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Vol. XIII. NORTH FORT WORTH, TEXAS, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1903. $1.00 per Year NO. 28.

Fort Worth Market.

Receipts of Cattle Today, 1,500—Hogs 600.

GOOD BEEF STUFF IN

Demand for Feeders, that Sold Steady.

5 TO 10 CTS HIGHER

Today Was Good, Average Weight 200

Receipts Today.

	1,500
	600
	108

Official Receipts Yesterday.

	1,862
	1,006
	14
	192

Range of Market Today.

Steers, top $3.15, bulk $2.50
Cows, top $2.25, bulk $1.65@
Calves, top $4.25.
Hogs—Top $4.90, bulk $4.75@4.85.
Sheep—Top $4.50.

THE CATTLE TRADE

Today's Quotations.

Choice fed	$3 50@3 75
Good fed	3 15@3 50
	2 00@3 15
	1 25@2 00
Choice heavy fed	2 15@2 50
Good butcher	1 90@2 15
	1 75@1 90
	1 00@1 75
Stags and oxen	1 50@2 00
Good to fancy veals	3 00@4 25
Veals fair	1 50@3 00

The receipts of cattle today were moderate, [illegible] were in early, about 1,200 were reported, and total for the day figured close around [illegible] 573 last Friday, and 2,084 the day last month.

BEEF STEERS.

The market was supplied with three or four loads of partly fed stuff, a few odds and ends of the kind. There was a good demand from feeder buyers and the supply went to them on a steady basis yesterday.

Quotations on the market solid at $3.15, averaging 1018 pounds, with one averaging 1007 pounds at $3.07½.

Representative sales:

	Ave.	Price
	1018	3 15
	1007	3 07½
	1190	3 07½
	970	3 00
	806	2 60
	806	2 60
	710	2 50
	701	2 50
	701	2 50
	781	2 45
	781	2 45
	790	1 35
	850	1 35
	600	1 35

BUTCHER STOCK.

Supply of butcher stock was liberal, quality of which was very common. There was a fairly good demand from packers and outside butchers, [illegible] was fairly active and steady [illegible] day. A few cows sold between $2.15, but the bulk of sales between $1.50@2.00.

Bulls freely on a steady basis at a range between $1.75@2.00.

Cows.

	715	2 25
	917	2 35
	900	2 35
	864	2 35
	1000	2 20
	735	2 20
	720	2 15
	768	2 10
	850	2 10
	777	2 10
	841	2 05
	775	2 05
	668	2 00
	667	2 00
	748	1 80
	696	1 65
	679	1 65
	943	1 50
	534	1 35
	698	1 25
	719	1 25

Heifers.

14	782	2 25
3	800	2 20
20	704	2 20
3	616	2 00
6	540	1 60

Bulls.

1	920	2 25
7	1150	2 25
1	1500	2 00
1	1000	1 90
1	1050	1 90
4	885	1 75
1	1000	1 75
1	1100	1 75
9	836	1 65
1	970	1 65
1 stag	840	1 35
1 stag	660	1 35

CALVES.

Only a few calves arrived, the quality of which was medium to choice. There seemed to be a good demand and trading was active and steady. One choice load averaging 176 pounds topped the market at $4.25.

77	176	4 25
1	190	4 25
52	192	4 00
49	193	3 50
31	128	3 50
1	210	3 00
25	282	2 75
1	250	2 50
22	183	2 50
20	307	2 00
9	233	2 00
7	224	2 00
1	210	1 75

THE HOG TRADE

Today's Quotations.

Choice sorted	$4 65@4 90
Mixed Packers	4 55@4 75
Light	4 55@4 70
Choice pigs	4 50@5 50
Stags and roughs	3 00@4 00

Receipts of hogs made a fair showing in the pens today. Five cars were in at the opening of the market, and by noon two more cars arrived, which with those taken in made total receipts for the day close around 550, against 311 for last Friday, and 873 for the corresponding day last month.

The quality today was good, and as reports from other points came in favorable and with a good demand, buyers did not wait long before buying hogs.

The market opened with early sales strong to 5 higher, but conditions seemed to improve, and shortly after the opening hogs were selling 10 and in some cases 15 higher than yesterday.

The top today was $4.90 for several loads averaging around 200 pounds, with the bulk of sales from $4.70@4.80.

Choice sorted are quoted from $4.65@4.90, mixed packers $4.55@4.75, light trades $4.55@4.70, choice pigs $4.50@5.50, and boars, stags and roughs $3.00@4.00.

Representative sales:

Territory Hogs.

No.	Shrink.	Average.	Price.
21		203	4 70
6		195	4 70
38		150	4 75
91		181	4 80
68		185	4 80
60		222	4 80
7		204	4 80
21		157	4 80
80		221	4 80
41		210	4 82½
79		194	4 90
35		267	4 90
15		157	4 90
Pigs.			
7		121	4 80
1		110	4 80
Texas Hogs.			
49		159	4 50
5		200	4 50
Wagon Hogs.			
6		208	4 85
Sheep.			
9		90	4 50
1		120	3 25

BUYERS ON YESTERDAY'S MARKET

Cattle.

Swift & Co.	678
Armour & Co.	673
Hill & Son	29
Coggin	9
Saunders	120
Deacon	7
Burns	11
E. Vogelsang	9
McFarland	25
All others	7

Calves.

Swift & Co.	222
Armour & Co.	12

Hogs.

Armour & Co.	502
Swift & Co.	550
A. F. Scott	2

RECEIPTS AT THE YARDS TODAY.

Cattle.

Arnet Bros., Colorado	171
Jno. Lovelady, Colorado	32
Dave Robinson, Colorado	56
C. Main, Colorado	29
E. A. Birdwell, Colorado	68
J. H. Henderson, Colorado	67
Jones & Zellman, Roscoe	64
J. C. Wallace, Roscoe	64
S. G. Tipton, Calvert	32
Cherryholmes & Hill, Alvord	32
J. M. Mitchem, Malakoff	28
J. M. Mitchem, Malakoff	23
J. H. Blackaller, Pearsall	30
Coleman, Encinal	78
W. S., Stanton	310
G. F. McClinter, Stanton	30
J. V. Stokes, Stanton	61
D. C. Braun, Jacksboro	39
Burt & Holloway, Midland	52
J. M. Kimberlin, Quanah	39
J. R. Walker, Brady	28
P. C. Bancroft, Brady	30
W. L. Stevens, Dublin	29

Hogs.

Thomas State Bank, Thomas, O. T.	81
M. F. Petree, Union City, O. T.	84
C. C. Wilson, Pawnee, O. T.	80
F. F. Miller, Checkee	21
E. Chilton, Mounds, I. T.	76
W. B. Chaffin, Elk City, O. T.	79
A. Lacy, Washita	97
S. P. Clark, Durant, I. T.	86

Sheep.

Armour & Co., Kansas City, Mo.	108

TELEGRAPHIC MARKET REPORT.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Chicago	25,000	30,000	5,000
Kansas City	2,200	6,500	500
St. Louis	2,000	6,000	1,000
St. Joseph	600	7,200	100
	29,800	49,700	6,700

Chicago.

Special to the Reporter.

Union Stock Yards, Ill., Dec. 11.—The Drovers' Journal reports:

CATTLE — Receipts 25,000. Market slow, weak.

HOGS — Receipts 30,000. Market opened 5 higher, later weakened. Top $4.70; bulk $4.45@4.60.

SHEEP—Receipts 5,000. Slow.

Kansas City.

Special to The Reporter.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 11.—The Drovers' Telegram reports today:

CATTLE — Receipts 2,200. Market dull, steady to 10 lower. Christmas [illegible] $6. Cows and stockers weak.

HOGS — Receipts 6,500. Market 5 higher. Advance lost. Top $4.80; bulk $4.65@4.75.

SHEEP—Receipts 500. Steady.

St. Louis.

Special to The Reporter.

National Stock Yards, Ill., Dec. 11.—The National Live Stock Reporter says:

CATTLE—Receipts 2,000, Texas 1,200. Slow. Natives draggy.

HOGS — Receipts 6,000. Market [illegible] $4.70; bulk $4.55@4.65.

SHEEP—Receipts 1,000. Dull.

St. Joseph.

