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QUITE A LIVELY TIME.

CLEVELAND'S MESSAGE PRECIPITATES A ROW,

And the House Adjourns in Great Confusion—Senator Morgan Introduces a Bill Providing for Provisional Governments in the Future.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The fight over the Hawaiian matter in the house followed fast and furious on the heels of the reading of the message, which was delayed until 3:30 yesterday. The first skirmish occurred over the question of reading the instructions to Mr. Willis, which was insisted upon by Mr. Boutelle of Maine. The house finally agreed to this and immediately after the conclusion of the reading Mr. Boutelle renewed the assault by bringing forward a resolution declaring the administration's policy inconsistent with the spirit of the constitution and the conditions of the government. Great excitement reigned. Mr. Boutelle failed to follow up his parliamentary advantage and was ruled out of order. A resolution by Mr. Cochran for the appointment of a committee of seven to investigate the alleged invasion of territorial integrity by the United States by the last administration also went down under the retaliatory objection of Mr. Boutelle. The confusion was so great that the sergeant-at-arms was called on to preserve order. An adjournment was caused by the lack of a quorum on motion to go into committee of the whole. Party feeling was very high at the close of the session and there is no doubt the struggle will be continued as soon as the opportunity offers.

Provisional Governments.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Senator Morgan of the committee on foreign relations has introduced a bill as to provisional governments. It provides that whenever the United States shall acquire dominion over any foreign country or place by treaty of annexation or otherwise, the president of the United States, with the advice and consent of the senate, may appoint a governor for the same and a legislative council to consist of any number of persons not less than five nor more than twenty-five whose acts shall be subject to revision or repeal by congress, and unless otherwise provided said governor and council shall constitute and conduct the provisional government for such country or place until congress shall otherwise provide by law. The bill was referred to the committee on foreign relations.

The Silver Conference.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—A. J. Warner, president of the conference of the bimetallic league, which has been in session here several days, gave out an explanatory statement of the action of the conference yesterday. He says: "It was unanimously agreed in the congress, 1. That the money question will continue to be the paramount issue till settled rightly on sound principles. 2. That the first battle is the next congress 3. That to achieve the result the silver men must not only stay silver men after they reach congress, but must unite and putting silver above party work incessantly to accomplish the object for which they were elected." A motion was also adopted recommending that there be held during the present winter two conventions, one somewhere in the south and one at Des Moines, Ia.

Rushed it Through.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—In the lower house yesterday the bill for the admission of Arizona was put through under whip and spur, and the bill for the admission of New Mexico was well under way, when a debate was precipitated that lasted until adjournment. The bulk of the eastern opposition to the territories, as expressed by Mr. Bingham, is predicated on the theory that while the eastern states, rich in wealth and strong in population, are able to hold their own in the house, where the basis of representation is the population, the influence of the great states of the union will be overbalanced by the increased state representation in the senate.

Vorhees' Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—In the senate yesterday much business of a miscellaneous character was transacted. Among the bills introduced the most important was one by Senator Vorhees, chairman of the committee on finance, providing for the coinage of the silver seignorage in the treasury at the rate of $2,000,000 per month, and when that is exhausted for the purchase and coinage of a similar amount of silver monthly.

Kansas Senatorship.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The senate committee on privileges and elections have begun an investigation of the election of John Martin of Kansas as a member of the United States senate, in accordance with the petition of Joseph W. Ady, who claims to have been elected in the place of Martin to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator Plumb.

Day Wasted.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The house was dead locked for two hours yesterday by the refusal of the Republicans to vote on the motion to go into committee of the whole for the consideration of the Arizona statehood bill. Mr. Wheeler made a statement to the effect that as the Republicans were filibustering he would move an adjournment. Accordingly the house adjourned.

House Programme.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The house committee on rules met yesterday morning and decided to give the committee on territories time to dispose of the bills for the admission of Arizona and New Mexico. Holiday adjournment was discussed, but no date was fixed. It is believed, however, that adjournment will be taken next Friday.

The Nicaragua Canal.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The house committee on interstate and foreign commerce after listening to arguments by Mr. Morgan of Alabama and Mr. Frye of Maine reported favorably the joint resolution of Representative Doolittle of Washington for the appointment of a joint commission of three senators and six members to investigate the present states of the Nicaragua canal project. Senator Morgan recited at length the past history of the enterprise and its struggle to obtain government recognition. He thought the time had come when it should be decided whether the United States would aid the project or abandon it altogether. He declared the world was determined to have the canal, and if the United States should not build it some other nation would. He pointed out the advantages of the control of the canal by the United States, and earnestly hoped the resolution would be adopted. Mr. Frye also spoke in favor of the resolution. He stated that the government which controls the Nicaragua canal would also control the Hawaiian islands and it would be useless for this country to annex those islands unless the control of the canal was assumed.

Hawaiian Question.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Transmission of Hawaiian correspondence by the president may lead to some debate on the this question in open house. Much, however, depends on the nature of the correspondence and instructions given Willis and the tenor of the president's message. On the highest authority it can be stated that the president's message transmitting the correspondence will show that the administration has done all in its power by the aid of diplomacy to right the wrong from its standpoint done the Hawaiian monarchy and that the situation now is one for congress to decide. In other words, diplomacy has failed to restore the condition existing prior to the revolution and congress must now decide whether or not other means shall be employed. The message will also remove the least doubt about disagreement between the president and his secretary of state. It will show that Cleveland and Gresham have been in thorough accord from the first.

To Stand Unchanged.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The ways and means committee has about completed its customs bill. Yesterday it agreed to the bill as it now stands, thus announcing that it would make no more changes. It had good reason to do this, as every change made since the bill first made its appearance has been greeted with the loudest kind of disapproving expression. It is said that the committee agreed at the last moment to depart from its determination to separate by two bills all articles subject to internal duties and articles subject to custom duties. This departure is in putting in the customs bill the tax on cigarettes. This tax is said to be raised from 50 cents per 1000 on cigarettes to $1.50 Although the bill is agreed to by the committee there will not be a report on it for several days, time being given to the chairman to write his report.

Utah Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole for consideration of the bill for the admission of Utah. Mr. Kilgore opened the debate in advocacy, explaining the provisions of the bill. He reviwed the resources of the state, the character of the population, the political declarations of both parties in the national platforms favoring the admission of Utah. Mr. Rawlins said he was willing to accept the amendment proposed by Mr. Powers of Vermont, providing "that polygamous marriages shall forever be prohibited." Adjourned.

Bailey Bankruptcy Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Congressman Bailey yesterday favorably reported from the judiciary committee his voluntary bankruptcy bill. A vote was taken on the bill in the committee and it was defeated by one vote, but one of the members changed his vote so that the bill could be brought before the house. There was no antagonism to the Bailey bill because of any particular characteristic of it, but there seems to be a decided opposition to any and all kinds of bankruptcy bills.

Federal Election Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Yesterday in the senate Senator Vance reported from the committee on privileges and elections the house bill to repeal the federal election laws with recommendation that it be passed without amendment. Senator Chandler said the report was not unanimous, and secured unanimous consent to submit the views of the minority adverse to the passage of the bill. The bill was placed on the calendar.

Holiday Recess.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—It is the present intention of the powers that be in congress to adjourn for the holidays next Thursday until January 4 of the new year. The tariff debate, which the Democratic leaders hoped to enter upon before adjournment, can't now begin until after recess, although the bill will be reported to the house either Tuesday or Wednesday.

Anti-Options.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Representative Hatch will introduce his anti-option bill. The bill will be practically the same measure as passed the senate of the Fifty-second congress, except some rates of taxation may be reduced in order that it will not be a prohibitive measure, but plainly a revenue bill.

Ady vs. Martin.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The order passed by the senate committee on privileges and elections gives Mr. Ady thirty days after the 1st of January in which file to his testimony and briefs and Mr. Martin thirty days more for filing briefs on his side and rebuttal testimony, when the committee will take the question.

Urgency Deficiency Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The house committee on appropriations reported the urgent deficiency bill yesterday. The bill carries $1,651,896.

Money for Galveston.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Mr. Sayers has secured from the treasurer of the United States the transmission of $97,118 to Galveston for harbor work.

FAT SALLIE IS DEAD.

SHE TIPPED THE BEAM AT 750 POUNDS.

A Crazy Lover Kills His Sweetheart, Wounds Two Other Ladies and Sends a Ball Through His Own Brain at Fort Smith, Arkansas.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 19.—The great Kentucky sideshow freak, "Fat Sallie" McAllester, colored, is dead at her home in Springfield, Washington county. She was regarded as the largest woman in the world, having at one time tipped the beam at 750 pounds. "Fat Sallie" began assuming gigantic proportions in childhood and soon outgrew the position of house-girl for one of the Springfield families. A northern man, bent on making money easily, learned of Miss McAllester and soon had her on the road showing her to the sight-seeing world. He was very liberal in regard to clothes, Sallie being well supplied, but the larger part of the profits was never mentioned. She had to be conveyed in an immense arm chair, and when a railroad tour was necessary the chair was put through the baggage car door, as those of the passenger cars would not admit her. The coffin in which she was buried would not go inside the bed of a two-horse farm wagon.

A Floating Asylum.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 18.—A special from San Francisco says the Pacific mail steamer Rio de Janeiro which arrived yesterday from China was a floating lunatic asylum during the voyage. It brought here the corpse of American Consul General Jones of Shanghai, who died seven days after leaving the port a raving maniac, and also brought Purser J. H. Mahon, late of the steamer Peru, who is also violently insane. Counsel Jones seemed suffering form melancholia when taken aboard at Shanghai, but soon became violent and smashed articles in the cabin and tried to run amuck on the deck. He was manacled and a watch put over him, but he steadily grew worse and died Dec. 9. Purser Mahon became insane at Hong Kong and was sent back here for treatment. He smashed windows in the steamer saloon and had to be put in irons. On the voyage to China one of the Rio's Chinese passengers developed insanity and ran amuck with a big carving knife. He was knocked down before hurting any one.

A Mad Lover's Work.

FORT SMITH, Ark., Dec. 19.—Birnie Patrick, aged 18, shot his sweetheart, Miss Ita Dodson, and two other ladies yesterday, then put a pistol ball through his own head. The tragedy occurred in the store of J. C. Tucker. Miss Dodson was killed instantly. One of the other ladies, Mrs. John Hendricks, will die. The third, Mrs. Ella Garrett, will recover. Patrick is shot through the temple and can not recover. When neighbors ran in to see what the shooting meant all four of the victims lay in their own separate pools of blood on the floor. The girl's father had refused Patrick the house and the young man urged his suit clandestinely and claimed to have an engagement to meet her, when they were to be married yesterday. She failed to keep the engagement and he sought her with the result stated. No cause is assigned for the shooting of the other two ladies.

Chinese Smuggling.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 14.—In the smugglers' cases yesterday the confessing conspirator, Blum, testified that on different occasions he paid C. J. Mulkey, United States special agent, various sums as bribes. Blum testified that Collector Lotan received $50 apiece for Chinese landed that Deputy Collector C. B. Cardinell also received a part of the $120 which Blum says his company received for bringing such Chinese into port.

Mother and Sons Indicted.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. Dec. 15.—Mrs. Elanor B. Floyd and sons, Lon and Frank, have been jointly indicted on the charge of complicity with Phil Scheig in robbing the bank of Minneapolis of $25,000. Mrs. Floyd was arrested yesterday. It is believed that the Floyds, mother and sons, became possessed of knowledge of Scheig's peculations three years ago and used their knowledge to extort money from him.

