invented in recent years, has just completed a rush trip and arrived at The Telegram office this morning. The router, which weighs 1,600 pounds, and piled up express charges enough to send Christmas boxes to all the inhabitants of a good sized town, had to come in a hurry, because of the demand for color work on The Telegram's big new press.

Ever since the new press has been running, The Telegram has been able to do color printing after a fashion, but by no means so well as has been promised ever since the new press was ordered. Originally, the router which makes perfect color work possible, would not have arrived in Fort Worth until after Christmas, but the demand on the part of advertisers for good color work made the need imperative, so a hurry order was sent to R. Hoe & Co.'s New York factory, the newly finished machine was loaded on an express car and the trip to Fort Worth made as fast as possible.

The router will not be in operation for a day or two yet—it takes time to get such a machine in smooth running order—but it is safe to promise that within a week or two The Telegram will be able to make good its promise of furnishing the best color work in Texas.

Keep your eye on The Telegram. Watch it grow.

Tutt's Pills

This popular remedy never fails to effectually cure

Dyspepsia, Constipation, Sick Headache, Biliousness

And ALL DISEASES arising from a

Torpid Liver and Bad Digestion

The natural result is good appetite and solid flesh. Dose small; elegantly sugar coated and easy to swallow.

Take No Substitute.

BIG SALE OF FINE CATTLE NEXT WEEK

Annual Auction of Registered Herefords and Shorthorns Commences Monday

While the cattle industry of the United States has grown to enormous proportions, and the products of the great packing plants go to every country on the globe, the day of large pastures will soon be a thing of the past, and the meat supply of the world must come from the small raisers.

Following along these lines the large cattlemen and farmers who are directly interested in the betterment of range herds are breeding their cattle up to a higher standard, as it has been conclusively shown that well graded cattle command much better prices than the average range class whether fat or not.

For the past few years some of the leading men who have been identified with the fine stock raising industry each year sell at auction large numbers of fine registered Shorthorn and Hereford cattle. Commencing next Monday, December 21, the regular annual sale of registered Shorthorn and Hereford cattle will take place at the Fort Worth stock yards.

The contributors of this sale are well known parties and closely identified in the cattle industry. They are offering some of the best bred cattle to be found anywhere. Every arrival offered in this sale will be sold without reserve. The sale will begin promptly at 10 o'clock Monday morning.

HOW TO HAVE CLEAN HANDS

Teacher—Why, Reggie, aren't you ashamed to come to school with your hands in that condition? Look at your sister's, they're always clean.

Reggie—Yes, but I didn't wash the breakfast dishes before I come to school.—Cleveland Leader.

FIFTH WARD

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

Miss Mary E. Jenkins has just been elected president of the Syracuse, (N. Y.) Herald Publishing Company. She is a thorough business woman, well acquainted with all the details of the newspaper business, with which she has been connected for a number of years.

Christian G. Peterson, who for twenty-five years was Russian vice consul at New York, is dead.

Ayer's Hair Vigor

A splendid dressing for the hair, keeping it soft and glossy. It prevents splitting at the ends, and cures dandruff.

J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

GRUBB CHAMPIONS RANGE EXHIBITION

Southwestern Cattlemen Have Not Given Up Fight for Display

Up to the present time virtually nothing has been done in the fight inaugurated some time ago by the southwestern cattlemen against the ruling of Chief Coburn in his exclusion of range cattle from exhibition at the World's Fair next year. The importance of a good western and southwestern exhibit of cattle has been forcibly thrust upon Mr. Coburn but he still remains firm upon his decision of excluding this part of the live stock exhibit.

That sage of Colorado, Eugene Grubb, recently had an interview with Mr. Coburn upon this matter but he succeeded in getting little or no satisfaction, and replying to an editorial comment on the interview by a northern paper he is quoted as saying:

"I notice that Mr. Coburn is credited with the statement, that up to the present time the World's Fair management has received no offer to exhibit any range cattle, either individuals or car load lots.

"How can we make such an offer? Please mail me the list of all the other entries he has received in the cattle classes.

"From this statement one would suppose there were no range cattle in the west, fit to exhibit in car load lots. Let Mr. Coburn but say the word and open the gates of the World's Fair to us and we will show 2,000 cars of high class beef cattle from our own ranges and those of the northwest territory of Canada, making a show that would be a show.

"We are not all 'hot air' and bluster out here. We can show the goods.

"Yes, my interview when I got back to Denver will interest the directors of the little side show at St. Louis in 1904.

"I will only add that we will now go to St. Louis and interview the board of directors, bearding the lion in his den again."

From all of which it forcibly appears that the range cattle interest, so stoutly championed by Mr. Grubb, has not been placated by last week's episode at Chicago.

NEW SHIPPING RULES

A great deal of trouble has arisen among shippers of live stock to this market in the past few days regarding the new rules of the railroad companies regarding the return passes of shippers. The new rule inaugurated by the railroad companies of Texas in compliance and authority of the railroad commission of Texas is as follows:

Pass one man in charge of one or two cars of live stock, including horses and mules; no return pass.

Pass one man each way in charge of three to five cars of live stock, all kinds.

Pass two men each way in charge of six to twelve cars of live stock, all kinds.

Pass three men each way in charge of thirteen or more cars of live stock, all kinds, which shall be the maximum number of men that will be passed with any shipment from one shipper in the same train.

Return transportation for men in charge of live stock shipments shall be good only for continuous passage, without lay-over, from the destination of the shipment to the shipping point and shall be limited to fifteen days from date of shipment from original shipping point.

The above rules governing live stock shipments went into effect Dec. 10.

WEEK'S DISTRIBUTION OF LIVE STOCK

Following are the shipments and distribution of live stock received at the Fort Worth stock yards for the week ending Dec. 12:

Total receipts, cattle, 11,768; calves, 3,323; hogs, 3,210; sheep, 381; horses and mules, 1,037.

Shipped out—Cattle, 2,067; calves, 1,813; horses and mules, 36.

Sold to packers—Cattle, 8,299; calves, 1,401; hogs, 2,829; sheep, 24. Sold to others—Cattle, 1,485; calves, 221; hogs, 489. Held-over and driven out—Cattle, 184; calves, 16; hogs, 3; horses and mules, 803.

SILVERWARE STOLEN—

We did not steal ours but our competitors are wondering how we can make the prices we do on knives, forks and spoons. Better investigate.

NASH HARDWARE CO.

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST

For Fort Worth and vicinity until 8 p. m. Wednesday—Tonight, fair, continued cold, but probably not colder than 30 degress. Wednesday, generally fair and somewhat warmer.

