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A Christmas Greeting

To our Friends and Patrons.

Jordan-St. Clair Co

Dublin, Texas.

OVER THE COUNTRY.

ALTMAN.

Regular Correspondence.

Dec. 21st.—The Altman public school will close on Tuesday of this week for the holidays.

Messrs. White and Kelly of Gustine organized a Woodman lodge at this place on Saturday night, the 19th of November, with thirteen members. Officers were elected on December 12th.

Our school is progressing nicely under the management of Prof. Jesse A. Rogers and Miss Lillie Laird as assistants.

W. W. Knowles is erecting a new residence in Altman, he having sold his old residence property to Louis Powell, who will occupy the house in the near future.

A. Q. Jordan has built an addition to his residence in this little city.

Armstead Osborn of Brown county is visiting relatives in this section.

H. H. Bostick, our new blacksmith, is doing some good work and is proving himself to be a good smith.

W. E. Bates, a prominent citizen of this place, committed suicide at his home on Saturday of last week. As near as we are able to learn the particulars of the case are as follows: Mr. Bates rose early in the morning and proceeded to drive his children away from the house and then took his shot gun and went to the barn and locked himself up in a shed room. There he shot himself through the heart. When found he was sitting in an upright position on the floor of the shed with the gun in his lap and a razor lying near him. It seems that if the gun failed to accomplish his purpose he was prepared to use the razor. It is said that he did not bleed a drop. His family consisted of two girls, fifteen and seven years old, his wife and a little boy being dead. W. E. Freeman, father-in-law to Mr. Bates, arrived on December 14th and sold the household goods, corn, etc., belonging to the family and last Thursday, December 16th, the place was rented to Ervin Cumby. Mr. Cumby moved to the place on Monday of this week.

ROCH SCHOOL HOUSE.

Regular Correspondence.

Dec. 21st.—Christmas is near at hand and we expect a good time in this part of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Brock and daughter, Miss Laura, all of Indiana, are visiting relatives in this section. They report pleasant weather in Texas to what they have in their own state.

W. L. Walton of Hasse has moved into the new house just erected on his father's place.

Henry Pernell and family of near the rock quarry, will move to this section in the near future.

J. W. Little has purchased the place of Jim Leatherwood. Mr. Leatherwood in turn has purchased a place near Lingleville. We regret to loose him from our midst.

There was a candy pulling at the residence of C. G. Gimmons last Friday night. A pleasant time is reported by all in attendance.

Tom Holloway of Gustine has again made his appearence in this section. He will make a crop with J. P. Thompson the coming year.

Joe Gilliland, who left here about eighteen months ago for Alabama, has returned.

Jim Thompson, who is attending school at Stephenville, came in Saturday night to remain until after the holidays.

This scribe expects to leave Wednesday for Denison, where he will spend the holidays visiting relatives.

ST. GEORGE.

Regular Correspondence.

Dec. 21st.—Mr. and Mrs. Stewart visited their son, Will, last Saturday.

A. M. Jones left last week for a holiday visit to friends and relatives in Alabama and Georgia.

The young people enjoyed a candy breaking at the home of Mr. Stewart Saturday night of last week.

Mr. Tobe Stewart and Miss Addie Godfrey were quietly married Sunday. We join with their many friends in wishing them a long, happy future.

Our school is progressing nicely under the management of Prof. Pair. The patrons are well pleased.

Will Brannum has moved to the Whittenburg place.

We wish the Progress and force a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

PURVES.

Special Correspondence.

Dec. 19th.—Our little burg is quite a "windy" today, the 19th.

The supper given at the public school building last Friday night was quite a success. Everyone present enjoyed themselves, and especially did the boys have fun while drawing for their partner's number. Miss Jeffie Case received the highest number of votes in the cake contest, and consequently won the cake, but it cost her admirers nearly eleven dollars. Her opponent, Miss Ada Turnbow, lacked only fifty cents worth of votes of receiving as many as the winner.

Next Monday and Tuesday have been set apart here for examinations in our school, after which we will have a week's holiday.

James Gilbert has moved into his new house.

The Baptist congregation at this place will soon have their new building completed.

Mr. Baker is having two new houses erected in our little city. He already has both of them rented as soon as they are completed.

B. F. Gilbert is in our midst again after an absence of several months in the territory.

Dred Hill has accepted a position as book-keeper for Goodwin Bros. at this place.

Onstott & Simmons have enlarged their business house and expect to add dry goods to their already large stock the coming year.

The New York Central railroad has ordered thirty electric locomotives. Slowly but surely the steam locomotive proceeds on its prophesied way to the junk heap.

SHELBY.

Regular Correspondence.

Dec. 19th—We are sorry to note the sad news of the death of Mrs. Maggie Fields, who departed this life last Friday evening at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Fields was a member in good standing of the Mt. Pleasant church and was loved by all who knew her. The bereaved relatives have our heartfelt sympathy.

Miss Minnie Williams, who has been attending school at Victor, arrived Friday to spend the holidays at home.

Melton Kiker and family visited Mrs. L. V. McCleskey and family Sunday.

James McCleskey expects to leave for his home next Tuesday.

John Mcleskey and lady have a fine girl at their home.

Harmon Whitacre is building an addition to his residence.

R. A. Hicks killed a hog recently that tiped the scale at 485 pounds and got thirteen gallons of lard from same.

POINT LOOKOUT.

Regular Correspondence.

This scribe attended preaching at Union last Sunday. Rev. Paine, a Baptist Holiness minister, filled the pulpit.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Luther Davis on last Thursday, a fine girl. All parties concerned are doing well.

Mrs. John Neal has been very sick the past week with pneumonia. We are glad to note she is improving at this writing.

Many in this section are suffering with severe colds.

Christmas is near at hand and the small boys and girls are rejoicing over the coming of Santa Claus.

It continues dry in this section and but little has been done toward preparing for the new crop. Wheat and fall oats are suffering for want of rain and the winter pasturing is something of the past, however, all stock is looking well.

Most all farmers in this section have killed their hogs and beeves for winter and spring consumption. The weather has been unusually favorable for saving meat.

CHALK MOUNTAIN.

Regular Correspondence.

Dec. 22nd.—The citizens of this place have decided to have a Christmas tree.

Sam Jones and lady of Oklahoma are visitng relatives and friends at this place.

"Grandma" Flanary died last week.

There was a candy breaking at Henry Coxes' recently, which seemed to be enjoyed by all in attendance.

Walter Cox and family left Monday for Oklahoma to visit relatives during the holidays.

Crid Stigler and Walter Davis made a trip to Hico Tuesday.

Mrs. Shoffner of this place is still very low.

Mr. Davis and daughter, Miss Ethel, left Sunday for Paris, Texas, to visit with relatives.

There was singing at the home of Mr. Shipman Sunday night.

Miss Mallie Stigler was the guest of Miss Eula Carver last Sunday.

B. Walker and family visited at Mr. Carver's Sunday.

Mrs. Wilks has been very sick with heart trouble, but is now improving.

Mr. Senator Ogle and Miss Lela Ford were married Sunday and left in the evening for Comanche to visit the former's relatives.

W. T. Daniel is prepared to do surveying of all kinds and will give prompt attention to this class of work, as well as careful attention.

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HAMILTON.

Dec. 22nd—Miss Mina Eidson, daughter of Judge. A. Eisdon, died last Friday morning at the age of seventeen years with typhoid fever. She had been attending the Southwestern University at Georgetown since early in September until two weeks ago, when she was brought home becaue of sickness. A relapse caused her death.

Miss Madge Rutledge left las Sunday for Dallas to accept a position as stenographer in a law office.

Hamilton gins will handle over five thousand bales of cotton this season.

While freighting from Hico one day last week, Bud Jordan was thrown from his wagon and a hind wheel of the vehicle passed over his body, breaking several ribs and otherwise bruising him up. He is said not to be dangerously hurt.

A. H. Parker, well known on the Hamilton-Hico freight line, informs us that he has rented a farm near Olin and will move there wtih his family at once to reside next year.

HIGHLAND

Regular Correspondence.

Dec. 2th.—The people hereabouts are preparing for a good time Christmas.

Dr. Murray and wife have gone to Glen Rose to spend Christmas.

Mrs. J. O. Striplin has been quite sick, but she is now reported some better. Miss Mary White is also sick.

Our school is progressing nicely.

Steve Ewing is visiting his uncle and other relatives at this place.

A number of the young folks enjoyed a social hop at the home of Willis Thiebaud and wife last night.

There is to be a pound supper at the home of E. Rippetoe and lady tonight.

Mr. Dennis White and Miss Ida Hobbs are to be married today at the residence of Mr. Hobbs near De Leon.

A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT.

Oh, Christmas is coming again, you say,
And you long for the things it is bringing,
But the costliest gift may not gladden the day,
Nor help on the merry bells ringing.
Some getting is losing, you understand,
Some hoarding is far from saving;
What you hold in your hand may slip from your hand,
There is something better than having;
We are richer for what we give,
And only by giving we live.

Your last year's presents are scattered and gone;
You have almost forgotten who gave them;
But the loving thoughts you bestow live on
As long as you choose to have them.
Love, love is your riches, though ever so poor;
No money can buy that treasure;
Yours, always from robber and rust secure,
Your own without stint or measure;
It is only love that can give;
It is only by loving we live.

For who is it smiles through the Christmas morn,
The Light of the whole creation?
A dear little child, in a stable born,
Whose love is the world's salvation.
He was poor on earth, but he gives us all
That can make our life worth the living,
And happy the Christmas day we call,
That is spent, for His sake, in living.
He shows us the way to live;
Like Him, let us love and give!

—Lucy Larcom.

BIG SUICIDE AT ALTMAN

W. E. Bates, a Prosperous Farmer of the Altman Neighborhood, Takes His Own Life.

From the Empire, Dec. 17th.

A tragic news reached here this morning of the death at his home near Altman of W. E. Bates a prosperous farmer, which occurred last Saturday morning before daylight.

Several years ago, while living in this county, a son of Bates' was killed. He was a bright boy and won the affections of his father more than usual. The father felt the loss of the boy very severely. A little later, and just after the family had moved to this county, Mrs. Bates took sick and died. Bates was a very religious man, and was very much devoted to his family, and this severe blow to his heartstrings affected his mind. This was soon recognized by the neighbors that he was not entirely right mentally, but he was not considered dangerous.

The little girls were all of the unhappy family left him—one was about 15 years old, the other fifteen—and they continued to live quietly together, the little ones playing the part of housekeepers as well as could be expected of girls of their years.

Saturday night of last week Bates seemed to be in a very despondent mood and declared a number of times that he would kill himself. The children exhausted their efforts to keep him from doing himself personal harm, and about midnight left them, going to a neighbor's house.

Soon after daylight the neighbors went to Bates' home and failed to find him in the house. They began a search of the premises and found him in the crib sitting upright, but dead. He had placed a 32-winchester between him and the wall, the muzzle against his left breast and his back against the wall. In this position he leaned forward till he could reach the trigger and fired the gun, the ball evidently passing through the heart. The pressure of the gun against his coat was plainly visible, showing that he had leaned forward against it to reach the trigger. The bullet had made the fatal wound, and little blood was drawn therefrom.

As soon as the discovery was made Justice of the peace was summoned to hold the inquest, and found the cause of the death as related herein.

W. E. Freeman, father-in-law of deceased, was notified at his home in Erath county and came here the first part of the week to wind up the affairs of the deceased and to take charge of the little girls.

Bates was a good neighbor, a good citizen and a good worker in the Baptist church. His death is much regretted.

Brave Fight for Life.

The particulars of the dreadful accident in which Mrs. Lydia H. Groesbeck of Stephenville was so badly burned Tuesday night of last week and died shortly after, the Stephenville Empire says:

Mrs. Lydia H. Groesbeck who lived at the Groesbeck home one mile north of town on the old Weatherford road, was burned so badly that she died about forty hours later. She had rented out the place preparatory to moving to town. All her children were married and living in town except little Henry, and he was in school at Fort Worth. She had been living there alone for some time and had arranged to move to town. The tenants were to come in Monday and she was preparing her last breakfast at the old home place where she lived so long, and where most of her children had grown up. She was preparing coffee before the large fire place in the dining room when her skirts caught fire, and, despite all she could do, every thread of her clothing burned to her waist, and her limbs and body were so horribly burned that death was certain to occur in only a short time. In trying to extinguish the flames about her body her hands were badly burned. A large rug with which she tried to smother the flames was also burned. After the flames about her body were put out she noticed that a burning rug had set the door facing on fire and the house would go in only a few minutes. Notwithstanding her suffering she procured water and put out the fire that was taking hold on the door facing. She then went to the phone in another room and summoned a doctor from town, asking him to come at once, that she was burned to death, and to summons her children. She then went to the wardrobe and taking out fresh clothing she dressed herself ready for bed. The doctor and children and neighbors soon arrived and all that was possible to do was done to relieve her suffering, but at 1:40 o'clock Wednesday morning she passed away.

Dr. J. J. Mulloy, practice limited ot the diseasesof the eye, ear, nose and throat. Office over the Grange Store, Dublin, Texas.

Man's Honor and Woman's Virtue.

If it is possible for a man who swears allegiance to American citizenship to prize anything more than life, it is the purity of womanhood. And the bitterest hatred that can abide in his breast is the feeling entertained for a brute who dispises the virtue of womanhood.

The written law of the land does not justify the burning of a negro rapist, but there is an unwritten law which does not punish the people who burn him. An ilk of the black rapist is the white seducer.

The statutory law does not give a brother the right to take the life of his sister's seducer, but when he does so, all Texans who know the memory of mothers, who appreciate the sweet innocence of sisters and love the purity of wives, render a verdict of "not guilty."

A burglar who enters the house during the still hours of midnight for the sole purpose of robbery is an angel compared to the brute who enters the sanctity of a home in the guise of friendship and abuses that confidence.—Sherman Courier.

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SEVEN WERE KILLED.

That Number of Lives Were Lost in Fire at Nashville.

SEVENTEEN INJURED.

Only Exit, Main Stairway, Soon Cut Off by Flames, and the Terrified Inmates Jumped Out of the Windows.

Nashville, Dec. 21.—Seven dead and seventeen seriously injured was the result of the fire that broke out Friday night in the women's dormitory of Walden university. President Hamilton was the first member of the faculty to be apprised of the conflagration. He heard the screams of the women and rushing to his window, which was just across the street from the dormitory, saw the flames bursting from the eastern end of the building. Hamilton hastened to force an entrance into the building, but before he reached the door the frightened inmates had begun to hurl themselves from the windows. Several of them were killed in jumping or crushed to death by those who followed. The dormitory was a four-story brick, and the only means of exit was down the main stairway, which was shortly cut off, after which the inmates rushed, panic stricken, through smoke and heat seeking to escape. Baffled, they sought the windows and hurl themselves headlong to the ground. Most of the women had retired and only had time to escape in their night garments. The dead: Stella Addison, Port Gibson, Miss.; Adele Christian, Greensboro, Ala.; Sallie Dade, Hattiesburg, Miss.; Mattie Lee Moore, Huntsville, Ala.; Lula A. Terry, McMinnville, Tenn.; Nanza C. Johnson, Hattiesburg, Miss.; Cora Bryant, Cleveland, Miss. Sick in bed on the fourth floor and supposed to have perished, as all efforts to find her have been ineffectual.

The injured were removed to various hospitals.

Miss Eleanor Moore, a preceptress, was the only white person injured, and she jumped from an upper window.

SALARY SMALL.

Grigsby Is Alleged to Have Found it a Paying Job, However.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—While working on a salary of $9 a week A. G. Grigsby is alleged to have robbed his employers at the rate of $200 per day, according to Manager David L. Rose, of M. L. Barrett & Co. When arrested $250 worth of costly vanila beans were found concealed in Grigsby's clothes. In the few months that Grigsby's meager salary kept him attached to the firm it is alleged he had stolen between $12,000 and $15,000 worth of stock. "I needed a little ready money," was the only explanation he deigned to vouchsafe.

FLEW THREE MILES.

Successful Test of Flying Machine Reported In North Carolina.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 19.—A successful trial trip of a flying machine was made near Kittyhawk, N. C., by Wilbur and Orville Wright of Dayton, O. The machine flew for three miles in the face of a wind blowing at a registered velocity of twenty-one miles per hour, and then gracefully descended to the earth at a spot selected by the man in the navigator's car as a suitable landing place. The machine has no balloon attachment, but gets its force from popellers worked by a small engine.

LARGE PROPORTIONS.

Permanent Offices Being Established Owing to Business Growing.

St Louis, Dec. 17.—Business of the various states and territories participating in the Louisiana Purchase exposition has developed to such proportions as to necessitate the re-establishment of permanent offices in St. Louis.

Arkansas will soon have a permanent headquarters here. Alaska has opened offices in the Administration building. Dr. W. C. Stubbs, executive commissioner from Louisiana, it is announced, will arrive soon to open offices for that state.

Heretofore the work of the different states at the exposition has been performed by commissioners and representatives in the course of visits to St. Louis.

THREE CREMATED.

Mother and Two Little Ones Burned to Death at Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Dec 18.—Mrs. Harry L. Smith and her two children, Harry, aged three years, and Albert, three months, were burned to death by fire in their home at Oak Lane suburb. Mrs. Elizabeth Shellmire was badly burned while endeavoring to awaken them.

Triple Kentucky Horror.

Ashland, Ky., Dec. 18.—Benjamin Benedict, wife and three-year-old daughter were burned to death and a seventeen-year-old daughter badly injured in a fire which destroyed their home.

Contempt Charge.

Houston, Dec. 19.—Sam Alexander, a ticket scalper, was ordered committed to jail by Judge Kittrell for alleged contempt, it being claimed that he violated the injunction issued prior to the carnival by selling non-transferrable railroad tickets.

Fine Well.

Beaumont, Dec 21.—Contractor J. R. Richardson brought in a flowing well on block twenty-one for A. Kaltenbach and D. Call. The well is thought to be doing 250 barrels a day steadily.

Recognized by Peru.

Lima, Dec. 21.—By a decree Peru has recognized the republic of Panama.

SLAYDEN SUCCUMBS.

To Be Buried Beside Loved Ones at Champaign, Ill.