Six Masked Robbers.

ALLIANCE, O., Dec. 19.—Six masked men with a rail broke open the door of William Thomas' house at Palmyra this morning, bound Thomas, wife and son and left them after securing $175. The house of W. D. Williams, next door, was broken into by forcing the door, and one robber held a revolver at Williams' head while another ransacked the house, taking $300 and some valuable papers.

Wife's Honor Avenged.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 18.—Patrick Meehan was on Saturday acquitted of the murder of Robert McBride. In August last Meehan, who was in New York, received a letter from his wife stating that McBride, who boarded with them, had made improper proposals to her. Meehan returned to Atlanta and shot McBride on sight. The jury was out eight minutes. The verdict meets popular approval.

Committed Suicide.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 14.—Alfred H. Bruman, receiving cashier of the Rochester savings bank, committed suicide by shooting himself at his home at 8 o'clock Tuesday morning. He had been ill for three weeks, suffering from a severe attack of grip and it is supposed that despondency prompted his act.

Missed the Mails.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., Dec. 14.—The officers of the perpetual maturity bond association, a concern doing business in this city, have been placed under arrest by the federal authorities for the improper use of the mails, the business being conducted on the lottery plan.

A PHILANTHROPIC DOCTOR

Good News for Consumptives too Ill to Leave Their Homes For a Warmer Climate.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 18.—At a meeting of physicians prescribing the Amick Cure for Consumption, called to discuss with the discoverer at his home here his published assertion that change of climate is unnecessary, Dr. Amick said to-day: "A warm, dry climate is beneficial if the patient stays in it permanently, but harm always results from a stay of a few weeks or months, when the patient returns to a cold temperature or lower altitude. Unless the patients desiring my treatment," he said, "can go away to remain until May, I advise them to take medicine in the comfort of their own homes, but before they definitely abandon any proposed trip, depending absolutely on my discovery to cure them, I urge each to first try the treatment free of expense and then decide for themselves. I therefore furnish free test medicines for all having any lung trouble, to enable both physician and patient to judge by results."

Cattle Fever Case.

EMPORIA, Kan., Dec. 16.—The jury in the Texas fever cattle case returned a verdict of $45,000 against the Missouri, Kansas and Texas road for having last May carried for Hosier Bros. 2300 head of Texas cattle from Midland, Tex., to Hartford, Kan., from the importation of which Texas fever was communicated to Kansas cattle with disastrous results. The question of law at issue in the case is a vital one to transportation lines and stockmen, and is one which has never been decided by the United States supreme court. The supreme court has held that the Missouri law prohibiting transportation lines from carrying Texas cattle is void and that the Iowa law making the owners of cattle communicating disease responsible is valid. In this case, however, the Kansas live stock sanitary commission had issued a permit for the cattle and the road had complied with all the state and national quarantine laws, so that making the road liable under the circumstances is a new departure.

Chinese Conspiracy Trial.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 16.—In the Chinese conspiracy trial yesterday Blum testified that about March 1, 1893, he paid Collector Lotan and Special Agent of the Treasury Mulkey $3800. He said about July 1 last Lotan, Thompson, himself and others met in a saloon several times and determined to try and prevent any indictments being found by the grand jury. "We even went so far," said he, "as to pick out certain members of the grand jury that each man should see and try to handle. All these parties asked me to stand pat and I agreed to do it."

A Terrible Wreck.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 18.—Section 2 of No. 14 freight train of the Chesapeake, Ohio and Southwestern railway, northbound, was wrecked yesterday morning. Fourteen cars, ten stock cars and four loaded flats, with the engine, were precipitated down a steep embankment between West Point and Muldrough, Ky., twenty-four miles south of Louisville. Three lives were lost. One man was probably fatally injured and three others slightly hurt. One hundred cattle and as many hogs were slaughtered.

Rumors of Bribery.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Dec. 14.—Rumors have been flying thick and fast the past few days of bribery in the city council over the award of a contract for $125,000 for city electric lighting. The rumors were confirmed last night by the arrest of Reed M. Duvall, representing the Ozark and Fort Wayne Electric Light company, for giving a bribe, and Councilman Wilburn for accepting the same. Both men were arraigned and pleaded not guilty and were released on bond.

Shot Himself.

TEXARKANA, Ark., Dec. 16.—Thursday night a passenger on the Iron Mountain train, north-bound, while at a point six miles east of here accidentally discharged his pistol, the charge entering his right leg and severing an artery. Before a physician could be secured he lost a quantity of blood, and he is in a precarious condition, though his recovery is looked for. His name is Charles McKnight and his residence is Lowisville, Ark.

A Fight With Death.

Thousands of people have gone to their deaths with Bright's Disease of the kidneys and Diabetes without suspecting the nature of their trouble until within a month or two of the grave. It is now declared by one of the most reputable Drug Associations in the country that these kidney troubles are the result of Uraemic poisoning, and that a certain cure has been discovered. The majority of people who find health and strength gradually failing either have no suspicion of the nature of the trouble, or, having always been told that Bright's Disease could never be cured, have shrunk from the knowledge that they were victims of it. Now that a cure has been discovered, however, there need be no hesitation in learning what indicates the disease, and each case can be tested at home by the one interested without either expense or inconvenience. Progressive physicians are now agreed that for the several months before child-birth all women are especially subject to kidney troubles, and that tests should be made during this time to determine whether sugar or albumen indicate kidney disease. The many cases of Uraemic convulsions occasioning death at or preceding child-birth are due to this cause, which is too often overlooked and unsuspected. From all this it would seem a plain duty to take advantage of the offer of The American Drug Association, whose address is Cochnower Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio. The offer is that to each person sending their address a test outfit including full directions and apparatus for the most accurate test for Bright's Disease and Diabetes will be sent securely packed in a wood case free of cost. The Association is well known to us and can be depended upon to do just what they say.

ONE MORE ROBBERY.

A SOUTHERN PACIFIC EXPRESS CAR IS LOOTED.

The Bandits Shoot the Express Messenger in the Head and Five Times Through the Body, Taking $15,000 and Making Their Escape.

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 19.—Last night news reached here that the Southern Pacific east-bound train that left here at 10 o'clock last evening was robbed between Shelton and Dayton. The robbery was confined to the express car and in doing it the robbers killed Express Messenger John P. Richardson, who made an effort to defend his car. The train crew knew nothing of the robbery until the train arrived at Dayton, when the porter went into the express car and found the messenger dead on the floor. Another report is that he was killed after having been bound hand and foot, presumably to prevent his giving any information concerning the robbery. The report states the company is a pretty heavy loser, but the exact amount is not known. Owing to the lateness of the hour details are hard to obtain, as the company's agent here has obtained but meagre reports. The robbery occurred between 11 and 12 o'clock. A sheriff's posse has gone to the scene of the robbery. A special engine was placed at their disposal. In the party are deputies Conoway, Anderson, Parker, Ed. Dupree and Deputy Constable Credo. The robbery occurred nineteen miles east of here. The robbers got about $1500.

A Physician Killed.

CLEBURNE, Tex., Dec. 14.—Train No. 2 on the main line of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railroad ran over and killed Dr. John Wagley at Cleburne Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock. Dr. John Wagley is a brother of Dr. T. J. Wagley, the railway company's resident physician at Cleburne, and brother-in-law to Col. J. A. Styson of the state militia, also an old settler of Johnson county. His sons, Roy and Moss, were present at the time of the accident. There are conflicting reports of how it occurred, but the most plausible is that in crossing from the freight to the passenger depot at the time of an incoming train he was blinded by the headlight on the engine. His daughter, now Mrs. L. C. Sherwood, was married on the 11th instant and is now on a bridal tour in Galveston.

Resisted Arrest.

LAMPASAS, Tex., Dec. 16.—Thursday night about 11 o'clock a man came into town and inquired for a place to get something to eat. From his actions and description the officers suspected him to be the man who killed Tom Deaton, deputy sheriff of Hamilton county. When the officers told him to go to jail he said he would "be d—d if he would," and pulled his gun and commenced shooting, and the officers returned the shots. They shot his horse. He rode about a mile. Yesterday morning the horse was found, but no man. Officers are still hunting for him.

Stabbed in the Back.

ORANGE, Tex., Dec. 14.—At 8 o'clock Tuesday night Silas Depew was married to Miss Ella Fuller at the residence of the bride's mother, about a mile from town, and three of the Clark boys attended the wedding. The boys left the place about 10 p. m. and started back to town. While riding along the street some one rode up behind Bernard Clark and drove a knife into his back and galloped away, saying as he did so, "I have got you, now."

Fatally Burned.

GREENVILLE, Tex., Dec. 13.—J. C. Richardson, one of the oldest settlers of this county, living two miles west of Floyd, fell in the fire Monday afternoon and was so badly burned before he was discovered that he died after being taken out of the fire. The family had left the house for awhile, leaving the old gentleman alone. He had evidently tried to pass in front of the fireplace, when he tottered and fell on the burning coals. His face and breast were horribly burned.

Cow Attacks a Lady.

DENISON, Tex., Dec. 15.—Mrs. Steve Wilson was in the barnyard when a young cow with a young calf became infuriated and made a vicious attack on the lady. She fought the animal off but before assistance arrived Mrs. Wilson had been gored. The wound extends into the cavity of the abdomen and is several inches long.

Shooting at Denison.

DENISON, Tex., Dec. 13.—Last night at a negro dance in southwest Denison Henry Thompson and Frank Potts engaged in a row. The difficulty was settled and the belligerents started to the city. On the way Potts was shot through the body and will probably die.

Found Dead.

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 15.—The body of an unknown man was found three miles below the city yesterday, and Justice Schwander was called to hold the inquest. Morphine is thought to have caused his death.

Mexican Killed.

LULING, Tex., Dec. 18.—A Mexican named Cabrino Ranjel was run over and killed yesterday on the San Antonio and Aransas Pass track about one mile west of here by the incoming train from Lockhart.

Fatally Crushed.

BASTROP, Tex., Dec. 13.—The southbound train on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas ran over a colored man while crossing Cedar creek bridge yesterday evening, crushing him fatally.

Jealousy the Cause.

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 15.—E. J. Reeves is in the county jail charged with the murder of Tom James. James was killed at a dance at 778 Elm street last night about 10 o'clock. Shortly after that hour a boyish-looking fellow surrendered to Officer Shipperly and said he had killed a man on upper Elm street. The boy said his name was Reeves. He was at once taken to the police station. There it was discovered that he was himself wounded in the left hand, from which the blood had flowed profusely. Reeves says that James had been writing letters to his wife and that his wife had been writing to James. Reeves was running a restaurant. Nobody could be found who had witnessed the shooting or knew any of the details. The body of the dead man was removed to P. W. Linskie's undertaker's establishment. After being shot, James ran across the street and dropped without saying a word. James was shot twice, once in the right side just above the line of the heart and once through the left jaw. The remains were placed in a casket and taken to the home of the deceased, 142 Liberty street. He was about 20 years of age.

A Man Badly Burned.

