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VII — NORTH FORT WORTH, TEXAS, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1903. — No. 245.

Worth Market.

of Cattle Today, 0—Hogs 250.

ERSARESTEADY

10 Cents Lower---
lves Active.

EADY TO LOWER

ened Slow, but Off-
Were Soon Taken.

eceipts Today.

	3,200
	250
	240

Receipts Yesterday.

	4,532
	775
	249
	145

e of the Market.
teers, top $3.70, bulk $2.50
and heifers, top $2.50, bulk
alves, top $4.
$4.65.

CATTLE TRADE

RS QUOTATIONS

d	$3.50@3.75
	3.00@3.50
	2.00@3.00
	1.25@2.00
ery fed	2.15@2.50
r	1.90@2.15
	1.75@1.90
	1.00@1.75
ows	1.65@3.00
ancy veals	3.50@4.00
	2.00@3.50

attle today was moderate-
while receipts were about
an yesterday's supply and
t of last Tuesday, there
00 more cattle on the mar-
n the supply for the same
h.

ing of the market 53 cars
oard, or 2,269 cattle, with
reported to arrive in time
t to make total receipts for
around 3,200, against 3,439
day, and 2,264 for the cor-
esday last month.

BEEF STEERS.

market today was supplied
loads of pretty well fin-
with a fair showing of feed-

fair demand from both lo-
d feeder buyers, and while
ot brisk, sales were gener-
dy basis.

s sold around $3.35@3.50,
ality 1000-pound feeders at
on light thin stockers and
ed largely around $1.50@

teers are quoted from $3.50
medium fed from $3.00@
$2.00@3.00, and yearlings

ive sales:

	Ave.	Price.
	1246	3 70
	1123	3 50
	1155	3 50
	989	3 50
	1030	3 35
	952	3 25
	840	3 10
	877	3 10
	944	3 10
	1070	3 00
	970	3 00
	977	3 00
	921	2 85
	760	2 85
	1105	2 80
	752	2 75
	1030	2 75
	896	2 75
	820	2 75
	765	2 75
	949	2 65
	750	2 65
	920	2 50
	900	2 50
	950	1 85
	540	1 75
	790	1 65

TCHER STOCK.

of butcher stock today was
uality of which was from
ed.

largely of the supply yes-
hile there was no very ur-
they were riding around
with the most desirable

cows and heifers going steady with yesterday, but on the common thin and mixed loads sales were generally 10 lower than yesterday.

One nice smooth string of cows and 3-year-old heifers sold at $2.25, but the bulk of sales landed within a range of from $1.75@2.00.

There was on change in the bull market from yesterday, and while trading was a little slow, sales were steady.

Choice heavy fed cows are quoted from $2.15@2.50, with medium butchers $1.90@2.15, light thin $1.75@1.90, and canners $1.00@1.75.

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

Cows.		
13	856	2 35
6	761	2 25
1	830	2 20
4	820	2 20
30	841	2 20
1	790	2 15
26	847	2 15
24	837	2 10
59	833	2 05
28	781	2 05
59	812	2 05
8	736	2 05
10	762	2 05
12	802	2 05
24	800	2 00
3	903	2 00
20	772	1 85
19	708	1 75
28	735	1 65
34	727	1 50
26	703	1 50
4	707	1 50
26	701	1 45
18	683	1 40
11	589	1 25
Heifers.		
1	1100	2 75
1	910	2 50
22	529	2 50
20	686	2 30
5	586	2 25
70	769	2 25
17	678	2 15
1	530	2 00
15	463	2 00
5	402	1 25
Bulls.		
1	1070	2 05
2	960	1 85
1	1160	1 85
1	1140	1 85
4	1170	1 85
1	960	1 80
1 stag	840	1 75

CALVES.

The calf market was liberally supplied, but with the good demand sales were active and steady. Good to fancy vealers are quoted from $3.00@4.00, with common to fair kind from $2.00@3.00.

2	120	4 00
58	165	4 00
19	124	3 25
1	90	3 00
15	218	3 00
80	50	2 75
1	190	2 25
3	280	2 25
10	325	2 25
2	245	2 00
1	280	2 00
2	290	2 00

THE HOG TRADE

TODAY'S QUOTATIONS:

Choice sorted	$4.45@4.65
Mixed packers	4.35@4.55
Light	4.35@4.50
Choice pigs	4.50@5.50
Stags and roughs	3.00@4.00

Receipts of hogs today were small. The Territory supply was completely cut off and the few loads offered were all from Texas points.

Only two loads and a piece were shipped in, or about 200 head. A few wagon hogs arrived, and total receipts for the day were estimated around 250, against 208 last Tuesday, and 271 for the corresponding Tuesday last month. The quality today was medium to good, but of light weight, with the total supply averaging under 200 pounds.

The market opened with local packers acting very indifferent and bidding generally 5 to 10 lower, but finally when hogs started to the scales some salesmen were calling their hogs steady, while others were calling their sales 5 lower.

The top today was $4.65 for those averaging 184 pounds, with the bulk of sales from $4.55@4.60.

Choice sorted are quoted from $4.45@4.65, with mixed packers $4.35@4.55, light grades $4.35@4.50, choice pigs $4.50@5.50, boars, stags and roughs from $3.00@4.00.

Representative sales:

Texas Hogs.			
No.	Shrink.	Average.	Price.
64		209	4 55
31		189	4 60
77		184	4 65
Pigs.			
1		60	5 50
29		120	4 55
4		127	4 60

GENERAL NOTES.

John W. Bondurant was by Judge Smith appointed receiver of the State National Loan and Trust company on Monday. The defendants are E. F. Townes, president, and R. W. Stephens and B. D. Simon, directors of the company.

The Toledo, O., trade is taking some big hogs. Among them was a monster that weighed 932 pounds, dressed. That meant nearly 1,200 pounds live weight. The "pig" was only two years old. There are others weighing 600 to 750 pounds. These hogs fetched more than beef steers.

At a special meeting of the city council of Fort Worth last Monday it was ordered that the sum of $22,500 be paid D. W. Mead on his contract for supplying the city with artesian water. After a year he is to get the balance, about $28,000, if the water supply is kept at 3,000,000 gallons per day.

Nine men in Fort Worth were buncoed out of small sums of money by a man who represented himself as an employment agent and pretended to find employment for them, for which they paid from $1.50 to $2 apiece. They were told to go to the Texas & Pacific depot and take the cars for El Paso, where the railroad would put them at work. At the depot they found that there was no demand for such workmen. The police report that Fort Worth has many such fraudulent employment agents, and they are asking that all employment agents be required to take out license to do business.

HORSES AND MULES

Horses.

Drafts, good	140@215
Chunks, good	75@120
Drivers, good to fancy	75 up
Drivers, medium	50@75
Southerners, common to fair	35@50
Southerners, good to extra	75@100
Plugs	15@25
Rangers, plain	10@30
Choice range horses	50@75

Mules.

13½ to 14 hands, fat	8 40 to 5[illegible]
14 to 14½ hands, fat	65 to 75
14½ to 15 hands, fat	80 to 110
15 to 15½ hands, fat	115 to 130
15½ to 16 hands, fat with quality	135 to 150
16 to 16½ hands, extra, 1 2 0 to 1 500	155 to 160

RECEIPTS AT THE YARDS TODAY.

Cattle.

