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Miss Lulu and Master Ernest Newton returned last Saturday from an extended visit to relatives in Borait, Travis and Bastrop counties. They report having a nice time.

Dr. Tolliver's brother and wife of Stevenson Texas paid the Dr's family a visit during the Holidays

On Wednesday, Dec. the 26th at 4 o'clock, P. M. county Judge Gid Graham, spoke the words that made Walter Green and Miss Nellie Tunnel man and wife. The Eastler wishes them good luck on their voyage.

CONSTITUTION'S CENTURY OFFER \$2500 CASH. NEW YEAR, NEW AGENTS, NEW METHODS.

The Constitution now offers \$2500.00 in Cash Prizes to agents for the very best agents work during the first quarter of the first year of the new century. Omitting all contests, except for agents, they place the whole sum to the agent's credit and make the terms equitable for distributing it over the whole territory. To arrange this the South has been divided into four sections, as follows:

1st Section, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Florida.

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THE CASH PRIZES ARE

For highest list from ANY agent, Jan. 1st to April 1st 1901, \$400.00

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For highest list in EACH of the above four divisions from Jan. 1st to April 1st 1901. AFTER the above 1st general prize is awarded \$300.00.

For the second highest list for the three months in each section \$100.00.

For the third highest list for the three months in each section \$50.00.

For the fourth highest list for three months in each section \$25.00.

For the fifth highest list in the three months in each section \$15.00

For the sixth highest list for the three months in each section \$10.00

Six prizes in each section \$500.00

Total for four sections \$2000.00

For the ten next highest lists from the whole territory at random, not taking any of above prizes, \$10.00 each \$100.00

Total Cash Prizes from January 1st to April 1st 1901 \$2500.00

The subscribers to be renewed for the three months covered by this contest are 483000 names. These with the new subscriptions secured will doubtless run the list up appreciably in every section. Every newspaper reader in whole South will be given an opportunity to get on our list.

The Constitution wants good agents everywhere. Men who will get out and canvass and hustle for new business. Many who have to go over their own and adjoining counties on business

can take The Constitution along as the best side line. Country doctors, tax collectors, rural route mail carriers, nursery men, farmers and good workman, and all realize among these prizes and make their commission besides. A fair salary proposition for any man.

The Weekly Constitution makes special feature of its agricultural page, which is presided over by Colonel R. J. Redding, director of Georgia experiment farm, and a man who is recognized as an expert on all agricultural topics. He gives a full page every week on agricultural matters. A page is devoted to the woman and a page to the children, these two departments being presided over by Mrs. William King.

The Constitution has just completed the 31st year of its existence, Clark Howell being the editor and Colonel W. A. Hemp hill its business manager. Its name is a household word in every Southern State, from Virginia to Texas. It has always been especially close touch with the agricultural masses of the South and in having reached a circulation which carries it to 150,000 homes it has won a unique distinction which ranks it among the greatest of American weekly newspapers.

The Constitution will send a simple copy of its great Weekly free to any one sending its own name and the names of six neighbors, on a postal card.

Every man should take the county newspaper before anything else, and next to this he should take a good general newspaper, such as the Constitution. His county paper gives him the local home news, which is not supplied by a newspaper furnishing the general news from all parts of the country and from all over the world. Before a man seeks information from outside he should first feel sure that he is being kept posted on what is going on at home. When, however, the opportunity is offered to get the best weekly newspaper in the country with your home paper, the inducement is such as to elicit prompt response from our readers.

We will be glad to receive clubbing subscriptions with this paper and The Constitution, and if there are any who are now subscribers to this paper, who wish to take The Constitution also, we will be glad to receive subscriptions to the latter and forward them, having authority from that paper that to do so.

The Constitution should be in every southern home:



Get cure for Hard Times. See last week's picture, then look at this. Which will you buy? Send for Big Catalogue, Free, and buy your implements direct from factory at Wholesale Prices.

A few more sample prices:
 Mole Plow \$25.00 Cultivator \$75.00
 M. & G. Gang Plow \$35.00 Horse Cultivator \$85.00
 Horse Harrow \$45.00 Horse Cultivator \$95.00
 12 ft. Disc \$50.00 Rick Cutter \$125.00
 Under Hill \$125.00 Corn Planter & C. \$150.00
 100 other things, just as cheap. Write or call for our advertisement section or write to us direct.
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When in BALLINGER stop at the Star Wagon Yard. Three good Camp Houses, four rooms for Ladies. Feed of all kind for sale. Courteous treatment.

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Groceries, Grain and Hay.

Free Wagon Yard. Close Prices. Polite Treatment. West side of square, Robert Lee, Texas.

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This line is well equipped for passengers and freight, both ways daily. Passengers save forty miles of Rail Road fare by this route. Good teams and hacks, serve the people at reasonable prices.

Copeland & Stevens, Props.

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The people of Coke county are requested to stop at the Central yard, When in Ballinger, most centrally located, good Camp houses, feed of all kind for sale.

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A New Discovery for the Certain Cure of INTERNAL and EXTERNAL PILES, WITHOUT PAIN.

CURES WHERE ALL OTHERS HAVE FAILED.

TUBES, BY MAIL, 75 CENTS; BOTTLES, 80 CENTS.

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Humbled.
"Well," said Mrs. Kaffpe, "I guess that Mrs. Jordan, who moved around the corner from us last spring and has never been at home when the neighbors have called, will not be so stuck up after this!"
"Why?" her dear friend asked.
"Their girl thought the house was afire yesterday morning, and before the mistake was discovered the men who hurried in had set the awful lot of cheap bric-a-brac and shoddy furniture I ever saw out on the lawn where everybody could examine it as they passed."

Sharing the Fun.
"I suppose I came home late last night?" he said to his wife.
"You did," she answered shortly.
"Full?"
"Very."
"They say I'm very amusing when I'm that way?"
"Very amusing. You were so delightfully entertaining, in fact, that I couldn't bear to think of depriving the servants of such a pleasing and elevating impersonation, and so I called them all up to enjoy your merry antics. How they laughed!"
"The deuce they did!"

Moderation in All Things.
We have all heard of women who lived only to be neat and did, presumably, from the effects of their struggles, and we are equally familiar with men who do not pay the slightest attention to the first laws of neatness. If asked to choose between the two classes, we would encounter a struggle. In fact, both are most uncomfortable, both drive comfort from the bedside, and give the masculine members of their family excuses for seeking comfort elsewhere.

Moderation in all things is an excellent rule of life.
If a man hasn't a wife there are a lot of things he never finds out until they happen.
The trouble about doing a favor is that the people you favor never let go until forced.
A man may compliment his wife in public, but won't to him if he speaks disparagingly.

The Twentieth Century.
We now stand at the threshold of the twentieth century, and the nineteenth is a thing of the past. It will, however, be known as the century of invention and discovery, and among some of the greatest of these, we can truthfully mention Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, the celebrated remedy for all ailments arising from a weak or disordered stomach, such as dyspepsia, indigestion, flatulency, constipation and biliousness.

The bed should never be moved oftener than once a week.
Atkins' Battle Snake Oil—Most powerful Rheumatism, Cures Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Sciatica, Sprains, Backache, Ulcers, Burns, Headaches, Lumbago. Texas Drug Co., Agents, Dallas.

The future is bright if it means beefsteak for supper.

THE CHANGE OF LIFE
Is the most important period in a woman's existence. Owing to modern methods of living, not one woman in a thousand approaches this perfectly natural change without experiencing a train of very annoying and sometimes painful symptoms.

Those dreadful hot flashes, sending the blood surging to the heart until it seems ready to burst, and the faint feeling that follows, sometimes with chills, as if the heart were going to stop for good, are symptoms of a dangerous, nervous trouble. Those hot flashes are just so many calls from nature for help. The nerves are crying out for assistance. The cry should be heeded in time. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound was prepared to meet the needs of woman's system at this trying period of her life. It builds up the weakened nervous system, and enables a woman to pass that grand change triumphantly.

"I was a very sick woman, caused by Change of Life. I suffered with hot flashes, and fainting spells. I was afraid to go on the street, my head and back troubled me so. I was entirely cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound." Mrs. Jennie Noble, 5010 Keyser St., G. Mantown, Pa.

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FEARFUL SLAUGHTER.
Thirty Mexican Soldiers Slain by a Band of Yaqui Indians.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 26.—The account of a fearful slaughter of Mexican troops at the hands of the Yaqui Indians in Sonora, Mexico, reached here.

The attacks was made a week ago, when Col. Francisco Peinado, commanding a division under Gen. Torros, was going across the country with a small body of men. At a point near La Misa the Indians suddenly fired on the soldiers from ambush. Col. Peinado fell, seriously wounded, and five of his officers and about thirty men were killed on the spot.

This news was brought here by C. V. Light, chief clerk to General Manager Naumlee of the Sonora railroad at Guaymas. He says that the reports of such affairs are kept from the press in Mexico, and this fight was not sent out on account of the press censorship.

La Misa is about fifty miles from Gen. Torros' headquarters and in a rough section of the mountain ranges, and it is not known how many of the enlisted men or the Indians were killed, for no detailed report was made except about the officers.

Col. Peinado, who was wounded, is one of the most noted officers of the Mexican army. He has been in the field against the Yaquis since the war began and has often distinguished himself for bravery.