For Texas east of the 100th meridian, issued at New Orleans—North, tonight and Wednesday, unsettled weather, probably rain Wednesday; warmer in west portion tonight; warmer Wednesday.

South, tonight and Wednesday—Partly to cloudy weather, and probably some rain; warmer Wednesday.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

Low temperatures continue generally throughout the country with exception of the immediate gulf coast region. The weather has moderated slightly in the northwestern states, and it is colder in the eastern states, ranging about 10 degrees above zero from and including the Ohio valley northward.

The weather is generally clear except in the extreme northwest where cloudiness is on the increase. Cloudy conditions continue along the gulf coast, and light rain is falling along the Texas coast.

Local conditions will continue generally fair over Wednesday with a little warmer on Wednesday.

GEORGE REEDER,
Official in Charge.

WEATHER RECORD

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

Stations—	Temperature. Min.	Max.	Wind.	Rain-fall.
Abilene	28	50	lt.	.00
Amarillo	14	26	8	.00
Atlanta	-4	6	8	.00
Bismarck	-4	6	8	.00
Chicago	-2	6	18	.00
Cincinnati	8	14	10	.00
Davenport	-2	8	lt.	.00
Denver	16	46	12	.00
El Paso	28	62	6	.00
Fort Worth	26	40	8	.00
Galveston	42	54	22	T
Huron	26	8	lt.	.00
Kansas City	8	22	8	.00
Lander	0		lt.	.00
Little Rock	24	36	6	.00
Marquette	-4	10	12	.00
Memphis	22	36	10	.00
Miles City	-6	16	lt.	.00
Montgomery	32	56	8	.00
Nashville	16	32	8	.00
New Orleans	40	56	12	.00
North Platte	10	28	lt.	.00
Oklahoma	14	32	lt.	.00
Palestine	32	44	6	.00
Phoenix	36	70	lt.	.00
Rapid City	0	28	lt.	.00
St. Louis	10	20	lt.	.00
St. Paul	-6	0	lt.	.00
Salt Lake	20	40	lt.	.00
San Antonio	42	56	lt.	T
San Diego	48	66	lt.	.00
Santa Fe	20	40	8	.00
Shreveport	30	42	8	.00

SPECIAL MEETING

Bricklayers Union, to be held Wednesday, Dec. 16, at Labor Temple, Second and Throckmorton. By order of president.

W. S. WHITAKER.

FAVORITE FAMILY REMEDY

Frequently accidents occur in the household, which cause burns, cuts, sprains and bruises; for use in such cases, Ballard's Snow Liniment has for many years been the constant favorite family remedy. 25c. 50c and $1.00 at H. T. Pangburn & Co.'s.

Headache

Biliousness, sour stomach, constipation and all liver ills are cured by

Hood's Pills

The non-irritating cathartic. Price 25 cents of all druggists or by mail of C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Territory News

MAYOR RESIGNS

ADDINGTON, I. T., Dec. 15.—Mayor J. S. Addington has tendered his resignation to the town board. It was accepted, and Dr. C. E. Elder was elected to fill the vacancy.

ROAD GIVES MORTGAGE

GUTHRIE, Ok., Dec. 15.—The Muskogee Southern railway, projected for a distance of 260 miles through Oklahoma and Indian Territory, gave a first mortgage for $500,000 in favor of the Illinois Trust and Savings bank of Chicago.

LOTS APPRAISED

LAWTON, Ok., Dec. 15.—All the lots in the Woods addition to Lawton, belonging to the estate of Mrs. Alta M. Powers, deceased, wife of J. S. Woods, who drew number one in the land lottery, were appraised yesterday by Messrs. Mart Coffman, W. W. Bixby and J. D. Baker.

COMPANY STORE BURNED

SOUTH McALESTER, I. T., Dec. 15.—The Osage Trading Company's store building and contents burned at Krebs Monday. Loss $55,000, insurance $20,000. The fire was caused by a defective electric light wire.

The business was owned by F. R. Phillips, who has started another building and has ordered an entire new stock of goods.

COUNTRYMAN WINS SUIT

LAWTON, Ok., Dec. 15.—The Lawton land office received a letter from the commissioner which affirms the decision in the case of the Pawnee Oil Company vs. George H. Langsdale.

In this case the oil company contested the entryman on the grounds that the land was mineral bearing. The decision was made in favor of the entryman, the commissioner deciding that the land was more valuable for agricultural purposes and further stating that the testimony pertaining to its mineral character is speculative.

TISHOMINGO SCHOOLS

TISHOMINGO, I. T., Dec. 15.—The first of the two public school buildings of Tishomingo, I. T., is nearing completion and it is thought that short terms will be held, beginning early in next year.

Bonds to the amount of $20,000 for school purposes were voted in July of this year and work commenced almost immediately after. The bonds have not yet been sold, but it was thought best to take advantage of the situation and proceed with the buildings so as to have both completed in time for the beginning of the scholastic year next September. The first building is on the south side of town, and the other will be on the north side, both being centrally located.

MINING CAMP RAIDED

LAWTON, Ok., Dec. 15.—News has reached Lawton that twenty-five homesteaders swept down upon the mining camp of Wildman in the Wichita mountains, and went to work demolishing the buildings of the citizens.

One building was moved off of the townsite, and many completely destroyed. The homesteaders became so fierce that the postmaster was obliged to close the postoffice. The town is located on the Morris claim.

HEARING DECEMBER 18

OKLAHOMA, Ok., Dec. 15.—Charles J. Bonaparte and Clinton Woodruff, specially appointed by the president to investigate affairs in the Indian Territory for the interior department, have notified complainants that they will hear evidence at Muskogee Dec. 18.

A STREET CAR INCIDENT

Of the Sort That Fills Passengers With Disgust

Two men stood at the corner of Tenth and Houston streets this morning awaiting a Hemphill street car. The car came, but the motorman never slacked speed except what was demanded for the safety of his car on a curve. Both men succeeded in getting on but the last of the two, and he happened to have two or three books under his arm making jumping upon a moving car rather hazardous, had a hard time keeping his feet. He managed to swing aboard, however, without injury. The two stood on the rear platform and the last one of the two when he had gotten his breath, said, "Well, that motorman was a darned fool."

That was about all that was said. The conductor overheard the remark. He went up front and evidently told the motorman of the remark. The motorman then turned his controller over to the conductor, the two employes of the company thus reversing positions, and strode to the rear of the car. He had blood in his eye and when he reached his destination he demanded who it was who had called him a "d—— fool." He was very quickly given the information and then followed a wordy war. Of course nothing happened. The motorman never intended to do anything. He simply wanted to puff off some steam. A spectacle of this kind is something that a street car company should not allow. If the conductor and motorman of a street car are allowed to exchange positions in a matter of this or of any other kind it must be a new rule that has been promulgated. The public is mighty tired, anyway, of officious street car men.

