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## Fort Worth Live Stock Market.

**Steady, with Light Receipts and a Good Demand.**

**GOOD QUALITY STOCK**

**Market Strong, Good Higher, Common Steady.**

**LIGHT RUN TODAY.**

**Good Demand for Texas Mules, at Fair Prices.**

TODAY'S RECEIPTS

| | |
|---|---|
| | 319 |
| | 479 |
| | 11 |
| Hogs | $6.30 |
| Cows | 2.45 |

### THE HOG MARKET

Hog market is gradually showing weakness. Receipts consisted of 319 head, a better quality. The price is lower in the Northern markets and dull here.

Representative sales were:

| | |
|---|---|
| 290 | $6 10 |
| 140 | 6 15 |
| 151 | 6 15 |
| 160 | 6 20 |
| 240 | 6 20 |
| 173 | 6 20 |
| | 6 30 |

### THE CATTLE MARKET

Receipts were light, mostly cows, few steers on sale. Good cattle are higher, common stuff about steady. The arrivals were 479 head. There are for a better run during the few days.

Following representative sales were made today:

COWS AND HEIFERS.

| Average. | Price |
|---|---|
| 870 | $2 40 |
| 895 | 2 10 |
| 662 | 2 20 |
| 770 | 2 20 |
| 724 | 2 20 |
| 770 | 2 40 |
| 728 | 2 30 |
| 920 | 2 10 |
| 800 | 2 10 |
| 900 | 2 50 |
| 890 | 2 50 |
| 890 | 2 50 |
| 750 | 2 20 |
| 910 | 2 00 |

BULLS.

| | |
|---|---|
| 550 | 1 75 |
| 1100 | 2 20 |

CALVES.

| | |
|---|---|
| 243 | 2 75 |

### RECEIPTS AT OTHER MARKETS.

CATTLE.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chicago | 10,000 |
| Kansas City | 5,000 |
| St. Louis | 12,000 |

HOGS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chicago | 34,000 |
| Kansas City | 8,500 |
| St. Louis | 3,500 |

SHEEP.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chicago | 10,000 |
| Kansas City | 2,000 |
| St. Louis | 7,000 |

### FORT WORTH MULE MARKET

The business of buying and selling mules at the Fort Worth market is not much advertised, but transactions in mules are constant and extensive. Smith & Simmons report the following receipts and sales up to 2 o'clock today: Sales—50 mules to R. C. High, Ruston, La.; 20 to S. K. Stone, Beaumont, Tex.

Dunlavy—By Jinks, Magee & Co., 2 mules, from Abilene; by Davis, 1 mule from Colorado City; by Cooke Bros., 26 mules from Merkel and from Hillsboro.

Today's quotations are as follows for good, serviceable mules, 4 to 8 years old, good hair and flesh and well broke:

| | |
|---|---|
| 14 hands, fat | $ 45@ 50 |
| 14½ hands, fat | 60@ 75 |
| 15 hands, fat | 85@105 |
| 15½ hands, fat | 110@120 |
| 16 hands, fat, with quality | 125@140 |
| 16@16½ hands, ex., 1,350@1,500 | 145@160 |

These quotations are based on sales out of first hands. Sorted and selected loads are quoted some higher by speculators.

### Live Stock Commission Houses.

Following are the members of the Live Stock Exchange now doing business at the Fort Worth Stock Yards:

CAMPBELL & ROSSON L. S. COM. CO.
FORT WORTH LIVE STOCK COM. CO.
HAMM & DEUPREE.
LONG HORN COM. CO.
NATIONAL LIVE STOCK COM. CO.
NORTH TEXAS LIVE STOCK COM. CO.
GEO. W. SAUNDERS COM. CO.
SOUTHWESTERN LIVE STOCK COM. CO.

### LIVE STOCK NOTES.

El Paso (Tex.) Herald: During the past 12 months there have been handled through the El Paso Union Stock yards, 21,274 head of cattle, 616 horses and mules and 618 sheep, making a total of 22,508 head of live stock passing through El Paso during the last quarter of the year just closed. Taking into consideration the fact that during the fall months comparatively few shipments of live stock are made from this section, as the markets of the North are practically closed to shipments from this country, this is a good showing. These shipments of live stock come mostly from ranges in Western Texas and Northern Mexico. Cattle raising, next to mining, is one of the leading industries of this section, and from the above figures one can readily see what a healthy state that industry is now enjoying.

About 400 mounted hunters, men and women, 20 stag hounds and 100 persons in carriages participated in a grand coyote hunt on the plains 50 miles northwest of Denver. When the cordon converged around a large level basin, it was found that 35 coyotes had been rounded up. Chased by the hounds, the brutes dashed hither and thither, until the hunters, all armed with spears, charged down among them and the work of slaughter began. In half an hour there were no live coyotes in sight. Nine had escaped, covered with bites and spear thrusts, but 26 were slain.

#### An Indian Superstition.

Howison tells in his "Travels in Canada" how his Indian guide begged him to keep still on Christmas eve in the woods in order that they might see the deer kneel to the Great Spirit.

#### Receipts of New York Postoffice.

When the New York postoffice was built its annual receipts were $2,892,637; they are now $11,670,574; in a few years they will be $20,000,000.

#### When Clergymen Could Not Marry.

English clergymen were prohibited from marrying for rather more than four centuries, beginning from the reign of Ethelred.

#### Inventor Dies in Poverty.

Karl Kiesewetter, the inventor of the Swedish safety match, died sometime ago in Romania, aged more than 90 years, in great poverty. He withdrew from the Jonköping factories forty years ago with a great deal of money, but lost it all in railroad speculations.

#### Enormous Prices for English Cattle.

American cattle breeders import most of their prize stock from England and sometimes enormous prices are paid. Last week quite a number of bulls and cows were purchased for Americans and the prices paid range from $2,100 to $6,250 per head.

#### Bill Has Little Chance.

The bill introduced in the Virginia house of delegates to prohibit promiscuous kissing will hardly become a law. There are too many bachelors and married men, not to mention widowers, among the members of the legislature.

#### Large Christmas Candies.

Christmas candies are made of enormous size. The largest, known as "altar staffs," are sometimes 6 feet long. They weigh nearly 40 lbs. and are worth $25 apiece, being made of the purest beeswax.

#### The Penalties of Age.

A person usually begins to lose height at the age of fifty, and at the age of ninety has lost at least 1½ inches.

#### Money in Selling Stray Dogs.

By the sale of stray dogs the Northumberland (England) County Council made £4 10s 6d last year.

#### Seagulls Dislodge Penguins.

Seagulls have ousted the penguins from the rocks in the St. James's Park lake, London.

### STOCK YARDS NOTES.

Wm. Bates of Winsboro had a load of good stuff on the market.

J. B. Davis was in from Winsboro with two cars of cattle.

Jerry Smith of Godly, Texas, is at the stock yards, visiting friends.

H. Von Roder of Yorktown had in one car of 25 cows on the market.

B. F. Gearhart was in from Celina, Texas, with a car each of cows and hogs.

Hogs are beginning to come in and a good run is looked for the balance of the week.

E. C. Smith and Brother, local feeders, had 71 head of driven-in cows in the market.

E. B. Carver of Henrietta, a prominent cattle man, was a visitor at the stock yards.

The Fort Worth stock yards office is almost completed, and will be occupied as soon as possible.

Walker Bros. of Breckenridge, Texas, were at the stock yards visiting. They are extensive cattlemen.

E. B. Cravens of Henrietta, Texas, is a visitor at the stock yards. He is well pleased with the outlook for the future.

Wm. Anson bought 11 head of saddle horses at Coleman, Texas, this week, and they arrived at the stock yards Thursday.

Walker Bros. of Breckenridge, stock men, were visitors at the yards. They were returning from the inaugural ball at Austin.

The gloomy weather the first of the week made selling slow, but present good weather points to a better business in the markets.

A. C. Ring, with the Saunders Commission Co., San Antonio, came in with A. D. Hotchkis' cattle, and will visit among the stock yards people a day or two.

The Armour plant is beginning to look something like business. Work is being pushed as fast as possible in all lines, and the company is anxious to get to killing.

Wm. Anson received 8 cars, consisting of 209 head of grade Hereford feeders, which he purchased at Coleman, Texas. He drove them to his ranch near Fort Worth.

W. O. Gann and Chas. Flippin of Coleman are at the stock yards, visiting the commission houses. They are large cattle shippers and will make shipments to this market.

Rube Reed, a prominent cattle man of Midland, was on the yards. He was en route home from Kansas City, where he had been in attendance at the National Live Stock convention.

The Stock Exchange, when completed, which will be shortly, will house all the commission firms doing business at the yards, besides having a bank, barber shop and restaurant, and all will be of the most modern style.

L. C. Britt of Valentine received 35 head of thoroughbred Hereford bulls, to be used for breeding purposes on his ranch in Southwest Texas. He purchased them of Wm. Powell of Channing, Texas, and they are a nice lot.

The Spanish government has two representatives at the stock yards. They are looking for 1500 head of mules for use by their government. The gentlemen are looking the grounds over thoroughly and will probably be here often to buy mules.

On the record of sales is found a sale of one car of cows by J. M. Coffin of Itaska at $4.10. They averaged 903 pounds. This is considerably ahead of the sale of cows at $3.25, reported yesterday as topping the market on cows.

Mr. Herm Specht of Iowa Park, Tex., an extensive breeder and raiser of thoroughbred Hereford cattle, was a visitor at the yards. He arranged while there for pen room for a herd of his fine show cattle, to be here during the Fat Stock Show in March.

Mr. L. F. Nall of Coleman, Texas, is a visitor at the stock yards. Mr. Nall is a prominent breeder of registered Hereford cattle, and is a heavy shipper to the markets. He was greatly impressed with the improvements and the large packing plants. Speaking of the hog situation, Mr. Nall says Texas is the best place on earth for raising them, and the farmers should turn their attention to hogs, as they will always find a ready market.

### CATTLE SLAUGHTER TEST.

**Interesting Work Now Going on at Iowa State College.**

Ames, Iowa, Jan. 17.—The cattle slaughter test was the great feature in the special school in stock and grain judging now in progress at the Iowa State college. The slaughter test is a new feature of the course. The demonstrator and central figure in the test was M. F. Mullins, foreman in the cattle slaughtering department of the Agar Packing company of Des Moines, and the champion cattle dresser of the world, and his exhibitions of skill were not only highly instructive to the spectators, but absorbingly interesting and entertaining.

For seventeen years Mr. Mullins has held his own and defeated all who have ventured to compete with him in the dressing of cattle. His best record is four minutes and five seconds in a test, although there is no doubt he has lowered even that low mark when not working for record purposes. He was for years foreman of the killing department of Swift & Company in Chicago, but for six months past has been with the Agars.

The purpose of the slaughter test is to afford information as to the waste in the animal in dressing, as to the difference in quality of the flesh of differently fed animals, and the difference in the flesh of animals at different stages of development. The different classes of market cattle are included in the test. The first animal killed was the high-class fat steer Thistle. There was also a spayed heifer killed, a medium market type steer, and a cow of the canner class. It was the intention to have represented in the test the high, medium and low of the market type.