Terrific Explosion.
Montague, Tex., Dec. 26.—A terrible explosion occurred here in the office of John P. Slaton, county attorney. He had just started a fire in his stove and stepped into Esquire Ritchie's office, when an awful sound and jar occurred and then a fearful crash of furniture, stove pipe and window glass was heard.

He was using a medium-size coal stove and had put only a small amount of coal with some light fuel in it. All of the upper part of it was torn in shreds and three or four joints of the pipe was blown in every direction and not a piece could be found of any size. Every window was broken and many pieces of the wreckage was hurled through the large front door, while the plastering was perforated in every direction, penetrating to the stone wall. Bookcases, desks and chairs were all demolished.

The cause is a mystery. Some think it was an attempt by some thoughtless boys to play a joke on Mr. Slaton, and as Mr. Slaton is very popular, no cause can be assigned for doing him harm.

Mr. Slaton narrowly escaped death, for only one chance in many of escape was possible. It was evidently caused by some high explosive being placed in the stove pipe.

Inmates Feasted.
Terrell, Tex., Dec. 26.—Christmas was observed here in a general holiday, including the closing of the banks and postoffice. Most of the churches had Christmas trees for the Sunday-school children Monday night. A hundred and fifty turkeys were killed at the North Texas insane asylum and served Tuesday, and early in the morning there was a general distribution of presents to the employes and patients of that institution.

Expert Testifies.
Tyler, Tex., Dec. 26.—E. P. Moxie, the government expert, was on the stand again Tuesday. He went into the account of the Tyler Car and Lumber company with the bank, and testified from the books that the total indebtedness of the lumber company with the bank at the time of the failure of the bank was \$56,000.

This indebtedness is composed of an overdraft of \$15,000 and notes amounting to \$41,000. At 1 o'clock the court adjourned.

At Eufalo, I. T., two innocent men were killed and another fatally wounded. A Creek Indian did the work.

While drunk J. L. McDonough, a soldier, shot three men at Washington.

Work of Burglars.
Texarkana, Tex., Dec. 26.—Burglars entered the office of the Kansas City Southern railroad at Ashdown, twenty miles north of here, Monday night, broke open the safe and secured therefrom \$150 in cash and \$200 in company checks. They also took from the express room express packages worth about \$200.

The store of F. A. Locke was also entered and the safe cracked, but nothing of value was secured.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES.
Calamity Instead of Christmas Cheer the Fate of Some.

Paris, Tex., Dec. 27.—Two men killed in difficulties and one fatally wounded, one fatal accident and scores of minor casualties formed the chapter of Christmas incidents in Lamar county.

Charley Starnes, who came out from Tennessee a few weeks ago and was living with an uncle several miles southeast of Paris, dragged himself up to the home of Ed Nix and begged to be admitted. He was badly wounded, a bullet having pierced his breast and lodged in the back. He had crawled half a mile and said that he didn't want to die out in the field. Mr. Nix was away from home and his wife and a neighbor's wife were alone. They were too badly frightened to let him in at first, but finally admitted him and at daylight sent for a physician.

The shooting is involved in mystery to some extent, but five men were arrested and lodged in jail. Complaints were drawn up against them charging assault with intent to murder. Justice of the Peace Deweese and Deputy Sheriff Carpenter went down to the scene of the shooting to take Starnes' dying declarations.

Joe Cox, a tenant farmer, who lived four miles northwest of Chloota, in Boggy Bend, was killed, a charge of buckshot having taken effect in his breast. The deceased and some of his companions were congregated in the woods near his house enjoying a Christmas frolic, which broke up in a row. After Cox returned home he was followed to his house, where the killing took place. Sheriff Martin was notified and left for the scene, accompanied by Deputy Pink Anderson.

Selp Ross, a well-to-do colored farmer, who lived seven miles south of Roxton, was killed about forty yards from his house in the public road. He had been shot with a Winchester. A Winchester was found lying by the side of his dead body. While Justice of the Peace W. H. Snow and Constable Bruce Brashears were holding the inquest in view of the dead body a negro man came up to them and surrendered, stating that he had killed him and had acted in self defense. The negro and his brother were brought to Paris by Constable Brashears and lodged in jail.

Lonnie Daniels, 25 years old, who made his home with his brother, Charles Daniels, a mile and a half southwest of Roxton, was fatally burned. He was subject to epileptic fit and while out in the field burning brush heaps fell in the fire. His brother ran to his assistance and was badly burned about the hands in trying to save his life. The young man died.

Adjudged Insane.
Sherman, Tex., Dec. 27.—The inquiry into the sanity of the man who stands charged by complaint in Justice Martin's court at Weston, Collin county, with mingling poison in the food of W. V. Grider and family, was resumed in the county court in Sherman Wednesday afternoon.

About a half dozen young men from the Elmton neighborhood, in which the man on trial resides, were introduced. They testified to conversations had with him. One testified that the man had threatened his life if he divulged what he said. They all testified that they took him to be crazy from his actions.

He was adjudged insane and sent to jail.
Lord Roberts has arrived at Madeira.

Clerk True Dead.
Austin, Tex., Dec. 27.—The death of Edward S. True, expert rate clerk of the railroad commission, occurred here Wednesday. He was attacked with paralysis a short time ago, and his death was due to that cause. He was about 50 years old, and was well known in railroad circles throughout the state. Upon the organization of state railway commission, he accepted the position of expert rate clerk, which he held until the time of his death.

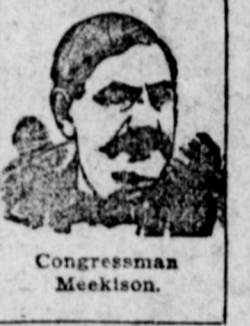
Again Declines.
Austin, Tex., Dec. 27.—It was learned here that Gov. Sayers made another application on Gov. Roosevelt of New York for the extension of the expiration of John D. Rockefeller and other members of the Standard Oil company, who are wanted to answer to the charge pending against them in the district court of McLennan county of having violated the anti-trust law. Gov. Roosevelt is said to have again declined to honor the requisition.

SISTERS OF GOOD SHEPHERD
Use Pe-ru-na for Coughs, Colds, Grippe and Catarrh—A Congressman's Letter.



IN every county of the civilized world the Sisters of Good Shepherd are known. Not only do they minister to the spiritual and intellectual needs of the charges committed to their care, but they also minister to their bodily needs.
With so many children to take care of and to protect from climate and disease, these wise and prudent Sisters have found Peruna a never-failing safeguard.
Columbus, O., July 10, 1906.
The Peruna Medicine Co., City:
Gentlemen—A number of years ago our attention was called to Dr. Hartman's Peruna, and since then we have used it with wonderful results for grip, coughs, colds, and catarrhal diseases of the head and stomach.
"For grip and winter catarrh especially it has been of great service to the inmates of this institution."—Sisters of the Good Shepherd.
The following letter is from Congressman Meekison, of Napoleon, Ohio:

The Peruna Medicine Co., City:
Gentlemen—I have used several bottles of Peruna and feel greatly benefited thereby from my catarrh of the head, and feel encouraged to believe that its continued use will fully eradicate a disease of thirty years' standing.—David Meekison.
Dr. Hartman, one of the best known physicians and surgeons in the United States, was the first man to formulate Peruna. It was through his genius and perseverance that it was introduced to the medical profession of this country. Send to the Peruna Drug Manufacturing Company, Columbus, Ohio, for a free book written by Dr. Hartman.



Congressman Meekison.

When a woman has a corn trimmed it is called a surgical operation.
We have one of the finest departments of Telephony in the United States. Low tuition rates. Address Metropolitan Business College, Dallas, Tex.
All worthless people are not necessarily indolent.

To have your face, curtains, white skirts, and shirt waists a dainty snow white, use Russ' Bleaching Blue, the modern bag blue.
One nuisance is usually followed by a much worse one.
A vigorous growth and the original color given to the hair by PARKER'S HAIR BALM. RINDERS, the best cure for corns. 15c.

To forget to wind your watch is an indication of age.
Fruit is a necessary article of diet. Its prime essences are in Frimley's California Fruit Gum.
Life is a sweet song to some, a sad story to others.

Piso's Cure is the best medicine ever used for all affections of the throat and lungs.—Wm. O. ENGLISH, Vancouver, Ind., Feb. 10, 1906.
There are some people the world loves to love.
Thirty minutes is all the time required to dye with PUTNAM FADE-LESS DYES.

A wife should love her husband as well as his bank account.
TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE TABLETS. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. B. W. Grove's signature is on the box. 25c.
A bachelor's knowledge of woman is theoretical, a widower's practical.

In Every Part of the World the traveler finds Wolfe's Aromatic Scleridam Schnapps and it is safe to say that no other medicine has the world-wide sale that remedy has. For a warm climate like this it is well nigh indispensable, as it gives tone to the system and speedily dispels Malaria, Torpid Liver, Cramps and Colic. Physicians recommend it in all cases of Kidney and Bladder troubles, Chronic Rheumatism, Dropsy and wherever the internal organs need strength.

A girl would rather "assist" at a reception than her mother.
Buy Russ' Bleaching Blue, the modern bag blue, makes clothes from 2 to 6 shades whiter than any other blue.
This is a funny world to some, a serious one to others.

