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Fort Worth Market.

Receipts of Cattle Today 5,800—Hogs 2,000.

CATTLE STEADY, STRONG

Steers Sold at $4.00 and Cows at $2.90.

HOGS STEADY TO STRONG

Buying Was Slow, but Brisk Demand Caused Activity.

Receipts Today.

	5,400
	2,000
	250

Official Receipts Saturday.

	852
	168
	98

Range of Market Today.

CATTLE Steers, top $4, bulk $2.75@ Cows, top $2.90, bulk $2.00@2.20. HOGS—Top $4.90, bulk $4.75@4.85. SHEEP—Bulk $3.85.

THE CATTLE TRADE

Today's Quotations.

Choice fed	$3 50@4 00
Common fed	3 15@3 50
Cows and feeders	2 00@3 25
Stockers	1 25@2 00
Choice heavy fed	2 15@2 90
Common butcher	1 90@2 20
Cows, thin	1 75@1 90
Bulls	1 00@1 75
Stags and oxen	1 50@3 00
Good to fancy veals	3 00@4 25
Common to fair	1 50@3 00

Supply of cattle today was liberal, not too large, as the trade as a usual Monday is able to handle a large Ninety-seven cars were in the at the opening of the market, or 5,800 cattle. Several trains were which reported about 50 cars, making estimate of total receipts close 5,400, against 1,532 last Monday, and for the same day last month.

BEEF STEERS.

Steer trade was fairly well supplied with well finished beeves and feders were seemed to be a good demand both local packers and feeder buyers and trading was fairly active from start, with sales generally on a steady with the close of last week.

A choice well finished load of steers averaging 1266 pounds topped the market at $4, with the bulk of those good for slaughter going at a range of $3.25@3.70, and feeders selling from $2.50@3.25.

Corn fed steers are quoted from $3.50 with medium fed from $3.15@ packers and feeders $2.00@3.25, and down to $1.25@2.00.

Representative sales:

	Ave.	Price
	1266	4 00
	1166	3 25
	887	3 20
	900	3 20
	945	3 20
	894	2 75
	903	2 75
	971	2 75
	923	2 70
	800	2 70
	825	2 50
	865	2 50
	870	2 25
	720	2 20

BUTCHER STOCK.

Demand for butcher stock was good while the majority of traders sold prices only steady, the tendency of the market was upward and business moved along with satisfactory activity.

A big string of good quality fleshy cows arrived and on all of this kind trade was fully steady and in cases strong to Saturday, but on the common thin stock the market was no better than

A choice bunch of well finished Angus cows averaging 1030 pounds topped the market at $2.90, with the bulk of them from $2.00@2.50.

The heavy fed cows are quoted from $2.00, with medium butchers $1.90 and strong canners from $1.75@1.90. Common thin cows from $1.00@1.75.

The bull market was liberally supplied with a good demand from packers for fat bulls and feeders taking the thin kind, trading was active and steady at a range of from $1.75@2.00.

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

Cows.

23	1030	2 90
1	910	2 30
1	990	2 25
14	823	2 20
20	713	2 20
60	785	2 20
60	796	2 20
60	808	2 20
60	695	2 20
60	787	2 20
50	790	2 20
1	780	2 20
11	877	2 20
60	790	2 20
60	792	2 20
60	800	2 20
60	797	2 20
60	785	2 20
67	791	2 20
1	810	2 20
24	806	2 20
20	833	2 15
62	835	2 15
56	855	2 15
31	839	2 15
28	765	2 10
30	737	2 00
59	746	2 00
61	749	2 00
30	828	2 00
30	718	2 00
35	830	2 00
30	715	2 00
3	676	2 00
3	776	2 00
2	750	2 00
30	773	1 80
29	690	1 70
1	800	1 70
28	754	1 65
30	681	1 60
4	715	1 60
6	753	1 50
15	708	1 40

Heifers.

13	750	2 35

Bulls.

23 stags	1180	2 35
23	1077	1 80
24	1074	1 80
24	1032	1 80
23	1030	1 80

CALVES.

There was a good demand for choice veal calves, but the supply was fully enough to go around and trading was generally on a steady basis.

Good to choice vealers are quoted from $3.00@4.25, with common to fair kinds from $2.00@3.00.

9	175	3 75
80	197	3 25
3	273	2 50
2	321	2 25
1	300	1 50

THE HOG TRADE

Today's Quotations.

Choice sorted	$4 68@4 90
Mixed Packers	4 55@4 75
Light	4 55@4 70
Choice pigs	4 50@5 50
Stags and roughs	3 00@4 00

Today broke the record for hog receipts. The total was about 2,000 head, most of them coming, as usual, from Oklahoma points. The demand was fully up with the supply, however, and sales men were kept busy a short time.

At the opening of the market thirteen cars were in the pens, about 1,200 head, with enough reported to make total receipts for the day close around 2,000, against 938 for the opening day last week, and 1,561 for the corresponding Monday last month.

Local buyers' messages were unfavorable to salesmen, and bids on the opening market were 10c lower than Saturday's close. This delayed the movement of hogs some, but the draggy condition of the market did not last long, as a large demand came in from outside sources, and hogs started changing hands on a steady basis with Saturday. The quality and weight were both good, and finally competition became strong and trading was active. Late closing sales were strong compared with Saturday. The top today was $4.90 for two loads averaging 191 and 291 pounds. The extreme range was from $4.65 to $4.90, with the bulk of sales from $4.75 to $4.85.

Choice sorted are quoted from $4.65@4.90, mixed packers $4.55@4.75, light grades $4.55@4.70, choice pigs $4.50@5.50, and boars, stags and roughs from $3.00@4.00.

Representative sales:

Territory Hogs.

No.	Shrink.	Average.	Price.
34		225	4 70
84		109	4 70
82		190	4 75
13		135	4 75
22		125	4 77½
61		207	4 77½
2		145	4 77½
74		223	4 77½
10		135	4 77½
98		197	4 82½
98		200	4 82½
86		191	4 82½
72		217	4 85
71		272	4 85
3		190	4 85
88		187	4 85
92		217	4 85
68		202	4 85
73		234	4 85
94		229	4 90
89		191	4 90
		91	4 90

Texas Hogs.

88	177	4 67½
12	114	4 67½
48	181	4 72½
63	248	4 75

Sheep.

15 wagon	79	3 35

RECEIPTS AT THE YARDS TODAY.

Cattle.

W. L. Booth, Sweetwater	58
L. Coffee, Big Springs	144
O. B. Holt, Stanton	112
R. M. Winshaw, Brady	59
J. D. Jackson, Alpine	102
R. L. Merrell, Alpine	31
09 Cattle Co., San Angelo	830
Ward & Stripling, Graphite	208
Bush & Tiller, Iatan	60
Dawson & Co., Monahans	31
E. D. Thomas, Monahans	33
E. F. D. & Co., Odessa	204
W. M. C., Odessa	103
Bob McMurry, Stanton	772
G. S. Hale, Caldwell	34
J. M. Craig, Burton	45
W. B. Blackburn, Burton	80
W. F. F., Cisco	29
Harrison & Beck, Baird	69
P. Cordwell, Baird	100
— Evans, Kent	179
Means, Kent	180
Fisher, Kent	76
Prude, Kent	123
D. F. Sansom, Alvarado	43
C. Bretrill, Alpine	130
J. H. Bowers, Alvord	31
T. L. Wade, Seymour	107
A. Albright, Dundee	28
C. R. Morgan, Bowie	32
Ray & Co., Vernon	29
J. P. Hagler, Quanah	26
W. N. Overstreet, Quanah	30
F. Patten, Seymour	158
J. W. Moore, Estelline	40
———, Brownwood	42
R. B. Hyde, Brownwood	29
J. N. Womack, Brownwood	29
T. R. Hamsley, Comanche	56
J. R. Montgomery, Comanche	55
W. Dupree, Lehigh	198
L. Wade, Marlow	24

Hogs.