In connection with the slaughter test the following figures have been prepared showing what "Fullback," one of the college prize steers at the International, developed on the block. "Fullback" won first prize in the 2-year-old steer class at the International Live Stock Exposition. The figures are as follows:

| | Weight, pounds. | Value, cents. | Amount. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Loin | 172 | 19 | $32 68 |
| Ribs | 94 | 18 | 16.92 |
| Plate and brisket | 152 | 6 | 9.12 |
| Flank | 46 | 3½ | 1.61 |
| Shank | 38 | 3½ | 1.19 |
| Suet | 46 | 2½ | 1.12 |
| Round | 222 | 7 | 15.54 |
| Chuck | 224 | 7 | 15.68 |
| Neck trimmings | 6 | 1 | .06 |
| Carcass totals | 1,002 | | $95.92 |

OTHER PRODUCTS.

| | Weight, pounds. | Value, cents. | Amount. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Tallow | 118 | 5 | $ 5.90 |
| Hide | 86 | 9½ | 8.17 |
| Total product | 1,206 | | $109.99 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Live weight | 1,555 pounds |
| Dressed weight | 1,012 pounds |
| Net percentage of beef | 65.08 per cent |

The special school in stock and grain judging has been in progress since January 5. It will close today. It has been marked with extraordinary success. This is the third year of the special courses in stock and grain judging. Each year the attendance has increased, and for the present courses over 500 have registered, more than 100 in excess of the registration last year. Not only is Iowa largely represented, but many are here to take the courses from Illinois and a dozen other states, some as remote as Virginia. Canada and Mexico both have representatives here, and Senor Terazas, a young man who is here from Old Mexico, is the son of the largest cattle owner in the world.

One could see in the circle of eager students that surrounded the arena in the judging pavilion where the slaughter test was made a number of men over 60 years of age. They were not simply casual spectators, but registered students. Those registered range all the way from the bright-faced farm boys, not yet out of their teens, to gray-haired veterans in the stock and grain business. Many that take the courses in grain and stock judging have been students at the college, and many young men who attended the courses last year are back this year, bringing their fathers and perhaps their brothers with them.

#### Packer and Coal Baron.

Col. John T. Hobbs writes in his National Provisioner:

The fact that Swift & Company are selling coal at cost to their employes and to the poor in the cities where they have plants is a welcomed charity at this time when the mercury is seeking zero and coal is hunting the $20 per ton mark. This cost price is 20c. per bushel or less than $5 per ton, inclusive of transportation and everything else. From that point it is a long look up to the present price of that fuel. There is in this transaction a contrast between the meat packer and the coal trust. The one helps the poor and sells his meat at a very small profit, while the other doubles and trebles his money on each ton of coal. It must be remembered that Swift & Company do not mine this coal. They take the output of a coal mine which is operated by its own people. What profit they make before the packers get the stuff is, in the language of an eastern coal operator, "none of the public's business." In reply, it can be stated that the mine owners in Australia mined coal at a cost of $1 per ton of 2,240 lbs., and paid their employes an average—for men and boys—of $12 per week each for an eight-hour day's work. With better appliances and cheaper labor in the American mines it costs no more to mine it. Don't baste the packer all the time. Jump on the coal baron some.

#### Number of Sheep in 1902 and 1901.

The following table shows the number of sheep, according to the Wool and Cotton Reporter, at the spring shearing of 1902, as compared with 1901, by states and territories:

| | 1902. | 1901. |
|---|---|---|
| Maine | 239,972 | 236,498 |
| New Hampshire | 52,410 | 51,306 |
| Vermont | 143,667 | 142,506 |
| Massachusetts | 35,206 | 35,610 |
| Rhode Island | 8,015 | 7,816 |
| Connecticut | 32,615 | 33,817 |
| New York | 752,710 | 754,666 |
| New Jersey | 38,310 | 40,515 |
| Pennsylvania | 863,840 | 763,242 |
| Delaware | 13,500 | 14,200 |
| Maryland | 125,860 | 125,017 |
| Virginia | 364,480 | 362,490 |
| North Carolina | 230,413 | 232,413 |
| South Carolina | 84,910 | 94,826 |
| Georgia | 279,020 | 279,857 |
| Florida | 133,788 | 101,000 |
| Alabama | 170,312 | 161,312 |
| Mississippi | 237,120 | 210,128 |
| Louisiana | 112,303 | 102,413 |
| Texas | 1,317,250 | 1,51[illegible],821 |
| Arkansas | 111,613 | 101,825 |
| Tennessee | 276,772 | 240,768 |
| West Virginia | 482,500 | 423,500 |
| Kentucky | 650,837 | 447,740 |
| Ohio | 2,780,640 | 2,675,223 |
| Michigan | 1,563,200 | 1,553,065 |
| Indiana | 856,100 | 653,446 |
| Illinois | 668,545 | 633,186 |
| Wisconsin | 810,310 | 711,520 |
| Minnesota | 410,253 | 409,163 |
| Iowa | 634,800 | 733,358 |
| Missouri | 620,000 | 680,000 |
| Kansas | 156,753 | 278,812 |
| Nebraska | 315,610 | 352,842 |
| South Dakota | 465,200 | 384,536 |
| North Dakota | 425,300 | 375,415 |
| Montana | 4,889,810 | 4,176,923 |
| Wyoming | 4,432,836 | 3,814,274 |
| Colorado | 1,967,300 | 2,498,200 |
| New Mexico | 3,250,100 | 3,050,000 |
| Arizona | 780,515 | 809,620 |
| Utah | 2,925,583 | 2,967,250 |
| Nevada | 775,300 | 875,315 |
| Idaho | 2,810,310 | 2,662,337 |
| Washington | 711,315 | 828,202 |
| Oregon | 2,334,423 | 2,596,066 |
| California | 1,706,823 | 1,927,882 |
| Oklahoma | 28,308 | 48,000 |
| Total | 42,260,000 | 42,170,033 |

#### A Mutton-Eating People.

Kansas City, Jan. 17—Senator Warren, president of the National Wool Growers' Association, in session today, said: "The country is now practically free from all old wool that has been dragging on the market for years. I may say that when the new crop comes on we will be almost absolutely free from stale wool. We are now a mutton-eating nation. When I first engaged in the business of raising sheep thirty years ago there was no market, even in Chicago, for more than two or three carloads of western sheep a day. It would take a week to peddle out a trainload of sheep there, and railroads would take no sheep for shipment unless freight was paid in advance. Now the railroads stand beseeching, hat in hand, ready to give the sheepmen anything they want, and Chicago takes care of 35,000 to 50,000 muttons a day without disturbance."

#### Packers Making Soap Cheap.

An old soapmaker says: "I have been in the soap business for twenty years, and I have never known a time when the business was as hard to handle as it is now. We did an immense business last year. The volume was away ahead of anything we ever did before, but the profits were not so large. The entry of the big packing houses into the soap business has had a great effect. Of course, their competition is not affecting us so very seriously yet, as we sell dollars where they sell cents, but it is increasing all the time, and I think that in a few years they will practically monopolize the field. They have entered the business on a big scale, and they are able to drive out competition just as thoroughly in the long run as they have already done in the packing business itself."

Thousands of wild ponies are said to be starving on the ranges in Colorado. Missouri buyers are getting them for almost nothing, and shipping them to Missouri, where they are in demand for saddle ponies. A herd of 500 or more range in Costilla and Conejos counties, Colo. This is the last large herd of wild horses, it is said, in the West. For years, during the winter months, they have suffered more or less hardship. The last large herd of wild horses of any magnitude, aside from this, is said to have existed in Utah, but stockmen exterminate them, as they consume grass, depriving the cattle of subsistence.

### AT OTHER MARKETS

#### CHICAGO.

Special to the Reporter.

Union Stock Yards, Ill., Jan. 22.—The Drovers' Journal reports:

CATTLE—Receipts 10,000. Market 10c lower. Morehead & Chamberlain's Texans brought $4.25. Briggs had a shipment of Texas cows that sold at $3.40.

HOGS—Receipts 34,000. Market 5 to 10c lower. Top $6.90.

SHEEP—Receipts 10,000. Market 5 to 10c higher.

#### KANSAS CITY.

Special to the Reporter.

Kansas City Stock Yards, Jan. 22.—The Drovers' Telegram reports today:

CATTLE—Receipts 5,000. Market steady to 10 cents lower. Top $5.30. Cows lower; stockers steady; Texans weak.

HOGS—Receipts 8500. Market 5c lower. Top $6.80; bulk $6.35@6.70.

SHEEP—Receipts 2000. Strong to 10 cents higher.

#### NATIONAL STOCK YARDS.

Special to the Reporter.

National Stock Yards, Ill., Jan 22.—Receipts and quotations of the market, as reported by the National Live Stock Reporter:

CATTLE—Receipts 12,000, of which 8000 were Texans. Top on Texans $4.10. Natives quiet.

HOGS—Receipts 3500. Market 5c lower. Top $6.85; bulk $6.50@$6.70.

SHEEP—Receipts 7000. Market 15c higher. Lambs $6.25.

#### Packing House in Italy.

A big packing house is to be built in Florence, Italy. Italian capitalists are studying ways and means to erect a large slaughtering establishment in sunny Italy with all necessary adjuncts to make it a modern, up-to-date affair. They will follow closely the arrangements and working methods of our own large packing concerns, adopting their methods in nearly all particulars. Large quantities of live stock will be slaughtered and products manufactured after the manner of those made by American packers. The object is, by doing business on a large, extensive scale, to compete with foreign markets and enable them to sell meat and its products at considerably reduced figures. The outcome of this new enterprise is being watched with intense interest both here and abroad.

#### A New Industry.

Raising musk oxen is one of the very newest industries, according to the Meat Trades Journal. The musk ox is a most curious Arctic animal, which resembles both the ox and the sheep. Its long hair gives it great value, and its meat is well flavored. It can exist in a country where even a reindeer cannot find sustenance. Many unsuccessful attempts have been made to secure musk oxen alive and bring them back to Europe, but all without success, until the Kolkoff expedition succeeded four or five years ago in catching two calves in Greenland and bringing them to Sweden. A number of animals have been bred from this pair on a farm in North Sweden, and they are doing extremely well.

Representative "Bill" Reider's prize blade of Kansas grass, measuring 38 feet, is causing the department of agriculture, to whom it has been presented, much worry. It is too long to put it into an ordinary car, as it has been carefully crated so it will not break. Secretary Wilson has been advised that in about two months' time a special car will leave St. Louis for Washington, and that this car, being of the proper length, the grass freak will be sent on it.

Texas Stock Journal: B. E. Houston of Cleburne, Tex., in conversation with the editor of this paper, stated that he was feeding about 100 head of cattle on Johnson grass and cottonseed meal; that they had only been on feed sixty days and they were now fat, and would weigh about 1300 pounds. Mr. Houston also owns a large farm near Cleburne; has over 600 acres in Johnson grass. Instead of selling the hay from this pasture, he expects in the future to feed it to cattle in connection with cotton seed meal. He is more than pleased with the experiment that he has made, and feels confident that in this way he will be able to get more money for his immense crop of hay than can be secured on the market.


### FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—865 head of 3, 4 and 5-year-old native raised Llano county Steers, 500 of them are being full wintered in Osage country, Indian Territory, and 365 are on the best pasture in Llano county. Cattle will be fed and pastured until 10th to 15th of April next. Address R. E. Caperton, Lock Box 628, Austin, Tex.