Don't Get Footsore! Get FOOT-EASE. A certain cure for Swollen, Smarting, Burning, Itching Feet, Corns and Bunions. Ask for Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder. Cures Frost-bites and Chilblains. At all Druggists and Shoe Stores, 25c. Sample sent FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.
It is said that when a loafer goes to work he quits his job.

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The Weeder of the Age
No Boiling No Cooking
It Stiffens the Goods
It Whitens the Goods
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It makes all garments fresh and crisp as when first bought new.
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Agents Wanted: You can earn \$50 per mo. handling our Razors and Brushes. Write for terms. C. B. Anderson & Co., 872 Elm St., Dallas, Tex.
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CURES WHERE ALL ELSE FAILS
Best for Croup, Whooping Cough, Hoarseness, Sore Throat, and all other ailments of the Throat and Lungs. Sold by druggists.
CONSUMPTION

SMITH ACQUITTED.

The Electrician Who Killed a Policeman Declared Not Guilty.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 31.—Charles R. Smith, charged with the murder of Police Officer William Lacey on Thanksgiving day, was acquitted in the district court, the jury, composed almost exclusively of farmers, being out less than twenty minutes.

The killing, it will be recalled, grew out of the local strike against the Southwestern Telephone and Telegraph company here. Smith had taken a place vacated by a striker, and the testimony showed that he resisted all efforts on the part of the union men to have him surrender his job, and continued at his work; and further, that a few days before the trouble, out of which grew the present charge, he had been interfered with by a union man, who was fined for the offense. Another attack was made upon him Thanksgiving day, first in a mild manner, and mainly by taunts. Blows were finally struck and Smith fled to a livery stable near by. He took refuge in a corner, where, with blood streaming over his eyes from blows inflicted on his head, he faced his pursuers, at the same time drawing his pistol and opening fire. Officer Lacey, who was coming to his rescue, caught the first bullet, which proved fatal. Other shots were fired and others injured. The contention of the defense was that the defendant had been assaulted and rendered partially blind; that in shooting he did so in self-protection and in an aimless manner.

To Enter El Paso.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 31.—The Chicago, Rock Island and Mexico railway was organized here with the following officers and directors: M. A. Low, Topeka, Kan., president; J. H. Conlan, Twist, Tex., vice president, chief engineer and general superintendent, and Dwight Ford, secretary and treasurer; directors—M. A. Low, Topeka, Kan.; Robert Mathers and J. M. Johnson, Chicago; J. H. Conlan, Twist, Tex., and J. C. McCabe and F. E. Dietrich, Fort Worth.

It was given out that work on the new line would be commenced at once, and that it would be pushed as fast as possible to completion. There will be about 110 miles of the road in Texas. The line will start from Liberal, Kan., and will pass through the counties of Dallam, Hartley and Sherman in Texas. Connection will be made with the El Paso and Northeastern at some point in New Mexico, to be decided on later. It is expected that this improvement by the Rock Island company will be completed by the latter part of 1901.

Two Cases.

Texarkana, Tex., Dec. 31.—Two negro patients died in the county pest house, two miles north of town. They were brought here from Redwater, in the western part of the county, several days ago, suffering from smallpox in its confluent form. All the other patients, nine in number, have been discharged from the pest house. Two other cases have been discovered on North Maple street, in the outskirts of town, and placed under quarantine.

J. H. Jordan, a farmer living five miles southwest from Pottsville, while attempting to cross the railroad at Haderman Switch was struck by a southbound freight train, extra, No. 413, killing him and both his horses and tearing his wagon completely up.

Met a Relative.

Alvin, Tex., Dec. 31.—Col. William J. Bryan passed through here. He telegraphed to his great uncle, Mr. William Jennings, an old citizen of this city, to meet him at the depot. Quite a crowd gathered to see the noted Nebraskan. Col. Bryan alighted and after shaking hands with his uncle was introduced to a number of the onlookers. Mr. Ashby, a citizen of this city, once a neighbor to Col. Bryan in Nebraska, greeted him.

Granted.

Sherman, Tex., Dec. 31.—At a late hour Saturday night District Judge Maxey, sitting in chambers, heard and granted an application for a writ of injunction in the case of C. W. Goyer & Co. of Memphis vs. Penick & Ford of Shreveport, in which a civil action for damages had been instituted. The plaintiffs allege that they adopted one year ago a certain label and size cans for a high grade of syrup.

Shipbuilding in Maine.

The shipbuilding industry in Maine has been very active during the last year, and it is estimated that the new tonnage turned out at the shipyards of the Pine Tree state will amount to about 55,000 tons for the year, 10,000 tons in excess of the output for 1899. Thirty-three schooners, most of which are very large in size, have been launched this year, and the outlook for next season is very encouraging. There has been some talk of building a seven-masted schooner, 350 feet long, at Camden, Me., and the contract will be awarded soon.

Great Beefsteak Dinner.

Commissioner Lantry, one of the New York Tammany leaders, has given notice to all the other leaders that his annual beefsteak dinner will be served on the evening of Feb. 14, and that they must not arrange for any other festivities on that day. The Lantry beefsteak dinner has grown to be the biggest thing of the kind in New York city. Last year it was served in the Grand Central palace, and so many thousands of men were fed that the counters lost track of them. This year the feast will be greater than ever before.

Scene Off Coast of Bangor.

The other day a man was showing to Joseph H. Manley a series of water color sketches purporting to be scenes in Maine. Mr. Manley surveyed them with considerable interest until a beach scene was on the table. "Where was that painted?" Manley's national committeeman asked. "On the coast of Maine," was the reply. "But what part of the coast?" insisted Mr. Manley. The man, evidently stumped, thought deeply, and then his face lit up. "Why, off Bangor," he exclaimed.

One of Private Allen's.

Congressman Allen of Mississippi is not one of those who holds back a good story for relationship's sake. He tells the following anecdote: In the campaign a Democratic orator met a Mississippi farmer who was driving a goat which was drawing a barrel of water. "What's that goat worth?" asked the orator. "Two dollars," said the owner. "Under free silver that goat would bring \$4," rejoined the orator. "Yes," drawled the farmer, "and I reckon that if I had this barrel of water in Skool it would bring \$1000 easy."

Dream of a Jailor's Wife.

Mrs. C. W. Simmons, wife of the jailer of the Sedwick county (Kan.) jail, was warned in a dream that an attempt would be made by the prisoners to force the grating. She awakened her husband and insisted that he should go and ascertain if all was well. Simmons investigated and found Charles McCoy, alias Ross, under sentence for horse stealing, engaged in sawing the iron bars between himself and liberty. Nine other prisoners were with him, and a wholesale delivery was contemplated. The prisoners were overpowered.

How's This?

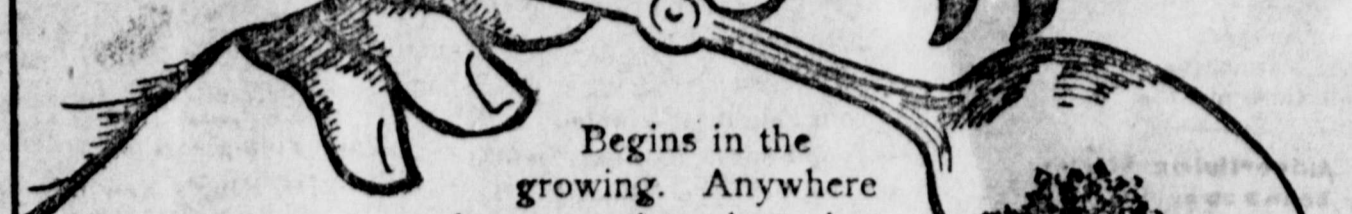
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Ice cream is the favorite food of the sixteen year-old summer girl.

STOCK MEN ALL GOING.

The fourth annual convention of the National Live Stock Association at Salt Lake promises to be the largest and most interesting gathering of stockmen ever held in this country. Salt Lake City is going to cover itself with glory in the manner in which the visitors will be entertained. The convention will be held in the Assembly hall of the Mormon church and a grand concert will be tendered the delegates and visitors in the Tabernacle on the first evening. The programme of the entertainment committee contemplates events for each evening of the convention and after the convention adjourns, there are excursions to the mines and elsewhere. Colorado is going to send a large delegation and the Denver & Rio Grande railroad will run a special train, leaving Denver Sunday, January 13, which will reach Salt Lake City the next day in time for the committee meetings. The fare for the round trip will be \$13 from Denver, Colorado Springs or Pueblo and one fare from other points in the state. Those contemplating going should engage sleeping car accommodations at once. Write to S. K. Hooper, general passenger agent, Denver, or see any Rio Grande ticket agent. It will be a delightful midwinter trip, and no stockman who is interested in the industry can afford not to attend the meeting.

The Making of Good Coffee



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The Pleasures of Old Age.

No sane man would like to live his life over again. It is astonishing how the ordinary affairs of life seem to adapt themselves to your added years. One's pleasures are quieter, but as enjoyable. To live in the lives of your children, to watch their progress, the development of their minds, is a source of pleasure. Then one has music, reading, gardening, etc. May I also add that I took the advice of an old friend some years ago, who said the two things most likely to give pleasure in declining life were to learn whist and to play the violoncello?—Spectator.

The Hoarding Habit.

