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It has not been long since the stock papers of Texas were claiming that there was no such thing as a packing house "merger." But we now see that one of the chief subjects of discussion at the coming Kansas City convention of stockmen is the discussion of this very subject. Another surprise in their subjects is "an expansive currency" question. How long has it been since stock papers, and nearly all other kinds, told us this is only a question for bankers to deal with, and that farmers were fools or fanatics for taking up such a question? What's the matter with the stockmen, anyhow? Everything should be lovely with them, for the party is in power that the majority of them voted for.

It looks now like England and Germany have set in to "do up" Venezuela. There is an old saying that "Whom the gods would destroy they first make mad." Incensed at England, a mob of Venezuelans took possession of a tramp collier and looted it, without sanction of their own government too, mind you, for which the war ships of England and Germany opened fire on the little republic, destroyed and captured all her vessels in sight, demolished the fort, bombarded the custom house and blockaded the port of Puerto Cabello. The muss seems to have been brought about by the Venezuelan government not paying a long-standing debt, but the origin now seems to have about been lost sight of and there is something deeper in the plot. Greed for more territory is very likely at the bottom of it. Our own government is so in sympathy with England that what is called the "Monroe doctrine" can be twisted about any old way to keep peace in the family.

The Amarillo Champion has been disposed of by Miss Brookes to J. D. Hamlin and W. E. Gee. Under the new management the paper says "It is our desire to maintain a journal that shall have a twofold object, viz: to respectably represent all the various local interests of the city of Amarillo and the scope of country tributary thereto, and to give special emphasis to the livestock business of the Panhandle." It also says, "Personal invective and unsavory scandalmonging will be scrupulously excluded from these columns." But on the first page is a column and a half article from "The Cleaver"—there is no intimation where The Cleaver is published—wholly of scurrilous stuff about one Davis and his paper way down at Cameron. There is nothing to indicate what Davis had been guilty of, nor what the article had to do with the local interests of Amarillo people or the stock industry. It just seems to be a misfit when measured by the salutatory.

Sometimes people ask us why we do not publish certain news items. It is from the simple fact that it would injure our business and the News is and will ever be published in the interest of the editor. We are for the people but for ourselves first, last and all the time.—Seymour News.

admire your frankness more e do your love for unvarnish- ciple. You may not make nemies, but by suppressing at the public is entitled to e not apt to win many strong friends. We do not believe it the duty of a paper to publish everything it sees wrong in an individual, where the interest of the public is not involved. Many things take place that are better unnoticed. But where an individual commits an offense against the moral or financial interest of the community, it is certainly the duty of the paper to speak against it. If the publisher should receive pay for publishing an article against his convictions it would be bribery, in a moral sense, and an imposition on his readers besides. If he suppresses news the public is entitled to for fear he would lose a few dollars in patronage, his act is pretty close kin to bribery, in a moral sense.

Missouri leads all other states in the average yield of corn per acre. The total production was 307,300,000 bushels, the largest by 57,000,000 in the history of the state.

We received this week a copy of the Maple Falls, Washington, Leader, published by H. J. Strickfaden, formerly of Henrietta, Tex. He seems well pleased with the far northwest and is running a neat looking paper. We don't know whether or not "Strick" has changed his politics since going west, but his paper contains the following:

"The democrats in the east seem to know nothing about mining. This is indicated by the fact that they dug up Grover Cleveland. He was always a poor lead.—Sumas Sentinel.

"While Grover's 'lead' always proved a disastrous boomerang for the democratic party he was worth enough to let the democrats lead him into an office out of which the celebrated duck hunter made several millions of dollars on a salary of $50,000 per year. Cleveland dug the grave of the democratic party, placed the corpse in it, and preached a funeral sermon over its remains that will keep the body silent until Gabriel blows his trumpet. In a few years more the democratic party will be extinct entirely."

A deputy United States marshal for North Dakota has been sentenced to two years in the penitentiary on the charge of collecting mileage from the federal government when in fact he rode on a pass. Now if this is a good national law why would it not be a good state law? It has always puzzled us to tell why the people will allow themselves taxed twenty cents per mile for the passage of their law makers when it only costs them three if they pay their fare. Another thing, the roads do not issue these passes without compensation. They get legislative favors, or they would not be given.

Why don't papers, in giving realty sales, give the price paid? People who live in other parts of the country who contemplate changing locations are more interested in the price of lots and land than they are in the mere fact that "Tom bought Dick out."

Citizens Did Right.

We notice in the Register, a Maryland paper, that the officers of Montgomery county paid no attention to the prohibitory law and the anti-saloon league took the matter up and secured a number of convictions; the fines running from $200 or three months in jail to $300 or six months in jail. During the trial the defendants tried to assail the character of the anti-saloon detective and break his evidence down, but the court declared that the jury was right in crediting the witness, that there was no reason why he should misstate the facts. Judge Henderson also paid his respects to the sheriff and his deputies in a severe manner, and stated that they were fully aware that whisky was openly sold, and that, from the testimony before the grand jury, both the sheriff and several of his deputies should have been indicted for malfeasance in office. As these officers had been negligent in their duty, the court said, it was eminently proper for citizens, collectively or individually, to have resorted to such methods as were employed by the Anti-Saloon League in hiring private detectives to secure the testimony.

The commissioners court of Clay county has ordered the county officers to purchase supplies needed in their respective offices from home or local printing offices or dealers. They have also ordered that all persons employed to work on the county roads shall be paid by the the hour as follows: Hand with team, 25 cents per hour, single hand 12½ cents per hour. Time to begin when work actually begins, and to be kept by ex-officio road commissioner in whose precinct work is done or by some one appointed by him.

"Where are the wandering populists tonight?" asks the Battle Lake Review. Sitting on the fence watching the funny contortions of the old parties in trying to solve the trust question without hurting the trusts. When the people tire of those fruitless efforts of the old parties the populists will be on hand with a solution that will solve.—Minnesota Forum.

Briggs—Property has its advantages after all, it would seem. According to statistics poor people live longer than rich ones.

Diggs—Naturally. The poorer a man is the less use a doctor has for him.

What They Will Discuss.

There will be discussed at the National Stock convention at Kansas City Jan. 13, the following subjects:

The consideration of, and the adoption of some plan to oppose the merging of a majority of the packing plants of the nation into one gigantic trust, which we have every reason to believe is contemplated.

To take such decisive action as will induce the present congress to pass the following measures:

The Grosvenor anti-shoddy bill, providing to the federal inspection and tagging of woolen goods, so as to prevent the sale of shoddy and waste as pure wool.

Bill providing for classified census of livestock and agricultural statistics.

Amending the shipping laws by extending the limit for unloading livestock from 28 to 40 hours.

Providing for the improvement in breeding of horses for general purpose use.

The amended Elkins bill to amend the interstate commerce act, so as to give the commission power to enforce its orders and decrees.

To take steps to prevent the removal of the tariff on wool, cattle, meats and hides.

The practicability of co-operation in marketing live stock.

The advisability of some change in our financial system so as to give elasticity to the currency, thereby benefiting the stockman and farmer.

To secure the enactment of a law providing for a classified assessment of livestock.

To consider the present policy of state livestock sanitary boards in demanding a re-inspection and imposing fees, on interstate shipments of livestock after said stock has been inspected by a federal official.

Also all matters pertaining to sanitation, markets, transportation, feeding, breeding, etc.

Sac and Fox Indians Dying Out.

Doctor Wyman, Government physician at the Sac and Fox Indian Agency, in Oklahoma, announces that a large majority of the tribe are affected with tuberculosis, scrofula and other incurable diseases, and adds that the tribe will be practically annihilated within a few years. The latest report says there are but 479 members of this once powerful tribe left.

A Co-operative Telephone.

Hiawatha Kas., men are contemplating another telephone exchange, which will be run by the people on the co-operative plan. The system will be operated and controlled by subscribers. The expense of the telephone connections will be only the actual cost, which is estimated at less than half the charge made by the present exchange.

Once a man strolled forth into a field, finally coming to a stone fence that appeared hard to climb. Thinking to jump the fence the man backed off for a running leap. He backed off a mile and a half, then ran his best in order to acquire the desired momentum. By the time he reached the fence he was completely exhausted and could not jump, so he lay down in the shade and took a nap. The president has taken a long running start at the trusts.—Bryan.

What has already been obtained by the reform party is worth all the work it has cost. It was the intention of the money power to destroy all the greenbacks and never coin another silver dollar. But the greenbacks were saved and over five hundred million silver dollars were coined, all to keep the reform party from gaining control of the government.—Mo. World.

The senate of Missouri has twenty-two lawyers and one farmer, and yet Missouri ranks third among the states in number of farmers. What that lone farmer has done that he should be sent to the state senate is not stated.—Farm and Ranch.

Jails are built out of honest men's earnings. Courts are supported from peaceful men's property. Penitentiaries are built by the toil of virtue. Crime never pays its own way. Vice has not hand to work, or head to calculate. Its whole faculty is to corrupt and to waste; and good men, directly or indirectly, foot the bill.—H. W. Beecher.

Ask your ticket agent all about the low holiday excursion rates on the "Choctaw."

Send us your job printing.

Swiss Telegraph, Telephone and Other Features.

F. G. Carpenter, who is traveling in Switzerland, writes the following to the St. Louis Republic:

Switzerland finds that it pays the government to own the telephones and telegraphs.

President Zemp told me that they were operated without difficulty, and that the government administration of them had proved satisfactory.

The telephones here are connected with the post office department, and almost every post office is a telegraph office as well.

The country is small, but it has 318 central stations and more than 82,000 miles of wire.

In 1900 there were more than 25,000,000 conversations, and the telephone receipts more than double those of the telegraph, amounting to $1,200,000.

This is so, notwithstanding the telephone rates are among the lowest of the world.

For certain distances it costs you less than a cent a message.

This is the charge in towns and cities.