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THURSDAY, JAN. 22, 1903.


## THE RUSH TO SELL.

The flood of cattle that overwhelmed the markets in the early part of the week is drawing out protests. The Chicago Drovers' Journal, pointing to the receipts of 39,000 head at that market on Monday, said: "After the deluge of last week and the corresponding decline it was hoped that shippers would read the signs right and hold back until the market had a chance to brace up. There was no call for such a supply as came here today, and conditions were such as would seem to discourage shipments. However, the big run develops the fact that many feeders are still anxious to unload and take their medicine in the face of strong advice to do otherwise."

The far greater number of these cattle were poor and undesirable. While such stock was offered for what it would bring, with no dedemand, buyers were out after good cattle. Those of choice quality were promptly taken when offered, and even the enormous run had no effect in breaking prices for such.

It was the same story at all other markets. It is the same story at the Fort Worth market. We have more than we want of thin and undesirable cattle, that go at low prices, while fed stock that is wanted at good prices cannot be had.

Shippers are not ignorant of the condition of the market. They read the papers, and they get advices from commission men. As long as they continue to force on the market such stuff as is not wanted, and fail to supply what is needed and asked for, they can only find fault with themselves for poor sales.

There is no lack of cattle to supply the market. There is lack of hogs and sheep. This condition suggests its own lesson to stockmen. Raise more hogs and sheep, for as long as the supply is short of the demand, the price will keep up.

An important hog item, and therefore worthy of a place in a live stock publication: Ex Governor Hogg has a truck farm in Brazoria county on which are growing 186,000 head of cabbage. It will call for 20 cars to ship them to market. Could this properly be called a Hogg shipment?

The supreme court of the United States a few months ago held that a state had the right to tax cattle for inspection fees, even when they had been inspected and passed by the United States quarantine officer. The same court now rules that sheep that were driven from Utah through Wyoming, and stopping in the latter state, could not be taxed there. It all depends on whether you call the exaction a tax or an inspection fee.

Good words cannot too often be repeated. That is why we make it a point to say all we can about the hog business. The man who raises hogs makes money—if he does it intelligently. We like to see our friends prosperous. When we hear of one having a good thing, we make note of it, for two reasons. One is that we want his success to be made known, and the other is that we want others to do as he has done and make money, too.

### Printed in Seven Languages.

The China Times of Pekin started the new century by printing its paper in seven languages—Chinese, Japanese, English French, German, Russian and Italian.

## BILL PASSED.

**Senate Adopts Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Measure.**

Washington, Jan. 22.—The senate Tuesday passed the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill.

When the statehood bill was taken up Mr. Quay demanded an immediate vote, coupling his demand with the statement that he did not care whether any senator desired to speak on the subject or not. The bill, he said, was being willfully obstructed by discussion. Mr. Beveridge denied this and then discussed the measure, opposing statehood for Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico. On the conclusion of his remarks Mr. Quay asked unanimous consent to have a vote Jan 24, 29, Feb. 4, Feb. 10, or Feb. 16, to all of which Mr. Beveridge objected.

## ONE DOZEN KILLED.

**Frightful Result of Collision of a Train and a Snow Plow.**

Leavenworth, Wash., Jan. 22.—Twelve men dead and as many more injured is the result of the tail-end collision that occurred on the Great Northern, five miles west of Chiwaukum. An extra from Ekykomish loaded with lumber and three cars containing laborers ran into a rotary snow plow, killing or injuring all of are piled up in a shdrul shrdluuu the twenty-five workmen. Ten cars are piled up in a heap with nine victims of the wreck still underneath. The names of the dead are not obtainable.

## SCOUT SUICIDES.

**Noted Character Shoots Himself in the Heart With a Rifle.**

Butte, Mont., Jan. 22.—George Van Buren, one of the most noted characters in the northwest, committed suicide in his cabin in the Rattlesnake valley of the North Missoula. He placed the barrel of a rifle against his heart and touched the trigger with a stove poker. Van Buren was sixty years of age and claimed to be a lineal descendant of President Van Buren. He acted as scout under General Howard during the Nez Perces trouble. He was also sent out by General Miles with orders for General Custer, reaching the scene of massacre the day following the annihilation of the band of soldiers.

## LADY LOST HER LIFE.

**She Jumped from a Three-Story Burning Building at Chicago.**

Chicago, Jan. 22.—One life was lost in a fire that destroyed the three-story Oakenwald apartment house, Forty-third and Oakenwald streets. Mrs. Elizabeth Irwin, sixty years old, jumped from the second story and was almost instantly killed. The police rescued a number of persons and many narrowly escaped death from suffocation. The financial loss was $25,000.

### Texas Postmasters.

Washington, Jan. 22.—Following Texas postmasters have been confirmed by the senate: W. H. Webber, Lampasas; Wm. T. Black, Mt. Pleasant; H. H. Cooper, Nacogdoches; T. Miller, Rusk; G. S. Zeigler, Eagle Lake; B. E. Cobb, Canyon; Wm. Drawe, Cuero; J. M. Kindred, Amarillo; Wm. D. Magistin, Detroit; Ella O. Vawater, Timpson; I. H. Nelson, Snyder; H. T. Canfield, Wichita Falls; C. E. Littlefield, Luling.

### Defeated Republicans Arriving.

Denver, Jan. 22.—Republican house candidates defeated in the election are arriving. Some of them stated they came in response to telegrams from Speaker Sanford. Three Republican senators have deserted Lieutenant Governor Haggett, leaving only six regularly elected Republicans in that body.

### Recommends Discontinuance.

Fort Worth, Jan. 22.—The Texas Baggagemasters' association discussed checking baggage from hotels, residence and city ticket offices. It was decided to recommend to the General General Passengers' association the discontinuance of the method. Seven roads agreed to discontinue the practice.

### Tillman's Successor Sworn In.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 22.—Hon. Duncan Clinch Hayward, Democrat, was inaugurated governor, James T. Sloan was also sworn in as lieutenant governor to succeed James H. Tillman. The inaugural ceremony was brief.

### Clarke Duly Elected.

Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 22.—The general assembly in joint session elected ex-Governor Clarke to succeed James K. Jones as United States senator. The vote was Clarke, 77; Jones, 50; Remmel, Republican, 2.

### Denied a Blacklist Existed.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 22.—Gilbert Jones, an assistant mine superintendent, testified before the anthracite coal strike commission. He denied that a black list existed at the colliery of the Temple Iron company.

### First in a Fortnight.

New York, Jan. 22.—The subtreasury transferred $5000 to New Orleans, the first currency transferred from this point in more than a fortnight.

### Will Erect a Building.

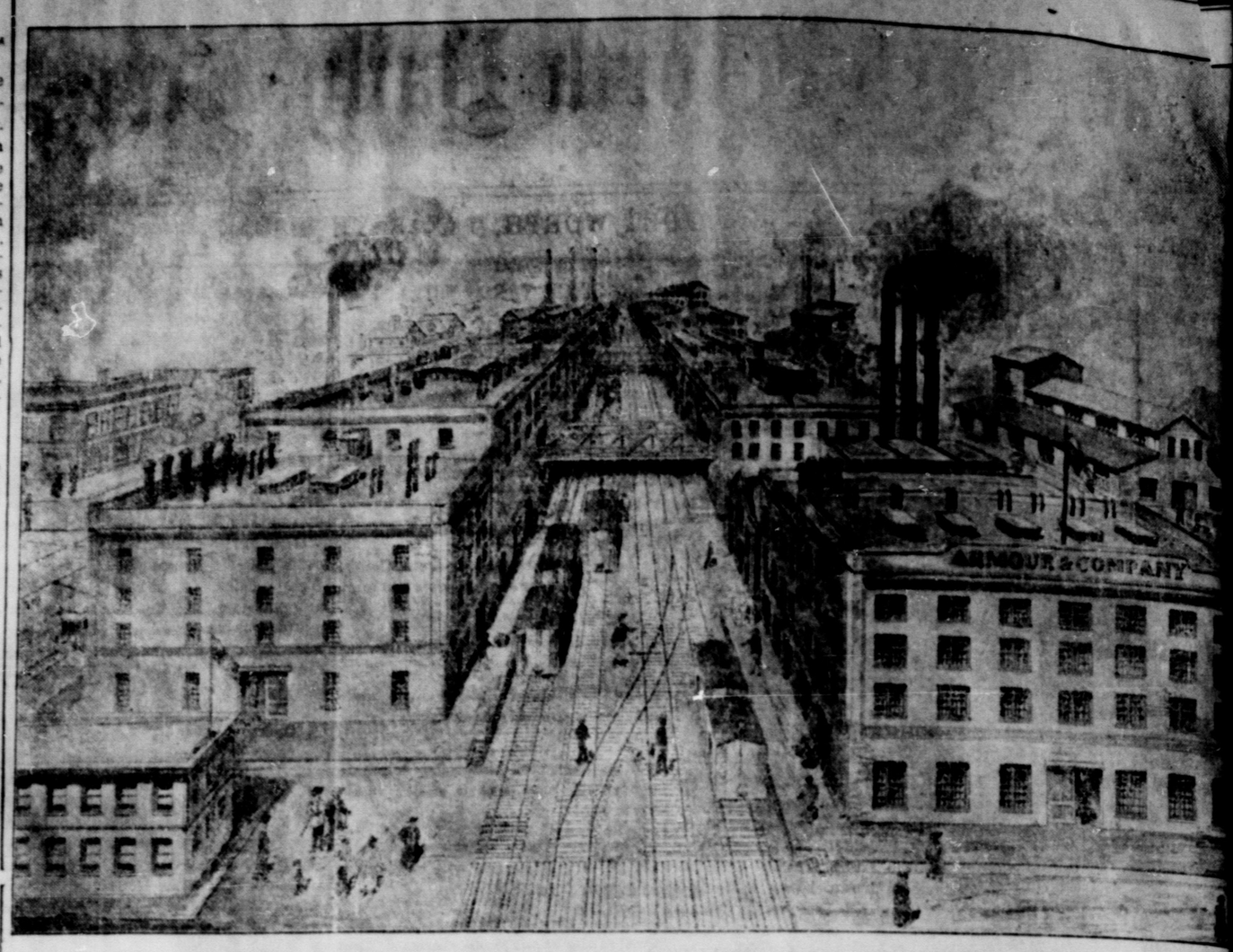
New Orleans, Jan. 22—The Southern Lumbermen decided upon an exhibition at the St. Louis fair to cost $15,000 and also to establish a credit and rating department.

### Refused to Resign.

Denver, Jan. 22.—Chairman Farley, of the Republican central committee, whose resignation was demanded, refuses to do so. He claims he was not lawfully deposed.

### Left to Low.

New York, Jan. 22.—Mayor Low will have to decide whether or not 100 guns may be fired in honor of Senator Platt's re-election.

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### Eggs of the Lobster.

The eggs of the lobster are attached to her by minute appendages called swimmerets, and are carried by her from the fall of the year until the following summer, when they are hatched out.

### Troubles of Hungarian Author.

Because Hungarians were attacked in certain passages of his book, an author has been sentenced in Hungary to eight months' imprisonment and ordered to pay about £80 in fine and costs.

### Cost of the Twelfth Census.

The cost of the twelfth census is now figured out to have been $12,854,318, and it is further added that this is an average of 15½ cents per capita tax in the United States.