The motorman mentioned in the foregoing gave his number as 59. He wore no number that could be seen.

GUN SHELLS EXPLODED

Adding Excitement to Small Blaze In Beaumont Last Night

BEAUMONT, Texas, Dec. 15.—A fire alarm was rung from box 41, at Greeves' foundry and machine shop, at 10:20 o'clock last night. An hour later nothing was left of the two frame store buildings but a mass of smouldering embers.

The fire originated in the rear of the grocery store of Ernest Bosby, at 1174 Crockett street, which was occupied by his family as living apartments. The flames spread with great rapidity and within a very brief time Fontane's meat market next door was also consumed.

The exploding of a quantity of loaded gun shells in the grocery store during the fire added excitement.

The buildings were the property of Charles Zessler, whose loss will be about $1,500. He was unable to secure insurance on account of the polls of waste oil in the vicinity.

Bosby's loss is about $800, and that of Fontane will be less than $500, neither of them having any insurance.

Bosby is vehement in his expression to the effect that the fire was of incendiary origin, but there are no features to justify his suspicions.

Fort Worth As It Is Today

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

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

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

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

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

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

Population, 43,000.
Good newspapers.
Rural mail routes.
Free kindergartens.
A $100,000 city hall.
A healthful climate.
Beautiful residences.
A $75,000 county jail.
Many women's clubs.
The Commercial Club.
Five artificial ice plants.
Four express companies.
Reasonable city taxation.
Forty acres of public park.
Eighteen wholesale houses.
Several messenger services.
Annual business $30,000,000.
A $500,000 county courthouse
Four railroad machine shops.
Bank deposits over $5,000,000.
A teachers' training institute.
Two local telephone systems.
The natural live stock market.
Five loan and trust companies.
Seventy miles of water mains.
Over 150 miles of public streets.
A $50,000 public library building.
Twenty hotels of various grades.
Bradstreet's Commercial Agency.
Freedom from labor disturbances.
Annual pay rolls of over $4,000,000.
Several energetic historical societies.
Sixty-eight passenger trains, all daily.
Two long-distance telephone systems.
The finest Country Club in the South.
Real estate valuation about $17,000,000.
Seven national and two savings banks.
One company of Texas National Guard.
The Board of Trade, with 295 members.
Many philanthropic and charity societies.
A splendid surrounding agricultural region.
The gateway to the panhandle and the west.
R. G. Dun & Co. report 950 business houses.
Unsurpassed advantages as a business center.
Unrivaled facilities as a manufacturing center.
A commodious and well-equipped natatorium.
Over forty-five miles of underground sewerage.
Five and two-thirds square miles of territory.
A $175,000 postoffice building, about to be enlarged.
Sixty-eight miles of paved public thoroughfares.
Postal and Western Union Telegraph companies.
Unequaled attractions as a place of residence.
One handsome theater and several vaudeville houses.
Headquarters of only literary magazine published in Texas.
More fraternal organizations than any city of its size in the south.
Most efficient police force of any city in the state.
Lowest per centage of losses by fire for any city of the size in the south.
There are three state banks in Texas. One of them is located in Fort Worth.
Population of over 100,000 reached by electric car service.
One extensive gas and three large electric lighting companies.
The largest and costliest freight depot of any city of its size.
A $100,000 steel viaduct across the Texas and Pacific reservation.
Two well-equipped hospitals and a third one in course of construction.
Forty-two church edifices, nearly all of striking architectural beauty.
Young Men's Christian Association, about to erect a costly structure.
Twenty-two miles of modern street car lines, not including the Interurban line.
A newly formed merchants' and wholesalers' association, with fifty-six members.
A kindling factory, where prepared kindling for making quick fires, is manufactured.
One of the seven complete roundhouses in the United States and four other roundhouses.
The finest passenger station in the world for a city of its size; also a second fine passenger station.
Over 200 artesian wells, supplying pure water for domestic, factory and fire protection purposes.
The home of the Texas Cattle Raisers' Association, the richest association of cattlemen in the world, the National association not excepted.
A paid fire department of eight companies which is the most thoroughly trained department in the southwest.
Medical department of Fort Worth University which has graduated 1,200 students in the past ten years.
Headquarters of the Eleventh division of the Railway Mail service comprising Texas, Arkansas, Indian Territory and Louisiana.
Many clubs devoted to social, athletic, literary, musical and dramatic objects, panies, forming the best fire department in the southwest, besides several factory besides a large number of lesser social organization.
Twelve public and one parochial schools, all of high order; the Fort Worth University, Polytechnic College, St. Ignatius' Academy for girls and several business colleges.
One Grand Army of the Republic post, one Woman's Relief Corps, one Confederate camp, one Sons of Confederates, one Daughters of the Confederacy, one Children of the Confederacy, one Mexican Veterans' Association, and one Dames of '46.
Eleven railroads, all trunk lines, including the Texas and Pacific, Missouri, Kansas and Texas; Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe (Atchison system); Houston and Texas Central (Southern Pacific system); Fort Worth and Rio Grande (Frisco system), Transcontinental branch of the Texas and Pacific, Fort Worth and Denver City, Chicago, Rock Island and Texas; St. Louis Southwestern (Cotton Belt), St. Louis and San Francisco, International and Great Northern.
"Sloanhurst Stock Farm" is one of Fort Worth's important business enterprises. At this stock farm one will find facilities for the breeding and management of pedigreed swine that are unequalled by those of any similar institution in the South. The best brood stock known is to be found here. The farm consists of 400 acres, nearly all of which can be utilized for hog raising.

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Has Handled 24,000 Bales of Cotton This Year

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"I wish, through the columns of your paper to show the citizens and voters of the Fifth ward that I have been diligent in my work for the betterment of the streets of the ward since my induction in office less than twenty months ago, and promise, if re-elected, to be unflinching in my efforts to secure all for the ward that is due it. I give herewith some of the work I have accomplished.

I have had a number of streets thoroughly repaired and quite a number of cars of Jacksboro crushed rock put on them, viz, South Main, Daggett avenue, Elizabeth and South Boaz. South Boaz was almost impassable prior to my election and now it compares favorably with other streets of the city. I have Missouri avenue, Louisiana avenue and Bessie street graveled from end to end and nearly all the Union Depot addition graded with a number of culverts put in. All the gutters thoroughly cleaned between South Main and the Houston and Texas Central railway crossing. Water main on Holt street with fire hydrant and water line for domestic use on East Annie and East Daggett to the city limits. A number of lights for the ward, also four new rooms added to the ward school. And again I promise, if re-elected, to be diligent in my work for the ward for the next two years.