BONHAM, Tex., Dec. 18.—Yesterday when the 2 o'clock train arrived here a runner was sent to town after a physician. A doctor hastened to the depot, took a man in his buggy and brought him up town to his office. The man's face was burned beyond recognition and he was suffering intensely. Stretched on a reclining chair in the doctor's office, he was a ghastly sight, his face and eyes being horribly burned and blistered. He was groaning with pain. After the doctor had dressed his injuries he said: "My name is Dan Handrick. I live at Ardmore, I. T. I have been down to Paris attending federal court, was a witness in the Burgiss case, was discharged yesterday. Before I left I met a man selling a fluid to make soap. I bought a bottle and he gave me another to show as a sample at Ardmore. Don't know how it happened. I pulled out a bottle to take a drink when it burst and the fluid flew all over my head and into my eyes. That is all I know. Handrick's clothes were saturated with the fluid, also his hat. When the doctor and his assistants disrobed him their hands were burned badly by coming in contact with the fluid, which the doctor pronounced as the strongest of alkalies. The doctor thinks Handrick will lose his sight.

Row at Floresville.

FLORESVILLE, Tex., Dec. 16.—Yesterday morning at 8 o'clock Lee Lang, a well known citizen and deputy sheriff in the Stockdale precinct, was shot by a barber named Manuel Padron. The two men, with others, had been drinking heavily and Lang says some one assaulted him. When the attempt was made Lang struck the man with a six-shooter, not knowing in the dark who he was. It was Padron, Lang says, and mutual recognition and apologies followed and Lang started to bed in the camp yard. Padron went part of the way, drew his pistol and shot Lang in the arm, breaking the bone near the shoulder. He shot again and missed. Lang was taken in charge by his friends and his wounds dressed. He is very badly hurt, and may lose his arm and possibly his life. Padron went to bed and was arrested and jailed yesterday. He claims to know nothing of the affair.

Followed by a Panther.

VAN ALSTINE, Tex., Dec. 14.—Messrs. J. B. Howell, Rex Moore and E. J. Gibson returned from a country dance about four miles north of town last night and report a startling experience with a panther, which has inhabited this section for some time. The young men having just hitched up their team preparatory to returning to town were alarmed by the blood-curdling cries of a wild beast coming from a thicket in a few feet of the conveyance. They scrambled into the buggy and drove rapidly homeward, but were followed over a mile by the animal, which made their way and night hideous by its continuous cries. A party of hunters spent the day in searching for the animal, but could not find it.

Found Hanging.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 16.—Yesterday evening the body of an Irishman, about 35, blonde, 5 feet 10½ inches high, weighing 175 pounds, was found dead in Evan's pasture west of town in the Trinity bottom. There was a rope about his neck attached to the limb of a partly fallen tree and his feet resting nearly or wholly on the ground. He had not been long dead. He was roughly attired and bore the appearance of a laboring man. Thursday he bought a stone mason's hammer, but stone masons says he is not a stone cutter. On his person were found $4. Nothing to indicate his identity was found.

A Shooting.

HALLETTSVILLE, Tex., Dec. 19.—John Postuka, a young Bohemian, Sunday morning came in and surrendered to Sheriff Houchins, stating that he had shot and dangerously wounded Julius Volek, another Bohemian, who had come to his house and tried to kill him. Postuka was put under guard, and the sheriff and County Attorney Ellis went out to where the shooting took place to investigate. It is reported that Volek shot at a negro prior to going to Postuka's and killed an ox the negro was driving.

A Cutting Scrape.

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 18.—Last night Sam Brantly was brought here in a wagon from Bray's bayou. He had been badly cut in a fight with Chas. Fielding. A large knife was used and the wound was in the left side about the short ribs. It went into the cavity. The full extent of the injury cannot be told, but is thought to be very serious. He was taken to St. Joseph's infirmary. The men were doing some road work. Fielding has not been arrested.

Texas Midland Wreck.

TERRELL, Tex., Dec. 19.—The damage to the Midland road by the wreck was greater than first reported. The baggage car went through a trestle and was upended. The trestle is now being replaced. The morning train left at the usual time yesterday morning, running to the scene of the wreck, where the passengers were transferred to another train on the other side of the break and taken to Garrett. Nobody hurt.

ALL OVER THE WORLD

HAPPENINGS OF GENERAL INTEREST TO ALL.

A Comprehensive Epitome of Serious and Sensational Sortings Carefully Condensed from All the Leading Dailies for the Past Week.

Congressman Clark of Missouri was sitting in a restaurant at lunch in Washington recently, when a coterie of drunken negroes came in. They were simply a band of black bullies, bad at all times. They assaulted Clark as they would have assaulted any other respectable white man who might have chanced to be present. Clark was unarmed. He seized a knife from the table and cut the ring-leader of the roughs slightly in the neck.

A. J. Robinson, cashier of the wholesale stamp department in the post-office at Chicago, was assaulted and robbed while in his office a few nights since. The amount secured is not known, but it is said to reach into the thousands of dollars. Mr. Robinson was alone in his office when the robbers entered by means of a secret rap on the door, and, after knocking him senseless, fled with the procurable cash.

The American Federation of Labor at Chicago, indorsed the theory of government ownership of the telegraphic system of the country; the election of United States senators by popular vote; and expressed itself in favor of compulsory education and resolved to petition congress to enact a law establishing postal savings banks "in view of the inadequacy of the present national banking system."

Thomas B. Owens, alias Bertie Frane, and W. H. Gibson, were arrested in San Francisco recently, being wanted at Denver, Colo., on a charge of obtaining $30,000 from Mrs. J. E. Snell by blackmail. Mrs. Woods gave Owens money to frustrate a plan to kidnap her daughter and then he told her he killed two of the plotters and made her believe she was an accomplice in the murder.

At Oklahoma City, Okla., recently, the jury in the case of murder charged against Long Tom, Little Ax and Blue Coat, the three Shawnee Indians charged with the murder of three horse thieves, brought in a verdict of acquittal because it was discovered by the jury that the indictment was dated two months before the murder was committed.

The conference of leading silver men of the country to devise ways and means to continue the fight for free silver coinage convened at Washington, D. C., a few days since, at the headquarters of the bimetallic league. The most familiar faces of the silver leaders were there. The conference was behind closed doors.

A short time since at Louisville, Ky., the false work and the main part of the Louisville and Jefferson bridge gave way and with all the workmen was precipitated 110 feet into the water below. Five men were killed, eleven injured and sixteen are missing—supposed to be drowned.

At Winchester, Ind., a few days since, the jury in the Price-Storms murder trial returned a verdict of guilty, and Mrs. Price and Samuel Storms, white, were sentenced to the penitentiary for life. The defendants murdered Kent Brown, a colored servant of Congressman Brown.

P. H. Elwell, a merchant of Crescent City, Okla., has begun suit for $5000 damages against S. Arnold of Philadelphia and his bondsmen, Horace Hagan, J. E. Turner and L. E. Whittaker, because of their attempt to close his store by an attachment, which attachment failed.

A mountain sheep was killed recently in the mountains on the west side of the San Luis valley, in Colorado, near the head of Cole creek, weighing 250 pounds dressed. The horns measured sixteen inches and its head weighed forty pounds.

At Oklahoma City, Okla., a few days since, Joseph Mikolzike was brought from jail to the probate judge's office, when he was married to Miss Ella Travis, a beautiful girl. He is charged with the theft of $200. She believes him innocent.

While six miners were being lowered into a mine located near McAlester, I. T., a short time ago, the stage struck a projection with such force that it broke the ribs of all the men and injured some of them very seriously.

Sheep-stealing on a large scale is reported at Hugo, Colo., where a man obtained 2500 upon false pretense, shipped them to Omaha and sold them. The man has been arrested and will be returned to Colorado for trial.

Clyde Mattox, who has killed three men in Oklahoma, has been tried for murder three times but has always been temporarily saved by a hung jury. He has been arrested at Enid, O., again. He is wanted at Wichita, Kan.

Charles Cook was held up in St. Louis recently by three men. They robbed him of what money he had and locked him up in a box car, where he was compelled to remain until he attracted the attention of some section men.

At Philadelphia recently Herman Zeitung, an Austrian who arrived in that city, having been brought from Chicago in a packing box by the Adams express company, was arrested, given a hearing and held in $600 bail.

At Evansville, Ind., one day recently two distinct shocks of earthquake were felt. On the same day three shocks were felt at Mount Vernon, Ind., and three shocks at Albion, Ill. No damage was done to property.

A lineman was electrocuted in St. Louis a few days since. He disobeyed orders by not wearing rubber gloves, and took hold of a wire pully rope that was "sneak charged" with electricity. His death was instant.

The authorities of the house of commons are considering a proposition to stretch a wire before the parts of the houses of parliament which are open to strangers, with a view to preventing anarchist outrages.

A PHYSICIAN TALKS.

THE REMARKABLE AFFIDAVIT OF DR. LEWIS BLUNDIN.

Afflicted With Paralysis for Twenty-five Years — Pronounced Incurable by the Foremost Physicians of the World—A Case of World Wide Interest.

(From the Philadelphia Times.)

Many survivors of our late war left the ranks unwounded but with broken constitutions; an instance in point, is Lewis D. Blundin, a resident of Hulmeville, Bucks Co., Pa. In relating his experiences and what he had suffered in consequence of the hardships he had encountered Mr. Blundin said:

"I was born at Bridgewater, Penna., in 1841, and went through the war as private, sergeant and hospital steward in Company C, 28th Pennsylvania Volunteers. My service was active and while in Georgia I had an attack of typhoid fever, which left me weak and a ready victim for future disease. My kidneys were then affected and this finally developed into spinal trouble which lasted through my army service. In 1866 I was mustered out with an honorable discharge and entered the Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia as a student. I graduated two years later with a diploma but did not practice. At that time I was living in Manayunk. One day, after I had graduated, I was lying on a sofa at my home in Manayunk, when I felt a cold sensation in my lower limbs as though the blood had suddenly left them. When I tried to move them I was horrified at the discovery that I was paralyzed from my hips to my toes. The paralysis was complete and a pin or a pinch of the flesh caused no pain. I could not move a muscle. I called in Dr. William C. Todd of Philadelphia. He made a careful and exhaustive examination of my case, sounding and testing and finally announced that my trouble was caused by inflammation of the spinal cord, and that I would likely have another stroke of paralysis. I consulted Dr. I. W. Gross and Dr. Pancoast of Jefferson College, Philadelphia, with the same result. I called in Dr. Morehouse, of Philadelphia, who said that no amount of medicine would ever prove of the slightest benefit to me.

"One day last September I decided to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I sent for some. I had always been troubled with a sort of vertigo after my first stroke of paralysis to such an extent that when I got out of my bed my head would swim and I had difficulty in saving myself from falling. My appetite was bad, digestive organs ruined and no assimilation of food. In addition to my many other ailments, rheumatism held a prominent place. By the time I had finished the first box of Pink Pills I was comparatively free from these minor ills. Relief followed upon relief with astonishing rapidity. First one all would disappear, then another until the pills got to work upon the foundation stones of my trouble—paralysis. Before I had taken the six boxes of pills, I was sitting in my chair one afternoon, when I felt a curious sensation in my left foot. Upon investigation I found it had flexed, or, in other words, become movable, and I could move it. From that time on my improvement was steady, and it was not long before I was walking around on crutches with little or no discomfort. It was three years before taking the Pink Pills that I had been able to use the crutches at any time. My health is daily improving, and I feel sure that Pink Pills have done me more good than all the doctors and all the medicine in the country."

Sworn to before me this 15th day of May, 1893. GEORGE HARMSON, Not. Public.