Clark & Johnson, Midland	106
H. M. Clark, Midland	613
Clark & Harrington, Midland	60
W. A. Cheney, Big Springs	42
J. Williams, Colorado	30
Williams & S., Colorado	60
M. Y. Hodges, Sweetwater	61
J. J. Martin, Abilene	48
Watson & Johnson, Baird	33
Rogers & S., Albany	59
———, Cisco	27
J. C. Bullock, Graham	58
H. A. Patterson, Magnokeith	30
W. F. Cowden, Odessa	33
Cowden & Cochran, Odessa	301
W. N. Waddell, Odessa	73
———, Nocona	10
J. B. Collett, Strawn	28
J. F. Borrow, Strawn	24
L. C. Downtain, Eastland	33
J. R. Yantes, Weatherford	23
———, Hillsboro	36
J. W. Stokes, Blooming Grove	26
F. W. Ruby, Hubbard City	24
E. & E., Hubbard City	35
E. S. & W. R., Menahans	185
Young & Co., Purcell	85
R. L. Gibson, Sugden	49
T. F. Jones, Vernon	25
S. B. Landrum, Seymour	60
Kate R. Barret, Seymour	29
D. T. Jones, Brady	122
Tillman & Jones, Brady	31
W. A. Glasscock, Brady	59
Wilhelm & Co., Brady	85
W. M. Roberts, Winchell	34
W. A. Parks & Co., Ennis	29
T. H. J., Groesbeck	37
J. T. Vandrum, Richland	34
W. L. Cherry, Kerens	76
Satchell & Co., Waxahachie	28
Billup & Bell, Waxahachie	26
W. Norwood, Abilene	90
J. K. Canthen, Putnam	29
W. H. Montgomery, Comanche	100
Hogs.	
Teel, Frisco	77
E. G. Glenn, Gunter	93
———, Nocona	35
Horses.	
J. S. Dodson, Hillsboro	48
D. I. Galligher, El Paso	181

BUYERS ON YESTERDAY'S MARKET

Cattle.

Armour & Co.	1,295
Swift & Co.	1,210
Woodall	30
Tennent	24
Burns	13
D. & L.	69
All others	15
Calves.	
Armour & Co.	183
Swift & Co.	75
Hogs.	
Armour & Co.	338
Swift & Co.	308
Armstrong Pkg. Co.	128
All others	5

TELEGRAPHIC MARKET REPORT.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep
Chicago	5,000	32,000	18,000
Kansas City	11,000	10,500	5,000
St. Louis	7,500	8,000	2,800
St. Joseph	2,600	8,500	3,200
	26,100	59,000	29,000

Chicago.

Special to The Reporter.

Union Stock Yards, Ill., Dec. 8.—The Drovers' Journal reports:

CATTLE — Receipts 5,000. Market unchanged.

HOGS — Receipts 32,000. Market generally 5 lower. Top $4.60; bulk $4.35@4.45.

SHEEP—Receipts 18,000. Steady to 10 higher.

Kansas City.

Special to The Reporter.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 8.—The Drovers' Telegram reports today:

CATTLE — Receipts 11,000. Market steady to 10 higher. Top $5.10. Cows and stockers strong.

HOGS — Receipts 10,500. Market opened 5 lower, closed 5 lower. Top $4.57½; bulk $4.50@4.52½.

SHEEP — Receipts 5,000. Market 10 higher.

St. Louis.

Special to The Reporter.

National Stock Yards, Ill., Dec. 8.—The National Live Stock Reporter says:

CATTLE — Receipts 7,500, Texas 4,000. Steady. Natives steady.

HOGS — Receipts 8,000. Market weak to 5 lower. Top $4.60; bulk $4.45@4.50.

SHEEP—Receipts 2,800. Steady.

St. Joseph.

Special to The Reporter.

South St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 8.—The Stock Yards Daily Journal reports:

CATTLE — Receipts 2,600. Steady to 10 higher. Top $5.

HOGS — Receipts 8,300. Market 5 to 10 lower. Loss regained. Top $4.50; bulk $4.35@4.45.

ENTERPRISE OF A TEXAS CITIZEN.

Making an Experiment Farm on a Large Scale at His Own Expense.

Mr. E. H. R. Green, president of the Texas Midland railroad, is doing good work in the development of Texas. Among other things he is making an experiment farm at Terrell, the particulars of which we take from a newspaper writer:

The plans for E. H. R. Green's large demonstration farm are hardly a month old, yet he has already expended over $51,000 on the enterprise, and contracted for $50,000 more to be put in by Abril 1. He has a force of some fifty men engaged at work and is making remarkable strides. A spur track has been put in, brick have been shipped out and the walls of four mammoth greenhouses, 25x125, are almost completed. A large farmhouse has been removed to the center of the work being developed. A well has been fitted up with a windmill and large tank. He will erect large barns, implement and seed houses. Mr. Green has given out little, except that he proposes to establish a big demonstration farm, but it is safe to say that when his plans are fully matured the great farm will be one of the prettiest spots in the South.

Around the residence, offices and quarters there will be a mammoth flower garden containing some fifty acres. Through this will be walks and driveways. When the four hothouses shall have served their purposes in propagating early varieties of cotton, they will be used as greenhouses for the growing of roses and flowers. Mr. Green will try to compete with New Orleans for the business of New York, Boston and other Eastern and Northern cities. It will be a beautiful farm as well as a useful one in every respect and will attract attention from all over the United States.

On the east side of the Midland railroad opposite the spur Mr. Green will build a handsome country residence. Near by will be located the homes of the various experts and scientists who will be connected with the farm. In the rear will be constructed comfortable quarters for the laborers, the whole making a model little village. He will have the best teams, the best implements, the best wagons and other vehicles and tools to be had. He will establish a hennery of fifty acres and raise the finest breeds of chickens. He has a large traction engine for the breaking of the land for the field crops that will break thirty feet at a time. Mr. Green is doing untold good without a cent of cost to any one except himself. He will put in a large lake and erect a club house. He intends planting fifteen acres in blackberries and establishing a cannery, which he has already ordered; also put in a rice field.

It will be under the direction of the agricultural department at Washington, which will have experts on the ground all the time in charge of the same. Every known scientific experiment that will advance the agricultural interest of Texas will be tested. Great results to the farming class are sure to come from this farm.

Mr. Green furnishes this farm to the government and pays for the maintenance out of his own private funds and states that money will be no object in the conduct of the same for the betterment of the agriculturist. He has in course of erection two very large hothouses and will spend thousands in the undertaking.

ABOUT THE STOCK YARDS.

Some good heifers sold today at $2.50.

Some fair fed steers were on the market today, that brought $3.50.

For the first two days of the week receipts of cattle were about 7,700.

W. O. Parks from Ennis sold 26 steers at $3.50. They averaged 990 pounds.

The Cisco Oil Mills sent in from that place 24 steers that averaged 830 and sold at $2.75.

J. W. Teel of Frisco, Tex., had in today 77 hogs averaging 184 pounds, which sold at $4.65.

J. M. Williams from Colorado was on the market with 70 heifers of 550 lbs that brought $2.25.

J. C. Bullock sent in from Graham 30 cows of 841 pounds that sold at $2.20, and 24 of 800 that sold at $2.

G. F. McGuffey from Hubbard City had 24 steers on the market of 1030 pounds average, that sold at $3.35.

R. L. Gibson from Sugden, I. T., sold 22 heifers of 629 pounds at $2.50, and 20 steers of 877 pounds at $3.10.

H. E. Finney, head of the beef cut and sausage department of Armour's Kansas City plant, was visiting the yards today.

D. A. Young from Purcell, I. T., sold 28 steers of 948 pounds at $3.10, 2 of 1105 pounds at $2.80, and 24 cows of 838 lbs at $2.10.

Johnson & Clark had on the market from Midland 58 calves of 163 pounds that sold at $4, and 15 of 218 pounds that brought $3.

J. W. Maddox from Nocona had in today a mixed load of cattle and hogs. Thirty-one hogs averaging 189 pounds sold at $4.60, with 4 127-pound pigs at the same price.

W. L. Cherry sent in today some heavy steers, 14 head averaging 1236 pounds and selling at $3.70. These steers were fed about 90 days at Mr. Cherry's feed lots at Kerens.

A choice 60-pound pig sold today at $5.50. This was almost a dollar above the ruling price. It was paid because the pig was extra fine and the buyer wanted that kind of a pig.

J. W. Moore of Estelline was on the market with cows averaging 788, which sold at $2.25. Mr. Moore was well pleased with the results of his sale. He gets the Daily Live Stock Reporter and says he finds it a great help in buying cattle, and that he would not do without it.