The hoarding habit is a most unaccountable one. A woman whose husband is a successful business man with a large income never parts with the discarded articles of her wardrobe until lack of storage room compels. In these storage rooms you will find gowns of the style of ten years ago—utterly worthless for wear now and of little value. The woman, too, is charitable in a way, and often sends provisions and the like to her church mission for the aid of the poor—but discarded clothing never.

Isn't it singular how many "lodges" meet when a ballot show is in town?

Some girls do all their house work in the parlor.

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I was troubled with severe female weakness for over six months. I was treated by six very prominent physicians without any marked benefit. My last doctor was a skilled specialist, and he told me the only hope lay in an operation. I heard of Smith's Sure Kidney Cure, and after using it for one month I find myself cured, and even the doctor who last treated me now pronounces me well.

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Love affairs, like charitable deeds, should not be published.

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Some girls would rather marry a foreign no-account than an American.

C. H. Crates, Des Moines, Iowa, will on request, explain all about the Gladiator Gold-Mining company; extremely interesting; write me.

Cows and birds will come home, so will lios.

A HIGH MARK.

The New York Almanac for 1901, issued by Chas. H. Fletcher of New York City, has set a high mark for similar publications using the new century, and shows remarkable enterprise on the part of the publisher when we consider that it is intended solely for free distribution. The numerous publications of this character are usually gotten up with the single idea of cheapness, while the thought of expense has certainly been set aside in the case of the New York Almanac. The artistic selections of the cover, the accuracy of its calendars and its fund of information all go to make it well worthy of perusal and preservation. It has innumerable hints for mothers as to the care of children. A unique page is the "Baby's Record" page, which is in blank, to be filled in with baby's name, date of birth, first tooth, etc. The whole is a very creditable piece of work and may be procured at any drug store or direct on request, free.

No one should attempt more than they can accomplish.

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Our New Year's Greeting

With this issue we begin our second year in the news paper business. We thank our friends for the substantial manner in which they have stood by us during the past year.

Doubtless we have made many mistakes but he who makes no mistakes "makes nothing" we are going to do all we can to give our readers all the happening of our county and ask all to help make the Rustler what it ought to be. "A Good County Paper"

Mrs. S. S. Craddock, of Sanco who has been lingering for several months with that dreadful disease "Consumption" quietly fell a sleep in Jesus last Thursday morning at nine o'clock. The Rustler joins her many friend and relatives who mourn her loss. Weep no for her dear husband and brothers she is at rest.

LAI'D TO REST.

Funeral Services of S. M. Vernon. On Christmas day at 2:30 p. m. the funeral services of S. M. Vernon were held at the family residence in this city. The Knights of Pythias were present in a body to pay their last tribute of respect to the editor. A large concourse of friends assembled, more than could get into the house or yard. Rev. J. S. Chapman of the Methodist church conducted the services and paid a beautiful tribute to the life and character of the deceased. A choir sang appropriate selections. The grave was tastefully lined with evergreens placed there by loving friends and the body was tenderly and gently placed away. The ceremonies were very impressive and each one of the vast assembly felt that he was burying a friend, as indeed the deceased was to all whom he knew. It was with sad hearts and tearful eyes that the assembly left the grave, after a benediction by the preacher leaving behind all that was mortal of the dead friend. It is worth prayerful hearts that the deepest sympathy goes out to the widow and her children. May the Heavenly Comforter abide with them.
Banner Bulletin.

Christmas, with all its festivities is a thing of the past. Now let us strive to make this the best year of our lives, morally, spiritually, financially.

Bud Price, from near Edith, called at this office last Thursday and informed us that he had sold his place and was going to leave Coke.

A. B. Blackwell of Edith was made a chopper of, the Robert Lee Lodge, W. O. W. last Friday night also L. B. Murray and Tom Hooten of Lee.

Mrs. G. W. Webb and ye editor and family, took christmas dinner with Mrs. H. E. Johnston. You ought to have seen Bro. Webb eating turkey.

If your sight is blurred with specks and spots floating before your eyes or have pains on the right side under the ribs, then your liver is deranged, and you need a few doses of Herbine to regulate it.

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His Wife Saved Him.

My wife's good advice saved my life writes E. M. Ross, of Winfield Tenn., for I had such a bad cough I could hardly breathe. I steadily grew worse under doctors treatment, but my wife urged me to use Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, which completely cured me. Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, La Grippe, Pneumonia, Asthma, Hay Fever and all maladies of Chest, Throat and lungs are positively cured by this marvelous medicine. 50c and \$1.00.

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WINE OF CARDUI

J. p. Angel has been sick for several days but better now.

Miss Leana Smith has been sick for a few days but better now.

C. L. Hughes and family are visiting his relatives in Eastern Tex.

Grandma McCarty of Bronco died Christmas day. The Rustler tenders condolence to her bereaved family.

Earl Johnston who has been out in New Mexico at work for some months returned home last Saturday.

Gandy Keller called at this office last week and had his date set forward also had us to order the Dallas News for him.

Married Dec. the 26th at 7 o'clock Jim Weather, and Miss Cora Warren. The Rustler wish them success in life.

The Xmas tree at the court house, was well loaded with presents.

Made Young Again.

One of Dr. King's New Life Pills each night for two week has put me in my "teens" again" writes D. H. Turner of Dampscroftown, Pa. They're the best in the world for Liver, Stomach and Bowels. Purely vegetable. Never gripe. Only 25c at H. H. Pearce's drug store.

Obert Turner and family were over Thursday. Mrs. Turner has something growing over her right eye

Mr. Lee Powell was a pleasant caller at the Rustler office Saturday

Mr. George Pressler was among our callers this week.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

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Edgar Savage left Robert Lee last Saturday for Pecan where he will teach a six month school.

Eld Savag, of Brownwood visited his sons W. T. and Edgar of this place during the holidays.

Old People Made Young.

J. C. Sherman, the veteran editor of the Vermont (Mich) Echo, has discovered the remarkable secret of keeping old people young. For years he has avoided nervousness, sleeplessness, indigestion, heart trouble, Constipation and Rheumatism, by using Electric Bitters, and he writes: "It can't be praised too highly. It gently stimulates the kidneys, tones the stomach aids digestion, and gives a splendid appetite. It has worked wonders for my wife and me. It's a marvellous remedy for old people's complaint. Only 50c at H. H. Pearce's drug store.

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LOCAL CHIPS.

Mr. Charlie Escue was in town Xmas week.

Miss. Scottie Ingram, was a pleasant caller at this office Thursday.

Washing and Cook Stoves, at C & G Hagelstein Co., Angelo.

Misses Ollie Green and May Stewart were pleasant callers Monday after noon.

G. W. Davidson handed us a wagon on 8th Yesterday.

Genuine old Casady Sulky Plow at C & G Hagelstein Co. Angelo.

Mr. James Keating, of Brown County visited his half brother Dr. G. W. Martin a few days ago. Mr. Keating will read the Rustler here after.

Windmill and Well Supplies, at C & G Hagelstein Co., Angelo.

Miss. Annie Nelms Primary teacher in our school had a Christmas tree for her pupils Christmas morning, each little heart was made glad by getting a present.

All Kinds Farm Implements at Hagelstein's, Angelo.

Turkey shooting was the chief amusement of some of our peoples during the holidays.

For Sale

A Wagon, in running order.
H. H. Pearce

J. C. D. J. and J. R. Wright, of Earth county cousins of grandpa Burroughs, are spending a few days in our midst visiting and also looking for a location.

All Kinds Farm Implements, at Hagelstein's, Angelo.

Several people from Lamar and Lina-stone counties who are prospecting in our county with a view of locating, have been camped on mountain creek near town, during the recent cold spell.

Sewing Machines, Hagelstein's Angelo.

V. H. Campbell and George Goss at Saco made the Rustler a call New Years day.

Bro. Pressler and Bro. Payne of Saco attended the Masonic Lodge here last Saturday night.

Bain, Mitchell and Peter Schuller Wagon, lowest prices, at Hagelstein, Angelo.

A motion for a new trial in the Cliff Creighton case was overruled by Judge Timmins Monday.

Canton Disc Plows, at Hagelstein, San Angelo.

Nell Boyd, of Hyllton fell from his wagon one day last week, breaking his neck.

Sewing Machines, Hagelstein's, Angelo.

Want to hire men to grub 10 to 75 acres land. W. R. Boykin, Robert Lee.

The party given by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Barnett last Saturday night was enjoyed by a large crowd of young people.

Genuine old Casady Sulky Plow at C & G Hagelstein Co., San Angelo.

J. A. Green entertained the young people in town Sunday night by giving them a sing-

Any one having ticket no 1545 please bring it to J. W. Reed & Co. and get Graphophone.

Jack Roe, who has been at work on the plains for some time came back home to spend Xmas week.

Two Miss. Russells of Ft. Chadbourne cousins to Miss. Ettie Roe spent a few days here during the holidays.

When in Ballinger stop at the O. K. Wagon Yard. The best in Ballinger.

J. C. HILL, Mgr.

M. B. Sheppard, and wife of Edith were in town Thursday.

The little children enjoyed the party given them last Tuesday night by Mrs. Bob Winans.

When in town stop at the Lee Hotel. Meals 25cts.

Mr. Albion Hayley one of Coke's best young men who has been working on a ranch near Cristoval for some time came home last Sunday to spend a few days.