You can have a telephone in your house or business place for from $10 to $20 a year, and you can send a long distance message to any part of Switzerland for 15 cents.

The telegraphs are equally cheap.

A message costs you 6 cents as a ground tax, and in addition only 1 cent for every two words; that is, a message of ten words to any part of Switzerland costs 11 cents, a message of twenty words 16 cents and of fifty words 31 cents.

It costs only 2 cents a word to telegraph from here to Germany or France, in addition to the 10 cents, which is the ground tax charge for the foreign service.

Telephones have been used in Switzerland for more than twenty years.

The Bell telephone was the first instituted, but after that the Swiss began to make telephones of their own.

The government took charge of the service in 1886, buying the instruments and wires of the private companies.

The usual number of calls now allowed is 800 to each subscriber, and all beyond that are charged for at the rate of 1 cent each.

All telephone offices receive telegrams and deliver them to the telegraph stations at 2 cents apiece.

I have already written of the postal system here and how you can send all kinds of express matter, even to chickens and ducks, by mail.

I was talking of this today with Mr. Frankenthal, our Counsel at Berne. He says:

"The foreign importations of all sorts into Switzerland through the post are enormous.

"The parcel post, which is in vogue in many parts of Europe, makes this whole continent our supply point.

"I get my turkeys, chickens and eggs with my letters. They come from Galacia, not far from the Adriatic Sea, and I pay the postman for them on delivery.

"I pay only 25 cents for the delivery of ten pounds of fat geese from Austria.

"These geese themselves are, perhaps, worth $1.20, and this extra charge brings them into my house here and includes the sending back of the money to the seller.

"The chicken raisers of Roumania advertise in our Swiss papers.

"They send the goods, on approval, and it takes only a postal card to give the order.

"It is a great institution, and it ought to be adopted in the United States.

"If we had such an international arrangement with Switzerland, we could annually sell $1,000,000 worth of shoes in this country.

"If, with all Europe, it would open up the whole continent to all small articles of American trade."

The Swiss republic has a number of features which are not found in that of the United States.

All citizens who are over 20 have the right to vote, and all voters, with the exception of clergymen, are eligible to congress.

Representatives are chosen at the rate of one representative for every 20,000 souls, this rule covering the whole Swiss republic.

The members of the State Council, or Senate, are elected by the Cantons or States, two for each Canton.

Each state pays the salaries of its Senators, but the salaries of the Representatives are paid by the National government.

All laws are made by Congress, but if the laws are not satisfactory to the people, upon the application of 30,000 petitioners or of eight of the State governments they must be submitted to the popular vote.

If this is against them they cannot go into effect.

This is what is known as the "referendum," and it is one of the characteristic features of the Swiss government.

In addition to this they have here what is called the "initiative."

This provides that if a petition signed by 50,000 people is presented to the government asking for an amendment to the Constitution, that amendment must be at once submitted to vote.

If there is a majority in the affirmative, Congress has to modify the Constitution accordingly.

In many of the Swiss cantons it used to be that all political matters were settled by a viva voce election of the people.

All came together in the open air, speeches were made and the questions submitted to vote.

At present such things are generally done in council chambers.

The cities have their own Aldermen, and some of the states have their own legislatures.

The laws are administered here in a way different from that of the United States. We appoint our Federal judges.

In Switzerland they are elected by Congress.

The Supreme Court consists of nine Judges and nine alternates elected for terms of six years.

Any man except a clergyman can be chosen, and it makes no matter whether he is a lawyer or not.

The court, however, must be so divided that three of the Judges can speak French, three German and three Italian.

The Swiss Judges receive only one-fifth as much salary as the members of our Supreme Court.

They are each paid $2,000 a year with $3 a day extra for traveling expenses while absent on judicial business from the capital.

Our Supreme Court Judges are elected for life, those of the Swiss are elected for a term of six years.

The constitution provides that their vacations shall not exceed four weeks of the year.

Their jurisdiction extends to the same matter as the Supreme Court of the United States, including all questions of disputes between the cantons or states and all matters of international law.

Don't Want to be Wild and Wooly Any Longer.

Mangum that for years has been a wide open town, has passed ordinances prohibiting gaming, and is warning the gamblers to leave town unless they want to be arrested as vagrants. A good move!—Quanah Tribune.

Some of the most noticeable declines compared with quotations prevailing a year ago are 5⅛ cents a bushel for corn, 13 cents a bushel for oates, 6⅜ cents a bushel for wheat, 74½ cents a barrel for potatoes, and about $2 per barrel for apples. As these are all articles of heavy consumption, the index number is visibly affected, despite the advance of $2 per barrel for mess pork, $1 a hundred pounds for lard, 38 cents a hundred for live beef, 40 cents for live hogs, 2 cents a dozen for fresh eggs, 3½ cents per pound for butter. (Dun's Review.) From the above it seems that the price has decreased on most products of the farm while those articles which the large packing houses handle there is a marked raise in price. Where is the farmer's prosperity?—Kingman, Kas., Journal.

Coughing Spell Caused Death.

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

Printing Outfit For Sale.

We have a six-col. Washington press, 150 pounds of 10-point and 12½ lbs of 8-point and five or six fonts of display type for sale at a bargain.

National Live Stock Association.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 13.—From the number of telegrams and letters received by hotel proprietors from stockmen in Utah, Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Texas, South Dakoto, Colorado and Arizona, requesting that accommodations be reserved, it is believed the attendance at the Sixth Annual Convention of the National Live Stock Association, which convenes on January 13, will be the largest ever assembled at a meeting of this character in the history of this country.

The National importance of the business to be disposed of is the principal incentive for a large attendance. The program for the meeting is not quite completed. While there will be addresses and papers upon leading subjects in which stockmen are interested, it is not intended to have as many of these as on previous occasions, but to allow of more open debate from the floor of the convention in which all delegates are invited to take part.

The sessions of the convention will be held in the Century Theatre, two blocks from headquarters, which have been established at the Coates House. The officers of the Association urgently request all delegates to attend each session promptly. The evening will be given up to entertainments for which the citizens of Kansas City have raised $20,000.

After the meeting adjourns an excursion will be run to New Orleans via Memphis. A solid train of Pullman sleepers will make up the special. The fare will not be over $15 for the round trip. The commercial organizations at the cities where the special will stop entertain the visitors; while at New Orleans, they will be given a Southern fish dinner and a steamer will be chartered to take them to the Jetties. Two hundred names must be subscribed before this train will be ordered, and it is therefore desirable that anyone wishing to go on this trip should send his name to C. F. Martin, Secretary, at the Coates House, Kansas City, Mo., at once.

The ladies of Kansas City will provide several special entertainments for the wives of the visitors who accompany the delegates, so that the time will not grow monotonous while their husbands are attending to the business of the meeting.

World's Fair Notes.

The Empress Dowager has decided to appoint Prince Chun to be the principal representative of China at the World's Fair, St. Louis, 1904.

The Society of American Florists will hold its 1904 annual meeting at the Fair. The conventions of this society are generally attended by about 1,000 persons and it is reported the attendance in 1904 will be much larger.

The largest mule on earth, a three-year-old mare belonging to Michael Murray of Hereford, Mo., will be exhibited. She is 18 hands or six feet high at the shoulders, and weighs 1,705 pounds.

Among the many interesting exhibits from Mississippi will be an immense panel made from specimens of eighty-six different varieties of wood grown in that state.

Mr. Thomas M. Moore, chief of the Department of Machinery Exhibits, received a cablegram on November 22 from Lieut. D. Godfrey L. Carden, now at Berlin, Germany, stating that the Hamburg-American Line steamer Moltke sailed that day with the Durr boiler entered for exhibit at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. This is the first foreign shipment made for the World's Fair. It is an 800 horse power boiler, and Chief Moore says that it will be installed and in service in the Exposition's power house in January next.

Herr Lewald, the Imperial German Commissioner to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, called on President Roosevelt at Washington before sailing for Germany. Herr Lewald was in St. Louis for two weeks to prepare a report to his government on the coming Exposition. He told the President that it was the desire of Emperor William that Germany should have a fine exhibit at the Exposition, and that this desire would be carried out.

Low excursion rates for the holidays on the "Choctaw."

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ice at Yukon, Okla., was The safe was blown open about $100 cash and $200 stamps. Marshal Mum- the robbers three times three days, wounds, but

EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

Scotland shipyards are at a standstill.

American cars will be used exclusively on London streets.

The dairy interests in this country were never before so prosperous.

The anthracite miners receive $3.25 for 5 1-2 hours work in the mines.

The quarantine against American meat is making steak very high in England.

The tobacco trust has forced examination of Texas tobacco lands, and with satisfactory results.

More revenue is wanted by the Philippine islands, which shows that we have purchased a land not alien to our own in a financial sense.

If the new towns in Oklahoma continue to grow in population at the rate of 2000 a day, the territory will soon have enough inhabitants for two ordinary states.

Allen Farm, once the home of Ethan Allen, the hero of Ticonderoga, will be transformed by its present owner into a public park and presented to the city of Burlington, Vt.

The Mexican Chamber of Deputies has amended the penal code so as to impose heavy penalties upon newspapers, which criticise the congress, courts, army, navy or a collegiate body.

The vast majority of the immigrants of today come from eastern and southeastern Europe, whereas Germany, the British islands and the Scandinavian countries furnished most of them a score of years ago.

A new mining town has sprung up during the past few days that promises to be one of the most important mining camps of the Joplin district. The new town is Mitchell, located six miles northwest of Joplin.

In the fiscal year which ended on June 30, 1902, 648,743 aliens came to this country in the steerage of vessels, and 82,055 as cabin passengers, making a total of 730,798. This number was never exceeded except in 1882.

The late Dr. Parker of London left property to the value of $135,000. His will provides handsomely for his housekeeper and his secretary, but the bulk of the money is divided among his wife's relatives.