Buffalo Slaughtered in Chicago.

National Provisioner: In the olden times buffalo were quoted at the Chicago Stock Yards. This has not occurred for many years. This week a car load of buffalo came in. This shipment was intended for slaughter. These bisons were shipped to E. L. Fitzsimmons, of the Denmar Livestock Company, by "Scotty" Phillip, the South Dakota cattle king. They were loaded at Pierre, S. D. They were auctioned off at the sale of the International Live Stock Exposition. Mr. Phillips is the largest owner of buffalo in the United States. This meat sells high.

Work of Weather Bureau.

The Weather Bureau collects its information by telegraph, and for a short time twice a day the whole telegraphic system of the country is at its service to the exclusion of all other business whatsoever. The telegrams are sent in cipher, to secure their correct, careful transmission, and to lessen tolls.

First Schoolhouse Flag.

On Catamount hill, at Molrain, Mass., a swell monument has been raised to mark the site of the first flag raised over a public schoolhouse in the United States. The flag question was displayed in May, 1812, from a log schoolhouse which stood on the hill.

Heat From Incandescent Light.

It is usually imagined that the incandescent electric light gives out very little heat. As a matter of fact, only 6 per cent of its energy goes to make light, while 94 per cent goes into heat.

Sun Parlors.

John D. Rockefeller is building two sun parlors in his residence in Westchester county, New York, and will spend $100,000 in rebuilding a number of private drives on his estate.

Suggestion for Hero.

"I want a hero for a new story," said the author. "Let me see," said a friend. "Suppose you take a man who has read all your books?"—Atlanta Constitution.

Long Time Prime Minister.

Sir Robert Walpole held the unbeaten record of having been prime minister of England for, in all, twenty-one years.

Veto Power Is Unused.

No British sovereign has vetoed a Parliamentary bill during the last one hundred and eighty-five years.

COULDN'T SEE HIS WAY OUT.

Capt. Burk Burnett Tells Why He Wasn't in the Independent Company.

Capt. S. B. Burnett says: "I see from a livestock paper that I have been criticised for the position I have taken in the matter of the Independent Packing Company. Of course we cannot keep people from criticising; that's natural, but I do think that the criticism which has been made of me in this matter is not justifiable nor deserved. I am not opposed to an independent packing house. I want that distinctly understood. If cattlemen think that they can build one I would be glad to see them do it, but I have had doubts all along that a proposition that contemplates the raising of a large amount of money could be carried through successfully where popular subscriptions are relied on. They elected me as one of the directors, without advising with me, and I informed them that I could not serve. I would not care to be interested directly or indirectly in an enterprise that I could not see my way clear in. I could not see then, nor can I now, how the plan that has been proposed can be carried out. I may be wrong in this matter. I hope I am, but my idea is that a business like that of a packing house can best be handled by a close corporation. It is complicated and must be handled by men who are practical and who go into it strictly on a business basis. I ship my cattle to the market just as any other shipper does. I try to get stuff that is the best of its kind and by handling my business in this way I get the top prices. The class of stuff I have shipped to the market here this year speaks for itself, and it has brought exactly what it was worth, and no more and no less. I am not interested in any packing house further than that I want to sell them my cattle at the best figures I can. I want to see other packing houses in Fort Worth, and I believe that they will be here, and I will be one to give $1,000 for the one or two concerns that will come here and duplicate one or two of the present packing houses; that's how much interest I have in the two packing houses here."

FARMING BY ADVANCED METHODS.

Intelligence Necessary in Cultivating the Soil for Best Results.

W. M. Shelton, who cultivates a 345-acre farm near Southmayd, in Grayson county, says as to advanced methods of farming:

"Scientific farming will be unquestionably the farming of the future in Texas, and will prove the greatest remedy for the boll weevil epidemic yet offered. I have experimented and know whereof I speak.

"The Department of Agriculture sent us this fall enough seeds of macaroni wheat, Tennessee winter wheat, Russian wheat and other kinds to plant an acre of each variety. We now have growing side by side in one-acre strips winter oats, Tennessee barley, macaroni wheat, Russian wheat and Turkish red wehat, and the several crops are in as fine condition as I ever saw.

"From one bushel of red Turkish wheat last fall I realized twenty-seven bushels. In the way of forage crops I planted milo maize. This crop yielded me in a dry season as much as fifty-five bushels to the acre and served as ample feed for my stock from harvesting time until February.

"An experiment with kaffir corn paid well, as did also three acres of African millet. This last crop is equal to sorghum in food value and yields better returns for the amount of labor bestowed upon it. I also have sixty acres of grass that yielded me more than a ton of first-class hay to the acre, selling readily at $9 per ton.

"I am busy just now in breaking up land for oat planting, which will be done in January. This is much earlier than the usual season for oat planting, the majority of farmers waiting until February or even as late as March. But I have tried sowing in January for several years now with excellent results. Not in one year out of ten will a late freeze kill the crop, and the harvest during these nine years will more than make up the losses on the tenth. By planting early the oat crop gains good headway and is more heavily fruited, amply repaying the farmer for his risk."

MONEY IN TEXAS APPLES.

Writing from Bowie, a newspaper correspondent says:

The apple crop in this section has encouraged the making of bank accounts. The trees bear bountifully, and people coming here from apple-producing sections say the apples raised here are the most perfect they have ever seen. S. D. Thompson's orchard, just north of town, containing six acres, yielded 1,500 bushels of apples, which found ready sale at $1 a bushel.

For Sale or Trade.

SHELLED AND EAR CORN 50c; clipped oats, 45c; rice bran, 60c; corn chops, $1.05; baled corn shucks, 15c bale; red seed oats, 48c. Kolp's Elevator, North Fort Worth. Phone 800.

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

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8. 1903

Notice to Agents.

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

Song of Hope.

Here's a think I guess you hadn't
Never thought:
An' if so, you hain't been happy
As you'd ought.
It's a thought to make you glad,
For a feller can't be sad
When he sees th' things a-comin'
That's he's sought.

This is it: Th' furder on we
Mortals go,
All th' brighter does th' future's
Promise grow.
Some keeps harpin' on th' past
Wishin' childhood's joy might last—
Hain't got time for any sich a
Bunch o' woe.

Ev'ry day since I been livin'
I have found
Lots an' lots o' hope and sunshine
Scattered 'round.
Life's brimful o' love an' light
If a feller lives it right—
Always got th' best time comin',
I'll be bound.

I ain't been along th' road as
Fur as some,
But she's kep' a-gittin' better
As I've come.
'Twill be better still next year
Sure as I'm a-settin' here—
Lookin' back I'll see some mountains
I have clumb.

Chirk up, growler! light yer face up
With a smile;
Better walkin' on ahead there
'Bout a mile
Keep a-singin' songs o' hope,
Never set around an' mope;
For this life grows sweet an' sweeter
All th' while.

—Baltimore American.

SOME SELF-MADE MEN.

Now and then we encounter a natural-born iceman.

Some men always seem so very new and others so very parvenu.

The self-made man is often a very good sort—when he's finished.

He rarely has the gout, but he sometimes suffers from over-exertion of the egotism.

And oh, if he could only remember that there are always others just as insignificant as himself!

Somehow the ears of a self-made man often have the look of having been stolen from a grabbag.

The self-made man escaped one great affliction; he didn't have a baccalaureate sermon preached at him.

We occasionally see an architect of his own fortune who seems to have mislaid the blueprint when he was about half way through.—Puck.

Exports to Russia.

The United States supplies Russia with cotton seed, grapevine cuttings, tobacco and seed wheat in large amounts.

Aerial Excursions.

A project is on foot in Geneva for the establishment of aerial excursions to view the summit of Mount Blanc.

Origin of Drug Store Signs.

Colored globes in drug store windows were first displayed by the Moors of Arabia and Spain.

Most Powerful Auto.