Waco, Dec. 22.—T. Bailey Slayden died from injuries sustained in an accident occurring while he was in a buggy. Interment will be at Champaign, Ill., where the mother and sister of deceased are buried.

The deceased was nearly twenty-two years old, and had already become noted as a business man. He traveled all over the eastern hemisphere, beginning when a boy, and studying as he traveled, acquiring practical knowledge, speaking French and Spanish fluently, and being able to read other languages. His father was formerly a Waco banker, and both father and son own property in this city. The latter was here on a visit when the accident occurred resulting in his death.

Lately he has been superintending the construction of an electric steel car line connecting Monterey, Mexico, with a system of springs near Topochico, ten miles from the former place.

REWARD OFFERED.

San Antonio Business Men Will Give One Thousand Dollars.

San Antonio, Dec. 22.—At a meeting of business men, attended by over 200 leading merchants, lawyers, doctors, capitalists, real estate men, public officers and mechanics, a resolution was adopted offering a reward of $1000 for the arrest and conviction of parties engaged in dynamiting street cars in San Antonio.

Anti-Mosquito Trees.

Laredo, Tex., Dec. 22.—Quinten Villegas has just returned from a long visit to California, and has ordered a number of the California eucalyptus trees, which he will plant at his home for the purpose of determining their reported value os a mosquito destroyer. He says that there are never any mosquitoes in California, where this tree is grown.

Opposition to Incorporation.

Sour Lake, Tex., Dec. 22.—The question of incorporation, which is to be decided on Saturday, Jan. 2, is creating lively interest, and considerable opposition to it has been created.

Waterworks Bonds Approved.

Austin, Dec. 21.—The attorney general approved for registration $500,000 Waco city thirty-year waterworks bonds, bearing 4 per cent.

FARMERS' FATAL FIGHT.

In Pistol Battle Two Men Are Shot to Death.

Ardmore, I. T., Dec. 22.—At Woolsey John Stott and Sam Victory, farmers, had a misunderstanding which resulted in both men being killed. The trouble arose over Stott's cattle breaking in Victory's field. When the men met, a few words passed between them, followed by a pistol battle. Both men were shot, and died within a few hours. Stott was an ex-Confederate soldier.

PART OF SAPULPA BURNS.

Principal Loser Firm Established Quarter of a Century Ago.

Sapulpa, I. T., Dec. 22.—Part of the business portion of Sapulpa was destroyed by fire Monday. The principal loss was sustained by P. C. Hall & Co., general merchandise, whose stock was valued at $50,000. Hall & Co. were Indian traders twenty-five years ago and established the first store in Sapulpa.

Foreman Was Killed.

Ardmore, I. T., Dec. 22.—Near Mannsville the eastbound Choctaw local ran into a section crew on a handcar, instantly killing J. H. Thompson, who was the foreman. George Follis, a laborer, was badly injured and may die. Four other workmen escaped with slight injuries.

BRYAN MEETS CZAR.

Latter Expressed Warm Friendship For the United States.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—William Jennings Bryan was received in audience by Czar Nicolas at noon Monday. The audience, which lasted for fifteen minutes, was arranged almost on the spur of the minute by Ambassador McCormick, who, until Sunday, was uncertain as to the time of Mr. Bryan's arrival at St. Petersburg.

During the conversation with Mr. Bryan his majesty expressed in the most emphatic manner the feeling of friendship entertained by him and the Russian nation for the United States and the hope that the good relations which have always existed between the two countries would never be disturbed. He gave evidence of the deepest interest and acquaintance with affairs in the United States.

In response to Mr. Bryan's inquiry concerning the progress of public instruction in Russia his majesty gave a minute description of the system of education in the Russian empire, showing an intimate knowledge of educational methods and the statistics relating thereto.

Mr. Bryan was entertained at dinner by Ambassador McCormick Monday night.

SOUSED IN A POND.

Young Laly Teacher Charges Pupils With Treating Her Thus.

Sullivan, Ind., Dec. 22.—Miss Erline Sinclair filed suit for $10,000 damages against Floyd Deckard, Ina Deckard, Gertrude McClelland, Jesse McClelland, Earl Parks and Kate Parks. She complains that defendants, on Dec. 8, 1903, with force and arms, assaulted the plaintiff and overpowered her, bound her hands together with ropes, lashed her to a rail and placed her in an icy pond. Miss Sinclair is a school teacher, and the defendants in the case were her pupils.

Oregon legislature is in special session to revise tax laws.

FATHER KILLS FAMILY

Terrible Deeds of a Despondent Man at Cleveland, O.

HE FIRST SLEW WIFE

Two Oldest Children Vainly Try to Make Their Escape, the Youngest Slain While Asleep, Then Man Suicides.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 22.—Roscoe W. Derby, a machinist, about forty-five years of age, exterminated his family early Sunday by shooting his wife, his three children and then himself. The crime is believed to have been due to despondency over the impoverished condition of the family purse and the near approach of Christmas.

The wife was killed first. Two of the children were killed as they ran through the house endeavoring to escape their merciless parent. The third child was killed in its bed after its elder brother and sister had been killed.

Mrs. Derby was probably killed while asleep. Two of the children doubtless had a struggle. Harold's body was found lying in a pool of blood in the kitchen and that of Alice in the dining room with her face to the floor and a bullet in her breast. Harold may have been chased by his father, as there was evidence of flight in the manner in which the furnishings of the kitchen were thrown about. From the location of bullets in his head, the boy evidently was caught by his father in a strong grasp and held while the weapon was placed against the little fellow's forehead and the bullets sent into his brain.

There was also evidence of a struggle on Alice's part. The last of the children to die was Thomas. The perpetrator went into a bedroom, where his wife had been killed, and, lying down at her side, fired a bullet into his own brain and died.

The last knowledge of the crime was communicated in a letter written by Derby to a friend who lived not far away.

Harold was eight years old, Alice seven and Thomas five.

MUST APOLOGIZE.

Governor of Alexandretta to Make Amends to Consul Davis.

Constantinople, Dec. 22—The porte has agreed to the demands of the United States government, and has ordered the governor of Alexandretta to make ample apology to Consul Davis for the insults and assault to which he was subjected by the police of Alexandretta while he was escorting to a departing steamer a naturalized American citizen named Attarin, who had been liberated from prison through the intervention of Mr. Davis.

HORSES COLLIDED.

Rider of One Was Killed and the Other Badly Injured.

Georgetown, Tex., Dec. 18.—During the progress of the fair at Florence a team of horses driven by Miss Radliff and Miss Jones ran away. E. E. Hayden and Will Trompson, who were on horseback, started on a gallop to stop the team by heading them off. While going at full speed they collided with such force that Hayden was killed and Thompson dangerously injured. The young ladies escaped without injury.

BENEFIT OF FAMILY.

Widow and Children Receive Net Proceeds of Florence Fair.

Georgetown, Tex., Dec. 18.—After the terrible tragedy at the Florence fair, eighteen miles from here, in which E. E. Hayden was killed and William Compton of Georgetown injured by their horses colliding while stopping a runaway team bearing Misses Ratcliff and Jones, the directors met and decided the fair should continue and the net proceeds go to the widow and children of the dead man. The roping contest was in progress when the runaway occurred. Mr. Hayden was an employe of the Bennett-Shofner Mercantile company. Mr. Compton will not die.

FILED ON.

It Is Isolated on Scrap Land, and Sells For Cash.

Austin, Dec. 17.—The land commissioners filed prices on several tracts of school land lying within a few miles of the Batson Prairie oil field.

All of it is isolated or scrap land and sells for cash. Four tracts were appraised as follows: Two hundred and twenty-seven acres at $12 per acre, 329 acres at $15 per acre, about four and one-half miles from the gushers; forty-six acres and eighty acres on the Hardin-Liberty county line at $10 per acre.

BOY'S TERRIBLE MISHAP.

Thrown From a Buggy In a Runaway and Frightfully Injured.

Handley, Tex., Dec. 21.—Three automobilists going at a terrific speed frightened a horse attached to a buggy in which were Robert Platt, twelve years old, and his two younger brothers. Robert was thrown against a post and his scalp was almost torn off and his right arm and breast so badly mangled his recovery is doubtful. The other boys were slightly injured.

Denied by Wallace.

New York, Dec. 19.—General Lew Wallace of Indiana, who arrived Wednesday with his son, denied all reports to the effect that he was to undergo an operation of many sort.

LOUISIANA CENTENNIAL.

Ceremonies Inaugurated In Grand Style at Crescent City.

New Orleans, Dec. 19.—Under the auspices of the state of Louisiana, city of New Orleans and Louisiana Historical society a series of official celebrations in commemoration of the centennial transfer of Louisiana territory from France to the United States was begun Friday. The feature was a review by Governor Heard and party of distinguished guests of French and American warships which had come here to assist in the ceremonial. Spain, which owned the territory before the cession to France, accepted the official invitation to be represented, but her warship did not reach the city and her participation is through her consul here. It was on Dec. 20, 1803, that the French flag fluttered down from its station on the flagstaff on the Place d' Aras, opposite the Cabillo, in which the official transfer occurred, and the stars and stripes were hoisted, and the ceremonies culminated on Sunday with a magnificent pontifical mass in the old St. Louis cathedral.

The grandsons of Governor Claiborne and General Wilkinson who were in direct participation in the historical event 100 years ago, are conspicuous in the celebration.

M. Jusserand, French ambassador to the United States; President Francis and directors of the St. Louis fair, Judge A. B. Routhier of the exchequer court of Canada, and Sir E. Tashereau, chief justice of the supreme court of Canada, came to assist in the celebration, which was authorized under an act of the legislature passed two years ago.

The United States government designated Admiral Wise to represent the federal authority.

All courts, public offices and schools closed for the occasion.

The celebration began with a reception at the city hall, where Mayor Capdeville received the distinguished guests. At noon the governor, mayor and visiting guests boarded the United States steamer Stranger and steamed around the fleet. The Stranger then anchored near the Minneapolis, the flagship of Admiral Wise's squadron. Admiral Wise and his officers, embarking from the flagship, then paid an official visit to his excellency, similar calls being made by commanders of the French cruiser Jurien de la Graviere, Hartford, Topeka and Yankees. Governor Heard, with his staff in full uniform immediately returned the calls.

FIVE UNIFIED.

One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars Are Prorated.

Dallas, Dec 17.—At a meeting held here by the joint committee of the Southern Presbyterian church five principal educational institutions in care of the synod were unified.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. T. R. Sampson of Austin, moderator, who was made permanent chairman. Dr. A. W. Wilson was named as vice-chairman; Rec. Robert Hill secretary, and C. N. Roberts, treasurer.

After discussion it was unanimously agreed that efforts to raise the sum of $150,000 within the next two years should be made, to be distributed pro rata among the five Presbyterian institutions, for their benefit. The division was made as follows:

Theological seminary, Austin, $50,000.

Daniel Baker college, Brownwood, $20,000.

Texas Presbyterian College for Girls Milford, $25,000.

Presbyterian college at Durant, I. T. $15,000.

PAID IN GOLD.

Ten Thousand Dollars Paid Man For Injuries by Mexican National Road.

Pearsall, Tex., Dec. 22.—General Attorney Dodd of the Mexican National railway paid to P. H. Thurmond for his road $10,000 in gold, full settlement for injuries received by the latter while working with a bridge gang here.

JUMPED FROM HOUSE.

Haste Family Leap From Burning House, and Father Fatally Hurt.

San Antonio, Dec. 22.—The residence of Henry Haste, valued at $4000, burned. Mr. and Mrs. Haste and their three children jumped. Both father and mother plunged headforemost. Mr. Haste is thought fatally injured, and the lady is in a serious condition. The children were only slightly hurt.

SHOT FOUR TIMES.

Dallas Business Man Killed In That City on Sunday.

Dallas, Dec. 21.—Hiram Featherston, a grocer and saloonist, was shot and killed about 100 yards from his place of business. R. T. Wright surrendered himself at the jail. Featherston was shot four times.

GREAT GUSHER.

Batson's Prairie Has a Well Spouting Three Hundred Feet.

Beaumont, Tex., Dec. 21.—At Batson's Prairie what is claimed to be the largest gusher ever bored in Texas was brought in Saturday. It spouted from a depth of 1200 feet to the height of 300 feet in the air. It is the property of the Parafine Oil company. It is good for 15,000 barrels daily say experts.

Annie Nugent Hall Destroyed.

Sherman, Dec. 22.—Annie Nugent hall, the beautiful dormitory building of the North Texas Female college, with its contents, valued at $25,000, burned. There were no young lady students in the building, all having gone home to spend the holidays.

Child's Feet Cut Off.

Sherman, Dec. 22.—A trolley car crushed both feet of the six-year-old son of Walter Lathrop. Amputation was necessary.

METEOR IS WRECKED.

Fast Train on the Frisco Road Runs Into an Open Switch.

NINE PEOPLE KILLED.

Was Behind Time and the Engine and Every Car Except Sleeper Left Track and Down Embankment Tumbled.

Kansas City, Dec. 22.—The Frisco's fast train, "The Meteor," from Texas for Kansas City, was wrecked fifteen miles south of here Monday morning. The train, which left Fort Worth Sunday afternoon, was one of the finest and fastest in the service. It was made up of one mail car, two baggage cars, a smoker, two chair cars and a sleeper.

The train ran into a switch and all except a sleeper derailed and turned over. Nine persons were killed and over twenty injured. The dead and injured were taken to Fort Scott. When the train reached Godfrey it was behind time and running at full speed to make up lost time. The crew of a freight train that preceded "The Meteor" left the switch open, it is alleged, and the passenger train jumped the track and rolled down a slight embankment. All save the sleeper turned over, and so fast was the train running that the engine and forward baggage car went nearly sixty feet off the roadbed before they were stopped. The sleeper remained upright and none of the passengers in this car were injured. The baggage car was completely wrecked and the smoker badly damaged. Five of those killed were in the forward end of the smoker and four of them were killed. The news agent, who was badly mangled, died on the relief train that carried the dead and injured to Fort Scott.

Engineer B. A. Dewees of Fort Scott, Conductor Roy of Topeka and Fireman Bishard of Fort Scott were all instntly killed and Express Messenger John Bell of Kansas City seriously injured. Almost every passenger on the entire train except those in the sleeper, who escaped with a severe shaking up, was injured, some of them seriously. It was still dark when the wreck occurred, and the utmost confusion followed. It was some time before those of the crew who escaped injury were able with the help of the passengers who were unhurt to aid the injured.

The wrecking crew carrying physicians did not leave Fort Scott for the scene until several hours after the wreck occurred, and it was 11 o'clock before the dead and injured were taken to Fort Scott.

Following were killed: George Hoyt, conductor, Sapulpa, I. T.; B. A. Dewees, engineer, Fort Scott; Theodore Bishard, fireman, Fort Scott; James H. Twyman, colored, Fleming, Kan; Asa Moreland, Ienza, Kan.; Lon Corbin, Bessie, Okla.; Joe Corbin, Bessie, Okla.; John Brubaker, news agent, Kansas City; one unidentified man, whose body was thrown sixty feet into a cornfield.

Fatally injured: Sheridan Kanible, Hooperton, Okla.; B. F. Garroway, Jonesboro, Ark.

Seriously injured: Mrs. E. E. Calla, Hobart, Ark.; Henry McKinley, Shider Okla.; Thomas Kent, Mountainview, Okla.; J. W. Guill, Ottumwa, Ia.; Henry M. McDonnell, Lodi, O.; L. Howard Lee, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Joseph H. Donogue, Franklin, Ill.; Water Goldsby, Kansas City; John Bell, express messenger, Kansas City. J. D. Bryant, Davenport, Ia.; W. R. Farmer, Blackwell, Okla.; Elmer Corbin, Bessie, Okla.; Jacob Roesseler, Parker, O. T.; C. J. Lonovan, Snyder, Okla.; J. W. Adamson, mail clerk, Kansas City; H. B. Darlington, mail clerk, Kansas City.

Fifteen others were hurt slightly. Most of the injured were badly burned as well as being maimed.

Responsibility for the wreck is laid at the door of a brakeman of the freight crew failing to flag the passenger train. He disappeared. In the crash the baggage car was telescoped. The engine landed in a cornfield, while the smoker and two chair cars piled in a mass on top of the engine. Most of the injured were in the chair cars, which took fire soon after the wreck occurred.

Express Messenger Bell died later, making the total number of dead ten.

"PLAIN WAGONS."

These Predominate Quite Largely In Funerals at Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—No sign of peace entered into the livery drivers' strike Monday when the fourth day of the tie-up of hearses and carriages came with a renewal of desolate funerals and the prospect that police may be put on "plain wagons" now used for carrying the dead. Ambulances come under the ban of striking pickets, according to reports received from undertakers and liverymen, who declare that police will be necessary to man conveyances for the sick as well as those for the dead.

Judge Shepard Better.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The condition of Judge Seth Shepard of the District of Columbia court of apepals, who is dangerously ill at the Providence hospital, is reported to be improved. Judge Shepard has pneumonia in one lung and is also suffering from the effects of an operation for an abscess on the liver.

Ready For Sea.

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—Torpedoboat destroyers Paul Jones and Preble, lying at Mare island navy yard, coaled and ready for sea, are awaiting the coming of officers from the east. The officers are now on the way to the navy yard. A crew from the training ship Independence has been placed on the Paul Jones, and the Preble also has a full complement. Both vessels, however, lack a number of officers.

Two More Bodies.

Nashville, Dec. 22.—Two more charred bodies were taken from the ruins of Rust dormitory of Walden university Sunday.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Greek cabinet has resigned.

Japanese fleet goes to Korea.

Wood case goes over until Jan.

All beggars must leave Ber...

Hon. W. J. Bryan paid Count T... a visit.

Baptists of Terrell, Tex., will b... $10,000 church.

Grand jury at Waggoner, I. T. turned 200 indictments.

In a fire at Galveston hundred cotton bales were scorched.

Farmers around Wylie, Tex., thrash out frozen cotton bolls.

Emma Clark, a negress, was ... cut by a negro man at Dallas.

Gold seekers are prospecting ... teen miles from Gonzales, Tex.

Organized labor forces of the ... ritories meet at Lawton Dec. 28.

Two of Chamberlain's supp... have been elected to parliament.

Six persons were asphyxiated ... luminating gas at San Francisco.

