THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Items of Interest Gathered at Washington.

CHAFF BY CABINET MEMBERS.

Postmaster General Wynne's Comeback at Secretary Wilson—Senator Dubois Tells How Indians Identify a Mormon—Witty Remark of One of Representative Clark's Children.

When Secretary Hitchcock and Secretary Wilson came from the cabinet meeting the other day they stopped to talk to the correspondents, says the Washington correspondent of the New York Press. Secretary Wilson had something to say complimentary to the newspaper profession, remarking about the large number of writers who are receiving places of honor.

"We were talking with Postmaster General Wynne a few days ago," some one ventured, "and we asked him how it felt to sit in the cabinet. He frankly remarked that he had been in contact with statesmen and cabinet officers so many years as a newspaper [illegible] he did not feel so strangely [illegible] or write J. [illegible]

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"They do wear these garments, too," said Senator Dubois of Idaho. "It is part of their religion. The garments are about like a union suit of underwear, except that they have a drawstring around the neck and are worn next the skin. Every good Mormon is supposed to have a suit of this kind on at all times.

"The Indians know about them. The Mormon is the friend of the Indian. So when gentiles want to trade with the Indian they always say they are Mormons. The Indians are too sharp for them, however. This is the dialogue usually on such occasions:

"'You Mormon?' asks the Indian.

"'Yes,' says the gentile.

"Then the Indian reaches over and pulls down the other's shirt collar. If he finds the puckering string there he knows he is dealing with a Mormon, but if not he has his suspicions."

Senator Thomas Kearns, the colleague of Reed Smoot, is of giant physical size and strength. He has an income of $30,000 a month from his mining interests and spends it like a prince. He gives to charity lavishly and is friendly to the needy, but he despises the street beggar, says the New York American's Washington correspondent. On a recent night he was in his committee room at the capitol until quite late. Once in the open, the air being fresh and invigorating, he began taking long strides down the avenue. At the corner of Sixth street a ragged man got on his right and, keeping up with him for a block, continuously sang out, "Can't you help a poor man along?"

Kearns finally took notice. Looking down at him as he hitched on a fresh spurt to his speed, he said: "I don't know why I should help you along. You seem to be going about as fast as I am. How much farther are you going?"

That was enough. In great disgust the beggar turned on his heel.

Two men in a yellow car on Pennsylvania avenue were disputing about the proper method to find the cube root of a certain number, says the Chicago Inter Ocean's Washington representative. One held to one plan and one to another, and they were earnest.

Senator Daniel of Virginia sat across the aisle, engrossed in his own thoughts. He was staring straight out of the window when one of the disputants leaned over and touched the senator on the knee, saying, "Excuse me, sir, but are you a mathematician?"

The senator came out of his reverie with a start.

"No, sir," he replied, with dignity; "I am not; I am a Virginian."

Representative Champ Clark has some interesting youngsters who go to Sunday school, says the New York World's Washington representative. One of them smiled superciliously when the teacher was trying to teach the children the creed.

"Why did you keep smiling all the time, my dear?" asked the teacher of the youthful Clark after the lesson. "The other children didn't."

"Oh, they're babies," answered the youngster. "I've found out that Santa Claus is just my papa and mamma. I haven't found out yet who God is, but I bet I do before long."

Many people think that former Pension Commissioner Ware, who is also Ironquill, the poet, though an agnostic, thinks he is going to heaven, as is evidenced by a letter he wrote to Watchman Jackson at the pension office, says the New York World. [illegible]ckson wanted some sort of recom- [illegible]dation. This is what Ware wrote: [illegible]ar Jackson—If you are not in [illegible] when I get there I'll fix it to he[illegible] on transferred."

RUSSIAN AMMUNITION.

More Used In One Day In Manchuria Than In Spanish-American War.

The following article on the amount of ammunition used by the Russians in the battle of Liaoyang is taken from "New Features of the War as Illustrated In the East," by Thomas F. Millard, in the January Scribner's:

The enormous expenditure of ammunition is one of the features of this war. The Russian soldier carries 120 rounds of rifle ammunition into battle, and this will seldom last through a single day's fighting if the troops become seriously engaged. At Liaoyang some Russian regiments expended more than 800 rounds per man in the course of the battle. As this computation was based on the strength of the regiments when they entered the fight and as many of them came out of it sadly depleted, it is estimated that many soldiers must have fired as many as 1,500 rounds. In the Russian organization the supply of rifle ammunition per man, including the field and reserve parks and the supply carried in the flying artillery parks, is only 422 rounds for infantry and much less for mounted troops. The expenditure of artillery ammunition has been as excessive.

At Liaoyang some Russian batteries fired more than 600 rounds per gun. Russian field artillery carries in its limbers and battery wagons only from 108 to 150 rounds, according to the character of the gun, while the total visible supply, including the divisional, flying and reserve parks, averages about 475 rounds per gun.

These figures will give some idea of the strain put upon the supply departments during a great battle. More ammunition has been used in a single day in Manchuria than was required to fight the Spanish-American war. Besides the items of food and ammunition, the wastage of other forms of war material is enormous and constitutes an unprecedented drain upon logistical resources. The officers who direct this important branch of the art rarely receive the credit that is due them.

BABY'S OUTDOOR BED.

Duluth Lawyer Thinks She Will Be the Most Robust American Woman.

Mothers and women who are not mothers, but who are fond of children, are appalled by the radical departure from the usual method of rearing a child resorted to by J. H. Whitely of Duluth, Minn., says the New York Press. His daughter Corinne, eighteen months old, sleeps in a basket on the front porch of the house overlooking the lake. With the thermometer far below zero the child sleeps in her airy berth and at times has been taken indoors by the maid covered with snow. Whitely believes she will grow up to be the healthiest young woman in the land through this rigid treatment.

The father of the child keeps his relatives informed as to the progress of his treatment and proudly details the success of his experiment. Writing to his father in Washington, Pa., where Whitely formerly lived, he says his little daughter sleeps in the biting air every day and that she enjoys her rest immensely. He wrote that the child slept on the porch the other day for six hours with the thermometer registering 10 degrees below zero. One day a driving snowstorm came across the lake, and when the maid took baby's basket in the house the little sleeper was covered with three inches of snow. Whitely places a hot water bag at the child's feet, and she is tucked well up in the blankets. She never takes cold from her open air sleeps, but the heat of the house gives her little troubles with her head. The father of the child is a leading attorney of Duluth, and, though there is much criticism of his method of bringing up the baby, mostly confined to women, he thinks his course is the correct one.

Safety Device For Railways.

A double automatic block system has been installed on the Chicago Great Western road between St. Paul and South St. Paul. The plan of the system differs materially from anything in the nature of block systems or safety devices in operation in the world, says a St. Paul dispatch to the Chicago Post. It departs from the old overlap idea used in many of the blocks of the country, and the mechanism makes it possible for an engineer to decide positively whether or not either of the two sections ahead of him is occupied by a train. Storage batteries, located at the foot of each pole of the block, furnish the power with which the arms are moved. It is said that the whole main line of the Great Western will be equipped with similar devices soon.

Move to Increase Varieties of Food.

"Man will eat 200 or 300 more foods in the year 2000 than he eats now," said a chemist. "A movement is on foot among the world's governments to increase the varieties of our foods, and every week, from somewhere or other, a new vegetable or fruit or nut is added to the international bill of fare."

Winter.

Soft as the plumes of sleep drifts down
The pure white silence of the snow;
The bells make merry in the town,
Where happy faces come and go.

The brooding quiet of the trees
Is broken sweet, in yonder glen,
By "day, day, day," of chickadees
And keen, sweet song of winter wren.

Of glowing days some magic word
Is warbled when the grosbeaks sing,
And in the moaning pines is heard
The whisper of returning spring.

This is the birthday of the year;
Now faroff summer's battles start;
And lo, the very cold grows dear,
The wildest storm wind warms the heart.

—Rosera Brumbaugh in Field and Stream.

AN INCIDENT OF LIAOYANG BATTLE

Tragic Experience of Wounded Japanese and Russians.

FEARFUL SUFFERINGS ON A HILL

How Bitter Foes, Ere Darkness Enveloped Them, Became Comrades, Sharing Their Black Bread and Rice—Heroism of Two Russians Who Sacrificed Their Lives Trying to Alleviate Agonies of Former Enemies.

A tragic incident of the battle of Liaoyang is thus described by a Manchurian correspondent of the London Standard:

I tell the story as it was told to me by an officer of General Kuroki's staff. On a bare hilltop, strewn with the debris of war, lay fourteen wounded soldiers. Through the long, hot day they had fought, and now the tide of battle had swept past, leaving them like wreckage cast up by an angry sea. Eight were bearded men, and six were smooth faced Japanese. The golden mist that glowed among the giant millet was tinged with crimson. Night was about to add her terrors to the stricken field. As the shadows stole up the mountain a strange fear crept into the hearts of these men. Their eyes grew wide with dread at the sights and sounds amid which they might sleep the sleep that knows no waking. Darkness could not hide the horrors that had burned into their brains. To each grim detail the waning light gave new and awful realism. A great fear fell upon the survivors and drew them together. It was a slow and painful muster. Shot through the legs, Sato crawled to Tanaka, whose foot had been shattered by a shell. With one arm hanging limp, Yamada tore a sleeve from his shirt and pressed it against a hole in his side. Nakamura had a bullet in his brain and lay on his back sobbing out his life through frothing lips. A shot had entered Matsumoto's right shoulder, passed through the muscles of his back, came out at the waist and lodged in his cartridge pouch. His foot slipped in a pool of blood, and he fell upon a Russian kneeling, with rifle clasped in his arms. The figure rolled over. Kimura was mopping the blood from his brow and had ripped up his trousers to dress a wound in his thigh.

At last the muster was complete, and the little group of Japanese began to attend to one another's injuries. The Russians were less seriously hurt and assembled more quickly. Sato had taken off his puttees and was binding them around his leg when he saw the eight bearded men. Instinctively he looked round for a rifle, but Tanaka laid a hand on his arm. "Don't you see that they, too, are wounded?" Sato went on winding his puttees and took no more heed of the enemy. Having dressed their wounds, the men began to look about them, and presently the eyes of the two groups met. Long and earnestly they gazed, each striving to learn the other's thoughts. Many stories they had heard of atrocities, of murder and mutilation and horrors of which men speak in whispers. The Russians were eight and the Japanese only five, for Nakamura did not count, being as a dead man. Would they fight? Would they wait until the night and steal upon them unawares? Did they see how sorely stricken were their enemies? Would they avenge the slaughter of their brothers? To these inward questionings they sought answer in the faces turned toward them. "They look very fierce with their great beards, but their eyes are gentle." It was Tanaka who spoke, he who had checked the impulse of his comrade. "They are brave men," added Kimura, who had bound his leg and was whisking the flies from the mouth of Nakamura. "Yesterday when we stormed the hill the Russians made a counter attack. They were led by a young officer, who fought like a lion with his whelps. He fell, pierced by many wounds, and was about to hand his sword to Lieutenant Katsura, but our officer motioned to him to put back the weapon and said, 'No, I cannot take from a samurai his soul.' The Russian understood. He was of the samurai." "Let us beckon to them to come over," suggested Tanaka. "They will then know that we have no evil design."

The signal was given, and the eight bearded men came without hesitation. Gravely saluting, they seated themselves on the ground by the side of their friends the enemy. Of one another's language they understood not a word but speech is a habit, and it is not to be suppressed merely because it is useless. The men talked, and their voices grew louder and louder, as voices are apt to do when they produce no impression. When your words are simple and clear it is hard to distinguish between ignorance and deafness. After a time the visitors fell back upon signs, but to the Japanese signs are as unintelligible as Sanskrit. Then they began to examine one another's wounds and shook their heads over the prostrate body of Nakamura, whose breath came in sharp gasps through bubbles of foam. Kimura put his hand into the pocket of his tunic and drew forth a book. It was a manual of conversation in Russian and Japanese, a collection of formal phrases and stilted sentences such as no sane lips would ever frame. Yet they served, for presently Kimura and one of the Russians were busily turning over the pages and putting their fingers on words. Before night came these men were comrades, sharing their black bread and rice. Sympathy gave them understanding, and, though they spoke in unknown tongues, it was established beyond doubt how many had left wives and children to pray for them in distant homes. Tanaka, with much labor and many searches through the manual, asked one of them if he was not glad to be wounded, seeing that he might return to his family and escape the perils of war. But Sato reproached him for suggesting that their Russian comrade was wanting in patriotism and would shelter himself behind a wound.

Thus the hours wore on and night spread her veil over the ghastly forms that lay scattered over the hilltop and in the trenches. Very soon the wounds began to grow stiff and painful, and fever ran like fire through their veins. Nakamura's sobbing had ceased, and his face was rigid in death. Kimura rambled in his talk and cried for water to quench the fires within. Sato lay back and would have groaned in his agony but for the presence of his comrades—the Russians. They understood, for one of them rose and, taking three wooden bottles pointed to the valley. He would fetch water for his comrades—the wounded Japanese. Now, every man in that little group knew the risk of such an enterprise, for he was aware that the hill was in dispute and that Russians and Japanese were watching for any sign that might betray the presence of the enemy. The Russian soldier walked to the brow of the hill and looked cautiously about him. Nothing was to be seen save the forms of dead men and the blackness of the valley. Though he stepped warily, his feet often slipped in pools of blood and stumbled into holes dug by high explosive shells. His comrades watched him disappear over the crest and waited. The minutes passed with painful slowness. Not a sound broke the stillness. He must have reached the foot of the hill. Even now he might be filling the water bottles from the shallow stream below. Perhaps he was returning, and this terrible thirst would end. They strained their ears to catch the first sound of a footfall. What was that? A shot rang out and pierced the darkness like an arrow that quivered in their hearts. Then all was silence again. The wounded men held their breath and listened. No sound came from hill or valley, and they feared greatly for the brave man who had risked his life. Long they watched and waited, none daring to give voice to his fears. He would never return, for in the valley he lay close to the stream with a bullet through his heart.