Special to the Reporter.

South St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 11.—The Stock Yards Daily Journal reports:

CATTLE—Receipts 600. Market 5 to 10 lower.

HOGS — Receipts 7,200. Steady. Top $4.65; bulk $4.55@4.62½.

SHEEP—Receipts 100. Steady.

ABOUT THE STOCK YARDS.

J. B. Wilson of Maysville, I. T., marketed 35 1007-pound steers, which sold at $3.07½.

A. D. Hotchkiss of San Antonio had on the market today one load of choice yearlings. Seventy-eight head averaging 176 pounds sold to Armour & Co. at $4.25.

D. Mays of Maysville, I. T., arrived late yesterday with two loads of 55 steers, averaging 1018 pounds, that sold on today's market to J. P. French & Son to be put on feed at Temple.

ALWAYS BLUE-EYED BABIES.

Eyes of Infants Are Never Any Other Color.

It is not generally known that the eyes of infants are always blue and that they do not begin to assume their permanent color until the sixth or eighth week. There is, therefore, truth as well as poetry in the statement that babies look about them in "blue-eyed wonder." The wonder may be left to poets and philosophers, but the blue is always a practical fact.

It is not uncommon to see different colors in the eyes of the same person, and even in the same eye half of the iris is sometimes brown, and the other half blue. There is a popular notion that dark eyes are stronger than light ones. There is no truth in this except so far as they are better protected against excessive light. Hence light eyes prevail among Northern nations and dark eyes among races who live in the glare of a tropical sun.

CITY AND COUNTY.

County Assessor Sweet is making a personal inspection of real estate in Fort Worth, for the purpose of valuing it for assessment of taxes.

John White of Tarrant county drove in 14 head of sheep that averaged 84 lbs. and sold at $3.25. The sheep market is considered strong—when there are enough in to make a market.

Probably the largest life insurance policy ever taken out in Texas was that written on the life of W. T. Wagoner, a big cattleman of Decatur. The insurance was for $500,000.

One of the horses belonging to the Fort Worth fire department dropped dead last Sunday, while answering a fire alarm. It is supposed that a ruptured blood vessel caused the death.

Howard Fogg has received two good Poland-China sows for his farm near Fort Worth. They were brought from Michigan, where they cost $75 apiece. Mr. Fogg believes in hogs, and good ones.

Mr. J. F. Zurn (generally called Jake) is a candidate for alderman in the Eighth ward, Fort Worth, and as nobody has come out against him, it looks like the popular ticket agent of the T. P. will be a city father.

The bank clearings that passed through the Fort Worth clearing house for the week ending Saturday, were $5,200,301.-64. For the corresponding week of last year they were $3,203,339.34, showing an increase of $2,002,964.30.

Mrs. H. T. Keenan died in Fort Worth Monday, after a long illness. She was the wife of Col. H. T. Keenan, general agent for the C., B. & Q. railroad, and the mother of W. S. Keenan, general passenger agent of the Santa Fe.

John W. Bondurant was by Judge Smith appointed receiver of the State National Loan and Trust company on Monday. The defendants are E. F. Towles, president, and R. W. Stephens and D. De Simon, directors of the company.

Free government seed was received in Fort Worth last Saturday, and the mail carriers were loaded down with it. These seeds were sent out by Senator Culberson to his constituents. They were mostly vegetable seeds, such as squash, radish, watermelon, pumpkin, lettuce, beans, etc.

At a special meeting of the city council of Fort Worth last Monday it was agreed that the sum of $22,500 be paid D. W. Mead on his contract for supplying the city with artesian water. After a year, he is to get the balance, about $28,000, if the water supply is kept at 3,000,000 gallons per day.

The best hogs on Saturday's market were Texas hogs. They were sent in by B. E. Gearhart of Collin county. They averaged 115 to 175 pounds, and sold at $4.85. Mr. Gearhart is a regular shipper to this market, because he finds it the best. In addition, Mr. Gearhart sold 34 148-pound hogs at $4.75.

J. P. Daggett gave a house warming Friday night at his ranch on Fossil creek, in the newhouse recently erected by him. Quite a number of the stock yards attended, and there was an attendance of neighbors and ranchmen for miles around. A general good time was enjoyed by all. At midnight lunch was served and the dance went on.

The Arlington Heights Automobile company of Fort Worth, has been incorporated; capital stock, $3,500; purpose to conduct an automobile stage line between Fort Worth and Arlington Heights. Incorporators: A. T. Byers, C. S. Mattison, William Bryce, W. R. Sanguinet and Robert McCart.

A large amount of second-class mail matter has been accumulating at Fort Worth, on account of the inability of the force now employed at the postoffice and in the mail car to handle it. At one time there were about 200 sacks of mail piled up, that the force in the mail cars could not distribute. Most of this mail came from the North and East.

The report of the Fort Worth health department for November shows thirty-one deaths among the white people—sixteen male and fifteen female—and one male and two females, colored; total thirty-four. There were seventeen boy babies and fifteen girl babies added to the white population, and seven births among the colored folks—a total of thirty-nine.

It is reported from Austin that the state will sue the Waples-Platter Grocery Co. of Fort Worth on a contract for sugar. The Waples-Platter Co. made an offer to furnish the state with sugar at $4.42 per 100 pounds, but claimed that it made a mistake in the figures, and refused to deliver sugar at that price. The state is now buying sugar at $4.80 to $4.98, and will try to collect the excess above $4.42 from the Waples-Platter Co.

Sheriff Long of Johnson county was in Fort Worth yesterday and reported that the postoffice at Burleson had been robbed Wednesday night and about $150 in money, a $100 check and a considerable number of stamps taken, including 8,000 2c stamps, 1,000 1c, 75 10c, 125 8c, 175 1c one stamps, 125 2c due stamps and 40 10c special delivery stamps. The safe in the postoffice is said to have been blown to pieces by the robbers.

The case of Tarrant county against W. E. Butler was argued in the Seventeenth district court Friday. This is a suit to recover fees that, as contended by the county, were retained by the defendant in excess of what was allowed by law, while he was county clerk. Counsel for Butler filed a demurrer, claiming, among other things, that the county commissioners had made a settlement with him. The county attorney, who is prosecuting the case, contends that the county commissioners had no power to release a debtor of the county.

Engineer Mead, who devised and constructed the system for supplying Fort Worth with artesian water, says the pumps are pumping 4,000,000 gallons of water daily at this time. Mr. Mead says that for forty-five days nothing but artesian water has been pumped, and he added that the Trinity water is so low that if the city had been compelled to rely on that water it would have been exhausted fifteen days ago.

Miss Virginia Ball, daughter of County Treasurer Ball of this county, has received from William Fassoux of New Orleans, national commander of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, the first commission which makes her honorary assistant to N. B. Tisdal, commander of the Trans-Mississippi department of the Sons, headquarters in Fort Worth. Her jurisdiction extends over all territory west to the Pacific coast from the Mississippi river, and the distinction thus conferred is considered in the ranks of the Sons a great honor.

It is not generally known that the art of cooking is taught in the public schools of Fort Worth. Cookery is a part of the curriculum of the high school. It is dignified by the name of domestic science. An accomplished cook has been put in charge of this department, who shows the young women how to prepare food fit to set before their guests. There are 35 pupils taking cooking lessons, being divided into into two classes. The expense of this work is to some extent met by the sale of the food prepared by the learners.

The Fort Worth courts are making it warm for lawyers who have been engaged in the practice of barratry, or encouraging litigation. It is reported that certain members of the Fort Worth bar have been indicted. In the Federal district court Judge Meek appointed a committee of lawyers to investigate the case of a lawyer charged with the offense of barratry, with intent to disbar him. This committee is composed of William N. Atwell, United States district attorney, and B. D. Tarlton, W. D. Harris, G. E. Butler, W. D. Williams, Sam H. Cowan, [illegible]

Nine men in Fort Worth were buncoed out of small sums of money by a man who represented himself as an employment agent and pretended to find employment for them, for which they paid from $1.50 to $2 apiece. They were told to go to the Texas & Pacific depot and take the cars for El Paso, where the railroad would put them at work. At the depot they found that there was no demand for such workmen. The police report that Fort Worth has many such fraudulent employment agents, and they are asking that all employment agents be required to take out license to do business.

