# Wichita Weekly Times.

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## DEFER DECISION UNTIL SATURDAY

ACTION ON STREET RAILWAY FRANCHISE WAS POSTPONED YESTERDAY.

## CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

Between Sayles and Kemp Promises Interesting Developments.

From Thursday's Daily.

As was stated yesterday, Edgar Scurry applied to the city council for a fifty year electric street railway franchise, and after considerable discussion it was agreed to defer a decision in the matter until a meeting to be held on next Saturday.

Mr. Scurry named among his associates Henry Sayles of Abilene, N. Henderson and Charles Malone of this city.

Mr. Sayles was present at the council meeting, and it is understood that he would be one of the heaviest stockholders in the proposed company.

During the discussion before the council a telegram was delivered to Mr. Sayles. The latter made public the contents of the message, which was from Mr. I. H. Kempner of Galveston, telling Mr. Sayles that he would have to withdraw from the electric railway proposition on account of his (Kempner's) interests with Mr. Kemp.

Mr. Sayles said that he had proposed to Mr. Kemp that they join in the proposition for a street railway here, but that the latter had refused to do so unless the line was extended to Lake Wichita and built through lands owned by Mr. Kemp. This, Mr. Sayles said, he would not do, and charged that the telegram showed that Mr. Kemp was attempting to block his project. Mr. Sayles then announced that the withdrawal of Mr. Kempner would not affect his plans, as he had plenty of capital to build the line himself.

At this juncture the council went into executive session, and it is announced that another meeting will be held Saturday, at which time some definite conclusion will be reached.

The conflict of interests between Mr. Sayles and Mr. Kemp adds interest to the developments and it is believed that Mr. Kemp and others associated with him are preparing to ask for a street railway frachise.

### A New Line Into Mexico.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 6.—Advices from New York say that Harriman has decided to extend his new line from the Southern Pacific into Mexico, beginning at a point east of El Paso. The new road will tap the oil fields and the timber region. Two Mexican governors and W. R. Hearst are supporting the project.

### New Church at Mabledean.

Rev. R. E. Farley went out to Mabledean Sunday afternoon and organized a new Methodist Episcopal church for the people of that community. Messrs. C. L. Campbell, Mr. Price and W. C. Clark were elected trustees. They will proceed at once to construct a suitable building in which to worship.

### Fierce Norther at Denison.

Denison, Tex., Jan. 6.—A fierce norther is blowing here and the thermometer registers seventeen degrees above zero.

### Acquitted of Murder Charge.

Media, Pa., Jan. 7.—Mrs. Florence Erb and Mrs. Catherine Beisel, charged with the murder of Captain Clayton Erb, the former's husband, were acquitted today after the jury had been out nearly eighteen hours.

### To Prohibit Manufacture.

By Associated Press.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 7.—A bill was introduced in the senate today to prohibit the manufacture of intoxicating liquors in this state. The bill provides that the law go into effect on July 1st.

## PLOT TO DETHRONE KING EXPOSED

By Associated Press.

Lisbon, Jan. 7.—During a banquet last night given by the officers of the army in this city, at which King Emanuel was present, a lieutenant publicly warned the king of a plot to dethrone him, which was in course of preparation. The officer declared further that the king was surrounded by spies and traitors. Extra men are on guard around the royal palace today.

### Searching for Bodies.

Messina, Jan. 7.—A party of men, under the direction of Major Landis, the American military attache at Rome have been working for four days to extricate the bodies of Consul Cheney and his wife from the wreck of the consulate. The apartments of the Cheneys is not yet uncovered and many feet of wreckage still remain to be removed.

Search for the survivors is still going on and yesterday seven living persons were taken from the ruins.

### Thousands of Home Seekers.

Special to the Times.

Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 7.—Three thousand homeseekers from the north and east are spending the day here en ruote to West Texas and the Gulf section, where they will likely locate. The Santa Fe, Rock Island and Katy roads brought them.

### Will Start Work Monday.

Special to the Times.

Amarillo, Tex., Jan. 7.—The contract was let today for the excavation for the $150,000 Panhandle Packing Company's plant. Work begins Monday. It is expected to have the plant ready for operation in June.

### Storey is Improving.

Special to the Times.

Lockhart, Tex., Jan. 7.—A. B. Storey, chairman of the Texas democratic executive committee, who had been confined to his bed with a cold and fever since Sunday, is reported much better today. He is still unable to leave his home.

## TEN EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS AN HOUR

By Associated Press.

Messina, Jan. 7.—The earthquake shocks are still continuing here at the rate of about ten per hour. Fire has also broken out again and is completing the destruction of the city hall and the records stored therein.

### American Relief En Route to Messina.

By Associated Press.

Rome, Italy, Jan. 7.—A special train left here this morning for Civita Vecchi, with the American relief party, headed by Ambassador Griscom, on board. They will sail for Messina on board the steamer Bayern, chartered to convey American relief to the South.

The ambassador will go only as far as the straits of Messina. He met Admiral Sperry, who was coming from Port Said on the flagship Connecticut and will return with the Connecticut to Naples.

### Gates to Build College.

Special to the Times.

Beaumont, Tex., Jan. 7.—John W. Gates today announced that he will build at Port Arthur a large college and hospital on the lake front. The college will cost $65,000 and the hospital $20,000. It is also proposed to build two public schools.

## TEXARKANA FIRE LOSS IS $250,000

Special to the Times

Texarkana, Tex., Jan. 7.—The latest estimates place the loss from the fire in the business section this morning at $250,000, and the insurance at $115,000. The cause of the blaze is a mystery. The police believe that the blaze was started by fire bugs.

Hayden Dry Goods Co., M. Cassidy and J. L. Chatfield suffered the greatest loss.

### Hains' Ordeal is Over.

By Associated Press.

Flushing, L. I., Jan. 7.—Thornton Hains' ordeal on the witness stand, where for two days he has been the target for an unwavering fire of the prosecution's cross examination, will be concluded today. Justice Crane insists that all the evidence must be in by Saturday night. The summing up is expected to consume two days and the case will probably go to the jury Wednesday next.

### Leave for Austin.

Special to the Times.

Waxahachie, Tex., Jan. 7.—State Representatives Anderson and Stepter left here for Austin to attend the opening of the legislature Tuesday. They will vote for Mobily for speaker.

### Woman's Assailant Captured.

Special to the Times.

Lufkin, Tex., Jan. 7.—Roy Shirley, charged with assaulting and robbing Mrs. C. N. Ballinger Tuesday, was caught late last night and was placed under a thousand dollars bond today.

## INTERURBAN PROMOTERS ARE HERE

ELECTRIC LINE PROJECTED FROM OKLAHOMA CITY VIA HOBART TO WICHITA FALLS.

## LOOKING OVER THE ROUTE

Interested Parties With Engineer Arrived in Wichita Falls Yesterday and Left Today.

From Thursday's Daily.

Representatives of an interurban system of railways to connect Oklahoma City with El Reno, Hobart and with a possible entrance into Wichita Falls, arrived here yesterday afternoon over a preliminary survey from Hobart via Chattanooga, Oklahoma, which is due north of Wichita Falls.

Three gentlemen comprised the party, one of which represented the bonding interests, the other Hobart and the third the engineer in charge. The proposition is in an indefinite shape at this time, but the promoters believe that they will be able to make a tangible proposition before long.

The parties were taken in charge by the Chamber of Commerce and given all the information available. Before leaving this afternoon for Hobart these gentlemen expressed themselves as highly pleased with the prospects of extending from Hobart to Wichita Falls. The town of Hobart has offered $100,000 and yardage and have practically closed negotiations for the line to that point.

### THE MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Cotton—New Orleans Spots.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 7.—Market for spot cotton steady and 1-16c higher. Middling, 8:15-16c. Sales 1,350 bales.

Cotton—New Orleans Futures.

| | Open | High | Close |
|---|---|---|---|
| January | 9.08 | 9.08 | 9.07-08 |
| March | 9.08 | 9.08 | 9.07-08 |
| May | 9.14 | 9.16 | 9.15-16 |

Cotton—New York Spots.

New York, Jan. 7.—Spot cotton market quiet and unchanged. Middling, 9.25. No sales reported.

Cotton—New York Futures.

| | Open | High | Close |
|---|---|---|---|
| January | 8.98 | 9.03 | 8.99-01 |
| March | 9.03 | 9.05 | 9.01-02 |
| May | 9.03 | 9.05 | 9.00-01 |

Cotton—Liverpool.

Liverpool, Eng., Jan. 7.—Spot cotton 5.04d. Sales, 12,000 bales. Receipts, 10,000 bales.

| | Open | High | Close |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jan.-Feb. | 4.84 | 4.85 | 4.84½ |
| Feb.-March | 4.83½ | 4.83 | 4.83 |
| March-April | 4.82 | 4.83½ | 4.82½ |
| April-May | 4.81 | 4.82 | 4.82 |

Chicago Grain aMrket.

| Wheat— | Open | High | Close |
|---|---|---|---|
| May | 107¾ | 108⅛ | 107½ |
| July | 98⅝ | 98⅞ | 98¼ |
| September | 94¾ | 94⅞ | 94¼ |
| Corn— | | | |
| May | 61⅝ | 62 | 61¾ |
| July | 61⅞ | 62¼ | 62 |
| September | 62⅛ | 62⅜ | 62⅛ |
| Oats— | | | |
| May | 51¾ | 51⅞ | 51⅜ |
| July | 46¼ | 46½ | 46⅜ |
| September | 39⅜ | 39½ | 39⅝ |

Fort Worth Livestock.

Cattle—Receipts 2200.

Hogs—Receipts 2600.

Steers—Quality choice. Market was higher. Tops sold at $6.00.

Cows—Quality choice. Market was steady. Tops sold at $3.50.

Calves—Quality choice. Market was steady. Tops sold at $6.50.

Hogs—Quality fair. Market steady. Tops sold at $5.90.

### Night Riders are Blamed.

Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 7.—Night riders are charged with setting fire to the large warehouse of Wilson Bros., at Russellville, Arkansas, today, causing a loss of five hundred bales of cotton, valued at $22,000. Oil was poured on the cotton. A hundred bales of cotton belonged to individual farmers who were holding it for better prices and had no insurance.

On account of the increasing business handled here by the Denver, it has become necessary to add another man to the clerical force at the freight office. A new position has been created and A. A. Sterley, formerly cashier, has been made revising rate clerk. C. O. Pollard, formerly agent for the Denver at Chillicothe, has succeeded Mr. Sterley as cashier.

## JURY HOLDS FATE OF NIGHT RIDERS

CLOSING ARGUMENTS MADE BEFORE NOON TODAY.

## JUDGE'S CHARGE READ

And This Afternoon the Fate of the Defendants Rests With the Jurymen.

By Associated Press.

Uunion City, Tenn., Jan. 7.—Attorney General Caldwell closed for the State in the night rider cases shortly before noon. After luncheon Judge Jones began reading his charge to the jury. The court's instructions covering murder in the first and second degrees, is ten thousand words long. At the conclusion of the reading the charge, the jury was left alone in the room.

### TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Candidates for Speaker Open Offices.

Special to the Times.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 7.—Representatives Mobley, Kennedy and Davis, candidates for speaker of the house, opened headquarters in this city at the Avenue hotel. All three are making a determined fight to win. Each claims he is confident of victory, but there is some talk that a dark horse may step in and capture the chair. James M. Robertson and Ike Standifer may enter the race, but perhaps will delay until the last moment.

Members of the legislature are arriving for the opening session Tuesday.

### Deny the Story.

Special to the Times.

Beaumont, Tex., Jan. 7.—The Kirby Lumber Company officials today denied the story that Valet Jones, connected with the murder of William M. Rice, is working here. Jones is well known in this city and his friends say the last heard of him, he was in Chambers county. His friends scout the confession story.

### Verdict for $40,000.

Special to the Times.

San Antonio, Tex., Jan. 7.—For the third time Engineer Frank Brice was today given a verdict in a damage suit against the I. and G. N. railway. The first award called for fifteen thousand dollars, the second twenty-five thousand and today's for forty thousand dollars. Brice was injured in a collision at Kyle in 1903.

### To Make Fort Bliss Brigade Post.

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 7.—Among the Texas bills introduced today was one by Congressman Smith for six hundred thousand dollars for the enlargement of Fort Bliss to make it a brigade post, also one for a hundred thousand dollars for public buildings at Ballinger.

### Charged With Killing Father.

Special to the Times.

Waco, Tex., Jan. 7.—In the examining trial of Dr. B. A. Phillips of Osage, charged with the murder of his father, D. E. Phillips, on January 1st, was concluded at Crawford today. A big crowd was present. The defendant furnished a five thousand dollar bond.

### Death of Aged Confederate.

Special to the Times.

Rosenberg, Tex., Jan. 7.—Tom Henderson, an aged Confederate veteran, was found dead at his home early this morning. He was 70 years of age, and had been missing three days. Death was due to natural causes.

### For Earthquake Sufferers.

Special to the Times.

Denison, Tex., Jan. 7. The Italian colony here today raised $300 for the earthquake sufferers in Italy. The money was sent to the Red Cross society.

### Shallenberger Inaugurated.

By Associated Press.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 7.—At the joint session of the house and senate today, Aston Shallenberger, democrat, was inaugurated as governor.

### Temperature Lower at Galveston.

Special to the Times.

Galveston, Tex., Jan. 7.—The temperature here dropped twenty degrees during the night and today it is growing colder.

### Alabama Prohibition Law Upheld.

Mobile, Ala., Jan. 7.—The State prohibition law of Alabama was upheld here today when a liquor license was refused in a local probate court.

### FATALLY INJURED.

Carl Johnson Falls From Third Story Window at Galveston.

Special to the Times.

Galveston, Tex., Jan. 7.—Carl Johnson, aged 26 years, employed as a dredge hand at Texas City, fell from the third story of a rooming house here this morning to his death. He quit work yesterday because he was ill. This morning he went to a window for a breath of fresh air, when he slipped and dropped upon the brick pavement below. He died while being conveyed to the hospital.

### Didn't Find Missing Wife.

Special to the Times.

Weatherford, Tex., Jan. 7.—Kinney Cooker of Wichita Falls, has left for his home after spending several days here searching for his wife and babe who disappeared suddenly. Mrs. Cooker was here last week. In a letter mailed from Shawnee, Oklahoma, she bade her husband farewell.

The former night superintendent of an oil mill in Wichita Falls is also missing. The latter boarded at the Cooker home.

### Salary Increase Proposed.

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 7.—By an amendment to the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, which was reported to the senate today from the committee on finance, the salary of the president was increased from $50,000 to $100,000 and the salaries of the vice president and speaker of the house from $12,000 to $20,000.

## SEVERAL HURT IN HOTEL FIRE

By Associated Press

Winchester, Ky., Jan. 7.—The Fortview hotel was totally destroyed by fire early today. H. Tellis, an employe of the Burley Tobacco Leaf Association, is supposed to have been burned to death.

James Donahue of this city jumped from the third story window and was fatally injured.

Miss Hallie Veal of Lexington was also badly injured by jumping and several others were severely injured.

The loss is about $30,000. The origin of the fire is unknown.

### Judge Potter's Home Damaged by Fire.

Gainesville, Tex., Jan. 6.—The handome residence of Judge C. C. Potter on Church street took fire from the roof this afternoon and the building and furniture was damaged to the amount of $2,000. Prompt arrival of the fire company confined the flames to the roof, the principal damage to building and furniture being done by water.

### Battleships Reach Port Said.

By Associated Press.

Port Said, Jan. 7.—The American battleships Georgia, New Jersey and Nebraska have arrived here. The Virginia and the Louisiana have proceeded to Beirrieut, Syria.