J. L. Forest, Meridian, O. T.	71
J. Ivey, Oakwood	100
L. J. Phillips, Skeedee, O. T.	72
Petrie & McD., Okarche, O. T.	85
S. H. Franklin, Bryson	63
S. A. Burns, Mounds, I. T.	84
Lynch & Calhoun, Tulso, I. T.	95
C. Wheeler, Norman, O. T.	88
H. Downing, Norman, O. T.	94
D. B. Jones, Perry, O. T.	59
First Nat'l Bank, Cushion, O. T.	121
Chantry Page, Perkins, O. T.	98
Donohue Bros., Mulhall, O. T.	88
Freeman L. & C. Co., Mexia	60
H. R. Paden, Homestead, O. T.	238
C. Watts, Union City, O. T.	92
Walter Lyon, Elk City, O. T.	112
Carey Stock Farm, Drummond, O. T.	73
F. W. Scott, Chickasha	158

Sheep.

Armour & Co., Kansas City	229

BUYERS ON MARKET SATURDAY.

Cattle.

Swift & Co.	200
Armour & Co.	123
J. Deacon	37
Tucker	56
Huddleson Bros.	27
Vogelsang	116
Saunders	23

Calves.

Swift & Co.	4

Hogs.

Swift & Co.	196

HORSES AND MULES

Horses.

Drafts, good	$140@150
Chunks, good	75@130
Drivers, good to fancy	75 up
Drivers, medium	55@ 75
Southerners, common to fair	35@ 50
Southerners, good to extra	75@100
Plugs	15@ 20
Rangers, plain	10@ 30
Choice range horses	60@ 75

Mules.

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

ALFALFA RAISING IN TEXAS.

Report Says 130,000 Acres Were Planted in Texas This Year.

Dallas has a Commercial Club that has a committee on agriculture. In a recent report made to the club on agricultural conditions in Texas the committee says some things that are a little too steep—as that alfalfa hogs are superior to corn-fed—but generally it is a fair statement:

Alfalfa was planted very extensively this year and has proven a success beyond our expectations. Many farmers have cut the crop six times this year. One party in Dallas county has a field of alfalfa which netted him $150 an acre for hay sold on the Dallas market. From the best information we have obtained there has been about 130,000 acres of alfalfa planted this year, and from present prospects, spring planting will be very much heavier. This is not only a valuable food used dry for horses and cattle, but is considered most profitable in the green state for fattening hogs for the large packeries. Alfalfa fed hogs command a better price and the meat is said to be superior to corn fed. It is also claimed that hogs are immune from cholera when fed on clover during the hot weather. This crop is a very valuable addition to Texas, and helps to keep thousands of dollars within the state that would otherwise go out for feed. It is only a few years since this clover was planted to any extent, and it is now or will be in a very short time, one of the most valuable crops we have. No boll weevil or bugs of any kind seem to touch it in any stage. It will be only a few years when the seed from this clover can be cured successfully right here, while at present the bulk of the seed come from Utah, Colorado and Kansas. About two thousand bushels were raised in Texas this year.

TELEGRAPHIC MARKET REPORT.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep
Chicago	25,600	48,000	25,000
Kansas City	10,000	8,500	3,000
St. Louis	4,000	5,500	3,500
St. Joseph	2,300	3,700	2,800
	41,300	65,700	34,300

Chicago.

Special to The Reporter.

Union Stock Yards, Ill., Dec. 14.—The Drovers' Journal reports:

CATTLE — Receipts 25000. Steers lower to steady. Cows 10 higher.

HOGS — Receipts 48,000. Market opened strong. Later off 5 cents. Top $4.70; bulk $4.50@4.60.

SHEEP—Receipts 25,000. Steady to strong.

Kansas City.

Special to The Reporter.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 14.—The Drovers' Telegram reports today:

CATTLE — Receipts 10,000. Market slow, closing lower. Top $5.30. Cows steady. Texas higher.

HOGS — Receipts 8,500. Market 5c higher, broke 5 to 10. Top $4.77½, bulk $4.50@4.70.

SHEEP—Receipts 3,000. Strong to 10 higher.

St. Louis.

Special to The Reporter.

National Stock Yards, Ill., Dec. 14.—The National Live Stock Reporter says:

CATTLE — Receipts 4,000. Texas 1,000. Steady. Natives steady.

HOGS — Receipts 5,500. Market opened strong, closed lower. Top $4.75; bulk $4.60@$4.70.

SHEEP— Receipts 3,500. Steady.

St. Joseph.

Special to The Reporter.

South St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 14.—The Stock Yards Daily Journal reports:

CATTLE — Receipts 2,300. Market steady to 10 higher.

HOGS — Receipts 3,700. Market dull 5 lower. Top $4.60; bulk $4.50@4.55.

SHEEP—Receipts 2,800. Steady.

GENERAL NOTES.

Sunday morning fire was discovered in the house occupied by Brown Harwood, of the firm of Gilliland & Harwood, in Fort Worth. Mr. Harwood and his wife extinguished the fire, and then they found the dead body of W. P. Walt, the father of Mrs. Harwood, on the floor. He was badly burned. Mr. Walt was 55 years old. He was an invalid, and had been confined to his bed for several months.

A party of emigrants from Oklahoma passed through Fort Worth Sunday on their way to Mexico. They are mostly from Mangum. There were about 150 people in the party, and with their personal belongings they occupied an entire train of cars. They are going to join a colony that went from Mangum last spring and settled on a tract of 193,000 acres of land at Escadon, near Monterey

The Chicago and Omaha Live Stock Exchanges have adopted the resolutions agreed to by the National association of exchanges at the Fort Worth meeting relating to solicitors, meal tickets and telegrams. The Chicago resolution provides that members of that exchange shall not employ solicitors. It is pointed out that this does not prohibit members of the exchange from acting as solicitors themselves.

Fort Worth is going on the war-path after the spitters. The council of that city a year or so ago passed an ordinance prohibiting spitting in street cars, in public buildings and on the sidewalks but no attempt has ever been made to enforce it. Now there is a revival of the anti-spitting crusade, and instructions have been issued to the police to take notice of the law. Placards have been printed to be displayed in street-cars calling the attention of tobacco-chewers to the fact that they are breaking the law when they spit on the car floor, and conductors are instructed to call a policeman and have such persons arrested. Mr. Greenwall, manager of the Fort Worth opera house, has given notice of his intention to enforce the law against spitters in that building.

ABOUT THE STOCK YARDS.

G. S. Hale from Caldwell sold 28 cows of 794 pounds at $2.10.

Donohue Bros. had 88 hogs of 217 lbs in from Mulhall, O. T., that sold at $4.85

W. C. Wheeler had in 88 hogs from Norman, O. T., that averaged 187 and sold at $4.85.

Chantry & Page from Perkins, O. T. sold 98 head of hogs at $4.82½, averaging 197 pounds.

Fat steers at $4 and cows at $2.90 show that packers are willing to pay for good stuff on this market.

Bob McNary from Stanton sold 23 calves of 321 pounds at $2.25, and 15 cows of 708 pounds at $1.40.

W. W. Overstreet sent in from Quanah 35 steers of 893 pounds that sold at $2.75 and 11 cows of 877 pounds at $2.20.

Ward & Stribling had in from Graphite 107 cows, out of which they sold 178 averaging 842 pounds at $2.15, and 29 of 754 pounds at $1. 65.