GENERAL NOTES.

The Texas Farmers' Congress offered a premium for the best yield of corn at the San Antonio Fair. The premium ear of corn was raised by J. G. Heider son of Fayette county. It was planted May 28 and the yield was 65.15 bushels on one acre.

The Toledo, O., trade is taking some big hogs. Among them was a monster that weighed 1,032 pounds dressed. That meant nearly 1,300 pounds live weight. The "pig" was only two years old. There are others weighing 600 to 750 pounds. These hogs fetched more than beef steers.

San Antonio Express: Powell Bros. of Karnes county have recently completed the delivery of $10,000 worth of mules to a Louisiana party. Both of these gentlemen are Missourians and brought with them to Texas the knowledge that the mule as a money make should not be overlooked in any locality.

William Dewey Ashcroft of Windom, Tex., is little more than five years old, yet he has a distinction which does not often come to lads of his age. He weighs 134 pounds and is fifty inches in height. His waist measurement is forty-four inches and he wears a No. 7 hat. His weight at birth was 9¾ pounds.

The report of the secretary of the Shorthorn Breeders' association shows a prosperous condition of the association. With a surplus of $112,000 in the treasury, no debts, and money invested in gilt-edged securities, the Shorthorn Association is to be congratulated. Their pedigree record shows 536,127 cattle recorded and the list is rapidly growing.

Reports from cattlemen in the lower portion of Lavaca county to the San Antonio Express show that cattle are in very bad condition and will hardly be able to stand the winter. Many are now dying from some disease among them. Some of the stockmen attribute it to the eating of acorns, there being an abundance of them this year.

W. T. Waggoner at his stock pens near Bowie is fattening for market over 2,100 head of stock. The bunch consists of 1,750 steers, 3s and 4s, and the balance cows and bulls. Cotton seed meal and hulls are used in feeding, they being supplied from Mr. Waggoner's cotton seed oil mill. Most of the stock have been on feed sixty days and are rounding out nicely.

IN THE COURTS.

Saturday, Dec. 5.

The postponed hearing on the motion for a new trial in the case of the State vs. Rufus Martin, convicted of the murder of Charles Swaghammer, came up in the Forty-eighth district court. Attorney Simmons of the defense, was absent in Mississippi. Judge Dunklin therefore held over the hearing for another week.

The motion of the plaintiff in the case of Oran Hoskins vs. Fort Worth & Rio Grande Railway company to set aside the non-suit and to reinstate the case on the docket, came up in the Forty-eighth district court. The motion was overruled. The plaintiff excepted, and gave notice of an appeal to the court of civil appeals.

New suits: Ida R. Holland vs. W. W. Holland, divorce.

Tuesday, Dec. 8.

Pen East and Paul de Leon had an examining trial before Justice Rowland on the charge of stealing a horse and buggy from Dr. McCoy of this city on last Wednesday night. The horse and buggy were recovered in Hood county and the two men were arrested at Ilico. They failed to give bond and were remanded to the county jail.

Application to admit the will of the late Mrs. M. V. Dukes, who died at Mansfield, was made in the probate court. The estate is valued at something like $20,000.

In the Seventeenth district court the divorce case of Lula Crawley vs. F. B. Crawley, was tried before Judge Smith and taken under advisement.

New Suits: Jesse Stewart vs. Robt. Stewart, divorce; John J. Carlisle vs. the Texas & Pacific Railway company, damages.

In the Federal court the trespass to try title case of the Matador Land and Cattle company vs. Mrs. Annie B. Cooper et al, is still on trial. The plaintiffs seek to recover 1,920 acres of land in Motley county.

Wednesday, Dec. 9.

The following new suits were filed in the district clerk's office:

Mary P. Teissedre vs. Gus Teissedre, divorce; Caroline A. Lyman and Kate Lyman Jones vs. the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway company of Texas and the Texas & Pacific Railway company. The plaintiffs in this suit ask damages in the sum of $15,000 for the death of their father, Samuel W. Lyman, who was a crossing watchman in the joint employ of the defendants at Seventeenth street in Fort Worth. On October 1, 1903, he was run over and killed by one of the engines moving along the joint track of the defendants.

Flora Brown vs. Thomas Brown, divorce.

Thursday, Dec. 10.

In the Seventeenth district court a divorce was granted in the case of L. B. Standifer vs. A. C. Standifer.

In the Forty-eighth district court the case of George W. Armstrong vs. Silas L. King is on trial before Judge Dunklin.

Carl Kinney had an examining trial on a charge of forgery before Justice Terrell and was released on bond to await the action of the grand jury.

In the district court a receivership suit was filed, styled J. C. Morris vs. Oscar Galloway. The case is set for hearing on the 18th inst.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

C. C. Hudson and Miss C. Fleets.

J. A. Boyd and Miss Frances Armstrong.

Thomas Wild and Myrtle Wright, colored.

Horace Minns and Miss Rebecca H. Beasley.

Cleveland Archer and Miss Lela Johnston.

Walter Archer and Miss Jennie Johnston.

P. D. Self and Miss Mary Scroggins.

J. N. Helm and Miss Beulah Kerby.

J. S. Norman and Miss Myrtle Mercer.

J. R. Blackard and Mrs. Maggie B. Carver.

L. C. Wilson and Miss A. P. Lusk.

E. A. Johnson and Miss Kate Konta.

W. G. Deacon and Mrs. Sarah E. Anderson.

Emmett Duross and Miss Theresa Muller.

Bennie Morris and Francis Ervin, colored.

William Smith and Artie Norman, colored.

BIRTHS.

The following births and deaths have been reported to the county clerk:

Mr. and Mrs. William Moore, near Arlington, girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Church, Arlington, boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Walker, Arlington, boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Stuart, Arlington, boy.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. White, Arlington, boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Bryant, Arlington, girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Houston, city, boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Hendricks, colored, city, girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rodgers, near Kennedale, girl.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Price, Marine, boy.

Mr. and Mrs. U. G. Macaw, Marine, boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Conway, Marine, boy.

Every one of the family wants something for Christmas. I have all the things for Santa Claus, and pretty and useful presents for the big folks.
The J. W. MOORE Drug Store.
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Record Fire Loss in Britain.

Sixty million dollars is the total loss by fire for a year in the British Isles.

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ENTERPRISE OF A TEXAS CITIZEN.

Making an Experiment Farm on a Large Scale at His Own Expense.

Mr. E. H. R. Green, president of the Texas Midland railroad, is doing good work in the development of Texas. Among other things he is making an experiment farm at Terrell, the particulars of which we take from a newspaper writer:

The plans for E. H. R. Green's large demonstration farm are hardly a month old, yet he has already expended over $81,000 on the enterprise, and contracted for $50,000 more to be put in by April 1. He has a force of some fifty men engaged at work and is making remarkable strides. A spur track has been put in, brick have been shipped out and the walls of four mammoth greenhouses, 25x125, are almost completed. A large farmhouse has been removed to the center of the work being developed. A well has been fitted up with a windmill and large tank. He will erect large barns, implement and seed houses. Mr. Green has given out little, except that he proposes to establish a big demonstration farm, but it is safe to say that when his plans are fully matured the great farm will be one of the prettiest spots in the South.

Around the residence, offices and quarters there will be a mammoth flower garden containing some fifty acres. Through this will be walks and driveways. When the four hothouses shall have served their purposes in propagating early varieties of cotton, they will be used as greenhouses for the growing of roses and flowers. Mr. Green will try to compete with New Orleans for the business of New York, Boston and other Eastern and Northern cities. It will be a beautiful farm as well as a useful one in every respect and will attract attention from all over the United States.

On the east side of the Midland railroad opposite the spur Mr. Green will build a handsome country residence. Near by will be located the homes of the various experts and scientists who will be connected with the farm. In the rear will be constructed comfortable quarters for the laborers, the whole making a model little village. He will have the best teams, the best implements, the best wagons and other vehicles and tools to be had. He will establish a hennery of fifty acres and raise the finest breeds of chickens. He has a large traction engine for the breaking of the land for the field crops that will break thirty feet at a time. Mr. Green is doing untold good without a cent of cost to any one except himself. He will put in a large lake and erect a club house. He intends planting fifteen acres in blackberries and establishing a cannery, which he has already ordered; also put in a rice field.