These pills contain in a condensed form all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood, and restore shattered nerves. They are an unfailing specific for such diseases as locomotor ataxia, partial paraly is, St. Vitus' dance, sciatica, neuralgia, rheumatism, nervous headache, the after affects of the grippe, palpitation of the heart, pale and sallow complexions, that tired feeling resulting from nervous prostration; all diseases depending upon vitiated humors in the blood. They are also a specific for troubles peculiar to females. In men they effect a radical cure in all cases arising from mental worry, overwork, or excesses of whatever nature.

These Pills are manufactured by the Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y., and Brockville, Ont., and are sold in boxes at 50 cents a box, or six boxes for $2.50, and are never sold in bulk.

A Fabled Egg.

A large specimen of the egg of the fabled "roc" of the "Arabian Nights" or Æpyornis, as the extinct gigantic bird of Madagascar is called, has recently been secured by J. Procter of Tamatave and London. It was discovered by some natives about twenty miles to the southward of St. Augustine Bay, on the southwest coast of Madagascar. The egg, which it whitey-brown in color and unbroken, is a fine specimen 33½ inches by 28 inches, and an even higher value is placed upon it than upon the egg of the great auk which lived within the memory of man. The Brobdignagian proportions of the egg are better demonstrated by comparison with the eggs of the ostrich and crocodile. An ostrich's egg is about 17 inches by 15 inches, and the contents of six such are only equal to one of the Æpyornis. It would require the contents of sixteen and one-half emu's eggs to equal the contents of this great egg, or 148 eggs of the homely fowl, or 30,000 of the humming bird. The last egg of the kind disposed of in London sold for £164, though cracked.

Women Live the Longest.

It appears, according to the registration report of Massachusetts, that nearly twice as many women as men in that state live to lie over 50 years of age. This is accounted for by the greater exposure of men to accidents, to weather agencies, to the constant strain of business life, and the anxiety of providing for the family, all of which tend to shorten the life of men. The deaths by accident among men are more than twofold greater than among women, and men commit suicide in about a three-fold ratio as compared with women.

Lower Still! Everything Must Go. **Still Lower!**

An Enormous Stock of Goods That MUST GO.



Bill McConnell Says:

Do You Value dimes and Dollars?

If so, Trade Where You Can Get Goods at Living Prices. Our Large Store is Now Packed From Floor to Ceiling With All

New and Desirable Goods and the "Drop Has Come."

Our prices are low and very precise.
Figures won't lie they don't know such a vice.
The Wool Must Fly.

On foot, horseback in wagon or surry,
You all should come and come in a hurry.
The Largest Stock Ever in the city.



STAPLE DEPARTM'T.

30 yards of Cotton Check for $1.00.
20 yds of wide bleach domestic for $1.00.
Will you pay 15c for good feather tick when we sell it for 10c?
Don't pay 20c for best feather tick when we sell it for 15c.
Fancy dress Ghingham worth 8c, our price 6c a yd.
Lovely dress Gingham worth 10c, our price 7c a yd.
Best Amoskeag Ghingham worth 12½c, our price 8c a yd.
Don't forget that we sell a heavy twilled flannel worth 35c at 25c.
Don't pay 20c for red wool Flannel when we sell it for 15c.
Will you pay 9c for best Oil Calico when we sell it for 6c.
Cotton Flannel worth 8c, we are selling for 5c a yd.
Cotton Flannel worth 10c, we will let go for 8c a yd.
Cotton Flannel worth 12½c, you can buy it here for 10c a yd.
Good Mattress Tick 18 yds for $1.00.
7c Cotton Checks going for 5c; 5c Cotton Checks going for 3½
Mens' black Satine Caps 10c each.
A few Misses Cloaks (job lot) at prices to close.
We have got a lot of extra large size Pants—can fit the largest man in Houston county.

NOTIONS.

Ladies, you all know what the Foster Kid Gloves are 5 button hook dressed and undressed. Don't pay $1.50 for them when we sell them for 95c.
Ladies' Hose solid black, well shaped, extra long from 5 to 40c a pair.
Mens' socks, ribbed top, good value, from 3 to 35c a pair.
Ladies' Handkerchiefs worth 5c, our price 2½c each.
Ladies' Merino Vests, well made, well shaped, extra heavy, 20 to 50c.
Ladies' Wool Vests, something good, worth $1.25, we will let go for 85c.
Try our Model Form and American Lady Corset—none better.
We keep Thompson's celebrated Glove-fitting corsets.
A full and complete line of Misses' and Ladies' black hose Hernsdorf Black, made in Germany.
Childrens' and infants' hose, all colors, for 5c.
A fine assortment of Baby Hoods made of Bedford Cord, Sura Silk, Eider Down at reduced prices.
Safety Pins 3 and 5c a dozen.
Whisk Brooms 5 and 7½c each.
Wood Pipes, bent stems, rubber mouth piece 5c and 10c each.
Pins and needles ½c a paper.
Thimbles 1c each.
Suspenders worth 25c, our price 15c; Suspenders worth 50c, our price 35; Suspenders worth 40c our price 25c.
Blankets worth $1.00, our price 65c a pair; Blankets worth $1.35 our price $1.00 a pair.

DRESS GOODS.

Cashmere double width silk finish, worth 30c reduced to 15c a yd.
Henrietta double width 12½ a yd.

Gents' Furnishing Goods

Gents' Unlaundered Shirts, well made, Linen bosom, worth 50c our price 35c.
Gents' Unlaundered Shirts, best made, double shoulders and bosom, worth 65c, our price 50c.
Gents' Heavy Knit Cotton Undershirts 20, 25 and 35c each.
Gents' Best Merino Undershirts worth 65c, our price 45 and 50c.
Gents' Drill and Cotton Flannel Drawers 20, 25 and 35c a pair.
Best Drill and Cotton Flannel Drawers, best made, worth 75c our price 50c.
Mens' Domet Overshirts 20c
Gents' Silk Teck Scarfs 10, 15 & 25c.
Gents' 4 ply Linen Collars 10c.
Gents' Zylonite Collars 10c.
Gents' Waterproof Cuffs 25c.
Gents' Heavy Wool Undershirts worth $1.00, our price 75c.
We keep the celebrated Switz Conde Woolen Underwear.
Ladies' walking jackets, latest style with butterfly cape, fur trimmed, going at reduced prices.
We are selling more fine clothing and suits this year than we ever sold in our lives before. The prices are lower and the people are finding it out.

Hats, Pants, Shoes Etc.

Mens' soft Fur Crush Hats worth 75c, our price 50c.
Mens' Soft Crush Hats satin lined worth $1.25, our price 75c.
Mens' Fur Hats satin lined Alpine Shapes worth $1.50 our price $1.00 and $1.25.
We have got the largest line of Boys' Knee Pants and Waists ever brought to the county. Boys Knee Pants (no scraps) 15, 20, 25, 35, 50, 65, 75c and $1.00.
Boys' heavy waists 20 to 95c.
Mens' heavy Satinett Pants 95c, $1.00, $1.25, $1.50 and $1.75.
Mens' heavy California Pants $1.50, $1.75, $2.00 and $2.50 a pair.
Mens' Overcoats only 6 left at $1.75.
Mens' Overcoats from $2 to $12.50.
Mens' and Boys' Fine Shoes, solid vamp at only $1.00 a pair.
Mens' Full Stock Brogans 85c.
Mens' Lined Calf Solid Shoes 85c.
Ladies' Button Shoes solid 90c $1.00
Mens Fine Calf and Kangaroo Shoes Hand Sewed finest goods in the market worth $4.50 & $5.00 our price only $3.50 and $4.00 a pair
We carry a fine line of White Dress Shirts—can give you a low figure on these goods.

Attention ladies! We have the largest line and best display of Smyrna Rugs ever shown in the county. We bought the goods at a slaughter sale and now we are able to give you special prices which we guarantee will be lower than any other firm can ever think of selling at. These will make nice Xmas Presents and will save your carpets also. Come to us for Sugar, Coffee and Flour; we will give inside figures to you. Some are crying out Baits! Don't go there, they will bait you (we have no baits.) If you call these baits then every article and item in our large stock is a bait. We are just naturally figuring close, buying close and selling close. We are going to try to sell still lower next year. This is our last ad for this year.

SPECIAL: Farewell 1893, You have been a most prosperous year for me.

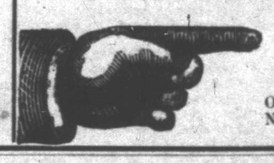
Better Goods. **Lower Prices.**

At Cost —AND— **Below Cost.**

ALL GOODS AT COST

—AT THE—

NEW YORK STORE.



On account of moving, I have decided to sell my entire stock of Dry Goods, Boots, Shoes, Clothing Etc. at and below cost. No humbug about it—Come and see for yourself. Everything must go.

H. BLOCH, Proprietor.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER. 22, 1893.

Lieutenant Governor Crane has announced as a candiate for Attorney General.

No party can succeed whose platform is prejudice and whose propaganda is the arraying of one class against another.

Governor Waite of Colorado is acting the idiot with such consummate success that the populist press of the state is repudiating him.

We are indebted to Dr. Frank Rainy for a copy of paper read by him before the World's Congress of Education of the Blind, Chicago, July 19th 1892.

Dr. C. W. Mc Cune has opened the Third Party campaign in Texas. He made a speech at Cameron last week. A party with such leaders as McCune can never expect anything but direst disaster.

The republicans, especially those of the Eastern States, are opposing the admission to statehood of the territories of Arizona, New Mexico and Utah. They see in such admission the perpetuation of democratic control of the Senate, and in any event the overthrow of Eastern influence which for a century has dominated the financial and other economic policies of government.

Senator Goke has our acknowledgements for copies of Congressional Record.

The Birth of the Fourth Party suggests the question as to where all this business is going to end.

The winter rains have set in and Dallas is beginning to talk about the Trinity Navigation scheme.

Sovereign, Powderly's successor as Grand Master Workman of the Knights of Labor, declares himself in favor of free trade.

Last Sunday's Houston Post was of such dimensions that every member of a large family could have been supplied with good reading matter at the same time.

The suggestion has been made that a mass-meeting of democrats of both factions be called at Crockett early next year for the purpose of considering plans for reunion of the factions in this county and the propagation of the same plans throughout the state. The idea is a good one and we hope to see it carried out successfully.

All this talk about reforming and reducing the pension list is sheer nonsense. No party has the nerve to undertake it. The Pretorians have got us to the tune of one hundred and fifty millions annually for years. The present generation nor the next one will ever see the end of it. Such a tax is more disastrous than the ravages of war itself.

A few of the Third Party followers with the tenacity born of a forlorn hope point to their vote in Virginia as evidence that their party is growing. The Third Party vote in Virginia is made up of political nondescipts, readjusters, democratic mugwumps, snollygosters and republicans. The latter element redominated for the reason that the republican party did'nt have any ticket in the field.

The great body of the followers of the Third Party fortunes are hard working people and honest in their political ideas of reform. They are chasing phantoms, however.

Col. D. A. Nunn, of Crockett has the best opportunity of securing the new federal judgship of any man in the field and we can say that if President Cleveland sees fit to give him the appointment that the honor will be bestowed upon a man worthy of it.—Palestine Daily Press.

All eyes are turned to Washington and are fixed on the democratic party. They will have to do something because they have promised it, the people demand it and the country needs it. If they fail to meet popular expectations and to carry out party pledges the next quarter of a century will not see them come into power again.