D. B. Jones had 59 head of heavy hogs on the market that sold at the top price $4.90. They averaged 291. Mr. Jones ships from Perry, I. T.

J. Ivey was in from Oakwoods, Tex. with 100 head of hogs and pigs that sold at $4.67½. The hogs, 88 head, averaged 177, and 12 pigs averaged 114.

Five thousand is getting to be the regular Monday run of cattle on this market. That was the number in today. We need 5,000 hogs, but they are short that number today by about 3,000.

The 09 Cattle company sent in from San Angelo 28 cars of cows and bulls that sold on this market today. The cows 726 in number, averaged 764 pounds and brought $2.20, and 94 bulls of 1053 lbs sold at $1.50.

This hog market is 15 to 25 cents above the Northern markets. That can be seen by comparing prices. Our top today was $4.90, and Kansas City's top was $4.77. Probably Kansas City's tops were better quality than ours, and should have sold for more than they did.

D. F. Sansom & Co. had some extra good steers and cows on today's market that brought good prices. Twenty steers of 1266 pounds average sold at $4, and 23 cows of 1030 pounds at $2.90. These steers brought over $50 a head. They were three years old, fed on meal and hulls at Messrs. Sansom's feed farm at Alvarado. The cows were grade Angus. The need is for more cattle like these.

H. Downing brought in 94 hogs from Norman, O. T., that averaged 191 pounds and sold at $4.90. This was the top price of the day. Mr. Downing is a regular shipper to this market, and always gets the top price. He has 75 acres in alfalfa, which partly accounts for his good hogs. His freight rate is more to Fort Worth than to Kansas City, but he says he finds it pays better to ship to this market, where he gets the best prices.

BIRDS EARN THEIR LIVING.

Why Songsters of the Air Have a Claim on Man.

Not a bird comes to the country but earns its living from the people. In some way or another they earn their right to live. Most of the song birds are insect eaters. It is a question whether we could live on this earth if insects were allowed to multiply in the numberless forms and myriads of progeny that nature provides. Certainly man could not alone keep the insects down without the help of the birds. Even the hawks and owls live mostly on field mice and gophers, and Mr. Crow will eat almost any old thing which if allowed to pollute the air, means disease and death.—Pembina Pioneer Express.

Why the Duke Was Ashamed.

Thomas Creevey, whose reminiscences have been published recently, tells this anecdote of the hard swearing Duke of Wellington, whom he met once on the continent in the days of the prince regent, afterward King George IV.: "In the evening I had a walk with the Duke again in the garden and upon my asking some questions about the regent, as the Duke had just come from England, he said: 'By ——! You never saw such a figure in your life as he is. Then he speaks and swears so like old Falstaff that d—— me if I was not ashamed to walk into a room with him.'"

PAY TO GET BACK HOME

NO RETURN PASSES TO SHIPPERS OUT OF TEXAS.

That is a Rule that Railroads Will Put in Effect After the First of January. Ship to Fort Worth.

The rules put in force by railroads regulating passes to shippers of live stock give this market a great advantage over those outside the state.

Railroads running out of Texas will, on the first of January next, put in effect a rule allowing shippers to accompany their stock to market, if they want to ride on freight trains and care for the stock (which the railroads are paid to look after) but after they have reached the market and sold their cattle they can get back at their own expense. No return trip transportation will be given after the first of the year.

It is important that shippers should bear this in mind. All return transportation is cut off at midnight, Dec. 31. The man who goes with a shipment of cattle to St. Louis, Kansas City or Chicago, with a return pass in his pocket, had better get back home before the dawning of the new year. If he is caught out at that time, he can "dig up" a part of the money received from his sale and pay his way back home. He can count this item of expense in with the other items of freight and shrinkage in making up his account with the Northern markets.

Shippers to the Fort Worth market from any point in Texas will get different treatment. Under the rule of the state railroad commission, now in force, the shipper of two cars of stock is entitled to one round-trip pass; if he ships five cars he is entitled to two such passes, and for thirteen cars he may call for three. These are not one-way tickets. They bring him to this market with his stock, and carry him back home. He doesn't have to use a part of the money received from his sales to get home.

This is only one of the advantages of the Fort Worth market. Railroad rates favor the Texas shipper to Fort Worth. He can get his stock here cheaper and quicker than at any Northern market, and he can come here and go back on a pass, which he can't do if he ships out of the state.

WOMEN SHUCKING CORN.

Owing to the Lack of Farm Hands They are Helping Out.

St. Joseph Daily Journal: "I tell you it looks queer to see the wives and daughters of farmers out in the corn fields shucking corn and driving wagons of corn to cribs and shoveling it into the cribs, but that is what is occurring in my part of the state," said L. R. Mann, the progressive young stock dealer at Humboldt, Neb., who brought in a load of cattle. "This was brought about by the utter inability to secure farm hands, although some fine offers have been made by farmers. As a last resort they had to ask the aid of the women of the house, and the women gladly responded and are out in the fields working as hard as bees to get the corn laid in before bad weather sets in. As a rule there are two women to the wagon, but occasionally one sees just one woman and two or more small children helping. Many of these women are of the best families in the country, and they take great pride in helping their husbands or fathers, whichever it may be."

For Sale or Trade.

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

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Notice to Agents.

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The Birth of Cain.

All day long Eve wearied for the garden.
Not for her the comfort Adam knew
As he watched the wheat ears slowly harden,
As the plaited roof above him grew.
"For the sake of all my lilies, pardon, God," she prayed, "give back my violets blue."

Adam, sowing, watching, later reaping,
Wrestling with the earth and life and fate,
Knew no dreams for weariness in sleeping,
Knew no grief. But early still and late
Eve in dreams beheld the angel keeping
Watch beside the ever-hidden gate.

Till to Adam came a wondrous calling.
Sleeping hope like flame began to burn.
"'Tis God's messenger," he thought, "recalling,
Eden gate stands wide and we return."
Then he knew whose voice, all song forestalling,
Held all joy and sadness turn in turn.

"My beloved sings," he said; "no other.
She would cheat my heart and hide her pain."
So went in, undreaming of another.
In the shadowed place where she had lain,
Radiant and transfigured, Eve, the mother,
Leaning on her elbow, sang to Cain.

—Living Age.

SPLINTERS.

Speak softly—the lovesick youth.

The port side of a vessel is not necessarily the captain's wine cellar.

All is not gold that glitters, but lots of people don't know the difference.

The man who denies himself to save money usually spends it to build up his constitution.

Benners—Wonder what makes Smith look so lonesome since he was married?

Jenners—Hasn't any place to call on Sunday evenings.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

Appendicitis on the Nile.

Two medical men were standing in Madison avenue before a shop window containing surgical instruments of all kinds, says the New York Press. One of them pointed out the latest instrument for operating on a subject suffering from appendicitis.

"When I was in Paris last month," he remarked, "I was startled to learn that indisputable evidences of appendicitis have been discovered in a number of Egyptian mummies. I heard an eminent surgeon describing the results of his investigation in this direction before the French Academy of Medicine. He said he was not in a position just then to formulate any conclusions as to the frequency of the disease among the ancient Egyptians, but incidentally he said the disease has become much commoner of late owing to the more general consumption of meat."

Old Tower of Punishment.

Henry Norman, the traveler, says: "High above everything else in Bokhara towers the Miner Kalan, the great tower of punishment. It is built of flat red bricks and its graceful proportions have not suffered at all from the effects of time. At the top it widens into a kind of campanile, set with oblong windows, and at its foot there is a depression which looks as if it had been scraped out of the ground. From one of these windows condemned criminals, trussed like fowls, were pushed out, and this depression is where generations of them fell." This practice has now been prohibited by the Russians who rule the country.