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Miss. Mary Walling who is teaching the Hayrick school, spent a few days in town Xmas week.

Canton Disc Plows, at Hagelstein, San Angelo.

Miss. E. Thomas the teacher in Silver spent Xmas week in town. Miss. Amelia Caraway spent Xmas in town.

Mr. Elden Key, of Bronte was up Sunday last.

Mr. Foote Boykin, of near Will Crt, was down yesterday.

Coughs and colds come with you, but you can quickly get rid of them with a few doses of Ballard's Horsehold Syrup. Price 25 and 50 cts. at H. H. Pearce.

Mr. Dalton Johnston was among our callers this week.

The children enjoyed the party given them by Mrs. Lula Reed Wednesday night.

Many an innocent little darling is suffering untold agony and cannot explain its troubles.

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Mr and Mrs G W Moore gave the children a party during Xmas.

Mr and Mrs D C Dannelley gave the young people a party Xmas week, and we suppose they all enjoyed them selves.

Tabler's Buckeye Pile Ointment is the only remedy for blind, bleeding or protruding piles indorsed by physician; cures the most obstinate cases. Price 25 cts. at H. H. Pearce.

The entertainment given by Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Davis, in honor of their Niece Miss Nunn, was enjoyed by a number of our young people. Miss Nunn left Saturday.

Mrs. B U Smith, of Talpa, is up visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Payne, of Saco.

The party given by Mr and Mrs. Tom Cross in honor of Mr. Dunlap and sister was enjoyed by a goodly number of our young people.

EL PASO MID-WINTER CARNIVAL.

Those interested are not exaggerating in the least when they assert that the Mid-winter Carnival at El Paso will be one of the grandest jollifications ever held in the Southwest.

In addition to the numerous attractions which have originated in the minds of the promoters and deduced from suggestions of friend, the enthusiastic management has given a heedful ear and observant eye to the successes of the Mardi Gras of New Orleans, the Kaiph's pageant at Dallas, La Fiesta de Los Angeles, and various other Carnivals, with the hope that the attractions productive of mirth, instruction, or interest will be omitted.

The sons of Montezuma parade will be gorgeous, glittering and grand - eclipsing all former efforts in the history of historical pageants.

The volcanic eruptions of Mt. Franklin will afford a thrilling novelty in spectacular illumination.

The Bull Fights, introducing native Spanish Toreros, will continue each day during the Carnival.

Bands of Indians give their native dance.

Cattle Roping, rough riding, prize roping contests between cowboys of Texas, Arizona and New Mexico and the vaqueros of Old Mexico, and various other "Wild West" features.

Reproductions of Mexican life, International tournament between golf and tennis clubs of Arizona, New Mexico, Texas and Mexico. Street fair and Midway entertainments.

Splendid Mexican music.

In fact nothing has been neglected. Across the Rio Grande from El Paso is the City of Juarez with its Mexican costumes and customs still unchanged, and the city in itself is productive of infatigable interest.

A few days could not be spent to better advantage than in El Paso during this Carnival. It opens Jan. 17th, 1901, and continues one days. The hotel accommodations will be of the best and prices reasonable. The Texas & Pacific Ry. will sell round trip tickets at unusually low rates. This is a trip for every one. See any ticket agent or write for particulars to H. P. Hughes, Traveling Agent Ft. Worth, Texas; or to E. L. Turner, Gen'l. Passenger Agent Dallas, Texas.

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TEXANETTES.

Beaumont has free postal delivery. Christmas was duly celebrated all over Texas.

Paris' city council has ordered a census taken.

Adj. Gen. Scurry has returned from Washington.

Haskell county reports considerable immigration.

Dr. Daniel Pingree, mayor of Hico for ten years, is dead.

Col. C. N. Stevens, a Gainesville merchant, died of pneumonia.

Fourteen Chinamen left El Paso for San Francisco to be deported.

Clay King, a sporting man, was found dead in bed at Temple.

Ablene sold over \$3800 worth of excursion tickets to the old states.

The Salvation Army fed over 200 persons at Galveston on Christmas day.

The Katy railway expects to be in San Antonio by San Jacinto day, April 21.

Miss Jennie Brown was seriously burned at Jefferson by her clothes catching fire.

At Vaughan, Hill county, Milton Mosely had a hand torn off by a cannon fire cracker.

Texarkana's electric light plant, valued at \$15,000, burned. It was insured for \$10,000.

Wm. Hillman, recently from St. Louis, a brick mason, was found dead in bed at Texarkana.

Over 200,000 pieces of mail matter were handled at the Dallas postoffice one day last week.

Rails on the Sherman-Denison interurban railway have been laid half way between the cities.

A company with \$500,000 capital stock has been organized at Beaumont to develop oil lands.

The eleemosynary institutions' inmates at Austin were the recipients of appropriate Christmas gifts.

Ike Turner in attempting to board the northbound train at Abbott was caught under the wheels. Both legs were cut off. He died.

Rev. W. M. Anderson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Dallas, has declined a call to the first church of Montgomery, Ala.

The ex-Confederates of Nevada, Collin county, have raised a sum of money for the benefit of their comrades who suffered by the south Texas storm.

The state commissioner of insurance granted authority to do business in Texas to the Order of the Star and Crescent, a fraternal organization with principal office at San Antonio.

J. M. Gaston of Dallas has been appointed a clerk of the court of criminal appeals. E. P. Smith of Austin and E. B. Wiggins of Tyler were also reappointed clerks.

Tom Wood, one of the most active oil men in the Corsicana field, has secured a large acreage between the Sour Lake and Nacogdoches oil fields, that were worked several years ago, and will develop the same.

There are some few cases of small pox scattered over Grayson county, but County Physician Freeman and his assistants and County Judge Woods say they have it under complete control.

The Independent Order of the American Knights of Liberty, an organization of colored people for social and benevolent purposes, held its state meeting in Marlin. There are about ninety subordinate lodges in the state and a full representation was on hand.

The building for the Pittsburg furniture factory is nearing completion, and the machinery will soon be placed in position, and the plant will begin operation on or about the 10th of this month and will turn out all classes of furniture.

The San Antonio new market house and convention hall, the finest structure of its character in the state, was formally accepted from the contractor by the committee recently appointed by the city council. The hall in the building will seat over 1000 people.

The will of the late James R. Johnson, the banker of Austin, was filed for probate. The estate, valued at \$50,000, is left to his widow. W. B. Wortham is named as trustee of the property.

BOERS KILL FIFTY

Of Their Opponents and Take Two Hundred Prisoners.

KITCHENER FOLLOWING AFTER

The Why Enemy--The Details of the Fight are Not Given, but a Strong Post Was Forced to Yield

London, Dec. 31.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener:

Gen. Lytton reports that our post at Helvetia was captured Saturday morning by the Boers. About fifty were killed and wounded and 200 taken prisoners.

While Lord Kitchener sends bad news for England on the closing day of the year, the press continues to take a surprisingly hopeful view of a grave situation and of revelations of an enormously wide field of Boer activity. Gen. DeWet is still at large. Kimberley is isolated. The Boers are in force enough to have captured a strong position at Helvetia, in the Lydenburg district, while, judging from Lord Kitchener's very recent advices, no progress is being made against the Boer invaders in Cape Colony.

According to further telegrams received Sunday, Zeerust is practically besieged, but has provisions sufficient for five months.

A dispatch from Karmarvon dated Sunday reports that the Boers, who have been threatening that point, were driven off and are being pursued.

"It is evident," says a belated message from Krugersdorp, dated Dec. 23, "that the Boer commissariat in the direction of the Magiesburg is well supplied and that until the country between here and the Magiesburg is properly cleared of Boers, they will continue to concentrate there, the ground being particularly adapted to their methods of warfare."

The Boers admit that in their fight with Gen. Clements at Nootgedacht they lost 130.

"It is understood that Lord Kitchener cannot ask the colonies officially to send troops," says a Durban dispatch, dated Dec. 29, "but he desires it to be known in Australia and Canada that Australians and Canadians arriving in Natal will be eligible for immediate enlistment in the regular corps, which is proceeding to Johannesburg for five months' service."

To emphasize Lord Kitchener's covert admission that no progress is being made against the invasion of Cape Colony, a correspondent at Burghersdorp, wiring Saturday, reports as follows:

"Two fresh commandoes are entering the colony. One has already crossed near Knopdorp, and the arrival of another is momentarily expected in the Stornburg district. The Boers are said to have two or three horses each, though in bad condition. They have no guns or transport, but are well supplied with Lee-Metford rifles and ammunition. Captured Boers say that the intention of these commandoes is to roam about and wait until Gen. DeWet appears upon the scene."

McDonald, who killed Auditor Norris at Washington starved himself to death.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 31.—A severe snow storm set in late Sunday afternoon, with a constantly lowering temperature. Telegraph reports from all sections of Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and northern Missouri show the fall to be heavy. Winter wheat in many sections of these states, as well as throughout the west generally has been in need of a heavy blanket of snow, which will afford ample moisture as well as protection to grain.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 31.—S. D. Cadahy, the millionaire packer, has received a second communication from the man who kidnaped his son. This time, as formerly, the letter contains a threat and says in substance that unless he would withdraw his forces from the ward for the arrest and conviction of each of the three bandits they will kidnap another one of his children. The letter refers to failure of the police to get anything like a clew.