Kimura's ravings had lapsed into unconsciousness, and Sato moaned aloud. From the little group rose another figure, stalwart and bearded. Without a word or a sign he departed. His comrades seemed unconscious of his movement, yet they felt that he had taken upon himself the agony of their thirst. He passed from the hill and vanished in the darkness, following the steps of his comrade. Again that terrible note, sharp and clear—the note of a Russian rifle. He, too, would never return. The bullet of a comrade had dyed the stream with his blood, and the half filled water bottles floated by. The survivors on the hill watched no more, and night hid their suffering and their sorrow. At dawn some Japanese scouts moved cautiously up the slope and from the brow of the hill saw the six Russian soldiers. Two shots whistled over their heads—three, four! The Japanese knew the sound and shouted to their comrades. The firing ceased, and the story was told. Two nameless Russian soldiers rest in one grave, and on a wooden cross is written in Japanese, "Comrades at last!"

GOSPEL FOR BOARDERS.

A Presbyterian Minister's Unique Undertaking In Chicago.

The Rev. John Balcom Shaw, formerly pastor of the West End Presbyterian church, New York, has begun his new work in Chicago as pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, the wealthiest in the city, says a special dispatch from Chicago.

Mr. Shaw, with eight assistants, will carry the gospel into hundreds of downtown boarding houses. One of them will be called the "pastor of strangers."

Needs of all classes in the way of baptism, marriage, sickness, death or any matter of trouble or perplexity will be served free. Special classes for women and girls will be conducted in hotels and boarding houses, with a kindergarten daily for children.

No proselyting will be done, but other churches will be notified in individual cases.

Plan to Destroy Rats.

An international league for the extermination of rats has been formed in Denmark. In Berlin the municipal authorities are offering a penny for every rat's tail delivered.

The Immaculate Japanese.

[Besides food and ammunition Japanese knapsacks contain a toothbrush, a comb, a towel and a map of southern Manchuria.—War Letter.]

Ah, neat Japan! Each week we hear
New reasons why your hosts are strong.
One secret of their strength is clear—
They never start the day a-wrong.

When bugles wake at break of day
And morning gilds the eastern land,
Your troopers hasten straightaway
To some sweet stream and wash their hands.

That done, before the cannons boom
And sword and bayonet leave the sheath,
Possessed of ample elbow room,
They kneel in files and brush their teeth.

Then crash! The sounds of war begin.
To give his foe an early scare
The Cossack tries, but midst the din
The Jap, unflustered, combs his hair.

And last, before he bangs reply,
Ere bullets, shot and shrapnel whis,
He spreads his map where'er it's dry
And finds exactly where he is.

[illegible] famous little
Wellville."

LANDS!

Partial List of Properties for Sale by

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FARMS.

10—Farm and store—60 acre tract of good land, with 40 in cultivation, located nine miles from Dublin, good orchard and tenant house. Also a store house and stock of drugs and groceries worth $500. Will sell altogether or reserve store. Price of land $1,500 with one-half cash.

20—100 acres mixed land eight miles south of Dublin. 35 acres in cultivation, 40 acres more good land to put in; near good school. $1,750; one half cash, balance to suit.

21—273 acres in the Kiker's Gin settlement. 73 in cultivation; over 50 more acres good land can be put in. Good house, barn, crib, three wells, wind mill, fine tank etc. $6,000; good terms.

29—100 acres 20 miles northwest of Dublin, one mile of store, postoffice, good school, two churches; 40 acres in cultivation, more to put in, one 6 room and one 4 room house, two good wells, extra good grass with good tank in pasture; 1500.00.

37—128½ acres 8 miles from Dublin; ¾ mile good gin, 2 miles 2 good schools; 3-room house with gallery; small barn; young orchard; 25 acres in cultivation, 40 more to put in; extra good grass, everlastidg water in pasture; shallow well. 2 miles small town. Price 2200.00.

33-100 acres, 13 miles of Dublin, one mile of Lingleville. House has three rooms and gallery, good well and new barn. 40 acres in cultivation with 12 in apples part of which are bearing, there are also four acres of all kinds of fruit. This is all good sandy land with plenty of timber and no blow sand, and this is a bargain at $3000.00 with $2000.00 of it cash.

42—340 acres prairie land with 85 acres valley land in cultivation. Two houses, good well and windmill. Good grass and some timber. Will sell for 4000.00 with ¼ cash and balance to suit purchaser.

45-170 acres 100 in cultivation, three room house, well, and necessary out buildings, good grass land with tank in pasture and plenty of timber. Close to good school and church. Ten miles from Dublin and 3½ from Purves. $4000.00 half cash balance easy at 5 per cent.

46—100 acres with 55 in cultivation and 20 more good land to put in. Land is sandy and lies well, plenty of fruit on place, orchard contains apples, peaches and plums. 14 miles from Dublin, south. Will sell this place for $1500.00 and will take good span of mules or horses.

51-160 acres 6 miles east of Dublin, over 90 in cultivation good sandy land, good roomy house and out buildings, well and orchard, plenty timber and good grass. 2500.00 on easy terms.

52-201 acres in Comanche Co. two miles from Gustine. Small house and well. This is all good timbered land part sandy and part bottom land 28 acres in cultivation. Will sell this place for 7.50 per acre, half cash balance 1-2 & 3 years.

56-290 acres close to Proctor, half in cultivation, good improvements. First class land, level, plenty of timber, grass and water. We will sell this or trade it for a smaller place. Want sandy land well improved within reach of good school.

59—60 acres 1 mile west of Bunyan with 40 acres in cultivation. We will sell this within the next week for 1200.00 with a small payment and easy terms at 8 per cent on deferred payments.

60—136 acres, 100 acres good, level, tillable land. 50 now in cultivation. Three room house with gallery, good well and orchard. This is all sandy land, lies well and only four miles from Dublin. Will sell at $25. acre.

64—160 acres 3 miles west of Bunyan 70 acres in cultivation, good grass and timber good house, well and wind mill, $3,000.00, half cash.

66—100 acres with 35 in cultivation, good four room house with wind mill and all good out buildings and lots; $1700, half cash and good terms on balance.

67—53 acres with 35 in cultivation, good 3 room house, will rent 30 more acres joining this.

68—116 acres, 75 in cultivation, 6 room house, 1½ miles from Purves. $2500.

69—133 acres 3 miles from Dublin, 80 in cultivation. $2500.

We have in our hands for sale or trade a good many farms and ranches from 100 up to 5000 acres. Space does not admit of description.

We have for sale several finely improved places not on our list; altogether in one block which we will sell at from $30 to $40 per acre: all good, level, sandy land, well located. We also have 75000 acres in Wheeler county, improved and unimproved which we will sell in any quantity from 160 acres up. 75 per cent of this is good, tillable land, mostly sandy with good clay foundation.

CITY PROPERTY.

110—Stone business house 25x100 feet in best business block on Patrick street, always occupied at good rent. A fine investment at $4000 with easy terms.

112—44 acres inside of corporate limits of South Dublin, first-class land, is fenced and in good state of cultivation. Fine building site and would make a desirable home and an excellent truck farm, Price $2000. A big bargain.

115—Good five room residence property on Elm street, east Dublin, large lot, stable, city water an other conveniences. Rents at $6 a month. Should sell quickly at $600 with one-half cash.

116—5 room house in Dublin; 4 acres land and orchard. Will sell for one-half cash and balance to suit. Will trade whole place for stock cattle. Price $850.

119—5 room house in south-west Dublin, 8 acres land all in cultivation. All good land. Good young orchard. First class well of water. This is a bargain at $800.00, ¼ cash, balance to suit purchaser.

120—Five room house in east Dublin, barn city water and other conveniences Price $550. Will take a good horse in on this.

We have on hand a number of bargains in improved residence property in Dublin from $700.00 up which we will sell on easy terms. Space does not admit of a list of it but if you are wanting any kind of property, either in the city or country, call and see us and we can fit you up with prices and terms to suit.

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LANDS!

Short News Stories

An ear of corn with each grain enclosed in a small seperate shuck was exhibited at McKinney recently. It was quite a curiosity.

Ten thousand white perch minnows have been placed in Lake Polk near Belton recently, from the government hatchery at San Marcos.

Miss Lena Seyler of Munster, Coke county has had one foot amputated on account of injuries sustained in a runaway several weeks ago.

Col. Charles Goodnight and wife have presented to the Baptist church of Texas, the Goodnight college at Goodnight station, near Clarendon.

William Taylor, a boy seventeen years of age, residing at Rusk, has been sentenced to a life term in the penitentiary for killing his father last July.

A franchise has been granted Fred Cockrell to build and operate an electric street car line in Abilene, work to begin within ninety days and pushed to completion.

L. H. Goldberg has a freak rooster at his home in Clarksville. A few months ago it was jet black and when it moulted a few weeks ago it came out snowy white.

On account of a few delays in the pay roll reaching the Independent coal mine, five miles north of Bastrop, the miners, all excited, became impatient and the manager fired the entire crew numbering about fifty, nearly all of whom were negroes. They have now been paid and are again at work.

As a result of the acquittal of one saloon man in El Paso, charged with keeping his saloon open on Sunday, the others all say they will also reopen and the gamblers say they will do likewise. The man was acquitted because positive evidence of his ownership could not be produced.

It is said that the grand jury at San Antonio inquiring into the campaign expenses of officials elected at the recent election [illegible] especially inquisitive [illegible]ance and at [illegible] of items from the [illegible] to reduction of [illegible] of the officers s[illegible] that will actual[illegible] spent for drink[illegible]age; for in this lies [illegible] The jury could [illegible] or better prices and no liquor was [illegible]tain[illegible] admit that it [illegible]dates [illegible]duce [illegible] as a result [illegible] ten cents t[illegible] the White Hous[illegible] five cents per pound[illegible]dent has decided [illegible] will also consider [illegible]sion of congres[illegible] should be held or s[illegible]

two small children of Will M. Evans at Ft. Worth ran to the window to greet him. Instead of their father they ran face to face with a burglar who had succeeded in prying open the library window and was making his way into the house. On seeing the children rush at him the burglar took to his heels, scaled the fence and escaped.

Sudden Death of George Green.

George C. Green of this city was found dead in his bed at the home of his broher-in-law, Mr C. L. Flack, early Friday morning, December 23rd, his death apparantly having been caused from heart failure during a spell of depression which spells he has been subject to for some time past. Mr. Green was a member of the late drug firm of Flack & Green in this city and was a young man of many good traits of character. Some three years ago he was seriously hurt by a concussion of the skull while at Birmingham, Alabama, and since then he has been almost incapacitated for active mental work on account of spells caused by the unfortunate injury.

When he retired on the night before his body was found on the following morning, he appeared to be in the best of health and humor.

His body was sent to his former home at Gatesville, where it was interred on Saturday, December 24th.

Tommie E., the eleven months old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Nelms, died at the family home [illegible] this city December 28th, after [illegible] illness of only four days with [illegible]braneous croup. The little [illegible] was laid to rest in the ceme[illegible] Live Oak community on the [illegible]ing day.

Sheriff Bedford of East[illegible] was in Dublin last Su[illegible] negro named George, a[illegible] this place, and whom [illegible] serve on the street [illegible] work out a fine [illegible] The negro [illegible] the s[illegible] he [illegible]

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J. H. Latham on the Cotton Situation.

I am asked almost every day what I think of the cotton market and what will be the result. We have read many different opinions regarding this subject, and some suggest that as a remedy we build warehouses so we can store our cotton, and others suggest shipping and drawing on same and others say it will be impossible to get the farmers to stand together and so they will be unable to control the market, and so each man seems to have some remedy of his own.

I am opposed to shipping cotton, as in most cases your commisson merchant as a rule will as soon as he receives this cotton at the port have it weighed and graded and turn the cotton to the mills and when you write him to put your cotton on the market he sends you account sales for what that grade of cotton is selling at that day, and at the same time he charges you storage, interest and insurance, when at the time he is doing the very thing with your cotton that you do not want done, delivering same to mills, which, as you can see, helps to bear the market. You see it is to his interest for the market to go lower, as he will make money off you by the market declining, also charging you storage, insurance and interest and you furnishing the goods.

I am also opposed to building warehouses as suggested, as it is too expensive for you. That has been the opinion of a great many for immediate relief; that would not do, as the storage, insurance and expense of looking after the warehouses are not necessary and can be saved to the farmers.

Besides your cotton is out of your control and I think it much better for each party interested in a transaction to be in a position to have something to say as to what will be done with his goods.

Besides, when you put it in other hands it gives the advantage of covering the market, which is a bad thing each way.

Last year cotton sold for eighteen cents, which was too high. This year it is selling at six and one-half cents, which is too low; it cannot be produced for that price.

At one time you could have raised cotton for seven and one-half to eight cents, but the condition was different. Land in this section was selling for $5 to $15 per acre; now it is selling for $20 to $40 per acre; mules were selling then from $75 to $100 each; now they are selling for $150 to $200 each. Besides, it costs you much more to live now than it did at that time. Just see how much higher labor is now than it was at that time.

Think what last year's crop brought and see what this year's crop will bring:

Last year's cotton crop, 10,500,000 bales with the seed, $620,000,000; this year 12,000,000 bales with the seed, $370,000,000; less than last year, $250,000,000.

Still you have hired help, paid for gathering and ginning, wrapping for 1,500,000 more bales of cotton this year than last. The cultivation and gathering of cotton cost the same at $25 a bale as at $60 a bale. I have just paid for the picking of 1,680 pounds of seed cotton $16.80; paid $1 to have it hauled to gin; paid the rent $8.25; total out $26.05.

The bale weighed 520 pounds, sold at 6¼ cents $32.50; less expense of gathering and rent, 26.05; leaving me net $5.45.

Thus you can see that if you continue to do as you have you are making slaves of your children, not giving them any chance to attend school and doing work that you know you cannot possibly get anything out of.

The time has come when you must use brains as well as muscle. It looks reasonable that any sane man would rather get as much for three days work as he would for five, when he is doing the same kind of work. If you continue raising cotton and increasing the acreage as you have you will be selling cotton for three and four cent per pound and you must remember that the time has come when you cannot fool anyone. The mills know just as well as you do what is going on; they know just how much cotton is being planted and why not you know what the mills are doing?

You have had some of the brainiest men of the south to help you in this matter and to try to raise the price of cotton and today the graveyard is white with their tombstones, while you, the farmers, have helped to do this by trying to raise 15,000,000 bales of cotton. Not that you intend to do this, but it has been done just the same. It will not do to drift along but you must have some aim and object as to what you expect to do. If you kill a man accidentally, he is just as dead as if you did it intentionally.