TAUGHT THE LINCOLN CHILDREN

Educator Employed By Great President Is Dead.

Alexander Williamson, who was the tutor of Abraham Lincoln's younger children, died last week at his home, 199 State street, Brooklyn. He was 89 years old. Mr. Williamson was born in Edinburgh, the son of a solicitor of that city. In his youth he was in business in London and, coming to this country nearly sixty years ago, he was for a time a teacher in the South. Mr. Williamson was appointed by Lincoln to a position in one of the federal departments and remained there until President Cleveland's first administration. Then he was employed in a steamship office in New York, where he continued his duties until six weeks ago.

WRIGHT AND WAGES.

Labor Commissioner Gives His Ideas Upon the Subject.

WILL CEASE TO EXIST

Higher Standard of Life Whereby Employers Will Look After Interests of the Employes as Well as Those of Stockholders.

Philadelphia, Dec. 14.—"The wages system will pass away. In its stead, I believe there will come a system which will be composed of the profit sharing and the co-operation ideas. The great labor questions mean the struggle of humanity for a higher standard of life. The employer must consider his employe, as well as the stockholder, as an investor."

The words were contained in an address upon "the Wage Question" made Sunday by Carroll D. Wright, United States commissioner of labor, before the Society of Ethical Culture of this city.

Of scarcely less interest than his prediction of a new labor system was Colonel Wright's approval of a plan to insure labor against incapacity re-

CARROLL D. WRIGHT.

sulting from accident, illness or advancing age. The German idea was quoted, under which the employer pays one-fourth the cost of a sick and death benefit policy, the employes one-fourth and the government one-half. "England," said Colonel Wright, "has taken up this question, and we of the United States are steadily approaching it."

MINOR QUESTIONS.

They Were Referred to Committees, Who Are to Investigate Them.

Washington, Dec. 14.—After selecting Chicago as the place, and June 21 as the date, for the convention, the resolution national committee several minor questions were taken up and referred to special committees. Included in the list was the representation asked for by Porto Rico, Hawaii and Luzon, the Socialist problem and the political rights of the negro.

The committee to make arrangements for the convention consists of Senator Scott of West Virginia, chairman; Senator Hanna, Postmaster General Payne, H. S. New of Indiana and R. B. Schneider of Nebraska.

The convention call will be in the exact language of 1900, giving each state four delegates at large and two delegates for each congressional district, and each territory six delegates.

No Jurisdiction.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The committee appointed to pass on the Porto Rico representation decided the Republican committee had no jurisdiction, and advised each party to send two delegates and two alternates to the convention at Chicago.

SUCCESSFUL RAID.

Considerable Whisky and Much Beer Was Captured by Officers.

Louisville, Dec. 14.—A special to the Courier-Journal from Columbia, S. C., says: A force of dispensary constables, headed by Chief Cureton, made a successful raid on a blockade distillery in Green wood county. The still was located on the Piney Woods place, a plantation owned by United States Senator D. R. Tillman. The operator was surprised by the officers, but made his escape. In addition to finding the still, fifty-four gallons of whisky, sixteen barrels and two hogsheads of beer were seized.

In Confederate Secret Service.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 14.—George A. Conway, a famous secret service agent of the Confederacy, died here. After the civil war he was for a time grand master of the Ku Klux Klan.

Death of Colonel Parrott.

Waco, Dec. 14.—Colonel R. B. Parrott, a former citizen of this city, where he first settled thirty-five years ago, and was instrumental in a large degree in promoting the city's welfare, died at Hot Springs, Ark. He was a Virginian by birth, and one of Mosby's soldiers in the civil war.

Ex Fire Chief Dead.

Dallas, Dec. 14.—Thomas A. Wilkinson, who, for several years, was chief of the Dallas fire department, was stricken with paralysis Friday night. He was found by a policeman lying on a street in an unconscious state. Mr. Wilkinson was conveyed to his residence, where he expired Sunday.

Terrible Disaster In Spain.

Madrid, Dec. 14.—The collapse of an embankment near Cordova derailed a train. Fourteen persons were killed and many injured.

COLD AT CHICAGO.

Sunday Severest For Twenty-Eight Years In Early December.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Sunday was the coldest day in Chicago for this season of the year since 1876. Early the temperature began to go down until 8 a. m. it had reached 13 below. The only time that this mark has been passed in the history of the weather bureau was Dec. 9, 1876, when 14 below was registered. During the day it began to moderate.

On account of the cold and heavy condition of the streets owing to the heavy fall of snow the three-story department store of Bodinski & Co. in West Twenty-second street, was destroyed by fire. A special call for engines was sent in, but before they could reach the scene of the fire through the drifts of snow the building had been completely destroyed, causing a loss of $85,000.

William Duffy, a switchman, was found frozen to death in the Chicago and Northwestern yards.

Frigid In Wisconsin.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 14.—The minimum temperature in Wisconsin Sunday was 28 degrees below zero at Unity, in the northern portion. The cold wave is general in the state.

BRYAN VISITS POPE.

Nebraskan Is Highly Pleased With the Pope's Kindly Bearing.

Rome, Dec. 14.—William Jennings Bryan, accompanied by his son, was received in private audience by the pope Sunday. Mr. Bryan was presented by Mgr. Kennedy, rector of the American college, who acted as interpreter. His holiness spoke with great interest of the Catholics in the United States. After the audience Mr. Bryan expressed himself as highly pleased with the pope's kindly bearing.

Before going to the Vatican Mr. Bryan visited several of the interesting sights of Rome, including the Coliseum and the Roman Forum. He took particular interest in which the spot on which Cicero thundered his invectives against Cataline. Later Mr. Bryan lunched with Ambassador Meyer.

NO TROOPS LANDED.

Interpreters Say It Would Be Impossible For Them to Pass Through.

Colon, Dec. 14.—The United States crusier Atlanta reports that it stopped at the Panama boundary line, where inquiries were made concerning the reported landing of Colombian troops. The Indian interpretors aboard the Atlanta conferred with the chiefs of the territory who gave them positive assurance that not Colombian troops had been landed and who said that even if they did land it would be impossible for them to pass through, owing to the total absence of mountain trails. The Atlanta steamed forty miles further toward the Atrato river, obtaining similar information everywhere. A report to this effect has been made to Admiral Coghlan.

Converted crusier Mayflower has returned to Colon.

Uribe-Uribe Special Envoy.

Caracas, Dec. 14.—According to advices received here the Colombian government has decided to send General Rafael Uribe-Uribe as a special envoy to the South American republics. He is expected soon to arrive at Caracas.

FIVE FATALITIES.

Train Tumbled Down a Steep Ravine With All of the Crew.

Piedmont, W. Va., Dec. 14.—Five trainmen were killed and several severely injured by the overturning of two engines attached to a heavy Baltimore and Ohio freight train on the "seventeen-mile grade" near this city. The dead: Engineer Ernest D. Ervin, Engineer Emery Ervin, Fireman Walter B. Mine, Fireman J. M. Carter, Brakeman John Hays. Fireman Michael J. Gibbon was fatally crushed, but is still alive.

While descending the "seventeen-mile grade" the train, to which was attached two engines, left the track. The engines and nearly all the twenty-four cars tumbled into a deep ravine, carrying the trainmen with them.

Three Lives Lost.