Sam Jones is author of the homely aphorism that "it is the hit dog that howls." Just now, Sam is doing some vigorous yelling because the North Georgia Conference virtually silenced him as an evangelist Sam is very hot at the bishop of the church and has begun a crusade in favor of changing their tenure of office from that of a life-time to four years. Sam should take his medicine and be quiet.

GRAPELAND.

Ed. Courier:

Well next week is Xmas, let every body keep cool, dont lose your head, remember whose birth day it is and dont "celebrate it too much" as if it was for Satan instead of the Savior. Soon another year will be upon us. Let every body get ready to turn over that traditional new leaf, make new resolutions to be broken and let's all gird on the armor to fight the battle of life ahead of us with renewed vigor.

Mr. Jas. F. Martin has been appointed post master at this place. While every body was well pleased with Mr. B. F. Hill who has held the position for the last six years creditably, all I believe are satisfied with the change and hope that the new P. M. will do as well as the old one, as he can do no better.

Mr. Will Totty has bought the Drug Store from Messrs R. L. and Frank Owens and will move into the room adjoining his hotel.

Mr. Zack Harmon has moved into his new residence at the head of Fifth avenue and Mr Chas Walling has moved into the one just vacated.

Mr. Ed Davis' fine residence is on Hollingsworth Street which will soon be completed.

Mr. Blount, the blacksmith, has just completed a residence in the Guice addition.

Mr. Cain, the Methodist circuit rider intends making this his home. He is from Van Zandt county, has charge of this circuit and moves here on account of our excellent school.

Miss Ruth Taylor of Trinidad is in town visiting relations.

Mr. John Davis, former principal of the school here, was in town last Saturday.

Messrs Hill and Daily are moving into the Campbell building this week.

Mr. T. T. Beazly has rented a portion of the Campbell building and is moving his family this week

Dr. F. C. Woodward came back this week from the Grand Lodge. He reports everything flourishing at Houston.

The Methodists will soon build a large and commodious house of worship at this place which will be an ornament to the town. Let the good work go on.

Well, with this issue I suppose we will see no more of the Courier in 1893; its pleasant visits through the year have been welcome to all and we hope that during the coming year of 1894 it will continue its welcome weekly visits loaded as usual with its load of news, distributing profit and pleasure to all. So wishing you and your patrons all a merry Xma sand happy New Year I bid you good bye for 1893.

Keystone.

VOORHEES SILVR BILL.

IT IS NOT AN ADMINISTRATION MEASURE.

However, Has Meet the Approval of Mr. Cleveland—Silver Leaders in Conference

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15, 1893.

The Voorhees bill introduced in the Senate yesterday is already attracting a good deal of adverse criticism. The ardent silver men are not satisfied with it, and the administration disavows any responsibility for it. It is more than probable, however, that the bill will pass the Senate. It is not at all improbable that it may go through the House and reach the President. The general understanding last night was that Mr. Voorhees introduced the bill after having consulted the President and the Secretary of the Treasury. It is true that he did consult them but neither of them approved the bill, and Mr. Voorhees therefore introduced it on his own responsibility.

The free coinage men, while pretending that they will be satisfied with nothing short of free coinage are undoubtedly bluffing. They would be very glad to get such a measure as Mr. Voorhees proposes to put on the statute books, and it can be safely said that every free coinage man will vote for the bill when it comes up.

It is already assured that the bill will be reported favorably by the Senate Finance Committee, and it is almost equally certain that there is a majority in favor of it in the Senate.

If Mr. Bland takes the measure up in the House as probably he will there will be a verry interesting fight in that body, with the chances at this time looking very much in favor of its passage. What the President would do with the bill in the event of its passage by Congress is a matter of speculation. It is asserted with emphasis by friends of the administration that he will veto it, while other friends of the administration assert as postively that he will approve it.

While it is likely that it will be reported favorably by the Senate Finance Committee, it is not likely that it will be called up for discussion in the Senate unless the tariff bill should be unnecessarily delayed in the House, which does not seem probable.

SAN PEDRO.

I find on the pages of the Courier letters from different parts of our county, some of which give glowing descriptions. All of which I think is perfectly right and the duty of citizens living in adjoining communities as we are in this county to do.

Our community has been partially excited owing to the fact of so many of our old friends and neighbors moving away. But others have come and now occupy their places among us. We are peacefully settled in our quiet homes and nothing but happiness and tranquility prevail.

The health of our settlement is good, owing to the fact of our being blessed with plenty of good water, no new out pineries and other things to numerous too mention.

The corn crop of this community was about on an average with communities. I do not think the people through the county made as much corn this year as last, but they have made a sufficient quantity to supply them if they take care of it.

We have had more cotton to pick than we anticipated. In September at the opening of the season we thought cotton picking would soon be a thing of the past, but we picked and handled it very carefully, and we got the benefit of almost the entire crop

I think in the next season we will need the twelfth plank in the "People's Party Platform" to find store for our cotton.

The most of people have sufficient hogs for meat, each of which like the Dutchman's cow, is good to have in a country.

What has become of Xmas!

I hope all our friends and neighbors who expect to entertain us will soon begin making preparations, such as cooking turkey, chickens, ducks and etc.

Come let us have a good time.

Xmas is coming by and by
Oceans of love will never run dry.
Let it go on never to fail
But let peace, harmony and gladness prevail.



Buy none But the Genuine.

3,000 merchants sell Hawkes' Spectacles. 2,000 of them handled other Spectacles without success. Showing the Great Popularity of Hawk's Glasses over all others. His Optical Plant and Factory is one of the most complete in the U. S. Established Twenty-three Years ago. These Famous Glasses are fitted to the eye by

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Crockett, Texas.

A. D. LIPSCOMB,
ATTORNEY – AT – LAW,
Office in Wootters building.
CROCKETT, - - - TEXAS.

JOHN L. HALL, M. D.,
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON,
Can be found at French & Chamberlain's Drug Store or at home.
CROCKETT. - TEXAS.

Shiloh's cure, the Great Cough and Croup Cure is for sale by us. Pocket size contains twenty-five doses only 25c. Children love it. Sold by J. G. Haring.

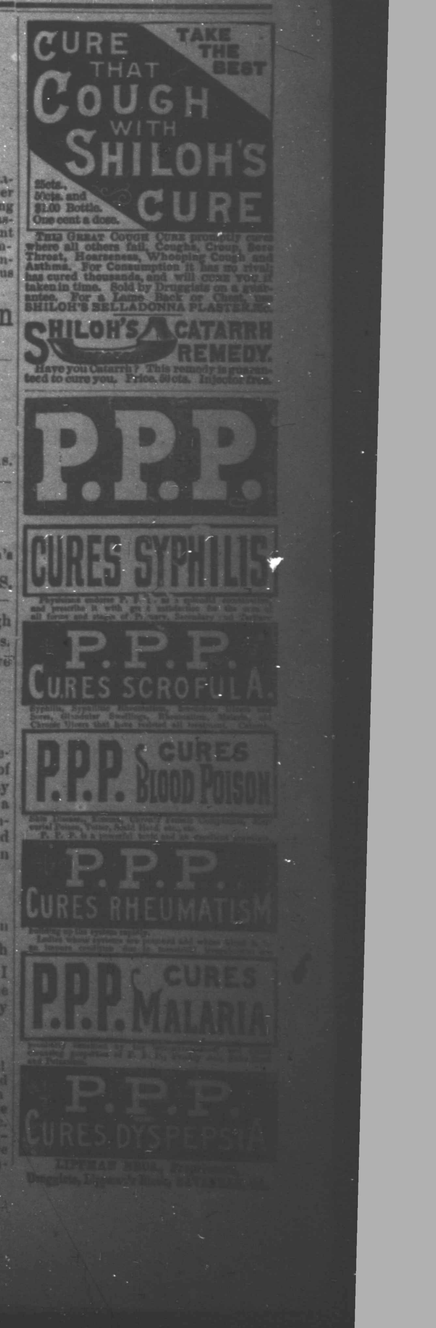
Lumber! Lumber.

Will deliver in Crockett or elsewhere on short notice lumber of any dimension and best quality at very reasonable terms. In a short while will have a planer running and will furnish dressed lumber. Eight miles west of town on Hall Bluff Road.

R. T. Murchison.

Captain Sweeney, U. S. A., San Diego, Cal., says: "Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy is the first medicine I have ever found that would do me any good." Price 50 cts. Sold by J. G. Haring.

English Spavin Liniment removes all Hard, Soft or Calloused Lumps and Blemishes from horses, Blood Spavin Curbs, Splints, Sweeny, Ring-Bone Stifles, all Swollen Throats, Coughs, etc. Save $50 by use of one bottle. Warranted the most wonderful Blemish Cure ever known. Sold by French & Chamberlain, Druggist, Crockett, Texas.



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LOCAL AND COUNTY NEWS

For school books go to J. E. Downes.

Ice cold keg beer at Lone Star Saloon.

Dr. McCarty and wife left for Miss. Tuesday.

The bridal party left for Cleburne Friday morning.

J. R. Foster shipped out a car load of hogs last week.

20 lbs. of fancy Y. C. Sugar for $1 at **J. L. Shotwell's**

Judge L. W. Cooper is confined to his home, quite sick.

Smoke Lone Star, best 5ct cigar in town at Lone Star Saloon.

If you want to buy a piano call on Caaddock & Co. before purchasing

D. F. Morgan, Bob Morgan and W. M. Frizzel called to see us Tuesday.

W. N. Sheridan, Charlie Sheridan and A. P. Hester were in town Tuesday.

J. L. Shotwell delivers free to all parts of the city all goods bought of him.

D. L. Key of Dodson, J. D. John and J T Harkins of Coltharp were into see us Thursday.

A fine ten pound boy made its appearance at Dr. Hall's last Friday, the heir of and Sam Mrs. Minnie Lacy.

Dr. Jno. B. Smith came down from Sherman Tuesday. He is looking well and is pleased with his new home.

To trade for other stock, one young Jack, Kentucky bred from imported stock.

R. C. SPINKS.

Some of the boys had a glorious time Monday night chasing foxes. There were twenty hounds in the pack. They brought back two.

All parties indebted to Craddock & Co will please come forward and make settlement. We are anxious to close the old books by the first of the new year.

Our immense stock of candies, nuts, fruits, toys and fire-works are bought and now on the way—we can undersell anybody on these goods. Resp't,

Arledge & Kennedy.

Itch on human and horses and all animals cured in 30 minutes by Woolfords Sanitary Lotion. This never fails. Sold by French & Chamberlain Druggists, Crockett Texas.

MARRIED.—By H. W. Moore at the residence of the bride's parents Houston county on 17th inst. Mr. A. O. Hearn to Miss Rebecca Green and Mr. R. L. Waller to Miss Ada McGee.

Notice.

All parties indebted to us by note will please call and settle and save trouble and cost.

Very respectfully.

JOHN MURCHISON & SON.

Cotton has been rolling in all the week. Where it comes from no one seems to know. It is here and was made without rain too. No one need ever be alarmed again about the effects of a drouth on cotton. It continues to decline in price middling being worth here about 6¼.

The call made by the ladies for a meeting to organize an association to repair and put in order the cemtery is a worthy one. Let all respond, especially the ladies as we feel they can do more than others. The meeting is called to meet at Col. Nunn's at 4:30 P. M. January 2nd. Remember the date and attend.

Cash! Cash! Cash!