Now is it not a fact that we have a very serious question confronting us? Just now there are not many farmers but have got to buy corn flour and bacon. How is he going to get it unless he has the money to pay for it?, It will be absolutely necessary for someone to help him to make his crop and he will naturally turn to the banker and merchant in this matter and credit is going to be very hard to get as this man will realize at once that at the present price of cotton these debts are going to be hard to pay. Then further you must protect your merchants. There is no one so near you as your banker and merchant in time of trouble. If he is the right kind of man he will do everything in his power to help you and advise as to the best method of handling your produce. Some farmers think the banker and merchant are not in sympathy with them, but let me say right here they are mistaken. Their interests are one and the same thing, as most of the bankers and merchants own lands. Besides. it is impossible to make money out of a farmer when he is not producing anything that will bring him more than a scant living, as he is compelled to live off his labor. So the sooner you get this out of your mind the better it will be for you both.

I have been doing business in Dublin for over twenty years and have plenty of customers that I would divide my last dollar with, for I think they are honest men and I know they would not ask me for help unless they were actually in need of it. So let us all reason together in this matter and help each other, as we are all dependent on one another.

Now the question comes: What is best to do? First, is for the land owners to take this matter in hand and make a binding contract with each other that they will actually reduce the acreage at least one-fourth, not by resolutions, but by actually making and agreeing to pay a forfeit and therein dictating to the renter just what they will have done in this matter.

Also the merchants have been to blame in this as they have been unwilling to furnish supplies unless they could be assured that there would be a good big crop of cotton put in by the party they are furnishing. The farmers should by all means raise their feed. Would it not be much better if the farmers of the south had raised their feed and less cotton than today be shipping from the north?

I am again asked the question as to what is best to do with the cotton; as I am opposed to shipping and opposed to putting it in ware [illegible] would suggest as a remedy [illegible] pens and pick the [illegible] up and it will make [illegible] sample. Besides [illegible] rage and insur- [illegible] under your own [illegible] be said that [illegible] year you [illegible] ter and you can get the help needed from the banks, when the banker is assured that you actually have the cotton stored in good shape, where it is being well cared for out of the weather. The farmer should never come to town that he does not bring as much to sell as he buys, and if you will commence to plan your crop, raise more hogs and chickens and stop shipping corn and bacon and make your living on the farm, you will soon have money in the banks instead of wanting to borrow money. You must learn to help yourselves instead of looking to others for help.

You ask what is best to do with the cotton on hand? Stand in a solid body together. You see, there are about 4,000,000 bales of cotton in the hands of the spinners and the mills have contracted goods with the jobbers and commission houses to the amount of 9,000,000 bales more and if you will reduce your acreage 25 per cent and hold this cotton, you will get two to three cents a pound more for the cotton that you have on hand which, from a money standpoint, is much better for all.

The farmers seem to be afraid that some of them will not come in and help to protect other families and property, and I am sure that when they understand what is intended in this matter they will not hold out, for if they do, it will reduce the price of their land and it will be necessary to do twice as much work for the same amount of money. Besides, it would show that they are men trying to take advantage of their neighbors and they would be traitors and should be dealt with as such. No man should be held up in his community that will not cooperate with his neighbor and friend.

I do not look for much change in this cotton situation before May, but when the government gets up the report in May all of you should show you actually mean business and that you have actually reduced your acreage one-fourth, it will advance and it will not take long to come, and it will not only help you from a financial standponit now but will assure you a much better price for your next crop. Then why not hold this cotton that you have on hand, and as stated before, you have got to do more than just pass resolutions to put the price up. You have got to show the people that you actually mean business and the land owners are the men to start this move and show that they actually mean business.

J. H. Latham,
President Citizens National Bank,
Dublin, Texas.

Judge Jenkins on the Cotton Situation.

The bankers of Texas have responded liberally to the appeals to help the farmers hold their cotton for a better price. The farmers are showing a determination not to sell at the present prices. But all this will be heaping up calamity against the day of calamity unless the cotton acreage for next year's crop is reduced say twenty per cent. To accomplish this, there must be at once a thorough and compact organization among the cotton growers of the entire south. Such organization will force up the price of a large portion of the present crop and save millions of dollars on the next year's crop. In support of these assertions I submit the following figures:

"As long as the estimates on the present crop did not exceed 11,000,000 bales the bears were not able to hammer the price below nine cents. When the government report showed 120,000,000 bales the price went to seven cents. Had only 11,000,000 bales been raised at the average price of nine cents, it would have brought $495,000,000. Had it been known that 12,000,000 bales would have been raised the crop at seven cents would have brought $420,000,000. In other words, 11,000,000 bales is worth in the markets $57,000,000 more than 12,000,000 bales. To this add $25 per bale, the cost of producing the extra 1,000,000 bales and we see that the farmers not only did not get any pay for producing the extra 1,000,000 bales but actually lost $100,000,000 thereby.

The yield per acre this year was not unusual; the trouble was the excessive acreage. Now suppose the farmers hold out a million bales of this crop and the bankers back them, and we have another 12,000,000 bale crop next year? Cotton will go to six if not five cents and farmers and bankers will go down together.

But suppose the farmers agree to cut the acreage twenty per cent and then hold the present crop and to hold their unsold cotton for a better price. As soon as a general agreement is made, cotton will start up, and will continue to go up until it has reached ten and perhaps eleven cents. There will probably be 4,000,000 bales in the hands of the farmers January 1st if immediate steps are taken to consummate this agreement, which will bring an average of nine cents, or $180,000,000 as against $140,000,000 at the present pri[illegible] This will give $40,000,00[illegible] the present crop. [illegible] are raised ne[illegible] and sold at six cents it will bring $360,000,000. But if the crop is cut twenty per cent and only 9,600,000 bales be raised making with 1,000,000 excess held over from this year 10,600,000 bales for next year, these 9,600,000 bales at ten cents will bring $480,000,000 or $120,000,000 more than a 12,000,000 bale crop will bring.

Do the people of the south want to raise 2,400,000 bales of cotton next year at their own expense, and pay $12,000,000 for the privilege of doing so and thereby lose $40,000,000 on the present crop? Does anyone want to cultivate fifty acres of land when he can make more money by cultivating forty acres? Cannot the farmers be organized upon a proposition as plain as this?—C. H. Jenkins, Brownwood, Texas.

LOVE DIES.

Mrs. Ella Wheeler Wilcox says there comes a time in the course of married love when "the thrill goes out of the handclasp and the kiss at times, and it is then that husband and wife may be susceptible to other magnetic personalities." The reason for this condition of affairs is often the fault of the husband, but how often is it not due to the wife's nervousness and irritability due to some trouble with the organs peculiarly feminine—the wife under such circumstances feels languid and spiritless—she suffers perhaps from headache [illegible] sleeplessness.

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[illegible] of sickness may be saved by [illegible] a copy of Dr. Pierce's [illegible] illustrated book, "The Common [illegible] Adviser." Sent for [illegible] twenty-one one-cent stamps [illegible] only, [illegible] stamps. [illegible]

Short News Stories

The crusier Yankee has started from Philadelphia with 470 marines on board bound for Panama, where they will do police duty in the canal zone.

W. S. Holley, aged seventy years, is under arrest at Ardmore, I. T. charged with the murder of Albert Cook, aged twenty-four, whose body was found a few miles from Ardmore. It is thought he was enticed to the spot and shot in the back with a charge of buckshot.

Before a congregation of nearly five thousand people, in Chicago, John Alexander Dowie has declared that the assets of Zion were $30,000,000 and of this sum $21,000,000 was in Zion City. He said that the total indebtedness was less than $500,000, and most of that was to members of the church.

Robert Patton of Springfield, Ill., was elected chairman of the prohibition national committee to succeed Oliver W. Stewart, against whom charges were pending. Other officers elceted were vice chairman, A. M Wolfenberg, Nebraska; secretary, W. G. Claderwood, Minnesota; treasurer, Samuel Dickie, Michigan.

If Andrew Carnegie had died at any time during the past year or two it is clear that his executors would have been confronted with claims for millions on account of Mrs. Cassie Chadwick and her note holders. Such a situation might have proved very annoying to Mr. Carnegie's heirs and it is fortunate for him and them that the exposure came while he is here to meet and disprove the woman's claims.

The second consignment of Guatemalan ants, consisting of thirty colonies, which will be used in Texas to fight the Mexican boll weevil, has arrived at New Orleans on the steamer Anselm in charge of Guy W. Collins, of the department of agriculture. Mr. Collins has collected more than 2,500. They are packed in glass jars containing earth from the hills in which they live.

The bank of England covers an entire block of four acres in extent. It was founded in 1691 by a scotchman, who left as a legacy that no Scotchman should ever be one of its directors. It is a one-story, irregular building, without external windows, the bank for the sake of security, being lighted from windows in the interior courts. The average amount of money negotiated per day is over ten million dollars.

Richard H. Edmonds, editor of The Manufacturers' Record, a man who knows cotton from Alpha to Omega, recently stated in The Constitution that consumption had long been in excess of production, intimating that any process which deprived the producer of the price it was worth to the world was of artificial and not natural origin. Therefore, the uncertainty regarding the ability of the present bear manipulators to continue their perversion of these laws of supply and demand.

John F. Wallace, chief engineer of the Isthmian canal commission, has estimated the cost for a sea level ditch at three hundred million dollars and for a thirty foot level at fifty millions less. He says that it will take fifteen years to complete the thirty-foot level and twenty years for sea level. Over three thousand men are now employed in digging the canal. The sea level canal will be less expensive to maintain and operate.

Benjamin Franklin in his will left to the city of Boston the sum of $5,000, which was to be invested and kept in tact for a century, at the end of which time it was to be used for the benefit of the apprentices of the city. The board of selectmen and the ministers of three denominations were mentioned as the trustees to whom the expenditure of this fund should fall. The amount was invested in real estate soon after the death of Franklin, which took place in 1790, and it was found on the termination of the trust that the fund has increased to $270 000. It is stated that Mr. Carnegie recently agreed to donate twice the amount of the fund for the purpose stated.

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Rev. Boaz filled the pulpit at the Methodist church last Sunday to the delight of all who heard him.

I will buy vendor's lien notes. Apply at Citizens' National Bank, Dublin.—Mrs. F. M. Browne. 33-tf.

O. S. Lattimore of Ft. Worth, with his little son, Walter, came over Friday night to wish his mother a happy New Year.

The Progress and the Dallas News, each one year for $1.75 cash. A better combination to keep up with all the news cannot be had.

When you have any pipe fitting and plumbing, 'phone W. H. Boyes at the Bateman & [illegible] Boyes shop and he will give it prompt attention. 28-tf.

W. P. Lam[illegible]ton and family of Help, Bosque County, were here during the holidays to visit the family of E. W. [illegible]edigo who is related to them.

The members of the Farmers institute and all those interested, especially those who contemplate planting Irish potatoes this year, are requested and earnestly urged to meet at the city hall in Dublin at 1 p. m. on Saturday, January 21st, to discuss plans for planting and making the next crop. An interesting program is being prepared and it is expected a rousing and instructive meeting will be had. All interested remember the date and be on hand.

Poisoned on Wood Alcohol.

Three push boats with a crew of seventeen men was en route from Pretsonburg to Pikesville, Ky., the boats being loaded with freight. At the mouth of Beaver five miles above Prestonburg, two of the boats sank and the men swam and waded ashore with much of the freight.

A jug of wood alcohol was one of the articles saved. It was dark and the men were chilled and wet. Fires were built and supper sarted. A man came along and sold them four bottles of moonshine. They drank the whiskey and wanted more. One man said: "Let's drink the alcohol." One said, "It will kill us; see the poison label." One of the crew began mixing drinks and said: "Come on let's have the Christmas now. If it's poison, we will die together."

They drank the stuff, and while at supper, all became violently [illegible] Two doctors were called, but could not relieve them and ten are now dead and two others will die.

Perhaps the president went o[illegible] his way to air some pet theories [illegible] his message, but his recommendation of the whipping post for wife beaters seems to meet with [illegible] public approval. The objection [illegible] it "tends tob rutalize" no more [illegible] in the case of an inhuman husband than in the case of an unruly boy. It is obivious that a wife-beater is brutalized already and will be benefitted rather than injured or degraded by carrying a few exemplary welts upon his bare back. It is time that the Blue Hen's chicken received reinforcement. If there is any sympathy to be distributed it should not be wasted on the beastly ruffian for whom any kind of imprisonment is far too good, but should be reserved for the bruised and tortured woman who groans in anguish not only on account of her physical lacerations, but because she is chained to such a husband. It is by no means just that such a creature as he should be cursed and coddled and fatted in transient imprisonment.

The lightning bug is brilliant but he hasn't any mind; he meanders through the darknes with his headlight behind. Likewise the foolish merchant, whom no one can advise, he declares there's nothin' doin' when asked to advertise.—Weekly Visitor.

Cotton Rags Wanted—A considerable quantity of clean white cotton rags suitable for wiping machinery is desired. Four cents a pound will be paid for them at the Progress office.

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DUBLIN PROGRESS

...BY Sr., Publisher and Founder.

TEXAS: FRIDAY, JAN. 6, 1905.

...Bonning returned last Sunday after a two weeks visit with home folks at Tyler.

The Spocner Co. is billed to appear at the city hall one week commencing Monday January 8th.

The Southern Dramatic Co. presented "A Girl From the West" at the city hall Wednesday night of this week.

Wade M. Waller, the popular salesman with A. G. Elliott Paper Co. of Dallas, was in the city Wednesday on business for his firm.

Baxter Bros. of this place have this week closed their store and the goods are being packed and shipped to the Baxter store at Comanche.

Insure your live stock in the Inter-State Live Stock Insurance Co. Terms are very reasonrable. Call on or write J. H. Ballard, Purves, Tex.

I. H. Morris of Waco has recently located in Dublin on somewhat of a prospecting trip and will probably make this his permanent home. He has of course become a reader of the Progress.

J. S. Daley and family and Miss Della Mansell spent Christmas with home folks at Clyde, Texas. Mr. Daley and family returned Tuesday of last week and Miss Mansell the following Friday.

Prof. J. C. Bennett of Bluff Dale, superintendent of the schools at that place, was in Dublin Friday of last week en route home from a Christmas visit with friends and relatives at Duffau. He re-opened his school Monday of this week.

W. T. Wells, in the general merchandising business in the Edna community near Dublin, made an assignment Monday of this week in favor of his creditors, naming W. K. Dennis as assignee. The liabilites are said to be very heavy.