### Justin McCarthy Still Busy.

Justin McCarthy has just passed his seventy-second birthday. He has apparently abandoned novel writing and is devoting himself exclusively to history.

### Rats Entombed Alive.

Swarms of plague-infected rats which infest the stone wall along the seashore at Yokohama, have been entombed alive, the authorities having had every hole and crevice in the wall filled with cement and pebbles.

### Long Imprisonment.

A short time ago a Sicilian advocate was found guilty of sixty-three different acts of fraud. For his industry and enthusiasm in the cause of dishonesty he was sentenced to 189 years' imprisonment.

### The First Woman Minister.

One of the mourners at the funeral funeral of Elizabeth Cady Stanton was the first woman ordained as a minister in this country—Mrs. Antoinette Louisa Brown Blackwell, of Henrietta, N. Y.

### Just Found It Out.

"The character of Hamlet" was discussed before the St. Louis Society of Pedagogy recently. Hamlet's character has been in doubt so long that a determinative analysis would be a public boon. Sir Henry Irving once said Hamlet was a dyspeptic, but probably the actor had attended a banquet the evening previous.

### Honor for Porto Rican.

Felipe Guasp Vergera of San Juan is the first Porto Rican to receive an appointment in the government service at Washington. He was educated at the National University in Madrid, and in the civil service examination made the remarkably high average of 98.

### Antler in Cottonwood Tree.

Out from Rock Springs, Wyo., a few miles on the road to Browns Park, a big cottonwood tree stood till a few weeks ago with an antler of an elk imbedded in the trunk. The wood had grown around the antlers and the tale of how the antler came there is lost.

### Newspaper Men Greet Bernhardt.

Sarah Bernhardt was the guest of honor at a reception given to her recent first appearance as an actress in the German capital. Three hundred newspaper workers were on hand to greet her.

### Preserving Transvaal Herds.

For two years the slaughter of cows, heifers and calves for sale as meat is prohibited in the Transvaal under penalty of a £50 fine or six months' imprisonment.

### Madame Patti's Talisman.

Madame Patti, it is said, preserves as a talisman the boots she wore at her debut over forty years ago.

### Must Be Healthy Town.

Norfolk (Eng.) has four centenarians—two men and two women.

### Granddaughters of Ben Franklin.

Miss Wainwright and Miss Schroeder, the latter a daughter of the governor of Guam, have just entered Washington society. The young ladies are great-granddaughters of Benjamin Franklin.

### Policeman's Unique Record.

Capt. Stephen Henton of the Boston police force retired from the department on New Year's day after a continuous service of twenty-eight years, during which time he never made an arrest.

### Good Cause for Indigestion.

As it was apparently suffering from indigestion, a bullock was slaughtered near Spalding, England, when its illness was found to have been caused by a tennis ball it had swallowed.

### The Trade in Canaries.

The export of canary birds from Germany is very large. Every year about 120,000 of these birds are sent to America, 3,000 to Great Britain, and some 2,000 to Russia.

### Erin-Made Rugs.

Donegal rugs, hand-made in Donegal, Ireland, are the latest addition to fashionable floor coverings.

### Sweden's Co-operative Societies.

Sweden has 324 co-operative societies, with a membership of over 8,000.

### Illiteracy in America.

Eight per cent of the population of this country is still illiterate. In Germany only 1 per cent of illiterates exist, and in Bavaria, Baden, Wurtemburg and Scandinavia there are no totally uneducated people.

### Health and Vegetarianism.

Italians of the poorer class are noted for their general good health. This is to some extent attributed to the fact that the working people of Italy eat less meat than those of any other European nation.

### Miser Leaves a Fortune.

Bill Hyman, a Toronto miser who followed the profession of a street sugar, died last week, leaving $1[illegible] money. He had no home and wherever chance happened to find him a bed. He had no kindred or relatives, and his money will revert to the state.

### New Life-Saving Device.

The United States navy has adopted an illuminated life-saving buoy arranged that as it is released a number of bright lights, about 2 feet high, are ignited and remain burning for a considerable time. It will be a very useful contrivance in the dark.

### Newspapers in Germany.

The number of daily newspapers published in Germany has risen to 1,420 during the present year. Prussia leads with 760. Bavaria with 1[illegible] is the only one of the other kingdoms or principalities in the empire that exceeds 100.

### The Privileges of Royalty.

Contrary to etiquette, a coupe carriage in which the Archduke Otto was driving was overtaken and passed by a motor car driver at Vienna. The latter has since been put under arrest for twenty-four hours for furious driving.

### All of One Mind.

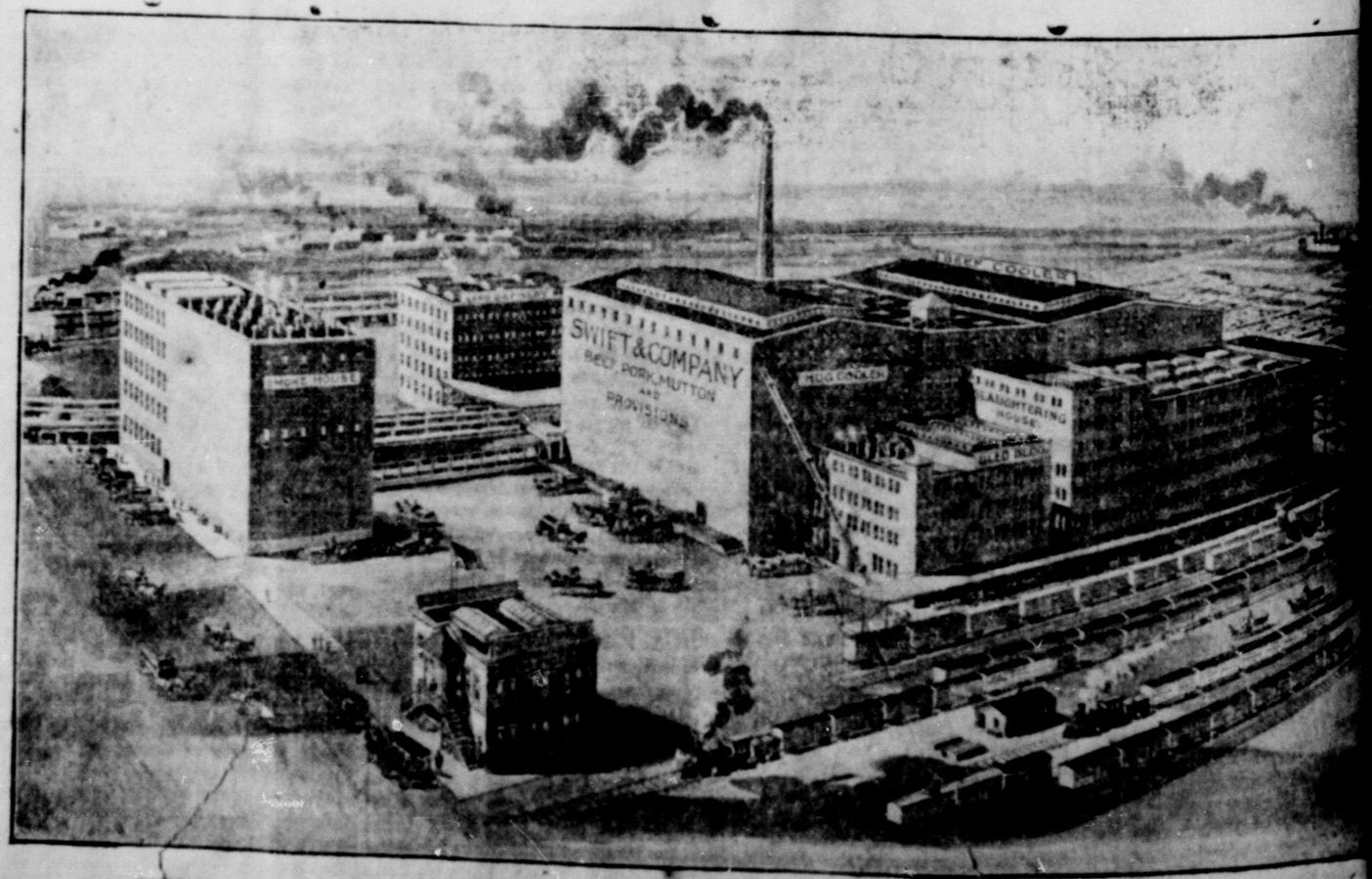
At an inquest on a case of a suicide recently held in England the jury returned this remarkable verdict: "The jury are all of one mind—temporarily insane."

### To Commemorate Dewey's Victory.

A monument designed by Mr. Thorp and to cost $45,000 is to be erected in San Francisco in commemoration of Dewey's victory at Manila.

### To Teach English in China.

Oscar Gorroll of the University of Oregon has been elected instructor of English in the Tung-Wen Institute at Amoy, China.

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# ...SS OF LANHAM

## ...or Transmits His Sug-...ons to Lawmakers.

## ...TFORM DEMANDS.

**...ief Executive Says That it is ...uty of the Senators and ...epresentatives to Enact Them Into Laws.**

...n, Jan. 22.—Governor Lanham ...ed to the legislature Wednes-...ning his first message. It was ...both houses.

...e message to the Twenty-eighth ...ure Governor Lanham says that ...tion concerning the condition ...state as the legislature should ...e been recently submitted by ...ecessor, and is accurate in ...spect. The reports and recom-...ns of those in charge of the ...departments are also submit-...e suggestions contained therein ...ve be given consideration.

...e, he says, that some of our ...titutions are in need of facil-...t now afforded. While proper ...y is always in order, a neglect ...t demands is neither good gov-...t policy, nor is it sound from ...financial standpoint. In ordinary ...n management it is well to take ...f valuable resources. The same ...applicable to business affairs.

...governor says all platform de-...should be written into law, but ...h of the latter is not desirable. ...recommending platform de-...as an entirety, he contents him-...r the present by saying that as ...n may arise he will invite their ...on to such measures as may ap-...to be of additional importance.

...g the platform demands he re-...this as of the utmost signific-...

...favor a broad and enlightened ...toward capital and corporations ...business within our state and ...e those desiring to enter our ...for the purpose of developing its ...natural resources and for the ...tion of such, as well as for the ...tion of the people without re-...e condition. We declare our op-...t to trusts, restriction of trade, ...mand that the next legislature ...pass a law or amend our pres-...es so that it will be impossible ...ch corporations to do business ...e."

...governor thinks there would be ...ended elaboration necessary to ...dmirable statement," in order ...vince "the intelligent and well-...ed law-givers who compose our ...ture of the purpose and policy of ...people." The executive says we ...re the investment of capital in ...te and welcome the introduction ...y legitimate business concern. ...e hope that it may do well and ...among us. A proper combina-...of the resources of wealth and ...necessary to the operations of ...eat industrial, manufacturing and ...ercial business of the state.

...Lanham dwells at length on the ...question, and calls attention to ...ecision of the United States su-...e court in what is known as the ...is case, which has practically nul-...a portion of our anti-trust laws. ...uggests that we re-enact our anti-...statutes of 1889 and 1895, or add ...uch thereof as may be necessary ...t of 1899, omitting any provisions ...should come within the inhibition ...d by the supreme court in the ...to which reference is made. In ...tion, it is suggested that there ...be some way whereby wrongful ...olidations may be prevented.