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TEXAS AND PACIFIC

WEST-BOUND.

Arrive.	No.		Depart.
4:45 pm—	1	St. Louis, Memphis, Fort Worth	
9:25 am—	3	Cannon Ball (St. L., N. O., El Paso)	9:45 am
7:45 pm—	5	Cannon Ball (St. L., to El Paso)	8:20 pm
11:05 am—	7	From Wills Point	
2:55 pm—	9	Dallas-Min'l Wells.	3:00 pm
5:15 am—	11	Dallas-Ft. Worth	
12:30 pm—	13	Dallas-Ft. Worth	
6:50 am—	103	Dallas-Ft. Worth	

EAST-BOUND.

——	2	St. L., Memphis-New Orleans	8:00 am
7:00 pm—	4	Colo., Memphis, St. Louis, N. Orleans	7:45 pm
7:00 am—	6	Cannon Ball (El Paso to St. Louis)	7:45 am
——	8	To Wills Point	6:00 pm
10:30 am—	10	Min. Wells-Dallas	10:35 am
——	12	Dallas Local	9:25 am
——	14	Dallas Local	1:55 pm
——	102	To Dallas	9:30 pm

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NORTH-BOUND.

Arrive.	No.		Depart.
——	32	Local	8:35 am
4:35 pm—	31	Local	

Texas and Pacific trains Nos. 5 and 6 stop at Texarkana, T. C. Junction, Atlanta, Jefferson, Marshall, Longview Junction, Big Sandy, Mineola, Wills Point, Terrell, Forney, East Dallas, Dallas and Fort Worth.

HOUSTON AND TEXAS CENTRAL

NORTH-BOUND.

Arrive.	No.		Depart.
1:35 pm—	83	North Texas Lim'd	
7:55 am—	85	Mail and Express	
11:50 am—	*93	Local Freight and Passenger	

SOUTH-BOUND.

——	84	South Texas Lim'd (Houston-Galves'n)	8:30 am
——	86	Mail and Express (Houston-Galves'n)	7:45 pm
——	*94	Local Freight and Passenger (Ennis)	1:05 pm

*Daily except Sunday.

FORT WORTH AND DENVER CITY

NORTH-BOUND.

Arrive.	No.		Depart.
——	1	Mail and Express (Pueblo, Colorado Springs, Denver)	9:45 am
——	3	Wichita Falls Acc.	6:00 pm
——	7	Colorado Express	11:10 pm

SOUTH-BOUND.

5:10 pm—	2	Mail and Express	
9:55 am—	4	Ft. Worth Accommodation	
6:00 am—	8	Texas Express	

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NORTH-BOUND.

Arrive.	No.		Depart.
8:55 pm—	2	Mail and Express	
6:30 am—	8	Ft. Worth Limited.	

SOUTH-BOUND.

——	1	Mail and Express (Austin, San Antonio, Houston, Galveston)	7:25 am
——	7	Houston and Galveston Limited	5:45 pm

FRISCO SYSTEM

Arrive.	No.		Depart.
10:55 am—	10	Meteor (Sherman, Denison, St. Louis, Kansas City)	11:15 am
6:00 am—	32	Mixed (Sherman)	6:00 am

SOUTH-BOUND.

2:55 pm—	9	Meteor (Brownw'd)	3:15 pm
7:35 pm—	35	Mixed (Brownwood and Brady)	9:30 pm

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NORTH-BOUND.

Arrive.	No.		Depart.
8:10 am—	16	Katy Flyer	8:35 am
10:55 am—	2	Kan. City Express	11:45 am
8:15 pm—	4	Kansas City Mail and Express	9:00 pm

SOUTH-BOUND.

7:45 pm—	15	Katy Flyer	8:15 pm
5:10 pm—	1	Waco Mail and Express	6:00 pm
7:40 am—	3	San Antonio and Houston Express	8:30 am

ROCK ISLAND SYSTEM

NORTH-BOUND.

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

SOUTH-BOUND.

7:10 am—	11	Fast Express (from Chicago, Denver)	
7:15 pm—	13	From Texarkana and Mo. river points	

COTTON BELT ROUTE

WEST-BOUND.

Arrive.	No.		Depart.
1:20 pm—	5	From St. Louis and Memphis, through express	
6:50 am—	101	From Dallas, Memphis, Chicago	
5.05 pm—	103	From Texarkana, Pine Bluff and Arkansas	

EAST-BOUND.

——	6	To Memphis and St. Louis, through express	12:30 pm
——	102	To Dallas, Memphis and Chicago	9:30 pm
——	104	Texarkana, Pine B. and Arkansas	10:30 am

SANTA FE ROUTE

NORTH-BOUND.

Arrive.	No.		Depart.
8:20 pm—	6	Day Express (Chicago, K. C. and Colorado points)	8:30 pm
7:20 am—	18	Limited (Chicago, K. C. and Colorado)	7:30 am

SOUTH-BOUND.

9:00 pm—	17	Limited (Galveston H'ston, San Anto.)	9:10 pm
7:55 am—	5	Day Express (Temple, Houston, Galveston)	8:05 am

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The Blazed Trail

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"Bees'n Lake!" cried Jimmy fiercely through the aperture of the door.

"You'll find the boardin' house just across over the track," said the woodsman, holding out his hand. "So long. See you again if you don't find a job with the old fellow. My name's Shearer."

"Mine is Thorpe," replied the other. "Thank you."

Thorpe followed and found himself on the frozen platform of a little dark railway station. Directly across the track from the railway station a single building was pricked from the dark by a solitary lamp in a lower story room. The four who had descended before Thorpe made over toward this light, stumbling and laughing uncertainly, so he knew it was probably the boarding house and prepared to follow them.

The five were met at the steps by the proprietor of the boarding house. This man was short and stout, with a harelip and cleft palate, which at once gave him the well known slurring speech of persons so afflicted and imparted also to the timbre of his voice a peculiarly hollow, resonant, trumpetlike note. He stumped about energetically on a wooden leg of home manufacture. It was a cumbersome instrument, heavy, with deep pine socket for the stump and a projecting brace which passed under a leather belt around the man's waist. This instrument he used with the dexterity of a third hand. As Thorpe watched him he drove in a projecting nail, kicked two "turkeys" inside the open door and stuck the armed end of his peg leg through the top and bottom of the whisky jug that one of the new arrivals had set down near the door. The whisky promptly ran out. At this the cripple flirted the impaled jug from the wooden leg far out over the rail of the veranda into the snow.