## WOMEN WILL PUT TICKET IN FIELD

Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 7.—The city federation of women's clubs at a meeting today denounced Fort Worth's city commission and declared that it will put out a ticket of their own with members of the organization as candidates. The women are aroused over the alleged mismanagement and unsanitary condition of the jail.

### To Close Headquarters.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 7.—Because of the rapid growth of the State departments, the United Daughters of the Confederacy and other patriotic organizations will likely close their present quarters in the capitol, although a contest will be precipitated. An effort will be made to compromise by offering them another hall.

### Coffman's Hearing Postponed.

Special to the Times.

cKinney, Tex., Jan. 7.—The condition of Louis Coffman, charged with murdering his wife near this city several days ago, is improved today. This preliminary hearing has been postponed until after the grand jury acts on his case Monday.

### Charged With Embezzlement.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 7.—Mrs. Nellie O'Donnell, aged 30 years, formerly cashier and bookkeeper for Schwarzchild-Sulzberger Beef and Provision Co., was arrested last night on a charge of embezzling a thousand dollars. She asserts that she did not know why she took the money.

## ONE OF THE TRIO HAS CONFESSED

IMPLICATES TWO COMPANIONS IN THE ROBBERY OF MR. W. W. WILLIAMS.

## THE MONEY IS RECOVERED

Officers Find $216 Under Wagon Wheel Three Under Arrest.

From Thursday's Daily.

Last night George Osborne, one of the trio of young men arrested in connection with the robbery of W. W. Williams of Sweet Springs, Mo., made a confession to the officers in which he alleged that he was assisted in the robbery by Roy James and "Red" Usher, the other two young men under arerst.

In his confession Osborne revealed the hiding place of the money taken from Williams, telling that it was hid under a wagon wheel in the neighborhood of Marlow & Bonner's livery stable. Upon search being made, the money was found at the place told by Osbzorne, and of the $220 which was taken from Williams $216 was recovered. The money consisted of two $100 bills, a ten dollar bill and six silver dollars. There is other strong evidence toward the guilt of the three young men under arrest.

The young men claim Bonham as their home and had been in the city only a short time.

The robbery took place early Tuesday evening. Williams had been refused accommodations at the St. Charles hotel, because he was badly intoxicated. He fell in with James, Usher and Osborne and was taken by them to the store room on Indiana avenue formerly occupied by the City Bakery, to which one of the three had a key. Williams soon went to sleep and when he awoke he discovered that his purse was missing. He reported his loss to the police and a few hours later James, Usher and Osborne were behind the bars at the county jail.

### Red Lights Go Out.

The red lights have gone out on Mulberry Row, and the females of easy virtue who hold their residence in Wichita Falls "nere" are reported to have again shaken the dust of the city from their feet and have gone, it is promised this time, never to return.

Some eight or nine indictments were returned by the grand jury at its last session against women of the resort district charging them with keeping "disorderly houses." The cases were set for trial in the county court at 9 o'clock this morning, but in the meantime the defendants were given to understand that if they left the city and did not put in an apeparance that no effort would be made to bring them back for trial and that the cases against them would be dropped.

When the cases were called this morning none of the defendants answered and it is said that all have left the city.

Both the county and city authorities are working hand in hand to suppress the bawdy houses and from the determined manner in which they are going about the matter, it can be believed that their absence will be longer than between the spasms of virtue which have been experienced at former times.

### Rangers Change Headquarters.

Weatherford, Tex., Jan. 2.—Company A of the State rangers, stationed here under Captain Frank Johnson, will be transferred to Alice, Texas, and will be succeeded by Company B under the command of Captain Ross, whose headquarters will be at Amarillo.

### Houston Merchant Dead.

Special to the Times.

Houston, Tex., Jan. 7.—John Finnian, aged 74 years, a wealthy merchant, well known all over Texas, died here today. Two daughters survive him.

## CULBERSON IS AFTER ROOSEVELT

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 7.—Senator Culberson today introduced a resolution calling upon the judiciary committee of the senate to report upon the legality of the steel trust's absorption of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Co., which President Roosevelt sanctioned.

Representative Sheppard today attacked the present tariff.

# ARMED FEUDISTS MEET AT JACKSON

KENTUCKY TOWN IS AGAIN THE SCENE OF STRIFE AND BLOODSHED.

## WINCHESTERS GLEAMING

Callahans and Deatons Armed to the Teeth and are Ready and Waiting For a Clash.

By Associated Press.

Jackson, Ky., Jan. 1.—There has been no fight in the reopened feud of the Callahan-Smith and Deaton factions.

Both sides are still entrenched in improvised forts today while sentinels watch the movements of their opponents closely. Both sides are heavily armed.

Jackson, Ky., Dec. 31.—Setting at rest any impressions which the Jackson Law and Order League may have sent abroad that the home of the Hargises has reformed, this town tonight is in a state of terror between the two pitched camps of former Sheriff Ed Callahan and the friends of James T. Deaton and Rash Sebastian, for whose killing Callahan is to be tried. The main street of the town, down which murderous bands have ridden, shooting and cursing many times in the past, lies between the court house, where the Callahan faction has intrenched itself and the general store of the late Judge James Hargis, in which are the Deatons.

In the woods near Lost creek is County Judge S. S. Tauble, declaring that he will not return to town to hold court over Callahan unless the governor of Kentucky sends troops to protect him from the two bands of armed men in Jackson. Governor Wilson is absent from the state and Lieutenant Governor Cox up to this time has refused to send any troops.

Winchester barrels can be seen plainly tonight, glinting on either side of the main street and including the members of recently organized Jackson Law and Order League, the citizens are in doors, trembling to think what the night may bring forth.

Callahan, who as "Deacon" Callahan and "High Sheriff" Callahan, became famous in the times of the Hargis reign of terror, persuaded Sheriff Crawford yesterday to escort him into town with twenty armed men, to face the bar. Callahan is alleged to have killed Deaton thirteen years ago.

The party on arriving from Callahan's home at Crockettsville, found the Deatons rallying to their standard, and the two bands of desperate men took up positions opposite each other this morning and have remained there glaring and threatening ever since Judge Tauble left when the factions arrived and has announced that it will take troops to bring him back to town. Callahan says that this is the third time he has come to Jackson to answer the charge and declares that if he is tried later it will have to be in his home at Crockettsville.

## NIGHT RIDER'S WIFE ADMITS PERJURY

Union City, Tenn., Jan. 2.—In the night rider cases here today Mrs. Wade Morris, wife of one of the self confessed band asserted that she deliberately perjured herself when she said said that her husband was at home on the night Rankin was killed. On the stand today shetestified that her husband was not at home that night but was with the riders. The witness stated she had been persuaded by her relatives to testify as she did yesterday. The court permitted her to correct the former testimony.

**Stockholders Meeting.**

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the stockholders of the City National Bank held at the banking house of that institution on the first Tuesday in January 1909, the same being the 12th, day of that month for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year, and to transact such other business as might properly come before the stockholders meeting. P. P. Langford, Cashier.

Wichita Falls, Texas, December 12, 1908. w-53-4t

**Cotton in Boll Wanted.**

I desire to give notice to the cotton farmers that I will pay $1.00 per hundred pounds for cotton in well matured crack-boll cotton, delivered to me at the Thornberry gin.

w-2t G. D. RIGSBY.

**For Sale.**

Registered Poland China pigs and gilts. Pedigrees free. No better breeding. Second sire Corrector, Second World's Fair champion.

w 3m R. H. SUTER, Owner.

Jackson Bros., undertakers and embalmers. Day phone No. 24; night phone No. 547. 964&w-tf

**Notice.**

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 57 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, that during the regular session of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Texas, and after this notice has been published for a period of thirty days as required by said Section, that a bill will be introduced, providing in substance as follows:

To authorize the Wichita Falls Railway Company to purchase the railroads and other properties of the Wichita Falls & Northwestern Railway Company of Texas and the Wichita Falls & Southern Railway Company, and to consolidate and merge the said The Wichita Falls & Northwestern Railway Company of Texas, a line of railroad beginning at a point near the North boundary line of the corporate limits of the town of Wichita Falls Texas and running in a Northwesterly direction through Wichita County Texas to a point on the boundary line of the State of Oklahoma at Red River about three miles Northwest of Burkburnett, Texas, said line of railroad being about seventeen (17) miles, and the said The Wichita Falls & Southern Railway Company, a line of railroad beginning at a point on the Wichita Valley Railway near the West Boundary line of the corporate limits of the town of Wichita Falls, Texas, and thence running in a Southerly direction through the County of Wichita, the County of Archer, passing through Archer City, Texas, and thence in a Southwesterly direction into Young County, Texas, through Olney, Texas, and to Newcastle in Young County Texas, said railroad being a line of road about fifty-four (54) miles, with the Wichita Falls Railway Company, a line of railroad beginning at Wichita Falls in Wichita County Texas and running in a Southwesterly direction to Henrietta in Clay County Texas, a distance of about eighteen (18) miles; the said two railroads, to-wit, The Wichita Falls & Northwestern Railway Company of Texas and The Wichita Falls & Southern Railway Company, both chartered under the laws of the State merged with the Wichita Falls Railway Company, also chartered under the laws of the State of Texas, and authorizing the Wichita Falls Railway Company to operate said lines of railroad under the name and charter of the Wichita Falls Railway Company.

And providing for the protection of the holders of the outstanding indebtedness and stocks and bonds of each of said railway companies,

And authorizing the Wichita Falls Railway Company to issue stocks and bonds on said property in lieu of the stocks and bonds of the two railroads so purchased, consolidated or merged in the said Wichita Falls Railway Company, or to assure the payments of said outstanding bonds of said two railway companies.

And authorizing the said Wichita Falls Railway Company to operate said lines when purchased, consolidated or merged, as part of its own line.

And recognizing the lease of the Wichita Falls Railway Company to the Missouri Kansas & Texas Railway Company of Texas of the (18) miles of railroad between Wichita Falls and Henrietta Texas now under lease to the Missouri Kansas & Texas Railway Company of Texas,

And authorizing the said Wichita Falls Railway Company to extend the said railroads and construct branches therefrom by amendment to its charter under the general laws of the State of Texas,

And authorizing the corporations person or persons, now or hereafter owning the said properties, to sell the same or any part thereof to the Wichita Falls Railway Company.

Signed this the 26th day of December 1908.

The Wichita Falls & Northwestern Railway Company of Texas.

J. A. KEMP, President.

The Wichita Falls & Southern Railway Company.

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J. A. KEMP, President.

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## THE TWO WILLIAMS ARE GIVEN BAIL

Amarillo, Tex., Jan. 1.—District Judge Browning announced his decision late yesterday afternoon in the habeas corpus hearing held at Canyon City Wednesday in which John and Doby Williams, indicted in conenction with the killing of John R. Armstrong at Bovina, November 17, sought to be admitted to bail, and the court granted the prayers of the plaintiffs, placing the bond of the first named at $8,000 while that of the latter is $4,000.

Judge Browning also ordered that the prisoners be removed to the Deaf Smith county jail at Hereford pending the furnishing of the bonds required. This instruction was issued for the reason that the jails of both Randall and Palmer counties are considered unsafe.

## A WONDERFUL STORY.

This is what you have been looking for. Now read about it.—Editor.

The Story of Murray's Vegetable Blood Purifier as Related by Mr. Murray, Himself.

In January, 1898, I had a severe attack of La Grippe. When at its worst my nervous system suddenly gave way, and the physician who attended me said I had the worst case of Nervous Prostration he had ever known. For several weeks my recovery seemed doubtful. I had also had heart trouble for many years, and while down with nervous prostration this heart trouble got so bad that for a good many days and nights I could not lie down, but had to sleep in my chair, for when I attempted to lie down my heart would stop beating, and then I would smother for some minutes before I could get my breath good again. When I had gotten over the nerve trouble so that I could walk around a little, Rheumatism set in and I lay on my back for nearly nine months, as helpless as an infant, and for the next five years had to walk on crutches most of the time. During all this time and for many years before I had been so badly troubled with Constipation that I had to take medicine every few days. If I did not do so I would suffer greatly with dizziness and headache. I also had Eczema all over me, but worst in my face. I had it so bad in my face that I was frequently asked by strangers if I had smallpox. Some physicians told me that I never could be cured of that, and I had reason to believe it, as I had tried many remedies and three specialists without relief, and during the years that I used crutches I took all sorts of remedies and spent two months at Mineral Wells, three months at Marlin and five months at the San Antonio hot sulphur wells, and took an electric treatment under Dr. Rabb at the Electric Sanitarium at San Antonio, and tried several Magnetic Healers, but with all this I got down again so I could not use my crutches, and then I went to an Osteopathic doctor in an Eastern city, who charged me well, but did me no good. It was then, when I had given up all hopes of ever being able to walk again, that the managers of the Eclectic College sent me an invitation to come to them and they would give me a prescription that they thought would cure me and would charge me nothing, as they wanted my case for the benefit of the students. I at first replied that I did not care to be experimented on for the benefit of the students, but the next day I was prevailed on to go. I was carried in the lecture room, where they asked me questions covering my whole life, and then about the health of my ancestors, and when through the lecturer made these remarks:

"Gentlemen—After hearing the statement of Mr. Murray I think you will agree with me that it is no use to treat him for rheumatism, as that is not his disease, but only the effect of the disease. The disease is all in his liver and nerves. If we can give him a healthy liver and restore his nervous system, the rheumatism will leave him, and if we can't do this he will have it as long as he lives. The whole question is this, can we put him in perfect health without any regard whatever to rheumatism?" He then lectured for an hour on my disease and covered the whole matter except my heart trouble, and all he said about that was that when they got the right move on my liver, I would have no heart trouble. I could hardly believe that, but I found it was true—I have had no heart trouble since. At the close of the lecture he said: "I will prescribe for Mr. Murray as though he never had rheumatism in his life; I shall leave that entirely out of sight." He said the rheumatism would leave me in three or four months, as the medicine would put me in perfect health.

He then requested me to write to him every thirty days and tell him just how I was getting on, as he wanted to read my letters to the students. He wanted them to know just what the medicine was doing for me. At the end of thirty days I wrote to him that I felt well, my dizziness and headache had all disappeared, and I had no signs of heart trouble, but the rheumatism was no better. In sixty days I wrote that I was cured of everything but rheumatism, that I was cured of eczema, and I had given up all hopes of ever finding a cure for that, as I had been told by some physicians that it could not be cured on old people. I then asked him if he still thought it would reach the rheumatism. He wrote me in reply that when I attained perfect health the rheumatism would leave me, as it could not possibly remain in a healthy system, and if I would take a half teaspoonful of the medicine every night as long as I lived I would be a stout old man. Well, I have not found it necessary to do that. A few weeks after this it began to give way, and in four months from the time I commenced taking it, I wrote him that I was entirely cured. It is true the muscles of my hands are drawn so I can't close them, nor can't straighten my arms, but I can walk as easily as I ever did, and now, at past 70 years of age, I have perfect health, something I never knew until I got this medicine. I have been a great sufferer all my life from sick headache and frequently when I would rise up suddenly I would turn blind, dizzy and sick. I have never had any of these symptoms since taking the first bottle of this medicine. I have arrangements made for making and selling it and would advise all who are afflicted with blood or skin diseases, nervous troubles, constipation, indigestion, dyspepsia, rheumatism, sick headache, catarrh of the stomach or bowels, heart trouble or with that form of piles that is caused by constipation or impure blood or biliousness to try this remedy.