The most powerful automobile ever built is the Gobron-Brille racing car, having 120 horsepower.

Drawing.

An artist draws a picture, an equine draws a dray; the man who marries draws a blank sometimes, we've heard them say; a thirsty man draws water; a blossom draws the bee. If I can only draw my pay that's good enough for me.—Chicago News.

Hook Noses.

The nose with a hook was found in only 6 per cent of 3,000 Hebrews observed by Dr. Fishberg, medical examiner for the United Hebrew Societies. Straight noses constituted 68 per cent, broad noses 12 per cent and retrousse noses 14 per cent.

Pests Are Expensive.

The United States is the host of the chinch bug at a cost of $100,000,000. The hessian fly costs $50,000,000 for its entertainment; the grasshopper, $90,000,000; the potato bug, $8,000,000 and the cotton boll worm, $60,000,000.

Infant Mortality in France.

A recent study of infant mortality in France shows that out of every 1,000 deaths of infants under one year of [illegible] are breast-fed, 290 bottle-fed, [illegible] infants [illegible] solid food [illegible]

For the first time in [illegible] years cane sugar is being [illegible] from Cuba to England.

REGULAR SESSION ON

Both Houses of Congress Assemble at Noon Monday.

MESSAGE WAS READ.

Members of the Upper and Lower Branches of the National Legislature Listen to the Reading of the Document.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The senate and house met in regular session Monday. Usual crowds were in the galleries. After calling the rolls some routine business communication from the president in the form of his annual message was received. The message was read in both houses and the reading was listened to with marked attention. Copies have been handed to members.

The message, which was quite lengthy, was attentively listened to. Several portions were applauded.

President pro tem Frye at 12 o'clock declared the extra session of the senate adjourned without day. He immediately rapped for order and the chaplain offered prayer. Roll call of the senate then followed.

Postponed For Present.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The United States supreme court has denied for the present the motion to dismiss the case of the State of Minnesota, vs. Northern Securities company. It postponed further consideration of the question till case will be heard on its merits.

Treaty Goes to Senate.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Official information from the ratification by the junta of Panama of the isthmian canal treaty has been received by the administration. In accordance with the information the president will send to the senate the treaty for ratification by that body.

Russia's Recognition.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 8.—United States Ambassador McCormick has been officially notified of Russia's recognition of the republic of Panama. The signing of the decrees was the first act of the czar after his return here from Skirniewicz on Saturday.

Recognized by Denmark.

Copenhagen, Dec. 8.—The ministry recommended that King Christian recognize the republic of Panama.

ASKED TO DENY.

Articles About Indian Fights Declared to Be Not Accurate.

Nogales, Ariz., Dec. 8.—Arizona and Sonora chamber of mines adopted a resolution requesting the Associated Press to deny inaccurate articles purporting to give accounts of Yaqui Indian disturbances in the state of Sonora, Mexico, and more particularly an engagement purported to have taken place at Rapairio, near Suaqui Grande, in November last between Mexican troops and a band of fifty Yaqui Indians, in which it is said the "entire body of troops was annihilated or taken prisoners."

SERIOUS SETBACK.

President's Idea of Large Families Not Popular In Iowa.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 8.—President Roosevelt's big family idea is given a severe setback in the report of State Superintendent Barrett, which shows a decrease of 10,000 school children in Iowa since 1902. The records show the 1903 enrollment to be 550,202, as against 560,173 for 1902. The high work was reached in 1900, when 566,000 pupils were enrolled in the Iowa schools.

State Superintendent Barrett explains this decrease by holding that large families are unpopular among the educated classes. The decrease is also attributed to immigration of families to the cheap lands in Idaho.

KILLED WOMAN.

Lester C. Fitzgerald Then Proceeded to Take His Life.

New York, Dec. 8.—Lester C. Fitzgerald, a member of a glass manufacturing firm of this city, shot and killed Mrs. Matilda Wood in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn early Monday, then committeed suicide. Mrs. Wood was the wife of a newspaper compositor, who said he believed Fitzgerald committed the crime because Mrs. Wood repelled his advances. Fitzgerald was married, but his wife had secured a divorce from him and had since re-married.

DENOUNCED BY DEBS.

Pays His Respects to Both Democratic and Republican Parties.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Eugene V. Debs has addressed a Socialist meeting in the Coliseum at which 10,000 persons were present. The speaker characterized the dominant political organizations as "capitalist parties," told the workingmen they were "slaves of the employers," and declared labor unions misled, their only chance of benefiting their members being through the adoption of the Socialist programme.

"The Democratic party is dead, was dead long ago," said Mr. Debs, "still it has a mission, as one wing of the capitalistic forces. Republican prosperity almost has run its course, and it nearly is time to shove in a Democratic president as a scapegoat for the coming panic."

SLEEPING SICKNESS.

Strange Malady That Prevails In the Dark Continent.

New York, Dec. 8.—By the American board of commissioners for foreign missions has been issued a statement concerning the ravages of the strange epidemic known as the "sleeping sickness," now prevalent in certain parts of the Dark Continent. Then facts were gathered by the board's missionaries in Africa.

The disease appeared in Uganda three years ago, probably coming from the Congo regions. It prevails on the islands and shores of Lake Victria and inland from these shores a dozen miles. No less than 68,000 persons have died, 10,000 within the last five months. A commission sene from England has decidwed that the disease is scattered by a fly called kivu. No antidote has as yet been discovered.

The first symptom of the presence of the disease is headache, with swelling of the glands of the neck, followed by protracted sleeping on the part of the patient.

ADVENT SERMON.

Many Church Dignitaries and Others Hear it Preached.

Rome, Dec. 8.—The congregation of the propaganda should have met Monday morning to discuss important business, including American affairs, but the cardinals all went to the Advent sermon at the Vatican and the meeting of the propaganda was postponed. Many people were present at the Advent sermon, which was delivered in the throne hall by the apostolic preacher, Father Paolo della Pieve, a Capuchin. The function was most interesting and picturesque. The pulpit was erected under the canopy of the throne in front of a long line of seats for cardinals. Behind them were seats for other high dignitaries of the church. In a corner of the hall on the right of the pulpit a structure resembling a private confessional was surrounded by a grating. When all present were seated a figure clad in white appeared behind the grating and the audience rose, the cardinals saluting by taking off their suchettos. Then the sermon began and ended with a prayer for the pope, who never clearly showed himself. When the white kneeling figure rose and was about to leave the congregation rose as before and again saluted. The preacher then went into an adjoining room and kissed the hand of the pope.

FLAG NOT HOISTED.

Commander Landed a Force at Darbe, an African Coast Town.

Aden, Dec. 8.—Commander Charles Grabau, an Italian officer, commanding an armed Dhow, landed a party of friendly natives at Darbe, Somaliland, Africa, and ordered the Italian flag hoisted on the fort. The commandant of the fort refused to permit the order to be carried out unless it had the sanction of the government. Lieutenant Commander Crabau thereon gave the commandant two hours in which to obey the order, and at the expiration of that time the commandant not having complied, fired upon the fort. The fort replied with shell, killing Grabau. The Dhow then put to sea and was picked up by the Italian cruiser Galilee, which landed the officer's body here.

TEN PER CENT CUT.

Fifteen Thousand Operatives Affected by This Order.

Boston, Dec. 8.—The wages of 15,000 cotton mill operatives were reduced about 10 per cent Monday in New Bedford, Fitchburg, Baltic, Conn.; Taftville, Conn.; Fisherville, Mass., and Pawtucket, R. I. The total number of mill hands who had their pay lowered up to the present time is about 80,000. Five thousand additional operatives in Berkshire county have been given notice that their pay will be cut next week. Most of the mills which participated in the cut to date will follow the course of the Fall River schedule, adopted Nov. 30. Of the operatives affeected by Monday's notice 12,000 are employed at New Bedford.

Many Saloonists Will Quit.

Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 8.—As a result of increase of temperance sentiment among the anthracite miners nearly one-third of the 1000 saloon keepers of Schuylkill county will go out of business next year. This is shown by the decrease in the number of applicants for licenses.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Drouth is killing Boers' cattle.

Devil worship is said to prevail at Paris, France.

Walter Clelland of Pittsburg, Tex., fatally shot himself.

L. R. Wellman, a prominent Alabamian, is dead at Huntsville.

Virginia L. Thornton, a young artist, was asphyxiated at New York.

The $5000 barn of Charles C. Cobb at Seagoville, Dallas county, burned.

Butler county, Pennsylvania, has had nearly 1200 cases of typhoid fever.

George Good fell into a tank of boiling lard at Quincy, Ill., and was terribly burned.

Manager Donovan of the St. Louis National League baseball clug has resigned.

P. M. Norther seriously shot his wife and daughter near Caruthersville, Mo., and suicided.

A union of unemployed men who do not belong to any organization is being formed at St. Louis.

Mrs. Ida Drummond died at Houston from the effects of burns incurred Nov. 16. She suffered greatly.

Phillip Demmitt, reputed to be the wealthiest citizen of Williamson county, Texas, died after an illness of three months.

Typographical union of Houston will pay the poll tax of all members too poor to do so that all may vote in next year's state and city elections.

FOR RAISING GRADE.

Only Two Firms Submitted Bids to Perform the Work.

ONE PLAN IS NOVEL.

It Provides For the Construction of a Canal Twenty Feet Deep and About One Hundred Feet Within Seawall.

Galveston, Dec. 8.—Bids for raising the grade of Galveston were opened Monday. Only two bids were received, the lowest being from P. C. Goedhart and Linden W. Bates of New York, for filling at 18½ cents a cubic yard and for mainland soil at 30 cents per yard. The other bid was from R. A. Elzy of Marshalltown, Ia., who bid 29½ cents for filling and 87½ cents for mainland soil.

The soil proposition is small, embracing but 16,500 yards, while the filling is estimated approximately at 11,200,000 yards. With these figures it is estimated the work can be done and the city have about $70,000 left for engineering expenses, ect., out of a total estimated cost of $2,082,000.

The county's portion for filling for 100 feet back from the seawall is about $150,000, which the county has out of

SECTION OF GALVESTON'S GREAT THREE MILE SEA WALL.

the $1,500,000 bond issue and contract for the seawall.

The plan of the lowest bidder is somewhat new in this section, and is commended by Colonel C. S. Richie and Engineer Boschke of the seawall. The firm proposes constructing a canal twenty feet deep from the bay, following the seawall and about 100 feet inside of the wall, with sea-going self-propelling and self-discharging hopper dredges.

The canal is to be filled up to grade when completed, and the work is to be commenced within sixty days and completed three years from this month.

ONE THOUSAND YEARS.

This Is What Allen Brown Got For Criminal Assault.

Rusk, Tex., Dec. 8.—In the district court the world's record was broken in the trial of Allen Brown for criminal assault and burglary. The jury gave him 1000 years for criminal assault in another the jury gave him twenty-five years for burglary of a private residence. The thousand-year verdict case, as far as known, is unprecedented, but the district attorney asked for it and the jury responded.

DEATH PENALTY.

T. C. Wallace Convicted In Franklin County District Court.

Paris, Tex., Dec. 8.—T. C. Wallace, charged with killing J. P. Austin, was convicted of murder in the first degree in the district court of Franklin county and was given the death penalty. The killing occurred five years ago last August. H. J. Carbough is under indictment as an accomplice in the same case.

Many Pecans Shipped.

San Angelo, Tex., Dec. 8.—Ten carloads of pecans were shipped from here to New York, Boston and eastern points. One car contained 33,000 pounds of pecans, which was the largest carload ever sent from this place. The price is ranging around 4 cents a pound.

Bonham Merchant Assigns.

Bonham, Tex., Dec. 8.—W. B. Terry, one of the leading dry goods merchants of Bonham, made an assignment. D. W. Sweeney, cashier of the First National bank, is assignee. The liabilities are $63,000. The assets have not yet been given out, though it is stated they will fall under $63,000.

Death of Colonel Hynson.

Dallas, Dec. 8.—Colonel G. W. Hynson, eighty-three years old, died from injuries sustained by falling from a street car. He was an officer in the United Staes army during the civil war and achieved distinction in Montana as the leader of the vigilantes' committee. For one of his years Col. Hynson was wonderfully active.

Dallas' New Bank.

Dallas, Dec. 8.—Hon. J. W. Flake has received a telegram from Washington that the Texas National bank of Dallas has been authorized to do business. Bank will begin business Jan. 2.

Fatal Shooting Affray.

Pilot Point, Tex., Dec. 8.—In a shooting affray here Charles Golden, formerly of Cisco, was instantly killed. He was shot three times. John Moody was arrested.

TORN TO PIECES.

Children Saw a Lion Disembowel Their Mother at One Stroke.

Dessau, Germany, Dec. 8.—Frau Fischer, a lion tamer, was torn to pieces by four lions in a menagerie cage. She was trying to make a lion spring through a hoop and struck it with a whip, whereupon the animal leaped upon her and disemboweled her at one stroke. The woman screamed and three other lions joined in the attack on her and fought among themselves for fragments of her flesh. There was a frightful panic among the spectators, and many were injured. Finally the lion tamer's assitants, with iron rods and hooks, succeeded in dragging the animals from the woman's wounded body. The children of Frau Fischer were in a box witnessing the performance when their mother was killed.

BISHOP INGLES DEAD.

Episcopal Prelate Departs This Life at Hankow, China.

Cumberland, Md., Dec. 8.—A cable message from Hankow, China, announces the death of Bishop James Addison Ingles of the Protestant Eoiscopal church. Bishop Ingle was thirty-six years old. He was graduated in 1888 from the University of Virginia. He took a three years' course in the Theological Seminary of Virginia, from which he was graduated in 1891. He was ordained by Bishop Paret of Maryland in the same year, and in October of that year sailed for China. He was elected bishop by the general convention held in San Francisco in 1901.

DEEDS OF LETHERIDGE.

Kills His Brother-In-Law and Fatally Wounds Another Man.

Oklahoma City, Dec. 8.—Oscar Letheridge killed Oscar Smith, his brother-in-law, and probably fatally wounded the latter's brother, J. E. Smith, both boys, at their home near here. Letheridge's wife, who had secured a divorce from him, had gone to her father's house. He went there to see her and when the elder Smith refused him admittance, Letheridge forced the door and the fight followed.

Receiver Apopinted.

Ardmore, I. T., Dec. 8.—A receiver has been appointed for the Bank of Ravia, I. T. President Neal of the bank is under arrest, charged with embezzling the bank's funds, but the amount of his alleged embezzlement is not stated nor is a statement of the bank's condition obtainable.

Proposal Submitted.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—In a statement which places his assets at more than four times as much as his liabilities, John Alexander Dowie, at a meeting attended by a majority of his creditors, submitted a proposal by which it is believed the financial tangle at Zion City will be straightened out in a satisfactory manner. In Dowie's communication his assets are declared to be $18,845,210 and his liabilities only $4,058,349.

ACTION COMMENDED.

Central Yellow Pire Association Endorses Recognition of Panama.

New Orleans, Dec. 8.—The Central Yellow Pine association adopted resolutions to the effect that the necessities of the world's commerce imperatively demand an isthmian waterway, commending the action of President Roosevelt in regard to isthmian affairs, heartily approving and endorsing the action of the United States government in recognizing the new republic and the purpose of our government to uphold Panama, so that within a reasonably short time, a transisthmian waterway will be in sight, and urging that no time should be lost in opening to the world this route of commerce.

TOOK MORPHINE.

Brooded Over Losses Sustained by Failure of a Firm.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 8.—While brooding over the serious losses inflicted upon the White Commission company by the alleged embezzlement of F. B. Wellons, who is now under arrest, J. P. Dawson, of the largest stockholders and the strongest witness in the prosecution of Wellons, took morphine with suicidal intent late Monday and died that night.