A growl went up.

"What 'n thunder's that for?" snarled one of the owners of the whisky threateningly.

"Don't allow no whisky here," snuffed the harelip.

The men were very angry. They advanced toward the cripple, who retreated with astonishing agility to the lighted room. There he bent the wooden leg behind him, slipped the end of the brace from beneath the leather belt, seized the other peg end in his right hand and so became possessed of a murderous bludgeon. This he brandished, hopping at the same time back and forth in such perfect poise and yet with so ludicrous an effect of popping corn that the men were surprised into laughing.

"Bully for you, pegleg!" they cried.

"Rules an' regerlations, boys," replied the latter, without, however, a shade of compromising in his tones. "Had supper?"

CHAPTER III.

THORPE was awakened a long time before daylight by the ringing of a noisy bell. He dressed, shivering, and stumbled downstairs to the round stove, big as a boiler, into which the cripple dumped huge logs of wood from time to time. After breakfast Thorpe returned to this stove and sat half dozing for what seemed to him untold ages. The cold of the northern country was initiating him.

Men came in, smoked a brief pipe and went out. After a time he himself put on his overcoat and ventured out into the town. It seemed to Thorpe a meager affair, built of lumber, mostly unpainted, with always the dark, menacing fringe of the forest behind. The great sawmill, with its tall stacks and its rows of water barrels—protection against fire—on top, was the dominant note. Near the mill coughed a little red painted structure from whose stovepipe a column of white smoke arose, attesting the cold, a clear hundred feet straight upward, and to whose door a number of men were directing their steps through the snow. Over the door Thorpe could distinguish the word "Office." He followed and entered.

In a narrow aisle railed off from the main part of the room waited Thorpe's companions of the night before. The remainder of the office gave accommodation to three clerks. One of these glanced up inquiringly as Thorpe came in.

"I am looking for work," said Thorpe.

"Wait there," briefly commanded the clerk.

In a few moments the door of the inner room opened and Shearer came out. A man's head peered from within.

"Come on, boys," said he.

The five applicants shuffled through. Thorpe found himself in the presence of a man whom he felt to be the natural leader of these wild, independent spirits. He was already a little past middle life, and his form had lost the elastic vigor of youth. But his eye was keen, clear and wrinkled to a certain dry facetiousness, and his figure was of that bulk which gives an impression of a subtler weight and power than the merely physical. You felt his superiority even when he was most comradely with you. This man Thorpe was to meet under other conditions, wherein the steel hand would more plainly clink the metal.

He was now seated in a worn office chair before a littered desk. In the close air hung the smell of stale cigars and the clear fragrance of pine.

"What is it, Dennis?" he asked the first of the men.

"I've been out," replied the lumberman. "Have you got anything for me, Mr. Daly?"

The mill owner laughed.

"I guess so. Report to Shearer. Did you vote for the right man, Denny?"

The lumberman grinned sheepishly. "I don't know, sir. I didn't get that far."

"Better let it alone. I suppose you and Bill want to come back too?" he added, turning to the next two in line. "All right; report to Tim. Do you

"We are a very busy firm here," he said.

want work?" he inquired of the last of the quartet, a big, bashful man, with the shoulders of a Hercules.

"Yes, sir," answered the latter, uncomfortable.

"What do you want?"

"I'm a cant hook man, sir."

"Where have you worked?"

"I had a job with Morgan & Stebbins on the Clear river last winter."

"All right; we need cant hook men. Report at 'seven,' and if they don't want you there go to 'thirteen.'"

The man went out. Daly turned to Thorpe with the last flickers of amusement in his eyes.

"What can I do for you?" he inquired.

"I am looking for work," Thorpe replied.

"What kind of work?"

"Any kind, so long as I can learn something about the lumber business."

The older man studied him keenly for a few moments.

"Have you had any other business experience?"

"None."

"What have you been doing?"

"Nothing."

The lumberman's eyes hardened.

"We are a very busy firm here," he said, with a certain deliberation. "We do not carry a big force of men in any one department, and each of those men has to fill his place and slop some over the sides. We do not pretend or attempt to teach here. If you want to be a lumberman you must learn the lumber business more directly than through the windows of a bookkeeper's office. Go into the woods. Learn a few first principles. Find out the difference between Norway and white pine anyway."

After his speech the business man whirled back to his desk.

"Have you anything for me to do in the woods, then?" the other asked quietly.

"No," said Daly over his shoulder.

Thorpe went out. He had made the elementary discovery that even in chopping wood skilled labor counts. He did not know where to turn next, and he would not have had the money to go far in any case; so, although Shearer's brusque greeting that morning had argued a lack of cordiality, he resolved to remind the river man of his promised assistance.

That noon he carried out his resolve.

"Go up and tackle Radway," said Shearer. "He's jobbing for us on the Cass branch. He needs men for roading, I know, because he's behind. You'll get a job there."

"Where is it?" asked Thorpe.

"Ten miles from here. She's blazed, but you better wait for the supply team Friday. If you try to make her yourself you'll get lost on some of the old logging roads."

Thorpe considered.

"I'm busted," he said at last frankly.

"Oh, that's all right," replied the walking boss. "Marshall, come here."

The peglegged boarding house keeper stumped in.

"What is it?" he trumpeted snuffingly.

"This boy wants a job till Friday. Then he's going up to Radway's with the supply team. Now, quit your hollering for a chore boy for a few days."

"All right," snorted Marshall. "Take that ax and split some dry wood that you'll find behind the house."

"I'm very much obliged to you," began Thorpe to the walking boss, "and"—

"That's all right," interrupted the latter. "Some day you can give me a job."

CHAPTER IV.

FOR five days Thorpe cut wood, made fires, drew water, swept floors and ran errands. At the end of the week he received $4 from his employer, dumped his valise into a low bobsleigh driven by a man muffled in a fur coat, assisted in loading the sleigh with a variety of things, from Spearhead plug to raisins, and turned his face at last toward the land of his hopes and desires.

The long drive to camp was at once a delight and a misery to him. First his feet became numb, then his hands, then his nose was nipped, and finally his warm clothes were lifted from him by invisible hands, and he was left naked to shivers and tremblings. He found it torture to sit still on the top of the bale of hay, and yet he could not bear to contemplate the cold shock of jumping from the sleigh to the ground. The driver pulled up to breathe his horses at the top of a hill.

"You're dressed pretty light," he advised. "Better hoof it a ways and get warm."