The statistician of the department of agriculture estimates the newly seeded area of winter wheat at about 40,000,000 acres, an increase of 5.1 per cent upon the area estimated to have been sown in the fall of 1891.

Charles B. Peet, founder of Rogers, Peet & Co., was found dead in bed at his home in Plainfield, N. J., last Wednesday, from heart failure. He was vice president of the United States Casualty company, of New York.

Over 700 Danes in this country have sailed to spend Christmas in the old country. As a Danish Christmas lasts from Dec. 23 to Jan. 13, an attempt to do justice to it with an American stocking is useless.

Secretary of State Hay, in reply to a request from Gov. Sayers for a decision, rules that the governor of a border state may grant extradition without referring the case to Washington.

Industrial agents representing the Southern Pacific railroad have interested the department of agriculture in a proposition to make Texas the greatest tobacco producing territory in the world.

Without embarrassing the United States the public utterance of the president upon which they have their attention in this: "This (the Monroe) doctrine has nothing to do with the commercial relations of any American power."

The Rev. E. Griffith, of Boston, well known throughout New England, puts forth the revelation that the year 1903 is the beginning of the millennium, when the prophecy of Scriptures will be verified.

During the trial of John H. Schnettler, a former councilman of St. Louis, charged with bribery, testimony was heard to the effect that nineteen members of the house of delegates received money for thir votes on switch bills from different roads.

The Russian minister of finance monopolizes the alcohol industry, an idea of the output may be gained by the fact that 6,000,000,000 corks are used annually, one-third of which are produced in government works.

The most expensive book in the world has lately been given by the Ameer of Afghanistan to the Shah. It is a copy of the Koran, bound in solid gold and set with pearls, rubies and diamonds. It cost $400,000.

The state of Idaho is soon to be the scene of the largest irrigation works in the United States, and the third in scope in the world. The land to be reclaimed is along the Snake river, and the tract is 271,000 acres in extent.

The most interesting persondage in either branch of congress these days is Joseph G. Cannon. The fact that he will be the speaker of the next house, and that his hands will be free in the framing of the committees, gives him an enviable position.

The controller of Currency has approved the application of U. D. Mayfield, John Mayfield, E. M. Ewing, H. G. Bostwick, Sam Sanger and others to organize the National City Bank of Waco, with a capital of $100,000.

Charles J. Denny, another member of the St. Louis house of delegates tried for perjury, was found guilty and his punishment fixed at two years in the penitentiary. This is the seventh conviction in the eight boodling cases brought to trial thus far.

D. J. Ehricht, of Sherman, recently paid a visit to Germany. The German papers published interviews in regard to Texas. As a result, since his return he has become an immigration bureau to Germans.

ITALY IN THE MUSS

There Is Some Apprehension of Complications With This Country.

NO IMPINGEMENT PERMISSIBLE

Nine Thousand Boers Are en Route to the Southwest, Where They Purpose to Begin Anew Life's Battle.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The Italian ambassador yesterday called at the state department and advised Secretary Hay that Italy had joined the allies in the operations against Venezuela. He requested that Mr. Bowen assume charge of the Italian interests in Venezuela, and the Secretary granted this request, subject to the approval of Venezuela. Italy enters the combination on the same plane as to abstentation from territorial seizures as Germany and Great Britain.

A dispatch from Berlin says: The German government has not yet replied to President Castro's offer of arbitration, being still in correspondence with the British government on the subject. It is intimated that Germany's reply is not likely to be ready for some days. The opinion in the cabinet appears to be that President Castro's proposals are merely a move in a game designed to see what Germany and Great Britain are now willing to do and as a test also of American public feeling. The prevailing idea here at present is that it is too late to arbitrate, and that the acceptance of the offer to do so would place Germany in the position of having put her hand to the plow and as looking backward.

Senator Cullom and Representative Hitt, chairman, respectively, of the committees of the senate and house in congress, are urging conservatism and deprecating all efforts to precipitate a discussion in congress. These gentlemen talk frankly with their colleagues and others in private conversation, and freely express their appreciation of the general solicitude, but advise all who approach them to proceed cautiously with public utterances or action of a public character, as, it is pointed out, that with the most cherished American policy as the topic, a policy dear to all parties and about which the average American is particularly sensitive, it would be easy to raise a storm of discussion, which might seriously embarrass the executive branch of the government by complicating a situation already confessed to be delicate. Unguarded expressions of public men, and especially proposed resolutions of inquiry offered in congress, are regarded as dangerous at this time. It is not likely therefore, that either party in congress will undertake to raise an issue, even with the possibility of making political capital, at a time when such an attempt might be fraught with grave national and international results.

A dispatch from Boston states that nine thousand Boers are on their way to America to take up land and settle in Texas, New Mexico and Colorado. They will take up 1,000,000 acres among the thousand or more families that are coming. If these 9,000 advance guard get along well in their new western homes, others will come, and South Africa will before long be depopulated of her hardy Dutch colonists.

Cotton at Near Fifteen.

Clarksville: Two bales of cotton belonging to Pat B. Clark, Jr., and Frank Clark were sold on the streets of Clarksville Tuesday for 13.80c and 14c respectively. This is a record price for all towns with the exception of Clarksville, she having paid as high as 14.85c for cotton this season.

Four rural delivery routes will be established out of Holland January 1.

EVERYWHERE.

John Barrett, who is in Calcutta, India, in connection with the St. Louis exposition, has declined a ministry to Japan, prefering to serve the World's fair.

George C. Pendleton of Temple is to receive the appointment to be a member of the Board of Managers of the Confederate Home, vice J. B. Rogers, deceased.

Congress will be asked to make an appropriation of $100,000 for an exhibit of the work of the agricultural colleges of the Union at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

A batle between a crowd of ruffians and the conductor and passengers on a southbound Illinois Central passenger just north of Metropolis, Ill., Friday afternoon resulted in one man being perhaps fatally shot.

Probably never before has a more general feeling of confidence prevailed among any class of railroad officials regarding the outlook for traffic than is felt among the western contingent at the present time regarding the outlook for 1903.

The drop in cotton prices, of course, is likely to be only temporary, for though the latest crop, 10,417,000 bales, is larger than had been expected by the average operator, the difference is not great enough to make any permanent decline in price.

Work was commenced Monday on a big cold storage plant for the Cudahy company at San Antonio. The building will be 150x80 feet, and will be located along the tracks of the International and Great Northern.

Ben Simpson, colored, killed himself at Clevenger's mill near Nacogdoches Tuesday afternoon by shooting himself with a 45-caliber Colt's revolver.

GENERAL MOORMAN DIES.

Adjutant General of the Confederate Veterans Suddenly Stricken.

New Orleans, La.: Gen. Moorman, adjutant general of the United Confederate Veterans, died suddenly Tuesday night, aged 61 years. He was on the staff of Forrest and other Confederate leaders during the war, earning many special mentions, and was commander of Moorman's cavalry batillion. He has been adjuctant general of the United Confederate Veterans since its organization, and was at work on preparations for the May reunion when death claimed him, as he expired while at his desk in his New Orleans office. Gen. Mooreman died while dictating a letter of congestion of the lungs, but his collapse was really due to overwork. His physician endeavored to force him to rest during the day, but his orders were violated and Gen. Mooreman's strong constitution gave way under the strain.

Fire at Temple.

Temple: The following is a list of parties suffering losses from a fire which broke out early Tuesday morning: Downs and Bentley, on buildings, insurance $10,000, damage $4500. J. R. Hill, cafe, insurance $1400, loss about $2000. J. B. Lloyd, dry goods, insurance $3150, loss about $4000. Herald Shoe company, water damage, insurance $3,500, loss about $1000. Downs, Cole & Co., water damage, insurance $300, damage about $25. W. S. Lemley, attorney, insurance $100, damage $50. Dr. M. L. Chapman, no insurance, water and smoke damage $75. Dr. J. K. Campbell, dentist, insurance $750, water and smoke damage $500. Willis and Orgain, drugs, fully insured, slight damage, smoke and theft.

Work will commence on the reconstruction of buildings as soon as losses can be adjusted.

Killed on Santa Fe.

Dublin: In a head on collision on the Santa Fe near Dublin, engineer Henry Dee lost his life. Pilot Oscar Allen was severely scalded. No others were injured. It was a freight engine which crashed into a passenger engine, both under full head. None of the passengers were seriously hurt.

SMALL TALKK IN TEXAS.

J. R. Drindell, representative of the Pabst Brewing company of Milwaukee, Wis., was in Beaumont last week and announced that his company will soon commence installing a large ice and cold storage plant at an expense of $200,000. The site for the plant has already been selected.

Fifteen additional locomotives will be placed in service on the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railway next year.

Senator Joseph W. Bailey has accepted an invitation of the Grant birthday association of Galena to deliver the annual address at the celebration April 12.

Three negroes are under arrest at Hillsboro charged with conspiring to rob a man who had $40 on his person.

Zapata county, which has been practically a desert for two years, has had good rains.

There was a local option election in Carson county last Tuesday, which resulted in favor of prohibition by 42 majority.

T. M. Brown, head of the firm of T. M. Brown & Co., Fort Worth, died Tuesday.

The Y. M. C. A., at McKinney, which has been on a tottering basis for some time, was completely revivified at a union meeting Tuesday.

A citizen of Gilmer is just completing a new shop, wherein he proposes to manufacture all kinds of novelties, such as moldings, balusters, etc.

Oscar Railer and Joseph Graf of St. Louis visited Sour Lake Tuesday and purchased a site for a refinery. Work on same will begin in the near future.

The death of Col. B. F. Holliday, a well known newspaper man, occurred Monday at his home at Buda. He spent much of his time in Austin.

Pleas Matthews, a colored laborer at the oil mill at Nacogdoches accidentally had his hand cut off in the machinery Tuesday afternoon.

World's Supply of Cork.