Rufus R. Connella, the banker, sentenced to ten years' hard lab...

Two immense plants for gath... sand have been established at Wa...

Tora Hamilton, a five-year-old was badly burned near Terrell, T...

Ministers' credentials on Texas roads will be good until Jan. 20, 1...

State department has cabled for particulars of the Alexandretta a...

Santos-Dumont will soon start Paris for St. Louis with his ba...

The $10,000 brick school build... Memphis, Tex., is nearly comple...

Cotton sold at Dallas on the ... 12.15, the highest since the civil w...

A packery has been establish... Hereford, Tex., by Robert Hurrah...

Twenty-two alleged crap sh... were "pulled" at Dallas Saturday ...

There have been fifty-one ty... fever deaths at Butler, Pa., up to ...

Some farmers of Brown county ... as, are holding their cotton for h...

Postoffice at Noble, Okla., wa... bed of much money and many ...

In a New York runaway a woma... killed and a young lady and ma... hurt.

A. J. Parker of Creeer county, ... Poma, was crushed to death ... wagon.

Municipal electric light prop... at San Antonio was defeated by a ... majority.

Attorney General Roberts of O... ma, holds turf exchanges are ga... concerns.

Forty carloads of pecans had ... shipped from San Angelo, Tex., ... the 19th.

In a saloon at Omaha, Neb., ... Chambers stabbed his brother, J... to death.

Tom Pendergast, knocked out ... Williams in a bout at San Fra... Cal., died.

The frightfully mutilated bod... woman was found in a sailor's ... at New York.

Homes of five striking coal ... at New Castle, Colo., were wre... giant powder.

Samuel R. Martin of Winc... Tenn., was mysteriously kille... Kingfisher, Okla.

Fifty persons at Chemnitz, ... were made seriously ill by eatin... soned mince meat.

At Rusk, Tex., Noah Miller, ... charged with killing his wife, ... given death penalty.

Two men were fatally wounde... two seriously injured in a shoot... fray near Marietta, Ga.

Eighteen Japanese colonists ... at Houston. They will locate ... Galveston and Houston.

Gotlieb Goubin, a German ... was fatally hurt by an unknow... go near Guthrie, Okla.

John A. Thornton was confir... the senate as collector of custo... the district of Teche, La.

Lem (King) Bailey, the well-k... pitcher, has been appointed a S... League baseball umpire.

Captain Henry S. Carter, a ... known river man and citizen ... Orleans, died at St. Louis.

Dr. W. D. Branyon of Prair... eight miles west of Lulling, Tex., ... killed by an unknown party.

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Miss Winnie Mathett fell in a ... at Guthrie, Okla., breaking ... limb and spraining ankle of the ...

Treasurer Will Sampson of ... county, Texas, charged with ... ment, was arrested six miles ... Gainesville.

Work on the Terry's Range ... ument at Austin will begin ... than Dec. 1, 1904, the $10,000 ... ing nearly all raised.

H. L. Kinman of Dallas has ... American Wonder lemon weighi... teen ounces and twelve and ... inches in circumference.

Abe Simmons, a negro, was ... San Antonio ninety-nine years ... bing by assault a farmer name... erman, from whom he got $3.

Among the speakers at the ... Livestock association meeting ... land, Or., beginning Jan. 12, ... Hon. R. W. Hall of Vernon, Tex.

The opening of the new Ea... bridge between Williamsburg ... Brooklyn was celebrated by a ... display of electric lights and fi...

By an explosion in Griffith's ... Franklin parish, Louisiana, ... Griffith, a wealthy planter, and ... ris Jones and Ed Black, negroes ... killed.

When the iron box contain... Panama treaty was opened ... ington the document was found ... wrapped in a United States ... ma flags.

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CHRISTMAS IN FOREIGN LANDS

Ways of Celebrating the Birth of the Savior in Other Countries.

In Europe, from the frozen north of the land of the midnight sun to the evergreen south of perpetual summer, there is no land where the season of "Peace on earth, good will to men" is not celebrated. Universal is the custom of Christmas feasting or merry-making, but almost every country has its own peculiar methods of observing the great festival.

Scandinavia celebrates the day perhaps more generally than any other Christian country. The letter, if the true spirit, of peace and good will is universally observed at this holy season. The courts are closed; all feuds are amiably settled for the time being, at least, and all feuds are forgotten. As a suggestion of household harmony, every pair of shoes in each household rest side by side during the Yuletide season. Scandinavia is essentially the land of the child. Cleanliness is considered next to godliness in this country most assuredly next to godliness, for on the afternoon preceding Christmas every member of the family takes a bath; in some families, at least, this is the only occasion a bath taken during the year. On Christmas eve the bible is read in every home; in many villages it is customary to leave a light in the windows all night to give light to the Christ Child, as he brings the gifts. A Christmas meal is set outside of each house as a Christmas offering to any passing wayfarer, and even the birds of the air are remembered by a sheaf of wheat.

In Sweeden and Denmark the Christmas box or "Julklapp" inclosed in many wrappers and inscribed with the recipient's name, is suddenly brought into the room by a messenger, usually and grotesquely disguised, who has first knocked loudly and vigorously at the door. On Christmas eve bands of boys, dressed in white, carrying a colored stork-shaped lantern and a box containing two images representing the Virgin and Child, go from house to house, chanting Christmas carols. They are always received with great cordiality and given cakes and candies and nuts.

In the rural districts of Russia Christmas is a time of liberal largess to the poor. On Christmas eve a procession of the peasants forms, and at sunset, and visits the houses of the resident noblemen and all the local dignitaries. The carols which they sing are rewarded by gifts of money and food. This part of the ceremonies is called Kolenda, and is succeeded by a masquerade, in which, in honor of the animals in the stable at the time of the nativity the people mask as cows, pigs, horses and other animals.

In both Bohemia and Belgium there is a tradition that the Christ Child makes His round in a chariot drawn by white horses. The Bohemian children listen eagerly on Christmas eve for His approach with a krippe full of presents; for his presence is announced by a tinkling of little bells. Suddenly the bells are heard; then the front door is flung open, and the packages of toys and sweets thrown hastily into the room, while a jingle of bells fading into the distance announces the Christ Child's departure for the next house.

In Belgium the children polish up their shoes on Christmas eve, and for the refreshment of the white steeds, fill them with hay, oats and straw and place them by the fireside or on a table. The next morning the little shoes are found filled with gifts in the place of the food they have so kindly prepared for the Christ Child's horses.

Christmas eve is the grand fete of the year in Paris. The cafes keep open all night for the Christmas "reveillion" or supper. This Christmas eve supper at midnight is one of more consequence in a Frenchman's eyes than the Christmas day dinner; and impecunious clerks will deprive themselves of the necessaries of life for weeks before and after Christmas eve rather than forego the festival. The up-to-date Parisian divides this midnight supper into many courses, taking each at a different place, and probably reaching home just in time for the early breakfast of the Frenchman—a cup of coffee and fresh rolls.

In Spain the children hide their shoes and slippers in the brushes and trees and among the ever-blooming flowers of that sunny land on Christmas eve, and find them in the morning filled with gifts.—Houston Post.

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You are hereby notified that J. H. W. Purves, of the county of Erath, on the third day of December, A. D. 1903, executed a deed of assignment, conveying to the undersigned all of his property for the benefit of such of his creditors as will consent to accept their proportional share of his estate and discharge him from their respective claims and that the undersigned accepted said trust, and has duly qualified as required by law.

All creditors consenting to said assignment must, within four months after the publication of this notice, make known to the assignee their consent in writing, and within six months from date of this notice, file their claims, prescribed by law with the undersigned, who resides at Alexander, Texas, which is also his postoffice address.

Witness my hand this 16th day of December, A. D. 1903.—E. P. Purves, Assignee. 31-3t

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A rich Spaniard, dying at Madrid, made a bequest in his will of $10,000 "to the first Spanish general landing in United States territory with an army sufficient to avenge the defeats of Cuba and the Philipines." Pending the happening of such an event the legacy is to remain on deposit in the bank of Spain. It is hardly probable that any Spanish general will make an effort soon to win the reward, but as there is no limitation as to time the Spanish nation has from now until the judgment day to develop a general with the nerve to attempt the invasion. It is quite likely, unless otherwise disposed of, that the $10,000 will be rusting in the bank vaults when Gabriel toots his horn.

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A negro committeeman attended the dinner given to the members of the republican national committeemen by Senator Hanna in Washington. Several southern members remained away because they did not wish to dine with a colored man, and Committeeman Robinson of North Carolina left the room as the negro entered. Mr. Robinson's only explanation was "I came here as a gentleman and I am going back as a gentleman."

According to a recent letter of General Young, chief of staff of the army, officers of the national grand are to be allowed to attend the regular army schools for officers without expense to the government. This new policy will no doubt do much to raise the standard of the militia.

Favorite Family Remedy.

Frequently accidents occur in the household, which cause burns, cuts, sprains and bruises; for use in such cases, Ballard's Snow Liniment has for many years been the constant favorite family remedy. 25c, 50c and $1.00 at Overton's Drug Store.

A congressman from Kansas informs his district paper that the Kansas delegation was struck dumb by a recent unexpected appointment by the president. Alas, if the president would only hurl a few more similar silencing catapults at congressional catawaulers.

Better Than A Plaster.

A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on the affected parts, is better than a plaster for a lame back and for pains in the side and chest. Pain Balm has no superior as a liniment for the relief of deep seated, muscular and rheumatic pains. For sale by Overton Drug Co.

Rev. Dr. Hillis, the successor to the pulpit of Henry Ward Beecher, predicts that women will know more than men in fifty years. No doubt about it, for they have known more for fifty years past.

He Found a Cure.

R. H. Foster, 318 S. 2d Street, Salt Lake City, writes: "I have been bothered with dyspepsia or indigestion for 21 years, have tried many doctors without relief, but I have found a cure in Herbine. I recommend it to all of my friends, who are afflicted that way, and it is curing them, too. 50c at Overton's Drug Store.

Senator Culberson has introduced a bill for the construction of an international dam across the Rio Grande at El Paso at a cost of $2,300,000. This bill or one very similar has been offered before this, and on one occasion Mr. Culberson obtained a favorable report from the senate committee to which the bill was referred.

Fight Will Be Bitter.

Those who will persist in closing their ears against the continual recomendation of Doctor Kings New Discovery for consumption, will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended earlier by fatal termination. Read what T. R. Beall of Beall, Miss has to say: "Last fall my wife had every sympton of consumption. She took Dr. Kings New Discovery after everything else had failed. Improvement came at once and four bottles entirely cured her." Guaranteed by Overton Drug Co. Druggists. Price 50c, and $1.00 Trial bottles free.

After a years' experience in Liberia, a country occupied and governed exclusively by negroes, more than five hundred of the more intelligent immigrants to that country are petitioning the authorities at Washington to come to their aid and prevent starvation and destitution which envelopes that republic.

Coughing Spell Caused Death.

"Harry Duckwell, aged 25 years, choked to death early yesterday morning at his home, in the presence of his wife and child. He contracted a slight cold a few days ago and paid but little attention to it. Yesterday morning he was seized with a fit of coughing which continued for some time. His wife sent for a physician but before he could arrive, another coughing spell came on and Duckwell died from suffocation.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat, Dec. 1, 1901." Ballard's Horehound Syrup would have saved him. 25c, 50c and $1.00 at Overton's Drug Store.

The estimated yield of potatoes in the United States this year is 244,445,000 bushels.

A carnival advertised to take place at Granbury has been indefinitely postponed because the company which was to furnish the show "busted" before they reached the town. The News now intimates that Granbury "didn't want no carnival nohow." Editor Gaston may always be expected to hold up for his town, regardless of the conditions of the elements.

Reciprocal Trade Relations.

In a few days Cuban reciprocity will become a law. Many democrats and republicans are now advocating a similar treaty with Canada. There are strong economic arguments for Canadia reciprocity and yet political reasons for reciprocal trade relations with our northern neighbor are even more potent. Despite the growing sentiment of unity between the two great English speaking nations, there are many indications from Canada of an increasing hostility against the United States. The ill feeling over the Alaskan boundary decision is a result rather than a cause of this. The real cause for Canadian bitterness toward the United States lies in our tariff policy toward Canada which has created artificially a diversity of interests between the two countries. One of the most positive indications of the semi-hostile attitude of Canada toward the United States is found in the enthusiasm with which the Canadians are increasing their militia. They are trying to raise a force of 100,000 men which nearly equals that of the combined national guard of the United States, which has a population ten times as great as Canada. The Canadian militia officers are trained in special schools, and the British government has just given the Dominion permission to name its own commander-in-chief of these forces. The Canadian minister should be taught the use of a rifle which should be presented to him by the government when he became twenty-one. After the Alaskan boundary decision one of the chief complaints of the Canadian commissioners was that the islands off the Portland canal, which were given to the United States possessed "strategic value." These are all small but positive indications of an unfriendly feeling against her only possible enemy, the United States. Of course we need have no fear of the Canadian militia, however large or well trained it may become; but those who wish for friendship between the two countries regret to see the slightest indication of a rivalry in military strength. The surest way to avoid this great division of North America is to establish reciprocal commercial relations which will make the interests of the two countries mutual.

Revolution Imminent.

A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness, or stomach upsets. Electric Bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome causes. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the kidneys and bowels, stimulate the liver and clarify the blood. Run down systems benefit particularly and all the usual attending aches vanish under its searching and thorough effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50c, and that is returned if it don't give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by Overton Drug Co. Druggists.

Upon the unannounced arrival of a bank examiner to check up the affairs of the Yale National Bank at New Haven Conn., Asa C. Bushnell, the cashier of the bank, went into the basement and shot himself, dying soon after. An investigation of the banks affairs showed him to be short between $12,000 and $35,000 which he had evidently lost in speculations.

How to Prevent Croup.

It will be good news to the mothers of small children to learn that croup can be prevented. The first sign of croup is hoarseness. A day or two before the attack the child becomes hoarse. This is soon followed by a peculiar rough cough. Give Chamberlains Cough Remedy freely as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the rough cough appears, and it will dispel all symptoms of croup. In this way all danger and anxiety will be avoided. This remedy is used by many thousands of mothers and has never been known to fail. It is, in fact the only remedy that can always be depended upon and that is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by Overton Drug Co.

Chicago's mayor's plan to abate murder by calling in pistols, knives and other lethal weapons is so effective, so simple and so old that it is a wonder it was ever thought of or ever forgotten.

"Say, Hiram, did you know that some of them horticultural experimenters were talking about crossing the strawberry with milkweed, so's to have strawberries and cream?"

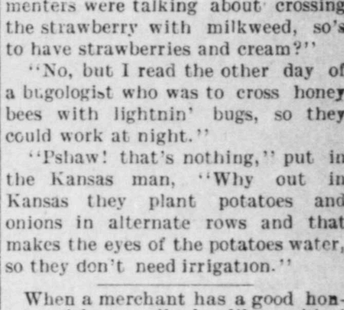
"No, but I read the other day of a bugologist who was to cross honey bees with lightnin' bugs, so they could work at night."

"Pshaw! that's nothing," put in the Kansas man, "Why out in Kansas they plant potatoes and onions in alternate rows and that makes the eyes of the potatoes water, so they don't need irrigation."

When a merchant has a good honest article to sell, he likes critical customers, particular people, for whom only the best is good enough. That's the way we feel. The Buckskin Breeches are are so good, so strong at every point, that we like to sell them to people who appreciate a good pair of pants. We make these pants with the idea of pleasing the most particular buyers, then we please everybody. We guarantee the fit and stitching.

Have you ever stopped to consider that perhaps a lot of trouble is due to the fact that the churches are usually darkest just when the saloons are brightest.

Of course you are opposed to prize fighting, but, honestly now, when you picked up the morning paper on August 15th didn't you look first for the San Francisco date line.



A WOMAN'S CROWN OF GLORY

is said to be her hair, but unless her

TEETH

are good that crown is useless.

Every one should have good teeth—if not natural ones then the excellent artificial teeth which we make.

These are absolutely perfect in appearance, fit and material. They are made in our own laboratory and are the work of experts. Unlike the cheap badly made teeth they will wear for many years and give perfect satisfaction.

DR. W. H. HENTHORNE, Dentist

Dr. Morgan's Old Stand

THE

New Century Restaurant.

Is still doing business at the old stand, opposite the post-office.

Short Orders, Best Style, All Hours, Regular Meals

25 Cents.

Will still be here the next time you hear from me. In the meantime your patronage solicited.

Jos. Hoch, Pro'p,

HOOD'S

PAINT SHOP.

Rear Smith's Lumber Yard.

See me for

Signs, Buggies and Furniture work.

I do House Painting and Paper Hanging.

Carriage work a specialty.

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SPECIAL SALE OF

Watches for the Holidays.

Best stock in this section. Prices as low as the lowest. All sizes and all grades. Don't fail to come early and get first choice.

Big Lot Holiday Goods Just Received

AT **C. G. McCORD'S**

NEXT DOOR TO THE POSTOFFICE.

7 Years Practicing

Dentistry at Dublin.



During that time 5 other dentists have practiced here and have gone. My practice has steadily increased till last year's practice was over twice as much as the first year. MY REASON IS: I do the very best work in every case. I use the very best material. I cause as little pain as the case will permit. I please my patients and they tell their neighbors. Respectfully,

Dr. W. W. Snider, Dentist.

Over Grange Store.

Those Awful Headaches



Are sure indications of some form of stomach trouble, biliousness or a bad liver. Malaria will next overtake you. Don't risk it, and above all, don't take calomel or quinine—both are dangerous

HERBINE

has all their virtues—none of their deadly effects. HERBINE taken regularly will forestall headaches, put the digestive organs in perfect condition, head off biliousness, headaches, liver ills, keep you in good health.

TRY IT TO-DAY.

50c a Bottle. All Druggists.

AND GUARANTEED BY OVERTON DRUG CO., DUBLIN, TEX

Fifty Years the Standard

DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER

Improves the flavor and adds to the healthfulness of the food.

PRICE BAKING POWDER CO. CHICAGO

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Subject to the Democratic Primary.

For District Judge.
J. W. PARKER.

For County Judge.
M. J. THOMPSON.

For County Treasurer.
GEO. F. (BUD) PARKER.