The words tipped the balance of Thorpe's decision. He descended stiffly, conscious of a disagreeable shock from a six inch jump.

In ten minutes the wallowing, slipping and leaping after the tail of the sled had sent his blood tingling to the last of his protesting members. Cold withdrew.

After a little while they arrived by way of a hill, over which they plunged into the middle of the camp. Thorpe saw three large buildings, backed end to end, and two smaller ones, all built of heavy logs, roofed with plank and lighted sparsely through one or two windows apiece. The driver pulled up opposite the space between two larger buildings and began to unload his provisions. Thorpe set about aiding him and so found himself for the first time in a "cook camp."

It was a commodious building. One end furnished space for two cooking ranges and two bunks placed one over the other. Along one side ran a broad table shelf, with other shelves over it and numerous barrels underneath, all filled with cans, loaves of bread, cookies and pies. The center was occupied by four long bench flanked tables, down whose middle straggled utensils containing sugar, apple butter, condiments and sauces and whose edges were set with tin dishes for about forty men. The cook, a rather thin faced man with a mustache, directed where the provisions were to be stowed, and the "cookee," a hulking youth, assisted Thorpe and the driver to carry them in.

In a few moments the task was finished, with the exception of a half dozen other cases, which the driver designated as for the "van." The horses were unhitched and stabled in the third of the big log buildings. The driver indicated the second.

"Better go into the men's camp and sit down till th' boss gets in," he advised.

Thorpe entered a dim, overheated structure lined on two sides by a double tier of large bunks partitioned from one another like cabins of a boat and centered by a huge stove over which hung slender poles. The latter were to dry clothes on. Just outside the bunks ran a straight, hard bench. Thorpe stood at the entrance trying to accustom his eyes to the dimness.

"Set down," said a voice, "on th' floor if you want to, but I'd prefer th' deacon seat."

Thorpe obediently took position on the bench, or "deacon seat." His eyes, more used to the light, could make out a thin, tall, bent old man, with bare cranium, two visible teeth and a three days' stubble of white beard over his meager, twisted face.

He caught, perhaps, Thorpe's surprised expression.

"You think th' old man's no good, do you?" he cackled without the slightest malice. "Looks is deceivin'." He sprang up swiftly, seized the toe of his right foot in his left hand and jumped his left foot through the loop thus formed. Then he sat down again and laughed at Thorpe's astonishment.

"Old Jackson's still purty smart," said he. "I'm barn boss. They ain't a man in th' country knows as much about hosses as I do. We ain't had but two sick this fall, an' between you an' me they's a skate lot. You're a greenhorn, ain't you?"

"Yes," confessed Thorpe.

"Well," said Jackson reflectively, but rapidly, "Le Fabian, he's quiet, but ban; and O'Grady, he talks loud, but you can bluff him; and Perry, he's only bad when he gets full of red likker; and Norton, he's bad when he gets mad like, and will use axes."

Thorpe did not know he was getting valuable points on the camp bullies.

At dark the old man lit two lamps, which served dimly to gloze the shadows, and thrust logs of wood into the cast iron stove. Soon after, the men came in. They were a queer, mixed lot. There were active, clear built, precise Frenchmen, with small hands and feet and a peculiarly trim way of wearing their rough garments; typical native born American lumber jacks, powerful in frame, rakish in air, reckless in manner; big blond Scandinavians and Swedes, strong men at the sawing; an Indian or so, strangely in contrast to the rest, and a variety of Irishmen, Englishmen and Canadians. These men tramped in without a word and set busily to work at various tasks. Some sat on the "deacon seat" and began to take off their socks and rubbers. Still others selected and lit lanterns from a pendant row near the window and followed old Jackson out of doors. They were the teamsters.

(Ctontinued tomorrow.)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

FIRST WARD

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

SECOND WARD

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

THIRD WARD

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

THIRD WARD

The Telegram is authorized to announce T. F. Murray as a candidate for re-election as alderman of the Third ward of the city of Fort Worth, subject to the action of the democratic primaries to be held January 12, 1904.

FOURTH WARD

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

Respectfully,
J. F. LEHANE.

SEVENTH WARD

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

EIGHTH WARD

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

NINTH WARD

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

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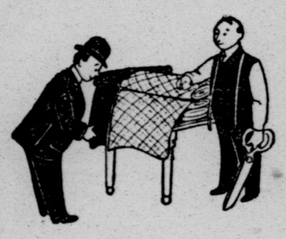

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FARMERS

(Continued from page 1.)

Arlington country," he said this morning, "and I think I will put in a large orchard there. I am much impressed with the appearance of the place and I believe it will yield well. If everything suits me after I go there Thursday I will endeavor to arrange for next year's work."

J. S. Kerr of Sherman is a fruit grower who has a large orchard along the Red river. He makes an interesting story out of his experiences. He has had a distinct success.

H. E. Singleton of McKinney is a hog raiser. Mr. Singleton tells about growing pork and says it can be done cheaper and more profitable in the south than in the north.

Oswald Wilson of the United States department of agriculture, and W. C. Forbess of the Northern Texas Traction Company are attending the institute. They are much interested in the results. There is a meeting this afternoon, and another tomorrow. Thursday the party will go to Arlington to attend a meeting. General Passenger Agent Forbess of the Traction Company will take the speakers out over the Interurban as his guests.

Free, 10-inch mirror with $5.00 purchase. Blue or black kersey overcoat, $3.85; $10.00 and $12.50 men's suits for $7.45; $2.50 and $3.00 pants for $2.00. L. Gordon, 1513 Main.

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CLEBURNE'S ELECTIONS

Lodge and Other Bodies Select Officers for 1904

CLEBURNE, Texas, Dec. 15.—Colonel S. M. Hill of Belvidere ranch left last night for Galveston. From there he will go to Moline, Ill., and bring his family here to live on their large ranch just west of the city.

Mrs. F. M. Self, who died yesterday at Joshua, was buried at Burleson today.

J. P. Semones' funeral was held at the Cleburne cemetery this afternoon. It will be remembered that he died suddenly Saturday.

Enterprise lodge, Ancient Order United Workmen, elected these officers Saturday night: S. R. Sealey, master workman; F. S. Pegues, foreman; A. O. Wynn, overseer; Jo Lockett, guide; Mose Warren, recorder; W. H. Byrd, financier; R. C. Griffiss, inside watchman; Jo Lockett, representative; Mose Warren, alternate.