All the cork used in the world in a year weighs just over 1,000 tons. It comes from France, Spain, Portugal, Italy and North Africa.

Must Have Been Wrought Up.

A book of ninety-three pages on the custom of tipping has been written by a German named Ihering.

Varieties of Humming Birds.

There are 400 sorts of humming birds known to naturalists. They are found only in America.

Tunnel Far Below River.

The Severn tunnel in England lies forty-five feet to 100 feet below the bed of the river.

Indians as Cotton Pickers.

Choctaw Indians are being imported to pick cotton in Mississippi. They are quick and active, nimble of finger, and after a few weeks' practice can pick as much cotton per day as the best negro pickers.

Population and Indebtedness.

Since 1850 the population of the world has doubled; its indebtedness, chiefly for war purposes, has quadrupled. It was eight billions fifty years ago; it is thirty-two billions today.

Winter Vegetables.

Two monster vegetables—a turnip weighing twenty-three pounds and a cabbage weighing fifteen pounds—have been grown at Foulmere, Cambridgeshire, England.

John Sherman's Gravestone.

John Sherman's grave in the Mansfield, O., cemetery has just been marked by a handsome granite block. The name "John Sherman" is the only legend that relieves the plainness of the huge monolith.

MONROE DOCTRINE

The Declaration in a Formal Way Not Deemed Necessary.

RESOLUTION OF 1896 STANDS

The American Continent Must Remain Inviolate From European Acquirement and Possession Under Any Condition.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The South and Central American diplomatic representatives here are in a state of anxiety over the Venezuelan situation that finds expression in frequent calls at the state department for information. Monday six ministers were among Secretary Hay's visitors, although this was not diplomatic reception day.

Secretary Hay was in conference at the White House for a short time with the president regarding Venezuelan affairs. Senator Cullom and Representative Hitt, the heads of the two committees of foreign affairs of congress, saw the president, but it is stated little attention was given to Venezuela.

Among senators and representatives who have discussed the Venezuelan question with the president the situation is regarded as serious, but it is not generally believed as likely that the United States will become involved in the matter.

The senate committee on foreign affairs made a declaration of the Monroe doctrine when the agitation over the Schomberg line in Venezuela was intense. On Jan. 20, 1896, the late Senator Davis reported the declaratory resolution from this committee.

Senator Gray, chairman of the anthracite coal strike committee, announced that this was not the unanimous action of the committee. Senator Davis said the action of the committee was a notice to foreign nations, and was sufficiently effective without a vote of the senate. The resolution after the usual preamble is as follows:

"Resolved, That the United States of America reaffirms and confirms the doctrine and principles promulgated by President Monroe in his message of Dec. 2, A. D. 1823, and declares that it will assert and maintain that doctrine and those principles and will regard any infringement thereof, and particularly any attempt by any European power to take or acquire any new or additional territory on the American continent, or any islands adjacent thereto, or any right or sovereignty or dominion in the same in any case or instance as to which the United States shall deem such attempt to be dangerous to its peace or safety by or through force, purchase, cession, occupation, pledge, colonization, protectorate, or by control of the easement in any canal or any other means of transit across the American Isthmus, whether under unfounded pretension or right in cases of alleged boundary disputes, or under any other unfounded pretensions, as the manifestation of any unfriendly disposition which it would be impossible in any form for the United States to regard with indifference."

James Matthews was crushed to death in East Waco by a Cotton Belt switch engine. It is thought that he fell in front of the engine while crossing the track. He leaves a widow and four children, all girls.

Although delayed by the rather long spell of inclement weather the boom in orchard planting all over Texas will not be dampened and its increase over last year will be little less than phenomenal. John S. Kerr, secretary of the Texas State Nurserymen's Association, said "At first blush it may seem an exaggeration, but I candidly believe that the increase will be at least 200 per cent, in other words, that there will be at least three trees planted this season to one last. There are two reasons—first, the orchard crops have proven very profitable indeed, and second, the uncertainties of some of the other crops for the last two years."

Getting Ready to Build.

Hillsboro: From seven to ten cars of rails and fixtures for the Trinity and Brazos Valley railroad are arriving daily. The contracts will be let in a few days for grading, the work having been delayed by the recent illness of Ben Thompson, the civil engineer of the road.

El Paso: Plenty of American gold is going to Mexico daily for investment in mines. H. F. Smith, F. T. Laws and J. E. Wise, Philadelphia capitalists, returned Friday after concluding the purchase of the El Tiegre and Portuda mines of the Montezuma district of Sonora. The price paid for the mines is given as $250,000. They will be stocked for several million and fully developed.

Cut Captor's Throat.

Eagle Pass: Deputy Sheriff Richard Stone had his throat cut from ear to ear at an early hour Sunday morning by a negro whom he attempted to arrest. Although desperately wounded, he landed his man behind the bars. Stone's condition is serious.

Henry Dellums, Republican chairmanman for the Corsicana senatorial district, announces that he is the father of three children, born Sunday night, two boys and one girl.

A negro working at the oil mill at Dublin, known as Sunny Jim, got his hand cut off by the cake former. It cut all the fingers off just behind the knuckles, leaving only the thumb.

Mineral Wells now has no telegraphic service, the Western Union having abandoned its Peck City loop.

The Johnson County grand jury, just adjourned, turned in forty-one indictments.

THE WAY OF THE TRANSGRESSOR

Three Men Attempted to "Get Rich" Quick by Bank Robbing.

Alvord, Dec. 16.—Three white men made a daring attempt to hold up the cashier and rob the First National bank Monday. The bank had been notified that an attempt would be made to rob the bank. The officers were notified and were on hand to receive them. Some of the officers were inside the bank and others across the street, where the approaches could be commanded. Between 3 and 4 o'clock three men, whose names are given as being Frank Martin, John McFall and Claude Golden, rode up to the bank. McFall and Golden dismounted and entered the bank and Martin remained outside to hold the horses.

McFall and Golden covered the cashier with pistols and demanded the cash in the vaults, not noticing the officers, who were standing to one side of the entrance. The officers instantly covered them with pistols and demanded that they surrender. McFall turned as if to fire and was shot through the head. Golden surrendered, throwing up his hands. Hearing the firing inside the mank Martin put spurs to his horse, but was stopped by a load of buckshot from the officers across the street, which struck him in the left side. He was instantly killed, also receiving a pistol wound.

McFall is dangerously wounded, being shot through the head just below the ears. Golden is under guard and will be taken to Decatur.

The bank received warning from a man living near Chico, who, its is said, got his information from a small boy and rode across the country hastily to inform the bank.

Horror Averted Near Pecos.

Pecos: An attempt to wreck the west-bound passenger train here at 12:40 o'clock Monday afternoon, was made about eight miles east of here. Two men were discovered on the track by the trackwalker. Upon seeing him they mounted their horses and rode off. When he got to the place where they were, he found that two rails had been removed, and he went down the track and stopped the train. The place where the rails had been removed was in a rocky cut, and the wrecking of the train would have been fatal to the passengers.

Shot at the King.

Brussels: As Leopold, the King of the Belgians, was leaving the train at Laken two shots were fired at him, although neither took effect. It is not known whether the shots were fired by an assassin or by poachers, but in view of the dissatisfaction with the King which exists throughout the kingdom because of his cruel treatment of his daughter, Princess Stephanie, the shooting is generally believed to have been a deliberate attempt to kill him, and much excitement prevails. The guards that surround the king have been redoubled.

David Brin Dies by Suicide.

Waxahachie: David Brin, manager of the Brin Dry Goods company, was at his place of business as usual Monday morning, and left the store at 12:30 to go home to dinner. After reaching home he went into the parlor and locked the door. A shot was heard and he was found with a bullet from a revolver through his brain. An empty laudanum vial was found in the room, and it is supposed he took the poison before shooting himself. No cause is known for the self-destruction.

Died at Corsicana.

Corsicana: H. J. Collins, was found in an unconscious condition a short distance south of town Saturday morning, and died at 9:10 o'clock Monday morning. Members of the Mexia camp, Woodmen of the World, of which he was a member, were with him to the time of his death, and accompanied the remains to Mexia, where they will be interred.

Two Murder Suspects.

Stamford: As a result of the coroner's investigation into the killing of Frank Palmer last Wednesday night, Palmer's wife and A. P. Oliver have been arrested and placed in Anson jail Mr. Oliver served as County Clerk of Stonewall county for eight years, from 1892 to 1900.

It has been determined by the International & Great Northern Railway company to build a line from Houston to New Orleans, practically paralleling the Southern Pacific route.

New Oil Refinery at Corsicana.

Corsicana: Work has been commenced placing the boilers and vats in place in the new refinery which is being erected east of the city. The big water tank is nearly completed, and it is anticipated that it will be but a short time before the refinery will be in operation.

The new depot at Keene is almost completed.

Tree planting has gained quite an impetus in Oak Cliff during the last few days, as many as 150 trees having been placed during that time. Most of the trees are not less than five inches in diameter.

An inquiry has been received at the general passenger offices of the Texas and Pacific from the promoter of a plan to colonize several thousand Swedish immigrants in Texas. He desires to obtain from 20,000 to 100,000 acres of land.

Carnigie Dedication at Temple.

Temple: A meeting of the board of directors of the Carnegie Library association it was decided to lay the cornerstone of the library on Dec. 30, with appropriate and impressive ceremonies and the local lodge of Masons was invited to take charge of the ceremonies. A dispensation for that purpose will be requested of the grand master.

A man sold a flock of turkeys at Terrell, receiving 17c a pound—$20.25, an average of $1.35 for each turkey.

REAL WAR IS ON

British and German War Vessels Take a Venezuelan Port Fortress.

ACTION LOOKS PRECIPITATE.

Panic Reigns in Caracas and If Uncle Sam Remains Impassive: a South American Alliance May Be Formed.