It will be under the direction of the agricultural department at Washington, which will have experts on the ground all the time in charge of the same. Every known scientific experiment that will advance the agricultural interest of Texas will be tested. Great results to the farming class are sure to come from this farm.

Mr. Green furnishes this farm to the government and pays for the maintenance out of his own private funds and states that money will be no object in the conduct of the same for the betterment of the agriculturist. He has in course of erection two very large hothouses and will spend thousands in the undertaking.

FARMING BY ADVANCED METHODS.

Intelligence Necessary in Cultivating the Soil for Best Results.

W. M. Shelton, who cultivates a 345-acre farm near Southmayd, in Grayson county, says as to advanced methods of farming:

"Scientific farming will be unquestionably the farming of the future in Texas, and will prove the greatest remedy for the boll weevil epidemic yet offered. I have experimented and know whereof I speak.

"The Department of Agriculture sent us this fall enough seeds of macaroni wheat, Tennessee winter wheat, Russian wheat and other kinds to plant an acre of each variety. We now have growing side by side in one-acre strips winter oats, Tennessee barley, macaroni wheat, Russian wheat and Turkish red wehat, and the several crops are in as fine condition as I ever saw.

"From one bushel of red Turkish wheat last fall I realized twenty-seven bushels. In the way of forage crops I planted milo maize. This crop yielded me in a dry season as much as fifty-five busheis to the acre and served as ample feed for my stock from harvesting time until February.

"An experiment with kaffir corn paid well, as did also three acres of African millet. This last crop is equal to sorghum in food value and yields better returns for the amount of labor bestowed upon it. I also have sixty acres of grass that yielded me more than a ton of first-class hay to the acre, selling readily at $9 per ton.

"I am busy just now in breaking up land for oat planting, which will be done in January. This is much earlier than the usual season for oat planting, the majority of farmers waiting until February or even as late as March. But I have tried sowing in January for several years now with excellent results. Not [illegible] —Lower [illegible] of ten will a late freeze [illegible] balcony [illegible] toc; gallety harvest during these [illegible]

Cuba are att[illegible]

For the [illegible] years cane sugar [illegible] from Cuba to England.

nine years will more than make up the losses on the tenth. By planting early the oat crop gains good headway and is more heavily fruited, amply repaying the farmer for his risk."

CROWDED OUT BY WHEAT.

Daisy Mayme Appleton is the name of a little girl who lives at Atchison, Kan., who was recently invited to visit her uncle's family living out in the state. Instead of remaining three months, as she expected, Daisy Mayme returned in a day or two and great was the story she had to tell. With her big eyes "bugged out" and rolling in childish astonishment, she related how she found that, owing to the shortage of freight cars, not only were the barns, granaries, cribs and other outhouses filled with wheat, but the parlor was filled with it, and she had to sleep on a wheat-filled straw tick. The lounges were stuffed with it, the jardinieres were filled and there hadn't been a washing for a month because the tubs and boiler were holding wheat. When she started home she found she had to walk to the station, as the wagon was also holding wheat. Daisy Mayme has written a piece about the situation to ease her mind, and she roasts the railroads real hard.

The Religious Column

BY REV. J. R. GOODE.

It pays to wear a smiling face
And laugh your troubles down,
For all our little trials wait
Our laughter or our frown.
Beneath the magic of a smile
Our doubts will fade away,
As melts the frost in early spring
Beneath the sunny ray.

The American Baptist Publication society is going to put another chapel car in Texas.

Rev. J. P. Grow, one of the best known Presbyterian evangelists in Texas, died in Gainesville recently at the age of 87.

"Dowie has 1,000 preachers with him. They are from all denominations." The fool-killer is overworked and discouraged.—Baptist.

The recent meeting of the General association of Virginia was the best within its history of eighty years. The Baptists of Virginia raised $101,556.26 for all purposes.

Martin W. Littleton, now borough president of Brooklyn, N. Y., whose salary is $15,000 a year, is a young Texan only 31 years old. He attended school in Parker county, Texas, only eight months and that to B. F. Tronabarger, at Springtown.

The deacons of the First Church, Dallas, have made an important discovery viz: that the contributions for home expenses were better by something like a hundred dollars a month, those very months the church was making its greatest offerings to missions.

The conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, in Dallas adopted a resolution assessing each minister in the conference jurisdiction 5 per cent of his salary to go to a fund to pay on the bishop's residence in Dallas. Bishop Ross is to move from Nashville, Tenn., to Dallas in January next, and a home has been purchased for him at a cost of $16,000.

In China the literary chancellor is an important functionary. The graduates of the schools, who are candidates for the highest degree, must meet him and pass the required examination. Recently he delivered lectures when conferring degrees that were a surprise to all. It is reported that he said many good things about the Christian religion. He said the missionaries had come to China to do good, and cautioned his hearers against hearing stories to the contrary. He advised his hearers to maintain peaceful relations with the Christians.

Though frequently used as synonyms, the words "offering" and "collection" are widely different in meaning. The distinction is happily set forth in this anecdote.

A small boy had a dog which he had named Fido. One day at dinner the boy's father noticed him take the best portion of the roast beef which had fallen to his lot, and place it in another plate. Upon inquiry, the father learned that the meat was for the dog Fido.

"My son," said the father, "it would be beter if you ate that meat yourself, and give Fido some of the scraps which are left." The boy protested but the father was obdurate.

At the conclusion of the meal the boy took out to Fido a plate heaped with scraps of the roast. "Here Fido," said the boy, "I wanted to make you an offering but here is only a collection."—Ex.

The supreme court of Nebraska has taken steps to enforce its mandate that bible reading and hymn singing in the public schools of the state shall cease. The court issued a peremptory writ of mandamus against the directors of school district No. 21, in Mage county, ordering them to comply with the decision rendered more than a year ago that no further religious exercises be held in the school.—Dallas News.

The decision of the Nebraska court is exactly the same as that of every other court where the matter of reading the Bible in the public schools has been tested. And, according to the genius of our American government, it is obliged to be the decision in every other state, where the question may hereafter be tested. The superficial may say, "there is no need for this; it ought not to be," but the necessity of such a course will give the thoughtful pause. We all believe in education.

But the state is not made up exclusively of Christians. There are Jews, unbelievers and infidels. Besides, there are "Christians" of varying and more or less conflicting views. The theory of our government is separation of church and state, and therefore the government cannot tax the people to teach any religion. The Bible is the religion of Christians; therefore the state cannot teach the Bible. Hence the reading of the Bible in public schools—a slight method of teaching it—is prohibited by law.

LAUGH AND BE GLAD

HERE'S A COLLECTION OF MIRTH-PROVOKING STORIES.

Why the Thrifty Actor Wanted the Address of His Rival—His Affectionate Fellow Traveler—Why Tragedy Was Averted.

When It's Necessary.

"Here's an article for women," he said, "on 'How to Make Yourself Attractive to a Man.'"

"Before or after marriage?" she inquired, thinking it was about time to have a little sport with him.

"After, of course," he replied, promptly. "No woman ever loses the knack until after she marries."

No doubt he was, as she said, "a mean old thing."

Tragedy Averted.

"I hear," said Hi Tragedy, "that while you were playing in one of the western towns a fire broke out in the theater."

"Yes," replied Lowe Comedy, "and there might have been a horrible panic but for one thing."

"What was that?"

"There weren't enough people in the audience to create one."—Stray Stories.

Diplomacy.

Mrs. McCall—And what did you say your eldest boy's full name was?

Mrs. de Coursey—Michael Brannigan de Coursey.

Mrs. McCall—Well—er—that's rather odd.

Mrs. de Coursey—Yes, but you see, when he was born we were living in a flat, and we didn't want to move out. Mr. Michael Brannigan was the janitor.

Sinister Subtlety.

"I'm going to write a book," said the man who assumes superior wisdom.

"Do," answered the person who affects the disagreeable. "I'll buy 10,000 copies and give them away to all your friends."

"As an advertisement?"

"No. For the purpose of exposing you."—Exchange.

Wasting His Time.

The West Baltimore man turned uneasily in his bed.

"I think," he murmured, "I think there is a burglar in the house."