For County Clerk.
L. F. SENSABAUGH.
RUFUS A. MORTON.
H. P. COLE.

For Assessor.
I. N. POND.
J. L. HALL.
J. WILL FULKERSON.

Christmas photos, Edmonds studio.

If you want to buy a nice residence lot see D. H. Hurd. 31tf

The Progress and Dallas News each one year for $1.75.

It will soon be moving time for the army of renters.

At the opera house Monday, December 28th, "A Woman's Love."

Candidates will be after the voters in earnest fashion within another week or so.

A. C. Sheats of Carleton was here yesterday on business and made the Progress a pleasant call.

T. R. Hearne, the stove man, has returned and is now ready for stove work. If you need anything in this line call on him. 31-2t

Miss Mabel Bennett, who is engaged in the public schools at Sipe Springs this year, arrived home Wednesday to spend the holidays.

Mrs. S. C. Milner and son, Dallas, went to Dublin yesterday for a visit to their son and brother, A. C. Milner, and family.—Whitney Messenger, Dec. 18th.

The public schools of Dublin closed Wednesday evening for the holidays. Under present circumstances the small boy is enjoying himself, while being "as good as he can be."

The Hico newspapers should get together each week in deciding upon what they shall report as the cotton receipts for that place. Last week the Review said 18,000 and the News 16,000, both supposed to be reports including the same dates and in each instance even thousands are given.



Health is a magnet which irresistibly draws the man to the woman in life's mating time. A great many women covet beauty and are constantly seeking means to beautify themselves. Let a woman first seek perfect health.

There can be no general good health for women while there is disease of the delicate womanly organism.

$500 REWARD FOR WOMEN

WHO CANNOT BE CURED.

Backed up by over a third of a century of remarkable and uniform cures, a record such as no other remedy for the diseases and weaknesses peculiar to women ever attained, the proprietors of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription now feel fully warranted in offering to pay $500 in legal money of the United States, for any case of Leucorrhea, Female Weakness, Prolapsus, or Falling of Womb which they cannot cure. All they ask is a fair and reasonable trial of their means of cure.

"I used four bottles of your 'Favorite Prescription' and one of 'Golden Medical Discovery,'" writes Mrs. Elmer D. Shearer, of Mountnope, Lancaster Co., Pa., "and can say that I am cured of that dreaded disease, uterine trouble. Am in better health than ever before. Everyone who knows me is surprised to see me look so well. In June I was so poor in health that at times I could not walk. To-day I am cured. I tell everybody that Dr. Pierce's medicines cured me."

Free — Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser is sent *free* on receipt of stamps to pay expense of mailing *only*. Send 21 one-cent stamps for the cloth-bound volume. Address World's Dispensary Medical Association, Proprietors, Buffalo, N. Y.

THE LABOR AGITATOR.

Some of the Qualities He Must Possess to Be Successful.

Strikes contribute but slightly to the equipment of the successful labor agitator. The agitator must be thoroughly acquainted with the history of the labor movement and be capable of presenting its aims and aspirations in an attractive and convincing manner. He must possess the ability to think rapidly and to express his views and opinions clearly and forcibly. But, withal, he must inspire those whom he would lead with absolute faith in his honesty. The agitator isn't always an advocate of strikes. He has sometimes to exert his influence to prevent a strike which his judgment tells him would be unwise. It may sound like mixing terms to say so, but it is a truth that the most difficult tasks performed by the labor agitators are their "agitations" in the interest of peace, their efforts to prevent strikes. The man who is always in favor of a strike as soon as one is suggested or who is constantly on the search for a casus belli soon finds his influence as a leader gone.—"The Story of a Labor Agitator," by Joseph R. Buchanan.

Unknowable Russia.

Those who are permitted to speak the open truth in Russia may be counted on the fingers of one hand, and then half of them will be left unused. Why these people are tolerated is one of the secrets of state. Outside of these only those who write works of fiction, which the majority of the people cannot and do not read, are permitted to speak of things as they are. When they exceed the limits of Russian decency and speak too openly, they are given a trip to Siberia at the expense of the government. Siberia is the place where the boldest, the most courageous and most talented products of Russia are put on cold storage.

It is the coldest part of the country, and honest people are sent there when the country becomes too hot for them. When the innocent tourist asks, "Where are your honest people?" Siberia is pointed out to him. If he asks more questions, he is himself sent there. The government objects to questions on general principles. Russia refuses to be interviewed.—B. G. Richards in Reader Magazine.

An Underground Confession.

Women are growing quite embarrassingly frank about the basis and the crown of their charms. On Saturday afternoon a pretty young married woman, with her five-year-old son—so much we could infer—jumped into a first class carriage on the underground. After her came three friends, two girls and a man. "Yes, I'd never be without my wig," said the pretty woman. "It isn't as if I hadn't enough hair of my own. Celia can vouch for that." Celia nodded—we all looked for Celia's nod. "Why, the other Sunday we were lunching at Wimbledon, one of those damp, muggy days. Margaret was there—with her fringe all over her eyes. Mine was all right, and yet Margaret has a maid and I haven't. I've worn a wig for three years, and I don't care who knows it." The rest of us—strangers—held our breath till the tale was told.—London Chronicle.

Peril In the Handkerchief.

It is in fact a grave sanitary question whether the handkerchief does not do more harm than good as it is ordinarily used. When we assume that the healthy nose does not need to be wiped we face a reasonably broad proposition as to the danger of the handkerchief as a disease propagator. Most of nasal catarrhs are of an infectious character, notably those of grip origin.

Contrary to a general law of asepsis, the handkerchief saturated with disease germs, instead of being promptly washed, is stowed for hours in the pocket, with a result that can be easily imagined. Is it any wonder then that catarrhs are constantly fostered by a system of auto-infection?—Medical Record.

Easy Way of Measuring Heights.

Anybody who knows how to take the altitude of the sun or a star with a sextant and wishes to take that of any distant hill, steeple or the like should put a tea tray on the ground, fill it with water and then retire from it until the top of the hill, steeple or what not is reflected in the liquid. Now take the sextant and make the image of the summit coincide with its reflection in the liquid. The angle of elevation will thus, obviously, have been measured double. Half of this will give the measurement required.

Caught With the Goods On.

"Silas wuz down to the city an' had to send for money."

"Get bunkoed?"

"Nope. He pasted his money to the inside of the bosom of his shirt, and when he went to come home the landlord wouldn't change his shirt."—Exchange.

Explained.

Baxter—Funny, isn't it? Where we say a man puts his foot in his mouth, the French say he puts his foot in his nose.

Foster—Of course. That's all owing to the nasal sound in so many of the French words.—Boston Transcript.

A Hint Desirable.

"You're all run down," said the doctor. "What you need are quiet and rest. You ought not to be worried at all."

"Will you put that in the form of a prescription, doctor, and give it to my wife?" asked the man.—Exchange.

Success is nothing more than the result of doing whatever you can do not only well, but just a little better than anybody else.—Maxwell's Talisman.

SIGNS ARE OLD.

In Ancient Greece They Were Used on Business Houses.

The custom of marking a business house by means of a sign is of very ancient origin. In the great cities of the east and among the ancient Egyptians such a practice must have been unnecessary, as all trades were classified and confined to certain sections of the city, and then all wares were exposed to full view, as they were displayed in open booths.

The history of Grecian signboards is meager, yet the allusions of Aristophanes and Lucian to signboards warrant our belief in their use by the Greeks. Athenæus tells us, "He hung the well known sign in front of his house."

Advancing to Roman times, there is abundant evidence of signs, as the discoveries of Pompeii and Heraculaneum amply testify. In the Eternal City some of the streets derived their names from signs, just as hundreds of London streets have been so named. The Roman street Vicus Ursi Pileati was named from the sign, for, as the name indicates, it was the street of "The Bear With the Hat On." But it was not until late in the fifteenth century that the custom gained a footing in England, first of all among the taverns and alehouses. Later came the necessity of distinguishing between certain shops brought about by the fact that the houses were not numbered and the people could not read word signs.—Julian King Calford in St. Nicholas.

Skee Jumping.

The great event of the skeeing clubs of the western states is the jumping contest. Only a skee runner knows the sensation. Below, the endless hill seems to stretch on forever into the expanse of the valley, the steepness of the incline lost in its whiteness. A long breath and you start. Faster and faster you go, till suddenly a flash of green in front, and the jump off is coming. Crouching until your knees almost touch your skees, with muscles strained, out into the air you sail!

A strange lightness and feebleness take possession of your limbs, and your spirit shares the intoxication of soaring into space. After long seconds you are called back to earth, first for half a second softly, but then hard as iron that seems to give you an electric shock. You wabble helplessly from right to left; each foot seems glued to the ground and still in the air, but you have kept your balance and are shooting forward. At last you catch your first breath, like a hiccough; then a longer one. You are master of the field, with a jump of a hundred feet or more, and finish the victorious course in a neatly rounded curve.—Country Life In America.

A Weird Incident.

Some years ago the following strange incident took place in a west end club: There lay on the table in one of the rooms a list of members who had put down their names for an approaching house dinner. A workman on a ladder, who was putting the finishing touches to the decoration of the ceiling, let fall a single tiny splash of red paint, which dropped on the first name on the list and obliterated it as if with the stroke of a pen. Some of the members who noticed this occurrence thought it a very bad omen; others, like Hamlet, defied augury. But, curiously enough, the member whose name had thus been struck out was taken ill the next day and died in the club on the night before the dinner was to have taken place.—Golden Penny.

Valuable Shares.

The shares of the New River corporation are the most valuable in the world, and only fractions of them usually come upon the market. For many years the shares were sold at £5 apiece, and indeed Charles I. reassigned his king's shares to the company in return for a perpetual annual payment of £500, which sum, under the style of the "king's clog," is still paid. How bad a bargain that was is shown by the dividend for years past having averaged over £2,000 per share, while a few years ago one of the shares was sold for £122,000 by public auction. The actual face value of the shares is £100.—London Standard.

Webster Was Willing.

When Daniel Webster's market man had sued him for a long unpaid bill and got his money he was so scared at his temerity that he stopped calling at the door for orders. The godlike Daniel asked him why one day, and the man confessed that he supposed Mr. Webster would never trade with him again. "Oh," said Webster, "sue me as often as you like, but for heaven's sake don't starve me." There was never a time when the great man was not willing to owe as much as anybody was willing to let him owe.—Springfield Republican.

Conjugal Repartee.

Wife—That's the third time you've stepped on my dress. I wish you were not so slow.

Husband—It's you that are slow.

Wife—Indeed, I am not.

Husband—Well, your train is behind.—Washington Post.

Getting Even.

Miss Passaye—I trust you will consider my criticisms, dear, as coming from a friend.

Vera Perte—Oh, I will. I look upon you as the oldest, the very oldest, friend I have.—Brooklyn Life.

A Thin Spread.

Kwater—It's more or less true that, as the old saw has it, "Charity covers a multitude of sins."

Hardhead—But never if it's our charity and other people's sins.—Philadelphia Press.

Twenty million dollars has already been provided for the world's fair at St. Louis, besides the money supplied by states and foreign governments for buildings and exhibits: and the directors now seek five million more as a loan from the government. This shows that the exposition will be the most complete and in every way the greatest of all such events that have ever been held.

Christmas photos, Edmonds studio.

Miscellaneous Advertisements.

For Sale.—Good second hand top-buggy with shafts, tongue and single and double harness. All in good order. Will sell cheap. Apply to Lee Carlisle, Dublin. 28-tf.

For sale or trade—Good residence property in Dublin, will sell on reasonable terms to right party or trade for a farm near Dublin. For information apply at the Progress office. 24-tf

Frisco Excursions.

Portland, Ore.—National Live Stock Association. Tickets sold January 7, 8 and 9, final limit January 31, 1904. Round trip rate $57.70.

Atlanta, Ga.—National Convention, Department of Superintendence, N. E. A. Tikets sold February 20 and 21, final limit March 20th, 1904. Round trip rate $30.20.

Iredell: R. L. Cooper from Dublin is here and will have charge of the Central office during the absence of Mr. Cole....Mrs. J. E. Strawn left Thursday for Dublin, where she expects to spend several months with her son.—Sentinel, Dec. 18th.

Happiness is but another name for perfect health. Use Prickly Ash Bitters and be happy. It keeps the vital organs healthy and well regulated. Dublin Drug & Jewelry Co., special agents.

Christmas photos, Edmonds studio.

"A Woman's Love" at the opera house next Monday night.

We handle residence property, making it a specialty. Rent, collect, etc. free of charge.—S.J. Weaver & Co. 24tf

Some four weeks ago the little four-year old son of J. P. Caldwell had the misfortune to stick a piece of baling wire in one of his eyes, from the effects of which the little fellow has since lost his sight in that member.

His Own Manuscript.

George Ade, in the early days of his career, before the "Fables In Slang" had brought him fame, called one morning in Chicago upon a Sunday editor on a mission from a theatrical manager.

"I have brought you this manuscript"— he began, but the editor, looking up at the tall, timid youth, interrupted:

"Just throw the manuscript in the wastebasket, please," he said. "I'm very busy just now and haven't time to do it myself."

Mr. Ade obeyed calmly. He resumed: "I have come from the —— theater, and the manuscript I have just thrown in the wastebasket is your comic farce of 'The Erring Son,' which the manager asks me to return to you with thanks. He suggests that you sell it to an undertaker, to be read at funerals."

Then Mr. Ade smiled gently and withdrew.

"Capping" Crows.

The following account is given in Country Life of the way in which pilfering crows are dealt with by Italian agriculturists: A hole of a certain depth is dug in the ground, at the bottom of which is placed some decayed meat. A funnel shaped wedge of paper is then inserted into the hole, the upper edge of the paper being coated with birdlime. "Maitre Corbeau" sees the food, descends to grasp it, and when he has firm hold of it he rises up again. His head is, however, swathed with the paper cap, and in his mad endeavor to rid himself of it he circles up to extraordinary heights in the air, revolving constantly and at so rapid a pace that, soon overcome with giddiness, he falls to the earth dead.

The Cashew Nut.

The cashew nut serves a unique purpose as a cosmetic in the West Indies, where women desiring to remove excessive tan anoint the skin with an oil from the outer surface of the raw nut. For two weeks the patient must retire from society, for the face and hands so treated turn black. At the end of a fortnight's seclusion, however, the woman who has undergone the cashew treatment emerges, observers state, "with skin and complexion as fair as a babe's."

Fortune's Favor Sufficient.

"What do we want with gold and precious stones?" said the proud young mother, gazing fondly upon the baby. "This is fortune enough for us."

"Huh!" grunted the father, who had been walking the floor nearly all night. "I'm glad fortune didn't knock twice at our door."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Sympathy.

He—I got a note from Dunne today saying that he absolutely must have the money I owe him by tomorrow morning.

She—Oh, the poor fellow!—Life.

Napoleon I., who was a great admirer of female talent (when its owner did not, like Mme. de Staël, direct it against himself), used to say, "There are women who have only one fault—viz, that they are not men."

Occasional Notes.

Less than five per cent of the population of Colombia can read.

William Jennings Brayn has been received by the pope and is going from Rome to St. Petersburg.

The new Pennsylvania station to be erected in New York City will be made to accommodate 200,000 persons a day, or over 70,000,000 a year.

The emperor of Corea is to have a guard of Russian officers, who will protect him against all comers except Russians.

Columbia has had seventy constitutions in the eighty years of its national existence and has changed the name of the republic three times.

"The wage system will pass away. In its stead, I believe, there will come a system which will be composed of profit-sharing and the co-operation ideas." This statement made in an address by Carroll D. Wright, United States commissioner of labor, savors much of socialism.

Chinese are no longer to be excluded from Mexico and the steamship companies are making arrangements to land one thousand immigrants every month. The Chinese will work on the plantations and in mines and will not be laundrymen.

A Chicago labor union has been fined $1,000 for illegal acts as a corporate body. The action of the court created a precedent, as this is the first time that a union has been fined in this country as a corporation.

For surveying of any kind see W. T. Daniel. Prompt and careful attention will be given to this class of work. 28tf

A full line of nursey stock at F. C. Oldhams' residence for the benefit of my friends.—R. A. Crocker. 30-tf

Pianos, organs, sheet-music, everything in the music line.—Thos. Goggan & Bros., Galveston, Dallas, San Antonio. 50-1yr

John Higginbotham has for sale fine Berkshire and Poland China sows with litters of pigs. 31-2t

More Truth Than Poetry.

A man is like an egg—best tested when broke.

The foolish man works hard looking for a soft job.

Woe and want are the twin children of lust and laziness.

Money may build a house, but money cannot make it a home.

Don't Care is the fertile soil which raises a large crop of vain regrets.

The man who laughs at ill luck sooner or later is smiled upon by fortune.

You may safely trust the driver who puts his shoulder to the wheel and helps his horse out of the ruts.

Every time watermelon season comes man promises himself the pleasure of eating without a fork.

When folly stumbles it curses its luck. When wisdom stumbles it is grateful that the result was not a broken limb.

A great many working men who march as they please on labor day march on election day in a way that pleases the enemies of labor.

Do you want to spot a mean man? If you do look for the one whose children quit laughing and playing when he enters the house.

A little investigation will demonstrate that those who complain loudest about "yellow journalism" are usually those who have something they want to keep concealed because they are afraid of the result of exposure.

As between a man who acts without thinking and the man who thinks without acting, we prefer the former.

Perhaps your wife's pies would taste as good as your mother used to make if you had the same taster you used to have.

We never pass a yard filled with old fashioned flowers but that we long for an invitation to eat dinner with the woman who takes care of them.

Sometimes the world is a little slow in detecting the difference between a big man and one who merely apes a big man's ways, but sooner or later it does it.

Whenever we see a "manish" young woman we begin to have a great deal of respect for the young man who likes to crochet and make tatting.

A TEXAS WONDER.

Hall's Great Discovery.

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...AS, FRIDAY, DEC. 25th, 1903.

...mas photos, Edmonds studio.

...yourself Christmas, but be ...

...the free band concert Mon...ember 28th.

...J. Perkins, Sr., reeturnd ... from a visit of several days ...nds at Dallas.

...e Poindexter of Cleburne was ...e Saturday on his way home ...p to Stephenville.

...C. Dyer, the clever represen...of The Texas Printer's Supply ...Dallas, was here Wednesday.