Wellon gave bond Monday, which was signed by some of the most prominent men in Birmingham. The suicide of Dawson, following the release of Wellons from jail, caused great excitement. In the preliminary trial of Wellons, Dawsonswore that the books of the company showed a shortage of $9,000. Wellons, who had been manager, made no ratement in his own defense, and his bond was fixed at $10,000.

Arrested at Memphis.

Memphis, Dec. 8.—James M. Edge, alias James Kane, was arrested here by local detectives charged with embezling a large sum of money, said to be about $100,000, from the First National bank of Paterson, N. J. Edge has been in Memphis several months.

By Wireless Telegraphy.

New York, Dec. 8.—The steamer Kaiser Wilhelm II., from Bremen, Southampton and Cherbourg was reported by wireless telegraph as being in communication with the Mantucket light ship at 12:30 a. m. Tuesday.

Treaty Handed Purser.

Colon, Dec. 8.—The canal treaty reached Colon in care of Consul General Gudger, who handed it to the purser of the steamer City of Washington to be returned to the United States.

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South
8 05 am ..... Houston & Gal. Mail & Exp.
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North
8 35 am ..... "Katy Flyer"
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8 30 am ..... Houston Mail & Exp.
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1 55 pm ..... Dallas Local
6 00 pm ..... Wills Point Local
7 45 pm ..... St. Louis Mail & Exp.
9 30 pm ..... Dallas Local
Depart Main Line West.
West
8 20 pm ..... Colorado Mail & Exp.
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Effect of Sun Spots.

In speaking of the effect of sun spots on the earth, Prof. Elkins of the Yale observatory said: "They produce no climatic or atmospheric disturbances or changes. The effect of the spots is entirely magnetic. It takes a very sensitive compass to be affected even."

Smallpox an Old Disease.

Contrary to the popular impression, smallpox is not a disease of modern origin. It is doubtful if there are any authentic data concerning its first appearance, but the earliest chronicle now existing of its ravages dates from the sixth century of our present era.

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FRILLS OF FASHION

TIMELY TOPICS OF INTEREST TO WOMEN.

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Model for Fall Coat.

One of the newest models for Fall is the rather long, loose coat, to which additional charm is given by the circular capes. In the design shown here, the back is quite full, and the front is the regulation shape. The sleeve may be in flowing or bishop style. The collar is held in position by the use of a stole facing, thereby, affording a place for a bit of decoration in trimming, which may be of passementeric, crochet rings, tassels or buttons. This will give an air of distinction to the coat, and need not cost much, so that one will be able to have a very pretty coat and at slight expense.

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To keep cheese from molding rub the cut part with butter and cover with white paper. Keep the cheese in a cool, dry place.

Kerosene is an excellent insecticide. Applied liberally about the kitchen pipes and sink it will keep down the roaches that often make life a misery to the dweller in the city apartment house.

Do not turn griddle cakes more than once or they will be heavy. For the same reason serve with the same side up as when removing them from the griddle.

Griddle cakes are much lighter when the eggs are separated, the yolks being beaten to a thick cream and the whites, which must be added the last thing, to a stiff froth.

Cape and Coat Effect.

Cape and coat effects continue their reign and new applications of the cape line idea are seen daily, but none are prettier than the one shown here in the charmingly youthful coat of red lady's cloth and black braid. The coat is made with front and back, good round fullness in the skirt and shaped by shoulder and under-arm seams. In fact, these are the only seams in the coat, so one can readily see how easily and quickly it can be put together. The cape collar also sews in the neck edge, thus saving a lot of time in the finishing.

The sleeve is of bishop shaping and is ornamented by bands of braid. If economy is necessary the braid might be supplanted by stitched bands of would be a pretty button for the cape and almost every one has one or two odd ones around.

With such a simple model any mother who can use a needle can make a pretty coat, and so much cheaper than the ready-made ones.

Three-decker skirts are much in evidence in new models.

There is no end to the improvement of mercerized fabrics.

Silk-striped flannel makes some smart autumn shirt waists.

Velvet-covered buttons of various sizes are used on smart cloth dresses.

You can take your choice between the corset coat and the square sacque.

Almost anything from a tiny rose quilting to a six-inch ruche is known as ruching.

A charming new squirrel muff has ruffles and good-sized ears along the flat openings.

Rosebud fringe will be quite as much favored for evening dress garniture as for hats.

Pinked and raveled frills such as were worn a quarter of a century ago are revived.

Immature dahlias are of a greenish hue, and these have been used on an imported white hat.

Pipings in bright colors, as well as strappings and inlayings, are a feature of new coats.

Vogue of Cameos.

Fashion's wheel has turned again and it is the hour to unearth your cameos—if you have any. The old-time cameos were made up chiefly in brooches, but those of to-day appear in many other forms. The largest are for belt clasps, and there are stickpins of cameos, cut buttons in the prettiest shapes, cuff links and flexible bracelets, which are charming. It is the carving, not the color, which counts in the cameo. Great big cameos for belt clasps and buckles have an ornamental setting of silver or silver gilt. The silver is effective with the cameos. Smaller cameos are used in pairs for belt clasps. Small oval cameos are made into cuff buttons or studs, and others form cuff links made after the style of other modern cuff links.

Girl's Gibson Dress.

A mode that has long been popular, because of its good style and graceful lines, is pictured here, made up in fleece backed pique. Plaits are arranged in front and back, and taper toward the waist, which is slightly bloused in the front. The closing is under the plaits at the left side of the front, and the use of the fitted lining is optional. The collar is pointed, as is also the cuff, which finishes the bishop sleeve. The skirt is circular in shaping, and the deep plaits give not only a pretty effect, but add fullness to the skirt. The design is appropriate for wash goods, silk or woolen, and will make a charming little school frock when made up of dark blue serge, trimmed with large buttons, or shaped bands of contrasting material might be used over the shoulder and on the skirt in place of buttons. With such a little dress one might wear a leather belt and the result would be most gratifying.

A Word on Skirts and Sleeves.

Because the stitched tucks and box plaited skirts have been used so much all summer, the many-gored skirt with a decided ripple will be a relief this fall. A twenty-two gored skirt is the "limit in extreme skirt models." This warning may indicate the popularity of straight gored skirts

The great point in making gowns this fall is to put off putting in the sleeve as long as possible. The sleeves have a pronounced puff or balloon about the elbow, but this balloon fullness must not hang limp as heretofore. Use fine milliners' wire to produce the crisp effect. Long, close-fitting cuffs replace the narrow ones.

Grass stains on white material should be dipped in spirits of wine, after which they may be washed out with soap and water.

Rubbing with a cloth dipped in paraffin will not only clean but improve the appearance of a shabby black iron bedstead.

Unbleached cotton shrinks much in the washing, therefore allow an extra inch in each yard when making a garment to allow for this peculiarity.

Lamp wick should be soaked in strong vinegar and then well dried before being used. This precaution will insure a better light and a freedom from smoked lamp chimneys.

Maidenhair fern will last much longer in vases if, before it is arranged with the flowers, its stems are put into a little hot water and kept there till the water becomes cold.

Blouse of Ecru Silk.

The blouse and sleeves are made with lengthwise box plaits with a band of fagoting in the middle of each plait. The little sleeve caps and the plastron are made of crosswise plaits, each fagoted in the same way.

The collar and cravat ends are of lace, the latter fastened at the top with buttons. The cuffs are ornamented with buttons, and finished with frills of lace or muslin.—Wiener Chic.

To Wax New Floor.

To wax a new floor use first a good wood "filler," which must be thoroughly rubbed off before it becomes too hard, and then a prepared wax. It is better to purchase this wax unless you have had a great deal of experience in mixing it. Apply the prepared wax with a thin woolen rag and polish it in with a heavy brush or brick, rubbing the floor across the grain first and with the grain afterward. The wax must be applied in a very thin coat and thoroughly rubbed into the floor. After the floor has been filled and dried two coats of wax are necessary to finish it.