...e state, says the governor, must ...the necessary means for the suc-...ful conduct of its business affairs, ...the adequate maintenance of all its ...tutions and to discharge its num-...s obligations. "The honest pay-...t of its debts and sacred preserva-...of its public faith" must be in ...respects observed. Taxation should ...equitably imposed and distributed ...its burdens uniformly borne.

...improvement of roads and laws pro-...g for same are urged and the ...ing of short-term convicts on ...e favored. The benefits of good ...ds cannot be overestimated, and he ...eves there is nothing of more im-...ce than this question.

...e hiring of convicts to private ...tractors to be worked outside pen-...tiary walls is opposed.

"It seems proper to remark," says ...executive, "that I am not prepared ...say that without legislative action ...the iron industry at the Rusk pen-...tiary should be immediately aband-...d. It must be borne in mind that ...original location of this peniten-...y was in consequence of the sup-...ed abundance of iron ore in that ...ion, and that there are, it is claimed, ...tiful resources of this raw material ...ntiguous, some of which are owned ...the state, and that mineral reserva-...s are held by the state in adjacent ...s not possessed by it. The state ...expended large sums in an effort ...perate this industry. It owns plants ...machinery and a railroad and oth-...properties in connection therewith. ...entire establishment, with its ad-...ts, represents the investment of ...t amounts of money. I am not un-...re of the fact that the speedy dis-...tinuance of this enterprise has been ...ly recommended by those con-...d with the administration of the ...l system of the state, and that it ...emphasized in official reports that ...ancial sacrifice of large proportions ...attended its attempted operations ...the past and must inevitably fol-...their prosecution in the future. ...question suggests itself as to ...ther these previous results have ...owing to inadequate machinery ...the lack of suitable modern facil-...and systematic operations, or on ...ount of the impossibility of carry-...on the work in such way as to be ...ainable or self-sustaining or expe-...t. In consequence of the scarcity ...industry of the era, inability to procure fuel and other necessary means to keep up the enterprise."

Long-term prisoners, he thinks, should be kept within the prison walls and worked even if their labor be unremunerative. Both the penalties of the law and the enforcement of discipline demand their actual employment.

Educational interests of the state are declared to be of immeasurable importance, and "inconsistent statutes in existing laws should be remedied." Nothing that looks to proper educational opportunities should escape our attention.

The governor calls attention to the constitutional requirement requiring that the chief executive account to the legislature for all public moneys received and paid out by him from all funds subject to his order with vouchers, and recommends a systematic examination of the books and auditing of the accounts in the various divisions of the state department so the exact condition of financial affairs can be known on short notice.

The legislators are reminded it is a great honor to make laws for 3,000,000 people and a mighty responsibility.

He trusts their work may meet the approbation of all Texans.

The members are reminded that the legislature is the real source to which the people must finally look for all needed reforms, sound policies and able enactments.

## NO SECRETARY.

**Curl Has Not Yet Been Confirmed and Tod Refuses to Serve.**

Austin, Jan. 22.—Senate adjourned before confirming J. R. Curl as secretary of state and Tod will not serve.

## LYNCH ON TRIAL.

**The First Treason Case in Sixty Years Begins at London**

London, Jan. 22.—The trial of Colonel Arthur Lynch, M.P., for Gallway, on charge of treason by aiding and abetting king's and late queen's enemies during the war in South Africa, he, according to one unique sentence of the arraignmnet, "being moved and seduced thereto by the instigation of the devil," was commenced before Lord Chief Justice, Lord Alverstone and two others justices. The prisoner pleaded not guilty. Upward of sixty years have elapsed since a treason trial has been held in London. The last was that of John Francis, a youth, who fired a pistol at the late Queen Victoria as she was riding down Constitution hill. Francis was condemned to death, but his sentence was commuted to life imprisonment. He was released in 1867. Unusual interest is therefore taken in the present case. The court room is crowded, many ladies including Mrs. Lynch, being present.

Colonel Lynch was pale and careworn, but stood composedly listening to the lengthy indictment, which occupied nearly an hour in reading.

Drawing, quartering and beheading accompanied death penalty for treason until 1870, when this was abolished the death penalty, however, remains.

The attorney general, Sir Robert Finley, opened the case, reciting alleged treasonable acts, fully represented at preliminary hearing.

## BARK AGROUND.

**Five of Her Crew Rescued, but the Other Four Thought Drowned.**

Atlantic City, N. J., Jan. 22.—The bark Abiel Abbott, salt laden, from Turk's Island for New York, went aground near Ship Bottom light-house Tuesday night and is fast going to pieces. Five of her crew of nine were picked up, but it is believed the other four were killed by falling wreckage. When the bark struck the strain caused one of her masts to fall, and it is thought four of her crew were either killed by wreckage or stunned and fell overboard and were drowned. The rescued men were in a dying condition when rescued.

**Prediction Proved True.**

Easton, Pa., Jan. 22.—Samuel Hinckline, a wealthy truck farmer, residing at Roxburg, N. J., had his fortune told by a woman Tuesday. She predicted that Hinckline would die before 9 o'clock at night. He went home and told his wife what the palmist had said. They had a good laugh over the matter and thought no more about it. At 8:45 o'clock Hinckline fell dead.

**Approved by Root.**

Washington, Jan. 22.—Secretary Root has approved bills pending in congress which provide for establishment of camps for joint maneuvers of the regular army and the national guard near Fort Sam Houston, Texas, Fort Douglas, Utah, and and on the Nacimento Ranch, Cal.

**For Wireless Telegraph System.**

Rome, Jan. 22.—Minister of Posts and Telegrams Calimberti announced that at the reopening of the chamber of deputies he will ask for an appropriaation of $150,000 to erect wireless telegraph stations for service between Italy and Argentina. The work will be directed by Marconi.

**Husband and Wife Very Low.**

Cincinnati, Jan. 22.—Colonel Phillip Beitsch, who has been at the head of the Cincinnati police department, is critically ill. His wife, who is almost at the point of death, has been kept in ignorance of her husband's condition.

**Meets at Kansas City.**

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 22.—The Dealers association met in annual convention here. President A. D. Cres of Oklahoma, in his opening address said the convention would transact business of an important nature.

**Six Deaths Wednesday.**

Mazatlan, Jan. 22.—There were six deaths from the plague Wednesday. The house of the chief of police with its furniture has been burned owing to contamination by the plague. There are 43 serious cases in the lazaretto. The number of houses burned is 141.

## NEAL PRESIDED.

**Lieutenant Governor Enters Upon His Duties in the Senate.**

Austin, Jan. 22.—Lieutenant Governor Neal presided over the senate Wednesday.

Mr. Beaty introduced a bill authorizing the International and Great Northern Railway company to purchase and operate the Houston, Beaumont and New Orleans and Houston and Oak Lawn and Magnolia Park railroads, constructed or to be constructed. Referred to committee international improvements.

Judge N. A. Cravens, secretary to the governor, was announced and presented the first message from Governor Lanham, which was read.

The senate adopted by rising vote house concurrent resolution eulogistic of Judge John H. Reagan.

The finance committee was called to formulate a general appropriation bill for the support of the government the next two years.

In the house the governor's private secretary, bearing a message from the governor, was announced at 10:45 o'clock. The house listened to the reading of the governor's message.

Green, on behalf of Mrs. Martha Grubb, the laundress of the house, presented a boquet of flowers to the speaker in acknowledgement of her appointment by him. Speaker Neff gracefully acknowledged the flowers.

Following are additional committee chairman: Judiciary No. 1, Green; privileges, suffrages and elections, Terrell of Travis; commerce and manufacturers, Harris; public buildings and grounds, Peeler; public printing, Davis; private land claims, Brown of Kaufman; agricultural affairs, Cunningham; insurance, statistics and history, Nelms; counties and county boundaries, Mays; railroad commission, Moran; penitentiaries, Guinn; military affairs, Stollenwerck; irrigation, Pickett.

**Complimentary to Browning.**

Austin, Jan. 22.—In surrendering the gavel in the senate to the new lieutenant governor, Mr. Browning, the retiring official, thanked the senators for their courteous treatment of him. Resolutions eulogizing Mr. Browning were offered by Senator Stafford and adopted by a rising vote.

**Approved Bonds.**

Austin, Jan. 22.—The attorney general approved for registration a $250,000 issue of Galveston County seawall and breakwater bonds. City Treasurer A. J. Compton was here with the bonds.

## FLEAGER BANK.

**Ten Cents Was All That Could Be Found in the Institution.**

Jacksonville, Tex., Jan. 22.—United States Marshal George W. Eason Wednesday took charge of the C. N. Fleager & Co.'s bank, which failed here Monday. Investigation showed that with the exception of some bank furniture and private papers deposited in the vault nothing of value was to be found. Ten cents was all the money that could be found in the bank. Liabilities are estimated from $100,000 to $150,000.

Forged notes for for large sums are coming in against almost every business man in town who had any commercial rating.

It is alleged to be a repetition of the Wettermark bank at Nacogdoches.

A number of banks, both in and out of the state, are victims, having loaned large sums of money to the defunct bank, it is alleged, on forged securities.

A New York bank is said to have suffered in this way to their loss of $10,000, also a Houston bank for a like sum in similar manner.

Many creditors have given up hope of getting anything. Steps have been taken for the apprehension of the late bankers.

## WORK OF BURGLARS.

**The Safe Blown Open, Money Taken and Much Damage Done.**

Clifton, Tex., Jan. 22.—Tuesday night the vault and safe of P. E. Schaw & Bros., general merchants of this city, was blown open and robbed of $118.95 in cash; also $2 was taken from the cash drawer in the grocery department. The burglar, or burglars, effected an entrance through an east door of the dry goods department, in which is situated the vault, by prizing. The way the vault is situated is required three explosions to get into the safe, one for the vault door and one each for the outer and inner doors of the safe. About $1000 damage was done.

**Texas Commissioners Meet.**

Austin, Jan. 22.—The Texas World's fair commission met Wednesday at the Driskill hotel. Vice President Polk presided. President Kirby being absent. There were thirty members present. Judge Perkins recited the progress of the work done by the executive committee. He said much interest was manifested and that corporations had been generous.

## HORRIBLE FEATURES.

**The Panic Stricken People at Mazatlan Nightly Watch Burning of Houses.**

City of Mexico, Jan. 22.—Reports received here say the life of the poor people of Mazatlan presents many horrible features. Unable to leave the city and without employment, they daily throng the streets and watch patients being carried to the hospital. Nightly crowds of panic-stricken men and women gather in the streets to watch the burning of houses in which cases of the plague have occurred. Nearly all the families of well-to-do people have left the stricken city and the balance will leave as soon as possible. The charity committee has thus far received $50,000 for the benefit of the plague sufferers.

## STILL NO SENATOR.

**The Legislative Situation in Colorado as Much Muddled as Ever.**

Denver, Jan. 22.—A joint session of the two branches of the general assembly for the election of United States senator was held Wednesday, but only Democratic members participated in the vote and there was no election. After concurring in adjournment of the house until 2 o'clock Friday, the Democratic representatives proceeded to the senate chamber. The joint session was called to order by Senator Adams, temporary president of the Democratic faction of the senate. There were present twenty-six senators and twenty-five representatives, a total of fifty-one, all Democrats, which is the number required to elect a senator. Senator Theodore McGuire, Democrat, retired after the session, had refused to excuse him from voting, leaving only fifty members present. Several members objected to the proceedings on the ground that the joint session was irregular, and five Democrats besides regular, and five Democrats, besides McGuire, refused to vote. On the joint ballot forty-five votes were cast, all being for Henry M. Teller.