...light drizzle of rain Wednes...ning was a welcome diversity ...e blinding dust of the pre...s days.

...dvertisements of home mer...ts in this issue are few and ...e condition always certain ...Christmas week.

...Barton Wright is spending ...k with relatives and friends ...rnwood. Mr. Wright spent ...day at that place.

...J. L. McElroy and lady were ...dnesday en route to Co... to spend the holidays with ...aughter, Mrs. A. L. Burelson.

...Hamrick of Albany, who ...many years a citizen of Alex...me in this week to spend ...lidays with relatives and ...hereabouts.

...ict court began at Brownwood ...nday, but as no important ...ses set for any date before ...mas, most of the witnesses were ...ed to go home.

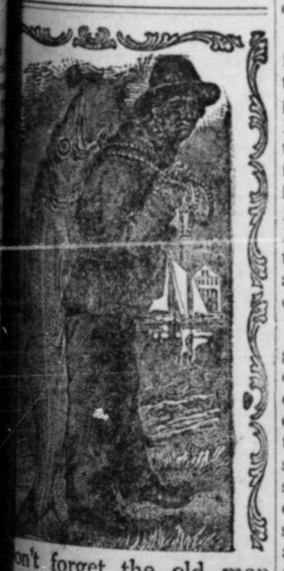
...citizens of Hamilton have ...ed a stock company to put in ...ctric light plant and ice plant. ...oped to have the plant install...the first of next April.

...city council and one hundred ...ss men and citizens of Hico ...gned an agreement to co-oper... the suppression of the use of ...ks in that city during the ...

...M. Britton and family arrived ...s morning from Gordon to ...e holidays with his parents ...place. He is engaged in the ... and saddlery business at Gor...

...ge Perkins came in Tuesday ...oyah, Texas, to spend the ...s with home folks. He is ...ed with the Texas & Pacific ...d at that point.

...Brownwood Bulletin says: We ...itably informed that 425 gallons ...-eye was shipped into Coleman ...Friday, Saturday and Sunday. ...evidently intend to celebrate ...fashion up there this week.



...on't forget the old man ... the fish on his back.
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...o the consumptive he ...gs the strength and flesh ...o much needs.
...o all weak and sickly ...ildren he gives rich and ...engthening food.
...o thin and pale persons ...gives new firm flesh and ...red blood.
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A large number of people left Dublin Wednesday morning on the Central flyer to spend the holidays at various points, some going to the old states and others to east Texas. The passenger train carried no extra coaches and when it reached Dublin the two cars were comfortably full, but at this point they were filled up until there was not even ample standing room inside either coach and many passengers were forced to remain on the platform. It had been arranged to take on an extra coach at Walnut Springs, but before reaching that point it is doubtful if all the passengers from various stations between could be taken on at all. Special rate tickets were not being sold here Wednesday to the old states and therefore those who went were obliged to buy tickets only to Waco, where they could get the rate. The local ticket sales for that particular train aggregated over $400 at this point.

In order to more fully satisfy himself that the man whose skeleton was found near Dublin recently had been killed at the spot found, instead of being carried there afterward, Judge Ables went to the scene of the discovery last Friday morning and in a few minutes found the bullet that had caused the man's death. It was found lying in the dirt directly under where the man's head had been lying and showed conclusively that the shot through the head had been fired after the man was on the ground. The bullet was from a 45-calibre and it was battered at the front end. It weighed four drams and one grain. The skeleton of the dead man was buried at the new Dublin cemetery Saturday morning.

There are not many people who know that in our neighboring county of Hood rests the wife of one of the heroes of the Alamo and whose name is inseperably linked with the birth of the republic of Texas. The unfortunate death near Granbury last week of a member of that historic family has brought out the fact that in the little cemetery near Acton, in Hood county, lies the remains of the wife of Col. Davy Crockett of Alamo fame. The grave is in a neglected spot, and is overgrown with green briars and sedge. It is a rough stone vault, covered with a slab of conglomerate rock, on which is crudely inscribed:

ELIZABETH,
wife of Colonel Davy Crockett,
who fell At the Alamo.

John Grizzell, son of S. H. Grizzell of this city, was married last Sunday night at the Goodnight ranch in Armstrong county, to Miss Dink Dyer, who is a niece of Capt. Goodnight, proprietor of the ranch. Mr. and Mrs. Grizzell arrived in Dublin on the Frisco Monday evening for a visit with relatives here and left Wednesday for their future home in Waco, where Mr. Grizzell is yardmaster for the Houston & Texas Central railroad. The Proress joins many friends in wishing the young couple every success in life.

Jas. A. (Sandy) Arnold from Wellington, Texas, was here several days this week and last looking after his property interests. He has south of Dublin a ranch of three hundred and twenty acres, of which a little less than half is cut off into a farm. He has rented the farm for next year to M. F. LaBaume and the pasture to Jones & Norton. He has contracted to have two houses built on the place at once to cost about three hundred dollars each.

Capt. J. S. Whitefield of the Lingleville country was here Monday and ordered his paper changed to Stephenville. Capt. Whitefield has resided on his place near Lingleville a little over twenty-one years, but has sold it and bought another place of seventy acres within a mile of the court house at Stephenville. He sold his old place at a price of $1,900 and bought the new one at $25 an acre.

Representatives of the Presbyterian synod of Texas met in Dallas last week and decided to raise $30,000 for the Daniel Baker college at Brownwood, a like amount for the Austin college at Sherman and $25,000 for the Texas Presbyterian college at Durant, I. T. Of the amount to be raised for the Brownwood college $20,000 will be expended for the building of a dormitory and $10,000 for equipment.

G. S. Thompson has sold his studio and photographic apparatus and supplies to J. F. Edmonds, the photographer, and has discontinued business. Mr. Thompson has accepted a position as traveling salesman for a Kansas City pump and windmill concern and made his initial trip out on the road this week in a brief visit to Waco.

The local pastors of Dublin organized a Pastor's Association Monday last. Their aim is to bring their respective churches closer together in spirit and harmony. Rev. J. H. Wiseman was elected president and Elder A. H. Darnell secretary. They will meet each Monday morning in the study of the Methodist church.

TAKE PRICKLY ASH BITTERS
For Indigestion, Constipation, Kidney Troubles.
IT CURES.

J. M. Britton last Monday purchased four acres of land on the south side of the W. T. Miller residence at a consideration of $400. The land lies next to Mr. Britton's home property and adjoining Armstrong's gin on Comanche street. Mr. Britton hopes now to be able to get Elm street opened up west of Armstrong's gin and proposes to give land for that purpose.

The Progress and the Dallas News, each a full year for $1.75. Any other dollar a year paper instead of the News at the same price. Also if you want any other newspaper other or besides the two above mentioned, no matter where published, in connection with a subscription to the Progress. We can save you money.

How Cheap Baking Powder is Made.

A seizure of a lot of "cheap" baking powder by the authorities of a neighboring city has exposed the character of the low priced brands of baking powders which many manufacturers are offering throughout the country. The price of the powders first attracted attention to them. Samples were taken and analyzed. The official report of the analysis showed the stuff to be "alum powders," composed chiefly of allum, sulphuric acid and pulverized rock.

The powders were declared dangerous to health and several thousand pounds were confiscated and destroyed.

Physicians have frequently cautioned consumers against mixing food with these so-called "cheap" baking powders. They are all found, when analyzed, to contain large percentages of alum and sulphuric acid to which are added various sorts of filling matter sometimes both injurious and nasty. The high class, cream of tartar baking powders, are the most economical and wholesome and should always be selected for use. They will be found cheaper in the end, besides making the food better and more healthful.

A very important service will be held at the Christian church next Sunday morning. It being the last Sunday in the year a pastor's report and treasurer's report will be made and a roll call of members will be had. Every member of the congregation is expected to be present.—A. H. Darnell, pastor.

The Dublin Nursery will furnish your home grown arborvitas, cedars and roses cheap. 31-2t.

Our farmer friend, R. A. Haggard, was in town the first of the week and advanced his figures on the Progress, which he has read continuously for sixteen years past. He has recently sold his place near Lingleivlle and removed nearer to Dublin.

Subscribers Who Pay.

The following good friends of the Progress have, since our last report, given financial aid on subscription account and to each of them our thanks are extended:

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Bates, Drum	Wiseman, Rev J H
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Redman, W C,	Davis, A M,
Britton, J M,	Tackett, G N B,
Wiley, G C,	Chambless, E C,
Capell, Lee	Ewing, W L,
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Erath Births and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

Stephenville, boys to Charley Hook, Alonzo Short, Wm. Fulks and Ben Kellean, and girls to H. B. Aubry, John Bernelle, H. S. Watson and S. J. Tarry

Duffau, boys to Wm. F. Reese and M. Roberson.

Purves, girl to S. W. Cathey.

Dublin, girls to Frank Kiker and Wm. Shong.

Clairette, girl to Roy Johnson.

Patillo, boy to C. H. Black.

Thurber, boys to Richard Edwards and James Lavaro.

Lipan, girls to John Kelcher and C. Foust.

Huckabay, boy to Joe Pack and G. W. Brock.

Morgan Mill, boy to Pink Cantrell.

Lingeville, boy to S. A. Fields.

DEATHS.

Thurber, Genia Ellingham, aged four years, from diptheria.

Duffau, Bessie Duncan, aged two years, and A. C. Maxwell, aged eighty-three years, cancer of the stomach.

Altman, Wm. E. Bates, aged forty-six years, suicide.

Lingleville, Wm. Thornton, aged three months, congestion of stomach and bowels.

Bargains in Land.

If you would buy cheap homes and get out of the boll weevil range, come to Cisco. $5.00 to $12.00 per acre—enough improved land to make all the crop you need—pasture and water and timber plenty. Fifty bargains to offer.—Mitchell & McSpadden, Cisco, Texas. 31-4t

Erath Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses have been issued since our last report as follows:

A. J. Doyle and Mrs. L. L. Hamilton, Stephenville.

A. L. McKinzey and Miss Alice Snyder, Patillo.

Tom Roberson and Miss Jessie Carr, Duffau.

R. L. Hickey and Miss Lula Cook.

H. A. Mayer and Miss Emma Rustin, Bunyan.

Almer Leon Henson and Miss Ella McKee, Fort Worth.

Charlie Brown and Miss Tamma Maness.

T. D. Conn and Miss Alice Moore, Morgan Mill.

J. W. Green and Miss Fannie Barrett, Proctor.

W. N. O'Bannon and Miss Winnie McMahan.

G. W. Barton and Miss Roxie Sims, Lingleville.

W. E. Shelby and Miss E. E. Miller, Bunyan.

Edward Webb and Miss Laura Gilbert, Thurber.

Tobe Stewart and Miss Addie Godfrey.

Edmonds' photos are the best. Studio over postoffice. 30-tf

Baty & Haggard have opened a new meat market opposite Mistrot's. The neatest place in town. As perfect beef as can be had anywhere. A trial order solicited. 29tf

Deeds, releases, vendors lien notes, lease contracts and other legal blanks for sale at the Progress office. We constantly keep on hand a good supply of blanks for sale in any quantity as cheap as they can be had any where.

Keep the bowels active if you would preserve your health. A dose of Prickly Ash Bitters now and then will do this to perfection. Dublin Drug & Jewelry Co., special agents.

LINGLEVILLE.

Regular Correspondence.

Dec. 23rd.—Indications are good today for rain, something that is very badly needed.

A great many of our people are suffering with colds.

Miss Amy Hana is still confined to her bed with slow fever.

J. W. Carroll, one of our pioneer citizens, died Saturday last with dropsy and was interred at the Wansley cemetery Sunday. A large concourse of friends gathered at the grave in respect to the memory of the deceased. He had a wide acquaintance and all of them unite in sympathy for the bereaved relatives.

Mr. Walter O'Bannon and Miss Willie McMahan, two well known young people of this place, were married at the home of D. S. Ligon Wednesday evening.

W. E. Powell, of Dublin, has moved to his farm which he bought from R. A. Hagard. The farm is situated one-half mile south of town. Mr. Haggard moved to the Wallace Reid place on Greens creek, which he purchaseed some time ago. The recital given last night by Miss Churms' elocution classs was well attended and pronounced a success.

The play —Ten Nights in a Bar Room— which was so successfully rendered by the Woodmen camp at this place last year, will be reproduced Christmas night by home talent.

Jas. F. Cox, the Lingleville representative of the University of Texas, is at home for Christmas.

Miss Julia Cox, who is attending the Denton Normal, is at home to spend the hloidays.



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Silver Creek Versus Golden Gulch

By A. B. LEWIS

HOW Silver Creek and Golden Gulch became one was brought about in this manner: For many years keen rivalry had existed between the two towns, which were only a stone's throw from each other. Both claimed to be head and shoulders above the other in enterprise and progressiveness, and one never made a move in public improvement that the other did not go it one better.

When Golden Gulch built a town hall two stories high, Silver Creek built one of three stories. When Silver Creek erected a new jail, its citizens had hardly begun to crow over the matter when Golden Gulch was working overtime to build a better one.



"Who'll be fust?"

And in all other matters there was rivalry. Even when four dwellings burned in Silver Creek one night Golden Gulch sacrificed five of its buildings, just to keep ahead in such matters.

It had been about an even thing between the two towns when one day Bill Stevens caused consternation in Golden Gulch by bringing in the news that Silver Creek "was preparin' fur the whoppinest C'ris'mus celebrashun ever known in the state." When asked for further particulars he said:

"Boys, I've just come from thet dawggoned town, and, though they're keepin' it mighty quiet, I got on to their little surprise party. Them coyotes are goin' to flop us if they kin by hevin' a lynchin' on C'ris'mus!"

"Got a hoss thief, eh?" asked one of the crowd.

"Thet's what they've got, boys," continued Bill, "and they're savin' him fur the occashun. He's to be lynched in the public squar' on C'ris'mus afternoon, and when it becomes known thet Silver Creek kin celerbrate her holidays in sich a befittin' manner it 'll boom her like thunder and 'll be all over with us.

"Boys, we've gotter hev two lynchin's or admit we're back numbers. While we ain't got no hoss thieves, thar's plenty of loyal citizens in Silver Creek, and I'm bettin' terbacker ag'in gold dust thet two of 'em will step forward and let us lynch 'em on C'ris'mus and save the town's repertashun. I'll promise 'em thet it will be done in a genteel manner and thet a ten foot monument will be put over their graves to boot. Now, boys, who'll be fust in this matter?"



Bill was alone.

A deep silence followed Bill's query. Two minutes after he had asked the question ten men had left the crowd. Three minutes later a dozen more had disappeared, and five minutes later Bill was quite alone.

As he watched the last of the crowd dodging around a corner there were tears in his eyes as he exclaimed to himself:

"And most of 'em hev sich bewtiful necks fur hangin' too! Waal, we're a licked crowd, but I allus did sorter o' reckon thet Silver Creek was a heap sight better town to live in than Golden Gulch, and I'm goin' to make my home thar hereafter."

And there were so many others in the town who suddenly came to this conclusion, especially after the lynching on Christmas, that there was an exodus from Golden Gulch to Silver Creek, and the two towns merged and became one and indivisible.

The Only One In Captivity.

Museum Patron—Well, what new freak have you for the holidays?

Manager—The rarest thing on earth—the man who doesn't buy more Christmas presents than he can afford.



The Ensign And the Poodle Dog

By SEATON LORD

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ENSIGN MARK ATHERTON'S ship arrived at the United States navy yard on Dec. 21. There he learned that the gunboat Concas, on which was his Naval academy chum, Tom Dresser, was expected to arrive the next day. Atherton procured leave to visit his home, but left a note for Dresser asking him to follow and spend Christmas with him. The day after Atherton reached home he went over to Q. to see his aunt, who, next to his mother, was the nearest person to him on earth. While at Q. he received a forwarded telegram from Dresser that he had arrived, was very ill and asked that his friend would come to him at once.

Atherton examined the time tables to find that if he went back home he would lose twenty-four hours. By going over to N., five miles distant, he could get a train to the city in a couple of hours. Since he had ample time he decided to walk. When he reached N. he went into the station ticket office and, looking in his pockets for funds, found that he had left his pocketbook at home. In his vest pocket was 26 cents.

Here was "a pickle"—no funds, friend possibly dying, train to leave in ten minutes.

"What's the time of the next train?" he asked the ticket agent.

"In an hour and twenty minutes."

Atherton went out on the platform to think it over. A card tacked to the wall stared him in the face. It was an advertisement for a lost poodle, with a promised reward of $10 if returned to the owner at 12 Adams avenue. There was a small park near the station, bleak looking at that season, but Atherton thought he would go over and sit down on a bench to concoct some scheme to raise railroad fare. While ruminating he felt something rub his leg and, looking down, saw a poodle. Unfortunately there was no mark on the collar by which he could identify it, but it struck him at once that the dog was too valuable to be running loose and he believed it was the one advertised.



Looking down, he saw a poodle.

Then and there Ensign Atherton conceived a great plan. He would return the poodle, get the reward and be off on the next train. Picking up the dog, he inquired the way to 12 Adams avenue, found the house, rang the bell and asked if the dog belonged there. The servant recognized it at once and showed the young man into the drawing room.

Atherton was in citizen's dress and had not had time since reaching port to get a new outfit he had ordered. Consequently his clothes were somewhat worn and out of style. He decided to play the commoner, thus making it easier for him to accept the reward. When a girl of nineteen of distinguished appearance came into the room he shuddered and hoped sincerely that he would be able to carry out his role. The moment she saw the poodle she took it up and embraced it eagerly.

"Where did you find it?"

"In the park near the railroad station."

"I'm very much obliged."

She looked Atherton over from head to foot, evidently not knowing whether to offer to pay him a reward. Atherton was up to the occasion.

"It's lucky for me, miss," he stammered. "I'm a sailor lad and goin' back to me ship. I've been robbed by land sharks and haven't money enough to buy me ticket."

"Oh!" said the girl, astonished at his humble position. "Wait a minute. I'll go for the money."

She left the room to return with a ten dollar bill, which she handed him.



She handed him a ten dollar bill.

"I hope you'll reach your ship safely," she said as he went out, "and have a pleasant voyage. I have a cousin a sailor. He's in the navy."