The Lady Maccabees elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: Lady commander, Emma Ross; lady lieutenant, Esther Johnson; past lady commander, Mrs. Annie Stickler; record keeper, Courtney Herpin; finance keeper, Mrs. Banner; chaplain, Emma Rollins; sergeant, Barbara Brand; mistress at arms, Lydia Bothwell; sentinel, Lena Mae Barnes; picket, Laura Martin.

Judge Oxford of Stephenville and Judge William Poindexter of Cleburne have exchanged benches for this week.

W. E. Symons, mechanical superintendent, has gone south on Santa Fe business.

The Johnson County Teachers' Institute elected as officers for next year: President, R. L. Beckwith, Godley; vice president, Mrs. J. M. Bettis of Venus; secretary and treasurer, O. J. Moore of Pleasant Point; executive committee, Profs. R. L. Beckwith, V. M. Fulton and G. E. Warren. A motion passed to invite Prof. W. S. Sutton, who holds the chair of pedagogy in the state university, to address the next meeting of the institute.

There were forty-six new divorce cases on the docket at the beginning of the present term of court. All were dismissed but twenty-five; seventeen were granted.

A Bad Liver

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NORTHERN SECURITIES

T. T. Evans Took Strychnine in Restaurant at Merkel

MERKEL, Texas, Dec. 14.—(Special.)—T. T. Evans who lived near Golan, in Jones county, ended his life last night at the Williamson Restaurant by taking strychnine. It seems from the evidence in Judge Wheeler's court at the inquest that he had become despondent over his financial affairs. He had been around Merkel for several days and had but little to say to any one. He left the following note on the table in his room: "My wife is at Tarphy, P. O., Bandera county, Texas, via Hondo City. Brother-in-law, C. W. Sunday, at Nopal, Dewitt county, Texas, via Yorktown, Texas, T. T. EVANS."

The body was placed in charge of Undertaker Browning and buried at Merkel today, as his folks could not be reached in time.

CASHIER TAKES LIFE

A. C. Bushnell Shoots Himself at New Haven Bank

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 15.—A. C. Bushnell, cashier of the Yale National bank, shot himself today at the bank, some time before the usual opening hour of the bank.

He died later. No cause for the cashier's act is known at the bank, except possibly ill health. Business was resumed at the bank as usual.

IN HOUSE AND SENATE

Crumpacker on Panama Question, Perkins on Reciprocity

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—In the house today Crumpacker of Indiana spoke on the Panama question. He said the attacks on the conduct of this government in connection with the new republic were not warranted by the facts and while there was no purpose on the part of individual members of the minority to foment trouble, yet the attitude of the party would give encouragement to Colombia.

In the senate Perkins of California spoke on the Cuban reciprocity bill.

RANDLETT EXONERATED

Charges Against Indian Agent Declared Baseless

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—Indian Agent Randlett and Indian Inspector Nesler have been completely exonerated on charges of mismanagement of the Kiowa-Comanche-Apache agency in Oklahoma by the report of Francis Leupp, who was appointed by President Roosevelt to make a thorough investigation.

JUSTICE IS IN TROUBLE

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 15.—As a result of the police's descent upon the Southern Turf's pool room Saturday afternoon Justice William Campbell, member of the county court and city council also, is under bond to answer the same charge as those caught in the raid loitering around a saloon and gambling house. Campbell effected his escape when the raid was made, but was recognized by an officer and when notified today of this surrendered himself.

The committee of 100, it is reported, will probably take the matter up and seek his removal from both offices under a law providing a penalty for a civil or judicial offiver having knowledge of a gambling house and not proceeding against it. Conviction makes him ineligible to hold office for five years.

Justice Campbell says he went into the place to collect an account, having recently been engaged in the grocery business.

PAPERS READY FOR LEAVITT

NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 15.—Additional facts in regard to the Leavitt-Cook case have been established beyond question.

The chief one is that Miss Cook believes that her wedding garments had been made, and that an engagement ring was ordered from a prominent Newport jewelry firm.

A lawyer has been engaged and papers will be served as soon as Mr. Leavitt treads on Rhode Island soil to visit his parents.

FIRE APPARATUS FOR SAN ANGELO

SAN ANGELO, Texas, Dec. 15.—The city council is considering the matter of procuring better fire fighting apparatus. John Freeland, chief of the fire department, is urging the matter and it is expected that a hose wagon will be procured, a team and driver arranged for, and the fire fighting facilities will be materially increased.

GOLD NEAR GONZALES

GONZALES, Texas, Dec. 15.—It is reported that another gold field will soon be opened up very near town. A conservative citizen states that the yellow metal has been found upon the ground in his yard, and that no less than six assays have been made since the discovery of the rich dirt. This field is not near the gold fields now being developed.

LESE MAJESTY

The two bearded monarchs met and kissed each other.

"Well," observed the feline quadruped that had witnessed the performance from a safe distance, "I believe I would rather be a cat and have merely my historic privilege of looking at a king."—Chicago Tribune.

SHORT LIVED

Patience—He wrote a song he thought was going to live.

Patrice—And did it?

Patience—No, the first person he heard sing it murdered it.—Yonkers Statesman.

A REMINDER

"Look at that man with the high hat and sack coat."

"Yes. By the way that reminds me that I've got to get some castor oil."

"Well, say, how does that remind of castor oil?"

"Oh, just the bad taste of it."—Philadelphia Press.

Rodolf von Gottschall, German playwright and novelist, recently celebrated his 80th birthday at Leipsic. He has been an author for sixty years.

A MEDIAEVAL LOVE STORY

[Original.]

The Lady Agatha stood in the greenwood listening. She was the daughter of one with royal blood in his veins, and in such families it is well known that love plays no part in marriage. Yet love had come unbidden to the Lady Agatha, and she was playing with one of his sharp arrows. A young soldier came through the trees and joined her.

"Herbert!"

"Agatha!"

"I have bad news for you. My father announced to me today that I was to wed Count Alfred."

The young man quailed as if struck by a blighting wind. "To lose you, and to him, my bitter enemy!" he moaned.

"Herbert, be strong, for my sake!" And, throwing her arms about him, she wept on his shoulder.

"There is no hope."

"There is. Count Albert will not force me to marry him if I tell him that such a marriage would be repulsive to me."

"He will follow his inclination. Agatha, choose now between me and him. If you choose me, meet me here tomorrow evening at sunset and be ready to go with me. I have found favor with the king, who, if we are once married, will give me preferment and his influence with your father."

She hesitated a moment, then whispered: "I am yours. I will meet you here."

That evening the earl, her father, summoned her to his apartments. There with him was the Count Alfred. "Agatha," said the earl, "this is your betrothed. I leave you with him, trusting that your first interview may result in your being mutually pleased with each other." With that he withdrew. Agatha threw herself at the count's feet.