The Republican leaders say that any action the joint session may take will be illegal and invalid, as the house had adjourned until Friday in order to give the two senates a chance to make peace.

The Republican senators held an executive session Wednesday, Lieutenant Governor Haggott presiding, and at the conclusion the members said there was "Nothing to give out."

The Democratic senators adopted resolutions providing for a joint session and sent them to the house, but the messenger was not permitted to enter the house chamber.

Democratic members of the house began filing into the senate chamber at noon and the joint session was held here.

Ladders and ropes were found Wednesday morning in the senate room. Who placed them there is not known, but it is presumed purpose was to afford means for the Democratic senators to enter the house chamber if an effort should be made to exclude them from the joint session. The ropes and ladders were removed.

The Democratic senators adjourned Tuesday's session at 10 o'clock and Wednesday's session immediately convened. No Republican senators were present. The emergency appropriation bill carrying $50,000 for salaries was passed unanimously on third reading, and sent to the house for the purpose of ascertaining whether the latter will recognize the Democratic senate. The house secretary declined to receive the appropriation bill, thus refusing recognition to the Democratic senate.

The house transacted no business, but on motion of Dolph, of Colorado Springs, adjourned until 2 o'clock on Friday. All members except one Democrat voted for the motion to adjourn.

## SPOKE THREE HOURS.

**Burnham Addressed the Senate in Opposition to Omnibus Bill.**

Washington, Jan. 22.—For three hours Wednesday Mr. Burnham of New Hampshire addressed the senate in opposition to the omnibus statehood bill.

Mr. Cullom explained the necessity for consideration of the Cuban reciprocity treaty and appealed to Mr. Quay to permit an executive session. The latter refused and the matter was put to a vote with the result that the senate refused to go into executive session, 37 to 27, which was the first test vote on the statehood bill.

Toward the end of the day Mr. Hoar criticised the president for expressing his approval or disapproval of bills before congress had acted on them. His remarks were called forth by Mr. Burton offering a bill, which he said, had been vetoed once by the president, but that it now met with his approval.

**Bill Signed.**

Washington, Jan. 22.—The president signed the militia bill.

## CAPTURED COAL.

**Men, Women and Children Got Hold of Seven Carloads of Anthracite.**

New York, Jan. 22.—A crowd of men, women and children attacked and captured a train of seven cars loaded with more than 200 tons of anthracite coal on the Long Island railroad in Brooklyn. The train crew tried to fight the crowd off, but it was too big and the railroad men were forced to stand by while the people filled their bags, baskets, carts, wheelbarrows and even wagons. Many of those who took the coal say they are willing to pay for it, and that it was only after efforts to buy had resulted in failure that they decided to raid a train.

**Wilcox Gets Thirty Years.**

Hertford, N. C., Jan. 22.—After being out for twenty-four hours, the jury in the Wilcox murder case returned a verdict of murder in the second degree and the defendant was sentenced to the penitentiary for thirty years, the full limit of the law. Wilcox's attorneys gave notice that an appeal will be taken to the supreme court.

**Tillman Remains Silent.**

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 22.—Jas. H. Tillman whose term as lieutenant governor expired Wednesday is silent, so far as the public is concerned. Hundreds of Columbians and many from other places visited the grave of Mr. Gonzales in Elm cemetery. John J. McMahon, whose term as state superintendent of education has expired, has published a letter urging the erection of a monument to Mr. Gonzales.

**Another Passed Through.**

Constantinople, Jan. 22.—Another Russian torpedo boat destroyer passed through the Dardenelles bound for Sebastopol.

# WITH THE HUMORISTS

## LATEST WORK OF THE PROFESSIONAL FUNMAKERS.

**One Man Who Admits He Regrets the Untimely Death of His Mother-in-Law—The Cause of Woman—Joys of Flat Life.**

### Joys of Flat Life.

"What time of night was it?" asked the judge, "when you heard the pistol shot?"

"Between 1:30 a. m. and 2," replied the witness.

"Have you a striking clock in the house?"

"No."

"You say you had retired early and the room was dark?"

"Yes."

"Then how do you know what time it was?"

"Because the people in the flat above had just run up the dumb waiter to put their milk bottles on, and the family in the flat below had not shaken their kitchen fire yet."

### Why He Hesitated.

During a big revival a sinner was greatly worked up. While the preacher was exhorting the sinner arose in the audience, and, with face flushed with emotion, said:

"Dear friends, I feel the spirit moving me to confess what a bad man I've been, but I can't do it while the Grand Jury is in session."

"The Lord will forgive you!" shouted the preacher.

"I know it, I know it," said the sinner, "but he isn't on the Grand Jury."—Atchison Globe.

### The Patient's Resentment.

The physicians were holding a consultation beside the cot of the man supposed to have appendicitis concealed about his person.

"I believe," said one of the surgeons, "thrt we should wait and let him get stronger before cutting into him."

Before the other prospective operators could reply the patient turned his head and remarked feebly:

"What do you take me for—a cheese?"

### Placed Under Bond.

Mrs. Subbubs—"The new cook's got such an awful big trunk it will be almost impossible to get it into her room."

Mr. Subbubs—"Sh! We must strain every nerve to get it in there."

Mrs. Subbubs—"Why is it so important?"

Mr. Subbubs—"Don't you see? If we get the trunk in and it's such a tight fit she may never be able to get it out again."

### Brigham Little Takes Offense.

Brigham Little of Salt Lake City, a pillar of the Mormon church, did not know that it is customary in China after the first greeting to say, "And I trust your honorable wife is enjoying good health."

"Sir!" he exclaimed, when thus greeted by the well-meaning Li Ting, "I'll have you understand, sir, that all of my wives are honorable, you yellow-faced he-laundress!"

### Very Busy.

Miss Parkins—"Mr. Charlie, what a rattling pace you are going at this morning!"

Mr. Charlie—"Aw, yaas, Miss Parkins. Don't detain me. I'm hard at work. This is the busiest season of the year to me."

Miss Parkins—"What are you doing?"

Mr. Charlie—"I'm dodging my creditors. Good morning."

### Keeping Her Down.

Mrs. Lowerten—Well, Sally, I s'pose we've got to call on that new neighbor. Just take your scissors and cut some sort of a hole in the middle of our visitin' card.

Daughter—What fer, maw? What does that signify?

Mrs. Lowerten—It don't mean anything that I knows of, but she'll think it does.

### Heartfelt Sympathy.

The Lady—If my poor mother had only been alive, I should have gone back to her long since.

The Brute—No one deplores your poor mother's untimely death more than I do, my dear.

### Facts Contradicted Sentiment.

"George," she whispered softly, "mark yonder breath of cloud, strecking to the utmost part of the heavens—a boundless, infinite sea of nothingness."

"Nothingness?" he echoed. "Why, goodness gracious, Maria, there's a quart of rain in every foot of that cloud!"

## FT. WORTH RAILWAY SCHEDULE

**CHICAGO, ROCK ISLAND & TEXAS RY. A**
"Rock Island Route."

| Depart | | Arrive |
|---|---|---|
| a 8 30 am | Omaha and Mo. River | a 7 30 pm |
| a 8 20 pm | Kan. City, Chicago, Denver, Colo. Springs and Pueblo, Fast Express | a 7 10 am |

Frisco System.

**RED RIVER, TEXAS & SOUTHERN RY.**

| Depart north | | Arr from north |
|---|---|---|
| a 11 05 am | K.C & St L Mail and Ex | a 2 55 pm |

**FORT WORTH & RIO GRANDE RY. A**

| Depart south | | Arrive from south |
|---|---|---|
| a 3 15 pm | Mail and Express | a 10 55 am |
| * a 9 30 pm | mixed | a 6 00 am |

**FORT WORTH & DENVER CITY RY. A**

| Depart | | Arrive |
|---|---|---|
| a 9 45 am | Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo Mail and Ex | a 5 10 pm |
| a 11 10 pm | Colorado Express | a 6 00 am |
| a 6 00 pm | Accommodation | a 9 55 am |

**•GULF, COLORADO AND SANTA FE. C**

| Depart North | | Arr. from North |
|---|---|---|
| a 7 05 am | Kan.C.& Chicago Ex & Mail | a 9 00 pm |
| a 8 20 pm | Kan. C. & Chicago Fast Ex. | a 7 45 am |
| **Depart South** | | **Arr. from South** |
| a 7 55 am | Houston & Gal. Mail & Ex | a 8 20 pm |
| a 9 10 pm | Houston & San Antonio & Galveston Mail & Express | a 7 05 am |

**HOUSTON & TEXAS CENTRAL. C**

| Depart | | Arrive |
|---|---|---|
| a 9 20 am | Houston & Gal. Mail & Ex. | a 8 20 pm |
| a 6 50 pm | Houston & Gal. Mail & Ex. | a 9 30 am |
| a1 30 pm | Corsicana Mixed | a12 15 pm |

**•MISSOURI, KANSAS AND TEXAS A**

| Depart North | | Arr. from North |
|---|---|---|
| a 8 30 am | "Katy Flyer" | a 7 45 pm |
| a11 45 pm | Kan. City, St. Louis & Chicago Mail & Ex | a 7 10 am |
| a11 20 pm | Kan. City, St. Louis & Chicago, Fast Express | a 5 10 pm |
| **Depart South** | | **Arr. from South** |
| a 8 15 pm | Houston and Gal. and San Antonio, "Katy Flyer" | a 8 10 am |
| a 7 30 am | Houston Mail & Ex | a10 55 am |
| a 6 00 pm | Houston Mail & Ex | a10 50 pm |

**COTTON BELT ROUTE. A**

| Depart | | Arrive |
|---|---|---|
| a 8 20 am | Memp. & St. L. Mail & Ex. | a 6 25 am |
| a10 15 pm | Memp. & St. L. Mail & Ex. | a 6 25 pm |

**TEXAS AND PACIFIC A**
Main Line via Marshall.

| Depart East | | Arr. from East |
|---|---|---|
| a 7 45 am | St. Louis Cannon Ball | a 7 55 pm |
| a 8 10 am | Ft. Louis Mail & Ex. | a 6 30 pm |
| a 5 30 pm | St. Louis & Memp. Fast Ex. | a 7 45 am |
| | Dallas News Train | a 5 20 am |
| a10 30 am | Dallas & Weath'ford Local | a 2 55 pm |
| a12 55 pm | Dallas Local | |
| a 3 10 pm | Dallas & Wills Point Local | a11 30 am |
| p 7 55 pm | Dallas Local | a 5 10 pm |
| **Depart West** | Main Line West. | **Arr. from West** |
| a 8 40 am | Abilene Mail & Express | a 4 15 pm |
| a 3 00 pm | Weatherford Local | a10 15 am |
| a 9 20 pm | El Paso & California Mail & Express | a 6 30 am |

Transcontinental Division via Sherman.

| Depart | | Arrive |
|---|---|---|
| a 8 35 am | Texarkana & St. Louis Mail & Express | a 6 10 pm |

A—T. & P. Passenger Station, Front St., foot of Main.
G—Fort Worth Union Station, Cor. 15th and Jones streets.
a—Daily.
•Leaves and arrives at Rio Grande Jct

### Theory vs. Practice.

"It seems to me," said the bachelor, "that I would let the child's inclinations determine what he should eat. Let nature guide him."