It is absolutely free from all minerals or opiates, an excellent female tonic. It is put up in 6-ounce bottles, there being about one month's treatment in each bottle. The dose is a small one, only from one to two teaspoonfuls after supper, once a day. I am so confident that this is the best remedy that has ever been made for the diseases for which it is recommended that I will allow any person who purchases a bottle to use it a week, and if not pleased with it he may return it at the end of the week and get his money back. Price, $1.00 per bottle.

It has cured thousands in the last three years, and it will doubtless cure you. I refer by permission to Judge W. A. Minter; D. G. Hill, ex-County Judge of Taylor County; E. S. Hughes, President of F. & M. National Bank; George Harris, druggist; Dr. Bass, druggist, all of Abilene. Yours truly,

F. I. MURRAY.

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¶ The coming year opens with conditions favoring renewed prosperity and increased business to those who prepare to meet it. We are satisfied that the collection of goods we offer contains the choicest assortment of merchandise found in this part of the glorious state. With full confidence of being able to please you better for the year 1909 than we have in the past, we solicit your valued patronage and wish one and all a :: :: :: :: :: :: :: ::

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# CHARGED WITH MURDERING WIFE

**FORMER CONSTABLE COFFMAN NEAR McKINNEY, WAS ARRESTED TODAY.**

## WOMAN DEAD IN DEAD

**Husband Has Bullet Wound in Hand. Says Wife Shot Him and Turned Weapon on Herself.**

McKinney, Tex., Jan. 4.—Officers went to the home of former Constable Louie Coffman, ten miles northwest of this city, today, where they found Mrs. Coffman dead in bed. She had been shot through the head. Her husband was found with a bullet wound in his hand.

Coffman told the officers that his wife first shot him and then turned the weapon upon herself.

Coffman was arested charged with murdering his wife, and was brought here. The family is prominent in Collin county.

The affair has created a profound sensation here and many do not believe that Coffman murdered his wife as charged.

Coffman is about 30 years of age and his wife was 28 years old, and one of the most beautiful women in North Texas. At noon the prisoner still insisted that his wife fired the shot which killed her and wounded himself.

### WALTERS PEOPLE WILL ASK COUNTY DIVISION.

Walter, Ok., Jan. 4.—To counteract the movement upon the part of Temple to divide the county court of Comanche county, holding half of the sessions at Temple, petitions are being circulated here asking Governor Haskell to issue a call for an election to form a new county, of which Walter is ambitious to become the county seat.

The petitions propose to cut off the south end of Comanche county six miles below the base line and to take a row of government townships from the east side of Tillman county. Walter is situated just two miles east of the center of the proposed county east and west and six miles from the north line. The petitions are being generally signed, but the people outside of the towns are taking very little interest in the movement.—Lawton Constitution-Democrat.

### Corn Crop Short in Hunt County.

Mr. B. J. Hopson, a prominent business man of Wolfe City, Hunt county, was here today for the purpose of buying twenty-five or thirty carloads of corn with which to supply farmers near his town. He says that little corn was made in Hunt County last year—not more than half the amount required to feed stock, but says a good cotton crop was realized, a greater portion of which was marketed at an average price of 9 cents.

### Coffman is Ill.

McKinney, Tex., Jan. 6.—Former Constable Louis Coffman, who is in jail here, charged with the murder of his wife, is ill with fever today and is being attended by two physicians. The wound in his hand is healing. He refuses to make any further statement than that his wife killed herself.

### From Tuesday's Daily.

Miss Hildred Burchard and Gail S. Durham were united in marriage by Rev. W. F. Fry at the Baptist parsonage at about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon in the presence of a party of friends. Following the ceremony the bridal couple were driven to the Argyle hotel, where dinner was served. Mr. Durham is one of the proprietors of the new Princess theater on Ohio avenue and his bride is the singer for the Princess.

### Sunday Law Obeyed in Galveston.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 4.—Gov. Campbell today denied that the lid was off in Galveston Sunday. The governor received a telephone message from that city this morning declaring that a moving picture show was open, but that the officers will enforce strict obedience to the closing law hereafter.

### Doings of Texans in Congress.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—In the House today Congressman Ward introduced a bill for public buildings at Mexia and Teague. Congressman Stephens offered a bill to regulate and further restrict the trusts. Representative Slayden offered a protest from San Antonio against the parcels post.

### Brown Succeeds Newman.

New York, Jan. 6.—W. C. Brown, formerly vice president of the New York Central, today was elected president of the New York Central and Hudson River railroad company, succeeding W. H. Newman.

### Blaze at Weatherford.

Weatherford, Tex., Jan. 2.—The residence of J. H. Kindle was destroyed by fire today. The loss is three thousand dollars. The family was just moving to Fort Worth.


**WHEN THE KIDNEYS STOP WORK**

The point where the kidneys cease to do their duty properly is the beginning of Bright's Disease or some other life-destroying ailment.

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This great kidney tonic brings to bear an influence that quickly controls the disease, strengthens the weakened kidneys and by stimulating the bladder and bowels to greater activity, drives out of the body the impurities which brought on the disorder.

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Possibly the hold-up man takes to the highways in order to raise sufficient coin to enable his wife to take to the buyways.

Meadow Grove, extra creamery butter at Sherrod & Co.s. Phone 177. 186-tf

The skeleton in the closet might be all right if it would only stay there.

After making a number of New Year calls it's difficult for some men to keep their trains of thought on the proper track.

Dried figs are good—Price low. Ask King & White. Phone 261. 178-tf

If you have a clear conscience you can look any manin the eye and tell him to go to Omaha.


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# A BIG GAIN IN RECEIPTS

The total postal receipts at the Wichita Falsl postoffice for the year ending December 31, 1908, were $21,437.58. For the year ending December 31, 1907, the total receipts were $16,728.01, showing an increase in the year just closed of $4,709.57.

In 1906 the total receipts were $11,589.10, showing a gain in two years of nearly $10,000.

A great gain is also shown in the amount of the money orders issued. The amounts during the last three years are as follows:

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| 1906 | $42,251 99 |
| 1907 | 60,279 80 |
| 1908 | 74,276 90 |

Also in the amount of money orders paid out here has there been a large increase. The records show the following amounts for the last three years:

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|---|---|
| 1906 | $22,791 97 |
| 1907 | 43,295 71 |
| 1908 | 56,154 00 |

The salary list of the postoffice now reaches $17,000 per annum and that of the rural carriers running out Wichita Falls is $3,600..

The postal receipts for 1908 were as follows:

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| January | $ 1,971 29 |
| February | 1,277 04 |
| March | 1,911 42 |
| April | 1,743 66 |
| May | 1,196 38 |
| June | 1,510 31 |
| July | 1,764 54 |
| August | 1,654 92 |
| September | 1,787 38 |
| October | 2,697 72 |
| November | 1,705 33 |
| December | 2,235 59 |
| Total | $21,437 58 |


**CATARRH CURED.**

**No Cure, No Pay, Is a Most Generous Offer.**

To get an antiseptic strong enough to kill catarrh germs and not destroy the tissues of the membrane at the same time, has been a problem which was never solved until the discovery of Hyomei (pronounced High-o-me).

Hyomei is prepared from eucalyptus, the most powerful yet healing antiseptic known. Breathe it through the inhaler over the inflamed germ-ridden membrane four or five times a day, and in a few days the germs will disappear.

The inflamed condition will go, too, and the snuffing, hawking and offensive breath and the discharge of mucous and crusts in the nose will cease.

Then why should any catarrh sufferer hesitate, when E. S. Morris & Co., have such faith in Hyomei that they offer to return your money if after a fair trial Hyomei does not cure catarrh.

A complete Hyomei outfit, including the inhaler, costs $1.00 and extra bottles, if afterwards needed, cost but 50 cents. Hyomei also cures asthma, croup, sore throat, coughs colds or grip. w-4&6

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# TWO KILLED IN A FRISCO WRECK

Tulsa, Ok., Jan. 4.—In a collision between a passenger and a freight train on the Frisco road near Fisher today one engineer and one firemen were killed and a score of others more or less injured, some seriously. A relief train carrying physicians has been sent to the scene.

W. A. Miller, engineer of the passenger train, was killed. Fireman W. A. Hancock, Conductor Bernard and Brakeman C. E. Hosey of the same train were injured. The latter was seriously hurt. The freight crew saved themselves by jumping. The trains met through a confusion of orders in a dense fog.

### A Family Dinner.

Judge and Mrs. A. H. Carrigan entertained their Barwise relatives at a dinner Saturday. Those present were J. H. Barwise Sr., Tom Barwise and family and Marshall Barwise of Electra, Myron Barwise and family and Miss Elsa Vanderslice of Wichita Falls and Joe Barwise and family of Fort Worth.

### Office Seekers Flock to Austin.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 2.—Candidates for the clerkships in the House and Senate are pouring into Austin and are caucusing together preparatory to presenting their claims to the legislators as soon as they arrive. Few of the latter have reached here so far.

### Allendale Happenings.

Allendale, Texas, Jan. 4.

Mr. R. L. Dunlap has exchanged his farm for town property and has moved with his family to the Falls.

Mr. Teague, of Comanche, Oklahoma, moved with his family on the farm he recently purchased of Mr. J. N. Gates.

Mrs. W. P. Billingsly is visiting her son, W. H. Billingsly and family at Fort Worth.

Mr. Charles Ager came in yesterday from a visit to his home in East Texas.

School will open this morning.

Dr. C. W. Dean and family, of Apache, Okla., left this morning after a few days visit with Mrs. Dean's sister, Mrs. J. B. Sisk.

Messres A. Coker and Floyd Billingsly, of Wichita Falls, were visiting in Allendale yesterday.

Mr. Will Barker is visiting her brother, Mr. Lon Barker.

Miss Ellen Bursey, of Apache, Okla., is visiting her cousin Miss Lillie Sisk and will remain for some time.

Miss Ida Guinn will leave this morning for Decatur, Texas, where she will enter school.

### Rail Turned, Causing Wreck.

From Monday's Daily.

Through the turning of a rail, four cars on second No. 19, a southbound freight, played leap frog along the track a few miles south of Vernon at about 9 o'clock this morning, resulting in a delay of about five or six hours. It is reported that no one was injured in the wreck and that the damage is not serious.

The southbound passengers laid out by the accident were due to arrive here at about 4:20 o'clock this afternoon.

### BEACH HARGIS RELEASED.

**Slayer of Father Gives Bail—Will Go to Hot Springs.**

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 4.—Beach Hargis, who was allowed bail at Irvine several days ago, will be released today. Hargis will not return to Breathitt county, but will go to Hot Springs, Arkansas, where he will remain until his next trial is called in April.

### Negro Woman Outraged.

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 2.—Early today Elijah Coper and wife, colored, were held up by a highwayman at the point of a revolver and the husband was driven off. The robbers dragged the woman to the woods, where she was outraged. The colored population is incensed and threaten a lynching in case of an arrest.

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## THE SINGLE STANDARD, OR THE PRINCE OF PEACE.

The following excerpt is taken from an address recently delivered by Rev. J. F. Nugent, pastor of the Church of Visitation, at Des Moines, Iowa, and is published by request of a subscriber:

In 1896 Mr. Bryan ran for president of the United States on the issue of a double standard in the realm of money. The republican party then advocated the single standard. Bryan was defeated. It developed after the election that sixteen millions of a campaign fund was the orator who did the talking in the doubtful States. After the election we were told it was the voice of the people. The single standard carried the day. In the present campaign Mr. Bryan is running for president of the United States on the issue of a single standard in the world of morals. The republican party now advocates the double standard, one for measuring the rights and wrongs of the plain people and the other made for the builders of predatory wealth. The people have been crying out against the abuses of corporations and combined wealth, and every court decision that favors the railroads, the Standard Oil, the paper, the tobacco trusts and the beef robbery, and every form of predatory wealth has called forth loud and indignant protests from the common people.

Is it possible, or can it be believed, that the people who have objected to the court decisions will now endorse the decisions of the courts and perpetuate the reign of monopoly by electing to the highest office in the land a man whom the corporations have named as their friend and favorite? The Prince of Peace when here on earth said no man can serve two masters. The republican party has asked Mr. Taft to try it, and this party, so conservative in all things else, and so opposed to Mr. Bryan for "flighty theories," is willing to invest money in the experiment. To the more intelligent, Mrs Taft is not going to try it. He is going to do what most men in his position and age would do—he is going to worship the God who made him, or, in the words of scripture, he will remember his Creator in the days of his youth. Before the days come when he shall say, "They please me not."

The intelligent, or even half-intelligent, voter if he were to see a game like this played under a tent at a State fair, would quickly regard it as a shell game or three-card monte affair and carefully avoid the gambler's lure. Can it be that men of ordinary minds will fail to see through the plot in a similar case, because it is played under the dome of the White House and by the first men of the nation?

## GOOD SEED.

As never before the farmers of our country are waking up to the necessity of planting good seed. It is simply amazing to think how long producers have been content to plant the same old seed that has run out over and over again and that is to a large degree faulty. Breeders have long ago recognized the value of good stock, and as a result the scrubby cattle and horses of long ago have given way to improved breeds. But farmers are slow in seeing that the same rule will apply to good breeds of seed. The seed is only a fractional part of the cost of producing a crop. It takes the same amount of labor and the same amount of land to raise a crop, no matter what kind of seed there is planted. Then, why not plant the improved and better classes of seed? They won't make any worse crops than the poor seed and might make better. Try it.

Eleven hundred and thirty-five people called for mail at the general delivery window December 24th between 8 a. m. and 6 p. m. by actual count. When it is taken into consideration that the boxes and free delivery are not included in mail in the general delivery department the record on that day is remarkable for a town the size of Wichita Falls.

Among the many things Wichita Falls will get during the year 1909 is a better telephone system. Arrangements have already been made to this end and Superintendent C. B. Felder says that he has information from General Manager Farnsworth to the effect that the new system will be put in by April 1st of this year.

"Let there be more light" is a cry that will be heard in Wichita Falls until the day comes when this will be the best lighted city in Texas.

## ABILENE AND LOCAL OPTION.

The following from Friday's Abilene Reporter is as strong an editorial in favor of local option as can be written:

As proof of the fact that Abilene is gradually becoming a more orderly city, The Reporter points to the above record. In 1907 the city officers of Abilene made one hundred and fifty-six arrests. In 1908 a hundred and fifty-three arrests were made, showing a decrease of three. This is a good showing in a way, for if the number of arrests decrease in proportion each year in spite of Abilene's growth and increase of population, by the time our city is as big as Dallas or San Antonio there won't be any arrests made.

Last year cases under violations of city ordinances headed the list. The famous automobile speed limit cases swelled this department considerably. In 1907, affrays led the list, closely followed by violations of the city ordinances, and then by public drunkenness. Last year there were twenty-nine case of drunkenness called to the attention as against forty-one for the year previous, or a few more than two a month. This is not so bad, even if Abilene is a prohibition town. Chief Clinton vividly recalls the day when there were forty-one cases a day.

A hurried glance at the city's docket shows that fully seventy-five per cent of the cases tried by the recorder ended in the conviction of the parties on trial. Nearly every offender jerked up for fighting was "stuck," and usually when a person was arested for drunkenness he was also "stuck."

Below is the number of arrests made in 1908 by the city's corps of officers classified under their various heads; then a comparison with the record for 1907:

Total number for 1908: 153.
Public drunkenness, 29.
Violation of city ordinances, 52.
Affray, 39.
Disturbing peace, 16.
Using vulgar language, 3.
Assault and battery, 4.
Vagrancy, 5.
Gambling, 5.
Total number for 1907: 156.
Drunkenness, 41.
Violation of city ordinances, 42.
Affray, 44.
Disturbing peace, 14.
Using vulgar language, 6.
Assault and battery, 2.
Vagrancy, 0.
Gambling, 2.
Theft, 2.
Giving liquor to minors, 1.
Permitting minors to play billiards, 2 (both dismissed).