CHINA IS ANXIOUS

That Foreign Occupation of Her Territory Shall Soon Cease.

Washington, Dec. 31.—China is anxious that foreign occupation of her territory shall come to an end as promptly as possible, as it is constantly causing disorder and an obstacle to a peaceful adjustment of the affair.

In view of the prospect that each nation will hereafter maintain a legation guard in Pekin, she is anxious that it shall be reduced to as small a number as the powers can be induced to designate. China regards the American force constituting the American legation guard as altogether too large. It numbers 1800 men. But Chinese diplomats here point out that if each nation maintains a guard of this strength Pekin will be under the control of a force of 14,000 troops. As a matter of fact, there are now in China about 100,000 allied troops.

Officials of the administration insist that it is absolutely necessary to maintain in Pekin the force now there, declaring that the interests of the United States could not be protected with a smaller number. Gen. Chaffee is in control of a section of Pekin and a few days ago sent out an expedition to a point south of Pekin.

Adj. Gen. Corbin denied most emphatically that this column was in any sense punitive. There are to be no executions nor interference with Chinese officials and people; the duty of the column is to rescue some missionaries and return with them to Pekin.

It is the belief of Chinese diplomats in Washington that had Minister Conger communicated to Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang the danger in which the American missionaries were supposed to be, the Chinese authorities would immediately have taken measures for the rescue of the foreigners and their property from injury. It is expected that as a result of the American expedition the American troops will be confounded with those of such atrocities, and the hatred felt for the Germans, British and others will extend to the Americans. China feels able at this juncture, it is said to project all foreigners and it seems to be the belief here that the reports of danger to American missionaries are not up for the purpose of preventing a solution of the Chinese question.

Fighting Filibusters.

Manila, Dec. 31.—Sunday brought reports of captures of insurgents as the result of scouting throughout the island of Luzon. The Americans in this work sustained no casualties. A detachment of the Fourth regiment captured sixty in the province of Cavite.

Gen. Wheaton reports having captured and burned Gremorios camp in the peninsula near San Antonio.

Gen. Funston reports that five insurgents were killed and several captured near Gaysan.

Gen. Smith wires that the proclamation of the governor-general has had good results in his districts.

Near Moriones a dozen insurgents were killed and eight wounded.

Gen. Grant telegraphs that he has detachments covering the lower portions of Mount Arayat in the hope of catching Alejandrino. He says that last Friday a detachment of the Forty-First infantry raided the camp of the insurgent leader and secured some of his papers.

Near Alhaja Capt. Mendoza with thirty men of Sandicos' command surrendered.

Liberty for Them.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 31.—Prof. M. M. Mangasarian, a well known Chicago Congregational clergyman, delivered a lecture on "The Close of the Century" at the Grand opera house. He spoke as follows:

"Let the American people celebrate the birth of the Twentieth century by a memorial act—give liberty to the Filipinos. Victor Hugo used to say that no festival or celebration was complete which did not bring amnesty or pardon to some."

Nurses Blamed.

New York, Dec. 29.—The jury in the inquest into the cause of the death of Louis H. Bullyard, returned a verdict declaring that he had come to his death from asphyxiation, and fractured ribs, caused by Jesse R. Davis, Edward O. Dean and Milton I. Marshall, three nurses of the Bellevue hospital. The coroner held the accused to await the action of the grand jury. The hospital was censured for laxity of methods.

SEVERE STORMS.

Winds Furiously Raged on the English Coast

AND GREAT DAMAGE WAS CAUSED

To These Vessels that Happened to be Unfortunate Enough to be in the Gale's Path.

London, Dec. 29.—Incessant reports of innumerable shipping casualties show that the gale was one of the worst known in many years. Probably several days will elapse before the full extent of the damage becomes known.

In addition to some vessels not yet identified which have been wrecked or placed in great danger, the fate of some of the cross-channel mail steamers is in doubt.

The Spanish steamer Enecuri was driven ashore at the Portland breakwater. The Weymouth lifeboat attempted to rescue her crew, but the fearful seas running prevented them.

The British steamer Pennol, from Sullima Nov. 23 for Dublin, is ashore on the sands between Aberavon and Briton ferry. No fatalities have occurred.

The gale was so furious in the channel that the continental services were suspended. The British steamer Jersey City, which arrived at Bristol Dec. 25 from New York, reports that she had a boisterous passage and Dec. 18, in latitude 50 north and longitude 30 west she labored and strained heavily, shipped quantities of water and had rails and stanchions broken.

The British steamer Rosefield, which arrived at Antwerp Dec. 23 from Penacola, lost part of her deckload on the voyage.

The hurricane was awful at Queens-town, where the observers say it was the fiercest storm in years. The Malina laden with coal, sank at her anchorage. The mails are delayed.

The Primrose Hill went on the Penrose rocks, three miles off South Stack (not far from Holyhead). She broke in two and went to pieces in a few minutes. One man out of the crew of thirty-five was saved by a lifeboat.

In response to rockets from Eddystone light, Plymouth sent a dockyard tug with a lifeboat to assist what was reported to be a large steamer in distress in the channel.

A terrible accident took place near Taunton. The breakwater at Watch Harbor yielded to the force of the gale and became a wreck, permitting a tremendous sea to have full play against the shipping in the harbor. Several vessels broke adrift, two a hopeless tangle in a corner between a pier and a wharf, where they lay grinding each other. Their masts and bulwarks speedily went overboard and their hulls were greatly battered. The damage will reach many hundreds of pounds.

The Austrian bark Capricorn was driven ashore near Bude, Cornwall. Nine of the crew were drowned, one was saved and four are still on board with little likelihood of being rescued, as they are unable to avail themselves of the rocket apparatus. Two other vessels are ashore on the Cornwall coast.

Several were stove in at Ilfracombe Harbor. The bark Ragina was wrecked off Tregnia, three of her crew being drowned and nine being rescued by rocket lines.

New Emperor.

London, Dec. 29.—"Private advices from the province of Shan Si says," wires the Shanghai correspondent of the Standard, "that while the court was sojourning at Tai Yuen Fu the empress dowager secretly appointed a new emperor with the title Tung Hsu. He is a 15-year-old boy who was taken to Siang Fu in the imperial yellow chair. This explains permission given to Emperor Kwang Su to return to Pekin. The emperor is returning."

Rice Experiment Station.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 29.—Col. R. M. Johnson, editor of the Houston Post, and Oswald Wilson, editor of the Texas and Louisiana Rice Industry, were here and called on Gov. Sayers in reference to a measure which is proposed to be asked of the legislature providing for the establishment of experimental stations, one of which shall be located in the coast country and devoted to the cultivation of rice, sugar, etc.

TYPE-TOLD TEXAS TALES.

Events Mentioned Pertaining and Relating to the Lone Star State.

Effect of His Escape.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 29.—Capt. Davis, engaged in taking state convicts to the penitentiary, was coming in from the west on the Southern Pacific, and among his prisoners was a Mexican, with a sentence of ten years. He was one of a gang of seven that Capt. Davis started with from Flatonia for Houston, en route to Sugarland convict farm. They were chained together about the necks in the usual manner, but by some unaccountable means the convict now at large managed to spring a link of the chain which held him and to free himself. As the train started to pull out the Mexican suddenly leaped forward, sprang out on the platform and ran. The train came to a halt and the Flatonia authorities were notified to go on the fugitive's trail. They replied that the bloodhounds would be after the Mexican within thirty minutes. As the prisoner bounded from the train Capt. Davis pulled his pistol and fired twice at him. The prisoner carried away with him an iron ring and padlock about his neck.

Letter From Stewart.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 29.—Mac Stewart, the ex-Confederate soldier who has been in jail in Chihuahua, Mexico, several years, has written his friend, John Fallon, in El Paso again, stating that he cannot live much longer and he wants his friends in this country to make another effort for his release. Stewart was convicted of murdering a policeman in Pinar, Mexico, several years ago and the Confederates in Texas have made repeated efforts for his pardon with no effect.

Stewart now writes that he is failing in health and being very old, cannot hope to live long if he remains in prison there. He finishes his letter by saying: "The time is coming soon, if I am kept here, when I will not have money to buy my grub, and as I cannot eat the stuff that is issued in prison here, it will soon make a 'wind-up' of me. I expect, and wish it, too."

Mishap at Wedding.

Paris, Tex., Dec. 29.—A mishap occurred at a colored wedding in Tudor Grove, which came near proving serious. There was a large number of invited guests present. The house was elevated above the ground. While the preacher was standing in the center of the room and the couple in front of him, with the guests crowded around, the flooring gave way and the assembled throng fell through. A stove was upset, a lamp exploded and two or three women faint, but nobody was seriously hurt. The wedding ceremony was concluded out in the open air.

Clothing Was Ignited.

Sherman, Tex., Dec. 29.—J. Johnson, the man who was found dead in an old house near Gober, Fannin county, with evidences that an attempt had been made to burn the body, resided in Sherman for several years. He has a daughter, Mrs. James Harrison, who resides in East Sherman oil was poured on the clothing of the dead man and ignited. It developed he had been kicked and stuck in the breast.

Judge E. B. Perkins of Dallas, Tex., has been appointed general attorney for the Cotton Belt system.