COME ON just opened up big line MEN'S, YOUTH'S and BOY'S clothing. PRICES range from 90 cents up to the finest suits. SHOES, SHOES, too numerous to mention from 35cts to $4.50

WAGONS, IRON AXLE, IRON BED at $1.40. Wooden axle wood bed 80cts. These wagons sell every where else in town for $2, $1.75 and $1.

Call at once, as these WAGONS are going every day—Remember the price $1.40 IRON, 80cts wood. One half car fresh flour; call for prices.

R. M. ATKINSON.

Rev. J. C. Woollam is very low.

Arledge & Kennedy, leaders in groceries.

W. F. Dent of Lovelady was in town Monday.

Call J. B. Fifer at The Lone Star when dry. tf

Mr. T. F. John and wife leave today for Burnett.

Judge Williams and family will spend Xmas in Crockett.

Miss Cora Jones of Galveston is visiting Miss Mary Nunn.

Adjutant General King of Sulpher Springs is in the city.

H. A. Rice and T. J. Cook dropped in to see us last week.

Christmas Holiday Goods by the thousand at Arledge & Kennedy's.

Dr. Frank Brown of Elkhart is at his sister's, Mrs Dee Wootters, quite sick.

M. C. Tibbs left for Waco this week to bring his mother who is quite aged.

Mr. Fowler's family have rented J. E. Downes' former residence and will occupy it.

If you want the best and freshest family groceries in the city call on **J. L. Shotwell.**

Miss Jennie Greer of Van Alstyne has been visiting Dr. J. L. Lipscomb's family.

J. L. Shotwell has a fine stock of new and fresh family groceries just received.

Beware of Red Eye, Tangle Foot Deat Shot and all "Sich" for the next ten days.

Coll Prewitt editor of the Pecos Valley News is visiting friends and relatives in the city.

The streets have been crowded every day for weeks and this week the crowds have increased.

Before selling your country produce, call and see.

J. L. Shotwell

J. R. B. Barbee and B. F. Smith from the Southern part of the county, were in town last week.

Wash Holly and wife of Pennington spent a day or two with friends in Crockett last week.

Bryan Wilson leaves this week for Jackson, Miss., where he will take a commercial course in college.

George Broxson and Mark Halliard have got their saw mill started below town. They fill orders on short notice.

Some of the oil mills in the state have run their usual time and are closing down. This fact is causing seed to drop.

Mr. E. Lilley, Miss Gerrie Odell and Mr. E. B. Hatcher of Cleburne, came in Wednesday night with the groom, Mr. D. W. Odell.

Don't forget that there are many who are not able to enjoy Xmas as well as yourself. Remember them in some substantial way.

We hear of one man who has killed meat enough for his family and has forty head of hogs left that will average 200 pounds.

It is a good time to put out shade trees. Fully half of those on the Academy Campus will have to be replaced with new ones.

Dick Monk has quit engineering on railroads and has moved back to Houston county. He will go in partnership with John in the sawmill business.

J. S. Fluker has had considerable sickness in his family. His little boy, George, is just recovering from an attack of slow fever. His daughter, Belle, is quite sick with it now.

Fully six thousand bales of cotton will have been shipped by last of this week. The shipments will run close to 8000 bales. Where the stuff comes from no one seems to be able to tell.

Road overseers had better look out. It is only about three months 'till the Grand Jury meets. The chances are that quite a number of them will be indicted on account of condition of roads and bridges.

The reception to the bridal party at Dr. J L Lipscomb's was a brilliant social event. There was quite a crowd of relatives add near friends of the family present. A highly injoyable evening was spent by all and a most elegant repast served.

The editor was remembered by the hostess, Mrs. J L Lipscomb, with quite a choice lot of the "good things" from the table.

All Records Broken.

County Clerk Dunnam has done a land office business issuing marriage licenses. The record was broken Thursday in the issuance of nine. Licenses were issued to two young men to marry the same girl. One got his licenses on the 14th and he and his girl were to be married on the 20th. Another fellow came in and got license on the 20th and captured the prize. All the parties live near Ash. The number issued beats all records. It is argued by some philosophers that this an evidence of hard times and by others of prosperity.

Xmas Tree.

There will be a union xmas tree at the Methodist church Saturday night.

Another Failure.

J H Wakefield & Co of Lovelady made an assignment on the 20th. They were doing a retail liquor business.

Xmas Tree.

Mrs Corry and Miss Bruner will give their pupils an entertainment and xmas tree at the School House Saturday evening Dec., 23th, 6oclck P. M. Patrons and friends invited to attend.

Tax Notice.

Tax collector Sheridan says he is being urged from Austin to collect and forward taxes as fast as possible. He hopes those who haven't paid will come forward and do so at once.

Trinity River Improvement.

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 16.—About 750 pounds of gunpowder were burned this week excavating rock for the pond of the lock and dam at McCommas' Bluff, on the Trinity river. There are 40 men employed at the work

Election Notice.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held at Porters Springs in Houston county on Saturday the 30th day of December 1893 to determine whether or not hogs shall be permitted to run at large within justice's precinct No. 6 of Houston county, at which election none but free holders, residing in said precinct, who are qualified voters under the constitution and laws of this state shall be entitled to vote.

Witness my hand this November 20 1893.

A. A. ALDRICH,
C. J. H. C.

A Lovelady Failure.

G. M. T. Caton made an assignment on Wednesday of all his stock of merchandise, fixtures, accounts, books etc. naming Dr. W. B. Collins as trustee.

The assignment makes the following creditors preferred in the order named:

D. A. Nunn	$500
First Nat. Bank of Crockett	$1000
Mrs Mattie Caton	$12,355
W F Dent	$260
Lovelady Law and O Club	$127
F M Lewis	$129
A C Driskell	$41
Stauffer Eshaman	$297
Marx & Blum	$1000
L & H Blum	$1483

Married.

At the residence of the bride's parents, near Porter Springs, Mr. Geo. Turner and Miss Tinie Cook.

It was an occasion to be remembered. The groom was a noble specimen of humanity, while the bride was attired in modesty and covered with beauty. Mr. George didn't have to go very far from home to get a wife, for he and Miss Tinie have known each other ever since they were children which speaks well both for them and the community.

When the proper time came we were invited to supper; we repaired to the dining room where the provisions were super-abundant and elegant in quality.

N. S. HERON.

Wedding Bells.

To night (Thursday) the Baptist Church will be beautifully decorated and brilliantly illuminated in honor of the nuptial event to occur on this date. The parties to the high and solemn contract are Miss Birdie Murchison of Crockett and Daniel Weldon Odell of Cleburne. The bride is the daughter of D. M. Murchison, who at the time of his death was one of our most substantial, enterprising and worthiest citizens. The groom is the son of James Odell of Cleburne at one time a very prominent, popular and highly respected citizen of this county. The bride is a favorite in the social circles of Crockett, amiable and accomplished, and greatly esteemed by all who know her for her true womanly traits of character. The groom is highly regarded in Cleburne, where he was reared, as a young man of solid worth and a lawyer of fine promise. The felicitations of the Courier and of our entire community attend the happy couple.

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The following young ladies and gentlemen officiated at the wedding ceremony at the Baptist church, Thursday night:

Ushers; Tom Craddock, Archie Murchison.

Best man, Ed Lally of Cleburne.

Groomsmen—Geo. Crook, Tom Murchison of Athens, Arch Burton.

Flower Girls; Misses Myrtle and Laura Murchison.

Maid of Honor: Miss Hallie Murchison.

Bride's maids: Miss Gerrie Bell Odell of Cleburne, Jennie Greer of Van Alstyne, Willie Wortham and Minnie Craddock.

Teachers' Institute.

For the white Teachers' Institute to be held at the city school building in Crockett December 29th and 30th I take the liberty of arranging the following programme:

Address of welcome, Prof. Walker King.

The object of a teachers' institute, Prof. B. W. Bittle.

The dignity of the profession of teaching, Prof. J. H. Hackney.

The new school law, its merits and defects, Prof. R. T. Christian.

The Public High School, Prof. John Joss.

The teacher in school and out of school, Prof. T. J. Richards.

Normal methods applied, Prof. J. M. Nicks.

At the same time an Institute for colored teachers will be held at the colored school building in Crockett with the following program: Address of welcome, Prof. J. B. S. Capponi.

The progress of education among the colored people, Prof. G. G. Wynne.

The district and community systems compared, Prof. Payne, Warfield.

Teaching by example, Prof. T. G. W. Tarver.

The needs of the colored school, Prof. F. McDaniel.

All teachers in the county are urged to be present and to participate in the exercises.

A. A. ALDRICH
County Judge.

A Third Party Governor.

Those States of the West which were foolish enough to elect populist governors a year ago are very sick of their bargain now and are not likely to repeat the folly.

There are only three or four such governors and each one has made a sorry spectacle of himself and a ridiculous effort to carry out some populist idea.

Just at present Colorado is paying most dearly for her experiment and feels her crushing shame and humiliation most sensibly. The governor has determined to use every effort to carry out his absurd project of forcing people of his State to accept a Mexican silver dollar, worth only 57 cents, at its full face value and is deaf to the protests of the business interests and people of intelligence generally. The Denver News, the populist organ in Colorado and the chief sopkesman of the party in the country, now advises that no further effort be made to stop his insane performance. It says: "Nothing more surely panders to his vanity than for respectable, well to do men of the State to appear before him as suppliants, and nothing gratifies him more than the opportunity to give a rebuff. Let him alone. He has done his worst. There is nothing he can add to the humiliaton of the State after his Salida performance. After the extra session disposes of him, there is nothing he can do beyond demoralizing the State institutions by wild and unwarranted attempts at changing their officials. The State can manage to endure that for a year; and then, oh, what a relief!"

It is expected that the legislature will convene in obedience to the governor's call and, as it is not controlled by populists, will adjourn almost immediately after without transacting any business whatever beyond issuing a report that will set Colorado right before the world and to some extent relieve the people of the odium which their governor has put upon them. The voters of Colorado acted very foolishly, but they now see their error and are entitled to sympathy and commiseration.—The Houston Post.

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J. S. SHIVERS Says:

Just received from New York Cashmeres, Henriettas, Ginghams, Calicoes and other articles too numerous to mention; every article in the house must go nothing held back. A car of flour just arrived must go this month; call and get prices. The goods we have in quality are nice and no one beats us in the price.

The pulpit, the bench and the bar reccommend Cheathams Chill Tonic as the finest antiperiodic in use, being free from poison and guaranteed. Put up in both the tasteless and bitter styles.

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We have received several large bills of goods. Our house is chuck full of goods. We will give greater bargains this month than we have ever given. We have a large stock of Christmas Goods already opened up and more on the road. We want to close out almost our entire stock this month in order to make room for our new stock which will arrive in January. We want your trade and we want it bad, and if you will come to see us we will show you that we mean business.

As ever,
RACKET STORE.

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Six pair of stairs to save a dime,
Then is the time for Master Mind
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When you come to crockett be sure and call at the Saddle Shop and get my prices on Buggies, Road Carts, Saddle and Harness before you buy. We are here not only to compete but to undersell all competitors in Leather Goods. Look for the sign: SADDLE SHOP.

W. M. NICHOLS.

Dots From the Fashion Bazar.