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MISS MARIE WAINWRIGHT.

Shakespeare is indeed a name to conjure with. Bare and unadorned as his plays have formerly been presented, they have lived. That beauty unadorned is adorned the most, may be a feact in some respects, but it is not applicable to stage productions. At all events the scenic investiture with which Manager Julee Murry has elaborated and beautified the Shakespearean comedy "Twelfth Night" is prima facie evidence that he believes in a good thing being made better. That this has been accomplished with "Twelfth Night," which Miss Marie Wainwright will present at Greenwall's opera house Friday, matinee and night, Dec 11th, is now an established fact, for all people in all places, without one dissenting voice, agree that Miss Wainwright's revival of "Twelfth Night" is the most beautiful and gorgeously adequate production to which the present day theatergoers have been treated. Cast, scenery electric equipment, paraphernalia, auxiliaries, costuming, in fact everything is said to be perfect.

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Horse Power Street Railways.

Half of all the street railway trackage now operated by horsepower is in New York City.

English Children in Canada.

The London Times, commenting on a correspondent's letter on child emigration to the colonies, says in thirty-four years 45,000 children have been sent to Canada.

Memorial to Pugilist.

A memorial has been erected at a cost of £130 in Toowoomba cemetery, near Brisbane, Queensland, over the grave of Peter Jackson, the pugilist.

Siberian Trains.

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For the first time in [illegible] years cane sugar is being [illegible] from Cuba to England.

How to Overcome Fear.

In overcoming your various fears, follow each one out to its logical conclusion thus, and convince yourself that at the present moment the things you fear do not exist save in your imagination. Whether they ever come to pass in the future or not, your fear is a waste of time, energy and actual bodily and mental strength. Quit worrying just as you would quit eating or drinking something you felt sure had caused you pain in the past.

American Census.

While the American census is in the nature of a national "account of stock," embracing inquiries relating to population, mortality, agriculture and manufacture, that of other countries is generally confined to an enumeration of population by sex, age, nativity, conjugal conditions, occupation, etc., and in some cases details relating to dwellings.

Latest Explosive.

The latest in explosives, according to Metal Industry, is powdered aluminum mixed with nitrate of ammonia and put upon the market under the name of "ammonal." This explosive is said to be one of the surest and safest known, as it can not be exploded by friction or blow, while otherwise containing all requisites of an explosive.

London Child Merchants.

Twenty thousand young children, daily and nightly, stand in the streets of London offering various articles for sale.

Shoestrings from Whales.

Shoestrings are largely made from the skin of the beluga, or white whale, which is known as "porpoise leather."

Scotch Make Irish Shawls.

A London paper gives away the secret that Irish women's native shawls are wholly made in Scotland.

American Money in Mexico.

Fully 70 per cent of the 500,000,000 American dollars invested in Mexico are in its railroads.

GENERAL MARKET REPORT.

Country Produce.

PRICES TO SELLERS.

POULTRY—Hens, per dozen	$3.00 to $3.50
Fryers, per dozen	$2.50 to $3.25
TURKEYS—per lb	7c to 8c
DUCKS—Per dozen	$.25
EGGS—Per dozen	18c to 20c
BUTTER—Per pound, yellow	18c to 20c

Grain and Hay.

PRICES PAID TO FARMERS.

HAY—Johnson Grass, ton	$9.00 to 10.00
Prairie Texas, ton	$9.00 to 10.00
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Alfalfa	15.00
BRAN—Per cwt	.8
CORN CROPS—	1.10
CORN SHELLED—Per bushel,	.50
OATS—Per bushel	.47
WHEAT—No 2	.80
No 3	.78

Vegetables.

CABBAGE—Per pound	2c
TURNIPS—Per bushel	50c to 60c
SWEET POTATOES—Per bushel	60c to 70c
LIMA BEANS—bushel	$1.40

Seeds.

SELLING PRICE.

ALFALFA—100 pounds	$15.50
MILLET—Prime, 100 pounds	1.05
Fancy German	1.15
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KAFFIR CORN—Per bushel	.65
DWARF ESSEX RAPE—100 pounds	6.00
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Orange	1.80
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HAMS—Medium	15c
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LARD—Leaf, in tierces	11c
80-pound cans	11½c
10-pound cans	12c
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SUGAR—Granulated, pound	5½c
Cut loaf and powdered, pound	7c
Yellow	4½c to 5c
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LEONARD WOOD CASE

Name Sent In to the Senate to Be Major General.

SEVERAL PROMOTED.

Twenty-Five Civilian Appointments Are Also Before Upper House, Including Crum For Collector of Charleston.

Washington, Dec. 8.—President Roosevelt sent to the senate the nomination of General Leonard Wood to be major general of the army and the nomination of 167 other army officers whose promotions depend on that of General Wood. Accompanying these nominations were those of about twenty-five civilian appointees, including that of Dr. W. D. Crum to be collector of the port of Charleston, S. C., and some others whom the president nominated in the last recess.

These appointments are considered by the president and his advisers to be recess appointments. The question of their status has been discussed thoroughly by the president with the best lawyers connected with the administration and in congress. The conclusion has been reached that between the time of the falling of President Pro Tem Frye's gavel signifying the conclusion of the extraordinary session and the calling in order of the senate in regular session of congress an appreciable lapse of time occurred. In this time the appointments technically were made. They are regarded by the administration as recess appointments, and the appointees, therefore, will receive the pay and exercise all the authority of the rank to which they are promoted.

The commisions of the army officers have been made out on this understanding. All of them are dated back from the time, last summer, when the appointments originally were made.

Secretaries Root and Moody had a conference with the president, and the appointments were sent to the senate. In the matter of appointments their view as lawyers and as members of the administration coincides with that of the president. With a view to securing a legal decision, however, Secretary Root has authorized the postmaster general to make a test case and bring it to the attention of the comptroller of the treasury at the earliest possible moment.

AGAIN REFUSES.

President Will Not Interfere In Telluride Strike Matter.

Washington, Dec. 8.—President Roosevelt again declined to interfere in the strike conditions on the Telluride district in Colorado. He will not go so far even at this time to order an investigation into the conditions. An appeal from the Western Federation of Miners was presented to the president by Senator Teller urging him to exercise federal authority in bringing about an adjusment of the situation in Colorado. The president maintains that neither the rights nor the authority of the United States government has been invaded in the Colorado situation, and therefore he will not be justified at this time in interfering in the matter in any manner.

Message Main Business.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The principal business in both houses Monday was the reading of the president's message, which required one hour and a half. In the senate Mr. Cullom spoke in favor of the Cuban reciprocity bill. In the house Mr. Pinckney, the successor of Congressman Ball of Texas, was sworn in. As a mark of respect to the memory of the late Representative Burk of Pennsylvania the house adjourned.

Three Postmasters Named.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Among nominations sent senate were G. A. Ahren to be postmaster at Frederick, Okla., C. J. M. Hopkins to be postmaster at Rockdale, Tex., and F. M. Savage postmaster at Hartshorne, I. T.

Reported Ambushed.

Trinidad, Colo., Dec. 8.—The sheriff, with a posse and bloodhounds, left on a special engine for Primero, in response that a party of five non-union miners from Berewynd to Primero were ambushed on the trail. One of the non-union miners was shot in the foot, but made his way to Primero and gave the alarm.

Loubet Receives Bryan.

Paris, Dec. 8.—William J. Bryan was received by President Loubet Monday, the audience having been arranged by Ambassador Porter in compliance with Mr. Bryan's request.

Denied by Authorities.

Vienna, Dec. 8.—The authorities here deny the report that the Princess Elizabeth, wife of Prince Otto of Windisch Graetz and grand daughter of the emperor of Austra shot and killed an actrtss recently at Prague, because she found the latter in the apartments of the prince.