Ottumwa, Ia., Dec. 14.—Three persons were killed and ten injured in a wreck on the Burlington road three miles west of Alba, Ia. The westbound passenger train was derailed while running on to Cedar creek bridge and five cars were wrecked by collision with the steel girders of the bridge. The wreckage took fire and several of the victims were burned. The dead: Mrs. W. E. Michen, Alba, Ia.; burned to death. Thomas eBeaty, killed in wreck of smoking car; Mildren Michen.

Two Killed, Four Hurt.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 14.—Two trainmen were killed and four injured in a freight collision on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul road near Adel, Ia. Three engines and fourteen cars were entirely demolished.

The dead: Frank Finnichumb, engineer; Oscar Dyer, fireman.

Indiana's Richest Man Dead.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Dec. 14.—Judge James Cheney, said to be the wealthiest man in Indiana, is dead. He was associated with Jay Gouldin financing his affairs in Ohio and Indiana. His fortune was estimated at $25,000,000.

Walthour Wins.

New York, Dec. 14.—In the six day bicycle Walthour captured first place for himself and Munroe, his partner. Walthour won by ten lengths. The distance ridden by the winning team was 2313 miles and ten laps.

WORD WAS NOT USED

Secretary of War Root Claims That He Was Misquoted.

CONTINGENY IS CITED

Impression He Intended to Convey Was That In the Event of War Army and Navy Could Be Depended Upon.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Considerable comment was occasioned here by reports that Secretary Root, at a dinner held Saturday night by the Caraboa society, an organization of army and navy officers, had predicted that war would come "soon" between the United States and some foreign power, but the interest displayed in the report and the speculation it aroused as to what the secretary had in mind were dissipated Sunday afternoon when it become known that word "soon" was a misquotation. Secretary Root himself said that he had not predicted that a war would come soon, but in his speech merely had stated what he has given utterance publicly on several occasions, namely, "That when the time comes, we do not know when, and we do not know whence, but we know it will come some time, when you (refferring to both army and navy) will be called upon to defend your country, you will do it with mutual helpfulness and comradeship."

The speech, it was stated, was merely an expression of confidence that in the event of war the army and navy would co-operate and stand shoulder to shoulder in support of the other and the common country, both are charged to support and defend.

Six Perished.

Christiania, Dec. 14.—A telegram received from Vardoe reports that the steamer Orion has been destroyed by fire and that three of the crew and three passengers perished.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Mad Mollah's followers are eating one another.

A Chicago non-union electrical worker was terribly beaten by a mob.

Colonel O. T. Prouty, Oklahoma grain inspector, died at Kingfisher.

Joseph Decz, a Chicago electrician, touched a live wire and was killed.

Andrew Webb, one of the oldest citizens of Guthrie, Okla., died of dropsy.

A carload of turkeys was shipped from Goldthwaite, Tex., to New Orleans.

Oklahoma and Indian Territory Hoo-Hoos initiated fifty-two candidates at Oklahoma City.

M. J. Stenson, a Chicago saloonist, was held up in daylight by two men and robbed of $630.

The Great Western Oil company of Jennings, La., capital stock $350,000, has been incorporated.

Charles Randal was convicted at La Grange on charge of criminal assault and given thirty years.

While hunting near Texarkana Ivan Matthews an Iron Mountain engineer, accidentally killed himself.

Franklin Pressfeeders' union of Chicago was fined $1000 by Judge Holder for alleged contempt of court.

Whitney, Ia., had a $100,000 fire.

Texarkana, Tex., is to have a five-story steel business building.

At Dallas Charles Butler was killed and John Wilson, both negroes, wounded. Two arrests were made.

Four thousand Mexican cattle, en route to Bakersfield, Cal., entered the United States at Columbus, N. M.

Rev. Marcus Ridge, a full blood Cherokee, was jailed at Vinita, I. T., charged with marrying a couple without a license.

George Shelton, colored, was sentenced to hang at Vinita, I. T., Jan. 15. The negro choked and assaulted a girl named Ellen Taylor.

Cotton seed warehouse at Lorena, McLennan county, Texas, of Cooper Williams, with contents, burned, entailing a $10,000 loss.

C. E. Upton and C. W. McGregor, convicted at Baltimore for alleged postal frauds, were sentenced to two years' imprisonment and fined $1000.

Three miles northeast of Claremore, I. T., Curlin and Colquitt McDrummond, brothers, were killed by a bank of slate caving in on them in a mine.

Through a mistake, A. F. Severt and Patrick Condon, patients in Sealy hospital, Galveston, were given carbolic acid instead of magnesia, and soon expired.

Commissioners of Galveston county have awarded to the firm who will raise grades of Galveston the contract for filling behind seawall. Contract price is $142,760.

Mrs. C. W. Caldbeck, wife of a prominent Des Moines, Ia., business man, was held up on a principal street by two men. One held her while the other robbed the lady.

Board of government engineers have approved the proposed canal from the mouth of the Sabine and Neches rivers to the Port Arthur channel. It will be nine feet deep.

After four trials Arthur Hughes, charged with killing, Aug. 31, 1899, George Frampton, an old man in Denton county, Texas, was acquitted on the 12th at Gainesville.

The Los Angeles, Cal., Examiner, W. R. Hearst's new paper, was issued on the 12th. In honor of the event there was a monster parade of organized laboring men. It is almost an exact counterpart of Mr. Hearst's other publications.

GOODWIN'S CLOSE CALL.

Comedian Came Near Being Leading Man In a Tragedy.

New York, Dec. 14.—N. C. Goodwin, the comedian, has narrowly escaped death in an automobile accident on the Brooklyn bridge. He was thrown from the machine, struck against the iron railing and fell back into the roadway. An artery in his temple was severed and only his presence of mind in throwing one arm out saved him from probable death in the East river.

Mr. Goodwin was on his way to a Brooklyn theater for the evening performance in an automobile brougham, which had almost reached the Brooklyn tower when it began to cavort. He heard something crack, and suddenly the machine crashed into the side of the roadway and the actor was sent flying upward and out of the open door.

His head struck the iron railing at the side of the bridge and, although almost stunned, he saved himself from going over. The chaffauer was knocked from his seat and lay still in the road, while many people jumped from passing trolley cars and ran to the scene. Goodwin reached the theater in time to proceed with the second act.

PROCTOR DEAD.

Civil Service Commissioner Had Neuralgia of the Heart.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Civil Service Commissioner John R. Proctor suffered a severe attack of neuralgia of the

JOHN R. PROCTOR.

heart while at the Cosmos club Saturday and died at 2 o'clock. Proctor was a Kentuckian, his home being at Frankfort.

ALEXANDETTA AFFAIR.

Chekibey, the Turkish Minister, Has Filed an Explanation.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Chekib Bey, the Turkish minister here, filed with the state department an explanation from the minister for foreign affairs of Turkey of the Alexandretta affair, stating that United States Consul Davis sought to procure the illegal emigration of a Turkish subject, and failing in this, attacked and beat the Turkish police and then took the steamer. The state department has had partial advices from Minister Leishman and is awaiting the completion of his investigation.

No Action.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Democratic senators held a caucus Saturday for the purpose of discussing the advisability of attempting to amend the Cuban reciprocity bill, but adjourned to meet again Monday without arriving at any conclusion. The caucus was a spirited one and sharply divided on the point at issue, some senators contending that numerous amendments should be presented, others holding out against any effort whatever to change the character of the bill and standing for a straight party vote against it.

Final Steps Taken.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The state department has been informed that final steps have been taken for the formation of a permanent republican government in Panama. News came in a dispatch from Consul General Gudger, dated Panama, Saturday, as follows: "Election for constitutional convention was called for Jan. 4; convention meets Jan. 20."