We are still in the lead in fine dress goods and ladies hats, and our goods only need be seen to convince the most skeptical that such is the case. We have a nice line of ladies and children union suits we are selling very cheap; also a good assortment of corsets from 75 cents to $1.50. Handkerchiefs from 10 to 50 cents. Ladies vests at 25 and 50 cents. Children's Misses' and Ladies hose from 10c to 75c; Kid gloves for $1 to $1.50; Fine Opera Flannel 50c a yard; Brown Linen 20 and 25c a yard; Best quality of Gingham 10c a yd; Worsted Dress Goods from 10c to $1.75 a yd; Eider Down for making children's cloaks, ribbons of almost every description and many other things that we do not mention. So you will have to come and see for yourselves and be convinced that we can give you the best of bargains. We have patterns for almost anything you wish to make. Go to the Bazarr where you can get the most goods for the least money. Don't wait, for delay is dangerous.

He shook and he shook, till his shaking was chronic,
He then bought a bottle of Cheathams Chill Tonic,
He said to his friends, though a shaker of yore,
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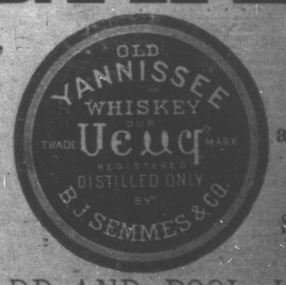
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New hopes, though all these fail, to light my days.
Oh, take my heart's delight in these thy gifts;
My thanks and praise, O Lord! my thanks and praise!

Dusty the way has been, and long and dark;
Even now I scarce can hope, for hope betrays.
O faithless heart, to him who cares for thee,
Give now thy thanks and praise! thy thanks and praise!

Surely the sun will shine throughout the land;
Surely her miracles will work the spring;
Life stands revealed where all seemed drear and dead.
O heart! my heart! thou mayst give thanks and sing.

Sing and rejoice! Ever give thanks and sing!
Life rules! Death is not, though it seem to be!
Love sleeps not! God is an eternal king!
His thought shall reach even to my heart and me!

Why Santa Claus' Beard Is White.

A LEGEND: BY M. A BIRD.

DURING THE babyhood of Santa Claus — long, long ago — while still many good and worthy folk believed wood-sprites lived in the holes of trees, witches in caves, and dwarfs deep down under earth, there lived in far Germany, on one of the lesser mountains of the Harz, a miner with his wife and seven children.

Deep down in the bosom of the mountains was the mine. Here the father had worked each day from morn to night to feed, even scantily, his wife and children. At last came a season of great dearth. The miner fell sick. Sadly his wife hung out of sight his leather worksuit.

The cold winter with its cruel grasp stole down from the mountain tops; still the miner lay sick; still the dearth of food throughout the little town; nowhere a mouthful to spare. The birds in the trees lived and were merry. Must the little children starve? Who had done it? "I tell you, it's the Gubich, king of dwarfs, who spoiled the crops last year. I know his pranks, curse him," said the oldest of the miners. "Who in summer steals all the raspberries and strawberries? He never eats aught else, and has lived like a prince, in his rocky cavern up there among the holy firs, ever since the old giant threw these mountains out of his shoe because the bit of sand hurt him. I tell you, the Gubich can make us sick with a glance, touch or breath. Save me from going near his home! Yet they say the cones off his trees are good to eat, and can be made into wondrous pretty things which sell well in the town below us. Starve or touch them? Starve, I say!"

"Dear husband," said the penitent wife, "thou knowest the holy firs; I go to gather their cones. I will sell them and buy thee food which will make thee well. Children, care for thy father while I am gone."

Quickly throwing a shawl over her head and taking a basket on her arm, out into the gathering coldness of the coming night stepped the mother. The wind shook the alders at the cottage door until they nodded and peeped at the windows. It roughly rattled the dried foliage of the stately oaks, whose sacredness to the gods the elements were thought to respect, and then died away among the pines in a soft, sad music, that brought tears to the mother's eyes. It was like the moan the bairns made for bread. The tears broke into a sob; half-blinded, with a bent head, she reached the edge of the holy forest.

Pityingly, out from his bed of clouds, the setting sun glanced warm and tender. He shot his parting rays among the firs, and filled their deep shadows with a cheerful glow. Suddenly, into the marked pathway of its light, stepped a little man with snowy beard, who gravely doffed his leathern cap and waited for the sad mother to reach him.

"Good woman, what ail'st thou? Why so sad?" broke upon her startled ear.

"Oh, sir, I mean no harm. My children starve; my husband never again will be well. I cannot see them ask each day for bread and give them none. I go to gather cones. Do let me pass and fill my basket."

"I would harm thee not, my friend," said the little man. "And knowest thou where the best cones can be found? Follow this path a hundred feet, and there they can be gathered with"—but the mother was on her way. A knowing look, a caress of his white beard, a sniff of the perfumed forest air, and the little man had vanished.

With glad feet the mother hurried on. Not a sound but the dropping of cones broke the stillness of the forest. Faster and thicker they seemed to fall at each onward step. A perfect storm of cones. They dropped upon her head; they fell at her feet; they pelted her shoulders; they filled her basket. Frightened, the poor woman turned and fled, glancing neither to the right or left. Heavier and heavier the basket grew. Breathless and exhausted she reached her cottage door.

The mother entered and quickly barred the door. "Husband, husband, think what has happened! On the edge of the holy forest I met a little man with snowy beard who told me where to gather the best cones. I went to find them, but the farther I went the faster the cones fell from the firs. They came about my head as thick as snow flakes in midwinter; yet the trees shook not. I was afraid and did not stop to pick up one; but some fell in my basket, and here they are."

"Hist, wife! Look, look thou! They are pure silver. It's the Gubich thou hast met."

Down the basket dropped. Around it grouped the mother and children. True, there lay the cones, silver every one, gleaming in the fire-light as had the beard of the little man in the golden glow of the sun.

The morrow's sun had tipped the graceful firs with gold, when again the mother stood at the edge of the forest. In a moment the Gubich was before her. "Good-morrow, good soul! Founds't thou not beautiful cones yester-eve?" And a laugh rang through the forest. The mother struggled to speak. "Keep thy thanks, I wish them not," continued the Gubich. "Be thou only faithful to thy husband's words, and each cold December give to me and my dear firs a loving thought to keep our hearts warm. Now hie thee home."

Not more quickly speeds the wind than the mother home again; not more happy are the birds than were the hearts in the miner's home that day. By night, nowhere a hungry soul on the "beautiful Hirchlichenstein."

Dear Santa Claus—ever since, thy beard's been white as snow!

Dear Christmas joy—ever since, madly the Harz maidens dance round the graceful firs.

Christmas in Naples.

The most interesting and curious sight of the holiday season in Naples is the Presepia. A Presepium is a life-sized representation of the Nativity, or Christ in the manger at Bethlehem. The one in the church called Santa Maria in Porto is the finest in the city, and occupies nearly half one side of the church. In this representation there are several houses, or rather arches with doors at which people are standing. The manger is always placed near the center of the scene. The blessed Virgin Mother is generally robed in blue satin, with crimson scarf and white head dress. Joseph is never very conspicuous, though he stands behind the Virgin attired in a handsome dress of the period.

The Holy Christ-child—il Santo Bambino—lies in a rich cradle, with linen covering.

The Magi, borne by their black slaves, are very prominent in their grand clothes, jewelled turbans and satin tunics covered with jewelry, representing handsome royalties in the prime of life and strength. One of them is always black in complexion, and the others a rich brown, much darker than the average Italian. They all kneel reverently to do homage and make their costly offerings.

More attendants, and sometimes horses and mules, are beheld in the distance, with raiment and various accessories of wealth and position; also any number of bright, picturesque peasants carrying presents of vegetables, fruit, sheep of all ages, and even dogs.

All these figures are life-size, and of brown-painted wood, extremely well carved, full of expression, feeling and action. There are foot paths, trees and flowers in all directions, making the scene wonderfully realistic. A goodly number of flying angels, suspended by invisible wires, are hovering above the holy group.

Last year in the Presepium of Santa Maria in Porto there were thirty-six figures, two of which represented the artist and his wife, the latter as a shepherdess surrounded by large woolly sheep.

She was quite handsome, and wore a modern Roman "festa" costume.

The Magi were carefully studied from the pictures and were dressed in the oriental costume of the unchanging east.

These Presepia are most characteristic in the churches frequented chiefly by the poor, who save their little hoards of chestnuts, apples, tomatoes, etc., to put in the hands of their beloved "Santa Maria e Santo Bambino" as offerings. The poor people revel in it all, and mothers are seen holding up their little ragged and dirty children to show them these wonders.

A Leap Year Christmas.

Frederick Charles Bunting had been Amanda Dusenberry's shadow for three years, to the exclusion of other young men who would have been attracted by the maiden's charms had Frederick Charles' unremitting attentions left them any opportunity. He was at the Dusenberry home two or three evenings a week and all of Sunday afternoon. This being the case, it was no wonder that he had the field to himself and that other young men thought it useless to look in that direction.

But the two were not engaged. There was nothing in the way of it except Frederick Charles' inability to ask Amanda to marry him. He was not a coward in other respects, but he dreaded to put the question, and Amanda showed no indication of helping him. Her idea was that if a girl was not worth proposing to she was not worth having.

When the present year of grace arrived, being leap year, the diffident young man cherished the hope that his charmer would exercise a woman's prerogative, which comes every quadrennium, and propose to him. But up to the date of the incident about to be narrated, the hopes of Frederick Charles had been disappointed.

The two were sitting before the fire in the Dusenberry parlor one Thursday night in the middle of December, when the girl remarked: "How rapidly time is flying! It will soon be Christmas."

"Yes," he replied, "and it will be leap year Christmas, too. By the way, leap year will soon be gone."

"So it will," replied the girl, demurely.

"What would you like me to give you this leap year Christmas?" asked the young man.

"Why, Fred, I'd like you to give me—"

"Speak out Amanda! Don't be afraid," replied Bunting, who began to get courageous with the idea that at last he had about brought her to the point of asking that he give himself as a Christmas gift.

"I—I—I hardly like to."

And the girl hung her head.

"Don't be afraid! I'll give you anything you ask for," he declared in a great burst of generosity.

"Well, then, Fred, I wish you would give me—"

"Out with it. Don't be backward," he said, impatiently. "Give you what, my dear?"

"Give me a chance to see something of some other young men besides yourself."

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The New Year Book.

Now is the time to be glad and bright,
And kind as we can from morn till night;
Be quick to smile and to frown be slow,
And try to learn what is good to know;
For, oh, let us this book bow the days will look
While we write them down in our New Year book

If all would be good and kind and true,
And do the work that is theirs to do;
If from hate and pride our hearts were free,
What a glad New Year the world would see!
And then I know we should love to look
On each bright page of the New Year book.

Jumping a Claim.



T WAS NEW Year's eve in the camp, and the Gold Nugget saloon was doing a heavy business all along the line. Drinks were being rapidly dispensed over the counter, and in the rear faro, roulette and draw-poker were flourishing.

"Pete" was in his high humor. He had "bucked the tiger" successfully to-night, and had quite enough ahead to work his claim in Corkscrew Gulch.

True, he had not done his assessment work this year, and by law anybody could "jump" the "Lone Star" that very day at midnight. But Pete was not the man to be fooled with, as he already had two graves to his credit in Doc. Turner's ranch (the name applied to the cemetery in honor of a local doctor), which contained the bodies of two "tenderfeet" who had "differed" with him and were accidentally shot. So the inhabitants of Galensville concluded that he was a safe man to let alone, and he laughed at the idea that anybody would be so foolish as to "commit suicide," as he termed it, by attempting to jump his claim.