Bowie, Tex., Dec. 29.—W. T. Penn's grocery store was discovered to be on fire Friday morning at 4 o'clock. After a hard fight by the fire company the building was saved. It is hard to estimate the damage to the stock, it being badly injured by fire, water and smoke. The loss is covered by insurance.

It was discovered on entering the building that robbers had made an effort at opening the safe.

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THERE IS NO DEATH.

The sunlight glitters keen and bright,
Where, miles away,
Lies stretching to my dazzled sight
A luminous belt, a misty light,
Beyond the dark pine bluffs and wastes
Of sandy gray.

The tremulous shadow of the soul
Against its ground,
Of silvery light, rock, hill and tree,
Still as a picture, clear and free,
With varying outline mark the coast
For miles around.

I draw a freer breath—I seem
Like all I see—
Waves in the sun—the white winged
gleam
Of sea birds in the slanting beam—
And far off sails which flit before the
south wind free.

So when time's veil shall fall asunder
The soul may know
No fearful change, nor sudden wonder,
Nor sink the weight of mystery under,
But with the upward rise, and with the
vastness grow.

And all we shrink from now may seem
No new revealing,
Familiar as our childhood's stream,
Or pleasant memory of a dream
The loved, and cherished past upon the
new life stealing.
—John Greenleaf Whittier.

In Locust Time.

BY ELIZABETH M. GILMER.
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"You will starve," said my aunt, with melancholy conviction.

"I love him," I replied, irrelevantly.

"Love," observed my aunt, philosophically, "is an admirable sauce, but a poor substitute for the main dish of life."

"I love him," I repeated, as if that were the only argument that mattered.

"Unfortunately," said my aunt, "one can't live on love, no matter how illimitable. It isn't legal tender with the butcher and baker and candlestick maker."

"Yet it's the only coin that will buy happiness," I answered, softly.

"He's nothing but a poor artist," my aunt added disparagingly.

"He had a picture hung on the line at the exhibition last spring," I put in hopefully.

"I wish he had been hanged himself," exclaimed my aunt with vicious energy.

It wasn't the first time that we had discussed Arthur Farnum. Indeed, for the past three months—ever since I had elected to "throw myself away on a penniless artist," as my aunt put it—it seemed to me that we had conversed on no other topic. My aunt was sixty, and I was twenty, and in the two score years between us lay all that life had taught her, and that I had still to learn. To me, for instance, life without love was life robbed of all the glory that made it worth living, while she clung tenaciously to the belief that one could get on very comfortably without love, provided one's establishment was beyond criticism, and one's frocks from Paris.

Yet, in spite of all her worldliness, my aunt had been all that was kind and tender to me. She had given me all the affection and the only home I had ever known. My parents had died when I was a mere baby. My two sisters, much older than myself, were married to grasping and selfish men, who, in the division of my father's small estate, had ruthlessly possessed themselves of the lion's share, leaving to me nothing but the old homestead, a tumble-down old Southern mansion house, surrounded by a few poor acres. I must have been forlorn, indeed, but that my aunt, struck with the tawny gold of my hair and a certain childish grace, took a fancy to me, and carried me back to her rich Northern home, where I grew up surrounded by every luxury that wealth and generosity could give. If she looked for me to make a wealthy and brilliant match, and take my place in that fashionable society so dear to her own ambitious heart, it was not unnatural, nor more than she



"I love him," I replied irrelevantly, had a right to expect. I was passionately grateful to her, and grieved at the thought of disappointing her, and yet—and yet, what else could I do? Love had called me, and where it led I could but follow.

So one day I kissed my aunt a tearful good-bye, and Arthur and I slipped

away to the little church around the corner, and were quietly married, and went to live in the studio, where we slept in beds that did duty as Turkish couches by day, and cooked our morning chop over a gas lamp that masqueraded as a Pompeian vase, and we made acquaintance with queer Bohemian restaurants, and were as inconsequently happy as love and youth could make us.

Arthur worked away like mad that winter, and I would bring my sewing in, and sit beside him, when I wasn't posing for him. He used to say that my hair was a color study, and he painted me as everything from a golden-haired Lorelei to a Madonna with a nimbus about my head. Some of those pictures are in famous collections now, but in those days few people found their way up the steep studio stairs, where we sat anxiously listening for the footsteps of the buyers who never came.

Then Arthur fell ill, and cheap and inexpensive as our living had been, that little was more than we could afford. Piece by piece the quaint old furniture and the bric-a-brac and the souvenirs of his old student days in Paris went to the auction room, and I endured daily that Gethsemane of the woman who sees the man she loves losing hope, and courage, and faith in himself.

"Poor little girl," he would say, following me about the room with his great sombre eyes, "to think I have brought you to this," and when I assured him passionately that I would rather starve with him than feast with another, he only answered me with a wan smile, sadder than any tears.

At last the doctor said that he must have change of air, and then it was I bethought me of my long-forgotten Southern inheritance. Poor as it was, it would at least furnish us a shelter and the warm winds that I prayed might woo Arthur back to health. The first tender green of the spring-



He painted his famous picture "Spring."

time was just beginning to carpet the land when we went to it, and in that miracle not even the rambling old house, with its falling pillars and weed-choked drives could seem anything but beautiful.

It had been a stately old colonial mansion in its palmy days, known far and wide as "The Locusts," from the trees that lined its broad avenues and formed a grove about the house. Long neglected and unpruned young sapplings had sprung up everywhere, encroaching year by year upon the untilled acres until the house stood virtually in the midst of a vast locust thicket. It was now in full bloom, and from every twig depended great snowy plumes, that waved in the soft spring breeze and made the air heavy with their perfume.

From the moment of our arrival Arthur began to improve, and it was while he was in the first flush of returning health and happiness that he painted his famous picture, "Spring," and into it he somehow put some of that riotous joy in mere living we all feel when we have been down to the doors of death, and are recovering, and every breath brings with it the thrill of returning strength. The picture was very simple. Just the figure of a woman standing amidst the tender green of the trees, with upstretched arms, and all about her the white, white rain of locust blooms, and on her face the ineffable glory of youth and love—that look that never comes but once in a lifetime, when the springtime of the heart meets the springtime of the year.

When the picture was done Arthur sent it to the exposition, where, as you remember, it was the sensation of the year and sold for what seemed to us a little fortune. Better still, it attracted the attention of an old college friend of whom Arthur had lost sight, and who, coming South on business, dropped off to make us a little visit. He was a shrewd man of affairs, and when he saw our locust thicket, he fairly gasped with surprise.

"It is a little gold mine," he said, "where did you get it?" and I told him of how the worthless old acres had been allotted me in the division of the family estate, when I was a baby and had no one to look out for my interests, and how they had been left to grow up as they would.

"Well," he said, with a grim smile,

"the wicked sisters don't always succeed in doing Cinderella, you may remember, after all, and your barren acres have grown into a fortune," and so indeed they had. Our business friend sold our locust forest to a railroad company, and we have long been back in the city, where we have a charming home, and where Arthur is winning the recognition his talent deserves.

He is now engaged in painting my aunt's portrait, and that—from my aunt—is equivalent to a melodramatic blessing, with tears.

SCRAMBLE FOR DIAMONDS.

Gems Thrown Away by an Absent-Minded Dealer.

"Have you got any of those diamonds?" is the question of the hour in Birmingham. Some 800 precious stones have been shared out by lucky prospectors in Vittoria street, and the search still continues, says the London Express. It happened in this wise: In a fit of abstraction John Davis, member of a firm of diamond merchants, while walking down Vittoria street on a recent morning, pulled an old envelope out of his pocket and commenced to tear it up. When he reached the last section the terrible fact dawned upon him that it was the envelope in which were some 1,600 small diamonds, valued at £100, and that he had been sowing these broadcast over a public thoroughfare. The news spread with lightning-like rapidity. Shopkeepers locked up and came to the more lucrative occupation of picking up diamonds, while for a mile around an errand boy at his ordinary work was a phenomenon. Such a scraping of the street with knives and sticks had never been seen. As it happened, most of the lost stones went down the cellar gratings of a jeweler's shop. Ingenious youths fished for them with a piece of soap attached to a stick and reeled in three prizes at a time. Others sat in the gutter sorting an anxiously guarded handful of dirt. Still the crowd grew. At one period over 1,500 lads were to be seen hard at work. From noon to seven o'clock the street was nearly blocked. When night fell candles, lamps and lanterns were brought to aid the indefatigable hunters for treasure trove, and the scene presented could only have been done justice by Hogarth. About half the diamonds have found their way back to their rightful owner. Some were sold to a shopkeeper and the rest, like the graves of a household, are scattered far and wide. Diamond pins will shortly be fashionable in Birmingham.

PRAIRIE DOGS.

They Have Had Their Day on the Plains of the Far West.