"Humph!" said the child's father; "if we did that his bill of fare would include matches and blacking."

### An Exciting Game.

"Dat were a very excitin' jackpot I won las' night on a bluff," said Mr. Erastus Pinkly as he tilted his cigar and dropped his hat over his eye.

"Did you raise de opener?" asked Mr. James Colliflower.

"No, sub; I opened a razor."

### Not a Complaint.

Upgardson—I hear there is some complaint that the continual dampness is rendering many pianos useless.

Atom—I have heard of its ruining a great many pianos, but I haven't heard any complaints about it.

### Prevented a Lot of Wrangling.

"How did you come to select Olive as a name for your baby?"

"Well, you see my wife's father objected to our marriage, and when the little one came he forgave us, so we thought it no more than right to let her have proper credit.

### Unnecessary.

Deacon Johnson—Does yo' believe in infant damnation, Brudder Jackson?

Brother Jackson—Deedy, no! Dey'll pick up euss words enough widout being swored at by deyr parents.—Puck.

### What Did the Doctor Mean?

Patient (after giving the doctor three dollars and receiving a prescription)—But suppose, doctor, this does not cure me?

Doctor—In that case, come back and I'll relieve you again.

### Easily Satisfied.

Primus—Although you are a millionaire my love is so great, sir, that it emboldens a poor man like myself to seek a daughter of yours in marriage.

Secundus—Which of the girls is it, young man?

Primus—Any one of the three, sir.

# MUST RAISE BLOCKADE

## This Is Venezuela's Condition Precedent to Negotiations.

## PROPOSITION CABLED

### Minister Bowen Has Made Governments of Great Britain, Germany and Italy Acquainted With This Position.

Washington, Jan. 22.—Raising of the blockade is Venezuela's condition precedent to the formal institution of negotiations with the powers for a settlement of their claims. Minister Bowen has presented this proposition to the representatives of the allies and it has been cabled to London, Berlin and Rome. Little progress can be made pending the reception of the answer.

Considerable reticence is being maintained by the negotiators as to the preliminary steps and they are averse to discussing the nature of Venezuela's initial proposition until a reply to it has been made. It is understood, however, that in asking that the blockade be lifted, Minister Bowen let it be understood that he was in a position to offer suitable guarantees for the payment of the just claims of the allies.

It is expected the reply of the powers will be in the nature of a joint counter-proposition that Venezuela agree to a settlement of the claims arising from injuries to foreign citizens in Venezuela. It has developed that Minister Bowen's power include jurisdiction over the claims of all foreign countries, Castro having authorized him to negotiate through the representatives at Washington with all the powers having claims against his country. No active steps, however, will be taken until the preliminary difficulties have been cleared away.

Mr. Bowen called at the executive office Wednesday and had a brief interview with President Roosevelt. They did not discuss the Venezuelan situation at length.

## FORT SHELLED.

### Three German Warships Have Been Firing at San Carlos.

Maracaibo, Jan. 22.—Three German warships, supposed to be the Panther, Vineta and Falke, began shelling the fort of San Carlos at 10:30 o'clock Wednesday morning. The fort returned the fire.

The correspondent of the Associated Press in a row boat approached to within three miles of the fort at noon. The roar of the guns was terrific. The Panther appeared to be not more than 500 yards from the fort. Her guns were fired every few minutes. The fort could not be seen from the clouds of smoke, but it was plain that the Venezuelan gunners were answering the German fire splendidly and with great rapidity.

At 1 o'clock in the afternoon an explosion occurred, apparently in the fort, and a cloud of smoke covered part of the ramparts. A number of Indian firemen were interrupted, fleeing from the vicinity of the fort in their dugout canoes. They reported that the smoke seen was the burning village of San Carlos, which had been shelled by the German ships and was in flames.

The shelling of San Carlos has created much excitement among the German residents of this port, who have protested against the action of the warships.

## SEVEN SPOUSES.

### Preacher Skyler, According to Evidence, Has Been Wedded Seven Times.

New Orleans, Jan. 22.—A special to the States from Port Gibson, Miss., says: The jury in the case of Rev. Marion Lane or Jean Skyles, charged with bigamy returned a verdict of guilty. Lane was one of the most learned theologians and eloquent orators in the state. Not all the evidence the prosecution had was brought out at the trial, but it went to show Skyles had been married seven times. Evidence showing marriages in Kerrville, Tex., Russeville, Ark., and Woodville, Miss., was presented to the jury. After his last marriage, at Woodville, Skyles fled to Texas and was captured at San Antonio. The defense was insanity. Skyles was educated at Clarksville, Tenn. He is forty-two years old and had been seven years a minister.

### Fifty-Four Bills.

Guthrie, Okla., Jan. 22.—In the house Wednesday fifty-four bills were introduced in fifteen minutes. Sixteen were by Mr. Hickman and twelve by Mr. Foster. In the house the flag bill was called up and the committee on education reported a substitute which was discussed in committee of the whole. It was read the second time and ordered printed. It provides for a flag on every school and public building and for teaching patriotism in the schools.

### Joe Goddard Dead.

Camden, N. J. Jan. 22.—Joe Goddard, the pugilist, who was shot in the primaries i Camden county last July, died in a hospital here. Goddard, it is alleged, was in charge of a gang of Philadelphia repeaters. He got into an altercation with a constable and was shot in the head.

### Successful Session.

City of Mexico, Jan. 22.—The nineteenth annual Methodist conference at Pachuca has adjourned after a successful and interesting session. Bishop Earl Cranston of Portland, Ore., presided.

### Value of Clear Enunciation.

It is wonderful how much an effort to bring out one's language in clear and crisp form assists one's mind in shaping the thoughts to be clothed with that language. It is in that respect like the calm demeanor and slow speech of the old-fashioned friends which helped them to success in business because it compelled them to avoid haste and keep clear of impulsive follies. Let the educators hammer on this nail till they drive it home.

### Were Too Strictly Honest.

A curious example of the reward of excessive virtue is the case of certain British pickle manufacturers who have been making their pint bottles hold a little more than a pint, to be on the safe side of the British law. When these pint bottles arrived in Canada they found that there was a law in operation which provides that any package measuring more than a pint must pay duty as a quart!

### Living Man Sells His Head.

Arthur Jennings, aged 27, a resident of Florence, Col., has negotiated with an eastern medical institute for the purchase of his head. Jennings' head is almost twice the normal size. According to the informant the price is $1,000 down and an additional $1,000 to be paid his relatives at the time of his death. His head measures thirty-six inches in circumference.

### Want Special Cars for Dogs.

The managers of the Paris metropolitan underground railway have been persuaded by lovers of dogs to consider the question of providing special cars on their trains in which dogs and their owners can travel together, instead of the dogs being separated from their masters or mistresses, as at present is necessary.

### Woman in High Position.

Miss Anna E. Schaeffer of Chippewa Falls, Wis., begins the new year as state superintendent of the schools for the deaf in Wisconsin, to which position she was recently appointed by Gov. La Follette. She has been county superintendent of schools for the last two years.

### Good Done by Japanese Empress.

The Empress of Japan has done much for the good of the Japanese people. She takes a deep interest in the industries of her country. She is particularly well informed about cereals and rice growing, that important feature of oriental industry.

### Wealth for Choctaw Indians.

Thirty-four of the Choctaw Indians who arrived at Ardmore from Meridian, Miss., are of one family. T. B. Griffin, 81 years old, was the father or grandfather of them all. Each one of them gets the equivalent of $5,000, including 320 acres of land.

### Col Higginson Still Writing.

Col. Thomas Wentworth Higginson has turned his eighty-first year and is still in fairly good health, passing considerable time at his writing table. Among New England men of letters only Dr. Edward Everett Hale is his senior.

### It May.

The estate of the duke of Wellington is for rent, but no one seems able to pay the running expenses, not even an American steel magnate. This ought to make democracy popular in England.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

### Significant.

It is said upon reliable authority that when J. P. Morgan and King Edward went to a pleasant little game of bridge at Ambassador Choate's recent affair the band began to play "God Save the King."

### Rather Strange.

A judge has decided that glove contests in Kentucky are legal. It would be strange procedure to make illegal fights when the state is noted for the stimulant that produces them.—Pittsburg Post.

### Criticises Boyish Literature.

Bernard Shaw, always radical, has been writing about the books of his childhood. He accuses every one of them of "dishonesty, hypocrisy, sickly immorality and damnable dullness."

### Tempts Fate Again.

Undaunted by the fierce criticism which greeted "The Unspeakable Scot," the author, T. W. H. Crosland, has written another satirical book, which he calls "Lovely Woman."

### Bishop Brooks' Statue Nearly Ready.

The statue of Bishop Phillips Brooks which is to stand in the angle formed by the chapel and north transept of Trinity church, Boston, is nearly completed.

### Still Able to Make Good Pies.

Mrs. Lucy A. Clough of Boston celebrated her 91st birthday recently and baked fourteen pies as a contribution to the refreshments for the party.

### Boston "Tea Party" Member.

The great-grandfather of Mrs. Mary Jane Pairo, who died a few days ago in Baltimore, was a member of Boston's "tea party."

### Chicago Labor Unions.

There are 525 labor unions in Chicago, with an estimated membership of more than 300,000.

### Growth of British Museum.

One hundred volumes a day is the increase in the British Museum.

### Value of "Worthless" Material.

In addition to the collection of old junk from private houses the Salvation Army colony in London is now systematically gathering up waste paper. Nearly 6,000 tons of this material was collected last year, sorted and resold, nearly 2,000 business houses being visited every week. The colony now gives employment to 360 men simply in recovering materials that would ordinarily be destroyed.

### Fact and Poetry.

Dr. Lyman Abbott is undoubtedly right in saying that we cannot sing of the nickel plated faucet as we did of the old oaken bucket, nor have the same feeling for the hole in the floor the heat comes through as we had for the old time hearth; nor can we write of the water bug in the pipe as of the cricket on the hearth. But who would go back to the poetic old-fashioned inconveniences?

### Monument to Spanish Martyr.

Geneva has granted permission to a number of Spanish literary and political men to erect a monument in that city to Michael Servetus, the Spanish theologian, who was burnt as a unitarian heretic by order of the magistrates of Geneva at the instigation of John Calvin. The monument is to be unveiled next October on the 350th anniversary of the burning.

### Did Last Work on Campanile.

It is said that the last artist who painted the Campanile at Venice before it fell was an American, F. K. M. Rehn, who spent last summer in Venice. He did a good deal of work in the famous city on the Adriatic, which will be placed on view in New York this winter.

### How He Looked.

An enthusiastic sightseer in London was telling her friend that she had been fortunate enough to get a good view of Lord Kitchener. "Ah," said the friend, "I suppose he's a very bellicose man?" "Oh, no," was the reply, "quite slim, I assure you."

### The First Christmas Card.

In 1844 it occurred to Mr. W. C. T. Dobson, R. A., to make a little sketch symbolical of the season's joys, and send it to a friend. The latter was so delighted that next year Mr. Dobson lithographed his card and sent out thirty copies.