Today we stand upon the threshold of a new year. What the year will bring to us an allwise Providence has decreed we cannot know. Whether it be joy or sorrow, riches or peverty, heauth or sickness none can know what is in store for us, nor do the days and the years that have gone furnish any certain index for the future.

For some the walks of life in the year that has been measured out have been in thorny paths where roses, sunshine and bright flowers and peace and plenty bordered the way. For others the way has been dark and rough and thorns have bordered the path, failure, unhappiness and suffering and want have been met.

But whether joy or sorrow, success or failure has been ours all of us have come to the place where the days and months begin to make the measure of the New Year of 1909. All of us at this time can resolve to live for the best that is in manhood and womanhood and to take our places and stand to our duties in the march that is onward and onward to better things.

When the progressive business men of Wichita Falls get together in the annual Chamber of Commerce banquets at the beginning of each New Year, they strike the note and sound the slogan for the year's progress. Tonight's banquet promises to be the most enthusiastic and largely attended ever held and will afford a splendid opportunity to see the workings of the Wichita Falls spirit, a spirit that has placed Wichita Falls in the front rank of the progressive communities of the Southwest.

Wichita Falls now stands second among the cities of the State in the amount raised for the support of its commercial organizations, standing ahead of cities like Dallas, San Antonio, Houston, Galveston and El Paso, being surpassed only by Fort Worth. Nobody in Wichita Falls has ever complained that the money given to the support of the Chamber of Commerce has been lost. On the other hand it is the testimony of nearly every citizen that the returns through the Chamber of Commerce have been ten-fold.

Wichita Falls will have within the year 1909 a first class street railway system, or if she does not it will be because she does not want it. There are two companies headed by responsible men with an abundance of capital at their command that want to put in a street railway system. One of these companies has already applied to the city council for a franchise, and in all probability the other will do so within the next few days.

A large force of men are engaged in laying the gas mains within the city limits and it is understood that the work will be pushed rapidly until the mains are laid in every part of the city.

Paved streets in the business portion, a public library, a street railway, new factories and industrial concerns and new railroads are among the things that will recive consideration in Wichita Falls during the year 1909.

After today there are only twenty-two more days remaining in which one may qualify to vote by paying the requisite State, county and city poll taxes. Saturday, January 30th, the collectors' offices will close, and if you have not paid by that time, you will not be able to vote in this year's elections.

In addition to the municipal elections that may take place during the year, there may be during the summer an election to decide if the State is to continue the present local option policy or substitute for it constitutional prohibition.

No citizen of this State should neglect to qualify to vote, in the face of such an issue. If the question is submitted it ought not to be decided by one-third of the potential voters of the State, but by the full strength of the State citizenship.

The next thing Wichita Falls should turn her attention to in earnest is the paving of a few blocks of three or four of her most prominent business streets. It is believed that the paving of the stretes will add greatly to the value of the business property located on them and many property owners are in favor of taxing themselves with the paving in front of their property to the center of the streets, provided the city will take care of the crossings. The Times is not in a position to say what the conditions of the finances of the city are, or as to whether the bonded debt is now as great as the taxable values will warrant, but if bonds could be issued for this purpose it believes the project would meet with the approval of a great majority of the tax-payers.

And the demand for residence houses continues. In fact, it is greater now than ever before, in the face of the fact that nearly 250 were built and completed during the year 1908. At this time there is not a vacant residence in the city, and tenants for more than one hundred could be found within a week's time.

The year 1908 was a record breaker for Wichita Falls. During that year more than one million dollars of taxable values were added to the city's tax rolls. There should be no let up in the work of town building and during the year 1909 at least another million of taxable values should be added. Let's get busy and start the New Year right.

Today is the day of many good resolutions to be made and broken. For a few days, at least, the creaky old white wagon will have a good load. It's that way every New Year's Day, and there is no good reason to think anything different will happen this year.

The annual meeting of the Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce will be called tonight at the Elks Hall in the City National Bank building at 7 o'clock. Following the business meeting the banquet will be spread in the dining room at the St. James.

The Petrolia Round-Up comes to our exchange table this week in the form of a handsome illustrated special edition, containing a write-up of the town of Petrolia and her enterprising business men, illustrated with many photographs of the oil field.

The appointive or fee system of either a municipal or county government has its faults as well as its advantages. One need only review the record of fines in our city court during the past year to be convinced of the above assertion.

The year 1908 was one of remarkable achievement and progress in Wichita Falls. The outlook encourages the belief that even a faster pace will be set in the year begun.

The Houston Post says: "The announcement that the Pittsburg reformers will spend $500,000 in purifying the city is not apt to grieve the grafters much. They will go after the $500,000."

### Public Notice of Dissolution.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership lately subsisting between T. F. Patterson, Jr., and Nat Densler of the County of Wichita and State of Texas, under the firm name of T. F. Patterson Jr. & Company, was dissolved by mutual consent, on to-wit, the 1st day of December, A. D. 1908.

Either partner is allowed to use the name of the firm in liquidation of all debts due to and from the partnership.

The said Nat Densler on said date retired from said firm, and the business continued by the said T. F. Patterson, Jr., under the name of T. F. Patterson, Jr.

Nat Densler,
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Wichita Falls, Texas, January 6th, 1909.

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We want you to do us the favor of reporting any mistakes that may creep into our services. We do make mistakes although they are never intentional and we are always anxious to rectify them when we know about them. We have no greater or better wish for ourselves than that we can please you perfectly in the grocery and dry goods line, and we have no better wish for you than that you shall be happy in everything that you are getting the best the city affords.

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## THE STANDARD OIL WINS FINAL VICTORY

GOVERNMENT'S PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI DENIED BY SUPREME COURT.

## THAT $29,000,000 FINE

Has Been Knocked Out, All Around and Stock in Standard Oil Company Goes Up.

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—The Supreme Court of the United States today denied the petition of the government for a writ of certiorari in the twenty-nine million dollar fine case of the Standard Oil Company.

### Notice of Meeting of Stockholders and Directors of The Wichita Falls & Northwestern Railway Company of Texas.

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the stockholders of the Wichita Falls & Northwestern Railway Company of Texas will be held at its General Offices in the city of Wichita Falls, Wichita County, Texas, on Thursday the 25th day of February 1909, for the purpose of authorizing the issuance and registration of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars of bonds of this company on approximately seventeen miles of railway from Wichita Falls to the Oklahoma State Line on Red River in Wichita County, Texas, said bonds to run not exceeding thirty years and to bear not exceeding five per cent interest. Said bonds to be issued only when approved and authorized by the railroad commission of Texas. Also for the purpose of authorizing the execution of a mortgage on all the line of railway, its franchises, rolling stock and property for every kind, for the purpose of securing the payment of the principal and interest of said bonds. Also for the purpose of making application to the Railroad Commission for its approval and registration of said bonds.

A meeting of the Directors of said Railway Company is also called to meet at the same time and same place and for the same purpose, which meeting when called, to be authorized to do any and every thing necessary to be done in the issuance and execution of said bonds and securing the approval of the Railway Commission to same.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Directors this the 22nd day of December 1908.

J. A. KEMP, President.
WILEY BLAIR, Secretary. w-54-9t

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# ZERO WEATHER IN NORTH TEXAS

COLD WAVE COMES WITHOUT ANY WARNING AND FINDS MANY UNPREPARED.

## IS COLD IN MANY STATES

Mercury Sinks to Twenty-five Below at St. Paul, Minn.—Much Suffering Results.

From Wednesday's Daily

Old King Boreas swoped down from the north last night and his unexepected arrival caught many people unprepared for his stinging and freezing blasts. Early in the evening there was no indication of a cold wave, but by 10 o'clock a norther was blowing and by midnight the temperature had taken a fall of nearly forty degrees.

Water pipes were frozen in many homes this morning and the plumbers have been so busy that they have scarcely taken time to eat today.

Early this morning the temperature stood at ten degrees above zero and up to noon there had been no appreciable rise in the mercury.

A dispatch received this morning from the United States weather bureau says that there will be a further drop of from fifteen to twenty-five degrees over the northwestern and interior portions of Texas.

**Nine Above at Fort Worth.**

Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 6.—A norther struck this section early this morning, bringing the coldest weather of the winter. All towns report a drop in temperature of from forty to fifty degrees in two hours.

A wreck on the Texas and Pacific near Wills Point tied up several passenger trains in the cold, causing some suffering among the travelers.

Hereford, in the Panhandle, reports the lowest temperature at 5 above zero. It is nine above in Fort Worth. The cold will kill insects and help the farmers.

**Three Above at Amarillo.**

Amarillol, Tex., Jan. 6.—The temperature here fell fifty degrees during the night, the thermometer registering 3 above zero. The cold came with a dust storm and high winds. There has been no snow.

The suffering among livestock is general.

**Bitter Cold in Wisconsin.**

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 6.—In Milwaukee the temperature today was fifteen degrees below zero. At LaCrosse the thermometer registered twenty-two and at Green Bay eighteen below zero.

**25 Degrees Below at St. Paul.**

St. Paul, Minn., Jani 6.—The thermometer here today registered 25 degrees below zero. At Regina, Canada, forty degrees below was reported.

**Five Above at Hereford.**

Hereford, Tex., Jan. 6.—The temperature dropped from fifty-five to five degrees above zero in a few hours today. There is little suffering among livestock.

**Cold in Dallas.**

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 6.—The temperature in Dallas dropped to twenty above zero today. This is the coldest weather of the winter.

**Thirteen Below at Omaha.**

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 6.—At 6 o'clock this morning the mercury here registered thirteen degrees below zero.

**Nine Below in Chicago.**

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 6.—The mercury here today registered nine below zero.

# JUDGE RYE TO BE PAID A SALARY

From Tuesday's Daily.

The movement to abolish the fee system as payment for the services of the city officials was extended by the city council yesterday afternoon at its regular monthly meeting, to include the office of city secretary, and Secretary Edgar Rye, ex-officio judge of the corporation court, was placed upon a monthly salary of $100 per month, and all fees appertaining to his office will hereafter be turned into the city treasury.

If the court does as large a business in 1909 as in 1908, the change will add about a thousand dollars to the city's revenues.

At yesterday's meeting the salary of George Dobson, superintendent of the street work, was raised from $75 per month to $87.50 per month.

A resolution was adopted making the Times the official city organ.

Bills for current expenses were allowed and the reports of the city tax collector and the city treasurer were submitted, audited and approved.

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# RANGER THOMAS SHOT AND KILLED

AMARILLO JAILER AND DEPUTY SHERIFF ARE HELD FOR HIS DEATH.

## THE DETAILS ARE MEAGER

It is Believed Shooting Resulted From Quarrel Over the Removal of a Prisoner to Arkansas.

Amarillo, Tex., Jan. 5.—Doc Thomas, a Texas ranger, was shot and killed here today. Jim Keeton, the jailer, and a deputy sheriff are held for the killing.

It is believed that the men quarreled over the removal of Arthur Bannister from the county jail to Arkansas. The shot was fired at close range, the bullet entering above the right eye. Death came after an hour of intense suffering.

Keeton has issued a statement declaring that he had been avoiding Thomas for two years. Thomas was sitting in a chair in the county attorney's office when shot. He never rose from his position.

[illegible], D. C., Jan. 11.—Custom Colector Dowe of Eagle Pass, who retires at the end of the present month may receive another government position, according to a report from the treasury department. Dowe held a long conference with Assistant Treasurer Reynolds yesterday.

**Storey Able to Sit Up.**

Special to the Times.

Lockhart, Tex., Jan. 14.—A. B. Storey, chairman of the State democratic executive committee, who has been ill for the last ten days, was able to sit up today and expected to go to Austin next week to watch legislative developments.

# KUFFMAN'S BODY FOUND ON TRACK

The body of Joe Kuffman, aged about 23 years, who quit work yesterday with the Fort Worth and Denver north end section gang, was found on a bridge across a small stream about four miles south of this city by the south end section gang early this morning. The right arm was cut off at the shoulder and there were bruises on the body.

The position of the body and the blood found on the ties indicated that death must have been almost instantaneous. The body lay just outside of the rail and the severed arm lay inside of the track.

When the finding of the body was reported here Coroner Brothers and Sheriff Walkup rode out to the scene on a handcar, but upon their arrival they found that the body was in Clay county. They then proceeded to Jolly where they notified Justice Tucker, w[illegible]

# HALF A MILLION FOR RELIEF WORK

PRESIDENT SENDS SPECIAL MESSAGE ASKING APPROPRIATION FOR SUFFERERS.

## THE LARGEST EVER GIVEN

By American People for Succor In Other Lands is Sum Proposed—Resolution Presented in Congress.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—Both the Senate and the House have agreed upon resolutions appropriating eight hundred thousand dollars for the relief of the Italian earthquake sufferers and this amount becomes immediately available.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—President Roosevelt in a special message to congress today asked for a direct appropriation of half a million dollars for the relief of the stricken people in the erathquake zone of Italy and Sicily. This is the most generous fund ever contributed by the American people for succor in other lands, and it is to be supplementary to the dispatch of the supply ships Celtic and Culgoa, having on board $300,000 worth of supplies.

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# TEXAS THIRD IN CORN ACREAGE

IOWA FIRST IN QUANTITY AND ILLINOIS SECOND—TIE FOR THIRD PLACE.

Washington, January 5.—Texas has become the third state of the Union in point of corn acreage. In point of production are shown by the latest Crop Report of the Department of Agriculture, which gives estimates of the acreage, production and value of the principal farm crops of 1908.

The acreage devoted to corn in Texas last year is given as 7,854,000, and the production as 201,848,000 bushels, valued at $119,090,000. This table shows the acreage and production in the first five corngrowing states according to the estimates:

| | Acreage | Production (Bushels) |
|---|---|---|
| Illinois | 9,450,000 | 298,626,000 |
| Iowa | 9,068,000 | 287,456,000 |
| Nebraska | 7,621,000 | 205,767,000 |
| Missouri | 7,542,000 | 203,634,000 |
| Texas | 7,854,000 | 201,848,000 |

That Texas is third in point of acreage and only fifth with respect to production is due, of course, to the fact that Texas did not make so large a yield per acre as did the other states named. In this respect Iowa is first, with a yield of 31.7 bushels to the acre; Illinois second, with 31.6 bushels; Missouri and Nebraska tied with 27, while the average yield in Texas was only 25.7 bushels per acre. Had Texas made as much per acre as Iowa did, her production would have been something like 245,000,000 bushels. Whether, in accounting for this comporatively poor yield, it is more patriotic to ascribe it to the soil than to the growers may be left to individual preference.

The corn acreage of Oklahoma last year is estimated to have been 4,829,000 and the yield 122,239,000, which is an average of 24.8 bushels per acre. Louisiana grew 33,898,000 bushels on 1,712,000 acres or an average of 19.8 bushels per acre, and Arkansas got a crop of 54,035,000 bushels on 2,675,000 acres or an average of 20.2.

In winter wheat the Texas acreage is estimated to have been 924,000 and the crop 11,161,000 bushels, or an average of eleven bushels per acre. The winter wheat acreage in Oklahoma is placed at 1,347,000 and the production at 15,625,000 bushels, which is 11.6 bushels per acre. Arkansas had 162,600 acres in wheat, yielding 1,620,000 bushels. No wheat was grown in Louisiana.