"Yes, miss. Goodby," replied the sailor boy, and he hurried away fearing that some naval officer might run across the story and ruin him in the service.

Atherton found Dresser much better than he expected. Dresser had engaged to spend Christmas with an uncle living a few hours' ride from the city, and as the chums were anxious to pass the holidays together they played a game of euchre to decide whether Dresser should go with Atherton or Atherton with Dresser. Dresser won, which was well, for he was scarcely in a condition to visit strangers. Atherton informed his mother by mail of the change and received her consent.

Soon after the meeting of the chums Atherton told Dresser of his adventure, and upon consultation it was decided that Atherton should return the reward as an anonymous Christmas present. Atherton spent $20 for a gold bracelet and shipped it to the owner of the poodle. He did not know her name, so he addressed it to Miss ——, 12 Adams avenue, N., N. Y. As soon as this was attended to he took the invalid to the station.

"For what place shall I buy the tickets?" asked Atherton.

"N. Didn't I tell you my uncle lived at N.?"

"N.? No. You said he lived at B."

"So he does. B. is the next station above. We always get off at N."

"Why, I returned the poodle at N."

"That's singular."

"I should think so."

Atherton bought the tickets and they were soon bowling over the road. On reaching the station they took a carriage.

"Where do we drive to?" asked Atherton.

"Twelve Adams avenue."

"By the great horn spoon!" fairly shrieked Atherton. "I drive to no such place."

"Why not?"

"It's the house where I received the reward."

"You don't mean it!" Dresser fell back on the cushion. "By thunder, you've received $10 reward money from my Cousin Adele Floyd, and I'm going to take you there as a guest."

If such a problem had baffled the assurances of two ensigns in the United States navy they would not have been worthy to serve their country. They decided to meet the enemy at once and pushed on to 12 Adams avenue. There they found Miss Floyd puzzled over a gold bracelet she had just received by express. On seeing her cousin she forgot everything else than him till she caught sight of his chum; then she stood stock still and stared. He was handsomely dressed, but not sufficiently changed to prevent recognition.

"It seems that we have met before," she said, changing her manner.

"Indeed?" said Atherton, with feigned surprise. "Oh, yes! You are the girl I danced with at the ship's ball when we were at Nice."

"Not at all. You were here a few days ago. You returned my dog and received the reward."

"You must be mistaken, Del," put in Dresser. "An ensign in the United States navy could not receive a reward for such a service."

There was an interval in which Miss Floyd stared from one to the other. Both saw that she was not quite certain of Atherton's identity and brazened out their position.

"Come," continued Dresser, "you're not complimenting an officer in the navy by taking him for some impostor who probably stole your dog and brought him back for the reward. Give it up or you'll spoil Christmas for all of us."

"Well," said the girl, "I suppose I'm mistaken, though you look enough alike to be twins. But who sent this bracelet?"

"Oh, conscience did that!" said Dresser. "The fellow probably thought what a muffin he'd made of himself and spent the money in a bangle."



They played a game of euchre.

At the Christmas dinner which followed Miss Floyd put the chums on tenterhooks by a recital of the episode of her lost poodle, though her innate delicacy prevented her making any mention of the fact that she had mistaken Atherton for the man who had received the reward. This is the way she summed it up:

"I am convinced that the fellow stole the dog to get the reward. Then his conscience troubled him, and he bought a cheap, plated bracelet, probably costing a few dollars, and sent it to me on Christmas day."

During these remarks the actors in the episode sat with rigid faces, very like the figurehead to a ship, neither daring to glance at the other for fear of giving away the truth by an explosion.

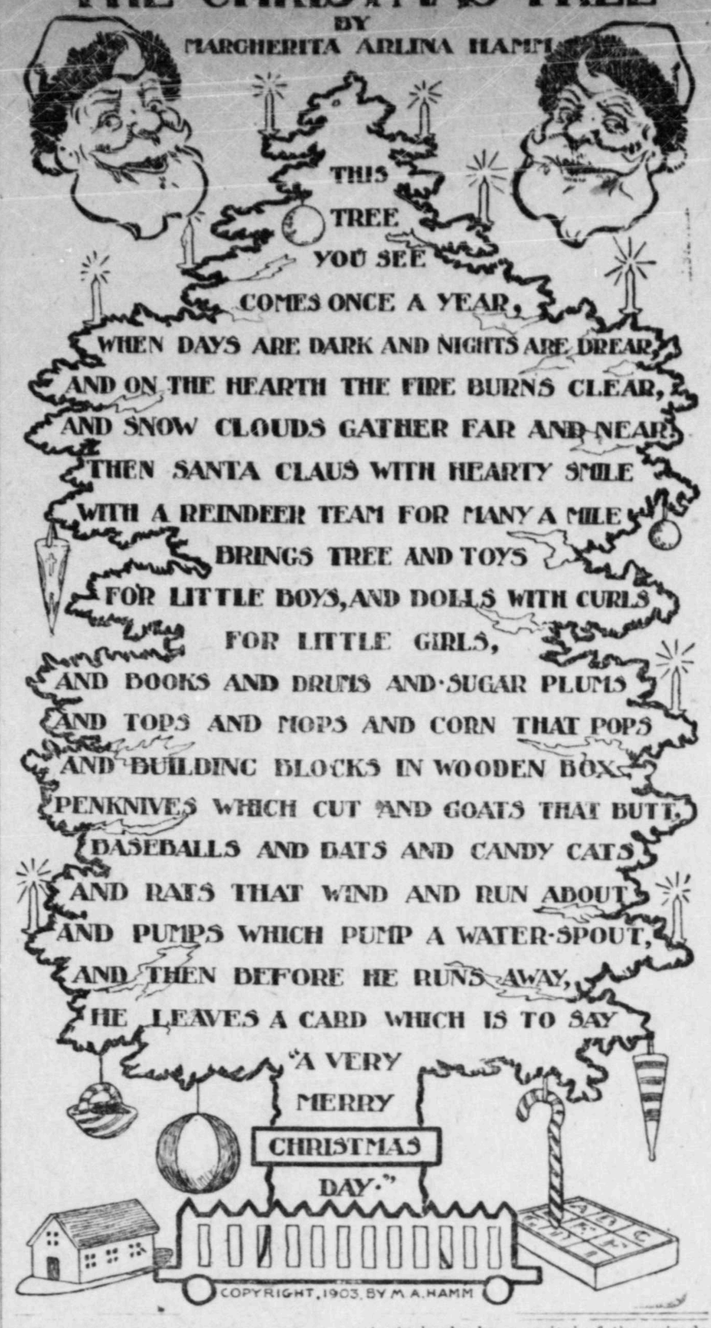
It was not till Miss Floyd entered the navy herself some years later as the wife of Mark Atherton—then Lieutenant Atherton—that she learned she had paid her future husband a reward for returning her poodle and then charged him with sending her a cheap, plated bracelet in lieu of conscience money.



"I suppose I'm mistaken."

THE CHRISTMAS TREE

BY MARGHERITA ARLINA HAMM



MR. PENNY'S YELLOW DOG.

Erastus Penny, who accumulated a modest fortune years ago in the town of Bunker by farming and money loaning on improved real estate, was not renowned for his generosity as a giver.

Two years before the great mortgagee, Death, foreclosed upon him he was the owner of a yellow dog.

This dog had been a tramp, but one day while paying an informal call at the farm it had evidently discovered in Mr. Penny some agreeable qualities that had escaped the observation of his neighbors and promptly adopted him. The process of getting something for nothing, even in the case of a yellow dog, invariably appealed with power to Farmer Penny, and he graciously permitted himself to be adopted.

In a few months the yellow dog was the talk of the neighborhood. He worried ducks, killed chickens, stampeded calves and even throttled sheep.

On Christmas morning as the Rev. Abijah Jones, who lived half a mile away, was shoveling a path through the snow between the parsonage and the road Farmer Penny drove up with the yellow dog tied to his buggy.

"Merry Christmas, Brother Jones!" he cried cheerily a few moments later as he led the dog into the yard.

"The same to you, Brother Penny," was the hearty reply.

"Waal, parson," continued Farmer Penny, "this bein' Christmas I thought I'd remember ye. Knowin' ye was powerful fond of animals, I've brought ye a dog."

"Thank you, sir; thank you," cried the astonished and dismayed minister, who knew the yellow dog by reputation. "This present of yours calls to my mind more forcibly than ever before the truth of the Biblical saying that 'it is more blessed to give than receive!'"

EARLE HOOKER EATON.

Christmas at One Hundred In the Shade

DALLIANCE had importuned the editor of Everybody's Palladium for a month to commission him to write a story. One day, after he had quite ignored the bohemian on his last dozen calls, the editor said:

"Yes, you can try your hand at a Christmas tale for our December number. I'm going to the mountains to keep cool during dog days. Mail it to me there at the end of this week, and I'll read it immediately."

Now, Dalliance had several Christmas sketches all ready to spin out into stories, but instead of buckling to in good faith and finishing one of them he began to speculate on the idiosyncrasies of the chief of the Palladium.

"What in thunder does he want with a Christmas story in August, with December over three months away? If he'd said Thanksgiving it would be more like it, and then I could work a Christmas story on him later.

"Humph! He's going to the mountains to cool off." Much pleasanter place to pursue the paths of magazine editing than the dingy, dinky quarters of the Palladium. But I'll fix him. Of course he wants a story from my pen, only he's too stingy of courtesy to say so.



"I'm going to keep cool."

"To the mountains to keep cool and wants to read about Christmas sleigh rides and snowdrifts, iceboats and chill wintry blasts blowing through old Santa's whiskers. This is fighting dog days with the mind cure. But his nobs 'll not get a mental ice bath from me this trip. I'll put him into a mental oven instead and roast the mountain coolness out of him."

So Dalliance wrote in a spirit of vindictiveness and pushed his pen as he never pushed it for the prospective publisher's check. He laid the scene of his story in a farmer's kitchen in the middle west. All the family, three generations wide, rallied in the little farmhouse to gorge on grandma's Christmas goodies. The weather clerk lost his reckoning, and it was a green, sticky Christmas. Moreover, the author piled on the agony with a roaring hickory fire, baking, roasting, stewing half a dozen women and girls packed in the fiery kitchen, lost to all discomfort so the feast was done on time and eaten piping hot. Grandpa said, "'Twun't be no C'ris'mus 'thout the ole fireplace a-humpin'!" And so there was a roaring furnace in the dining room, where the overgrown crowd was packed in to dispose of hot bean soup, hot turkey, hot baked potatoes, hot turnips, hot apple sauce, hot plum pudding, hot mince pie and hot coffee.

It was 100 in the shade in Dalliance's city den while he wrote, as well as in the picture he drew, and he was exhausted from the effect of his own medicine when the sketch was finished. But this was a trifle so long as he could parboil the editor of the Palladium. For a week he lived over the details of his joke, sweltering as one can in dog days with flames, heat waves and sissing things before the mind's eye.

Certain of the success of his scheme and the usual gilt edged check, for the Palladium was a liberal paymaster, he decided to blow himself in advance by way of cooling his overheated blood. He haunted the beach and the roof gardens, and, having gorged his stomach with ice water while concocting the red-hot story, he found it necessary to introduce more palatable liquids, and these cost good money. Every night, or, rather, early morning, he happened around to see if the mail had landed his check and, not finding it, lived the story over again, as he thought the editor would find it in his mountain haven. It even delighted him to believe that his victim was having a good long roast. These frequent rehearsals produced the inevitable result of more thirst, more ice water, more staleness of the palate and a desire for liquid that would take hold. Then at length he got his manuscript back with a curt note saying:



It was 100 in the shade.

My Dear Sir—In the same mail with your manuscript came a note from my assistant to the effect that a Christmas story bought last year and somehow mislaid in the Palladium office has turned up. Of course we must use that, so I am compelled to deny myself the personal pleasure it would afford me to read your manuscript in order to return it in time for you to seek a purchaser elsewhere. Thank you just the same for submitting it. THE EDITOR.

Poor Dalliance hadn't even the usual satisfaction of cursing the numskull autocrat for not knowing a good thing when he saw it.

Florence Isn't Kicking.

Florence—What do you think? Horace never once kissed me under the mistletoe!

Dolly—Wasn't that a shame?

Florence—Hardly. You see, he kissed me beneath my nose.

A Synonym.

Spacer—Give me a synonym for the word Christmas.

Popper (moodily)—Broke!

The Reverie Of a Santa Cla

By P. J. TANSEY

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MY pack is filled, my reindeer wait
Impatient for the rising moon
To light the road to Youngsterland,
On which I must be speeding soon.

My heart is filled with Christmas joy;
I laugh in once-a-year delight
To think what pleasure I shall bring
To countless boys and girls tonight.

Two griefs were mine, but long they're gone:
One that the bad, bad child must cry
On Christmas morn and find
Empty the sock I passed by.



Two griefs were mine.

But once I thought good were games
And candies, picture and toys
If I should blindly give out
To cross, unruly girls and boys.

Who would grow up Christmas came
If naughty Joe or sulky Sal
Were sure to get as good from me
As bright, obedient Sue and Hal?

My other woe was hard to bear,
Yet for it comfort soon I found—
It was that Christmas work did not
Employ me all the year around.

Too much sweetness ever cloys.

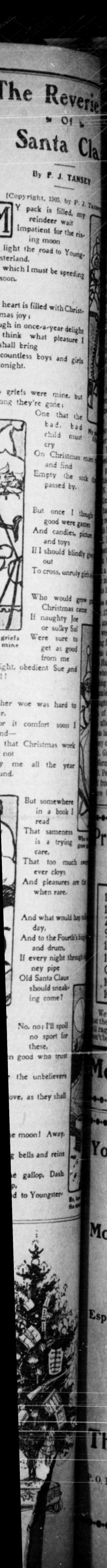
But somewhere in a book I read
That sameness is a trying care,
That too much sweet ever cloys
And pleasures are for when rare.

And what would happy be
And to the Fourth's bang and drum,
If every night through ney pipe
Old Santa Claus should sneaking come?

No, no; I'll spoil no sport for these,
The children good who trust in me,
Though for the unbelievers bad
I have no love, as they shall see.

Ho, here's the moon! Away, away,
With jingling bells and reins in hand!
Stretch to the gallop, Dash and Sweep,
Over the road to Youngsterland!





THE COUNTRY.

STEPHENVILLE.

Tribune.

Rich.—Interest in the revival
Baptist church continues.
Wednesday sixty-five conver-
and fifty-two additions to the
were reported.

Coleman D. Nichols has
from Lingleville to Johnsville.
Lamb and J. G. Walker re-
this week from a hunting
the west. Among the large
they killed were two large buck
and one enormous grey wolf.
brought one of the deer home
them.

Roberts this week purchased
Irvin May the one-acre block
occupied by R. L. Mobley as a
yard, paying for same the sum
. This is a very desirable
property, lying, as it does,
in the business center of the

four-year-old child of Morgan
here was burned to death at
the fifteen miles east of Steph-
Thursday. Mrs. Lattimore
so severely burned in trying to
the child.

Yates of Lipan has moved
back to the place which he re-
purchased from Bob Mace,
his city.

N. Spurlock, who lived for
time in the northwest part of
has again moved to the farm,
recently purchased a part of
Mace farm.

. Langdon, who has been liv-
out two miles from Stephen-
the Lingleville road, has
a place from S. Frank three
miles west of town, and will
in it this week.

Empire.

17th.—Grace Ham, daughter
and Mrs. Ham, who live a few
west of town, left Sunday
for Dallas to enter school.
is accompanied by her broth-
Ham, and also Mr. Hugh Old-
who went with the intention
ing employment in Dallas.

Annie, the little sixteen-months-
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John
of this city, died Tuesday
after an illness of eight days,
was laid to rest in the Bluff Dale
ery on the following day.

. Grimes has bought a place
Herman White near Huckabay.

. Perry and family have re-
from the Indian Territory
have bought the old Joseph Per-
ry place, twelve miles east of town on the Duffau and Paluxy road.

A. P. Hickey has sold his farm near Harbin to W. H. Alexander, and has purchased the G. T. Wadley place, near Stephenville, to which he moved this week. Mr. Wadley is moving to Beaver county, O. T.

Mrs. J. S. Perry and daughter, Mrs. Lacy, of Dublin, are visiting Hunt and Ernest Perry this week.

Ben Palmer has again moved to Stephenille and is in the old Oxford residence, formerly occupied by Lee Riddle on Graham street. Mr. Riddle has moved to the O. S. Houston residence, which he recently purchased.

Last Friday morning Sidney Bills, a young man living near Neri, Hood county, was arrested charged with forging the name of J. H. Norwood to a check on the First National Bank of Granbury for $155.

Z. C. Morrison of Paluxy has accepted a position in the store of J. W. Glenn at Granbury.

In the Knights of Pythias lodge last Monday night the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: J N Groesbeck, Jr., chancellor commander; B B Pate, vice-chancellor; Ben Anthony, prelate; J J Pate, master of work; D P Parker, keeper of records and seals, (re-elected); H S Wilson, master of finance; E M Tankersley, master of exchequer; J E Mobley, master-at-arms, (re-elected); Richard Fagan, inner guard; Willis Higginbotham, outer guard; W H Compton, grand representative; Ben Bassell trustee.

Cotton sold yesterday in Stephenville at 11.30 to 11.60. The two yards here have received to date 13,800 bales as follows: Roberts' yard 7,500, Mobley yard 6,300.

The school at Pony Creek, under the superintendency of Miss Annie Statham, has been in progress for three weeks and is giving the patrons and trustees the best of satisfaction.

Baty & Haggard have opened a new meat market opposite Mistrot's. The neatest place in town. As perfect beef as can be had anywhere. A trial order solicited. 29tf

O. B. Carter this week opened a family grocery, restaurant and market at Alexander. Mr. Carter has been a resident of that place for many years and has many friends throughout that section. He asks them all and the public in general to call on him when in need of anything in his line, promising good goods, low prices and cordial treatment. 31-2t

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COMANCHE.

From the Chief.