La Guayra, Venezuela, Dec. 15.—Wednesday a British tramp steamer, the Topaz, which sailed from Cardiff, with a cargo of coal Nov. 4 under the command of Capt. G. P. Davison, lay at Puerto Cabello, flying the British flag after having discharged her cargo, was seized by a Venezuelan rabble, which subjected her captain and crew to arrest and other indignities while mad with excitement over the action of the German and British ministers and naval forces. The imprisoned sailors were afterward released, and had returned to the ship when the Charybdis and the Vineta steamed into Puerto Cabello early Saturday morning.

Upon a statement of his grievance a force of fifty marines were put under command of Capt. Davison of the Topaz for her protection. An officer was sent ashore with a message to the port authorities stating that an apology and satisfaction for the attack upon the Topaz must be made immediately. The English ultimatum added that unless reparation were made within two hours the penaley would be the bombardment of the fortress and customhouse of the port. The Charibdi, the British vessel and the Vineta, the German vessel immediately cleared for action. This was done about 3 o'clock, and as no assurance had been received at five the British vessel followed immediately by the German warship opened fire which was kept up till 6.

The precipitate action of these vessels is looked upon as unnecessary and cowardly, as at 4.45, but too late to reach the vessels before 5 o'clock, a message had been forwarded by Castro to the American consul, giving assurance that full reparation would be forthcoming.

Should the United States government remain impassive on the interpretation that the Monroe doctrine does not warrant interference with foreign powers resorting to drastic measures for the collection of claims, the government of Argentina, feeling that the autonomy of all the South American States is jeopardized, is prepared to take a decided stand by the side of Venezuela. Chile, too, sizes up the situation the same way and it may turn out, even if Uncle Sam prefers, "no entangling alliances," that Great Britain and Germany, already taxed to desparation, may have to send considerable good money after that which is at least bad.

The British and German legations at Caracas, which were closed with disorder and panic was opened Saturday under the American flag by W. W. Russell, secretary of the American legation. Leading German and British residents of Caracas are very bitter against their respective ministers, whom they accuse of leaving Caracas without giving any intimation of their intention to abandon the city.

NOTES OF EVERYWHERE.

W. W. Wallace, the son of Secretary of State Wallace, was shot and instantly killed at his home near Rutherford, N. C., by his 14-year-old brother, Alfred, who was handling a gun which he thought was not loaded.

The Confederate reunion executive committee has decided that the reunion to be held in New Orleans shall take place May 19, 20, 21 and 22.

Around Addington, I. T., the cotton crop is practically all gathered, and was short. Wheat is looking very fine. A large acreage was sown, and promises a good yield for next year.

The Salvation Army in New York has set itself a mighty task. This task, self-imposed, is the feeding of 25,000 of New York's poor on Christmas day.

The conference at Washington between a committee of conductors from the entire southern system and General manager Ackert has resulted in an advance of wages for the men.

Mrs. Grant Dead.

Washington: Mrs. U. S. Grant, wife of President Grant, died at her residence in this city at 11:17 o'clock Sunday night. Death was due to heart failure, Mrs. Grant having suffered for some years, which was aggravated by a severe attack of bronchitis. Her age prevented her rallying from the attacks. Her daughter, Nellie Grant Sartoris, was the only one of her children with her at the time of her death, her three sons, who had been summoned here, all being out of the city.

Bexar Irrigation Scheme.

San Antonio: The Acme Irrigation company has purchased a tract of land consisting of 1200 acres, four miles from this city, paying $30,000 for it, which will be put under irrigation by means of artesian wells and made into an immense truck farm. One well is already in operation. Near this tract is a truck farm cotaining 200 acres, which is irrigated by one well, and three big crops were made on it this year.

The Unloaded Pistol.

Goff: Friday morning Francis Dunigan was accidentally shot and killed by a pistol in the hands of a friend. The weapon was thought to be unloaded.

Galveston: George Williams, colored, aged 54 years, dropped dead about 7 o'clock Saturday night on Twenty-ninth street, between Postoffice and Church streets. The coroner's verdict was heart disease.

Cleburne is organizing a bank.

Aubrey is happy over a fine crop of persimmons.

Scottish Rites Masons will erect a $50,000 temple in Dallas.

The twenty-eighth session of the legislation will convene Jan. 13.

A case of smallpox has developed at Traweek, a few miles north of Nacogdoches.

Cabbage shipments have commenced at Corpus Christi, breaking all early records.

Texas stores carry more holiday goods than ever before in the history of the state.

Wolves have so increased in Kaufman county that farmers are suffering from their depredations.

The rendition of taxable merchandise is greater in Dallas than in Houston and San Antonio combined.

Service on the Dallas, Cleburne & Southwestern railway will be commence Saturday, December 20.

Ezekiel Harrison, colored, was killed by a freight train he was trying to board south of Alvarado Sunday morning.

A company capitalized at $35,000 has been chartered to build a railway from Lockhart to Austin, a distance of 35 miles.

The prohibition election held in precinct No. 1, King County, on the 9th of December, went dry by a large majority.

Bob Stego, a negro thirty-three years old, was killed in Dallas early Sunday morning by a pistol shot at the hands of an unknown.

Virgil Gallaher, on trial at San Antonio for the murder of his mother, was given a sentence of 25 years for murder in the second degree.

Private Bailey, in the hospital service at Fort McIntosh, just received notice that he has fallen heir to $40,000. His term of service expires in five months.

D. A. Blank, an electrician for the Sherman Oil and Cotton company, fell from a pole and sustained painful hurts his right arm being broken and other bruises inflicted.

Jeff Minter, a one armed man, was shot and killed as he emerged from a saloon Saturday night. He lost his arm in a shooting scrape in the same locality a few years ago.

The boll worm has made its appearance in Kaufman county, J. H. Kell, living near Kaufman having shown specimens of the pest secured on his farm some two miles from Kaufman.

Citizens of Whitney have petitioned the county commissionets' court to order an election to determine whether the city shall incorporate or not. This makes their fourth effort to incorporate.

Robbers wrecked a train on the Rock Island near Terral, I. T., Friday morning, by removing the plates that join the rails, and Engineer George Clark and Fireman George Wells lost their lives.

Mr. Johnson, Jim and Monroe Lewis, who live about a mile from Greenville, were poisoned by eating souse, which was made in a tin vessel, and allowed to stand in it until parts of the meat became poisonous.

The City Council of El Paso fixed the rate of taxation for the ensuing year at $1.97, an increase of 14c over last year. A poll tax of $1 was levied and an assessment of 22c was made to open streets for the new union depot.

It is asserted by pecan dealers that the early published estimates of the pecan yield in Texas were greatly overdrawn and that the total shipments of the nuts from the State will not exceed 300 cars.

The oil burner at the American Round Bale gin plant in Terrell exploded Saturday, and as a result two men, C. C. Epps, a visitor from Southmayd, and John Nugent, a pressman, were badly burned about the face, and the front end of the furnace, to which the burner was attached, is somewhat demolished.

A well-attended meeting of farmers representing every section of Navarro county was held in Corsicana, at which the question of securing corn and other grain seed for next season's planting was discussed, and committees appointed to further the objects of the meeting.

W. C. Claiborn of Bartonville has raised two crops of apples this year, the last fruiting last month. The second growth was small, but well formed. Boone Daugherty, south of Denton, also grew two crops on the same trees. Near Justin so warm has been the winter there is a crop of volunteer oats about ready to cut.

A well dressed stranger was found in an unconscious condition at Corsicana Sunday morning with an empty morphine bottle beside him. In his pockets were letters addressed to R. J. Collins, Fairburn, Ga., one by from Mexia Camp No. 34, Woodmen of the World.

Horace Johnson, a colored barber of Austin, aged twenty-eight years, unmarried, was foully murdered about 1 o'clock Saturday morning. His body was found about an hour later, with a bullet hole in the head and his face and head horribly mutilated.

Governor Lanham will be inaugurated Jan. 6.

Plenty of Snow.

Denver, Col.: The entire Rocky Mountain region from Northern Wyoming to Southern New Mexico was visited by a snowstorm during Saturday and Sunday. The ground in the plateau section is covered to a depth of six inches, while the fall in the mountains has been much heavier. Sunday night the weather is clear.

Omaha: Seven inches of snow is on the ground. Trains are coming in late from all directions. No wind accompanied the storm.

Bloomington: A blizzard is raging over Central Illinois. Snow began to fall at dusk, accompanied by a driving wind. It is growing colder and it is thought that traffic will be impeded.

Woman Walking Delegate.

Miss Ellen Lindstrom, the only woman walking delegate in the world, is the leading spirit in the new Domestic Servants' Labor union of Chicago. She promises to rival in importance all the high dignitaries of the men's labor unions. Miss Lindstrom, by a word, will be able to make Chicago—or a big part of it—do without meals or else do the cooking herself. She represents the Scandinavian element in the new domestics' union, but she has no preference for her countrywomen in the matter of the leadership, it is stated.

A Good Parlor Magic Trick.

Announce that you are about to cook an omelet: then you break four eggs in a hat, place the hat for a short time over the flame of a candle, and shortly afterward produce an omelet, completely cooked and quite hot. Some persons will be credulous enough to believe that by the help of certain ingredients you have been enabled to cook the omelet without fire, but the secret of the trick is that the omelet had been previously cooked and placed in the hat, but could not be seen, because the operator, when breaking the eggs, placed it too high.

May that Judge's Tribe Increase.

Judge Foster of the New York court of general sessions has put the stamp of legal condemnation on the idea that it is wise for a woman to marry a criminal for the purpose of reforming him. The judge was asked to suspend sentence on a young man convicted of larceny because the accused was engaged to "an estimable young lady." His honor refused, saying he had investigated the fellow's record and found it bad. He added a hope that the young woman would also investigate and take back her promise to marry.

A Reminder of Cruelty.