Passengers on the "Q" system who have ridden the better part of a day through western Nebraska and eastern Colorado will remember the prairie dog. He is numerous in that section of the country. He lives in villages and the villages are as close together as the villages of certain parts of Europe, says the Des Moines News. But the prairie dog has had his day. The agricultural department says he must go. Mr. Wilson has decided that the dogs kill the grass and ruin good grazing land. "Tama Jim" has little of the love of picturesqueness in his make-up. He is eminently practical and his philanthropy is of the type which seeks to make two blades of grass grow instead of one. Therefore he proposes to relegate the prairie dog to the picture books and to the stuffed specimens of the museum along with the buffalo. Mr. Wilson's chemists have discovered a mixture that will make whole villages fight for the first bite, but which at the last biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder. Under its influence the hole that knows the prairie dog will know it no more forever. The frisky, nervous, barking little beast will join the innumerable caravan of prairie dogs who have gone before. There will be more grass when the prairie dog is gone, and therefore more cattle. There will be less breaking of the legs of cowboys' ponies and the rattlesnake will live alone in the hole until the summons come to him also.

Victim of Tea Habit.

A Philadelphia young man, a victim of the tea habit, visits Chinatown regularly, and drinks the special tea which is brewed there at 25 cents a bowl. He will put away in an evening fifteen or twenty bowls, becoming finally boisterous and silly, though he will not stagger. He says he remembers nothing after the ninth or tenth bowl of tea, and that on the day after one of his sprees he has a wretched headache and a sore, parched mouth. He does not drink alcoholic beverages because he dislikes their taste, and he is a member in good standing of a

A law in Boston permits residents to keep street musicians 300 feet from their houses.

FIELD AND FLOCK.

Some cotton remains unpicked. Great was the killing of turkeys during last week. Seven cotton picking operations have nearly ended. More wood is being hauled into the cities and the price of some has been reduced. Halseell Bros. & Co. of Durant, I. T., shipped fifteen cars of cattle to Kansas City. The Chickasaw nation has marketed over 40,000 bales of cotton and expects to dispose of 2000 more. Depredation of wolves are reported in Travis county near Austin. A horse and cow were killed by them. Five cars consisting of 189 head of cattle were shipped from Sinton by D. C. Rachal to A. P. Rachal of Falls City. Two glandered horses were shot at the Dallas crematory by Sheriff Johnson by order of County Judge Lauderdale. The indications are that there will be a large attendance from Texas at the Salt Lake City convention this month. A 3-year-old Shorthorn heifer, bred in Dallas county by Wynne Jones, was sold to Hunt & Fay of that city at 5c per pound. The animal weighed 1600 pounds. There is a very heavy immigration of farmers from the older states to Wood county, and from the black waxy counties of Texas. That county is filling up very fast. One deal reported at San Antonio was the sale of 2000 heifer yearlings by Chittim & Parrott their Cameron county ranch to A. P. Rachal at a price of \$9.50 per head, amounting in the aggregate to about \$19,000. Mr. Frank M. Weaver of Fort Worth received a telegram from Chicago to the effect that twelve carloads of 3-year-old beef cattle, shipped from Rockwall, had been sold on the market for \$4.60 per 100 pounds. The cattle weighed 1120 pounds. The wool product of the United States last year is placed at 288,636,621 pounds of the National Association of Wool Manufacturers in a report just published. This is the largest estimated yield reported since 1897. Two recent deals in young steers were the sale of F. M. Shaw of Encinal to Joseph F. Green of 500 yearlings at \$15, and the sale of 600 coming 2s by A. P. Rachal to the same party at \$17.50. A fire broke out in the barn of R. L. Arthur, a farmer living about three and a half miles east of Rockwall, consuming five head of horses and mules, 1500 bushels of corn, farming implements and harness. No insurance. Frank Rockefeller of Belvidere, Kan., was elected president of the American Hereford Breeders' association, F. S. Van Natta of Fowler, Ind., was chosen vice president; C. R. Thomas of Independence, Mo., was re-elected secretary, and Charles Guggell of Independence, Mo., treasurer. The American Distilling company has been experimenting with Texas bred steers and has concluded that good money can be made out of them. The manager of the feeding department says that the company will keep their barns at Pekin, Ill., full of them henceforth. The governor appointed Col. C. C. Slaughter of Dallas, Mr. A. C. McFaddin of Victoria and Mr. Henry C. Harding of Potter county delegates at large from this state to the National Live Stock association, which will convene at Salt Lake City on the 18th. Sam Jones, the 8-year-old son of Mr. J. M. Jones of Atwell, Callahan county, has, this season, picked no less than five full bales of cotton of over 500 pounds by count of weights separately kept of his cotton. Christian Gascamp, a farmer living near Berlin, Washington county, finished a wire fence around a tract of woodland intending to use it for pasturage. Next morning he woke up to find the new fence cut with nippers in a score of places. A bunch of Hereford and Shorthorn registered bulls sold at Colorado City. The stock was sold by T. P. Rush of Coffeysbury, Mo., and the average price was \$196. Some cows were also sold. The total amount realized was \$8467.50.

Thirty-two hundred head of Mexican cattle were admitted into the United States at Palomas, forty miles west of El Paso. They are the property of the Hearst estate and came from Hearst's ranches in Mexico. The duty paid on the cattle was \$12,000.

EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

The Pennsylvania Steel company is to be reorganized. An American syndicate is to establish a paper mill in Australia. Fifty-two Poles have been arrested at Warraw charged with complicity against Russia. A son of Senator Pettigrew has just returned to this country from fighting in the Boer army. At South Bend, Ind., twelve young ladies took the white veil in the Roman Catholic church. At Kokomo, Ind., two freight trains came together with terrific force, resulting in a general smash-up. The sheriff of Vigo county, Indiana, of which Terre Haute is the county seat, will permit no prize fights. Gen. Kodema, governor of Formosa, has been appointed Japanese minister of war, replacing Gen. Katuria, who has resigned. Archbishop Croke has followed the example of Archbishop Walsh and sent a check to John E. Redmond for the Irish parliamentary fund. Ralph E. Powell, vice president of the Brownell Improvement company, filed a petition in bankruptcy at Chicago. Liabilities are placed at \$163,000 and assets \$15,000. William Francis Sage, a playwright and dramatic critic, died at his home in New York. He was a brother of Mrs. Abbie Sage Richardson, who died in Italy about three weeks ago. Willis Johnson was shot and killed at Middlesboro, Ky., by Charles Wilcox of Harlan county. Wilcox was slightly wounded. Johnson was shot four times, death being instantaneous. The monthly statement of the collections of internal revenue show that during December, 1900, the total receipts were \$25,344,285, an increase as compared with November, 1899. Heavy gales on the English coast greatly interfered with coast trade. The British steamer Brunswick was grounded in the Bristol channel, keeled over and sank recently. Seven of her crew were drowned. Lord Curzon of Kedleston, the viceroy of India, in the course of a speech at Calcutta said that since the appearance of the bubonic plague in 1898, 25,000 deaths from the disease have occurred in the Mysore State. While riding across country to join the Chester Valley hunt Henry L. Wilbur, aged 42, son of H. O. Wilbur, the well known coca and chocolate manufacturer of Philadelphia, was thrown from his horse and killed. The resignation of Capt. Charles A. Boutelle of Bangor, Me., as a member of the house for the fifty-seventh congress will be tendered about March 4, according to an understanding with President McKinley. Gen. Pole-Carew, who has returned to London from South Africa, will marry Lady Beatrice Frances Elizabeth, eldest daughter of the Marquis of Ormonde. He is 51 years old and she is under 25. Seventy-year-old Gustav Kindt, an ex-convict, said to be known to the police of many cities of the country, was arrested charged with having robbed the safe in a wholesale liquor store in Pittsburg. When caught he was equipped with all the tools of a cracksmen. Thomas Webb Jay of Indianapolis, manager for the Fricke Manufacturing company, and a prominent bowler, was arrested recently on a charge of embezzlement. Jay recently broke the world's record for bowling at the city club by bowling 299 out a possible 300 perfect score. A plan of recruiting sailors for the United States navy from the farms and country towns is now under consideration at the navy department. The recruiting now is carried on outside of the large cities, but it has not reached the interior sections. Le Gaulois of Paris congratulates President McKinley upon his decision to abandon an independent policy in China in favor of joint action with the powers, thus putting an end to a most dangerous situation. Rev. Dr. Murphy, one of the most eminent Presbyterian clergymen of Philadelphia and a leading writer of ecclesiastical literature, died at his home after a brief illness from bronchial pneumonia. The French senate adopted the amendment to the subsidy bill by a vote of 201 to 11 after an exhortation by the premier, M. Waldeck-Rousseau, to vote the measure and "deliver the country from the nightmare of the Dreyfus affair."

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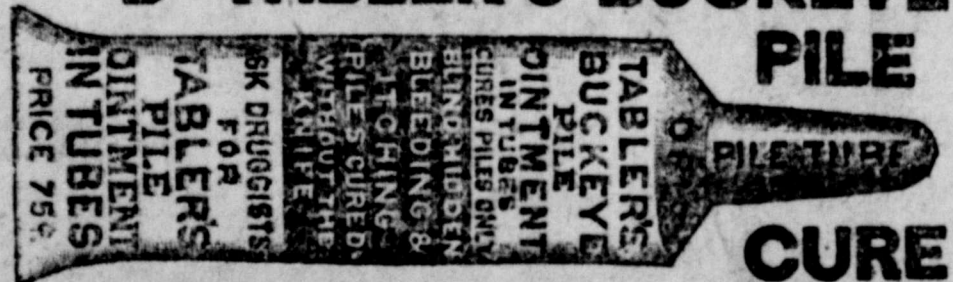
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