He rolled over again and as he fell into a sound sleep he sighed:

"Yes, I think there is a burglar in the house—poor fellow."—Baltimore News.

One Description of It.

"What," asked the teacher, "do you understand by 'the strenuous life'? Does it convey any meaning to you?"

"Sure," replied the bad boy.

"What?"

"Why, what happens in the woodshed when pa gets home after you've been naughty," was the prompt reply.

Maxims for All Purposes.

"Remember, my son," said the prudent man, "that a penny saved is a penny earned."

"That's so," replied the reckless youth. "The trouble with me is that I am always getting hold of the wrong proverb. I was thinking, 'Nothing ventured, nothing have.'"

Suspicion.

"I am a little bit afraid of her," said Miss Cayenne.

"She has wonderful tact."

"Yes. She must know everything that could possibly annoy one. Otherwise she couldn't be so skillful in avoiding all disagreeable subjects."

Undoubtedly.

"Yes," said the sickly looking party, "I came from New York hoping to improve my condition, but I haven't succeeded as yet."

"Why, my dear sir," rejoined the Chicago man, "being here is a decided improvement."

Wise.

Actress—I am going to give you back your engagement ring. I can never marry you; I love another.

Actor—Give me his name and address.

Actress—Do you want to kill him?

Actor—No; I want to try and sell him the ring.

Unanimous.

Lawson—What did the convention of barbers say when you addressed them?

Dawson—Why, do you know, I hadn't been talking three minutes before they all began shouting "Next!"—Somerville Journal

A Pertinent Question.

"You ought not to kill your neighbors," said the missionary.

"How else can we properly assimilate them?" asked the cannibal king.

The Fair — Division Fourth Main 515 — The Fair

TWO WEEKS TILL XMAS

There is every advantage in making early selections of Christmas presents. Into the last days must necessarily be crowded all the tremendous holiday shopping which is not done leisurely now. Those who wish to avoid the inevitable confusion of the busy season—the last few days before Christmas—should take advantage of the opportunities now afforded for a careful, comfortable selection and of the complete stocks. Today you will find this store in complete holiday dress, and never before have we been so well equipped, so abundantly stocked or in such splendid shape to supply your holiday wants as we are this season. Don't stop to make a list; come to Headquarters, or send in your orders now.

MAIL ORDERS PROMPTLY FILLED.

Remember we have presents for every member of the family—you will find

CUT GLASS SILVERWARE, LEATHER GOODS CHINA TOILET SETS, PIC URES PERFUMES, NECKTIES HANDKERCHIEFS. UMBRELLAS. LADIES' SUITS, COATS AND SKIRTS, FURS, LOUNGING ROBES, GLOVES, CELLULOID AND STAGHORN NOVELTIES; A COMPLETE BOOK STORE.

We cannot begin to tell you of the many useful and ornamental presents here for every member of the family. If you cannot come and see, write us for suggestions.

TOY STORE IS IN FULL SWING

Children's Eyes Will Be Bulging

When the children start talking Xmas then the whole city catches the influence and everybody is a child again. "The Fair" Toy Store has always been one of Fort Worth's most attractive Holiday features, and this year will extend more practical innovations than ever before. You can find almost the whole world in miniature—housekeeping, storekeeping, automobiling, trolleying, sailing, navying, soldiering, riding, driving, expressing, railroading—almost every phase of life. We can't commence to tell you what you will see here, and what's the use in telling when all the fun is in seeing? Bring the children.

Mechanical Toys.	Foot Balls.	Dishes.	Balls.
Engines of all kinds.	Tool Chests.	Neun-Suck Dolls.	Rubber Toys.
Boats.	Steam Engines.	Wagons.	Games.
Railroads.	Elevated Railways.	Air Guns.	Pianos.
Hill Climbers.	Street Cars.	Basket Balls.	Doll Trunks.
Animals of all kinds.	Soldiers and Drums.	Toy Blocks.	Aerial Railways.
Furniture.	Forts.	Blackboards.	Automobiles.
Magic Lanterns.	Stores.	Push Carts.	"Loop-the-Loop."
	Kitchens.	Horses.	Velocipedes.

CINDERELLA DOLLS

The handsomest and most lifelike doll ever made is this "Cinderella." They come in many sizes, at $1.65 to.....$8.50
Kid Baby Dolls, some jointed, 25c to....$3.50
Large Bisque Jointed Dolls, 25c to.....$4.45
Unbreakable Dolls, 29c to.....$1.0[illegible]
Dressed Dolls, 15c to.....$4.9[illegible]
Rag Dolls, 25c to..... ..... 50[illegible]
Bring the children to the Doll Department. It will afford them endless pleasure.

COULDN'T SEE HIS WAY OUT.

Capt. Burk Burnett Tells Why He Wasn't in the Independent Company.

Capt. S. B. Burnett says: "I see from a livestock paper that I have been criticised for the position I have taken in the matter of the Independent Packing Company. Of course we cannot keep people from criticising; that's natural, but I do think that the criticism which has been made of me in this matter is not justifiable nor deserved. I am not opposed to an independent packing house. I want that distinctly understood. If cattlemen think that they can build one I would be glad to see them do it, but I have had doubts all along that a proposition that contemplates the raising of a large amount of money could be carried through successfully where popular subscriptions are relied on. They elected me as one of the directors, without advising with me, and I informed them that I could not serve. I would not care to be interested directly or indirectly in an enterprise that I could not see my way clear in. I could not see then, nor can I now, how the plan that has been proposed can be carried out. I may be wrong in this matter. I hope I am, but my idea is that a business like that of a packing house can best be handled by a close corporation. It is complicated and must be handled by men who are practical and who go into it strictly on a business basis. I ship my cattle to the market just as any other shipper does. I try to get stuff that is the best of its kind and by handling my business in this way I get the top prices. The class of stuff I have shipped to the market here this year speaks for itself, and it has brought exactly what it was worth, and no more and no less. I am not interested in any packing house further than that I want to sell them my cattle at the best figures I can. I want to see other packing houses in Fort Worth, and I believe that they will be here, and I will be one to give $1,000 for the one or two concerns that will come here and duplicate one or two of the present packing houses; that's how much interest I have in the two packing houses here."

DESTROYING THE BOLL WEEVIL.

Suggestions from Experts at the State A. & M. College.

Prof. E. Dwight Sanderson, consulting entomologist in the State A. & M. College, writes:

With the advent of killing frosts and cold weather the boll weevil leave the cotton fields to a considerable extent, and those remaining leave the plants and seek suitable shelter for hibernating. It is, therefore, now too late to do any effective work by grazing or burning the stalks. Last winter many people burned the stalks in mid-winter, thinking they contained the eggs of the weevil. The eggs found in the stalks were those of the tree cricket, a comparatively harmless insect. The eggs of the weevil are laid only in the squares and bolls. Neither the eggs, larvae or pupae ordinarily survive the winter and a large number of the adult weevils succumb before spring. Most weevils remaining in the cotton field over winter which may hibernate successfully are found for the most part in the crevices of the soil formed by the stalks, under clods and rubbish, etc., scattered over the field.

By deep winter plowing most of these weevils are buried and destroyed. Furthermore, this is one of the most effective means of combating the boll worm. In many parts of North Texas cotton has been more damaged this year by the boll worm than by the weevil. The boll worm enters the ground from cotton and corn in the fall and three or four inches beneath the surface forms an oval cell in which it transforms to the pupae or chrysalis, in which state it passes the winter. By breaking the land deeply in winter these cells are broken up, many of the pupae crushed, others thrown out to be picked up by the birds, and by far the larger part are destroyed. To be effective against these pests winter plowing should be deep. Use a heavy plow and run it deeply. Many of the plows commonly used are entirely too light to plow a proper depth. If the land is to be put in cotton next year it may be broken flat or bedded. Usually it will need to be flat broken and rebedded, making the rows wider, for in most cases the present rows are too narrow, and by making them further apart an equal or larger amount of cotton can be grown and the weevil more successfully combated. This is due to the fact, explained in previous publications, that in wide rows when the stung squares fall to the ground they are dried up by the hot sun and the weevils do not develop in them; whereas, in narrow rows where the ground is shaded the squares remain moist and most of the weevils develop and emerge. The rows should be far enough apart so that the tips of the limbs will not touch by the middle of September. In general, rows can be made one-half to one foot wider than at present, with better results. It will be much better, however, to avoid replanting land in cotton where possible. By planting cotton land in some other crop and putting cotton on different land there will be considerably less injury by the weevil and it will occur later. Rotation of crops is one of the best means of avoiding injury by almost all insect pests and this is no exception. It is apparent that there will not be as many weevils present on land which has not been in cotton the next spring, and that there will be a large number which will never reach it by migration.