The Paris papers report a gruesome discovery which has been made recently by some military engineers who have been exploring the dungeon at the chateau of Brest, where at one time a battalion of the 19th Infantry was quartered. A door has been forced, and a skeleton with the skull broken discovered. Round the wrists was an iron chain, which was fastened with a padlock. At the feet was another chain, to which was hanging a bullet. The dungeon had not been opened since 1650. Thus was human progress hewn out.

Many of us might be happy if we did not suffer from disorders of the liver. Then we ought to use Dr. August Koenig's Hamburg Drops, which cure the disorders and bring the whole system to a healthy condition.

And, No Doubt She Did.

She was a rather stylish looking young lady and attracted attention when she entered the car. She occupied the only vacant seat, beside a rather elderly gentleman. When the conductor came for her fare she reached to her side, and then, her color changing several shades, she gasped: "Oh; I've been robbed! There is nothing but a banana skin and an old piece of cigar in my pocket!" Then the deep bass voice of the man by her side was heard: "Madam, would you mind taking your hand out of my pocket?"

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HOLIDAY EXCURSION.

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Choice of three routes are offered, either via Memphis, New Orleans or Shreveport.

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Schedules and equipment via this route are unexcelled.

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Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.
FRANK J. CHENEY.
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UNCLE SAM SOUGHT

United States Minister Bowen Is Requested to Mediate.

THE SITUATION IS COMPLICATED

But There Is Decidedly More Fuss than Feathers in the Whole Business. Fat for Some More "Commissioners."

Washington, Dec. 13.—A cablegram yesterday from Minister Bowen at Caracas states that the Venezuelan government has requested him to propose to Great Britain and Germany that the difficulties arising out of the claims for alleged damages and injuries to British and German subjects during the civil war be submitted to arbitration.

This proposition will be laid before those governments, the state department acting merely as a channel of communication. Not much hope is entertained of the favorable reception of the proposition, as it is felt that the difficulty has progressed too far for a settlement by arbitration.

The reprisals made by the Venezuelans for the destruction of their navy in the seizure of British ships and the arrest of British and German subjects practically have developed the relations between the countries into those of real war. Great Britain and Germany are simply following the course taken during the war with China, when, notwithstanding the fact that the allied fleet battered down Takua and captured and destroyed a number of Chinese naval vessels, no declaration of war was forthcoming.

Up to noon yesterday no communication on the Venezuelan situation had been received from the Berlin or London governments. In the absence of advices the officials were not disposed to comment on the likelihood of President Castro's proposition being accepted. It is probable that replies will be received over night and will be sent by the state department to Mr. Bowen, who will inform the Venezuelan President. It is certain that the state department is willing to do anyting reasonable and satisfactory to all parties. Therefore Secretary Hay replied to Mr. Bowen's cablegram authorizing him in his discretion to use his good offices to secure arbitration. He was however made to understand that in the arbitration, he would represent not the United States, but the government of Venezuela, at its request.

If the claims against Venezuela were only those of Great Britain and Germany the adjustment might be easier, but France, Italy, the United States and perhaps other nations also have claims and they can not accept any agreement which Great Britain and Germany might force upon Venezuela which would deprive them or their right of reclamation.

If there is an attempt to possess themselves of all the customs receipts on the part of Great Britain and Germany protests naturally might be expected to follow from France, which holds claims agregating more than the combined claims of England and Germany, and which it is understood already has aranged for their payment on an installment plan out of Venezuelan customs receipts, an arrangement that might be disturbed by the British and German program.

Nine Cent Cotton.

Big Sandy: H. A. Williams, joint station agent at this place, sold three bales of long staple cotton a few days ago for 9c per pound. This is the first year Mr. Williams has tried this variety of cotton and he is well pleased with the staple. He will plant his entire crop of cotton next year of this variety. Mr. Williams has also tried alfalfa on his farm this year and reports that it grows exceedingly fine here.

Negro Woman Murdered.

Terrell: Advices have just been received of a killing at Rosser Wednesday night. Mrs. Reedy Harris, colored, of Ennis came to Rosser Wednesday night and was shot to death. A reward has been offered for the apprehension and capture of Reedy Harris, the woman's husband.

A highwayman held up J. A. Fox in Dallas Friday night and relieved him of $40.

Went By His Own Hand.

Farmersville: M. T. Battle, one of our most prominent and respected business men, retiring to his barn about 7:30 Friday morning, shot himself through the head, living only a few minutes. No reason is known why he should commit this rash act. The deceased was a member of a highly respected family and leaves and wife and five children.

Killed Over a Quarter.

Denison: A negro in the employ of Wyatt & Donovan, contractors on the Wybark extension of the Katy, was killed Sunday night by another negro. The quarrel was over 25c. The slayer made his escape.

The government has placed an embargo on the British railroad to La Guayra and on the German Central railroad from Caracas to Vanencia.

Tom Hines and T. W. Barnes have bought 1900 acres of land in Hood county, and will devote it to cattle range.

One Negro Killed Another.

Bonham: Tuesday night at Ragsdale, north of here on Red river, a fight occurred at a negro resort between two negroes, in which Bob Stephens had his throat cut with a knife. He lived about ten minutes after receiving the wound. Rosa Johnson is in jail.

Bad Blaze at Ballinger.

Ballinger: Thursday night fire broke out in the business part of town, and for awhile it looked as though the whole row of buildings in which the City Hotel and postoffice were situated was doomed, but after an hour of hard fighting on the part of the fire company the flames were gotten under control. The fire originated in the rear of Bowden Bros.' furniture store and consumed the entire stock and the building. The loss is $4000 on stock; insured for $2000, $500 in the Hartford, $500 in the Royal, $500 in the Home of New York and $500 in the Liverpool, London and Globe. T. S. Langford's loss by removal of stock and damage to building is $1000; fully insured. Dancers & Lee, barbers, were damaged $50 to shop fixtures. The building occupied by Bowden Bros. was valued at $1200 and was owned by Mrs. Bennett. It was a total loss, with no insurance.

Oklahomians are Stirred Up.

Guthrie: Great indignation is expressed by the people of Oklahoma, irrespective of party affiliation, on account of the proposed amendment to have the name of the state, as provided in the senate substitute statehood bill, Jefferson instead of Oklahoma. They object strenuously to surrendering their name, and if the change is persisted in there will be indignation meetings held throughout the Territory. Federal and Territorial officials expressed themselves as unanimously opposed to the name of Jefferson, and the homesteaders who made the run for the claims are in fighting humor over the announcement.

Poultry and Prosperity.

Hico: Shipments of chickens and turkeys have been larger than for many years from this point. This is one of the largest produce shipping points in the state. One merchant says he handled over $4000 worth last month.

Cut Off a Leg.

Texarkana: John Youngquiss, a Swede, was run over by a Kansas City Southern train in the local yards Friday morning and one of his legs was cut off at the knee.

Robbed of His Roll.

Sherman: A man named Patton complained to the police that Thursday night about 12 o'clock he was beset in East Pecan street and a blanket or something of that nature thrown over his head and $60 taken from his pockets. He can give no clew to his assailants.

New Advertising Idea.

Beaumont: Fifty loyal citizens of Beaumont have signed as members of the Silk Hat club. Each member obligates himself to wear a silk hat when abroad, and the organization of such a club is for the purpose of advertising the city.

Child Burned to Death.

Texarkana: The wife of Manny Garrett, colored, went away from home Wednesday afternoon, leaving her 5-year-old daughter alone. When she returned an hour later she found the child with every particle of clothing burned off and its body terribly burned. It died early Thursday morning.

Hanged Himself at Sixty.

Whitesboro: James Perry, familiarly known as Uncle Jim, a prosperous farmer living two miles west of here, killed himself Friday morning by hanging. eH was about 60 years of age.

American Money Making Mexico.

Merkel: The new Texas and Pacific depot at this place is almost completed. it is a good deal larger than the old one and is modern in every respect. The new two-story brick school building is in the hands of the carpenters and will soon be ready for occupancy. It will cost something near $8000. Notwithstanding the short crops, the town and country are rapidly improving.

D. J. Ehricht, of Sherman, recently paid a visit to Germany. The German papers published interviews in regard to Texas. As a result, since his return he has become an immigration bureau to Germans.

Late estimates of the losses at the Gilmer fire set the amount at $65,000.

There is a great scarcity of cotton seed in Texas.

A Dallas business college will erect a three-story building for its school on Commerce street.

Want to Bull Silver Market.

Laredo. Information reaches here from Monterey that a big syndicate is now interested in buying up and controlling the principal silver mines in Mexico with the purpose of controlling the output and forcing the price of silver up. In confirmation of the report it is a fact that millions of dollars of American capital have been invested in these mines in the past month.

Rufus L. Coffin, a prominent cotton man, of Memphis, Tenn., died of appoplexy Friday. Mr. Coffin was 62 years of age. He was a native of Pontotoc, Miss., and served in the Confederate army under Gen. Forrest.

The controller of Currency has approved the application of U. D. Mayfield, John Mayfield, E. M. Ewing, H. G. Bostwick, Sam Sanger and others to organize the National City Bank of Waco, with a capital of $100,000.

The second annual exhibition of the west Texas and Texas State Poultry association, being held in San Antonio, is one of the finest exhibitions of fine fowls ever held in Texas.

A Private bank at Hillsboro, N. M., was held up by daylight robbers Wednesday, and $30,000 taken. The money had been deposited by a cattle man just previous to the robbery.

"A single swallow does not make a summer," but many of them have made many "winters of discontent."

A man has to be dunned to death before he will pay the bebt of nature.

When the bookkeeper drops a nickle in the slot he makes a cash entry.

A sensative man, unlike a check, is apt to go when he is run down.

Parents make negligent children by allowing them to be negligent and do negligent things.

It stands to reason that any man who would hook a fish would lie about it.

After losing his heart a young man often loses his head.

A gentleman of leisure excels in doing nothing gracefully.

Don't be so aggressively charitable as to make beneficiaries uncomfortable.