"Your highness," she said, "I am going to trust myself to your mercy. I do not love you. I love another. Tell my father that you resign me."

The man started, but controlled himself.

"What you ask is impossible. Our union will heal a breach between two important families. The king desires it."

"The man I would wed is in favor with the king. We will go to him for his consent."

"When?"

"Tomorrow evening. Give us but till then and all may be well with us."

"Give me your confidence, and I will help you."

Agatha gave the hour and place of meeting, but resolutely refused to give her lover's name. Then the count declared that he loved her too well to prevent her happiness.

"Noble man," exclaimed Agatha, "your place in my heart shall always be next that of my lover."

The count withdrew muttering, "I have a delicate role to play."

The next morning Count Alfred told the earl of his interview and the Lady Agatha was locked in her room. At sunset Herbert repaired to the greenwood and waited impatiently. It was past the hour set and the twilight was deepening when a figure concealed in a long robe came toward him. He wondered how Agatha could look so tall. The figure came on and stopped before him. Then, suddenly, the robe was thrown off, revealing Count Alfred.

"I came," he said, "intending to conceal my identity, but since you are the man who intends to thrust yourself among those immeasurably above you I have stepped out of my disguise to give you the chastisement you merit."

"Nothing could be more welcome."

Both drew rapiers and placed themselves on guard. A full moon shone above the horizon, giving sufficient light, glistening on the polished blades, which gave the sound of steel against steel. It was a short fight. Count Albert was so accustomed to contempt for his inferiors in birth that he was not as careful as his wont, but he was a good swordsman and fought well. Herbert fought with a hope that the issue might give him the girl he loved. At last a ray of moonlight reflected from his adversary's sword shone in Count Albert's eye, momentarily blinding him. Before he could recover Herbert's rapier had pierced his body. He would have fought on, but loss of blood weakened him, and he sank down in a faint.

Herbert, turning from him, saw his robe lying near and, putting it on, went toward the castle. Boldly entering, he asked where was the Lady Agatha. "In a chamber in the round tower," was the reply. Going there, he saw a woman sitting at the door and demanded entrance.

"Certainly, your highness," replied the woman, who had seen Count Albert go off in the cloak she had herself provided, and she opened the door.

In a few minutes the man came out, dragging Agatha, who feigned to go unwillingly, and, making an exit, the two went to the greenwood, where Herbert had brought horses, and, mounting before the eyes of the wounded man, who had sought to prevent them, rode till near midnight, when they drew rein in the courtyard of the king's palace.

"What's this, boy?" said the king when Herbert had secured an audience.

"An elopement, for which I crave your majesty's pardon and sanction." And Herbert told the story of how he had won.

"We need young men of your pluck," said the king. "I will see what I can do for you."

The result was that the earl's consent was gained to the marriage of Herbert and Agatha, and Herbert was given the command of a company and later of a regiment of arquebusiers.

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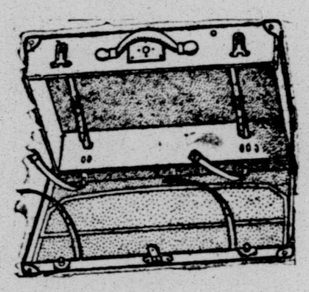

Collar and Cuff Portfolios, Price ..... $2.50 to $6.00
Seal, Morocco and Alligator.

Dressing Rolls..... $1.50 to $2.50
Seal and Morocco.

Dressing Sets..... $4.50 to $20.00
Seal, Alligator, Monkey Skin and Morocco.

Satchels ..... $2.00 to $15.00
Grain Leather and Alligator Skin.

Suit Cases ..... $4.50 to $20.00
Sole and Grain Leather.

MUSIC LED TO CRIME

Little Girl Forged Check in Order to Continue Her Lessons

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Anxious to continue her musical studies, 14-year-old Blanche Connell of Brooklyn, forged the name of another girl to a pay check in a Fulton street department store and received the money.

When taken before the magistrate she frankly admitted her guilt. With tears in her eyes she told how she wanted to study music and become a great singer, and she had no money. She declared she intended to repay the money when she made a name for herself.

Blanche is the third of four daughters and formerly worked in the Fulton street store. Running short of money she went to the store and told the assistant cashier she was Amelia Hoernling and wanted to quit work. She asked for Amelia's pay and received a blank for $3.86.

The cashier questioned her and being told that she was drawing the money for Amelia paid it without further comment. When Amelia came to get her money there was none there.

HALF AN HOUR ENOUGH

For Countess Russell to Get Divorce From Coachman

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Half an hour's hearing in the divorce court yesterday sufficed to secure for Countess Mabel Russell, who sued her husband, William Brown, a former coachman, for divorce, a decree nisi.

The countess testified to the cruelty and misconduct of Brown, who married her in December, 1902, under the title of Prince Aphrobald Stuart de Modena, alleging he was a Bavarian nobleman.

Argument in Supreme Court Is Continued by Knox Today

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Argument in the Northern Securities Company case was resumed in the supreme court today, and again the room was crowded with attorneys and others interested.

Attorney General Knox resumed the argument he began yesterday. He declared that the union of the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern, the two competing interstate railroads, had brought such relations that independence as competitive factors in interstate commerce was destroyed.

POSTOFFICES ADVANCED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The postmaster general has anounced the following named fourth class postofifces will be advanced to the presidential grade, June next:

Indian Territory—Fort Gibson and Mounds.

Oklahoma—Foss, Leger, Pawhuska and Wellston.

Texas—Brady, De Leon, Haskell, Holland, Kerens, Merkel, Mount Vernon, Royse City, Sealy, Whitney and Wortham.

VOTING PRIVILEGES

HILLSBORO, Texas, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The question of who would be entitled to vote in the city primaries in January, 1904, arose here a few days ago and Collector Harvey wrote to the attorney general for a ruling on it. He replied that no one could legally vote in the primary who was not entitled to vote in any other election, and said that no one was qualified who did not pay his poll tax for 1902 prior to February 1, 1903. He also stated that no one could vote in the elections to be held from February 1, 1904, to February 1, 1905, who did not pay his poll tax before the first of February, 1904.

OLD SETTLER DEAD

HILLSBORO, Texas, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—H. T. Shine died yesterday at his home near Itasca of heart failure. He was one of the oldest settlers of that section. He was 64 years old.

Edwin Warfield, governor-elect of Maryland, has been everything from a farmer's hired man to a banker. He is rich.

Isadore Newman of New Orleans recently gave $50,000 to charity to mark the fiftieth anniversary of his arrival in America.

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