Texas is rather far down on the list as an oat growing state, the estimate of last year's acreage being 755,000 and the yield 21,675,000 bushels, an average of 28.9 bushels. Iowa, which is first as an oat-growing state, made an average of only 24.3 bushels, but its acreage was 4,553,000 and the crop 110,444,000 bushels. Oklahoma had 450,000 acres in oats and got 11,250,000 bushels. The crop in Arkansas was 3,702,000 bushels grown on 173,000 acres of land, and in Louisiana 690,000 bushels, grown on 30,000 acres.

Louisiana is first in rice growing, both in point of production and in point of acreage. The estimate for the rice-growing states is shown in this table:

| | Acreage | Production (Bushels) |
|---|---|---|
| Louisiana | 350,000 | 11,550,000 |
| Texas | 265,000 | 9,142,000 |
| South Carolina | 20,000 | 480,000 |
| Arkansas | 11,000 | 467,499 |
| Georgia | 3,500 | 87,500 |
| Alabama | 14,000 | 63,000 |
| Florida | 20,000 | 50,000 |
| Mississippi | 1,100 | 34,000 |
| North Carolina | 600 | 15,120 |

This makes the country's total acreage in rice last year 655,000, and the crop 21,889,620 bushels, which the department values at $17,771,281.

The department estimates that Texas had 50,000 acres in potatoes, yielding 3,550,000 bushels, which seems big until, glancing at the top of the column, one sees that New York devoted 425,000 acres to potatoes and got 34,850,000 bushels. The average yield in Texas is put at 71 bushels.

Louisiana had 13,000 acres in potatoes, yielding 1,066,000 bushels or an average of 82. Oklahoma 27,000 acres yielding 2,106,000 bushels, an average of 78 bushels, and Arkansas 30,000 acres, yielding 2,460,000, or an average of 82 bushels to the acre.

The hay crop of Texas is estimated to have been 1,072,000 tons, cut on 650,000 acres, or an average of 1.65 tons per acre. Louisiana cut 31,000 on 22,000 acres, Oklahoma 1,305,000 on 900,000 acres and Arkansas 297,000 on 198,000 acres.

The tobacco acreage in Texas is placed at 3,000 and the crop at 2,400,000 pounds, valued at $600,000. That makes a return of $200 an acre and the crop worth 25c a pound. In Louisiana there was a crop of 86,700 pounds, grown on 102 acres, and in Arkansas 543,000, grown on 891 acres.

# ESTIMATE OF DEAD IS NOW 200,000

EARTHQUAKE IN SOUTH ITALY PROVES WORLD-S GREATEST CATASTROPHE.

## THE QUEEN WAS INJURED

Was Thrown to Ground in Panic While Trying to Allay the Fears of the People.

Rome, Italy, Jan. 2.—Queen Helena has been slightly injured at Messina. A slight shock was experienced there yesterday and the patients in one of the improvised hospitals were thrown into a panic. Her Majesty was close by and hurried to the scene and tried to allay the fears of the people. She was caught in the rush of the patients making for the open and sustained contusions on the chest.

**Hundreds Commit Suicide.**

Rome, Italy, Jan. 2.—Financial contributions for the relief of the sufferers have come in generously from the United States. Ambassador Griscom is now taking an active part in the relief work now being organized in Rome.

It is estimated that 115,000 persons perished in the city and the community of Messina. The victims are increasing daily, not only through the dying and injured, but also from many suicides committed by desperate survivors whose minds have given way under their terrible experiences.

**American Gunboat to Arrive Monday.**

Rome, Italy, Jan. 2.—The American gunboat Scorpion will arrive at Messina Monday, when the commander will place the vessel at the disposal of the American embassy authorities for the assistance of Americans and the protection of their interests in Sicily.

King Victor Emanuel has sent the following telegram to Premier Gioletti:

"I visited Cannitello and North Reggio, which was literally razed to the ground. The Villa San Giovanni was also destroyed. At Messina, the rescue work is well organized. The fires at Messina are now reduced to small proportions. Three British and three French warships have arrived at Messina."

**Mute Evidence of Torture.**

Messina, Jan. 2.—The town is thoroughly occupied by troops. Each quarter has a body of them divided so that no point in the town is without protection. A cordon of soldiers also surround the entire town which is almost deserted. Only soldiers and sailors have been seen there.

Dead bodies have been found which bear mute testimony of the torture endured before death, from hunger. Several persons died gnawing at their arms and hands, evidently delerious from pain and hunger. One woman had her teeth firmly embeded in the leg of a dead baby.

The Archbishop of Messina has been found still living in ruins of the Palace.

**Worst Catastrophe in World's History.**

Paris, France, Jan. 2.—The Figaro today publishes the following dispatch from Rome:

"As each day goes by the disaster appears more horrible, terrifying and immense. It is without precedent in the world's history. It is now conservatively estimated that two hundred thousand persons perished miserably in this catastrophe, and the worst is not yet known. The scourge has not yet done its final work. Tremblings of the earth continue with sinister rumblings and at times jets of boiling water surge from the crevasses."

**To Raise Funds in Texas.**

Austin, Tex., Jan. 2.—Gov. Campbel said today that he will take immediate action to secure funds over the State for the relief of Italy's earthquake sufferers, providing President Roosevelt first issues a proclamation of some sort asking the country's aid.

Local Italians are contributing liberally to the relief fund.

**American Stationed at Mount Vesuvius Predicts Serious Disturbances on January 7th and 8th.**

Messina, Jan. 4.—Frank Perrett of Brooklyn, assistant to Prof. Matteucci, director of the royal observatory on Mount Vesuvius, in speaking of the disaster here and in Calabria, says that other shocks are inevitable, as there is a flaw in the earth's crust, where a slip has occurred.

He predicts heavier shocks for today and declares that something, possibly very serious, may happen on January 7th and 8th, when the relative positions of the sun and moon will produce the greatest strain.

Saturday morning, fire broke out in Municipal Hall, and was communicated to the Bank of Italy, where fifteen million dollars in paper money was stored. Sailors and firemen controlled the flames and the money was removed to a warship.

**Only Small Per Cent are Identified.**

Reggio, Jan. 4.—In addition to the ... Palermo has ... opened two nearby ... [illegible] for the ... of the bodies of persons killed ... the earthquake. The grave diggers ... tried to identify the two thousand ... [illegible], but have so far been successful ... only ... out 2 per cent.

... to the present time eight hundred ... [illegible] have been found in the villages surrounding Reggio.

**No Epidemic Likely.**

Naples, Italy, Jan. 4.—No epidemic is likely to break out here as the earthquake zone sanitary service is now well organized. There is no typhoid fever or dysentery ... [illegible] prevalent.

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**... OF LIFE'S TRAGEDIES.**

... Near Wills Point Christmas Under Unfortunate Circumstances.

Wills Point Chronicle.

There was an unusually sad incident near Wills Point on Christmas Day—one of the real tragedies of life. A man and his wife, who have resided ... for some months, [redacted] fuly a mile distant, and was provided with something to eat for himself and wife, and also a blanket and comfort.

The kind farmer drove out to where the child was born and carried Mrs. Dawkins and her child to a school building, where the night was spent. On the following morning a purse was raised, and the family was put on a train.

They arrived here Saturday afternoon and spent several hours in the Texas and Pacific station. Mrs. Hargraves, the police matron, was notified and she made arrangements whereby Mrs. Dawkins and her child were placed in the Medical hospital.

# MANY FINED IN CITY COURT IN 1908

From Saturday's Daily.

The records of the city secretary's office show that $4,990.15 in cash fines were collected in the city corporation court during the year 1908 from offenders who were found guilty either by the corporation judge or a jury.

The sum above named includes the city attorney's fee of 25 per cent, but does not include the fees of the other officers.

It is probable that the total number of convictions would reach about 1600, as only about half of those who are found guilty have enough money to liquidate their fines, the others being compelled to work out the penalties imposed upon the streets.

Fully seventy-five per cent of the arrests were for intoxication.

**TO DISSOLVE STANDARD OIL CO.**

**Testimony in Rebuttal is Being Submitted by the Government.**

New York, Jan. 5.—The government suit, looking to the dissolution of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, was resumed today before Special Examiner Ferris. The testimony will be submitted in brief by the government and it is intended to offset the evidence of Rockefeller and Archbold. It will require about ten days to submit all the testimony in rebuttal.

# NIGHT RIDER TRIAL IS SENSATIONAL

DEFENSE WITNESSES AID STATE UNWITTINGLY—ATTORNEYS ARE CHAGRINED.

## LAWYERS HAVE A TILT

... Threat of Judge to Cite Offenders for Contempt Produces Desired Effect.

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 31.—Half a dozen character witnesses summoned in behalf of the eight alleged night riders were suddenly transformed into witnesses for the State this afternoon, to the great surprise and chagrin of the defendants' attorneys. The witnesses included Rev. John R. Williams, pastor of the Christian church, Justice of the Peace Field and others.

Each declared that Garrett Johnson bore a good reputation and that Frank Fehringer, the confessor, was a man of bad reputation.

But each also declared that ever since the night riding began Johnson was suspected of being captain of the band, and that while Fehringer was known as a bootlegger, he had a reputation for telling the truth, even when accused of crime.

The attorney general startled the crowd by asking Justice Field if he were not only a sympathizer of night riding, but an actual member of the band.

The squire denied the allegation with some vigor. This lead to a heated argument between Attorney General Caldwell and Attorney Pierce for the defense, in which Pierce pointedly declared that be proposed "to hold the attorney general responsible in court and out of court for indignities, discourtesies and insults," whereto the attorney general opined that he was willing to be held responsible by Mr. Pierce, either in court or out of it, for anything he said or did. The court then joined in the repartee to the effect that unless the bickerings ceased the counsel table on both sides would be short several lawyers some day and a few distinguished members of the bar would find themselves enforced guests of the sheriff. Both men then disclaimed any save pacific intentions and declared their undying respect and affection for each other. Thus the incident closed.

When court adjourned for the day twenty-seven witnesses had been examined.

The witnesses examined today testified to the characters of the men on trial and to establish alibis in their behalf. During the day eleven indictments charging violation of the ku klux act were returned.

**Three Farms Sold.**

Farm property between this city and Lake Wichita seems to be in demand just now. During the last two or three days the following sales have been made:

W. W. Brown to Joseph A. Kemp, 290 acres three miles north of the city. Consideration $41 per acre. Mr. Brown will move with his family to this city.

F. J. Schaefer to Thos. R. T. Orth, 292 acres four miles south of the city. Consideration $30 per acre.

Mrs. Lucy Ziller to Thos. R. T. Orth 160 acres 3½ miles south of the city. Consideration $26 per acre.

**Burkburnett Couple Married Here.**

From Friday's Daily.

At the residence of Elder J. M. Morton at 11:45 this morning, Miss Bonita Akers became the wife of Mr. E. T. Caldwell. Both the bride and groom are from Burkburnett. Mr. Caldwell is a prosperous young farmer and Miss Akers is a very popular young lady.

Both have many friends at Burkburnett, here and elsewhere who will wish them a successful voyage and much happiness through life. Elder J. M. Morton was the celebrant.

**Family Saves Lives By Taking Refuge In a Ditch—No Fatalities are Reported to Have Resulted.**

Mineola, Tex., Jan. 5.—A cyclone struck this section late yesterday, passing three miles west of town in a northwesterly direction. The twister plowed a path five miles long and fifty yards wide and then disappeared.

The barn of L. C. Johnson was destroyed, the home of Mrs. S. E. Bryant was wrecked, the residence of J. E. Burkhead was demolished. The latter's family took refuge in a ditch.

There were no fatalities. The cyclone was in plain sight of Mineola people.

**MAN AND WIFE ARRESTED.**

**Charged With Firing Shots at Waxahachie Justice of the Peace.**

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# ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

From Wednesday's Daily.

That Wichita Falls, within less than ten years, would have a population of 25,000 or 30,000 and even 50,000 and within less than twenty years would be a city of from 75,000 to 100,000 population, was the confident prediction made by more than one speaker at the annual Chamber of Commerce meeting and banquet last night, and the enthusiasm and acclaim with which each such prediction was received was evidence that the confidence was shared by the citizens of Wichita Falls and the towns in the surrounding country. Wichita Falls spirit—that combination of harmony, push and energy which has made her citizenship famous throughout the Southwest—than was afforded last night both in the business session and in the banquet that followed. Harmony and progress were predominant sentiments and the meeting was characterized by an enthusiasm that is seldom witnessed in any gathering anywhere.

The truth of the matter is that Wichita Falls has progressed to a point where everybody looks into the future with confidence in the solidarity of the city and its business institutions and last night was the first time that the buisness men of the city realized this fact. Small wonder then that the meeting was characterized with enthusiasm and that every citizen joined in the movement for a continuance of development and progress, on a larger scale even than has marked the year that has passed.

The annual business meeting was called to order in the Elks' hall at 7 o'clock, about two hundred being present when the meeting was called to order.

Secretary Gohlke's report, which is published on another page, was the first order of business. After Mr. Gohlke had finished reading his report, a vote of thanks was tendered him for his very comprehensive statement.

Hon. L. H. Mathis was the first speaker on the program. His subject was "Let There Be Light, the gist of his talk being the necessity of more street lights in Wichita Falls. Mr. Mathis handled his subject in his characteristic style.

Frank Kell, in a talk on the "Accomplishments of the Past and the Problems of the Future," during his remarks reviewed the progress of the past year and complimented the Chamber of Commerce and its efficient secretary on the good work done.

Among the problems of the future mentioned, was the establishment of a federal court in Wichita Falls, the paving of the business streets, the development of a pleasure resort at Lake Wichita, the building of a street car system, and the fuller development of the agricultural resources of this section.

Judge A. H. Carrigan gave some interesting information on facts on street paving and pointed out that the city would be able to bond to the extent of $30,000 for this improvement, which, according to the figures he had at his command, the sum of $60,000 would pave Seventh to Tenth streets on both Ohio and Indiana avenues and cross streets of Seventh, Eighth and Ninth from the tracks to Indiana avenue. The city's share would be about 40 per cent of this cost, and the cost to the property owners would be added to the value of the property to a larger extent. This subject was received with intense interest by our citizens and applauded uproariously. There is no doubt but that the impetus given this subject will result in street paving as early as is practical.

J. B. Marlow, chairman of the interstate fair committee, reported that the committee was not in a position to make a full report at this meeting, but would be in shape to do so by the next meeting. He called attention to the fact that the time was now ripe for the interstate fair movement to crystalize into working shape, so that premium lists and other matters could be handled in plenty of time and thoughtful preparation.

"Which are You?" the subject given Capt. B. B. Paddock of Fort Worth, was received in that intense stillness which is one of the greatest marks of appreciation that a speaker can receive. Captain Paddock described the spirit which had built Fort Worth and which he said was rampant in Wichita Falls. His remarks were congratulated on all sides as being of great profit to Wichita Falls in emulating the Fort Worth ways. It is regretted that his talk was not taken verbatim, and reproduced in these columns.

Mr. R. E. Huff responded to "Shall the work of the Chamber of Commerce be Continued and Extended," and he heartily endorsed the past work of the organization and the future work which was cut out for it to carry Wichita Falls on to its destiny of being a large city. Mr. Huff forcibly pointed out the need of more funds in accordance with the secretary's report and requested Judge Carrigan to take the floor and call for subscriptions for the ensuing year's pledges.

That Judge Carrigan met with success is left to the judgment of the readers of the following pledges made during the fifteen minutes campaign, which has placed Wichita Falls the second city in the State in amount of money raised for a commercial organization. From the funds raised at the meeting and the other resources which are available, the sum of $10,000 for the ensuing year's work will be compleed.