Some men take a mean advantage of their wives by wearing their hair short.

It's the girl who can't sing that seems anxious that everyone should know it.

People who always say what they think usually think a lot of disagreeable things.

HOLIDAY EXCURSIONS.

The territory to which excursion tickets for the Holidays will be sold has been considerably widened. In addition to the usual sale of tickets to points in the Southeastern states, the T. & P. Ry. company will also sell round trip tickets to principal points in Mexico, Colorado, Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

The rate will be one first-class fare plus $2.00 for the round trip and tickets may be purchased December 13, 17, 21, 22, 23 and 26, good to return within thirty days from date of sale.

Further information regarding rates, through service, sleepers, free seats in chair cars, etc., may be had from any railroad ticket agent, or through correspondence with H. P. Hughes, Traveling Passenger Agent, Fort Worth, Texas, or E. P. Turner, G. P. & T. A., T. & P. Ry. Co., Dallas, Texas.

Speaking of real estate in cities, a front foot is often worth more than a back yard.

Storekeepers report that the extra quantity, together with the superior quality, of Defiance Starch makes it next to impossible to sell any other brand.

What the modern airship navigator needs is a safety anchor and something to anchor to.

THE ST. PAUL CALENDAR FOR 1903

six sheets 10x15 inches, of beautiful reproductions, in colors, of pastel drawings by Bryson, is now ready for distribution and will be mailed on receipt of twenty-five (25) cents—coin or stamps. Address F. A. Miller, General Passenger Agent, Chicago.

A Working World Is Ours.

A good many of the very rich young men of New York are among the busiest people belonging to Manhattan island. For instance, Cornelius Vanderbilt and "Jack" Astor are continually at work inventing something or other. Harry Payne Whitney takes a deep interest in his father's business, George Gould is up to his waist in big affairs all the time. Clarence Mackay is carrying on his father's extensive enterprises and J. P. Morgan, Jr., finds ample occupation in representing his father in London. In fact many young men are the active elements.

A man is not in a calm condition when he finds it impossible to raise the wind.

Dealers say that as soon as a customer tries Defiance Starch it is impossible to sell them any other cold water starch. It can be used cold or boiled.

There are more ways than one to skin a cat, also a Rube. Subscribe for your local paper and keep posted.

Carpets can be colored on the floor with PUTNAM FADELESS DYES.

Avoid whisky and water; it is a dilution and a snare.

It is difficult for some men to keep their mouths shut when they have noth to say.

Don't set much store by genius; the diligent workers are buying up the earth.

RIAL WEST.

...as, Dec. 19, 1902.

...railway.

...s..... 8:47 p. m.
...xpress..... 10:15 a. m.

SOUTH BOUND.

...Express..... 7:15 a. m.
...r and Express..... 6:25 p. m.

J. W. KENNEDY, Local Agt.

...locals five cents per line. ...run and are charged for ...d out. Transient notices ...are cash, other bills on ...th.

...usiness Locals.

...u tried that fine chilli at ...n.

...le and hogs will find ... at Bob Troup's meat ...

...ail to find a suitable ...me to the Bargain Store,

...an thirteen hundred dolls ...g's store. Step in and ...elf in quality and price.

Jackson & Blair for ...uty, the best flour made. ...eceived.

...and college text books ... supplies of all kinds for ...D. Stocking's.

...lower's new jewelry, ... watches. A new lot of ...t arrived and just the ...his market.

...l and Personal.

...ntin is home to spend the ...

...Patrick went to Amarillo ...on business.

...C. Barrett returned from ...this morning much im... health.

...he water works closed ... M. Hilderbrand has ...water wagon.

...Maggie Scarborough, of ...exas, is here on a visit to ... Mrs. J. A. Johnson.

...Webb, representing the ...th Register, spent two ... the first of the week.

...hite returned home last ...om Beaumont, where he ...employed for some time.

...t of Beaty & Braly vs. ...Trent was non suited yes...d a new suit will be filed.

...Morgan, who has been ...in the northwest, returned ...esday for a month or two's ...

...Page and W. F. White ...from Santa Rosa, N. M., ...where they bought a car ...eep apiece to bring here ...n feed.

...Blake will go to Houston ... the holidays with her ...ss Lily Blake, who is a ...her in the office of the ...mber Co.

... Patman went to Lelia ...and arrested Homer Mc... alias John Williams, a ...nd, wanted at Stephens... case of burglary and two ...heft.

...Page has accepted the ... the county as road dam... Dubbs has also accepted ...y's offer of $200 as road ... The suit of J. E. Smyer ... today.

...now, rain and sleet of ... Sunday and Monday has ...ground the muddiest it ... for a long time. The ... not blown much, but the ...been pretty hard on cattle.

...ou Cope will be home ...ston to spend the holidays ... parents and relatives. ... Ryan will go to Hous... her position as sten... for an oil company until ...s return.

...s Shooting.--Warning.

... If any person shall dis... gun, pistol or firearms ...description, any cannon ... torpedo on or across any ...are, street or alley in any ... or village, or in any ...within one hundred yards ...iness house in this state, ...e fined in any sum not ... $100. Sec. 2. By the ...non cracker" is meant ...acker or other combusti...e more than two inches ...and more than one inch ...mference.—From 1901

...istmas presents that have ...d lasting value go to ...

... get any thing you call ...Pullman that the market ...

...lman makes a specialty ...ders and lunches.

...day Excursion Rates.

...taw, Oklahoma & Gulf ... sell holiday excursion ...lly at one fare for the ... December 24, 25 and 31, ...January 1, 1903, limited ...rn until January 2, 1903.

Everything neat and clean at the Pullman.

The best and cheapest line of holiday goods in Clarendon is at Bargain Store.

As well save money on Xmas novelties as on bread and meat. Goods are marked in plain figures at Stocking's store. Step in and look them over.

Books, fancy stationery, gold pens and extension pencils, stick pins, breast pins, buttons and studs. Greatest variety in town at Clower's.

Mrs. John Beverly will leave this evening to spend the holidays with relatives in Fort Worth.

Mayor Carhart attended a meeting of the Northwest Texas Real Estate Association at Wichita Falls this week.

It is somewhat amusing to see a "lawyer," who is supposed to know the law, stand before an election board and argue that the board had no right to reject an illegal vote. Some people would be a little better off with more knowledge and less presumption.

Rev. W. L. Skinner will leave Monday morning for Seymour, where he has been engaged to perform the marriage ceremony of Charles L. Caldwell, a wealthy stockman of Stratford, and Miss Hattie Fancher, an accomplished young lady of Seymour, next Wednesday.

J. T. Brooks, a man who had recently moved here from near Wichita Falls and had built him a house near McLean, had the misfortune to lose his house, some farm implements and posts by fire, Tuesday. He is a man of limited means and Commissioner McCracken is taking up a collection for him.

The semi-annual report of Clarendon College shows that it has 221 students enrolled and that it is in every way meeting the expectations of its patrons. Cheapness is a second consideration, quality coming first. After the holidays now given, school will resume Dec. 30, and the Spring term will open Jan. 19.

Mrs. T. M. Wolf Dead.

Mrs. T. M. Wolf, sister of F. A. White, who went with her husband to Kerrville about two months ago, hoping that her health might be improved, died at that place yesterday. The remains are now on the way here and the funeral services will be held tomorrow at the Baptist church.

For neat and durable repairing of boots and shoes go to R. H. Lamb at Rutherford's Saddle Shop.

A fine assortment of gift books and novels at Stocking's store.

L. C. Beverly Elected Sheriff.

Last Tuesday's election resulted as follows:

	McLean	Beverly
Clarendon	116	187
Old Town	7	10
Boydston	8	7
Lelia	11	8
Rowe Station	30	18
Rowe Ranch	8	6
Giles	8	16
Whitefish	14	2
	202	254

In the general election the vote stood: McLean 197 Beverly 197, Sims 102, or 496 votes were polled for the three. Tuesday there was a falling off of 40. McLean polled five more than in November and Beverly 59 more.

Both conducted themselves creditably during the deciding contest—more so, in fact, than did some of their friends. They went to the polls together and each voted for the other.

The work of the office is not new to Mr. Beverly, he having filled the office a number of years, rendering him thoroughly familiar with his duties. He has made solemn pledges that he will see the law enforced, and it was on such promises he won some prohibition votes.

J. H. Jackson had an arm crushed in an oil mill at Vernon Saturday.

The price of the Dallas Daily News has been reduced to 75c per month. As a consequence, the circulation is rapidly increasing.

Men, what is the use of having your wife cook dinner Sunday when you can get a fine dinner at the Pullman. Regular dinner each day 25c.

For Sale, Ladies Wheel.

Nearly new, a bargain. Call at this office.

Fort Worth & Denver Reduced Rates.

Holiday excursions, the following rate, one first class limited fare plus $2 for the round trip, to described points in the old states. Tickets on sale Dec. 13, 17, 21, 22, 23 and 26, 1902, limited 30 days from date of sale.

J. W. KENNEDY, Agt.

Old papers for sale at this office 15 cents per 100.

You will save money by buying Christmas presents at Stocking's store.

A fine line of colored sugar and candies suitable for cake dressing at Bargain Store.

The best make of watches, rings, chains and jewelry at Clower's. Cutlery, shaving sets, toilet sets and everything nice for Christmas.

Genuine silver goods on sale at Clower's. Sugar shells, knives and forks, spoons, mugs, etc.

College Clatter.

'Tis said "there's many a slip twixt cup and lip." The first of the week there was many a slip twixt boarding hall and college, as well as elsewhere.

The majority of students will spend Christmas at home. May they think sometimes of those to whom such pleasure is denied by distance or other circumstances.

Miss Effie and Laconia Ferguson are absent this week. They are non residents of Clarendon so we hope to see them with us again soon.

Four young men were expelled from school Thursday for thirty days, the offence being smoking on the campus.