Dec. 19th.—The little girl of N. A. Palmer, who was bitten by a dog some weeks ago, and was at once taken to the Pasteur Institute at St. Louis for treatment, has been brought back home and the parents are sure there is no danger of hydrophobia. The brain and part of the spinal column of the dog was sent to the institute and from it a serum was made and injected into a rabbit to determine whether the dog was really mad. The rabbit took hydrophobia and died, proving conclusively that the dog was mad. These Pasteur Institutes are great benevolent institutions and should be located in every large city for easy access to the public. The last session of the legislature made an appropriation for the establishment of one of these institutions at Austin, but up to this time nothing has been done toward its establishment, at least so far as the public has been informed through the press. It is presumed that the treatment in this state institution will be free.

Stock law elections are to be held in precincts three and five on Saturday, December 26th, and the people will by their votes on that day register their sentiments as to whether horses and cattle shall be prohibited from running at large in those precincts. In this election no one will be allowed to vote unless he be a property tax payer; that is, that his name appears on the tax roll of the county as a property tax payer. On January 2nd a similar election will be held in precinct one, embracing the city of Comanche with the rural subdivision.

Of the 22,000 bales of cotton that had been bought in Comanche by exporters through their various local agents up to Friday night, December 11th, G. A. Chilton had purchased over 10,000 for his people, or nearly one-half. Mr. Chilton's good looks give him a decided advantage over his less favored competitors.

From the Visitor.

Dec. 24th.—C. W. Bryant will leave next week for Stamford, where he will take charge of the R. B. Spencer lumber yard of that place.

A stone wall two feet high with an iron fence on top of this will be placed on the east and south sides of the new jail.

The Comanche public schools will dismiss to-day for the holidays. Schools will open again on January 1st, 1904.

Dr. Applewhite and family left Monday for their old home at Hazel Dell, where they will remain for a few months and repair the place and then return to Comanche.

HICO.

From the News.

Dec. 18th.—The gins here have handled 5,968 bales of cotton to date this season and the yard receipts have reached 16,000 bales.

The second session of the county teachers institute was in session at the Hico school building last Friday evening and Saturday. A committee was appointed to arrange a course of study for rural schools, the committee report to be received at the next meeting of the institute The committee is J. N. Davis, R. L. Krigbaum and Miss Shook. The next meeting will be held at Pottsville Friday and Saturday, January 29th and 30th.

From the Review.

Eighteen thousand bales! That was the yard receipts Thurdsay night. Some of these neighboring villages which claim to be the best market should go away back and close up.

Deputy Sheriff Sam McDermitt quietly slipped into his saddle last Saturday evening and picked up a pair of "bad men" who were leaving Hico with their belts full of bad booze. One of the party had purchased a new six-shooter and a box of cartridges with which he was making the woods resound with echoes. Mr. McDermitt escorted the gentlemen to Alexander, where they paid about fifty dollars each for the fun they had. Sam is doing some efficient work up in Erath and bad men should not go his way.

P. H. Stout received intelligence yesterday that his wife's uncle, Josh Reagor, was attacked at Waxahachie at 5 :30 Monday morning by four men and beaten to death. He had received $10,000 the prervious day from the sale of a farm in Johnson county, and carried $25,000 life insurance. He was a brother of Briggs Reagor, who spent some time in Hico about two years ago.

Another vegetable wonder on exhibition at the Review office is a white radish weighing ten and one-half pounds and which is thirty-two inches in circumference. It was grown on the place of P. H. Stout, just across the Bosque. Another is a stalk of the famous cotton raised by T. E. Hardeman of Georgia, which has on it five hundred bolls. It was shipped to W. E. McAnally of this place. The premium stalk raised by Mr. Hardeman this year bore one thousand bolls.

Mrs. H. K. Brewer and children of Dublin were the guests of Mrs. Lula Stovall Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. Viola McLeod of Stamford returned home Wednesday, after a visit with the family of her brother, Oscar Bellamy.

Misses Melissa Gage and Mae Hickman departed Wednesday for Dublin, where Miss Gage will be the guest of Mrs. James McKinney. Miss Hickman will visit relatives at Rising Star before returning.

Christmas photos, Edmonds studio.

BROWNWOOD.

From the News.

Dec. 17th.—The contract has been let for the building of the Carnegie library, the successful bidder being P. A. Harris of Waco and his price for the work $14,131.00. The building will be of Denton matted brick from the window sill up, the lower part to be of ruble stone with cement finish. Work is to begin next week and the building is to be completed by the middle of next June.

From all over the state are coming orders to Brownwood for pecans. This section of the country has not only produced a large quantity this year, but the quality is excellent. As a rule the nuts are large and thin-hulled, the most desirable kind that can possibly be grown.

The Brownwood cotton buyers are arranging for their annual ball on Christmas night. A swell orchestra has been secured to come from St. Louis.

There was a sudden death in Brownwood this morning. The old gentleman, who was about sixty-five years of age, and who came here from Thrifty, is said to have died of asthma. His name was Richard Shaum and he had been in bad health for some time. He sent here for medicine to relieve him yesterday, but by some mistake he did not receive it, hence he hitched up a buggy and came to Brownwood after it, arriving here late last night. He went to a wagon yard and put up his team, but soon beagn to feel so badly that he sent for a physician, who gave him a hyperdermic injection. This seemed to ease him some and he afterwards retired. This morning about 8 o'clock he was discovered dead, though life had not been extinct long, as his body was still warm. An inquest will be held in the morning, in accordance with the formality of the law, but the above recital of the case is believed to be the substance of the verdict which will be found. The remains will be buried at Thrifty to-morrow, the county paying the expense with the exception of ten dollars, which he had on his person when found.

The first arrest that has come to the notice of the public, and possibly the first one that has been made in connection with the violation of the whiskey law in Brownwood since local option went into effect, occurred Monday morning. A young man giving his name as W .S .Green, and claiming that he hailed from Coke county, was at that time arrested on a charge of having disposed of whiskey for a stipulated price, although the amount transferred by him was a very small one—only one drink. It seems that he went into a barber shop and asked for a shine. While the negro was rubbing up the visitor's shoes the latter remarked, "Boy, I'll have to pay you in whiskey. I have no money, so I will give you a drink." It is said that the nergo accepted the "drink" in lieu of the customary ten cents. The county attorney soon learned of the affair and the young man was arrested and placed under a bond of $500 to appear in January upon a charge of violation of the local option law.

A whole army of Frisco agents and representatives will visit Brownwood at some date in January. They are coming from Kansas, Missouri, Illinois and Arkansas, the Territories and several other states. The object of the visit is to look into conditions along the route of the Frisco and they will stop at the main points of the road.

Rome Shield, ex-sheriff of Tom Green county and at present a prominent stockman of Reagan county, was dangerously hurt Saturday afternoon by being beaten over the head with a six shooter in the hands of a freighter named McKee. He and several others were engaged in a game of chance and when he turned his back to leave he was struck in the back and over the head with the pistol. He was at once pronounced in a critical condition, but he has slightly improved since.

Try the new meat market opposite Mistrots, Baty & Haggard, proprietors. We make a specialty of buying only the best beeves to be had and butchering them in the most approved scientific fashion. 29tf

Found a Nest of "Rattlers."

While two boys were out 'possum hunting near their home on the San Saba river in McCulloch county last week they discovered a nest of rattlesnakes that furnished plenty of good target shooting. When they had killed all in sight they strung twelve on a fishing cord and carried them up to the road side and hung them up to look at. They killed fourteen in all, but two of them fell into the river and were washed away.—Brownwood Daily Bulletin.

How They Prevent Boll Weevil.

J. H. Brown and Thos. Rainey of near Fowler, who both made cotton this year in boll weevil districts, state that they rely upon their having planted their cotton in the light of the moon, and having plowed it continually, doing their heaviest plowing during August.....Fred McCowan states that some weeks ago he saw a few rows of the King's improved cotton along side some of the native cotton in the crop of Tom and R. O. Barton, and that while the weevils had almost destroyed the native cotton, the four rows of King's improved was loaded with open bolls. The native crop was planted in April and the King's improved on June 19th.

He is of the opinion that this cotton is what the farmers want for another year. The only objection urged against this cotton is the tiny bolls, but, as Mr. McCowan says, a good turnout of these little bolls is better than barren stalks of the native cotton.—Whitney Messenger.

To Make Candy Fruit.

From Harper's Cook Book Encyclopedia.

Make a syrup with one pound of sugar and a half-teacupfull of water. When boiling has nearly reached the caramel stage, put in any preserved fruits, and stir gently until they get crystalized; then take them out and dry them in an oven or before the fire, but do not let them get colored.

Miss Carolina Klohr in "A Woman's Love" and "Down on the Farm" is billed to appear at the opera house next Monday and Tuesday nights. Miss Klohr this season is supported, as usual, by an extra strong company of players and her productions are most suited to her talents. "A Woman's Love" is one of the most successful comedy dramas of the day. It is at present touring the east to enormous business. It is brimful of good comedy and has a plot and story that appeals to all. "Down on the Farm", commonly called a second "Way Down East," is a typical rural drama whose characters and scenes are so naturally portrayed that one forgets for the time it is only a play. Plenty of good clean specialties are introduced between the acts. A large band will furnish free concerts daily and an excellent orchestra the music during each performance. Seats now on sale at Overton Drug Co. Prices 25c, 35c and 50c.

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Christmas Entertainment at Lingleville.

"Ten Nights in a Bar Room" will be played at the public school building at Lingleville Christmas night under the auspices of the Lingleville camp Woodmen of the World for the purpose of entertaining their friends and raising money to finish paying for their hall. There will be good music by the string band and a good time is anticipated. The cast of characters for the play is as follows:

Sample Swichel	Regie Echols
Simon Slade	H. R. Roberts
Joe Morgan	A. A. Zeeck
Frank Slade	James Purves
Harly Green	A. L. Sloan
Mr. Romaine	F. L. Grissom
Willie Hammond	J. M. Moss
Mrs. Slade	Miss Minnie Sloan
Mrs. Morgan	Miss Etna Purves
Mary Morgan	Miss Ive Guest
Mehitable Cartright	Mrs. Josie Echols

Notice to Homeseekers.

The lands originally granted to the Houston & Texas Central railway company, situated in the counties of Stonewall and King, aggregating 203,000 acres in the former county and 51,000 acres in the latter county, will be put on sale at the town of Aspermont on November 4th, 1903.

Sales of these lands will be made in tracts of 160 acres up to as much as four sections to one purchaser. Terms of sale, one-fifth cash, balance in four equal annual payments, 6 per cent interest, payable annually, deferred pyments secured by the land; conveyance made under general warranty.

The lands in Stonewall county are mixed grazing and agricultural, the Brasos Valley lands in this county being as fine as can be found anywhere for agricultural purposes. The lands are adapted to the growth of cotton, corn, and all forage crops, and are particularly adapted to stock farming purposes, which has been pursued with great success. They also produce melons and fruits to great perfection indigenous to that climate.

The lands in King county are a high-class of grazing lands and are adapted to the growth of small grain and forage crops, as well as stock farming purposes. Melons and fruits of every variety indigenous to that climate are grown in this county.

For maps or other information relative to the above lands apply to Geo. H. Williams, Local Agent for the receiving of applications for the purchase of lands at Aspermont, Texas, or C. C. Gibbs, Land Commissioner, San Antonio, Texas. 22-13

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A CENSURE OF THRIFT

Chicago Woman Calls Economy Self Crucifixion.

SAYS IT LEADS TO PARSIMONY.

Mrs. Corinne Brown Declares Thrift and Saving Do More Harm Than Good and That They Are Antisocial. What She Thinks of the United States Senate.

"Every time a woman sees something she wants to buy for a five dollar bill and then puts the greenback back in her purse because she has to save it for bread and butter she crucifies herself."

This is what Mrs. Corinne Brown told the members of the Social Economies club at Chicago the other day. Then she added:

"And I guess there is not a woman in this room who has not crucified herself in this way at some time in her life."

Mrs. Brown decried thrift and the saving of money and urged that thrifty people never do the world much good.

"Thrift and saving are a menace," she urged. "They do more harm than good. They are antisocial. Thrift means too often the sacrifice of the best for the lowest. That we are compelled to practice thrift is no argument for its perpetuation. Thrift cannot be practical without injury to others, without lowering the standard of living."

Mrs. John F. Thompson differed with Mrs. Brown and argued that thrift does not mean parsimony.

"No," replied Mrs. Brown, "but it leads to parsimony."

A club member urged that Mrs. Brown should call on Mr. Rockefeller and make her ideas known to him.

"Do you regard those who have had all they want as the most successful?" asked a member.

"That depends upon what you mean by success," replied the speaker. "Those who have done the most for humanity have not been thrifty."

Mrs. Brown spoke of the disappointment she experienced when she visited the United States senate in her youth. She described the senators as feeble old men, who were unable to get to their desks or leave them without assistance.

"I was told that these old men should be honored for what they had done for their country," she continued. "I think the best thing to do would be to put them in a golden cage and let them be honored an hour each day and then give the rule of the country over to younger and more energetic men."

NEW THEORY OF EATING.

Englishman Favors Thorough Mastication and Much Less Food.

Horace Fletcher, an English merchant resident in Italy, has made a serious attack on the eating habit, says the Chicago Chronicle. By experiments on himself and others he claims to prove that even the so called daily ration prescribed by science is 50 per cent too large. He holds that the energy needed to digest the surplus half is a total loss of vital force. He holds also, and this is the gist of his theories, that a worse fault than eating too much is not masticating thoroughly and that less than half in amount of food masticated four to five times as long as is customary sustains life, strength and flesh far better than is now done and does not furnish the causes of the indigestion and many of the diseases common among all peoples. It is said that our war department is now making thorough investigation of the subject, which may be said to be a guarantee that it is no joke.

It is a curious theory and not the least of its possibilities are economic. If nearly everybody eats 50 per cent too much and all the people of the United States could be educated to eat according to Mr. Fletcher's theory the saving, subtracted from the daily trade of dealers in all kinds of provisions, would create disturbance in the market and a readjustment of occupations all along the line.

ONE ON THE SENATOR.

Neat Reply of London Bus Conductor to Mr. Perkins of California.

Senator George C. Perkins of California returned recently from a three months' tour of Europe, says the Chicago Record-Herald. The unprecedented rainfall over there interfered considerably with Mr. Perkins' pleasure, but it gave him an opportunity to sample the humor of the London bus conductors.

One rainy day Mr. Perkins boarded a bus and took a seat inside. He began soon to feel the regular pattering of water drops upon his head. The roof of the bus leaked, and the American was suffering from this fact.

The conductor just then came in to collect the fares, and Mr. Perkins said to him:

"What's the matter with this roof? Does it do this always?"

"No, sir; only when it rains," the conductor answered, smiling.

A New Kansas Grass Fiber.

R. T. Whitesell and Henry Light, farmers of Illinois township, Kan., found a kind of grass growing along the Ninnescah river which has a very strong fiber, similar in many respects to sissl, says a Wellington (Kan.) dispatch to the Kansas City Star. Samples of the grass have been sent to the state penitentiary at Lansing for examination to see if it could be used to make binding twine. This grass is said to be new along the river bottoms, but grows luxuriantly, and it is believed it could be cultivated.

CANNON AS SPEAKER.

His Stand For the Dignity of the House Against the Senate.

Not since Thomas B. Reed's first appearance as speaker has the house of representatives had in that office a man of such vigorous individuality as Mr. Joseph G. Cannon, says the New York Post's special Washington correspondent. His personality is so distinctly his own, except so far as it belongs to an earlier western type now little seen in Washington, that it has been widely pictured in current publications and apparently affords material for constant comment. Other speakers of the house have regularly used somewhat stilted phrases in their requests for order, such as "Cease conversation" and "Retire to the cloakroom," when they have really meant in the vernacular "Keep quiet." Mr. Cannon is restoring the idiom as fast as possible. When he gets awakened in making a ruling to the house, he drops the gavel from his left hand, reverting to an upraised forefinger with which to lay down the law, after a manner long familiar to the house. Every time he drops the gavel the house applauds, for its members know that he is about to say something too vigorous for the conventional weapon of his office.

When some Chicago callers were recently trying to get him to speak at a dinner in the near future, he answered that he could not speak. They replied that it took Mr. Hinds, the clerk at the speaker's table, and several other coachers busy to keep him from making a speech half of the time in the house. There was a modicum of truth in this retort.

Mr. Cannon, unlike his predecessors, does not bow profoundly to the secretary of the senate when that functionary comes into the house to make announcement of the senate's action. The story is told that when the new speaker's coaches informed him that he must make a great bow he answered that he did not bow to the United States senate, and he would not bow to any of its secretaries.

RAT CHASING A NEW SPORT

Surpasses Fox Hunting In Popularity in a Pennsylvania Village.

Rat chasing is the new sport to which men, young and old, living near Bermudian, Adams county, Pa., have recently become devoted, says a Gettysburg dispatch. As a rural sport the innovation is fast outdistancing fox hunting in the village.

Interest in this game was aroused several weeks ago when a Bermudian resident liberated six rats from a trap, and the dogs of the village engaged in a rat killing contest. Rules regulating the sport were then drafted, and now it has become a regular Saturday afternoon pastime, and wagers are made on the result.

During the week traps are set in rat infested buildings, and when the time arrives for the weekly roundup as many as fifty rats are usually in captivity. The owners of dogs then assemble at the clubhouse. Each dog is held by its owner or trainer. One rat is then liberated from a trap, gets a start of several yards, and at a signal the dogs are released and the chase is on. The owner of the dog catching the most rats receives a cash prize, which is collected from the owners of the dogs. There is also lively betting on the side.

JOKE ON A COUNTESS.

Ranch "Boss" Confused Lady Constance McKenzie With a Mare.

Confusion in interpreting a telegram led to a ludicrous mistake in connection with the visit of Countess Constance McKenzie of Scotland to Alice and Corpus Christi for her wild hog hunt, says a Houston (Tex.) dispatch.

A telegram came announcing the arrival of Lady Constance McKenzie. It was addressed to the Santa Gertrude ranch, and the "boss," who is not up on the titles of nobility, concluded that Lady Constance was a fine blooded mare that R. J. Kelberg was sending to the ranch. He telephoned to J. B. Ragland, the livery stable man at Alice.

Ragland prepared a special stall at the stable and notified S. P. Anderson, agent for the San Antonio and Aransas Pass railway. It was only by accident that Ragland discovered on arriving at the depot that Lady Constance was a woman.

New Use For Telephones.