GONE IN TO DO BUSINESS.

Bowden Tims, who has been connected with the lumber business in Fort Worth for a number of years, has opened up in that line for himself, and has his yards and office on Jennings avenue, at the viaduct. Mr. Tims is in the lumber business to sell lumber and quotes prices that make competitors jump fast. He wishes the citizens of Tarrant county to get his prices before buying, therefore his "ad" is in this paper. If you are going to buy, see him, he will save you money.

STOLE LIGHT FROM WIRE

Hotelkeeper Thought It Cheaper Than Feeing Electrical Company.

A hotelkeeper in the City of [illegible] co, whose place was always brilliantly lighted by electric lamps, apparently without regard to cost, has recently been convicted by a justice of the peace for stealing from the electric light company the current with which his hostelry was lighted. He was condemned to a year's imprisonment and a fine of $33.70, and, as an additional penalty, was "disqualified from all kinds of public honors and employments."

The landlord who attempted to evade the electric company's charges wired his house and made a connection with the company's cables. It was the intention, as he pleaded, of paying at the office of the company and explaining the matter at a later date. He also declared that he had used the current for "only a month." The company had its suspicions aroused and applied to the court for authority to make an examination of the lighting system, which was granted, with the result of revealing the fraud. The legal point of interest involved in the case hinged upon the definition of the word "robbery," which the district code thus elucidates: "Robbery permits robbery who possesses himself of a movable thing belonging to another, without right and without the consent of the person entitled by law to dispose of it."

TO MAMMA AND PAPA.

I have a large assortment of fine candies, glove and handkerchief boxes, toys, fine perfumery, a nice line of celery for the Xmas trade. Stop and see me before buying.

J. W. MOORE'S Drug Store,
Main and Central ave., North Ft. Worth.

Immortality.

My window is the open sky.
The flower in farthest wood is mine;
I am the heir to all gone by,
The eldest son of all the line.

And when the robbers Time and Death
Athwart my path conspiring stand,
I cheat them with a clod, a breath,
And pass the sword from hand to hand.
—Arthur Sherburne Hardy.

Purpose of Spurious Coin.

Spurious coins are legally made in China. They are used to put in the coffins of the dead, and the superstition prevails that they make the dead happy.

Coat for Electricians.

Artemiev, a Russian electrician, has invented a pliable coat of mail that effectively protects against currents of 150,000 volts.

DON'T WAIT, WRITE NOW.

...tomers residing out of the city, who intend purchasing by mail, should ...t wait, but write now, while

The Stock is it at its Best

...ffording you a splendid choice. Don't wait until the stock is all picked ...ver; send in your orders early and obtain your goods before the rush comes.

...rompt Attention — Express Prepaid on purchases of $5.00 or over, except Heavy Goods — Quick Delivery

THE PARKER-LOWE DRY GOODS CO.

THE BUSY STORE

SEVENTH AND HOUSTON STS.

OF COURSE, WHY NOT?

We expect you, so don't fail to come. Commencing this week we will have a demonstration of :: :: :: :: ::

Armour's Extract of Beef

Dainty cups of Bouillon, Chafing Dish Cookery, etc., will be served. Step in and enjoy a dainty luncheon It will be very refreshing to the holiday shoppers. It is with our compliments.

NO CHARGE; WE DON'T SELL IT; Your Groceman Has It.

This Store Sparkling With Xmas Presents

"What shall I give?" is the all important question. We solve it for you here, in the simplest and most econom-...l manner. Come to this Great Store, the Holiday Shopping Headquarters, for suggestions in making up your ...t of Gift Giving :: :: :: :: ::

A MARVELOUS

Millinery Sale.

...need to be without a STYLISH HAT FOR ...RISTMAS if you come here. We commence ...e sale of a large line of Women's and Chil-...n's Hats this week at prices that will aston-... even the most expectant and conservative ...er.

...andsome Velvet and Felt Hats for Dress or ...eet wear, trimmed in wings, feathers, birds ...d ornaments, regular $4 00, $4.50 ...d $5 00 values, choice..... $2 00

...ildren's School Hats of Scratch Felt, made ...th both soft and stiff crown, trimmed in silk ...d velvet ribbon and quills, all colors, ...ular $1 00 Hat, choice..... 69c

Women's Waists Reduced.

...extra Special Offering will be our line of ...men's Stylish Winter Waists, in Mercerized ...dras, Oxfords and Vestings; also Embroid-...d Front Canvas Cloth Waists, reg ...r $3 00, $3 50 and $4 00 values..... $1 95

...ry Cotton Crepe Cloth Waists with Embroid-...d Front that usually sell at $1 50, ...cial..... $1 00

DECEMBER SALE

WOMEN'S TAILOR MADE SUITS

In the the Suit Room we will inaugurate the GREATEST SALE OF WOMEN'S STYLISH TAILOR MADE SUITS FOR WINTER that has ever been known in the history of Fort Worth at this season of the year. This collection comprises some of the most beautiful garments in our stock, and will appeal to every woman of good taste who prides herself as a stylish dresser Coming as it does, at a time when these garments are so popular, it makes this sale one of the strongest features of the many HOLIDAY ATTRACTIONS at this store. REMEMBER, this sale includes many of this season's latest and most attractive styles in Prince Alberts, Blouses and Long Coat effects, Fancy Stitched and Plaided with Puff and Mannish Coat Sleeves. They come in Cheviots, Venetians, Scotch Mixtures and the popular mannish materials in colors of blue, brown and b ack that sell regularly from $19.50 to $25.00

We give you choice of these Handsome Garments at

$13.85

Holiday Furs.

If you wish to make a substantial CHRISTMAS GIFT and one that would be highly appreciated, we would suggest a Fur Scarf or Set. INSPECT OUR LARGE AND BEAUTIFUL SELECTION.

Black and Brown Marten Scarfs with cluster of tails..... $5 00

Exquisite Scarf, in Marten and Sable Fox, trimmed in cluster of tails, $15 00, $12 50 and..... $10 00

Fur Sets with cluster Scarf and the new Empire Muff, in Sable, Lynx, Marten, Mink and Fox, that range in prices from $12.50, $19.50, $33 50 up to..... $125 00

WOMEN'S and MISSES'

Winter Coats.

The demand now is for Military and Corset Coats. Our representative in the East, realizing that these were to be popular Coats for this winter, has sent us the very latest produtions that are bound to create great admiration when worn.

Women's and Misses' Military Coats, in all wool kersey, trimmed in gilt braid and buttons, velvet collar and cuffs, popular colors..... $13 50

Women's Covert Corset Coats, handsomely tailored and stitched, the $35 00 values at $29.50 and $25 00 values at..... $19 50

...NFANTS' WEAR.

...t forget baby on Christmas. Come here ... see the beautiful Cloaks and Caps we are ... offering.

...nts' handsome Silk Cloaks, regulation length, ... collars, beautifully trimmed ...ined, price..... $6 50

...dford Cord Cloaks for the little ones, ...large capes, beautifully trimmed ...bon and braid, price..... $4 98

...te Bedford Cord Cloaks, lined and inter ...d, large collar, trimmed in braid and white ...ribbon, ...e..... $2 25

... Crocheted Caps, with zephyr lining ...1 50, $1.25, $1 00..... 75c

...roidered Silk Caps, silk lined and ...ed, fancy stitching, price..... 98c

... Extra Special will be the sale of a big line ...hildren's Caps in all colors of silk, ...lar 75c and $1 00 quality..... 35c

New Ties.

... new arrivals of Four-in-Hand Crepe de ...e Ties are exquisite. Inspect ...e we have at..... 50c

DRESS GOODS.

The next two weeks in this department will be long remembered by the holiday shoppers. We will offer a big line of dress goods in the bolt and handsome dress patterns at a price that is bound to make this department more popular than ever before.