**Monthly Subscriptions for 1909.**

J. A. Kemp, $75; Frank Kell, $5; First National bank, $50; City National Bank, $50; Coleman-Lysaght-Blair Co., $50; R. E. Huff, $15; Moore & Richolt, $15; T. R. T. Orth, $15; R. Moore, $15; N. Henderson, $12.50. The following gave $10 monthly: People's Ice Co., C. W. Bean, Judge Carrigan, Wichita Light Co.; Farmers' Bank & Trust Co., Wichita Ice Co., M. O'Reilly, St. James Hotel. The following gave $5 monthly: C. C. Huff, P. Pennington, Pond Laundry, Dr. J. DuVal, Jourdan Furniture Co., B. Bean, G. D. Anderson, O. T. Bacon, M. McGregor, A. R. Duke, T. B. Nott, Stevens & Hardeman, J. B. Marlow, E. B. Gorsline, I. H. Roberts, Bennett & Hardy, North Texas Furniture and Coffin Co., George Davis and Times Publishing Co.

The following gave $2.50 monthly: Judge Scurry, W. A. Reid, W. L. Robertson, A. A. Hughes, Herbert Hughes, J. L. Powell, L. H. Mathis, Clyde Thatcher, T. J. Taylor, Jones Orlopp, J. C. Ward, H. T. Canfield, Allen Mercantile Co., and M. J. Gardner.

The following gave $1 per month: C. W. Beavers, W. E. Smith, A. L. Huey, Dr. Burnside, T. T. T. Reese, W. T. Arthur, J. Downing, D. P. Woodward, Ira Wills, T. B. Greenwood, J. Haler, W. Hendricks, T. P. Hickman, Abstract and Title Co., C. W. Morgan, Ben Crawford, O. E. Maer, Piner Avis, J. L. McConkey, Gene Sherrod, E. G. Cook, C. B. Felder, Otto Stehlik, H. C. McGlasson, C. C. Holden, A. H. Graves and J. F. Elliott.

A finance committee will solicit the city further and from the resources which can be counted upon the sum will at least amount to $10,000 for the year 1909.

The nominating committee recommended that the following directors, which constitutes the personnel of the directorship of 1908, be elected as directors for 1909. The compliment in re-electing the official board was unanimously concurred in by the meeting. The directors are as follows: J. A. Kemp, C. W. Bean, Miles O'Reilly, Frank Kell, T. J. Taylor, G. D. Anderson, Robert E. Huff, Wylie Blair, W. Lee Moore and Thos. R. T. Orth. A vote of thanks was extended the directors.

President C. W. Bean presided over the meeting.

At 10:15 the business meeting adjourned to the splendid banquet hall of the St. James hotel, where, in keeping with its reputation as a metropolitan hotel, a banquet in appointment and cusine second to not even the large hotels of Dallas and Fort Worth was served.

Mr. J. A. Kemp was toastmaster of the banquet and in opening the after dinner oration welcomed the visitors from other cities and members of the Chamber of Commerce as guests of Mr. Frank Kell and himself on this occasion. Mr. Kemp called upon Hon. L. H. Mathis to lead in the toasts of the evening.

Mr. Mathis, with his customary eloquence and entertaining powers, first offered felicitations on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce to Messrs. Kemp and Kell in so thoughtfully and generously providing the excellent banquet.

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Capt Paddock responded to the toast "Wichita Falls and Its Surroundings" and took occasion to highly compliment the spirit he had just witnessed in the raising of a fund of $10,000 for the Chamber of Commerce work for 1909. Wichita Falls, he said, was the second city in the State of Texas in the list of money pledges for the support of their local commercial organizations, Fort Worth leading with $16,000 and none of the other large cities of the State equalled the $10,000 mark.—Custom Colector Dowe of Eagle Pass, who retires at the end of the present month, may receive another government position, according to a report from the treasury department. Dowe held a long conference with Assistant Treasurer Reynolds yesterday.

**Storey Able to Sit Up.**

Special to the Times.

Lockhart, Tex., Jan. 14.—A. B. Storey, chairman of the State democratic executive committee, who has been ill for the last ten days, was able to sit up today and expected to go to Austin next week to watch legislative developments.

# KUFFMAN'S BODY FOUND ON TRACK

The body of Joe Kuffman, aged about 23 years, who quit work yesterday with the Fort Worth and Denver north end section gang, was found on a bridge across a small stream about four miles south of this city by the south end section gang early this morning. The right arm was cut off at the shoulder and there were bruises on the body.

The position of the body and the blood found on the ties indicated that death must have been almost instantaneous. The body lay just outside of the rail and the severed arm lay inside of the track.

When the finding of the body was reported here Coroner Brothers and Sheriff Walkup rode out to the scene on a handcar, but upon their arrival they found that the body was in Clay county. They then proceeded to Jolly where they notified Justice Tucker, who...

a man had adopted publicity work as a vocation and entered a new field he had some cause to worry about the success of his efforts or failure at one point had a bearing on his future work. This condition, while sometimes the fault of the spirit of the community, did not in this instance give him any opportunity for uneasiness, as since he had become acquainted with the citizenship of Wichita Falls and the city's concrete resources he felt at ease over the future which had been pictured at the meeting and that the enthusiasm manifested would only spur him on to increased efforts.

Mr. E. B. Carver of Archer City gave a toast: "Here's to Kemp and Kell, who are doers. Here's to the Chamber of Commerce, and here's to the best city west of the Mississippi river—Wichita Falls."

Messrs. W. E. Forgy and J. D. Powell of Archer City, J. W. Groves of Olney, W. G. Thompson of Nacogdoches, Sam Scaling of Dundee, Henry Williams of Newcastle, H. B. Hines and W. R. Ferguson of Iowa Park responded in flattering tones of the spirit of Wichita Falls, which they had had the pleasure to witness and would carry home with them convictions that nothing could stop it in the way of carrying forward this city of fortunate location and resources.

Chief Engineer Thompson of the Wichita Falls Route congratulated himself in casting his fortune with some of the citizens of Wichita Falls and said that some of the plans which were being prepared by himself for ultimate railroad extensions would have an important bearing on the future development of this city.

J. E. Hunt of Kansas City and Wichita Falls said that he often marveled at the growth of Wichita Falls, but since he had occasion by his presence to witness the reason he had little room for astonishment.

Mr. Mathis proposed that Captain Paddock of Fort Worth be voted a title of honorary membership in the Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce, which question was put by Toastmaster Kemp and was unanimously concurred in by the membership. Captain Paddock in response said that an honorary membership in the Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce and the wonderful co-operative and generous spirit manifested at the evening's sessions was an inspiration to him and that he would have to go home and gather his people together and build a fire under them so his aggregation of world-beaters would not be outclassed by Wichita Falls.

C. C. Huff moved that a rising vote of thanks be extended Messrs. Kemp and Kell for the impetus they had given the city by their very generous support of all leading issues and having the Chamber of Commerce as their guests on this occasion. Messrs. Kemp and Kell responded to this evidence of good will in complimentary terms of the citizens who had stood by them in their efforts.

**The Directors' Meeting.**

The directors of the Chamber of Commerce, who were re-elected for the ensuing year, met this morning for organization and elected R. E. Huff as president, Frank Kell as first vice president, Chas. W. Bean as second vice president, W. L. Robertson as treasurer and F. H. Gohlke as secretary.

A number of important matters were taken under consideration and committees appointed to present the matters in shape so that tangible results can be secured. Messrs. Bean, Taylor and Anderson were appointed a committee to consult with Mr. Bahan, owner of the gas franchise in this city, for particulars on lighting the streets of the city with gas.

The secretary was instructed to draft resolutions petitioning the railroads entering the city to co-operate in the building of a union depot at Wichita Falls.

Messrs. Frank Kell, Miles O'Reilly and Judge Carirgan were appointed a committee to take under advisement the matter of paving the streets in the business section at an early date.

It was decided that sidewalks should be placed where needed, especially in the gaps where some property holders would notcomply with the general improvement as undertaken by their neighbors. R. E. Huff and J. A. Kemp were appointed a committee to confer with the city council and the city attorney on the matter and to urge the council to make an appropriation to cover the cost of the sidewalks where needed and to sue the delinquents.

Messrs. R. E. Huff, A. A. Hughes and J. T. Montgomery were appointed a committee to go into the status of the legality of the question of building a high school on the site of the city park and also to report on the ability of the community to provide further school facilities which are badly needed.

Mr. Bean and Secretary Gohlke were instructed to present an estimate of the cost of sending a stereoptican exhibit into the central states for the purpose of running special excursions to this city.

The secretary was authorized to carry out his recommendations for having the membership pledges collected through the banks, thus relieving the office of a great deal of work which could be more profitably employed in other ways.

All of the directors were present, except Messrs. Blair and W. Lee Moore, who were absent from the city. The directors appreciate the responsibility placed upon them in carrying out the policies of the association and have entered into the volume of work before them with a vim.

**Stockholders' Meeting.**

To the Stockholders of the First National Bank of Wichita Falls:

There will be a meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank held at its banking house in Wichita Falls, Texas, on the first Tuesday in January, 1909, the same being the 11th day of said month between the hours of 10 a. m., and 4 p. m., for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as might properly come before them.

w-54-3t W. M. McGREGOR, Cash.

**Notice of Stockholders Meeting.**

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the stockholders of the City National Bank, held at the banking house of that institution in Wichita Falls, Texas, on the second Tuesday in January 1909, the same being the 11th day of said month, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as might properly come before them.

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# ESTIMATE OF DEAD IS NOW 200,000

EARTHQUAKE IN SOUTH ITALY PROVES WORLD-S GREATEST CATASTROPHE.

## THE QUEEN WAS INJURED

**Was Thrown to Ground in Panic While Trying to Allay the Fears of the People.**

Rome, Italy, Jan. 2.—Queen Helena has been slightly injured at Messina. A slight shock was experienced there yesterday and the patients in one of the improvised hospitals were thrown into a panic. Her Majesty was close by and hurried to the scene and tried to allay the fears of the people She was caught in the rush of the patients making for the open and sustained contusions on the chest.

**Hundreds Commit Suicide.**

Rome, Italy, Jan. 2.—Financial contributions for the relief of the sufferers have come in generously from the United States. Ambassador Griscom is now taking an active part in the relief work now being organized in Rome.

It is estimated that 115,000 persons perished in the city and the community of Messina. The victims are increasing daily, not only through the dying and injured, but also from many suicides committed by desperate survivors whose minds have given way under their terrible experiences.

**American Gunboat to Arrive Monday.**

Rome, Italy, Jan. 2.—The American gunboat Scorpion will arrive at Messina Monday, when the commander will place the vessel at the disposal of the American embassy authorities for the assistance of Americans and the protection of their interests in Sicily.

King Victor Emanuel has sent the following telegram to Premier Gioletti:

"I visited Cannitello and North Reggio, which was literally razed to the ground. The Villa San Giovanni was also destroyed. At Messina, the rescue work is well organized. The fires at Messina are now reduced to small proportions. Three British and three French warships have arrived at Messina."

**Mute Evidence of Torture.**

Messina, Jan. 2.—The town is thoroughly occupied by troops. Each quarter has a body of them divided so that no point in the town is without protection. A cordon of soldiers also surround the entire town which is almost deserted. Only soldiers and sailors have been seen there.

Dead bodies have been found which bear mute testimony of the torture endured before death, from hunger. Several persons died gnawing at their arms and hands, evidently delerious from pain and hunger. One woman had her teeth firmly embeded in the leg of a dead baby.

The Archbishop of Messina has been found still living in ruins of the Palace.

**Worst Catastrophe in World's History.**

Paris, France, Jan. 2.—The Figaro today publishes the following dispatch from Rome:

"As each day goes by the disaster appears more horrible, terrifying and immense. It is without precedent in the world's history. It is now conservatively estimated that two hundred thousand persons perished miserably in this catastrophe, and the worst is not yet known. The scourge has not yet done its final work. Tremblings of the earth continue with sinister rumblings and at times jets of boiling water surge from the crevasses."

**To Raise Funds in Texas.**

Austin, Tex., Jan. 2.—Gov. Campbel said today that he will take immediate action to secure funds over the State for the relief of Italy's earthquake sufferers, providing President Roosevelt first issues a proclamation of some sort asking the country's aid.

Local Italians are contributing liberally to the relief fund.

**American Stationed at Mount Vesuvius Predicts Serious Disturbances on January 7th and 8th.**

Messina, Jan. 4.—Frank Perrett of Brooklyn, assistant to Prof. Matteucci, director of the royal observatory on Mount Vesuvius, in speaking of the disaster here and in Calabria, says that other shocks are inevitable, as there is a flaw in the earth's crust, where a slip has occurred.

He predicts heavier shocks for today and declares that something, possibly very serious, may happen on January 7th and 8th, when the relative positions of the sun and moon will produce the greatest strain.

Saturday morning, fire broke out in Municipal Hall, and was communicated to the Bank of Italy, where fifteen million dollars in paper money was stored. Sailors and firemen controlled the flames and the money was removed to a warship.

**Only Small Per Cent are Identified.**

Reggio, Jan. 4.—In addition to th[illegible] Professor [illegible] nearly [illegible] for the [illegible] of the bodies of persons killed the earthquake. The grave diggers have tried to identify the two thousand bodies, but have so far been successful [illegible] per cent.

Up to the present time eight hundred bodies have been found in the villages surrounding Reggio.

**No Epidemic Likely.**

Naples, Italy, Jan. 4.—No epidemic is likely to break out here as the earthquake zone sanitary service is now well organized. There is no typhoid [illegible] Physicians are [illegible]

[illegible] in Messina, Jan. [illegible] Messina and [illegible] ran into [illegible] from [illegible]

## [illegible] OF LIFE AND [illegible] GODIES.

[illegible] Near Wills Point Christmas Under Unfortunate Circumstances.

Wills Point Chronicle.

There was an unusually sad incident near Wills Point on Christmas Day—one of the real tragedies of life. A man and his wife, who have resided [illegible] for some months [illegible] fuly a mile distant, and was provided with something to eat for himself and wife, and also a blanket and comfort.

The kind farmer drove out to where the child was born and carried Mrs. Dawkins and her child to a school building, where the night was spent. On the following morning a purse was raised, and the family was put on a train.

They arrived here Saturday afternoon and spent several hours in the Texas and Pacific station. Mrs. Hargraves, the police matron, was notified and she made arrangements whereby Mrs. Dawkins and her child were placed in the Medical hospital.

## MANY FINED IN CITY COURT IN 1908

From Saturday's Daily.

The records of the city secretary's office show that $4,990.15 in cash fines were collected in the city corporation court during the year 1908 from offenders who were found guilty either by the corporation judge or a jury.

The sum above named includes the city attorney's fee of 25 per cent, but does not include the fees of the other officers.

It is probable that the total number of convictions would reach about 1600, as only about half of those who are found guilty have enough money to liquidate their fines, the others being compelled to work out the penalties imposed upon the streets.

Fully seventy-five per cent of the arrests were for intoxication.

## TO DISSOLVE STANDARD OIL CO.

**Testimony in Rebuttal is Being Submitted by the Government.**

New York, Jan. 5.—The government suit, looking to the dissolution of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, was resumed today before Special Examiner Ferris. The testimony will be submitted in brief by the government and it is intended to offset the evidence of Rockefeller and Archbold. It will require about ten days to submit all the testimony in rebuttal.

## NIGHT RIDER TRIAL IS SENSATIONAL

DEFENSE WITNESSES AID STATE UNWITTINGLY—ATTORNEYS ARE CHAGRINED.

## LAWYERS HAVE A TILT

Threat of Judge to Cite Officers for Contempt Produces Desired Effect.