### Old Egyptian Manuscripts.

The National Museum at Washington helps with funds to support the explorations in Egypt which Dr. Flinders Petrie, the great Egyptologist, is making. As its share of this year's finds it has just received ten papyrus manuscripts, dating from about the birth of Christ. They are mostly bills of lading for camel trains, receipts for goods, etc.

### Will Not Appoint a Woman.

Mayor Schmitz of San Francisco has refused to grant the petition of the ladies of the California club asking the appointment of a woman on the school board of the city. He says that such an appointment would be apt to create a spirit of unrest among the school teachers, many of whom are opposed to such an innovation.

### Deaths in French Army.

The French Minister of War declares that the mortality of the French army is nearly four times that of the German army. This he attributes, not to the inefficiency of the French military surgeons, but to the ravages of tuberculosis, "the malady of France," and to typhoid fever and scarlatina.

### Growth of Japanese Navy.

An idea of the wonderful growth of the Japanese navy within the past few years may be gained from the fact that Japan has decided to establish a squadron on our side of the Pacific ocean, and is also thinking of stationing a fleet in European waters permanently.

### Seek New Fishing Grounds.

As the seal fishery in the Behring sea has been a failure this year, the Canadian sealers are turning their attention to the Falkland islands, in the South Atlantic, where seals are stated to be plentiful.

### Kansas Working Overtime.

Two crops of strawberries and the second yield of early apples is the reported record of Kansas during the past season. What's the matter with the Sunflower State?

### Blessing the Danube.

In Roumania there is a custom of publicly blessing the River Danube on Christmas day. A large cross of ice is carried before the procession.

### Irrigated Lands in America.

The irrigated area of the United States is 7,510,598 acres, of which Colorado contains 1,611,271 and California 1,446,119.

### Origin of "Gazette."

The earliest newspaper was published in Venice and called a gazette from the name of the coin for which it was sold.

### Aged Inmates of Poorhouse.

In Sculcoates workhouse, Hull England, there are sixteen inmates whose united ages amount to 1,218 years.

### Our Superiority in Coal.

Britain's coal measures cover 9,000 square miles, against the United States' 222,500 square miles.

# HUMOR OF THE DAY

### He Had Been There.

A Widnes man, visiting Liverpool, was being shown around by a citizen, who said:

"Now, let's go and see the Widows' Home."

The Widnes man put his finger to the side of his nose and winked, and then said:

"No, thanks. I saw a widow home once, and she sued me for breach of promise, and proved it on me. It cost me a matter of £120. No, sir, send the widows home in a cab."—London Tit-Bits.

### Only Part of the Wheels.

The young lady was over-fond of the society of beaus and two of her friends were talking about it.

"Oh," said one, "I never saw anybody so daffy about the men as Fannie is. I think she must have wheels in her head!"

"Well, no," hesitated the other, half charitably, "not wheels; only the fellows."—Comfort.

### Sure Sign.

"His retirement from the board was due entirely to his poor health."

"Sure there wasn't a squabble of some sort?"

"Positive. If there had been a row the papers would have been full of interviews with the other members expressing their 'cordial appreciation of his services and their regret,' etc."

### A Calloused Conscience.

"I suppose you have heard it intimated that you made $100,000 last year in various quiet ways?"

"Yes," said Senator Sorghum.

"Aren't you going to try to stop the story?"

"No. Of course, it will cause unpleasant gossip, but it will help my financial credit."

### True Courage.

Spartacus—What is the greatest act of bravery that ever occurred within your specific knowledge?

Smartacus—A man with only half a dollar in his pocket went into a swell cafe and ordered forty cents' worth of food right out loud, so that people at the next table heard him distinctly.

### Not in the Same Set.

"Are you having a pleasant time?" asked a lady of a little miss at a fashionable children's party.

"Delightful, thanks."

"And will your papa and mamma come later?"

"Oh, dear, no; papa and mamma and I don't belong to the same set."

### Just the Size.

The silver moon peeped up behind the hills of Lake Roland.

"What is the height of your ambition?" she asked, more to break the monotony than anything else.

"Oh, about five feet two inches!" he replied, gazing into her dark eyes.

The cards are out.

### Discouraged.

"I'm sure," said the clumsy man at he slipped off his horse again, "that I'll never learn to ride."

"Oh," replied the riding master, "just keep on trying."

"But I'm having my own troubles trying to keep on."—Catholic Standard and Times.

### Simple Enough.

Borem—I want to interest you in a financial scheme this morn—

Merchant—Not this morning. I haven't time.

Borem—Why, it won't take you a minute. All you have got to do is to lend me a dollar.

### The Absent-Minded Professor.

"I don't know what it is, but I can feel something cold down my back. That means a cold in my head tomorrow, sure."

### Didn't Take a Thing.

Mrs. Green—But is the girl honest? Can she be trusted?

Mrs. Brown—You need not be in the least alarmed. She is perfectly honest. All the time she was with me I never knew her to take a thing—not even my advice as to how things should be done.

### Very Fascinating.

May—It's wonderful the fascination horse racing has for some people.

Louise—Yes, indeed. There's a friend of mine who goes to the races nearly every day, and positively she's more interested in the horses than in the gowns.

### Well Represented.

"I have often wondered," remarked the man who likes to suggest things to the editor, "why your paper does not run a department devoted to automobile news."

"We do," replied the editor. "Two of 'em."

"Why, I never saw them," said the suggester.

"Police court reports and obituary column," snapped the editor.

### Curiosity Appeased.

The angular passenger stuck her head out through the car window.

"Why," she asked the man on the station platform, "did you speak now of that singular looking machine as 'she'?"

"Because, ma'am," replied the man on the platform, "it's a mail snatcher."

And she took her head in again.

### Really a Mere Trifle.

Mr. Farwest—I met my old schoolmate, Lakeside, to-day, for the first time in an age, and I thought from the way he acted when I mentioned you that you and he must have had some romance or other before we met.

Mrs. Farwest—No romance about it. We were married for a few years, that's all.

### Quite a Difference.

"Wat kind of a letter did your husband write when he was away?"

"He started: 'My Precious Treasure,' and ended by sending 'love.'"

"How did you answer?"

"I started with: 'My Precious Treasurer,' and ended with 'Send me fifty.'"

### Too Great a Strain.

"The late Col. Guppinger, I believe," said the man who had called, after the lapse of a suitable time, to collect materials for a biography, "was a thorough clubman, a devoted husband——"

"He was," interrupted the widow, "but people wouldn't believe that. Just say he was a devoted husband."

### Memory's Instant Response.

"Willetts, who is that girl at the other end of the parlor?"

"I've been trying all evening to think of her name. She's rather pretty, don't you think?"

"Rather pretty? By George, she's a peach!"

"Ah, that helps me to recall her name. She is a Miss Crawford."

### Infantile Virtue.

"Yes," said the angel child, "I gived all my toys to those poor children, 'cause they wanted 'em so bad."

"How sweet of the dear! I must buy her a doll for Christmas," said auntie, when she heard of it. And the angel child heard and smiled serenely.

"I thought so," said she.

### Legally Safe.

"Ephem, s'poze de good Lawd should come doun an' look inter yer eye an' say, 'Ephem, what had you done wid all dose chickens dat yer hab stole?' What would yer say?"

"Parson, I mought say dat my old 'ooman cooked 'em, but you knows dat a man ain't bound to testify again his wife."

### Didn't Wait to Hear.

Hewitt—Gruett says that you are afraid of him.

Jewett—Afraid of him! Why, it was only yesterday that I called him everything I could think of.

Hewitt—What did he say?

Jewett—I came away from the telephone as soon as I had said all I had to say.

### More to Come.

Beggar—Say, boss, gimme a couple of cents for a night's lodgin'.

Goodman—Surely you can't get a night's lodging for a couple of pennies?

Beggar—Well, gee whiz! you don't s'pose you're de on'y easy mark I'm goin' ter touch, do you?

### Sad Memories Speak.

"Remember," said the business man, "that in this life you can't get something for nothing."

"Maybe not," answered the Kentuckian, "but some people can come so close to it in a horse trade that it is mighty discouraging."

### The Difference.

"The idea of calling a flask of whisky a 'life preserver.'"

"What's the matter with that?"

"Well, usually it's the cork in it that makes the life preserver effective, but your flask's no good until you take the cork out."

### Regret.

"Did you ever do anything you were ashamed of in your political life?" asked the solemn man.

"Yes," answered Senator Sorghum; "I once took $50,000 and found out later I might just as easily have had $100,000."

### Something Wrong With

"Gimme a dollar," said Williams, "en I'll vote fer you runs fer office."

"But—I never intend running fice."

"En you gwine ter live yo' Georgia?"

"I hope to."

"All I got ter say den," tered, as he shuffled off, can't be right in yo' mind." Constitution.

### What Modesty.

"I don't see," said the sen "how you could bring yours around after that actor; sa ceited stick as he is."

"You're mistaken," replied fiee girl. "He's just as mo can be. Why, when I whom he considered the g tor in the world, he actually and replied that it wasn't say."

### Right He Was.

A member of a Sunday one day asking some children tions on Bible knowledge. he had gone the children well, but when he asked:

"Where does the word occur in the Bible?" the could not answer for a minu till a sharp urchin stood up

"Please, sir, on the cover."

### Wanted a Year's Guar

"It's almost impossible, lease a house for a shorter one year, nowadays," he said protect myself, I must ask yo

"Ask me what?" interru bride-to-be.

"To agree not to seek a until the expiration of the fir lease."—Catholic Standard.

### Wouldn't Say.

"You say you saw my Willie an hour ago?" asked Willie's "Where did he say he was go

"He didn't say, ma'am," Tommy Stout.

"Didn't he tell you I had on an errand to the corner gro

"O, yes, ma'am, but he did where he was going."

### His Blunder.

"Yes," said the aeronaut, "my machine is a failure. I'll know next time."

"Wouldn't it fly?"

"No. But that didn't make so difference. My mistake was in ing it so big that I couldn't into the lecture hall where the ence could see it."

### Saved.

He—Did you hear about that nesota man who committed because he couldn't get married

She—O, Mr. Biggles, would such a thing?

He—I don't know, I might if—

She—Percival! Take me. I not live with such a thing conscience.

### Variant Estimates.

"How did that poem of yours out?"

"Oh," answered the author, was the difference of opinion usually attends the production masterpiece. The postmaster that it was first-class matter editor insisted that it was not."

### About So.

Greene—Miss Wilter has brou suit against Bifkin for breach promise, naming her damages at 000."

Gray—Funny about women. If had married her she would by time, perhaps, be telling him that is absolutely worthless.

### Overofficious.

"What's the matter, Jimsby? look bothered."

"I am. I had a happy home my wife joined one of those phi thropic clubs and promised to do little thing every day to add to happiness, and now she's got so ideas I can't rest."

### A Gentle Hint.

"Breverin, de collection am fine to-day. Nine suspender butt Now, if de congregation will put a pair ov pants in de plate Sunday, de church will be berry ful."

### Right in Their Line.

"How did your baseball game out?"

"They mopped the ground wit

"I thought they would when I you calling them a scrub nine."

### An Excess of Caloric.

"Be careful, my dear, or you'll your fingers," warned Miss Pen by's sister, as that young lady kissing her hand to her lover the street.—Life.