Opposed by Foster.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The senate Saturday resumed discussion of the Cuban reciprocity bill, with Foster of Louisiana as speaker. He opposed the bill on the ground that it, if enacted into law, would prove injurious to the sugar producing and other important interests of the United States.

First Minister to Panama.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The president has selected W. I. Buchanan of New York to be first United States minister to Panama.

HAND IN HAND.

St. Petersburg Journal Comments on Message of President Roosevelt.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 14.—Comment here thus far on President Roosevelt's message to congress has been confined to the semi-official St. Petersburg Journal. The tone is friendly. The paper notes particularly that the president's commendation of the principle of arbitration goes hand in hand with his recommendation for an increase in the strength of the navy.

SOLDIERS SUFFER.

Still In Tents and the Hospital Facilities Are Inadequate.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 14.—Novoe Vremia denies that Russia is temporizing in the Russo-Japanese negotiations.

According to the Novois Krai of Port Arthur, Russian troops in the far east are suffering greatly from cold. Although ten degrees of frost have been registered, soldiers are still in tents and hospital facilities are inadequate.

To Wed a Count.

New York, Dec. 14.—Announcement has been made by Mrs. Joseph F. Stone of the engagement of her daughter, Margaret, to Count Alexander Berchtoldingen of Austria. Mrs. Stone was formerly Miss Mary Burnet of Cincinnati.

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a 9 50 pm ... Kan. City, Chicago, Denver, Colo. Springs and Pueblo ... a 7 [illegible]
West Express ... a 7 [illegible]

HOUSTON & TEXAS CENTRAL.
Depart
a 9 00 am ... Houston & Gal. Mail & Ex. ... Arr
a 7 45 pm ... Houston & Gal. Mail & Ex. ... a 7 [illegible]
a 1 05 pm ... Corsicana Mixed ... a 11 [illegible]
Prince System.

RED RIVER, TEXAS & SOUTHERN RY.
Depart
North ... Arr
a 11 15 am ... K C & St L Mail and Ex ... a 3 [illegible]
a 5 30 am ... Mixed ... a 7 [illegible]

FORT WORTH & RIO GRANDE RY.
Depart
South ... Arr
a 3 15 pm ... Mail and Express ... a 11 [illegible]
a 9 30 pm ... Mixed ... a 1 [illegible]

FORT WORTH & DENVER CITY RY.
Depart
a 9 45 am ... Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo Mail and Ex. ... Arr
a11 10 pm ... Colorado Express ... a 3 [illegible]
a 6 00 pm ... Accommodation ... a 9 [illegible]

GULF, COLORADO AND SANTA FE.
Depart
North ... Arr. from North
a 7 50 am ... Kan. C. & Chicago Ex. & Mail ... a 6 [illegible]
a 8 30 pm ... Kan. C. & Chicago Fast Ex. ... a 7 [illegible]
Depart
South ... Arr. from South
a 8 05 am ... Houston & Gal. Mail & Ex. ... a 3 [illegible]
a 9 10 pm ... Houston & San Antonio & Galveston Mail & Express ... a 7 [illegible]

MISSOURI, KANSAS AND TEXAS.
Depart
North ... Arr. from North
a 8 35 am ... "Katy Flyer" ... a 7 [illegible]
a11 45 am ... Kan. City, St. Louis & Chicago Mail & Ex. ... a 7 [illegible]
a 9 00 pm ... Kan. City, St. Louis & Chicago, Fast Express ... a 3 [illegible]
Depart
South ... Arr. from South
a 8 15 pm ... Houston and Gal. and San Antonio, "Katy Flyer" ... a 3 [illegible]
a 8 30 am ... Houston Mail & Ex. ... a10 [illegible]
a 6 00 pm ... Houston Mail & Ex. ... a 3 [illegible]

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Depart
a 10 30 am ... St. Louis & Memp. Ex. ... Arr
a 12 20 pm ... St. L. Limited, via Dallas ... 1 [illegible]
a 9 30 pm ... Dallas, Memp. & St Louis ... a 3 [illegible]

TEXAS AND PACIFIC
Depart ... Main Line via Marshall. ... Arr. from East
East
a 7 45 am ... St. Louis Cannon Ball ... a 7 [illegible]
a 8 00 am ... St. Louis Mail & Ex. ... a 4 [illegible]
a 2 25 am ... Dallas Local ... a 1 [illegible]
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a 6 00 pm ... Wills Point Local ... a11 [illegible]
7 45 pm ... St. Louis Mail & Ex. ... a 3 [illegible]
a 9 30 pm ... Dallas Local ... a 8 [illegible]
Depart ... Main Line West. ... Arr. from West
West
a 8 20 pm ... Colorado Mail & Express ... a 7 [illegible]
3 00 pm ... Weatherford Local ... a10 [illegible]
a 9 45 am ... El Paso Express ... a 7 [illegible]
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a 8 30 am ... Texarkana & St. Louis ... a 6 [illegible]

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Citation by Publication. No. 24406.—The State of Texas. Suit pending in the District court Seventeenth Judicial District of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Tarrant county—Greeting. You are hereby commanded to make publication of this citation in some newspaper published in said county, for three consecutive weeks previous to the second Monday in January, 1904, the return day hereof, and thereby notify and summon the unknown owner, and Vesta Brown and George Brown, whose residence is unknown, and all parties owning, having or claiming any interest in the land herein mentioned, to be and appear before the said district court of the Seventeenth Judicial District of Texas, at the next regular term thereof, to be held at the court house in the City of Fort Worth, Tarrant county, Texas, on the second Monday, the 11th day of January, 1904, then and there to answer the second amended petition of the State of Texas, filed in said court on the 5th day of December, 1903, in said above numbered cause, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff and the hereinbefore named parties defendants, and in which the plaintiff alleges that there are now delinquent and unpaid to the State of Texas and county of Tarrant, state taxes amounting to $11.23, county taxes amounting to $20.50, fees allowed by law amounting to $13.50, including a penalty amounting to 10 per cent of said taxes for the year, including and since the year 1897, for which the said taxes are delinquent, together with 6 per cent interest on said taxes from the first day of January next succeeding the years for which any taxes are delinquent, and that the amount of said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs are delinquent, unpaid and due to the plaintiff, and that the amount thereof is a charge against and a lien on the said land in Tarrant county, Texas, described as follows: Lot 3, block 11, Alford and Veal addition to Fort Worth, Tarrant county, Texas, for the years 1897 to 1902 inclusive. Plaintiff prays judgment for the amount of the said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs, and for a foreclosure of the said tax lien against all of said defendants on said land, to satisfy the amount of said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs, and for all other general legal and equitable relief. Herein fail not, but have then and there before this court on the first day of the next regular term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon indorsed, showing how you have executed the same. Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Fort Worth, this the 7th day of December, 1903. Jno. A. Martin, Clerk District Court, Tarrant County, Texas. (L.S.) By E. J. Brock, Jr., Deputy.