Misses Fannie Smith, Fay Montgomery, Elvira Kizzar and Mary Mooney will not be with us after the holidays.

Mr. Doak had the misfortune to fall upon the ice with a pan of hot water, scalding his face severely.

Prof. Wedgworth complimented his arithmetic class Wednesday. His words were full of encouragement and many good resolutions were made by his appreciative pupils, to be carried into effect after the holidays.

Whitefish Locals.

INDUSTRIAL WEST Correspondence.

Grady, the 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Stubbs was painfully scalded on the leg with hot water and it is now reported to have erysipelas.

Whitefish and Alanreed schools are moving nicely.

Alanreed has a literary. Meets every Thursday night and invites all who can to attend.

Geo. Simmons is a regular visitor on Whitefish.

Rev. Fort of Clarendon preaches at Alanreed the first Sunday in each month.

Mr. Turner of Clarendon was here Saturday. Joe Baker went to Alanreed Wednesday.

The Texas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South has subscribed $15,000 to the $5,000,000 fund which is being raised by the church to be invested as a fund for the superanuated ministers, their widows and orphans. This is the largest contribution which has been made to the fund by any conference in the United States and is to be paid on demand of the church authorities.

We have for sale a large number of copies of the Scientific American, containing valuable reading on engineering, architecture and kindred subjects, we will sell for two cents per copy. Just what a boy with a mechanical turn would delight in.

Attention!

On and after December 1, 1902, I will sell for CASH ONLY. To make the inducement sufficiently good to my many friends and customers I shall on that date reduce prices 20 per cent, on my entire stock. Everything goes, Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Notions, Etc. This is an earnest endeavor for your trade. A dollar saved is a dollar made. Try it and you will see that it will pay you. Ask to see my 5c, 10c, 15c and 25c Xmas novelties. Yours to please,

MORRIS ROSENFIELD.

Silverware, silver novelties, gold pens, jewelry and fancy clocks at Stocking's store.

Notice.

I have just received a nice line of new furniture consisting of Suits, Sideboards, Extension Tables, Kitchen Cabinets, Children's Beds, Mattresses and Bed Springs; also Fancy and Plain Queensware; all Wool Carpets, Rugs, etc. For bargains call and see me.

J. N. EDDINS.

An Oklahoma paper says a church in its town has called a new pastor who has six children and looks like he might be a good judge of fat chickens.

Miss Orene McClelland has accepted employment with the Bargain Store where she will be pleased to meet her friends and sell them Xmas goods at a bargain.

Favorite Family Remedy.

Frequently accidents occur in the household, which cause burns, cuts, sprains and bruises; for use in such cases, Ballard's Snow Liniment has for many years been the constant favorite family remedy. 25c, 50c and $1 at H. D. Ramsey's.

For Sale.

I have a number of articles of fancy work such as battenberg, point lace and embroidery for sale which will make fine Christmas gifts. They can be seen at the residence of MRS. W. B. TERRILL.

Christmas is Coming.

Dr. Stocking's store will be headquarters this year as heretofore for Holiday Goods. A larger stock than usual will be displayed in plenty of time for Christmas purchase.

They all agree that the finest assortment of Christmas goods are found at Stocking's store, at most reasonable prices.

Giles Gossip.

INDUSTRIAL WEST Correspondence.

Mr. James Merrell returned from Amarillo Sunday after a weeks visit to his sister, who has been very low with slow fever.

The F ranch shipped 40 cars of cattle from Giles on the 6th.

Montgomery, White and Gist shipped several cars of cattle from here Saturday.

The young people had a very pleasant party last week at the residence of P. T. Shelton, six miles north of Giles.

The Giles Sunday school is much pleased with their new organ.

Mrs. T. A. Curtis returned from Amarillo Thursday to spend a few days with her husband at the ranch.

Giles people are making arrangements for a Christmas tree and big blowout on Christmas.

Mr. Glasscock and family of Clarendon, spent Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. Thaxton at their hospitable home one mile west of Giles.

Mr. V. Coursey has been laid up with a bad case of rheumatism the last two weeks.

The Literary society at this place is progressing finely. All the young people seem to take a great interest.

G. G. Willingham returned home this week from the Masonic convention at Houston, Tex.

Miss Bessie Hill, sister of Mrs. P. C. Johnson, who has been visiting here for several weeks, returned to her home in South McAlister, I. T., Tuesday.

Agent Moores informs us that he has received a dozen cars of household goods in the past ten days. They are drifting out in all directions filling up the country with thrifty farmers.—Memphis Herald.

Childress will have a "union" Christmas entertainment at their Courthouse.

Gray county went pro last week by 13 votes.

New Meat Market.

Robt. Troup has open a meat market in the Walsh restaurant building and keeps Fresh beef, pork, poultry and fish will be kept on sale at reasonable prices. Honest weights and courteous treatment.

The Hair: Its Dressing and Care.

A beautiful head of hair is so important an element of woman's beauty that suggestions as to its arrangement and care interest most women. In The Delineator, for January there is an excellent article on this subject. The woman with thin hair is often at a loss to know how to arrange it becomingly, and how many women with abundant, beautiful hair fail to achieve the best effects from a lack of knowledge or training. Both cases are treated and explicit directions are given as to the proper care of the hair.

A New Through Car Line From Memphis to Portland, Oregon.

On Wednesday, November 19, the "Rock Island System," Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf R. R., in connection with the Union Pacific Route, established a through personally conducted tourist sleeping car line to Portland, Oregon, which will leave Memphis every Wednesday at 9 a. m. Little Rock 1:15 p. m., South McAlester, I. T., 10:50 p. m., same day, Oklahoma City, 2:40 a. m. Thursday, El Reno, 3:40 a. m., Denver, 7:30 a. m. Friday, Ogden, 7:15 a. m. Saturday, arriving at Portland, Oregon, 8:10 a. m. Sunday. 26

THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC.
How It Has Simplified the Matter of Travel.

Nowhere is the evolution of travel more manifest than on the line of the Houston and Texas Central and Southern Pacific in the states of Texas and Louisiana. The fact that the trains operated by these companies are pulled by oil burning locomotives, and the consequent absence of cinders and smoke, is in itself a recommendation to the traveling public. Add to this, the magnificent wide vestibule day coaches, chair cars, and sleepers with which the trains are equipped, and the traveler finds the combination difficult to excel. Millions of dollars have recently been spent to bring the equipment and roadbed to a perfect condition of efficiency. Eighty pound rails are being laid, and solid rock and gravel ballast mark every foot of the Southern Pacific and Houston and Texas Central lines. Service to all prominent points in Texas and Louisiana; through sleeping cars to eastern cities, to New Orleans, and to California and Mexican points, with a fast and liberal train service creates conditions in which travel is made easy and delightful. The Houston & Texas Central touches every city of any importance in Texas, while in conjunction with the Southern Pacific the opportunities for rapid transit are without parallel. Taking everything into consideration, the two lines mentioned above represent the very top notch of railroad excellence, and this fact should be considered by every man, woman and child who purchase a railroad ticket.

For information concerning low rates etc., apply to any agent of either lines, or to

S. F. B. MORSE,
1-23 Pass. Traffic Manager.

Turkeys Wanted.

Highest market prices paid for turkeys at the Cold Storage market.

It is stated that the job of building the Childress school house was very poor and much dissatisfaction was found with it. Great care should be exercised in the supervision of public buildings or slighting work will always result.—Memphis Herald.

Tons of broom corn has been marketed at Higgins this fall, a thing that was never done before. Wheat has also been marketed here this fall and this is the first time this was ever done. Truly Higgins and the country surrounding is fast coming to the front.—Higgins News.

The total number of bales marketed at Quanah this season is 4,509, about 2,000 less than it was last year at this time.—Quanah Tribune.

W. J. Hittson is putting in a telephone system at Memphis for which he is to charge 50 cents and $1 for residence and business phones per month.

He Found a Cure.

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

A case of drums a case of doll trunks and a case of doll buggies just received at Stocking's store.

Dental Parlor.

Dr. Prather has fitted up the neatest dental rooms in town, on the ground floor and convenient to the public, west of Taylor's corner. Up-to-date methods and best of work. Call and see him in his new quarters.

The cases against W. L. Keys and A. E. Holly—five or six in number—for selling liquor to minors came up in the district court at Wichita Falls last week, but attorneys for the defendants made motions for continuance in each case, which was done. They are being sued, together with their bondsmen, by the parents and guardians of some Seymour boys.

Ballard's Horehound Syrup.

Immediately relieves hoarse, croupy cough, oppressed, rattling, rasping and difficult breathing. Henry C. Stearns, druggist, Shullsburg, Wisconsin, writes, May 20, 1901: "I have been selling Ballard's Horehound Syrup for two years, and have never had a preparation that has given better satisfaction. I notice that when I sell a bottle, they come back for more. I can honestly recommend it." 25c, 50c and $1 H. D. Ramsey's.

One fare for the round trip on the "Choctaw" December 24, 25 and 31, 1902, and January 1, 1903. Tickets good to return until January 2, 1903.

When you read this paper, hand it to your neighbor, ask him to read it and send in his subscription.

Helpful Reading.

Some newspapers print matter to fill up space. Much of this is really harmful reading. It is the aim of *The Semi-Weekly News* to give helpful reading. Thousands will testify to its helpfulness to them. Ask your neighbor.

The Farmers' Department has helped many. It is not the theory of farming written by college professors and others up North on conditions that don't fit Texas. It is the actual experiences of farmers here at home who have turned over the soil.

SPECIAL OFFER.

If you are not taking the INDUSTRIAL WEST you should be. It is helpful to the best interests of your town and county. For ($1.80), cash in advance, we will mail you the INDUSTRIAL WEST and *The Galveston or The Dallas Semi-Weekly News* for 12 months. The News stops when your time is out.

Re Blackstock, Cleaned and Repaired to Sign from Sign Point