Jackson, Tenn., Dec. 31.—Half a dozen character witnesses summoned on behalf of the eight alleged night riders were suddenly transformed into witnesses for the State this afternoon, to the great surprise and chagrin of the defendants' attorneys. The witnesses called Rev. John R. Williams, pastor of the Christian church, Justice of the Peace Field and others.

Each declared that Garrett Johnson ore a good reputation and that Frank Fehringer, the confessor, was a man of bad reputation.

But each also declared that ever since the night riding began Johnson was suspected of being captain of the band, and that while Fehringer was known as a bootlegger, he had a reputation for telling the truth, even when accused of crime.

The attorney general startled the crowd by asking Justice Field if he were not only a sympathizer of night riding, but an actual member of the band.

The squire denied the allegation with some vigor. This lead to a heated argument between Attorney General Caldwell and Attorney Pierce for the defense, in which Pierce pointedly declared that be proposed "to hold the attorney general responsible in court and out of court for indignities, discourtesies and insults," whereto the attorney general opined that he was willing to be held responsible by Mr. Pierce, either in court or out of it, for anything he said or did. The court then joined in the repartee to the effect that unless the bickerings ceased the counsel table on both sides would be shot several lawyers some day and a few distinguished members of the bar would find themselves enforced guests of the sheriff. Both men then disclaimed any save pacific intentions and declared their undying respect and affection for each other. Thus the incident closed.

When court adjourned for the day twenty-seven witnesses had been examined.

The witnesses examined today testified to the characters of the men on trial and to establish alibis in their behalf. During the day eleven indictments charging violation of the ku klux act were returned.

**Three Farms Sold.**

Farm property between this city and Lake Wichita seems to be in demand just now. During the last two or three days the following sales have been made:

W .W. Brown to Joseph A. Kemp, 290 acres three miles north of the city. Consideration $41 per acre. Mr. Brown will move with his family to this city.

F. J. Schaefer to Thos. R. T. Orth, 292 acres four miles south of the city. Consideration $30 per acre.

Mrs. Lucy Ziller to Thos. R. T. Orth 160 acres 3½ miles south of the city. Consideration $26 per acre.

**Burkburnett Couple Married Here.**

From Friday's Daily.

At the residence of Elder J. M. Morton at 11:45 this morning, Miss Bonita Akers became the wife of Mr. E. T. Caldwell. Both the bride and groom are from Burkburnett. Mr. Caldwell is a prosperous young farmer and Miss Akers is a very popular young lady.

Both have many friends at Burkburnett, here and elsewhere who will wish them a successful voyage and much happiness through life. Elder J. M. Morton was the celebrant.

**Family Saves Lives By Taking Refuge In a Ditch—No Fatalities are Reported to Have Resulted.**

Mineola, Tex., Jan. 5.—A cyclone struck this section late yesterday, passing three miles west of town in a northwesterly direction. The twister plowed a path five miles long and fifty yards wide and then disappeared.

The barn of L. C. Johnson was destroyed, the home of Mrs. S. E. Bryant was wrecked, the residence of J. E. Burkhead was demolished. The latter's family took refuge in a ditch.

There were no fatalities. The cyclone was in plain sight of Mineola people.

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# ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

From Wednesday's Daily.

That Wichita Falls, within less than ten years, would have a population of 25,000 or 30,000 and even 50,000 and within less than twenty years would be a city of from 75,000 to 100,000 population, was the confident prediction made by more than one speaker at the annual Chamber of Commerce meeting and banquet last night, and the enthusiasm and acclaim with which each such prediction was received was evidence that the confidence was shared by the citizens of Wichita Falls and the towns in the surrounding country. Wichita Falls spirit—that combination of harmony, push and energy which has made her citizenship famous throughout the Southwest—than was afforded last night both in the business session and in the banquet that followed. Harmony and progress were predominant sentiments and the meeting was characterized by an enthusiasm that is seldom witnessed in any gathering anywhere.

The truth of the matter is that Wichita Falls has progressed to a point where everybody looks into the future with confidence in the solidarity of the city and its business institutions and last night was the first time that the buisness men of the city realized this fact. Small wonder then that the meeting was characterized with enthusiasm and that every citizen joined in the movement for a continuance of development and progress, on a larger scale even than has marked the year that has passed.

The annual business meeting was called to order in the Elks' hall at 7 o'clock, about two hundred being present when the meeting was called to order.

Secretary Gohlke's report, which is published on another page, was the first order of business. After Mr. Gohlke had finished reading his report, a vote of thanks was tendered him for his very comprehensive statement.

Hon. L. H. Mathis was the first speaker on the program. His subject was "Let There Be Light, the gist of his talk being the necessity of more street lights in Wichita Falls. Mr. Mathis handled his subject in his characteristic style.

Frank Kell, in a talk on the "Accomplishments of the Past and the Problems of the Future," during his remarks reviewed the progress of the past year and complimented the Chamber of Commerce and its efficient secretary on the good work done.

Among the problems of the future mentioned, was the establishment of a federal court in Wichita Falls, the paving of the business streets, the development of a pleasure resort at Lake Wichita, the building of a street car system, and the fuller development of the agricultural resources of this section.

Judge A. H. Carrigan gave some interesting information on facts on street paving and pointed out that the city would be able to bond to the extent of $30,000 for this improvement, which, according to the figures he had at his command, the sum of $60,000 would pave Seventh to Tenth streets on both Ohio and Indiana avenues and cross streets of Seventh, Eighth and Ninth from the tracks to Indiana avenue. The city's share would be about 40 per cent of this cost, and the cost to the property owners would be added to the value of the property to a larger extent. This subject was received with intense interest by our citizens and applauded uproariously. There is no doubt but that the impetus given this subject will result in street paving as early as is practical.

J. B. Marlow, chairman of the interstate fair committee, reported that the committee was not in a position to make a full report at this meeting, but would be in shape to do so by the next meeting. He called attention to the fact that the time was now ripe for the interstate fair movement to crystalize into working shape, so that premium lists and other matters could be handled in plenty of time and thoughtful preparation.

"Which are You?" the subject given Capt. B. B. Paddock of Fort Worth, was received in that intense stillness which is one of the greatest marks of appreciation that a speaker can receive. Captain Paddock described the spirit which had built Fort Worth and which he said was rampant in Wichita Falls. His remarks were congratulated on all sides as being of great profit to Wichita Falls in emulating the Fort Worth ways. It is regretted that his talk was not taken verbatim, and reproduced in these columns.

Mr. R. E. Huff responded to "Shall the work of the Chamber of Commerce be Continued and Extended," and he heartily endorsed the past work of the organization and the future work which was cut out for it to carry Wichita Falls on to its destiny of being a large city. Mr. Huff forcibly pointed out the need of more funds in accordance with the secretary's report and requested Judge Carrigan to take the floor and call for subscriptions for the ensuing year's pledges.

That Judge Carrigan met with success is left to the judgment of the readers of the following pledges made during the fifteen minutes campaign, which has placed Wichita Falls the second city in the State in amount of money raised for a commercial organization. From the funds raised at the meeting and the other resources which are available, the sum of $10,000 for he ensuing year's work will be compleed.

**Monthly Subscriptions for 1909.**

J. A. Kemp, $75; Frank Kell, $50; First National bank, $50; City National Bank, $50; Coleman-Lysaght-Blair Co., $50; R. E. Huff, $15; Moore & Richolt, $15; T. R. T. Orth, $15; R. M. Moore, $15; N. Henderson, $12.50. The following gave $10 monthly: People's Ice Co., C. W. Bean, Judge Carrigan, Wichita Light Co.; Farmers' Bank and Trust Co., Wichita Ice Co., Miles O'Reilly, St. James Hotel. The following gave $5 monthly: C. C. Huff, P. H. Pennington, Pond Laundry, Dr. J. W. DuVal, Jourdan Furniture Co., B. J. Bean, G. D. Anderson, O. T. Bacon, W. M. McGregor, A. R. Duke, T. B. Noble, Nutt, Stevens & Hardeman, J. B. Marlow, E. B. Gorsline, I. H. Roberts, Bennett & Hardy, North Texas Furniture and Coffin Co., George Davis and the Times Publishing Co.

The following gave $2.50 monthly: Judge Scurry, W. A. Reid, W. L. Robertson, A. A. Hughes, Herbert M. Hughes, J. L. Powell, L. H. Mathis, Clyde Thatcher, T. J. Taylor, Jones & Orlopp, J. C. Ward, H. T. Canfield, Nolen Mercantile Co., and M. J. Gardner.

The following gave $1 per month: C. W. Beavers, W. E. Smith, A. L. Huey, Dr. Burnside, T. T. T. Reese, W. T. Arthur, J. Downing, D. P. Woodward, Ira Wills, T. B. Greenwood, T. Haler, W. Hendricks, T. P. Hickman, Abstract and Title Co., C. W. Morgan, Ben Crawford, O. E. Maer, Piner Avis, J. L. McConkey, Gene Sherrod, F. G. Cook, C. B. Felder, Otto Stehlik, H. C. McGlasson, C. C. Holden, A. H. Graves and J. F. Elliott.

A finance committee will solicit the city further and from the resources which can be counted upon the sum will at least amount to $10,000 for the year 1909.

The nominating committee recommended that the following directors, which constitutes the personnel of the directorship of 1908, be elected as directors for 1909. The compliment in re-electing the official board was unanimously concurred in by the meeting. The directors are as follows: J. A. Kemp, G. W. Bean, Miles O'Reilly, Frank Kell, T. J. Taylor, G. D. Anderson, Robert E. Huff, Wylie Blair, W. Lee Moore and Thos. R. T. Orth. A vote of thanks was extended the directors.

President C. W. Bean presided over the meeting.

At 10:15 the business meeting adjourned to the splendid banquet hall of the St. James hotel, where, in keeping with its reputation as a metropolitan hotel, a banquet in appointment and cusine second to not even the large hotels of Dallas and Fort Worth was served.

Mr. J. A. Kemp was toastmaster of the banquet and in opening the after dinner oration welcomed the visitors from other cities and members of the Chamber of Commerce as guests of Mr. Frank Kell and himself on this occasion. Mr. Kemp called upon Hon. L. H. Mathis to lead in the toasts of the evening.

Mr. Mathis, with his customary eloquence and entertaining powers, first offered felicitations on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce to Messrs. Kemp and Kell in so thoughtfully and generously providing the excellent banquet.

[illegible] paid a glowing tribute to Captain B. B. Paddock of the Fort [illegible]orth Board of Trade and said that [illegible]ichita Falls was glad to emulate the [illegible]h a progressive city as Fort Worth. The opera house, which [illegible] assembled by the last annual [illegible] organization, was also [illegible] in a flattering manner as a fitting monument to the spirit of Wich[illegible]ita.

Capt. Paddock responded to the toast "Wichita Falls and Its Surroundings" and took occasion to highly compliment the spirit he had just witnessed in the raising of a fund of $10,000 for the Chamber of Commerce work for 1909. Wichita Falls, he said, was the second city in the State of Texas in the list of money pledges for the support of their local commercial organizations, Fort Worth leading with $16,000 and none of the other large cities of the State equalled the fund provided by the city builders of Wichita Falls. "Concentration of effort and combination of capital means much for your city," he said, "and the unanimity with which your people respond according to their resources, and the spirit they have manifested cannot help but build a large city."

Referring to the enormous diversity of natural resources and their immensity, brought to his mind that one of the greatest of coal fields lies within fifty-three miles of Wichitt Falls and was conected with this city through the enterprise of its city builders.

B. J. Bean sounded the keynote of the evening when he said: "When this city has attained from 75,000 to 100,000 population, it will be gratifying to me to be able to say that I have done, as far, as I could, in assisting in the upbuilding of our city."

Mr. J. B. Hawley, former city engineer of Fort Worth, responded to the toast of "Street Paving" and said that the statements of Judge Carrigan, which he had listened to, were more than conservative and that he could not add a great deal more to the fullness of that report.

Mr. G. J. Gibbs of Vernon made a happy talk, in which he remarked that when a man from Wichita Falls stepped off the train at Vernon the citizens of Vernon immediately called a committee meeting to wait on the gentleman and see what he was after. He referred to the Xmas cartoon of the Telegram, in which Wichita Falls was characterized as saying: "Santa, just give us a chance and we will get what we want." This spirit, he says, was known throughout the length and breadth of the Panhandle and could do no other than to build a large city.

Secretary F. H. Gohlke, in response to calls, took occasion to say that when a man had adopted publicity work as a vocation and entered a new field he had some cause to worry about the success of his efforts or failure at one point had a bearing on his future work. This condition, while sometimes the fault of the spirit of the community, did not in this instance give him any opportunity for uneasiness, as since he had become acquainted with the citizenship of Wichita Falls and the city's concrete resources he felt at ease over the future which had been pitcured at the meeting and that the enthusiasm manifested would only spur him on to increased efforts.

Mr. E. B. Carver of Archer City gave a toast: "Here's to Kemp and Kell, who are doers. Here's to the Chamber of Commerce, and here's to the best city west of the Mississippi river—Wichita Falls."

Messrs. W. E. Forgy and J. D. Powell of Archer City, J. W. Groves of Olney, W. G. Thompson of Nacogdoches, Sam Scaling of Dundee, Henry Williams of Newcastle, H. B. Hines and W. R. Ferguson of Iowa Park responded in flattering tones of the spirit of Wichita Falls, which they had had the pleasure to witness and would carry home with them convictions that nothing could stop it in the way of carrying forward this city of fortunate location and resources.

Chief Engineer Thompson of the Wichita Falls Route congratulated himself in casting his fortune with some of the citizens of Wichita Falls and said that some of the plans which were being prepared by himself for ultimate railroad extensions would have an important bearing on the future development of this city.

J. E. Hutt of Kansas City and Wichita Falls said that he often marveled at the growth of Wichita Falls, but since he had occasion by his presence to witness the reason he had little room for astonishment.

Mr. Mathis proposed that Captain Paddock of Fort Worth be voted a title of honorary membership in the Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce, which question was put by Toastmaster Kemp and was unanimously concurred in by the membership. Captain Paddock in response said that an honorary membership in the Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce and the wonderful co-operative and generous spirit manifested at the evening's sessions was an inspiration to him and that he would have to go home and gather his people together and build a fire under them so his aggregation of world-beaters would not be outclassed by Wichita Falls.

C. C. Huff moved that a rising vote of thanks be extended Messrs. Kemp and Kell for the impetus they had given the city by their very generous support of all leading issues and having the Chamber of Commerce as their guests on this occasion. Messrs. Kemp and Kell responded to this evidence of good will in complimentary terms of the citizens who had stood by them in their efforts.

**The Directors' Meeting.**

The directors of the Chamber of Commerce, who were re-elected for the ensuing year, met this morning for organization and elected R. E. Huff as president, Frank Kell as first vice president, Chas. W. Bean as second vice president, W. L. Robertson as treasurer and F. H. Gohlke as secretary.

A number of important matters were taken under consideration and committees appointed to present the matters in shape so that tangible results can be secured. Messrs. Bean, Taylor and Anderson were appointed a committee to consult with Mr. Bahan, owner of the gas franchise in this city, for particulars on lighting the strebts of the city with gas.

The secretary was instructed to draft resolutions petitioning the railroads entering the city to co-operate in the building of a union depot at Wichita Falls.

Messrs. Frank Kell, Miles O'Reilly and Judge Carirgan were appointed a committee to take under advisement the matter of paving the streets in the business section at an early date.

It was decided that sidewalks should be placed where needed, especially in the gaps where some property holders would notcomply with the general improvement as undertaken by their neighbors. R. E. Huff and J. A. Kemp were appointed a committee to confer with the city council and the city attorney on the matter and to urge the council to make an appropriation to cover the cost of the sidewalks where needed and to sue the delinquents.