To apply for a position when you are out of work by telephone is one of the latest manifestations of the universal convenience of long distance talking, says the Boston Transcript. No need now to advise the impecunious young man to borrow $25—of somebody else—for a new suit, hat and gloves in order that he may give out the impression of not being poor. The man at the phone will listen only to the quality of his utterance and will not be affected by the color of the tie the youth has on. The net saving therefore of getting a job over the wire, supposing that the young man has to call up fifty different business men, is $20, a tidy little sum toward staving off the assignment of wages man. Great is modern economy!

London's "How Old Is Ann?"

London has a variation of "How old is Ann?" It is "How old were Robin and Richard?" And the problem is thus metrically set out, says the New York American:

Said Robin to Richard, "If ever I come
To the age you are now, brother mine,
Our ages, united, will mount to a sum
Of years making ninety and nine."

Said Richard: "That's certain, and if it be fair
For us to look forward so far
I then shall be double the age that you were
When I was the age that you are."

SENATORIAL EXPENSES.

Luxuries Bought For Members of the Upper House.

CANDY AND QUININE IN THE LIST

Telegraph Message to John D. Rockefeller Paid For by the Government—It Cost Thirty Cents and Was Sent by Senator Aldrich—Hairbrushes and Scents Among the Items Bought Last Year.

Just 30 cents' worth of telegraphing, for which the government paid, took place between John D. Rockefeller, the Standard Oil magnate, and Senator Nelson W. Aldrich of Rhode Island during the last year, according to the official report of the secretary of the senate. It is presumed the telegram was on official business, says a Washington dispatch to the New York World.

The entry is under "miscellaneous items," in the "contingent account of the senate," and is dated May 2, 1902.

"Aldrich, Washington, to Rockefeller, New York, 30."

That's all. The list also shows that during the time Senator Foraker and "Boss" Cox of Cincinnati were not on speaking terms, supposedly. Senator Foraker sent Mr. Cox fourteen telegrams.

Senator Beveridge holds the record for telegrams sent. From the record it would appear that every time Senator Fairbanks sent a telegram to Indiana Senator Beveridge rushed to the nearest telegraph office and sent three.

Senators Platt and Depew either paid for the bulk of their messages or "franked" them. All told, these two senators did not send more than twenty telegrams chargeable to the contingent fund. Senator Hanna and Senator Allison, known to his colleagues as "Pussy Foot," left no telegraphic trail.

Telegraphing is not the only luxury of a senator, for the report tells of 200 tons of "best timothy hay for use of United States senate." It does not explain whether this has taken the place of breakfast foods or is for the use of the horses.

There is also an item of "one oak refrigerator and pan for committee on woman suffrage." Evidently some senator in the privacy of his committee room is doing light housekeeping, for there appears "for repairing three electric stoves, $4.35." The record does not show in what committee rooms the stoves are, but there is an entry for a year's subscription to the Ladies' Home Journal furnished C. D. Clark of Wyoming.

The senators exceeded their usual limit in luxuries, for they bought a "Piffard apparatus for static electric machine" for $40 to be used in the barber shop. Although not every senator has hair on his head, some five dozen hairbrushes were bought and paid for out of the contingent fund of the senate, not to count nine dozen combs. The moths must be pretty bad in the senate, for forty pounds of camphor were bought and 100 pounds of sponges, which does not include one dozen bath sponges at $20 a dozen.

Some of the other things bought for the senators to make them look and smell nice were attar of roses, oil of bergamot, glycerin, hair tonic, bay rum, vaseline, dandruff cures, a gallon of cologne, fourteen different kinds of soap and some feather dusters.

As a special reward to senators who behaved themselves twenty-five pounds of horehound candy were purchased and dispensed, together with some 6,000 quinine tablets and the usual $6,000 worth of mineral waters. Just as soon as a man becomes a senator he cultivates the mineral water habit, bathes in artificial salt water and steps out on velvet bath mats.

HOW CASSATT KEPT WARM.

Ingenuity In Heating Railway President's Sidetracked Train.

When President A. J. Cassatt of the Pennsylvania railroad and a party of railroad officials, which included Vice Presidents Pugh and Rea and Superintendent of Passenger Transportation Sheaffer, arrived at Pittsburg recently the train of four "specials" was sidetracked at Pitcairn, says the Philadelphia Telegraph. When the locomotive was detached the supply of steam which heated the cars ceased. As the night was cold and damp, the discomfort, not to say danger, to the occupants of the coaches could not have been but marked.

Now, while Mr. Cassatt and the other members of the party would undoubtedly have accepted the situation with good grace, the Pittsburg trainmen would have considered any discomfort suffered by the party as a reflection on their ability. So the lack of heat was supplied by the laying of a line of pipe 1,500 feet in length from the cars to an adjacent power house, from which was obtained an adequate supply of live steam during the night.

The thing was accomplished so quickly and quietly that none of the party was aware until the following morning that anything out of the ordinary had been done to insure their comfort.

Private Street Car For Girls.

Aristocratic schoolgirls attending the Misses Mittleberger and the Miss Spencer schools in Cleveland, O., are to have a private street car to take them to and from school, says the Chicago Record-Herald. The request was made because the young women object to making their way through the crowd of smokers on the rear platforms of the regular cars and the young men who persist in trying to flirt with them after they get inside of the cars. The service will be installed the first of the year.

DEMOCRACY IN EDUCATION.

An Englishman Is Impressed by Our State Universities.

Hon. William Henry Jones, member of the English parliament, who is visiting the United States with the Mosely delegation which has for its purpose the study of higher educational methods in America, is much impressed with the growth of democracy in education here and declares that the state universities are superior to the privately endowed colleges.

In a recent statement Mr. Jones said it would be difficult to name the first five great American universities, as we have so many institutions of unquestionably high standing and large purpose, but that if he were to do so seriously he probably would have to name them, following the sun, Harvard, Cornell, the University of Michigan, the University of Wisconsin and the University of California.

To name the first ten, he said, would be still more difficult, as that would put a larger number of great institutions into competition, but that if he were to do so it would be almost impossible for him to add any five to the first list mentioned that did not include the state universities of Illinois, Nebraska, Minnesota and possibly Kansas and Tennessee.

He states that if there is any one college that would have preference with him it probably would be the University of Wisconsin.

"This university," he says, "is strong in numbers. It is democracy, where merit alone counts. Its standing in scholarship is of the highest; its degrees are recognized by every university in the world, and its spirit and purpose are as broad and inclusive as the universe. Unlike the older colleges of the east, it is not circumscribed and hampered by a conservative, classic curriculum, nor is it intimidated by its benefactors, as are some of the colleges founded by the predatory rich.

"It is the wholesome product of a commonwealth of 3,000,000 people, sane, democratic, industrial and progressive, with ideals and unafraid of ideas. It responds to every need of humanity; it knits together the professions and labor; it makes the fine arts and the anvil one. There are many of these state universities that have much or all of this, but to this must be added the natural endowment of the University of Wisconsin—its location is sublime."

BOER COLONY IN MEXICO.

Said to Be Assuming Proportions of Successful Enterprise.

The Boer colony in Santa Rosalia, in Mexico, will soon be successfully launched, as is shown by the fact that within the next few months many more new families from South Africa will arrive, says the Chihuahua dispatch to the Mexican Herald. Preparations are now being made for their reception, and the welcome given the people seeking a new home will be a hearty one.

General W. D. Snyman, who has as his sole ambition the forming of a Boer colony in America, is at Santa Rosalia and is in the best of spirits, as he is rapidly realizing his cherished hopes. He has received word that ten Boer families sailed from Cape Town on Nov. 4. A brother of General Snyman, who is now in South Africa, is selling out his interests there and will arrive at Santa Rosalia in April with ten families, and in February Henning Van Aswegin, who is engaged to the daughter of the general, will arrive with ten more families. With this number of Boers in the colony the project will be a success, and the earnest work of the promoter will be rewarded.

Revival of Fencing In Japan.

The practice of fencing has been revived among young Japanese noblewomen.

Coasting.

I like to watch a crowd of boys go sliding down a hill,
For then within my memory awakes a tender thrill
Of a time back in the winter of the past, so long ago,
When us fellows used to watch and wish for the first sign of snow,
And when at last a morning came with ground all covered white
From a ripping, roaring blizzard that had struck us in the night,
Then the tinkling of the sleigh bells sent one bounding out of bed
For the glorious fun of coasting "belly-bumpo" on a sled.

If you were once a boy yourself, just getting in your teens,
No doubt you'll fully understand what "belly-bumpo" means.
You take hold of the sled rope and just give a sort of hop;
Then down upon your racer you throw yourself kerflop,
And as for the position—well, of course a boy don't mind
A-lying on his stomach with his heels stuck out behind,
But should you swerve out from the ruts and strike an icy hump
You will find it jars a fellow when he's coasting "belly-bump."

And often when the sport was done and I went home at night,
To do full justice to a big inflated appetite,
And with the evening ended sneak away off to my bed,
The thought of that day's sliding would go thumping through my head,
So that in my sleep I used to sometimes whoop a bit and shout,
Which brought my mother up to see what it was all about,
And then in explanation I have rubbed my eyes and said,
"I—I dreamt that—I—was coasting—'belly-bumpo' on my sled."

Well, that was years and years ago, and yet I see today
That boys still do their sliding in the good, old fashioned way,
And when I hear their joyous shouts and see their cheeks aglow
I think of all the little chaps that I once used to know,
And a flood of tender memories comes creeping on me till
I, as a little fellow, climb that old New England hill
And stand mid old time comrades once more, a boy who led
In the grand old sport of coasting "belly-bumpo" on a sled.

—Dan W. Gallagher in Boston Globe.

CO-EDS AS SERVANTS.

Chicago University Students Worked as Housemaids.

GRAVY BOWL THEIR DOWNFALL.

Mishap With One Dish Betrayed Assumed Names—Two Fair "Segs" in Search of Experience For College Story Came to Grief at Second Meal. First Was a Triumph For Investigators.

Because a professor in the English department at the University of Chicago requested the co-eds of his class to be prepared with stories of actual experiences for a weekly theme, Miss Florence Eddy and Miss Vivian Rand, two pretty "segs" of original ideas, rapped timidly a few days ago at the back door of the home of Mrs. Moses Goldsmith, 4517 Forrestville avenue, Chicago, and applied for positions as first and second maid. Owing to the dropping of a bowl of gravy after they had been engaged and had gone to work the experiment terminated at the close of the first day, says the Chicago Inter Ocean.

"When she comes, you do the talking, and don't forget that my name is Jennie," said Miss Eddy.

"And mine is Dennis, I guess," put in her friend just as the door swung open.

"Why—er"—stammered the appointed spokesman.

"We noticed this ad.," she continued, blushing, as she handed Mrs. Goldsmith a clipping from a morning paper, "and we'd like positions as first and second girls."

"I could scarcely believe that such an errand would bring to my door girls so well groomed," said Mrs. Goldsmith the other day in telling of her part in the affair. "But I invited them in and asked them if they thought it would be possible for them to care for so large a house."

"'Oh, yes,' said Miss Eddy. 'I've worked for the last five years.'

"'In Chicago?' I asked in surprise.

"'Well, no—at home,' replied the girl.

"I was so delighted at the prospect of having honest home girls that I really didn't mind their not having references.

"I told them that I was very particular and that it would be necessary for them to learn my ways of doing work. They both said they were proficient in general housework, but when I mentioned laundry their faces fell. I glanced at their soft, white hands and realized that I had gone a step too far. I decided to take them and pay them $4 and $5 a week and send out the laundry work."

"That suited us splendidly," said Miss Eddy as she told her side of the adventure. "We had planned to stay a week if we could and get some experience in the routine of real domestic science. We little realized that our dramatic ability would not carry us through twenty-four hours."

"Did we enjoy the day? Well, I guess," answered Miss Rand to the query of a friend. "It was more fun than a circus. All that bothered us was our names.

"We were shown to our room, and such a pretty little place it was. There we donned our caps and white aprons. We hurried down to prepare lunch. On this meal our future seemed to hang. We felt the necessity of its passing without a flaw, and it did. Its success was due to our strict attention to business.

"After lunch we cleared the table and washed the dishes. This was all very simple. Then we dusted and did a little scrubbing. It seemed to us that we were working fast, but somehow it soon came time to start dinner. We rather enjoyed the prospect of serving through another meal, for it was evident that we had 'made good' at lunch.

"Jennie, otherwise known as Miss Eddy, kept forgetting that my name was to be Maggie and insisted upon calling me Annie and a dozen other names that didn't fit before she could fall on the correct one. I felt sure that she would be the cause of our downfall. Then she always giggled and acted so silly. I didn't laugh, but I did something far worse. Our discovery was all due to me.

"We got along beautifully with our work, and dinner proceeded as well as lunch. We had served the first course famously and were removing the dishes when we met our Waterloo.

"Miss Eddy was coming from the dining room with the gravy bowl in her hand when the swinging door struck it and knocked it to the floor. In my surprise I cried:

"'Why, Florence Eddy!'

"Everybody understood then and laughed, and Mrs. Goldsmith said there was no use crying over spilled gravy. We asked to be allowed to finish the day as we had commenced it—as servants—and agreed to reveal our identity after we had finished the work. Mrs. Goldsmith and her daughter insisted on being allowed to assist with the washing of the dinner dishes and upon our spending the evening with the family. And thus ended the first and last day of our search for our experience theme."

Council Chamber a Bedroom.

When the members of the town council of Hanover, Pa., entered the council chamber the other night to hold an adjourned meeting they were surprised to find that their former meeting place had been converted into a bedroom, says the Philadelphia Press. The fire company at the last meeting had suggested the council chamber as the most convenient place for the drivers to sleep and, receiving no answer, refurbished the room.

DR. HALE'S GENTLE [illegible]

Joke Played by the Min[illegible] Has Been Chosen Chaplain.

The following anecdote is told about Dr. Edward Everett Hale, famous Unitarian minister of [illegible], who has accepted the appointment chaplain to the United States [illegible].

Several ministers a few years ago who were assembled at their regular meeting place in Chicago were entertaining each other with jokes and stories on the brethren of the cloth in the Chicago Chronicle. Each person had a yarn or two, and no denomination escaped a harmless and good humored shaft of witticism. When the tales turned on some peculiarity characteristic of the particular creed at which it was leveled, which frequently made the points doubly enjoyable, the ministers of the other sects laughed.

"I heard a little story the other day," said the pastor of a well known Southside church. "I understand the incident occurred some time ago, but for some reason or other it seems to have not get out—at least not out west. The story concerns two eminent clergymen, one of the Unitarian and the other of the Episcopal churches—Edward Everett Hale and Bishop Henry C. of New York respectively. It seems that at one time Bishop Huntington was a member of the Unitarian church, but afterward changed over to the Episcopalian flock. Bishop Huntington and Dr. Hale were old friends, and I believe they continued such after the conversion of the bishop. This story would certainly indicate as much in a way:

"You know the Episcopalians have a lot of saints assigned to the various days in the year. When an Episcopalian minister writes a letter for any day for which there is a saint he always writes the name of the saint at the close of the letter instead of the date. Bishop Huntington knew many of these things quickly and began to practice them at once. The bishop had occasion to write to his old friend Dr. Hale after joining the church, he used the regulation method of closing his letter, placing 'St. Michael' after his signature. A reply from the doctor came, and after his name had written in a full, round hand 'Wash day.'"

HANNA'S JOKE ON WO[illegible]

Senator Delivered It Unintentionally at a Dinner of the Carabao[illegible]

The following joke on Senator Hanna was passed around through the corridors at the other day by persons attending the recent dinner given at Washington by the Military Order of the Carabao, says the New York Herald:

Senator Hanna was entertaining the members of the Republican national committee that night and could not get to the dinner until very late. Judge Thurston was delivering an address on the glories of the army and navy and had concluded his speech by calling on Senator Hanna to make a few remarks. The calls for Senator Hanna became insistent that he arose and told the Carabaos that he was too tired to speak.

"If I had known Thurston was going to do such a stupid thing as that," he remarked, "I should have remained in my room and sawed wood."

Now, Wood is the question uppermost in the army mind. Instantly there was a great commotion around the tables. Roars of explosive laughter filled the room, and the Carabaos arose as one man and shouted:

"You're sawing Wood all right, senator! How soon will the session be through?"

Senator Hanna looked dazed for a minute. Secretary of War Root smiled sardonically, and Senator Fora[illegible] who is managing General Leonard Wood's case before the senate committee on military affairs, gazed upward at the ceiling.

"All right," said Senator Hanna, when the hubbub had subsided, "I don't want to take it that way [illegible] come to do so."

LATEST COLONIAL SOC[illegible]

Andrew Ward Association Formed of Connecticut Man's Descendants.

The latest colonial fad which exists a section of fashionable [illegible] the Andrew Ward association, [illegible] posed exclusively of descendants of Andrew Ward, the Connecticut [illegible] son of Sir Richard Ward and [illegible] son of Sir Richard Gunville, [illegible] New York Commercial Advertiser [illegible] iver De Lancey Ward, the first [illegible] tor of Ward's island, was a grandson of Andrew Ward.

The idea of forming this society originated with some relatives of Mrs. [illegible] ley Martin, the Wards of Groveland, Rochester. Among the persons whose lineage makes them eligible for membership are George J. Gould, Miss Gould Jennings, Mrs. Luther Kountze, Mrs. De Lancey Kountze, Dr. C. W. [illegible] Nichols, Frederick H. Betts, Mrs. Frederick brook Betts, Morris K. Jesup, [illegible] George Taylor Stewart, George [illegible] Peabody, Miss Helen M. Gould, [illegible] A. Ward, Henry G. Marquand, [illegible] Marquand, Stephen Whitney, [illegible] Charles H. Berryman, Mrs. Lovell [illegible] Spencer, Barclay Ward and Mrs. [illegible] Joseph Wheeler.

Banquet of Hogs' Brains.

The brains of more than 300 hogs were recently served as the [illegible] the first annual banquet of the [illegible] town (Pa.) Brain club. Members of the borough council, the chief burgess, all other borough officers together with many prominent manufacturers, business men and newspaper men were guests. There were fried brains, roasted brains, brain soup, brains served in every style imaginable, and at this feast of intellects [illegible] for the banquet the butchers at the abattoir had saved the brains of [illegible] thousand hogs.