Look at These Bargains.

48 and 54 inch Zibeline, Venetian, Hopsacking, Cloakings, Shepherd Plaids, Cheviots, Hardo and Basket Cloths that usually sell at $1.25 and $1 50 per yard, will sell next week per yard..... 95c

56 inch Meltons, Kerseys, Double Faced Cloakings, also high colored Broadcloths, that we sell regularly at $2 50 and $3 00 per yard, will be sold at, per yard..... $1 50

Dress Patterns for Xmas Gifts, in stylish Zibelines and fancy materials will be sold at the attractive price of $17.50, $19 50 and up to..... $25 00

As long as they last.

...oliday H'kerchiefs

... department has expanded until now it is ...le the usual size, making the selection of ...s, Women's and Children's Handkerchiefs ...easy to accomplish. In this grand array ...o be found plain, hemstitched and initial ...kerchiefs direct from Ireland and France; ...ildering display of the newest designs in ...oidered handkerchiefs of Irish manufacture, ...nest ones come from France; Belgium has ...exquisite real lace handkerchiefs of rare old ...rns. The assortments are now complete, ...senting the most beautiful display ever ...n by us on similar occasions.

...tiful Point Lace Handkerchiefs, in many ...ent styles of French and Irish ...facture, priced at $2.00 up to.. $15 00

...stitched and Embroidered Handkerchiefs, ... in Ireland; priced at 50c, 75c, ...and..... $1 50

...stitched Initial and Embroidered ...kerchiefs, all pure linen..... 25c

...rker-Lowe has it for Less

BATH ROBES. DRESSING SACQUES.

A select line of these desirable garments makes your purchase an assured fact Come in when in Fort Worth and let us show you this beautiful selection.

EIDERDOWN BATH ROBES.

Women's Bath Robes of good quality Eiderdown, with large collar and cord, all colors..... $4 98

Very handsome Bath Robes with escalloped collar, applique trimmed and long cord, price..... $6 50

Swell Robes are these satin faced garments, heavy silk cord, Kimono sleeve and Medallion trimming..... $10 00

EIDERDOWN DRESSING SACQUES.

Dressing Sacques, all colors, with pretty collar trimmed in satin ribbon and silk frogs, at $3.50 and..... $2 50

Extra quality Dressing Sacques, large collar, trimmed with applique and satin bound, price..... $1 50

Splendid values are these sacques, made of good quality Eiderdown, dainty collar, nicely finished, price..... 98c

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

If you are unable to determine just what you wish to give, let us suggest some of the following beautiful articles that are to be found on our first floor. Here are Collar and Cuff Boxes of Imitation Leather and Burnt Wood; Handkerchief and Glove Cases of the same materials; Puff Boxes, Bon Bonieres, Pin Trays and Cushions, Beautiful Jewel Cases, a variety of Sterling Silver and Enamel Comb and Brush Sets, Whisk Brooms, Clothes and Hat Brushes mounted in Sterling Silver Manicure Sets and pieces, Candle Sticks, Thermometers of every conceivable design, Gilt Boudoir Clocks, Work Boxes in the fancy materials, Men's Pipe Racks and Smoking Sets, both stationary and detached Ladies' Leatherette Portfolios and combination Writing Sets, Perfume in fancy Bottles, Imported Cut Glass and Genuine Sevres Ware and a thousand other attractive and useful gifts are to be found on this floor. ASK THE FLOOR WALKER to show you some of the handsome articles we are unable to enumerate here.

Comforts and Blankets

On the third floor of our building we will offer some extra inducements for Christmas buyers.

Extra Heavy Comforts of good size and large line to choose from, each..... 75c

Full size Silkoline Comforts, figured on both sides, each..... 98c

Extra long Silkoline Comforts, quilted or knotted, price each..... $1 49

Extra Large Silkoline Comforts, pure white cotton filled quilted or knotted, price, each..... $1 98

10 4 Gray Cotton Blankets, well made, extra value, price, pair..... 39c

10 4 Gray Cotton Blankets with fancy borders, regular 75c values, at per pair... 59c

11 4 Tan and White Blankets, fancy borders that usually sell at $1.25, for..... 98c

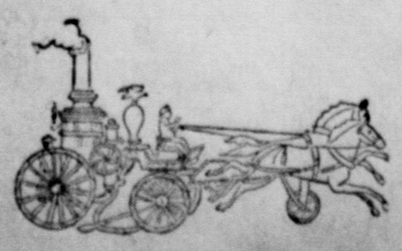
Extra Long Gray Blankets with fancy borders, regular $1.50 values, at..... $1 19

BRIC-A-BRAC

Handsome Decorated Austrian Ware in large and small vases, and many other attractive ornaments, at 5c up to.... $25 00

THE CITY OF TOYS IS NOW OPEN.

...e of the greatest efforts, we are now pleased to announce the opening of ...AMOUS TOY DISPLAY. Bring the children and see the many different and ...g articles we have to offer for Christmas. You will find here Magic Lant-...rinting Presses, Steam Engines, Saw Mills, Blacksmith Forges, Grind Stones, ...ills, Race Tracks, Mechanical Trains, Fire Engines, Hose Wagons, Musical ...ents, Drums, Horns, Pianos, and Musical Tops. See the new Games, Black ..., Soldiers, Rough Riders Outfits for boys. Also the complete Kitchen Out-...ys, Furniture, Dishes, Cradles, Trunks, Shooting Galleries, Bed Room ...Punching Bags, Money Banks and many other wonderful Toys that will ...and please the little folks.



TO OUR OUT OF TOWN CUSTOMERS:

If you are in Fort Worth before Christmas, it will pay you to go through our Store. A floor manager is on each Floor and will show you every attention, whether you wish to buy or not

Special Notice—Write our Mail Order Department what you ... We cannot name and price all our goods and wares in a page advertis... have thousands of items suitable for Xmas, and guarantee qua... satisfactory.

Come Now While the Stock ...

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

We would like to have you trade with us, that is why we are addressing you. We have been in Fort Worth many years and have made many friends here, but it is not because of our long residence nor because you are our friend that we ask for your patronage. Our claim for your trade is based on what we can save you and on our manner of doing business. We have the best assorted stock of goods in the city of Fort Worth, and at prices that none can better. Our intention is to deal fairly with everybody at all times. Mistakes may occur, and occasionally goods may prove unsatisfactory. Under such circumstances we urge you to report the same to us as we desire that everyone gets value received for merchandise purchased here. Our business is conducted upon principles of fairness to all.

W. C. STRIPLING.

WE WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THE BEST CLOTHING STORE IN FT. WORTH!

A Store that has everything that you want in Good Clothing and that sells it at reasonable prices. You cannot possibly go wrong if you come to STRIPLING'S for your Fall Suit and Overcoat.

Fine Suits for Men

"Naumburg" fine Dress Suits for men, both in fancy worsteds, cheviots and black unfinished materials so popular this season; prices, $20.00, $18.00 and $15 00

"Spero" Fine Suits for men, that fit as well as the best tailor-made garment made. Very desirable patterns, both worsteds and cheviots, black and fancy weaves; prices, $15, $12.50 ..... $10 00

Suits for general wear that also fit as well as the average high-priced suit, and that are special value for the money, sell at $6.50, $7.50 and $9 00

Men's Overcoats, black, blue and gray mixtures, kerseys, etc.—all this season's best styles. We have a full line at $5.00, $6.50, $8.00, $10.00 and up to $15 00

Trunks and Hats.

We have just received a new carload of Trunks in all sizes and in different qualities. Be sure and see us when in need of a trunk.

26-inch Zinc Trunks with sheet iron bottom for $2.50. 28-inch Trunks at $3.50 and up to 36-inch fine canvas lined trunks at $12 00

Mens' Hats in every style that is sold this season, black, white, dove shade, etc., all are here, Dakotas, Columbias, Denver and Railroad shapes. Stetson Hats in black and white, medium and large shapes, these we have in all sizes at $5.00 and $4 00

Black and White Hats in all the best staple shapes that are being worn, satisfaction in the wear of every hat sold; $3.00, $2.50 and $1 00

New Furnishings.