Messrs. R. E. Huff, A. A. Hughes and J. T. Montgomery were appointed a committee to go into the status of the legality of the question of building a high school on the site of the city park and also to report on the ability of the community to provide further school facilities which are badly needed.

Mr. Bean and Secretary Gohlke were instructed to present an estimate of the cost of sending a stereoptican exhibit into the central states for the purpose of running special excursions to this city.

The secretary was authorized to carry out his recommendations for having the membership pledges collected through the banks, thus relieving the office of a great deal of work which could be more profitably employed in other ways.

All of the directors were present, xcept Messrs. Blair and W. Lee Moore, who were absent from the city. The directors appreciate the responsibility placed upon them in carrying out the policies of the association and have entered into the volume of work before them with a vim.

**Stockholders Meeting.**

To the Stockholders of the First National Bank of Wichita Falls:

There will be a meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank held at its banking house in Wichita Falls, Texas, on the first Tuesday in January, 1909, the same being the 11th day of said month between the hours of 10 a. m., and 4 p. m., for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as might properly come before them.

w-54-3t W. M. McGREGOR, Cash.

**Notice of Stockholders Meeting.**

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the stockholders of the City National Bank, held at the banking house of that institution in Wichita Falls, Texas, on the second Tuesday in January 1909, the same being the 11th day of said month, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as might properly come before them.

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# Personal Mention.

From Saturday's Daily.

Attorney J. H. Barwise of Fort Worth is in the city visiting relatives.

J. E. Hartman left this morning for San Luis Potosi, Mexico, to look after business interests.

Clifford Moore of Fort Worth, who has ben visiting his father, W. Lee Moore, of this city, returned home this afternoon.

Mrs. O. C. Weaver of Round Rock, who spent the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. G. J. Stroh, left today for her home.

Messrs. W. S. Burnett and E. Rexford, two enterprising citizens from Burkburnett, were transacting business here today.

Messrs. J. N. Bryan and Robert E. Bawdon, two thrifty farmers from Thornberry, were transacting business here today.

F. P. Warren, one of the prosperous farmers from near Iowa Park, was here today and made this office a pleasant call.

Mrs. C. H. Storts and little daughter of Fort Worth arrived in the city this afternoon and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bean.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jones of Shady, Texas, were in the city today en route home from Dallas, where they had been visiting relatives.

Mrs. A. L. Gibson of Hereford, who has been visiting relatives in this city, left this afternoon for Vernon to visit her friend, Miss Hagler.

Little Miss Elizabeth Patterson, who has been spending the holidays with relatives and friends at Henrietta, returned this afternoon.

Mrs. S. E. Morrison of Fort Worth, who has been the guest of Mrs. T. B. Noble of this city for the past week, returned to her home this afternoon.

W. H. Suddith has returned from an extended visit with relatives at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and at points in Oklahoma. Mr. Suddith returns in improved health.

Miss Amy Mann, who is teaching the Lake Creek school in Archer county, and who has been visiting relatives at Stamford, was in the city today en route to her school, which opens Monday.

From Monday's Daily.

Mack Taylor of Holliday was transacting business here today.

Mrs. R. E. Montgomery of Channing, Texas, is in the city visiting her daughter, Miss Carmen.

Miss Irene Cathey of Ladonia is visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. T. Cathey, near this city.

Linz Wiley of Bellevue has accepted a position with Trevathan & Bland of this city.

Miss Mollie Lowry, an accomplished young lady from Holliday, was a visitor in the city today.

S. E. Dempsey, one of the oil producers at Petrolia, was transacting business in the city today.

Mrs. R. E. Trevathan of Arkansas arrived here last week and will make this city her future home.

J. A. Putman, one of the well to do farmers from near Iowa Park, was transacting business in the city today.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Bachman returned this morning from Fort Worth, where they had been visiting friends.

Mrs. M. E. Randolph and daughters, Sudie and Nellie, have returned from Burkburnett, where they visited relatives last week.

Edison and Helen Jalonick left today for Missouri to re-enter school, after having spent the holidays with relatives here.

Morris Marcus returned this afternoon from Dallas, where he had been visiting his mother, Mrs. M. A. Marcus, and family.

Miss Maybelle Jackson returned this afternoon from a visit to her uncle, Mr. H. B. Jackson and family at Orange, Texas.

Guy Norwood, a prominent business man from Davidson, Oklahoma, was in the city yesterday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Norwood.

Miss Nell McCrary, chief clerk in the postoffice in this city, is in Newcastle this week assisting her father in opening up a postoffice in that little city.

Dr. R. L. Miller was called to Olney this afternoon to render medical attention to Agent Carleton of that place, who is suffering from pneumonia, and whose condition is reported as critical today.

Mrs. R. E. Clopton returner this morning from Dallas, where she had been with her daughter, Miss Maybelle, who will enter the St. Mary's academy in that city for the ensuing year.

Mrs. James King and Miss Ina Priest of Salina, Kansas, are here to spend a few months during the absence of Mr. King, who was a wholesale hardware merchant of Salina, Kansas, having sold out and given up the hardware business and gone *to Panama* under the direction of President Roosevelt, in conection with the canal work. Mrs. King and Miss Priest are sisters of Will Priest, who is employed at the tonsorial parlor of T. M. Sims and are staying at the home of Mr. Sims for a few days awaiting a shipment of household furniture that is now en route.

From Tuesday's Daily.

W. E. Harmon of Vernon was here today on business.

S. A. Pitzer, a popular insurance man from Abilene, is in the city.

Dick Lyon, the coffee drummer, was here today calling on his trade.

T. H. Kemp, a real estate man of Olney, was visiting relatives here today.

Rev. F. J. Schaefer and son, Walter, left this afternoon on a business trip to Abilene.

Joe Kierst, one of the substantial farmers from near Iowa Park, was transacting business here today.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Neal of Dallas arrived in the city this afternoon and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Mater.

Miss Alma Thaxton, an attractive young lady from Henrietta, is in the city, the guest of her friend, Mrs. R. F. Simpson.

W. H. Francis, one of the lading citizens of Seymour, was in the city today on his reurn from a business trip to Devol, Oklahoma.

Messrs. J. D. Powell and Sanford Wilson, two prominent citizens of Archer City, were here today looking after business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor and baby left for their home at Lufkin today, after a visit of several weeks with O. B. Cecil and family.

Mrs. John Strom of Denison, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. E. E. Brown and family of this city, returned this afternoon, accompanied by Miss Ida Bachman.

Mr. L. Mills and wife of Mansfield were in the city today. Mr. Mills is taking a look at the western country and will probably locate in Northwest Texas.

G. H. Winfrey, who has been an active citizen of Iowa Park for the past twenty years, has disposed of his property in that section and was in town today, accompanied by his wife, en route to Byers, at which place they wil reside in future.

Miss Lesie Wyatt of Amarillo was in the city for a few hours today, the guest of her friend, Mrs. M. J. Shivers. She will leave this afternoon for Sherman to accept the position of instructor in English in the high school of that city.

J. O. Smith, who recently moved from this city to Fort Worth and embarked in the drug business, is in the city, and we are reliably informed that he has disposed of his business in Fort Worth and will again become a citizen of Wichita Falls at an early date.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Judge Henry Sayles of Abilene is in the city.

G. P. Meade, a prominent citizen of Fort Worth, is in the city.

Stafford Helm of Dundee was looking after business matters here today.

T. T. Meade, a real estate man from Olney, was transacting business here today.

Thad W. Shaw, a popular drug salesman out of Dallas, is in the city on business.

J. M. Clark Jr. of Pitsburg, Texas, is in the city visiting his sister, Mrs. V. G. Skeen, and family.

Miss Eula Havener returned this afternoon from a visit with friends and relatives at Henrietta.

Mrs. T. B. Noble returned from Fort Worth this afternoon, at which place she was the guest of her friend, Mrs. S. E. Morrison.

M. W. Boger, a prominent stockman and farmer of Jolly, was transacting business here today.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Kell, who have been visiting friends in this city, returned this afternoon to their home at Loveland, Oklahoma.

Mrs. E. L. Humphreys and children of Seymour, who have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Parker of this city, returned home this afternoon.

Mrs. Dave Lynch of Seymour, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Flint Murphy of this city, returned home this afternoon.

Julius Rosenstein, traveling representative for E. Eppstein & Co. of Dallas, manufacturers of the Quatility and Royal Lancers cigars, is in the city calling on his trade.

Miss Imogene Brown returned yesterday from Denison, where she spent the holidays with relatives. She was accompanied on her return by her aunt, Mrs. I. S. Fehr, who will visit with relatives and friends here.

From Thursday's Daily.

W. E. Skeen is transacting business in Fort Worth.

Mrs. W. P. Skeen left today for Dallas for a visit to relatives.

C. P. Yeary of Electra was looking after business interests here today.

Mr. W. L. Fore of Memphis is visiting his uncle, Mr. J. S. Fore, of this city.

Mrs. Darland and daughter, Miss Bessie, are visiting friends at McKinney this week.

C. H. Clark, a hardware merchant of Iowa Park, was shaking hands with friends here today.

J. A. Ulen of Atoka, Oklahoma, who has been visiting relatives n this city left for home this afternoon.

Judge and Mrs. A. H. Carrigan left this afternoon for a visit with Mr. Carrigan's father at Hope, Arkansas.

Capt. W. J. McDonald, State reveneu agent, with headquarters at Austin, passed through the city today en route to Quanah.

C. L. Fontaine, general freight and passenger agent for the Wichita Falls Route, left yesterday on a business trip to Fort Worth, Dallas, Galveston and Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. John Beverly of Clarendon, who have been visiting relatives at Fort Worth and Waxahachie are in the city visiting relatives on their return home.

G. C. Patterson, who comes from Mansfield, in Tarrant county, has purchased the lot at the corner of Sixth street and Ohio avenue and will at once begin the erection of a brick building for a livery stable. Mr. Patterson is an experienced liveryman and comes to Wichita Falls with splendid recommendations.





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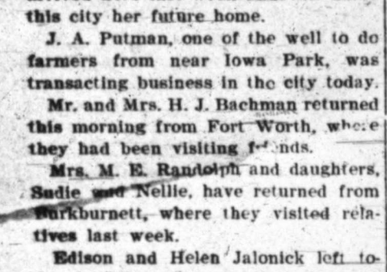
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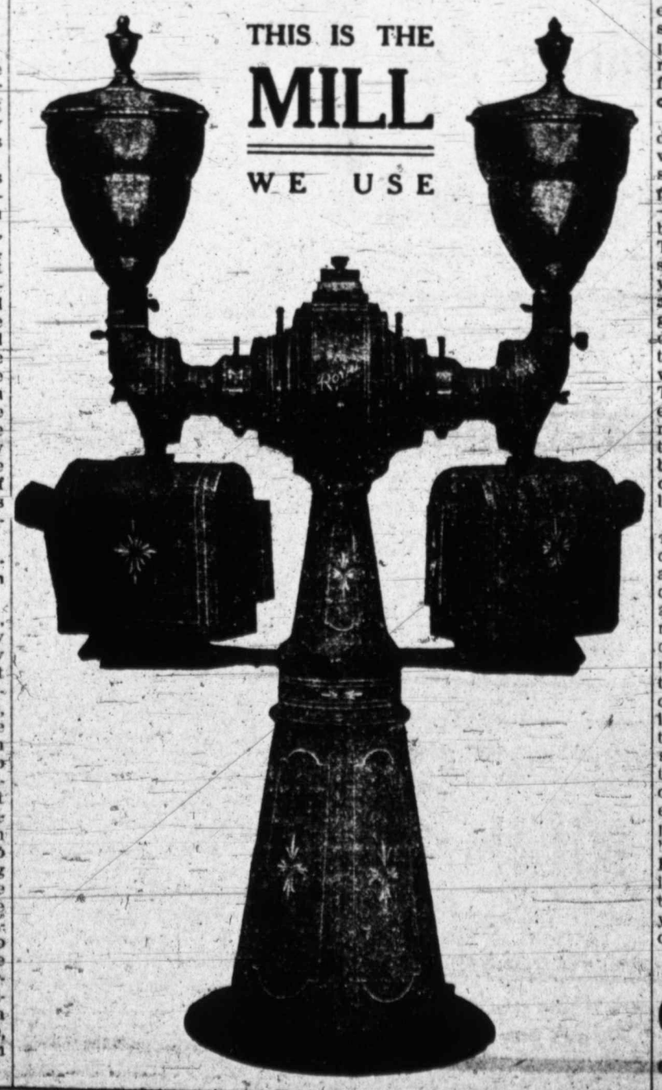
This new Electric Coffee Mill is equipped with knives of razor sharpness, and cuts the berry into uniform particles (doesn't crush or grind it), and the little oil cells remain unbroken. The oil known as Caffeone cannot evaporate, and is preserved indefinitely. This is one reason why a pound of coffee cut in the mill will make from ten to twelve cups more of full strength coffee than will the same coffee ground the old way. But the main thing about this mill is that you can have your coffee cut as fine as the finest sand, and it will still be free from that fine dust that is produced by the old method of grinding, therefore you will always have a clear cup of coffee, instead of the muddy effects which are the results of the old method of grinding.

**Royal Electric Cut Coffee is especially adapted for percolators or French drip coffee pots.**

Without attempting to be technical, we will give you some reasons why this is true: Raw Coffee is chemically changed in the roasting. The most important chemical change in the formation of an oil known as Caffeone, produced from the elements in the original state. It is this oil which gives the rich and appetizing flavor to the roasted coffee. Scientific experiments have established the fact that the only way to extract the Caffeone satisfactorily is to bring the infusion to the boiling point, and allow it to simmer for a few minutes—according to the degree of fineness to which the particles have been granulated. The method of simply pouring boiling water through pulverized coffee fails to extract a large part of the coffee strength. When you boil this pulverized or powdered coffee, it yields readily all its Caffeone, but the result is a muddy infusion which will not settle, and muddy coffee is condemned on sight on account of its appearance, its disagreeable sensation in the mouth, and even more because of the injurious effect of taking into the stomach the small insoluble particles held in suspension in the liquid. These are the reasons why the use of pulverized coffee is being discontinued. **So with the old Mill that crushes the Coffee.**

Steel Cut Coffee

THIS IS THE MILL WE USE



It is impossible to make a perfect drink from Coffee ground in the old way, where are mixed particles of all sizes, large and small. (The same principle of boiling or baking potatoes—the small ones are cooked too much before the large ones are half done.) The Caffeone is all extracted from the small particles before the large have yielded their full strength. As soon as the Caffeone is extracted, the grounds are of no value as a food product, and if you continue the boiling that causes the unpleasant woody taste which destroys the pure coffee flavor. To get the greatest efficiency from each particle of coffee all must be of nearly the same size. This is what the Royal Electric Mill does for you, by a new cutting process which accomplishes the purpose completely, leaving nothing more to be desired.

The lover of good coffee finds here a richness of flavor never found in coffee ground in the ordinary way at any price. This is the first element of real goodness, but in addition it will appeal to all who have the management of the household upon the score of economy and health. When the prudent housewife stops to figure out the cost she will buy Royal Electric cut coffee, because it is granulated into very fine, clean particles all of the same size, which give their full strength uniformly, and because of the absence of other flavors to be overcome. This is no idle boast. The general rule in making coffee is to use six parts of water to one of ground coffee; by having your coffee cut in the New Royal Electric Mill the same strength is obtained by using one part of coffee to nine parts of water. This is where you get your ten to twelve cups more of coffee to the pound.

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