The old year had but a few minutes to live when Hank tied up his horse among the tall, snow-laden pine trees near the "Lone Star," and, loosening the thongs which fastened a pick to his horse's saddle, and transferring a couple of sticks of dynamite and some candles from his saddle-bag to his pockets, shouldered the pick and slowly mounted the tortuous trail.

He had long awaited this moment. Four years ago he had owned the "Lone Star" himself, but sickness came and he could not work his assessment, and when he had returned to the prospect and found Pete, armed to the teeth, in possession, he had accepted his hard luck with a good grace, but had "laid" for Pete ever since. But now at last his opportunity had come, and he determined to regain his property and defend it at the risk of his life if necessary.

The tunnel was soon reached, and the moonlight, streaming against its black mouth, easily disclosed to his eyes Pete's location stake.

He looked at his watch. It marked exactly midnight.

Reaching down, he fiercely wrenched the stake from the ground and flung it far from him down the mountain.

He then lit a candle and, finding a board, quickly sharpened one end of it, and, smoothing off the broad end, wrote his location notice on it—rechristening the claim the "Bright Hopes"—and planted the stake firmly in the ground.

Thinking he would go into the tunnel and "see how she looked," he took up his candle and pick and started in.

Just as he did so he thought he heard a whistle. He stopped and listened; some one was coming up the trail whistling softly. Quickly dousing the light, he crouched behind a big boulder just at the mouth of the tunnel and drew his revolver.

A few minutes later Pete stepped in view, with a week's supplies in a sack slung over his shoulder.

Before he could put his burden down Hank suddenly rose up before him with the muzzle of his pistol almost touching the other's face.

"Hands up!" he cried, "I've got the drop on yer now."

Pete, seeing the other fellow had a full hand, promptly threw up his, while Hank deftly relieved him of his firearms.

"'Taint worth fighting about, anyhow," said Pete, carelessly. "There ain't a pound of ore in the hull claim."

"Oh, come off!" said Hank. "How about all that ore you shipped last summer?"

"That was out of a pocket I struck which petered out mighty quick; but if you don't believe me I'll go in the hole and show you," and, taking a candle, Pete started in the tunnel, Hank following, but keeping his hand within easy reach of his gun.

The breast of the tunnel was soon reached and Pete, holding his candle up before it, said: "There now, what did I tell yer? It's nuthin' but dead rock."

Hank took his candle and carefully examined the breast, roof and sides but not a trace of mineral could be seen.

"You're welcome to her," said Pete, "I've blown in all the money I want to; you can have a blast at her now, if you want to."

Hank did not reply, but appeared to be lost in thought. Finally he said: "Hold my candle a minute, Pete," and, taking up his pick in both hands, he struck the breast a heavy blow, and the rock and mud with which Pete had plastered it to fool curious and unwelcome visitors fell away, exposing a vein of glittering white metal.

Almost at the same instant there was a deafening report, and Hank fell to the ground with a bullet through his heart.

Pete, with a smoking revolver in his hand, which he had snatched from Hank's belt as he struck the blow, stood over him with a grim smile as he muttered "Another accident!"

But retribution was close at hand. The reverberations of the shot had hardly died away among the neighboring peaks when a rock, which had long been loose, started by the sudden shock, fell from the roof bringing tons of earth with it, and Pete and his third victim were crushed into a shapeless mass.

"I hope it snows Christmas eve," said Harry, "because if it don't Santa Claus may have to come in a balloon, and if it busted, all the toys would get broken."

SUNDAY IN A FRENCH TOWN.

The Rag-Fair Before the Church—Afternoon in the Museum.

On Sunday there was a slight change in our program. For then the market in our square had a rival. The wide bare Place of the Church of St. Gernin, usually a desert at other times, was the scene of the weekly rag-fair. All around the great brick building, beautiful of old, but now a monument to the incapacity of the modern restorer, booths were set up, or else the merchant's stock in trade laid out on the bare, dusty ground. I have never seen such a motly collection. There were piles of rags that looked as if they might contain enough cholera germs to devastate all Europe, old dresses, old shoes, old hats, old sheets, old towels, old bits of old cloth and old cotton; there were books—we never came across any of special value — and musical instruments; there were chairs and tables and beds and pieces of rusty iron and brass; there were new berets and peasants' caps and slippers with gaudy flowers on the toes which are so much worn in the country about here; and there were even antiquities, amongst which occasionally was something worth picking up. One man was eager to force upon us a lantern which, he said, was Henri II., another had a lovely old copper water cooler, with the portrait of some ancent Toulousian dignitary beaten upon it, and this we captured without any pressing much to the satisfaction of an interested crowd who had come out to be amused. For it was a curious feature of the rag market, as of the other in the Place du Capitole, that those who attended it seemed to gather there less for business than pleasure. Now and then a bargain was made, when a peasant stepped in front of the new caps and tried on one after another, and examined the effect in a broken bit of looking glass lent him by the old woman in charge. But, as a rule, the people simply looked at everything as they wandered about, before going into the church to hear a mass in the friendly, familiar way in which Southern Catholics take their religion. The briskest trade of the morning was really on the church porch, where women sold rolls and cakes and beggars demanded an alms. And while the market flourished outside St. Gernin, inside mass after mass was said in the chapels, with the hideous frescos on the walls, and there was a never ceasing stream of people down the nave and aisles, by the piers, where all the stone jointing is carefully and neatly painted. But fortunately not the worst detail can destroy the solemnity and impressiveness of this fine old Romanesque interior as a whole.

On Sunday afternoon the museum was open and admission free, writes Elizabeth Robins Pennell in Harper's Magazine. Here Toulousian gayety is slightly more subdued. Visitors walk decorously through the galleries, where there are a few pictures of note—chiefly those bought by the state at the salon of recent years; a few of historical interest, as, for example, one showing Napoleon assisting in a fete on the Garonne—and where there is a marvelous collection of Romanesque sculptures, sad witnesses of the beauty gone forever from St. Gernin and many another ancient church of Languedoc. The museum of old was a Franciscan monastery. If in France the state has taken many buildings from the clergy, it has been most often to hand them over to the people. All through the provinces you will find churches or convents turned into galleries and the Frenchman now comes to look at pictures and statues where he once came to pray. The old architecture gives additional interest to provincial collections which usually contain something worth seeing. I know of no museum, however, so lovely in itself as the one at Toulouse, with its beautiful cloisters.

NAMES FOR RACE HORSES.

Some Very Odd Appellations That Were Given in the Last Century.

Somewhat similar must have been the regard in which old world patrons of the turf held their race horses when they could bestow upon them such outlandish names as were in vogue at the end of the last century, says the London Telegraph. Here, for instance are a few specimens, and we regret to add that for some of them the Rt. Hon. Charles James Fox, the greatest orator of his day, was solely responsible. Their general character may, however, be gauged from the following instances, all of them culled from old "Racing Calendars" published before 1800.

The "Mr. Lowther" of that day did not disdain to start a mare named Jack, I'll Tickle Thee, and was supported by a Mr. Read with another called Jack, Come Tickle Me. Next we come across I Am Little, Pity My Condition; Why Do You Slight Me? Watch Them and Catch Them; Turn About Tommy; Kick Him, Jenny; Admiral, Whip Me Well; Peggy Grieves; Me, Hop, Step, and Jump, Jenny, Come Tye Me; Kiss Me in a Corner, Sweetest When Clothed, Look About You, Jack at a Pinch, Long Looked For, Labor in Vain, Love's Labor Lost, Fear Not Victorious, Willing and Weak, A Laughing Woman With Two Black Eyes, Invincible True Blue, Tarry Till I Come, Whistle and I'll Come to You, Smirking Nancy, Smiling Molly, Salisbury Steeple, Run Now, or Hunt Forever; Polly, Be Steady; Petticoat Tight Round Ankles, One More at a Venture, One Hundred to One, My Wife's Fancy, Miss Hot Upon It, Miss Make the Play, Look at Me, Lads, Last Time of Asking, Kitty Cut a Dash, Foxhuntoribus, Fal de Ral Lal, Cold and Raw, Bounce About Boniface.

Such are some few names selected from a long list.

A Canadian National Park.

There is a movement in Canada for having a national park created in the Nepigon country in order that the trout fishing may be eternally perpetuated. The movers hope to see five miles of the Nepigon river north of Lake Superior set apart and guarded and the river kept stocked with fish.

She Was a Safe One.

Brownjug—Your wife is such a talented woman that I should think you would be jealous least some man fall in love with her.

Smithers—Oh, dear no. You see she never is tete-a-tete with a man three minutes before she begins to recite some of her verses to him."

Constituted an Alibi.

Among the Saxons a person accused of crime would clear himself by means of compurgators—that is to say, he induced twelve persons to come in and swear to his good reputation and that they did not believe him guilty.

Fools' Names.

That "fool's names and ugly faces are always seen in public places," is an old adage, and it seems to have been true in earlier centuries, as well as in these days. A London correspondent writing of the collections of Egyptian antibuities to be seen in that city, observes that most them are decorated, or defaced, with the names of tourists, many of which were cut as long as three or four centuries ago. At Burlington house there is on exhibition a fine collection of photographs of El Kab, a city on the Nile, which has always been a famous resort for pilgrims and tourists, and the photographs clearly show that the walls are covered with names carved in many languages from the early Coptic and Greek down to modern English. The correspondent remarks that the English names are in the great majority.

The Flat Land.

Holland is the land of flatness, windmills, dykes, canals and cheese. Of the latter they produce 40,000 tons and more in a year, and consume only a fourth part. Alkmaar, one of the most noted and historical towns in the country, is the great cheese market, and in its streets over 12,000,000 pounds are sold annually.

Ruth Cleveland Photographed.

Ever since little Ruth Cleveland arrived at the age of vaccination, baptism and photography, usually concurrent periods, the leading photographers of the country have had ambitions to try their cameras on the little girl. Whenever she appeared in public a whole battery of kodaks was awaiting an opportune moment for a "snap shot." Mrs. Cleveland has wanted a good picture by Mr. Rockwood, the New York photographer, and had long ago promised him, through Mrs. Lamont, that he should have the opportunity.

Feeling that "hope long deferred maketh the heart sick," Mr. Rockwood recently reminded Mrs. Lamont of her promise. Mrs. Lamont replied: "I've kept my promise, and you personally, but unknowingly, posed little Ruth, made a number of excellent negatives, and the family are delighted. A woman has outwitted you!"

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Marriage in Siam.

A declaration of marriage in Siam is simpler even than it used to be in Scotland. You ask a lady to marry you by simply offering her a flower or taking a light from a cigarette if it happens to be in her mouth, and your family and the bride's family have to put up at least $1000 apiece for a dowry. Unlike Japan, the Siamese women are treated as equals, but they can seldom read or write. The principal impediment in the way of marriage is that each year is named after an animal and only certain animals are allowed to intermarry. For instance, a person born in the year of the rat cannot marry with a person born in the year of the dog, or a person born in the year of the cow with a person born in the year of the tiger, and their are similar embargoes about months and days.

Much Divorced.

At Nagoya, in China, a merchant, who is in his 65th year, has just divorced his twenty-sixth wife and is about to marry his twenty-seventh. He had resolved when he was young to marry thirty wives, and is delighted that he has now only three more to marry to keep his vow.

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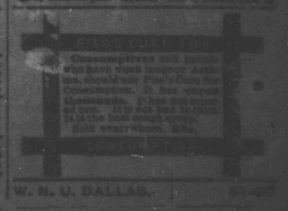
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