Jno. T. Risien and family spent several days last week at the home of his brother, Will, on a farm near Carrolton, and seventeen miles above Dallas. He reports that Will will not farm another year expects to enter the hardware and implement business at Carrolton.

The ginners of this section will meet at the city hall in Dublin on January 21st to finish what business was left over from last meeting. The farmers institute meets on the same day, but arrangements have been made so that the two meetings will not conflict with each other.

A house occupied by a family of negroes near the Frisco depot caught fire from a defective flue about noon Wednesday of this week. The alarm was turned in and the fire boys responded promptly, but the flames were extinguished by the time they arrived at the scene with but little damage.

J. B. Randle and G. N. Forester of Whitney were in Dublin Tuesday of last week. Mr. Randle formerly lived at Dublin and was engaged with the Telephone at this place, but is now in the grocery business at Whitney. Mr. Forester is engaged in the furniture business at Whitney.

A system regulator is a medicine that strengthens and stimulates the liver, kidneys, stomach and bowels. Prickly Ash Bitters is a superior system regulator. It drives out all unhealthy conditions, promotes activity of body and brain, restores good appetite, sound sleep and cheerful spirits.

Rufus P. Cole severed his connection with Higginbotham Bros. of Dublin on January 1st to accept a position as traveling salesman for St. Louis furniture concern. Geo. Harris, Jr. is temporarily in charge of the furniture department at Higginbotham Bros. Mr. Cole has been in St. Louis this week making arrangements preparatory to entering upon his new duties

As January 1st was Mrs. S. C. Lattimore's birthday and January 3rd was Mrs. W. W. Patrick's birthday, Mrs. J. M. Higginbotham, a daughter of Mrs. Lattimore, celebrated the happy return of these anniversaries by inviting several friends to meet these ladies at luncheon on Monday January 2nd. It was a happy time and of rare enjoyment to those privileged to be there. Covers were laid for Mesdames L. A. Higginbotham, J. F. Jackson, R. A. Miller, H. A. Smith, J. G. Harris, W. W. Patrick, S. C. Lattimore, C. F. Ulmer, S. J. Weaver, J. D. St.Clair, G. P. Herndon and W. R. Wasson.

D. P. Cline and lady returned Wednesday of last week from a visit to I. P. Barrett who is in business at Fredonia, Texas, and who is related to Mr. Cline. On his return Mr. Cline brought a fine specimen of the products of the Fredonia and Mason country in the shape of a large well developed turnip, which is the finest we ever saw as far as perfection is concerned. He says he is well pleased with that section and may possibly buy real estate and locate somewhere in Mason county.

General Manager Chas. Hamilon, Superintendent R. M. Cox, Road Master J. M. Head and Master Mechanic W. L. Smitham of the Texas Central railroad passed up the line yesterday on a tour of general inspection looking to extended improvements all along the road during the present year. These gentlemen are well pleased with the business of the Central the past year, and are more than ever determined to make the Texas Central one of the best paying properties in the state.

A. P. Winn of this city and J. J. Northcutt, Mr. Webb and Homer Hood of near Dublin, will leave today with their respective families for the plains country, where they expect to make their future home. They will be accompanied by Mac Mitchell. Mr. Winn expects to locate at or near Colorado City, and the other gentlemen will buy farm property near Herbert, Mitchell county. We understand all have disposed of their holdings in Erath county.

J. W. Peeples, formerly of Dublin, but who has lately made his headquarters at Hubbard City, has been in Dublin this week in the interest of a patent pinless clothes line. Mr. Peeples has purchased the right to this patent in Erath and Mills counties. The device is the best we ever saw in the shape of a clothes line and Mr. Peeples reports phenominal success so far in his new undertaking.

The editor acknowledges receipt of an invitaiton to attend a banquet given by the ex-students of Stephenville college December 27th, at the Glisson House at that place, and expresses regrets of our inability to attend. Prof. W. O. Wright of this city was a prominent personage on the invitation committee of the occasion.

W. T. McDonald of Wylie, Texas, was here during the holidays to visit our fellow townsman Thos. McDonald, who is related to him. Mr. McDonald was incidentally prospecting for the location of his machine shops, which are now located at Wylie.

The Ladies Aid society of the Baptist church gave a New Year reception at the church Monday night, Jan. 2nd. Quite a large crowd was present and all engaged in a social good time. Light refreshments were sevred free to all.

Merchant W. E. Lowe of the firm of Lowe & Troxwell at De Leon, was in Dublin yesterday. He reports the business of his company last year satisfcatory and especially so considering the low price taken by cotton.

W. H. McKnight has a fine lot of nursery stock, Poland China pigs, bred gilts and a serviceable male from registered stock. Also B. P. Rock Roosters; and Harell cotton seed at 50 cents per bushel.

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EDMOND'S STUDIO

Local Weddings.

KIKER-STONE.

Mr. Price Kiker of Mansfield, Texas, and Miss Willie Stone of Stephenville, were united in matrimony at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Brooks of Stephenville, January 1st, Rev. O. P. Kiker of Dublin reading the ceremony.

BRISTOW-LEATHERWOOD.

Mr. Henry Bristow and Miss Addie Leatherwood were married at the Baptist parsonage Sunday Jan. 1st at 4:30 p. m., Rev. E. L. Compere officiating. Mr. Bristow is a good moral young man and the young woman that he has won will be a true help-meet and they start out with a bright future before them. They will live this year on "Aunt" Polly O'Neal's place five miles west of Dublin. The Progress wishes them much happiness and a long life.

HUMPHRIES-NORWOOD.

Mr. J. L. Humphries and Miss Mattie Norwood were married Sunday, December 25 at the residence of Rev. E. L. Compere of Dublin, that gentleman performing the ceremony. Mr. Humphries lives on Cow Creek near Dublin, and is a prosperous farmer of that community, and Miss Norwood is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Norwood of this city. The Progress extends congratulations and wishes for the young couple a happy and prosperous future.

RUCKER-MCCAIN.

At high noon on the second day of the new year, one of Dublin's best loved daughters, Miss Kate McCain, and Mack Rucker, a noble son of the same town, were united in marriage at the home of Mr. and Mrs W. A. Keith in North Ft. Worth. Only the bride's father and a few intimate friends were present.

Mr. Rucker is to be congratulaed on securing for himself such a prize for a life companion and we are sure Miss Kate has made no mistake in giving her future life into the keeping of so honorable a young man.

The young people intend to make their future home in Arizona. Dublin will greatly miss Mr. Rucker's jolly face and Miss Kate's "cheerful hello" and we are sure everyone will join us in wishing them success and happiness in their new home May each new year find them happier than the last.

An Enjoyable Affair

Goodbye 1904!

Welcome the coming, speed the parting guest! That is what the ladies of the Thursday Club, the club-husbands, and other friends, either of the hostess or of her charming daughters, were invited to do on the evening of the thirtieth of December, at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Higginbotham

Entering the brilliantly lighted hall, closing the door on the gloom without, you were enveloped by the soft heat of "the good old summer time" and with instinctive delight you smiled at every one you met. And why shouldn't you smile in anticipation of the broader smiles to be awakened by the unique program?

When the hostess rung out her silvery warning, silence fell on the merry throng and one by one each came to her fate. Shade of Comus! Did you tear your hair in envy as you heard those women's funny anecdotes? But the prize was won by both beauty and wit, for Miss Madge Latham was judged the campion story teller.

Next followed—Tell it not in Gath!—"Tom, Tom, the piper's son"—Was it?—Was it?—a staid business man—a banker—a merchant—and was he accompanied by the mayor? Yes—but these dear old jolly jingles came with amusing grace if faulty rhyme from numbers of smiling fathers whose four year-olds know Mother Goose better than did their sires.

Then came a pause during which more than one Hebe brought refreshments for the palate.

Thereafter more jollity! Fingers long unksilled in portraiture essayed the fine art at the bidding of the reigning president and upon the smiling paper (it must have smiled—in its sleve, you know—at presenting such funny figures), there grew pictures and symbols of the ladies present. Each gentleman tried his callow skill in delineating his partner. Lo! on the curtain there hung the collection—sunbonnet-babies, round-eyed dollies, bearded women and pompadoured heads, and somebody's ducky (or goosey). For marvelous skill in guessing liknesses Mr. J. M. Higginbotham bore off the palm and the picture.

Older and younger hearts throbbed in unison in declaring enjoyment of the occasion, and feeling themselves attuned to more loving sympathy and hopefulness. Adieu 1904! We have been good friends. May all present this evening find even a better friend in 1905!

Those present were: Misses Caswell, Herndon, Moore, Perry, Williams, Alice Higginbotham, Dora Higginbotham, Louise Higginbotham, Nina Higginbotham and Nash of Waco; Messrs Wyse of Waco, Harbison of Kansas, S. H. Lattimore of Austin, O. S. Lattimore, of Ft. Worth, Morris Reid, Joe Higginbotham, James Jackson, and J. I. Arnold; Mesdames Farmer, Hartgrove, Trox[illegible] of De Leon, J. G. Harris, Dora[illegible]son, Fry, and Lattimore, and [illegible] and Mrs. J. S. Daley, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Foust, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Higginbotham, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Higginbotham Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Higginbotham, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Latham, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. J. R St Clair, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Utterback.

Letter to H. E Brown, Dublin, Texas.

Dear Sir: When you can buy paint for less than Devoe; don't; save your money.

Mr. Aaron Higgins, Plainfield, N. J., always used fifteen gallons of paint for his house; Devoe took eleven.

Mr. Ezra Rathmell Williamsport, Pa., always used eleven; Devoe took six.

Mr. Burt Young, Girard, Pa., always used a gallon for certain rooms; took half as much Devoe.

Mr. Nathaniel Barber, Canton, N. Y. bought twelve Devoe; used less than six.

You can always buy paint for less than Devoe; don't; save your money.

The wearing counts the same way and doubles the difference.

The cost of painting is by the gallon. Weak paint costs most; most gallons. Yours truly, F. W. Devoe & Co.

Ex-College Students Entertain.

Among the Dublin people who spent the holidays away was Prof. W. O. Wright of the Dublin high school who spent a pleasant vacation among Stephenville friends and relatives.

One of the delightful features of Prof. Wright's Christmas was a banquet at the Glisson House to students under Dr. Marshall McIlhany in the old Stephenville college. A re-union of school and college chums must always be full of pleasure, and this occasion was no exception to the rule.

Prof. Wright was toastmaster, and an excellent one, too, if we may judge by reports from Stephenville. The toasts were as follows:

"The Man—Your Teacher."—Judge T. B. King.

"The Good Old Days."—John Groesbeeck.

"Oratory of our Youth."—R. A. Smith.

"The Girls We Loved"—Upshur Vincent.

"The Future and The Young Man"—S. Frank.

A six course luncheon was served and the evening was altogether delightful.

Judge King, in his remarks about President McIlhany, called attention to the leading young men of Erath county, who were students under that splendid teacher. He said the list comprised two bank cashiers, three real estate men, three leading educators, one editor, two of the largest merchants in the county, together with a half dozen graduates of the state university and many other good and able men.

It is understood that a permanent orginization and annual banquet will be arranged for in the near future and these young men expect to gain much pleasure from these annual re-unions of old playmates.

HABIT'S CHAIN

Certain Habits Unconsciously Formed and Hard to Break.

An ingenious philosopher estimates that the amount of will power necessary to break a life-long habit would, if it could be transformed, lift a weight of many tons.

It sometimes requires a higher degree of heroism to break the chains of a pernicious habit than to lead a forlorn hope in a boody battle. A lady writes from an Indiana town:

"From earliest childhood I was a lover of coffee. Before I was out of my teens I was a miserable dyspeptic suffering terribly at times with my stomach.

"I was convinced that it was coffee that was causing the trouble and yet I could not deny myself a cup for breakfast. At the age of thirty-six I was in very poor health indeed. My sister told me I was in danger of becoming a coffee drunkard.

"But I never could give up drinking coffee for breakfast although it kept me constantly ill until I tried Postum. I learned to make it properly according to directions and now we can hardly do without Postum for breakfast, and care nothing at all for coffee.

"I am no longer troubled with dyspepsia, do not have spells of suffering with my stomach that used to trouble me so when I drank coffee." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Michigan. Look in each package for the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."

At the Churches.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

All the regular services will be held at the Christian church Sunday at the usual hours, except the Y. P. S. C. E., which will hereafter meet at 6:15, or one hour before the evening service. The subject of the evening sermon will be, "Glorying in the Cross"—A. L. Clinkinbeard, minister.

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BAPTIST CHURCH.

Last Sunday was the day for the election of officers and teachers for the Baptist Sunday school and the following were elected: Superintendent, R. A. Brite; first assistant superintendent, B. M. Utterback; second assistant superintendent, R. L. Pipes; secretary, Miss Eula Moore; teachers, Mrs. S. C. Lattimore, Mrs V. Williams, Miss Josie Wheeless, Mrs. D. J. Timlin, Miss May Williams, Mrs. W. D. Wright, Miss Lottie Gaines, Mr. Tom Brown, Miss Willie Dow, Mrs. R. L. Pipes, Mrs. B. W. Lafferty, Rev. E L. Compere; musical director, Mrs. W. T. Daniel; organists, Misses Sallie Powell and Ruby Hall. During the year the Sunday school raised $55 and the church $515 for Buckners Orphan Home.

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METHODIST CHURCH.

The Christmas tree at the Methodist church was a pleasant affair and made glad the hearts of many children. Under the direction of the superintendent, Mr. Sensabaugh, a very entertaining program was delivered. Good crowds greeted the pastor on Christmas morning and all seemed to enjoy the service.

The pastor of the Methodist church, Rev. Kiker, informs us that Bishop Hoss will dedicate the Methodist church February fifth. This of course means that the Methodists are now out of debt with their handsome church and that the sentence of dedication will present it free from all encumbrance to the worship of All-mighty God. All former pastors are expected to be present. The services will begin on Friday night with preaching Saturday at 11 a. m. and Saturday night and on through Sunday. A full program will be published later.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Sunday next will be Epworth League day at the Methodist church. The pastor will preach at the morning hour and at the close of the sermon the officers elect will at the chancel of the church assume the vows of office for the present year. At night the League will render a special program.

PROGRAM.