Citation by Publication. No. 24412.—The State of Texas. Suit pending in the District court Seventeenth Judicial District of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Tarrant county—Greeting: You are hereby commanded to make publication of this citation in some newspaper published in said county, for three consecutive weeks previous to the second Monday in January, 1904, the return day hereof, and thereby notify and summon the unknown owner, and John R. Swancoat, whose residence is unknown, and all parties owning, having or claiming any interest in the land herein mentioned, to be and appear before the said district court of the Seventeenth Judicial District of Texas at the next regular term thereof, to be held at the court house in the City of Fort Worth, Tarrant county, Texas, on the second Monday, the 11th day of January, 1904, then and there to answer the second amended petition of the State of Texas, filed in said court on the 5th day of December, 1903, in said above numbered cause, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff and the hereinbefore named parties defendants, and in which the plaintiff alleges that there are now delinquent and unpaid to the State of Texas and county of Tarrant, state taxes amounting to $3.03, county taxes amounting to $5.52 fees allowed by law amounting to $13.50, including a penalty amounting to 10 per cent of said taxes for the year, including and since the year 1897 for which the said taxes are delinquent together with 6 per cent interest on said taxes from the first day of January next succeeding the years for which any taxes are delinquent, and that the amount of said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs are delinquent, unpaid and due to the plaintiff, and that the amount thereof is a charge against and a lien on the said land in Tarrant county, Texas, described as follows: Lot 14, block A, Bellevue Hill addition to Fort Worth, Tarrant county, Texas, for the years 1897 to 1902 inclusive. Plaintiff prays judgment for the amount of the said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs, and for a foreclosure of the said tax lien against all of said defendants on said land, to satisfy the amount of said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs, and for all other general legal and equitable relief. Herein fail not, but have then and there before this court on the first day of the next regular term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon indorsed, showing how you have executed the same. Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Fort Worth, this the 7th day of December, 1903. Jno. A. Martin, Clerk District Court, Tarrant County, Texas. (L.S.) By E. J. Brock, Jr., Deputy.

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

Citation by Publication. No. 23226.—The State of Texas. Suit pending in the District court Seventeenth Judicial District of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Tarrant county—Greeting: You are hereby commanded to make publication of this citation in some newspaper published in said county, for three consecutive weeks previous to the second Monday in January, 1904, the return day hereof, and thereby notify and summon the unknown owner, and R. H. Thweatt, whose residence is unknown, and all parties owning, having or claiming any interest in the land herein mentioned, to be and appear before the said district court of the Seventeenth Judicial District of Texas, at the next regular term thereof, to be held at the court house in the City of Fort Worth, Tarrant county, Texas, on the second Monday, the 11th day of January, 1904, then and there to answer the second amended petition of the State of Texas, filed in said court on the 5th day of December 1903, in said above numbered cause wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff and the hereinbefore named parties defendants, and in which the plaintiff alleges that there are now delinquent and unpaid to the State of Texas and county of Tarrant, state taxes amounting to $5.14, county taxes amounting to $5.73 fees allowed by law amounting to $11.25 including a penalty amounting to 10 per cent of said taxes for the year including and since the year 1897, for which the said taxes are delinquent, together with 6 per cent interest on said taxes from the first day of January next succeeding the years for which any taxes are delinquent and that the amount of said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs are delinquent, unpaid and due to the plaintiff and that the amount thereof is a charge against and a lien on the said land in Tarrant county, Texas, described as follows: Middle one-third of lots 7 and 8 block 4, College Hill addition to Fort Worth, Tarrant county, Texas, (above property now known as lot 13, block 4 College Hill) for the year 1899-1900 and 1901. Plaintiff prays judgment for the amount of the said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs, and for a foreclosure of the said tax lien against all of said defendants on said land, to satisfy the amount of said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs, and for all other general legal and equitable relief. Herein fail not, but have then and there before this court on the first day of the next regular term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon indorsed, showing how you have executed the same. Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Fort Worth, this the 7th day of December, 1903. Jno. A. Martin, Clerk District Court, Tarrant County, Texas. (L.S.) By E. J. Brock, Jr., Deputy.

Citation by Publication. No. 24584.—The State of Texas. Suit pending in the District court Seventeenth Judicial District of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Tarrant county—Greeting: You are hereby commanded to make publication of this citation in some newspaper published in said county, for three consecutive weeks previous to the second Monday in January, 1904, the return day hereof, and thereby notify and summon the unknown owner, and Mrs. Chas. Tait whose residence is unknown, and all parties owning, having or claiming any interest in the land herein mentioned, to be and appear before the said district court of the Seventeenth Judicial District of Texas, at the next regular term thereof, to be held at the court house in the City of Fort Worth, Tarrant county, Texas, on the second Monday, the 11th day of January, 1904, then and there to answer the first amended petition of the State of Texas filed in said court on the 5th day of December, 1903, in said above numbered cause, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff and the hereinbefore named parties defendants, and in which the plaintiff alleges that there are now delinquent and unpaid to the State of Texas and county of Tarrant, state taxes amounting to $0.60, county taxes amounting to $1.31, fees allowed by law amounting to $9.00, including a penalty amounting to 10 per cent of said taxes for the year, including and since the year 1897, for which the said taxes are delinquent, together with 6 per cent interest on said taxes from the first day of January next succeeding the years for which any taxes are delinquent, and that the amount of said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs are delinquent, unpaid and due to the plaintiff, and that the amount thereof is a charge against and a lien on the said land in Tarrant county, Texas, described as follows: N. ½ block 11, and n. 75 feet block 11, Edwards heirs addition to Fort Worth, Tarrant county, Texas, for the year 1897-1900-1901 and 1902. The above is now known as lot 1 block 11, Edwards heirs. Plaintiff prays judgment for the amount of the said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs, and for a foreclosure of the said tax lien against all of said defendants on said land, to satisfy the amount of said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs, and for all other general legal and equitable relief. Herein fail not, but have then and there before this court on the first day of the next regular term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon indorsed, showing how you have executed the same. Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Fort Worth, this the 7th day of December, 1903. Jno. A. Martin, Clerk District Court, Tarrant County, Texas. (L.S.) By E. J. Brock, Jr., Deputy.

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

CITATION BY PUBLICATION.
No 25386.

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

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

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

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

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

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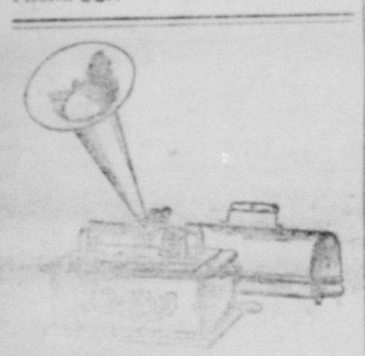

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PORTO RICANS' PLEA.

Representatives From Two Political Parties Appear Before the Committee and Ask That Recognition Be Given.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The Republican national committee resumed its sessions at Arlington Saturday to take up the work of deciding on the place and time of holding the next Republican national convention. It was 10:20 o'clock when Chairman Hanna called the committee to order and announced there were two Porto Ricans present representing the Republican party of that island. He said they would be given a hearing. Communications were read by Secretary Heath from Federal and Republican parties of Porto Rico, claiming representation on the committee. Mayor Todd of San Juan, representing the Republican party, then appeared before the committee and gave a brief history of that party, which he said was established in July, 1899. The Federal party was established some time after this, he said. Each party was represented by two members in the local senate. His party, he stated, cast 58,000 out of 131,000 registered votes. The aim of this party was to Americanize the island and stand by the administration. Porto Rico, he said, would like to be represented in the next Republican national convention.

Joseph E. Brioso, also representing the Republican party, followed Mayor Todd. He emphasized the good that it would do the party to be given recognition by the committee. He declared that party "was coming any way" to the convention.

Chairman Hanna said that further consideration of the matter would be heard in executive session.

The question of selecting the city which would hold the convention was then taken up.

S. P. Raymond of Chicago was recognized to speak in behalf of that city. He said Chicago had not secured the last convention, but meant business this time. It would be sixteen years since Chicago had the convention and it was about time for the Republicans to return to the city which was naturally located for holding conventions.

George R. Peck advocated Chicago as being geographically well situated for the convention.