Eight More Warrants.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 8.—Chapter two of the Lake Michigan water scandal was opened to the public. Judge Haggerty of the police court has signed warrants for the arrest of seven more prominent men implicated in the scandal by the confession of ex-City Attorney Lant Salsbury and by his testimony at the police court examination thus far held. An eighth warrant will be issued.

CARNIVAL BEGINS.

Austin Had Ten Thousand Visitors the First Day.

Austin, Dec. 8.—The carnival and street fair was formally opened Monday with 10,000 visitors. The Shriners parade was the feature of the festivities. The carnival will continue during the entire week.

State Health Officer Tabor left for Washington, where he will be joined by Dr. Edmund Souchon, president of the Louisiana board of health, and the health officer of Alabama. A conference will be held between these health officers, United States surgeon general and president of the superior board of health of the republic of Mexico, looking for an investigation and improvements of the sanitary condieion of that country and will make an effort to stamp out as far as possible yellow fever in that country.

Suit was filed in the district court by the attorney general on behalf of the state against the Alamo City Oil company and sureties or its bond for alleged breach of contract for failure to furnish oil or the state institutions at 30 cents per barrel or 60,000 barrels. It is alleged the company only furnished 21,000 barrels. The state sues for $6088 damages also.

Foul Play Feared.

Waco, Dec. 8.—A wagon and team have been found near Lorena, this county, minus a driver. Foul play is feared. In a trunk in the wagon papers were found with the name of Carl Fusseo thereon. Said Fusseo lives near Taylor, Williamson county, but is missing from the wagon.

To Look After Barratry.

Houston, eDc. 8.—Judge Gillespie of the Harris county criminal district court instructed the grand jury to investigate barratry, referring to and endosing the recent utterances of Federal Judge Meek at Fort Worth.

FOOLISH PRANK.

It Came Near Causing Serious Results at Madison Square Garden.

New York, Dec. 8.—Serious results were narrowly avoided in a panic at the six-day bike race at Madison Square garden Monday when a practical joker in the audience lit a paper under a sleeping man's chair and shouted "Fire!" Several hundred persons on that side of the garden rushed in a panic from their seats and breaking through the guard rail fell and slid down the steep sides of the wooden track, a number of flying riders having close calls with collisions. Referee Reeves immediately ordered the riders to dismount and succeeded in stopping them before the leaders reached the struggling mass on the track. In the galleries the cry of fire caused great excitement, but after several minutes order was restored and the race resumed.

NEW REFORM SCHEME.

It Will Be Submitted by the Russian Minister of the Interior.

Moscow, Dec. 8.—Minister of the Interior Von Pleheve proposed to submit a new scheme for the present reforms ordered in the czar's recent manifesto to the consideration of the elective body to be composed provincial committees. The proposed law embodying the new scheme was drawn up after an inquiry recently instituted by the czar into the cause of increasing poverty of peasants. Members of the provincial committees will be elected in each district by the zemstovs (or elective provincial assemblies), composed of landed proprietors and representatives of artisans and peasants.

HELD RESPONSIBLE.

Some Boston Men "Will Meet With a Day of Reckoning."

Boston, Dec. 8.—Chauncey B. Brewster of Connecticut in a sermon here has severely censured persons whom he accuses of zeing responsible for the child labor ystem in the South. "These reputable men of Boston who are receiving their dividends from southern mills, making money out of child labor," he said, "will meet with a day of reckoning. As surely as there is a God his curse is on money coined out of flesh and blood; out of the thin, impoverished blood of little girls of tender years, who have their rights to pure air and sunshine."

SCORED BY DUNNE.

Says True American Citizen Will Hang His Head In Shame.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—In an address before the Henry George association, Edward F. Dunne declared President Roosevelt and Secretary Hay were originally cognizant of the Panama revolution. He reviewed the details of the secession and treaty concluded between the United States and Panama and declared the whole transaction was a "record so unprincipled and so vile as to cause an American citizen who has his country's honor and glory at heart to hang his head in shame."

SUED FOR BIGAMY.

First Husband Refuses to Pose as an Enoch Arden.

New York, Dec. 8.—Michael Murtell, a soldier, just returned from the Philippines, refuses to play the part of Enoch Arden. He married a girl of sixteen years just before enlisting in the war with Spain. Returning to Paterson, N. J., he failed to locate his bride. After a long search he discovered she had married again, not having heard from him in two years believing him to be dead. Murtell says he sent money home frequently and has had her arrested for bigamy.

Treaty Sent to Colon.

Panama, Dec. 8.—At 8 o'clock Monday the canal treaty was sent to Colon on a special car preparatory to shipping it to the United States.

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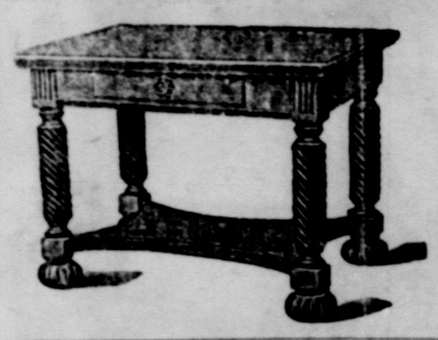

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Indians at School.

In Indian Territory there are 13,864 Indian scholars enrolled in the public schools. Of these 5,383 are in the Cherokee nation, 2,754 in the Creek, 4,788 in the Choctaw and 939 in the Chickasaw.

World's Oldest Ship.

The oldest ship in the world, the mail schooner Vigilant, running into St. Croix, F. W. I., although now under the French flag, was built of Essex oak, at Essex, Mass., in 1802.

Plenty of Clergymen.

At a wedding celebrated at Bandon County Cork, the bride's father and brother were the officiating clergymen, while the bridegroom was also a clergyman.

New York's Water Supply.

The present plan for increase of the metropolitan water supply provides for an expenditure of about $50,000,000 for bringing to New York 200,000,000 gallons daily from the Wappingers creek and Esopus regions.

Napoleon's Table and Chairs.

In the library at Highclere castle, Lord Camanon's residence in Hampshire, are the table and chair which Napoleon used when he signed his abdication at Fontainebleau.

Rain Prophecy.

The best rain prophecy I know, says a teacher of medicine, is nerve irritability. If the boys are easily provoked (myself also), there is likely to be a shower.

Always an Eye to Business.

A merry-go-round man at La Crosse, Kan., got his leg caught in the cable of his machine. The crowd could hear the leg crack, as it was broken in several places. The machine was clogged and stopped. Women fainted and men paled. The unfortunate man smiled wearily, wiggled around and unstrapped a wooden leg, and then announced cheerfully: "Get your tickets for the next ride."

Nome Cold.

The gold yield of the Nome region has hitherto come from the sea beaches and from gulches and beaches at most ten miles from water transportation.

Germans Increase.

In 1870 the German people barely exceeded 40,000,000; in 1885 they had risen to nearly 47,000,000, and in 1900 the census returns gave 56,345,014.

Kaffir Convicts.

Ninety-five per cent of the black convicts whom you see working on the road or harbor works in British South Africa are Christianized Kaffirs.

AN INVITATION

To take advantage of the very low rate made by the M., K. & T. Railway in the North and Southeast for the Holidays.

Tickets will be sold on December 19, 20, 21 and 26, at rate of one fare plus two dollars for the round trip.

Tickets will be good returning thirty days from date of sale.

If you are contemplating making a holiday trip you should see one of "Katy's" agents, or write a letter to "Katy," Dallas, Texas, and learn of the many inducements offered the holiday traveler.

Were Finally Hitched.

"There was not a hitch of any kind," says an esteemed contemporary in its account of a wedding, "from the time the engagement was announced until the service was read." Then, of course, the happy pair were hitched all right.

Largest Airship.

The largest airship constructed is to be built at St. Ouen. It has been designed by Senor Jos De Patrocinio, who has received a subsidy from the Brazilian government for the purpose.

Royalty Records.

Examination of the records of the characteristics of European royalty by Dr. Frederic Adams Wood, shows that the morally superior were the better endowed mentally.