Topic.—"A Type of Christian for a League member."
Leader.—T. K. McCarer.
Hymn No. 7.
Apostles Creed in concert.
Gloria Patre.
Prayer.
Hymn No. 242.
Lesson, James 1:19-27.—Leader.
Worship.—"A New Years Thanksgiving"—Leader—Miss Mary Potts.
Responsive Reading. Five Minutes Talk.—Rev. O. P. Kiker.
Hymn No. 262.
Charity and Help.—"A New Year's Pledge of Service".—Leader.—Mrs. McKinney. Five Minutes Talk.—E. I. Hall.
The Lord's Prayer in Concert.
Special Music.
Literary Work.—"A New Year's Motto."—Mr. Shaffer. Five Minute Missions. Paper—Miss Sue Richardson.
Song and Prayer
League Benediction.

Suitable decorations will be made and the League colors worn by Leaguers. A cordial welcome to all.

Miller-Mason.

The following card has been received:

Mr. and Mrs. Everette H. Mason
will give in marriage their daughter,
Lou Ella
to
Mr. David L. Miller,
Sunday morning, Jan. the fifteenth,
Nineteen hundred and five,
at half after seven o'clock,
at their residence
1612 Oak Street
Texarkana, Texas.
The honor of your pesence is requested
At home
after February first
Dublin, Texas.

The Progress is requested to state that all persons interested in the price of cotton—merchants, bankers and all others—are requested to attend a public meeting at the court house in Stephenville on Saturday, January 7, 1905, at 1:30 p. m. to consider said question and to devise plans for co-operation and procedure in relation to the same. This is a move in the right direction. There should be a good attendance and action taken looking to reduction of the cotton acreage that will actually reduce the acreage; for in this lies the only hope for better prices and every one will certainly admit that it is better to produce [illegible] from [illegible] of cotton at ten cents [illegible] as a result [illegible] five cents per pound [illegible] the White House [illegible] will also consider [illegible] dent has decl[illegible] should be held or a[illegible]sion of con[illegible]

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You can hardly find a home without its Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Parents know what it does for children: breaks

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up a cold in a single night, wards off bronchitis, prevents pneumonia. Physicians advise parents to keep it on hand.

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Open all Next Week.

The justly celebrated Spooner Dramatic Co have agreed to play all of next week a return engagement at the city hall in Dublin. The company is one of the strongest which ever visits a town as small as Dublin and besides giving an apsolutely first class entertainment, the company is composed of perfect ladies and gentlemen.

There are numerous people here in Dublin who know the Spooners and have seen them at other places and know of the popularity of the company at every place they have visited and the eagerness of the people of such places to have them return without the solicitation of teh company or manager and without the knowledge of either. Some of their friends here have handed us the following endorsements, which we publish at their expense and not at that of the company.

These testimonials are but a few of what could readily be secured from other competent critics, but these will suffice to show what manner of company the Spooners have:

"Spooner Dramatic Co. is the best show I ever saw.—J. E. McCarty, Dublin."

"The people who visit the Spooner Dramatic Co. will not be disappointed, for it is one of the best companies that comes to towns of this size.—W. B. Williams, Dublin."

"Have seen Spooner Dramatic Co. and it's the best on the road. —J. E. Cline, Dublin."

"I saw Spooner Dramatic Co. at Temple, where they played to crowded houses for a week. Its the best repertoire troup visiting to Texas. —Jas. H. King, Temple, Texas."

"Spooner Dramatic Co. played to the best crowds ever assembled in Comanche. Its the best show ever in Comanche. We except none.—Smith & Harris, managers opera house, Comanche."

"Spooner Dramatic Co. has played in Stephenville this week to the best houses ever played to by any troup. It's the best show ever in Stephenville and could continue another week to crowded houses. The enthusiasm over this show is immense.—Richard Frank, John Groesbeeck, Jim Mastin, Alec Johnston, Stephenville."

The Cost of a Boy.

I read the other day that it costs nearly a thousand pounds to bring up a London boy and educate and dress him well. I said to mysif: "That is because everything in the city has to be bought, and living is high." But I began to study the thing, and I found that a country boy costs his parents a good deal.

When you count what a boy eats and wears, and the school books he must have, the doctors' bills which have to be paid when he gets the measles or the scarlet fever, he will cost his folks at home at least a hundred dollars a year. If a boy is given to breaking things, kicking the toes out of his boots, adn so on, he costs more than that; so when I am twenty-one, and old enough to do for myself I, shall have cost father more than two thousand dollars.

Mother cooked my food, and made my clothes, and patched them and washed and ironed for me, took care of me when I was sick, and she never charged anything for that. If she were dead, and father had to pay for all that, it would cost another hundred dollars a year and more, and that's two thousand dollars' worth of work mother will have done for me by the time I am a man.

Four thousand dollars for a boy! What do you think of that? These are hard times. When parents put four thousand dollars into a boy, what have they a right to expect from him? Is it fair for a boy to play truant at school? Is it fair for him to play ball, go swimming, or hang around town all the time, when may be, is father's potatoes are not dug, nor the wood brought in for his mother? Is it fair for him to disappoint them by swearing and drinking? Is it fair to forget his parents when he has left home and neglect even to write them letters?

I remember a bright young man's saying: "Some of our parents have put about all the property they have into us boys and girls. If we make whiskey decanters of ourselves, they will be poor indeed; but if we make good citizens and substantial men and women, they will feel as though they had good pay for bringing us up."

Boys, what are you worth to your parents?—Written by a boy for The Childrens Friend.

Early Days in Waco.

"I was in Waco when there was only one store in the city," said J. C. Frazier, of Morgan, yesterday. "This, I think, was in 1851, but it was not long after until a number of new places of business were added and I remember very well of many experiences of the people that lived there then.

"In the early fifties it was no unfrequent thing for a merchant to be held up and robbed in his place of business. I will not forget one of these attempts that ended in a failure. An old man, whose name I think was Cole, was running a grocery store near the present site of the Metropole hotel. A big brawly fellow walked into the store one evening and demanded of the proprietor to hand him down some goods and the money in the house. The proprietor was complying with the demand, at the point of a big six shooter, which the would-be robber kept right in his face. At times the robber said to the merchant, 'I am studying which one of the wrinkles in the forehead I should shoot into,' and as the poor merchant worked hard at stacking up the goods demanded, the robber got bolder. Finally the pile was large enough to suit the highwayman, and being somewhat intoxicated, or careless, he laid his pistol on the floor to pick up his goods. The merchant saw his chance and siezed it. Snatching the highwayman's gun, he put it to his face and told him to move and no second bidding was necessary for the fire in the merchant's eye showed that he meant business."—Waco Times-Herald.

Locating Ninty-Eighth Meridian

A force of surveyors from the geodetic bureau of the United States were in Beeville, Texas, on their way to the gulf recently, locating the ninety-eighth merdian south of the Canadian border. The meridian passes through Beeville, and is being marked at intervals with concrete monuments. After the geodetic survey is completed the work will be turned over to the geological bureau, which will take the levels of the entire meridian, completing the work in 1906. The ninety-eighth meridian from Greenwich is approximately the latitudinal center of the North American continent and its location is considered of value to the scientific departments of the government in making various calculations. In its location, the most delicate and complicated instruments are used, observations being taken at intervals from fifty foot towers of wood erected for the purpose. The instruments are dependent on the North star, Polaris, for a true course, hence the greater part of the work has been done at night.

Here is a problem: A makes two bets at $10 each with B. Then A bets B $20 to $10 that he doesn't win both bets. Next day A believes he has lost the two $10 bets and pays B $40—the extra $20 being the third bet. Later it is found that A wins one of the $10 bets. How much shall B pay back to A?—Cleveland Leader.

"Now, my dear don't fret because James has gone into politics. A man must have some vice and it is better to have it in politics than gambling or drinking, or—". "But the newspapers say such awful things about him—" "That's the advantage of politics over all the others my dear. You don't have to watch him yourself."—Puck.

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Personal Mention.

Mrs. Will Troxwell was the guest of Mrs. Hartgrove last week.

Geo. Perkins of Tayah spent the holidays with home folks at Dublin.

Miss Maggie Hartgrove was home from the Polytechnic College to spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Teagle of Beaumont visited friends in Dublin during the holidays.

Miss Helen Harris, who is attending St. Mary's college at Dallas, spent the holidays at home.

Si Perkins and lady spent several days here during the holidays on a visit to the family of H. J. Perkins.

Sam Lattimore, who is attending the State University at Austin, spent the holidays with home folks in Dublin.

Frank Williams, son of Geo. Williams of Dallas who formerly resided here, spent the holidays in Dublin.

Albert Collier, wife and two children spent the holidays with home folks in Dublin. They reside near Mineral Wells.

Wm. O'Briant and two children, Lena and Frank, were here from Glen Rose several days during the past fortnight.

Our farmer friend, A. M. Jones, and his good wife returned last Saturday from a holiday visit with relatives in Dallas and Oak Cliff.

Hon. J. J. Eager of Cisco spent a day or two here during the holidays shaking hands with old friends and was a guest at the home of the editor.

Mrs. B. R. Pleasants of Hico with her children, passed through Dublin Monday en route home from a brief visit with friends at Stephenville.

Miss Maud Harber, who has been teaching school at Scranton, spent the holidays with home folks in Dublin. She returned last Monday to re-open her school.

Miss Nell Andrew is again behind the delivery window at the postoffice. She is a valuable addition to the Dublin branch of Uncle Sam's postal department.

Mr. and Mrs. David Caudle of Gorman returned to their home yesterday after spending the holidays with friends and relatives in Dublin and near Purves.

W. J. Wasson has recenty removed to Dallas and entered the practice of law.

Have moved my 'phone from my residence to Bateman & Boyes.—W. H. Boyes. 28-tf.

Mr. Mate Dunsworth and Miss Ida Whitacre of this city were married on Christmas day. Our congratulations are extended.

Wm. H. Bays returned Friday of last week from Goldthwaite, where he had gone in response to information of the dangerous illness of his daughter. We are glad to note he left her greatly improved.

"Can't I sell you some goods for a pyrotechnical display Chritsmas," asked the dealer.

"Nope" replied the customer. "I'm on the water wagon." —Houston Post.

Wonderful Nerve

Is displayed by many a man enduring pains of accidental cuts, wounds, bruises, burns, scalds, sore feet or stiff joints. But there's no need for it. Bucklen's Arnica salve will kill the pain and cure the trouble. It's the best salve on earth for piles, too. 25c at Overton Drug Co.

S. H. Straley of Lampasas county was here during the holidays for a brief visit to W. S. Messner and family. Mr. Straley is an old time friend of Mr. Messner and the two spent some time together nearly twenty years ago on one of the big cattle ranches in New Mexico.

Mr. Wm. S. Crane, of California, Md., suffered for many years from rheumatism and lumbago. He was finally advised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which he did and it effected a complete cure. This liniment is for sale by Overton Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Long of Tyler spent the holidays on a brief visit with the family of Mr. Long's brother, C. B. Long. Mr. Long holds a responsible and lucrative position with the Cotton Belt railroad at Tyler, in which he has continuously been employed for fifteen years.

A Very Close Call.

"I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes C. W. Bellamy, a locomotive fireman, of Burlington, Iowa. "I was weak and pale, without any appetite and all run down. As I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bitters, and after taking it, I felt as well as I ever did in my life." Weak, sickly, run down people always gain new life, strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by Overton Drug Co. Price 50 cents.

"Uncle" George Clark, one of the prominent and pioneer settlers of the Lingleville country, was married during the holidays at Stephenville to Miss Lena Barton. The Progress extends its congratulations to the newly wedded couple and hopes that their career may always be as bright as the usual smiling countenance of "Uncle" George.

A KIND HUSBAND.

Should He Never, Ladies, Oppose the Wishes of His Wife?

Is the kind husband a failure?

That depends. A husband can scarcely show his wife too much kindness. But sometimes real kindness may be shown in opposing her wishes. If the husband has any mind of his own he must use it. He need not be mean in his opposition nor arrogant nor tyrannical. He should be reasonable at all times and disposed to highly regard the expressed wishes of his wife even though these wishes may seem to him to be whimsical or capricious. But—

Kindness does not require subserviency or entire and instant surrender of opinion. Indeed, it is easy to see how such surrender might lead a wife to despise her husband. He who fetches and carries like a poodle is likely to be considered a poodle.

Women admire strength in a man.

This strength need not necessarily be physical, though that is desirable. Women love strength of character in a man. And—

Is it not so, ladies? When a woman coaxes a strong man to her point of view by strenuous endeavor, does she not regard it as merit to have influenced this big, strong being? If she gains her own way at once and at all times she has achieved nothing, and there is no rejoicing in her heart.

Certainly a man should be kind to his wife—always kind. But he need not be an automaton or an echo or a plaything.

Is it not so, ladies?—Albany Times-Union.

Admitted the Lie.

Concerning King William IV. of England the following story was told, the Countess of Strafford being responsible for it: "The king was at dinner. Next to him was a titled woman whom he was entertaining with some extraordinary anecdotes, which the lady found it impossible to believe were true. She therefore answered, 'Oh, sir, I beg your pardon, but I really do not think that can be true.' To her surprise he instantly replied, 'You are quite right, marm, there is not a word of truth in it. It is a lie, marm, a lie. In fact, marm, we all lie; we can't help it. We had it from our mother!' This," concludes the Countess of Strafford, "was the biggest lie of all, for Queen Charlotte was a very truthful person, never given to lying."

Stories of the Gravediggers.

Grimly humorous is the tale of the gravedigger who complained that he did not get constant work.

"But, George," said the minister, "if you were to be constantly employed in the duties of the office you would soon bury the whole parish."

"That micht be, sir, but hoo am I to keep a wife and family unless I get regular work? 'Deed, sir, I havena buried a leevin' soul for the last six weeks."

Harder still was the case of another gravedigger who was asked to reduce his fee for digging a grave because, "mind ye, James, she was an auld woman and was sair spent."—Chicago Tribune.

Not His Turn to Laugh.

Stranger—You are the only gentleman in the room. Guest—In what way, sir? Stranger—When I tripped in the dance and went sprawling on the floor, tearing my fair partner's dress, you were the only one in the room who did not laugh. Guest—The lady is my wife, and I paid for the dress.

Saved From a Terrible Death.

The family of Mrs. M. L. Bobbitt of Bargerton, Tenn., saw her dying and were powerless to save her. The most skillful physicians and every remedy used, failed, while consumption was slowly but surely taking her life. In this terrible hour Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption turned despair into joy. The first bottle brought immediate relief and its continued use entirely cured her. It's the most certain cure in the world for all throat and lung troubles. Guaranteed bottles 50c and $1.00. Trial bottles free at Overton Drug. Co. store.