R. C. Kerens, the member of the committee from Missouri, announced that St. Louis was desirous of getting the convention, and former Mayor C. P. Walbridge of that city said that St. Louis had made a business proposition in writing.

Chairman Hanna remarked that the business propostions would be taken up in executive session. Mr. Walbridge reviewed the record of the Republican party in Missouri, saying the state had more Republican votes than any state west of the Mississippi river. In twenty years the vote of the party had increased 105 per cent. These facts, he declared, deserved consideration.

Former Representative Nathan Frank, on behalf of St. Louis, tendered the formal invitation for the convention.

Walter B. Stevens, secretary of the Louisiana Purchase exposition, made an address devoted almost wholly to the coming exposition. He gave statistics to show what had been expended on the exposition, also what had been done for fair visitors in the way of hotel accommodations. Mr. Stevens said all the states and territories and island of the United States would participate, as well as fifty-three nations and colonies. He urged the location of the convention at St. Louis from a political standpoint.

Senator Penrose responded to the call of Pennsylvania on behalf of Pittsburg. "They are here with the entrance fee," he declared, "and they make no disguise about it. It is $100,000, and if that is not enough they are willing to make it $500,000. Amid laughter he declared it would greatly stimulate the majorities in Pennsylvania to have the convention go to Pittsburg. He concluded by introducing Representative John Dalzell.

There was, said Mr. Dalzell, no more suitable place to hang out the banner bearing the name of the next president.

Senator Scott of West Virginia moved an executive session of the committee to ballot on the time and place to hold the convention, and at 11:40 the doors were closed and this order of business was taken up.

CHICAGO SELECTED.

Date of Republican Convention Fixed For June 21.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Chicago has been selected for the place of holding the next Republican national convention. The vote was as follows: Chicago, 43; Pittsburg, 7; St. Louis, 1.

The committee fixed June 21, at 12 o'clock, as the time for the meeting of the convention.

Four Hundred Cars.

St. Louis, Dec. 14.—Owing to the large number of visitors expected at the World's Fair, street car companies have placed orders for 400 new cars. An immense sub-station, the largest in the world, is to be erected.

Cold Wave and Snow.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—For the first time this winter street car service was crippled Saturday by snow. Tracks were so slippery cars could scarcely move. Temperature 20 degrees below zero in North Dakota.

Galveston Contract Signed.

Galveston, Dec. 14.—Contract for raising the grade of the city and filling in behind the sea wall has been awarded to Gedhart & Bates of New York.

STATEMENT FILED.

Widow of Philo S. Bennett Gives Her Reasons For the Appeal.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 14.—Counsel for Mrs. Bennett, widow of Philo S. Bennett, filed a long statement of the reason for the appeal recently taken from the decision of Probate Judge Cleveland in relation to Mr. Bennett's will.

The document filed, after repeating the clauses of the will to which objection is taken, says in effect that Mr. and Mrs. Bryan "induced and persuaded" Mr. Bennett to sign a paper addressed to Wm. J. Bryan and to copy a considerable portion of another paper, the said copy to be addressed to Mrs. Bennett. The papers referred to are the sealed letter by which Mr. Bryan and family were to be given $50,000 by consent of Mrs. Bennett, and a letter similar in purport which Mr. Bryan produced in court.

The special clauses to which objection is taken and the sealed letter and the letter to Mr. Bryan are declared to have been prepared at Lincoln, Neb., by Mr. Bryan and his wife without the knowledge of Mrs. Bennett and without the knowledge or presence of any of Mr. Bennett's family or business associates.

Allegations of undue influence are made concerning all the clauses appealed from.

PASSES HOUSE.

By Unanimous Vote Representatives Approve Boll Weevil Bill.

New Orleans, Dec. 14.—The house state assembly, now in special session to consider legislation concerning the suppression of boll weevil, finally passed the boll weevil bill by a vote of 73 to none as it had been introduced. This provides for the formation of the crop pest commission of five members, who will have $25,000 to use in the work and plenary power to act.

DESPERADOES' DEEDS

Held Up Two Men, Wrecked Station and Escaped After Running Duel.

Camden, N. J., Dec. 14.—Five masked desperadoes, after holding up a bridge tender and watchman early Saturday, blew open the safe of the Pennsylvania railroad station at Pavonia, a suburb, escaping after a running duel with two policemen. The station was wrecked by the force of the dynamite explosion.

AID TO INJURED.

Trainmen on an Illinois Railway to Be Given Instruction.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—The trainmen of the Chicago and Eastern Illinois road are to be given a course of instruction regarding the best method of giving first aid to the injured in case of railway wrecks. The project has been started at the annual banquet which the officials of the company tendered the surgeons of the entire system at the Great Northern hotel.

The plan is to establish schools in the various division headquarters and require the trainmen to attend the lectures and demonstrations which will be given on the subject. Examinations will be held from time to time and before many months Eastern Illinois trains, both freight and passenger, will have an emergency box well stocked with the necessary articles to use in accidents.

SPENSER'S ASHES.

They Were Refused Burial In Historic Westminster Abby.

New York, Dec. 14.—The Westminster abbey authorities have declined to permit the ashes of Herbert Spenser to be sepulchred in the British Valhalla, according to a World dispatch from London. They were informally approached, but expressed regret that it was impossible.

Prime Minister Balfour, who had many controversial bouts with the dead philosopher, expressed himself favorably to burial in the abbey, but the dean and the chapter proved adverse. It is said no question of religious belief could have entered into the matter because Darwin lies in the abbey.

Against Straw Bondsmen.

New York, Dec. 14.—A crusade against straw bondsmen has been inaugurated by the county authorities here, and strong efforts will be made put an end to lucrative practices about city station houses. As a result, wholesale arrests are expected within a few days.

MINOR MATTERS.

Beaumont complains of sneak thieves.

Houston will have thirty-miles of streets.

O. P. Moss, a resident of the Texarkana section since 1844, is dead.

Two German warships are expected to visit Galveston about New Year's day.

Charles Bishfield, who edited the first paper at Shawnee, Okla., died at Butte, Mont.

The $5000 gin of Mrs. Ellen Barnes at Lampasas, Tex., was fire destroyed. No insurance.

The two-year-old girl of a Mr. Senn was burned to death in Lamar county, Texas, near Blardstown.

The house of Mrs. Sara Whiteneck, near Stillwater, Okla., with contents, including $2000 in cash, burned.

Gas Martin, an aged negro, partially deaf and blind, stepped in front of a train at Bastrop, Tex., and was killed.

Near Edmond, Okla., George Dale, ten years old, was accidentally killed by his brother. The boys were cleaning a supposed unloaded gun.

B. M. Ward, formerly of Houston, Tex., was beaten to death with a coupling pin at Sheffield, Ala. Andy Cooper was cut twelve times. It required forty-five stitches to sew him up.

At Dallas T. P. O'Connor sues Joseph Rankin for $10,000 damages, alleged to have been brought about by the latter's dog biting him in several places and disfiguring him for life. Dog is a large Dane.

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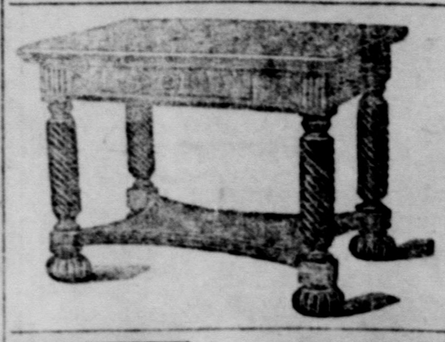

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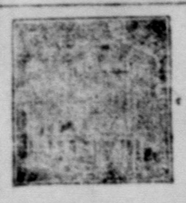

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