Eastland county court, which adjourned for the term Tuesday of last week after a session of fourteen days, disposed of thirteen criminal and five civil cases.

W. H. (Bill) Howard, an old time friend of the Progress, who formerly lived near Lowell, was here during the Christmas tide. He moved to Oklahoma four years ago and resides near Carter in that territory.

The Texas Central railroad has paid to the comptroller at Austin $641.63, being the qdarterly tax of one per cent on the gross passenger earnings of $64,163.08 for the quarter ending September 30th last.

J. E. Morris of Moscow, Kentucky, has arrived in Dublin with his family and will take a position with Utterback & Harris. Mr. Morris is an old friend of Mr. Utterback and hails from the latter's old home in the Blue Grass state.

Tutt's Pills

After eating, persons of a bilious habit will derive great benefit by taking one of these pills. If you have been

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they will promptly relieve the nausea,

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and nervousness which fellows, restore the appetite and remove gloomy feelings. Elegantly sugar coated.

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Mrs. Maud Adams, Goldthwaite, Tex., writes:—"I have used Ballard's Horehound Syrup and find it the BEST medicine for croup, coughs and colds. My children use it and it is pleasant to take and quickly cures."

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We are requested by Secretary J. C. Woolverton to announce that the next meeting of the Erath County Farmer's union will be held at Oak Dale next Thursday at 1 o'clock p. m., same being January 12th.

J. F. Coor, one of the pioneer settlers of this section, who now resides in Tom Green county spent a portion of the holidays on buisness and pleasure in and about Dublin. Mr. Coor expresses himself as well pleased with his new home in the west, but says that his mind often reverts to thoughts of his friends here.

Bought Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and Sent it to Friends.

Mr. F. W. J. Fletcher, a druggist in Victoria, Australia, says: "A customer of mine was so pleased with Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which she had used for her children when suffering from colds and croup, that during a fortnight's time she obtained at my shop nine bottles, which she sent to her friends in different parts of the state, telling them how much good it had done and advising them to give it a trial." For sale by Overton Drug Co.

Tab Tomme and wife were here during the holidays on a brief visit to Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Brown and went from here to Cleburne to spend a few days before returning to their home at Murphy. Murphy is a new and thriving town on the Brady extension of the Frisco and Mr. Tomme is station agent for the road at that point.

Domestic Troubles.

It is exceptional to find a family where there are no domestic ruptures occasionally, but these can be lessened by having Dr. King's New Life Pills around. Much trouble they save by their great work in stomach and liver troubles. They not only relieve you but cure. 25c at Overton Drug store.

Call For Farmers Institute

Editor Progress: As this is the beginning of another year, it behooves the farmers to lay their plans for this year's crop To make it a prosperous year for us and our whole "southland" we should raise ten cent cotton and the only way to do this is to reduce the acreage twenty-five per cent. The question then would naturally arise, what shall we raise on this ex-cotton land? Most of the farmers, I think, would plant more oats and corn and raise more and better hogs, mules, horses, cows, chickens, turkeys etc. and some would plant this ex-cotton land in potatoes, peanuts, sorghum, etc. For the purpose of discussing this all important question I will call a meeting at the city hall of the Farmers Institute, on Saturday January 21st at 2:30 p. m. I most earnestly request a full and prompt attendance of all that are interested in ten cent cotton.—J. W. Higginbotham.

Do Not Suppress a Cough.

When you have a cough do not to suppress it, but remove the cause. The cough is only a symptom of disease, and the disease is what should cure, then the cough will cure itself. The most common cause of coughing is a cold. Anodynes may promptly suppress the cough, but preparations containing chloroform, opium and etc., are used for this purpose, but they do not cure the cough. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, on the other hand does not suppress the cough, but relieves it by removing from the throat and lungs the mucus which obstructed the breathing, thus allaying irritation and tickling in the throat. It also opens the secretions and effectually and permanently cures the cold as well as the cough. For sale by Overton Drug Co.

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The above is a detailed statement of the actual circulation of the Progress for each issue during the year together with the total and general average for each week.

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Eighty-five per cent of this circulation is within Dublin territory and we venture the assertion that ours is as near a paid up list as any county newspaper in Texas, indicating that the subscribers are a substantial and valuable class of citizens.

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...ed, That the judiciary com... ...the senate be and is hereby ...d, empowered and directed ...inquiry into the matters stat... ...foregoing preamble and also ...into the subject of use of ...Federal elections so as to ...as far as possible to extent ...and to report to the senate ...session of the Fifty-ninth ...by bill or otherwise, the leg... ...d committe may deem nec... ...prevent or suppress bribery ...tion in such elections. Said ...may sit during the vacation ...nd shall have authority to ...persons and papers and to ...attendance of witnesses.

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...by Congressman Burleson ...Provide For Them.

...ton, Jan. 5.—Representative ...of Texas has introduced a ...in the house authorizing and ...the director of census to col... ...blish on the same dates and ...e time he makes publication ...ners' reports of cotton an an... ...stics of the consumption of ...the surplus of cotton held ...embers and the quantity of ...orted.

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...Miss Muriel Was Discov... ...ed a Bullet Hole.

...Jan. 5.—Miss Muriel Byram, ...heiress, known as one of ...autiful women in Chicago, ...dead in her room with a ...through her neck. It is ...she committed suicide. The ...attributed to the accidental ...of a weapon that she was ...parately to a hunting trip ...Miss Byram was a sister ...N. Berry, the former presi... ...Bank of North America, ...recently indicted for alleg...

AGAIN APPOINTED.

Foster Will Continue In Charge of New Orleans Railways Company.

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 5.—Elwin C. Foster of New Orleans was appointed receiver of the New Orleans Railways company by Judge Lanning in the United States circuit court. The appointment of Mr. Foster as receiver on the grounds of the insolvency of the company was made on Saturday last, and he is again appointed receiver on foreclosure proceedings brought by the New York Security and Trust company, holders of bonds amounting to $14,228,000. The company defaulted in payment of interest, amounting to $400,000 on these bonds Jan. 3. The trust company is also complainant in the suit which resulted in the appointment of Mr. Foster receiver last Saturday. The appointment of the receiver was made with the consent of the company, the answer of the company to the bill of complaint admitting all averments.

UNUSUAL COURSE.

British Ambassador Calls Attention to Paper's Statements.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 5.—Sir Charles Hardinge, the British ambassador, has taken the unusual course of calling Foreign Minister Lamsdorff's attention to statements of the Novoe Vhemya Jan. 3, to the effect that it had authoritative news that British warships were following Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's squadron and reporting its disposition and movements to Tokio from each cable port reached, which the ambassador declared to be false. Sir Charles particularly denied the imputation that British warships were committing breaches of neutrality by communicating Admiral Rojestvensky's movements to Japanese agents.

Absolutely Silent.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 5.—It is remarkable that dispatches from the front are absolutely silent on the subject of the army's reception of the news of the fall of Port Arthur, indicating that the announcement has been withheld.

Will Probably Return.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 5.—Although orders to that effect have not yet been sent to Admiral Rojestvensky, the Associated Press is able to announce positively that a decision has been reached that the Russian Second Pacific squadron will return to European waters.

Fifth Member Gone.

Vienna, Jan. 5.—Admiral Baron von Spaun, the fifth member of the international commission of inquiry, started for Paris accompanied by Captain Winterholder and Lieutenant Baron Hauser, both experience naval officers.

NEW CHAIRMAN.

Miss Abbott Will Have Charge of the Educational Work.

Denver, Jan. 5.—The announcement of the appointment of Miss Abbott of Watertown, Conn., as chairman of the educational committee of the General Federation of Women's clubs has been made by Mrs. Sarah Decker, president of the federation. The appointment is one of the most important yet made by Mrs. Decker. Other members of the committee will be deans and presidents of prominent colleges.

"The work of this committee," said Mrs. Decker, "will be one of the foremost considerations of the federation. We try to formulate plans for work with college women with a view of eventually introducing domestic science, manual training and the like into our colleges. The idea is to fit boys and girls more than is now done for work in the world; not to educate them so much alike; to give them training in things. In other words, for work for which one is especially adapted."

GRATIFYING GROWTH.

Indian Territory Statistics Show a Remarkable Increase.

Ardmore, Jan. 5.—An evidence of the remarkable growth of Indian Territory is shown in the report of the Indian commissioner. For the year ending June 30, 1904, bonds to the amount of $288,500 were issued for municipal purposes in the different towns. During the year fifty towns were surveyed and platted, and in the same length of time $554,622.22 was received from the sale of town lots.

Favorable to Crum.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The senate committee on commerce has authorized a favorable report on the nomination of W. D. Crum to be collector of the port of Charleston, S. C. Confirmation of Crum's nomination has been opposed for three sessions by Senator Tillman on the ground "that a colored man is objectionable to the majority of those who transact business through the Charleston customs office." Crum is filling the position of collector on third recess appointment.

Poor Passes Away.

Boston, Jan. 5.—Henry V. Poor, widely known for many years as a railroad authority and expert on financial affairs, is dead at his home in Brookline. He was born in 1813 and was the oldest graduate of Bowdoin college.

Homicide at Denison.

Denison, Jan. 5.—John Swantsky was shot and killed here. Frank Turner was arrested. He alleges self-defense. Both are negroes. The dead man was a porter on the Katy railway between Denison and Parsons, Kan. A woman was the alleged cause.

Much Cotton Burns.

Nashville, Jan. 5.—One hundred and ten bales of cotton burned on a freight car at Aspen Hill, Giles county, Tennessee. Sparks from a locomotive ignited the cotton.

CLAIMS REWARD.

Erath County Man Thinks He Is Entitled to Fifty Thousand Dollars.

Stephenville, Tex., Jan. 5.—Sam Jackson, who owns a large farm near Stephenville, claims that he is entitled to the $50,000 reward offered by the state, as he has discovered a plan that will rid the fields of the great cotton pest, the boll weevil. His plan is to turn in either goats or sheep about the time the cotton is forming squares. These animals will soon defoliate the plants and thus effectually destroy all the weevils. The flock will then be transferred to the next field and so on. After the animals are removed the cotton will soon recover and make a good crop.

Mr. Jackson argues that the sheep and goats, in eating the leaves, would destroy all the weevils and on this he bases his claim for the $50,000 reward.

SUITS DISMISSED.

This Action Taken by Attorney General In the Express Cases.

Austin, Jan. 5.—Attorney General Davidson has dismissed the suits filed in the Twenty-sixth district court against the Pacific, American, Wells, Fargo & Co. and United States express companies for penalties and forfeiture of their permits to do business in Texas, they being alleged to have violated anti-trust laws. The penalties asked aggregated nearly $1,000,000.

ARE CONVALESCING.

Dr. Tabor Says Yellow Fever Patients Have Been Isolated.

Austin, Jan. 5.—State Health Officer Tabor is back from Galveston, where he saw two cases of yellow fever brought in by a steamship from an infected port. He reiterates his published statement that the cases are completely isolated and that there is no danger of fever spreading owing to the cold winter weather, which is detrimental to yellow fever.

Two Killed.

Roanoke, Tex., Jan. 5.—Two men named Fred Hopkins and Stewart, latter's given name unknown, were killed by a Katy freight train being derailed here. Sixteen cars left the track and $15,000 damage done.

EIGHT INJURED.

Twentieth Century Limited Collides With Special on Lake Shore.

Cleveland, Jan. 5.—A rear end collision occurred between the Twentieth Century limited and Chicago and Boston and New York special on the Lake Shore road near Angola, N. Y., in which eight passengers were injured, but none fatally. Both trains were eastbound. The Twentieth Century limited was running at a reduced speed owing to a hot box on the engine. The blinding snowstorm prevented the engineer of the train following from seeing the block system. Neither engine or cars left the track.

Zionist Committee Confers.

Vienna, Jan. 5.—The conference of the Zionist committee on proposed Jewish settlement in British East Africa is proceeding here. It is probable the International Zionist congresss will be held later to decide the settlement of the question after the committee of investigation now in Uganda reports on the subject.

Stricken With Apoplexy.

Rome, Jan. 5.—Foreign Minister Tittoni, while attending a shooting party with Ambassador Magoine, near Perugia, was stricken with apoplexy. His condition is reported grave.

MINOR MATTERS.

Russian loan of $81,000,000 has been authorized.

Robert Porter died suddenly near Paris, Tex.

Tramps at El Paso were rounded up and made leave.

Mexico is to have a number of weather stations.

Yucatan coast had a terrific hurricane. No loss of life.

There is a scarcity of teachers in Caddo county, Oklahoma.

Robert A. Diggs has been appointed postmaster at Lindsay, I. T.

R. H. Canfield has brought in a 1000 barrel oil well at Batson, Tex.

Producers' oil well at Saratoga, Tex., is yielding 10,000 barrels daily.

Ardmore will have a new telephone exchange costing nearly $50,000.

Texas school fund for January is $217,389, or 30 cents per capita.

There are but a few yellow fever cases in Mexico and they isolated.

Congress will be asked to appropriate $50,000 for Lawton, Okla., high school.

Court opened at Atoka, I. T., with 138 criminal cases on docket. Eighteen are for murder.

About $30,000 worth of goods was stolen from store of [illegible] & Co. at Hillsboro, Tex.

Ed Kince, charged with killing Jasper Fordyce near Cleveland, O., is held without bail.

A young man named James Rollins was found dead in bed five miles from Farmersville, Tex.

Miss Mary Lane, a Terrell, Tex., schoolteacher, goes to Spokane, Wash., to perform like duties.

At Verona, Collin county, Texas, the infant of J. A. Wamble fell in a fire and was fatally burned.

W. S. Faxon was struck in the stomach in a runaway near Lawton, Okla., by a coupling pole and killed.

The sixteen-year-old daughter of Rube Hughes of Heath, Rockwall county, Texas, fatally shot herself in the head.

A negress named Bryant had the top of her head torn off by bullet at Lone Oak, Hunt county, Texas. Her husband was arrested.

TO REVIEW SITUATION

Extraordinary Council Will Probably Be Called.

CONDITION IS GRAVE.

Newspapers Are Unsparing In Their Criticism of the Bureaucracy and There Is Fear of Revolutionary Agitators.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 5.—Emperor Nicholas has returned from Meisk. An extraordinary council is expected to be held at Tsarskoe-Selo palace immediately and it is believed the whole situation will be reviewed. General Kuropatkin has been called upon to telegraph his opinion of the situation at home, which cannot be disregarded in considering the future. There is evidence that revolutionary agitators have decided to take every advantage of the government's position to compel the summoning of the national assembly, and they are beginning to redouble their efforts. Newspapers, despite the punishments inflicted upon them, are spreading out with great boldness seemingly regardless of consequences, and are using every pretext for savage criticism of the bureaucracy. The

GRAND DUKE SERGIUS.

zemstvos, in defiance of the government's note of warning, continue to memorialize the throne for the programme adopted at the meeting of the zemstvos delegates here. Consequently, in spite of loud protestations of the official world that peace is impossible, the opinion is held by exceedingly shrewd observers that the government may be forced to conclude peace with Japan in order to free her hands to deal with the internal situation. With increasing complications, M. Witte, president of the ministerial council, looms up larger as the strong man to whom the emperor will turn in the present crisis.

MEET AT MOUNTAIN.

Commission Is Provided For by Supplementary Agreement.

Tokio, Jan. 5.—The Port Arthur supplementary agreement provides for the appointment of commissioners to superintend the enforcement of the provisions in the capitulation compact and deals with treatment of officers and men. The commissioners are to meet at the base of Fehiyu mountain at noon Tuesday next with military and naval officers of Port Arthur fortress in the order indicated by the Japanese on the tabulated receipt of their organizations, who shall conduct themselves so as to arrive at the eastern extremity of Yahutsui at 9 o'clock on Thursday morning. Officers and officials will be allowed to wear side arms but the use of arms is prohibited in the case of non-commissioned officers and privates. On arrival they will be placed in control of the commission, enforcing article 8 of the original agreement. Civil officials not connected with army or navy shall follow the officers. Those who had not served as volunteers will be released without parole. Persons who are necessary to effect the transfer of the fortress, buildings, warships, etc., must wear an emblem given by Japanese authorities.

Private property carried by officers and officials shall be subject to inspection and must be limited in weight.

The agreement further provides for transfer of hospitals and immunity of non-combatants, their freedom of action and removal of private property. It will promise to facilitate the movement of families of officers and officials, but reserves the right of removal of objectionable persons and release of Japanese prisoners.

DID NOT LAND.

Japanese Officials Prohibited Surgeons and Stores at Port Arthur.

Wei Hai Wei, Jan. 5.—The British cruiser Andromeda, which sailed from here Wednesday for Port Arthur with hospital stores and surgeons to assist the sick and wounded, has returned, not having been allowed to make a landing at Port Arthur. The cruiser proceeded to a small bay ten miles north of Port Arthur, where she met with some Japanese. The latter refused all offers of assistance or stores of any kind and declined to allow the ship's officers to approach closer. The reason given was the presence of unlocated mines.

Belle Cole Dead.

London, [illegible] 6.—Belle Cole, the [illegible], died here Thursday [illegible]

RUSSIANS MOURN.

Port Arthur's Fall Has Taken Away Desire For Festivities.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 5.—The fall of Port Arthur has taken all the heart out of the approaching festivities of the Russian Christmas. It is even proposed to dispense with the illuminations and decorations which are always features of the holidays. The churches are filled with mourning friends and relatives of the fallen heroes of the fortress. The zemstvoes and town councils of many cities, including St. Petersburg, have adjourned as testimony of their grief in the public calamity, and subscriptions have already been started to erect a monument of General Kondratenko, who was killed at Port Arthur Dec. 15. But the unmistakable grief of the people is also accompanied by undeniable mutterings against the government. The papers are openly blaming the military censorship for keeping the public in the dark as to the true situation in the fortress and allowing its surrender to come as a surprise. They are using this as a a text to show the necessity for taking the people into the government's confidence, are continuing their attacks on the bureaucracy, "whose bloodless lips repeat the same old lie whenever it is expressed that the sovereign should hear the choice of the people."

The Russ declares the nation's well wishers could not tolerate the idea of peace, but adds that no victory is possible with dissension at home.

From reliable information in the possession of the Associated Press it appears that military situation below Mukden is by no means as satisfactory as reported. The number of troops at General Kuropatkin's disposal is about 225,000, and the transportation over the Siberian railroad is proving inadequate. This fact, in connection with the internal situation, might have an important bearing should Japan submit peace propositions.

The scenes at the admiralty and war office Wednesday were a repetition of Tuesday, crowds of weeping women and children vainly asking for lists of the survivors of Port Arthur garrison, which could not be furnished.

RUSSIAN PROTEST.

It Is Against Alleged Violation of the Immunity of Hospitals.

Paris, Jan. 5.—The Russian ambassy has transmitted to Foreign Minister Delcasse a protest against Japan's alleged violation of The Hague stipulations relative to the immunity of hospitals from the attack. The protest is based on General Stoessel's report that the hospitals at Port Arthur were struck during the Japanese bombardment, wounding some of the inmates. Delcasse will forward the protest to Japan.

Enter Jan. 8.

Fusan, Jan. 5.—Formal entry of Port Arthur by Japanese army will be made Jan. 8. It will be an imposing spectacle. Officers will be given a banquet Jan. 10.

Is Optional.

Tokio, Jan. 5.—The emperor of Russia has cabled to General Stoessel saying that the giving of their parole or the alternative of imprisonment is optional with officers.

WAS WEALTHY.

Ten Thousand Dollars Found Secreted About Dubel's Home.

New York, Jan. 5.—Gold, silver and bills amounting to more than $10,000 has been found secreted about the home of Firman Dubel, who died recently at Burlington, N. J. For years Dubel had lived as a recluse, denying that he had any wealth other than his home and the spacious grounds that surrounded it. It is now estimated by the relatives that his estate will amount to between $300,000 and $500,000. In a peck measure in a room in which there was countless rubbish there was $1700 and a cigar box held $2500 in gold. A thin book contained between thirty-eight consecutive leaves thirty-eight one hundred dollar bills. Old clothing in various trunks and closets had been used as receptacles for money.

DANGLED FROM TREE.

Fate of a Negro Who Entered Apartments of a White Girl.

Memphis, Jan. 5.—A special to the Commercial-Appeal from Benoit, Miss., says the body of an unknown negro was found dangling from a tree. The negro, it is said, had been taken from the county jail last night and quietly lynched by a number of white men. Last Monday the negro secreted himself in the home of a Mrs. Storm, a widow. Eentering the apartment of the daughters of Mrs. Storm after the family had retired, the negro struck a match and was advancing upon the young women, when one of them screamed for help. The negro was frightened off. A search for the negro resulted in his early capture. He was placed in jail and during the night taken out and hanged.

FARRINGTON INDICTED.

Charged With Defrauding by Means of a Matrimonial Agency.

New Orleans, Jan. 5.—F. C. Farrington, operator of the Beaucaire matrimonial agency, was indicted by the United States grand jury. Two indictments embracing five counts were returned against him. It is charged that Farrington used the mails fraudulently to deceive and defraud a number of people throughout the country by attracting their attention to his matrimonial agency and promising to engage them to a rich creole widow who [illegible] looking for a capable man to [illegible] her and manage her sugar est[illegible] as a result [illegible] the White Ho[illegible] to the data for [illegible] st[illegible] acreage and pro[illegible]

Crescent City Poll Tax.

New Orleans, Jan. 5.—The [illegible] taxes paid in for the city of [illegible] leans for the year 1904 reach[illegible] showing an increase of [illegible]

WILL NOT TESTIFY.

Night Editor of San Antonio Express to Make a Test Case.

San Antonio, Jan. 5.—The United States statute enacted by congress in 1901 defining the extent and power of courtsmartial over the civilian witnesses will be tested in the Federal courts in the proceedings which have been instituted against Otto Praeger, night editor of the Daily Express. Mr. Praeger was arrested charged with having refused to testify and produce certain documentary evidence before a general courtmartial of the army. He gave bond in $200.

HOLDINGS SOLD.

Valuable Possessions of Company Have Been Disposed Of.

Velasco, Tex., Jan. 5.—The valuable holdings of the Brazos River Channel and Dock company, lying along both sides of the Brazos river from the mouth to a point about six miles up the river and consisting of many acres of river front, were sold at special sale to satisfy a judgment of $2,000,000 secured by the American Loan and Trust company of Boston, Mass., trustee for the bondholders. The property was bought in by William H. Coolidge of Boston for the bondholders, the bid being $10,000. This sale will still have to be confirmed by the court.

AFTER GAMBLERS.

Ten Thousand Dollars to Be Raised by Citizens' League.

El Paso, Jan. 5.—The Citizens' league has decided to prosecute the gamblers to the extent of the law and it was decided to raise a fund of $10,000 for that purpose. Gambling has cropped out in a number of places in the second stories of buildings since the beginning of the new year, in spite of the crusade inaugurated six weeks ago, which resulted in a general closing.

Rush to Saratoga.

Saratoga, Tex., Jan. 5.—People are pouring in. Wagon after wagon loaded with tents, lumber and household effects come in day and night, and the place presents a typical town in appearance.

MAY RECORD.

Interesting Decision Made by Judge Raymond About Land Leases.

Muskogee, I. T., Jan. 5.—In the Federal court Judge Raymond has decided that holders of land leases, where the leases were forfeited because made by parents of minor children not legally appointed guardian, could ask for a receiver and recover for the value of all permanent improvements made under the contract. The decision effects at least 20,000,000 acres of agricultural land in Indian Territory and saves thousands of white families from absolute ruin.

GASOLINE EXPLODES.

Six Persons Are Injured, Two of Whom May Not Recover.

Muskogee, I. T., Jan. 5.—By a gasoline explosion in the New Method steam laundry, Mrs. Ethel Goss and Amy Cravens, colored, sustained probably fatal burns and four others were injured also. The direct cause of the explosion is not known, but it is believed by the management that the escaping gas from the ironing machine exploded a gasoline tank. The value of the plant is estimated at $16,000. The loss is considered about one-fourth. No insurance.

Large Fire Loss.

McLoud, Okla., Jan. 5.—Fire has destroyed Stevens' general merchandise store, J. D. Hodge's residence, the South Side hotel and the O. B. Case warehouse. The loss is $20,000. The fire was due to a defective stove.

Killed by Machinery.

Madill, I. T., Jan. 5.—Henry Robinson, about twenty-four years old, an employe of the Madill Oil and Cotton Company here, was instantly killed by becoming entangled with some machinery.

Russell's Successor.

Grant, I. T., Jan. 5.—Will Everidge of this place has been appointed sheriff of Kiamitia county, Choctaw nation, to fill the vacancy caused by the killing of Sheriff W. M. Russell.

TO BE SWORN IN.

Democrats Have Decided to Take This Action In Adams Case.

Denver, Jan. 5.—W. H. Dickson was elected speaker of the house. The Democrats have decided that on January 10, the date prescribed by the statutes, they will have Alva Adams sworn in as governor. The oath will be administered by Justice Steele of the supreme court. The hour and place of the ceremony have not been definitely settled.

DIVORCE GRANTED.

Mrs. Gertrude McCauley Is Legally Separated From Her Husband.

Chicago, Jan. 5.—Married after a romantic courtship in a cottage at Atlantic City, at the height of the summer season, five years ago, Mrs. Gertrude McCauley, the former society girl of Denver and Colorado Springs, has been granted a divorce from Th[illegible] as B. McCauley by Judge Honore. [illegible] Cauley, who is said to be in [illegible] made no defense to the charge of [illegible] elty upon which the suit was [illegible]

To Be Laid on Table.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The [illegible] mittee on agriculture has [illegible] that the resolution [illegible] of agriculture [illegible]

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OVER THE COUNTRY.

LINGLEVILLE.

Regular Correspondence.

Jan. 5th.—Most everybody in this community seemed to have a jolly time during Christmas vacation. The public school gave an entertainment on Friday night before Christmas, which was a grand success. The Christian College also gave an entertainment on Monday night after Christmas. This was the best ever given, but it was not so well attended as it would have been had it not been such bad weather. Many have requested that the program be repeated but time will not admit of it.

Mr. W. P. Bower gave a new year's dinner which was largely attended and enjoyed.

Miss Lula Sin Clair of Dublin visited the Misses Stine of his place last Saturday and Sunday.

There was a party every night in this community Christmas week. They were all largely attended and enjoyed by the young folks.

Mr. V. B. Cox gave a Christmas dinner December 25th. There was quite a number of his friends and relatives there and all enjoyed the dinner very much.

At the beginning of this new year it should be the desire of everyone of us to do better in the future than we have done in the past. We should grasp every opporunity we have to do good for ourselves and for others, by doing this we will have a better governnment and better citizens. As the saying is, let us every one "put our shoulders to the wheel" and do all that is in our power that we may become useful men and women.

HIGHLAND

Regular Correspondence.

Jan. 1st.—Mr. G. W. Carson is very sick at the residence of Mr. R. S. Pope. "Grandma" McCeachin is quite sick and Mr. Jean Higginbotham has a sick child.

Mr. John Gilbreath of Edna spent last Sunday at this place.

Messrs. George Keith and Lee Jones of Dublin, attended church here Sunday.

Mr. Sam Shipman's Christmas present was a ten pound boy. Mother and child are doing well.

Miss Lula Giltreath, who is teaching our school, spent Christmas with home folks. Everyone is pleased with her teaching.

Mr. John Clifton has moved back from the plains and located in Highland. He will run a blacksmith shop at this place.

BLUFF DALE

Regular Correspondence.

Jan. 4th.—During the season just closed there were ginned here about 2,850 bales of cotton.

Everything is very dull here since the holidays.

Jim Edwards of Stephenville was over Tuesday.

The ladies club entertained their husbands and a number of others at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Knight last Saturday evening. A pleasant time is reported by all present.

Miss Bessie Ballentine entertained a number of her friends Saturday evening.

Miss Rosa Gordon returned Sunday from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Boone, at Marlow, I. T.

Mrs. J. C. Bennett, who spent the holidays with her parents at Stamford, returned home Wednesday morning.

Mr. Ebb McIlroy and Miss Myrtle Baldwin were married last Sunday afternoon, Rev. R. M. Ballentine officiating.

About fifteen young ladies, members of Miss Alice Greenwood's Sunday school class at Stephenville, spent a very pleasant day with their teacher last Sunday.

Quite a number of our citizens are attending court this week as witnesses in the Meeks-Wodall case Among them are L. F. Gordon, Dr. Holt, Joe Barrows. Fred Gordon Arthur Duckett, J. A. Duckett, Allen Kelly and Jim Green.

The following young people, who are away attending school, spent the holidays at home: Miss Bessie Ballentine of Polytechnic, Misses Alice and Ethel Greenwood of John Tarleton Ed Chandler of Howard Payne and Tom Chandler of John Tarleton.

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ST. GEORGE.

Regular Correspondence.

Jan. 4th.—We are having fine weather and farmers are busy cutting stalks and breaking land. The ground is getting hard very fast and a rain would be appreciated. People in our vicinity expect to cut down the acreage of cotton and increase the grain acreage.

Mrs. Clarence Neal has a new boy.

Joe Smith is riding for the grand jury this week.

W. B. Hallum is improving his place by adding to his rent house.

A. M. Jones and family spent Christmas with relatives in Dallas.

Rev. Keno, an evangelist from Pennsylvania passed through here this week.

Jesse Kinkeid was down Sunday.

Our school has grown until seats are almost at a premium.

Mrs. Dr. Seitz spent Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. C. A. Jones, and left Sunday night for Brownwood.

BUNYAN.

Regular Correspondence.

Jan. 3rd.—We have had some cold weather.

Mr. Jay Ellis and family visited his brother last Sunday.

Mr. Schooler has been visiting his brother at San Angelo.

Mr. Strong and family visited their uncle, Mr. Keller, last Sunday.

Rev. Rogers filled his regular appointment at the Methodist church last Sunday.

Mr. Houtson Schooler from Oklahoma is visitng his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Schooler.

Mrs. Whitten from Oklahoma has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bishop.

William Clayton and sister have returned from a recent visit to relatives in Ellis county.

ALTMAN

Regular Correspondence.

Jan. 1st.—Everyone seems prepared for beginning the new year.

Our Christmas tree was a great success.

Archie Vardell is away on a visit to his parents.

Prof. Kellum and wife returned on last Saturday from their Christmas vacation.

The young people were entertained at the residence of Mr. Young last Wednesday night and at Mr. J. D. Whisenant's on Friday night.

Mr. Elmer Benson and Misses Lena Benson, Addie Jones and Maggie Jordon have gone west on a visit to some of their old friends.

Wanted—Clean white cotton rags. Four cents a pound will be paid for them delivered at the Progress office.

HAZLE DELL.

Regular Correspondence.

Dec. 27th.—Sanford Hartson, while out duck hunting a few days before Christmas, had the misfortune to accidently shoot the first two toes on his right foot. They had to be taken off at the joint next to the foot. Drs. Brown of Gustine and Applewhite of Hazle Dell performed the operation. He is getting along nicely at present.

The Christmas tree at Hazle Dell was a decided success.

Tom Conaway of Brewster county is spending the holidays with home folks.

Tom Haggard, who is attending school at Dublin, spent the holidays at home.

Our postmaster Mr. Henry M. Long, is just recovering from a protracted and very severe case of sciatic rheumatism

Dr. Applewhite is very sick and the doctors think that it will be necessary to perform an operation for abscess of the liver.

W[illegible] of Dublin has erect[illegible] on his farm one mile [illegible] Hazle Dell. Jim [illegible] occupy the building [illegible] land next year.

ALEXANDER.

Regular Correspondence.

Jan. 1st.—Alexander had a Christmas tree on Saturday night, which was greatly enjoyed by the little folks. Every thing passed off nicely and the small boy was greatly in evidence with his toy pistol.

Bud Colson has moved to the city of Purves.

Miss Eula Files spent Christmas at Iredell.

Miss Fannie Kay spent Christmas with friends at Cleburne.

Dr. Harvy Eargle has sold out at this place and moved to Ft. Worth.

Mr. John Kay, who went to Oklahoma early in the fall, returned Christmas.

Albert Keith received the nicest Christmas present of any body in this community. It was a fine baby girl.

Pat Thompson and lady have returned to Alexander, after several months absence at Greenville and other places. Pat says that Alexander is the only place that hasn't a law against vagrancy, hence his return.

The local members of the Odd Fellows and Woodmen lodges are talking of putting up a two-story building in Alexander, the upper story to be used jointly by both orders for lodge purposes. The Masons have had their charter restored and they will organize soon.

This scribe has been enduring the tortures of bachelorhood for several days as his "better-half" has been spending the holidays visiting in Eastland county. He was quite often reminded of Meridth's poem "We may live without friends. We may live without books. But civilized men cannot live without cooks.

Ed Hatchett was coming to town Saturday with two teams and from some cause the team behind became frightened and ran away. Mr. Hatchett heard them coming and tried to get out of their way by turning his team out of the road but they followed him and ran over his wagon. His team then ran, both coming into town. The first team ran through town to the valley and hung up on a wire fence; the other team struck the old wind mill tower killing one of the mules. Both wagons were considerably torn up but neither of the drivers were hurt, although Mr. Hatchett was badly mixed up with both teams when the wagons came together.

EDNA.

Regular Correspondence.

Dec. 29th.—Our school is progressing nicely although some of the pupils have gone away to spend Christmas.

Edna is still building up and perhaps we will have more news next week.

The young people of the community were entertained last Wednesday night at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Chambers.

DUFFAU.

Regular Correspondence.

Jan. 4th.—The farmers here have commenced their plowing for another crop.

There is some sickness here at present.

Mr. Will Palmer has moved to the Duffau Wells.

H. B. Holland and family spent New Year's day with this scribe.

Mr. Will Petty has sold out here and moved to Clairette, where he will farm this year.

Mrs. Cunningham, who has been confined to her bed for several weeks, is improving some.

Mr. W. Taylor and family of near Stephenville spent Christmas at this place with his mother and other relatives.

The Christmas tree at this place was quite a success, being beatuifully decorated and several hundred people in attendance.

Rev. R. Clemmon was presented with a fine boy at his house for a Christmas present. Mother and child are doing well.

Mr. John Wilson has sold his blacksmith shop and tools at this place to Mr. Sanders of Iredell. Mr. Wilson will move to Selden and take charge of the shop at that place.

Our school is progressing nicely with Prof. Powell as principal and the patrons are all well pleased with their selection for teacher. Mr. Tom Hodge has bought a place at the mineral wells here and is improving it very fast by adding more room to his house and putting out a fine orchard.

DE LEON.

Regular Correspondence.

Jan. 4th.—Mr. Ves Nabors and Miss Clara Terry were married at the home of the brides parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Terry, on Christmas morning, Rev. Alf Nabors officiating.

Mr. Allen D'Spain of Albany spent Christams day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. D'Spain, returning home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Whaley spent New Year's day with Mr. and Mrs. John Gorman, at Gorman.

Mr. Dock Ballard and family [illegible], from Duster, boarded the train here Tuesday for their old home in Alabama, where they intend living in the future.

Miss Gladys D'Spain of Albany is spending a few weeks with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. D'Spain.

A. J. Williford and family left Wednesday for Hasse, their future home.

Mrs. W. W. Bender is dangerously sick with pneumonia.

Mr. W. S. Whaley has retired from the Streety-Ham Co. and accepted the position of cashier of the new bank, which will open for business in the building vacated by Weaver & Murray.

Dick Carter who has been in Wheeler county for a year past, is at home on a visit.

Mrs. D. C. Rogers returned home last week.

Editor J. C. Adams and family visited Galveston last week.

The writer conducted the funeral services of Mrs. Mamie Magnis, wife of Morgan Magnis, at Downing Sunday last. She died Saturday evening of consumption. She leaves a husband and two small children.

Frisco-Central Teachers' Association.

The following is the program for the Frisco-Central Teachers' Association, to be held in the High School building at Hico, January 13th and 14th, 1905:

FRIDAY 8 P. M.

Invocation.—Rev. Wm. Hughes, Hico.
Chorus.
Welcome Address.—W. M. Whitmire, Hico.
Response.—Gaylord Kline, De Leon.
Music.
Recitation.—Miss Ivy Gilliam, Hico.
Paper.—Mrs. S. C. Lattimore, Dublin.
Music.
Reading.—Miss Ursie Langford, Hico.
Address—J. B. Lavne, Hamilton.
Music.
Declamation.—A. A. Oestreicher, Hico.

SATURDAY 9 A. M.

"Fewer, Larger and Better Rural Schools."—J. T. Russell, Purves; R. P. Edgar, Hamilton.
"Public School Literary Societies."—Henry Sims, Dublin; B. H. Hill, Carlton.
"School Democracy."—Dr. E. E. Bramlette, Stephenville.
Business session.

SATURDAY 2 P. M.

"Right Relations of the Individual Teacher to the School."—Miss Lucy Moore, Stephenville.
"Methods and Material for Teaching U. S. History."—J. F. Hankins, Gorman; Miss Cora Jenkins, Pottsville.
"Manual Training in the Common Schools"—Judge J. W. Warren, Hamilton; Superintendent Schools, Morgan.
"Appropriate Sports for Recess and How to Stimulate an Interest."—J. E. Temple Peters, Ranger; W. H. Wood, Comanche.

Every one is cordially invited. Railroads will give reduced rates. Hico will entertain the visiting teachers.—J. N. Davis, Pres., Hico. Miss Dona Saye, Sec., Dublin.

Rockefeller Gets Eighteen Cents.

A jury in the county court at Malone, N. Y. brought in a verdict for the plaintiff and awarded eighteen cents damages in a trespass suit brought by William Rockefeller against Oliver Lamora. The alleged trespass occurred on Mr. Rockefeller's preserves. Lamora is one of the inhabitants of that section of the Adirondacks known as the great woods and eked out a scanty living by hunting, trapping, fishing and guiding.

With the advent of the New York millionaires the country was fenced into various preservations and no one was allowed thereon. The inhabitants could not understand this sudden prohibition. For generations the fish and deer had been their food and the trees their fuel. Deprived of these, actual starvation seemed to confront them or they must move away. They saw the incoming of the New York millionaire with no friendly eye and it was not long before some of them were in open warfare with the new owners of the mammoth preserves.

Pensioners Will Be Doubled.

Judging from the advice received by the state comptroller from many of the confederate veterans and positions throughout the state are laboring under the impression that the new amendment to the constitution increasing the pension appropriation of $500,000 per annum is already in effect. It is stated by the pension department of the comptrollers office that the indications are that the number of pensioners will be doubled under the increased appropriation and that the present pensioners will therefore not derive any benefit by having the appropriation increased.

The particular object of the amendment was that the present pensioners should be more liberally provided for, as the small sum which they now each receive quarterly is of very little benefit to them, but the increase in pensioners will prevent this.

Dead Letter Office Makes Money.

The annual report of the acting superintendent of the Dead Letter Office at Washington for the fiscal year states that the receipts of the several classes of undelivered matter from all sources were 10,923,239 pieces, an increase of 769,711 pieces, or nearly 7½ per cent.

The number of pieces of mail matter restored to owners unopened was 1,444,831, an increase of 187,284.

Of opened letters 65,821 contained money amounting to $52,907.53, against 51,416 and $48,634.04 the preceeding year, an increase of 14,405 in number and $4,273.49 in amount. This large increase is mainly due to the suppression of certain concerns found to be engaged in the uses of the mails for fraudulent purposes, and the sending to the Dead Letter Office of many thousands of letters addressed to them but withheld from delivery.

There were 63,886 letters which contanied drafts, checks, notes, money orders, etc., of the face value of $1,953,704.35. Among these were also included letters containing deeds, wills, pension certificates, insurance policies, etc. The increase under this head was 11,022 letters, and in face value $460,141.70, doubtless to be attributed to the cause mentioned as affecting the receipts of money.

Of the domestic misdirected letters, 76,668 were given correct addresses and delivered and 1,324 were returned to the card addresses upon the envelopes. Letters of like character originating in foreign countries numbering 30,904 were similarly disposed of.

The number of parcels of merchandise matter for which owners could not be found and which were sold at auction, as authorized by the regulations, was 110,580, of which the gross proceeds were $6,890.98, and the net proceeds $5,908.64, which amount was delivered to the third assistant postmaster general for deposit in the treasury. There was also separated from filed (undeliverable) letters money to the amount of $16,296.81, which was disposed of in like manner. Postage stamps of the value of $5,370.01 were separated from letters which could not be delivered to owners.

Valuable Memento of Rebellion.

The San Angelo Standard says: "On the north wall of the J. F. Dunn Saddlery Company's store hangs a copy of the last newspaper that was printed on wall-paper in Vicksburg, Mississippi. The newspaper was issued during the siege of General Grant.

Major Dunn has had the little newspaper so framed that one can see both sides of it as it appears in the frame. It's certainly worth while to see.

The small sheet contains four columns of eighteen inches each. The print is a little larger than nonpareil. The paper is well written, has no grammatical or rhetorical errors and few typographical mistakes. The editor, J. M. Swords, was a master of the pen, and shows his indomitable will and courage amid the din and roar of the Yankee's shot and shell. With characteristic ingenuity he mingles with humor and pathos, painting life like the scenes of war as a reporter saw them.

Says the editor:

"We are indebted to Major Gillespie for a steak of Confederate beef, alias mule. We have tried it, and can assure our friends that if it is rendered necessary, they need have no scruples at eating the meat. It is sweet, savory and tender, and as long as we have a mule left we are satisfied our soldiers will be content to subsist on it."

Again, the editor says:

"The Yanks outside our city are considerably on the sick list. Fever, dysentery and disgust are their companions and Grant is their master. The boys are deserting daily, are crossing the river, cussing Grant and abolitionists generally."

And again:

"No more will the Daily Citizen eulogize the luxury of mule meat and fricassed kitten—urge southern warriors to such diet nevermore. This is the last wallpaper 'Citizen.'"

The paper is indeed a valuable curiosity and Major Dunn's highly treasured memento.

Everything you need in the blacksmithing, horse shoeing, buggy, carriage and wagon work. Bring it in or 'phone to us and will call and get it.—Bateman & Boyes. 28-tf.

Miscellaneous Advertisements.

Lost—Pocket book on lower Stephenville road Monday Dec. 26th. Finder will be rewarded upon return to W. S. Payne, who will identify same. 1p.

For Sale—Good buggy horse eight years old, fifteen hands high, good color and fine driver. Apply to J. L. Silk at residence near that of R. B. Spencer. 1p.

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