We have just received 72 dozen Men's fleece lined Undershirts and Drawers, in all sizes, in the better quality, that are on sale at 50

Men's Soft Bosomed Laundered Shirts, in all sizes, of a quality that no store in Fort Worth will sell you for less than $1.00 our price for these only 75

New Neckwear for the holiday trade, all the best styles that have come out this season are being shown here; prices 50c and 25

Boys' Knee Pants in all sizes, of all wool cheviot and worsteds, value 75c a pair, at 50

Initial Silk Handkerchiefs, these are always appropriate for X-mas presents and appreciated, best quality at 50c, good ones at 25

Fine Fancy Suspenders for holiday trade, silk, satin and fancy webs, these are not expensive and still desirable for presents, prices 50c, 35c and 25

Men's Gloves, either for dress wear or field work, we have the best that money can buy at the price, best ones at $1.00, others at 75c and 50

Boys' Sweaters, dark red and blue at 40c. Men's Sweaters at 50c and $1.0

Men's Laundered Madras Shirts that are made with soft bosom, with choice patterns that will not fade, genuine $1.25 kinds at only $1.0

Men's Duck Coats, flannel lined, there is nothing better for a warm field coat in the winter time, two prices, good ones at $1.50, better grades at $2.0

Raincoats in overcoat lengths, the kind we sell are guaranteed not to leak. These are having a good sale and are practical a coat $5.0

Boys' Waists of the "Mothers' Friend" make, any size of the regular 75c quality at 50c, and those intended to sell at 35c for only 25

W. C. Stripling
THE PRICE IS THE THING.

SHOES, DRY GOODS, MILLINERY.

A large stock of all Dress Goods at as less prices as the goods can possibly be sold. We have have the largest stock in Fort Worth from which to make selections.

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THE PRICE IS THE THING.

TEXAS BETTER THAN IOWA.

Old Iowa Hog Raiser Says that He Prefers Texas.

Chicago Live Stock World: Texas has not developed into a hog producing region with the rapidity expected by packers when they decided to build at Fort Worth. Texas is still buying Northern pork in large quantities and despite optomistic prediction the future of her hog growing industry is still somewhat in doubt.

C. W. Armour said at Fort Worth the other day that the packing industry at that point was hampered because of that fact. He added:

"We can handle five times as many hogs as we are now handling. Not having the hogs here affects materially the price of cattle. How? Just look at it in this light. We receive an order for a car load of meats. This order includes several lots of hog products. Say the destination of the car is New Orleans. Under present conditions we are forced to fill this order just because we cannot get the hogs in Fort Worth. Give us hogs here and we could use many more cattle than we are now using, and could afford to pay better prices for them for the reason we could 'turn them over' quicker."

It is evidently up to the Texas man to turn his attention to hogs. Mort Hoxie of Williamson county, Texas, an old Iowa hog raiser, told a Live Stock World man not long since that as a money making proposition he would prefer raising hogs in Texas to Iowa, and he is raising them successfully down there.

MONEY IN TEXAS APPLES.

Writing from Bowie, a newspaper correspondent says:

The apple crop in this section has encouraged the making of bank accounts. The trees bear bountifully, and people coming here from apple-producing sections say the apples raised here are the most perfect they have ever seen. S. D. Thompson's orchard, just north of town, containing six acres, yielded 1,500 bushels of apples, which found ready sale at $1 a bushel.

SALE OF FINE CATTLE.

Registered Shorthorns and Herefords to be Offered at Fort Worth.

On Monday, Dec. 21, a sale of registered Shorthorn cattle will be held at the Stock Yards. On Tuesday, Dec. 22, registered Herefords will be sold.

The following well known breeders will have Shorthorns at the sale: J. W. Burgess Co., Fort Worth; L. B. Brown, Smithfield; Chas. Maloney, Haslet; Morton Bros., Saginaw; T. B. White, Watauga; James T. Day, Rhome; R. H. Brown, Chico; George Craig, Graham; Col. P. B. Hunt, Dallas; J. C. Washington, Marietta, I. T.; Harrington Bros., Estelle.

Sellers of Herefords: B. C. Rhome & Son, Fort Worth; W. S. & J. B. Ikard, Henrietta; Tom Hoben, Nocona; W. H. Myers, Blue Grove; W. M. Hovenkamp, Keller.

J. F. Hovenkamp, secretary of the Texas Shorthorn Breeders' association, will furnish catalogues to any person writing for them, at Fort Worth.

Buffalo Slaughtered in Chicago.

National Provisioner: In the olden times buffalo were quoted at the Chicago Stock Yards. This has not occurred for many years. This week a car load of buffalo came in. This shipment was intended for slaughter. These bisons were shipped to E. L. Fitzsimmons, of the Denman Livestock Company, by "Scotty" Phillip, the South Dakota cattle king. They were loaded at Pierre, S. D. They were auctioned off at the sale of the International Live Stock Exposition. Mr. Phillips is the largest owner of buffalo in the United States. This meat sells high.

Holiday Rates of the Rock Island System in the Southeast and also to Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska and Colorado at rate of one fare plus two dollars for the round trip on December 19, 20, 21 and 26, limited 30 days. This rate is an extremely low one and gives opportunity for all to spend Christmas and New Years at the old home. The 26th was made a date of sale to accommodate those who will be compelled to remain at their work until the Christmas rush is over.

The Rock Island has one route to Memphis via the Katy to South McAlester, one each via Paris and Denison in connection with the Frisco, one via Ardmore via the Santa Fe and Choctaw and one via El Reno and the Choctaw.

To the north it has its own rails to all the states mentioned, and runs through sleepers and chair cars to Kansas City and Chicago daily, connecting at gateways with diverging lines.

Local holiday tickets will be sold December 23, 24, 25, 26 and 31, and January 1, limit January 4, at rate of one and one third fare for distances of one hundred miles, and a fare plus ten per cent beyond.

Full information regarding routes, schedules, etc., can be secured by writing Mr. W. H. Firth, G. P. A., Fort Worth, Tex.

The Rock Island System announces that it will sell holiday tickets ...

Low Rates for Christmas ...

The Texas & Pacific Railway ... as heretofore, affords the people of Texas and Louisiana an opportunity to visit the old home during the Christmas holidays at cheap rates. For full information, ask any ticket agent or write T. J. Turner, General Passenger Agent, Dallas, Texas.

WAS HIS WIFE'S HAT ...

And He Had Wasted Time ... Find an Owner.

In a theater recently a man ... one of the front rows ... floor a large hatpin with a ... top. Looking about him, he ... two women and their ... sat down. To one of the ... presented the pin. A slight nod head indicated that he had made a mistake. Then he tried ... aisle. The women seemed ... terested. The pin was a ... and its amber of a unique ... They hesitated, but the pin ... ed back. Desperately, he ... search anew. Two ladies ... seemed likely owners. To ... showed the pin. They took it ... joyed its pattern. Just then ... felt a tug on his sleeve. It ... wife and she remarked: ... run shoping my hatpin ... He, blushing, went out to ... nine pair and eighteen ... wife's hatpin, he said ... consciously guilty ... women handed it back with ... smiles.

MILLINERY AT HALF PRICE.

We propose to give to our patrons the full benefit of our great bargain in Millinery which we have just secured at

50 CENTS ON THE DOLLAR.

Figures won't lie. Just look over these prices:

$10.00 Pattern Hats	$4.98	$5.00 Pattern Hats	$2.48
$7.50 Pattern Hats	$3.75	$2.00 Pattern Hats	98c
$6.00 Pattern Hats	$2.98	$1.50 Pattern Hats	75c

This stock is all new and this season's style. It represents the best, from the cheapest to the dearest in the lot. Come now! They won't last more than 10 days.

12 Main St. **L. G. GILBERT,** Fort Worth, Tex.

For the ... years cane sugar ... from Cuba to England.

DENT'S MESSAGE.

ton, Dec. 7.—The president's has been transmitted to con- principal features are as fol-

ntry is to be congratulated ount of substantial achieve- ch has marked the past year gards our foreign and as re- domestic policy.

nation as with a man the rtant things are those of the and therefore the country lly to be congratulated on been accomplished in the di- providing for the exercise of n over the great corporations inations of corporations en- interstate commerce. The has created the department rce and labor, including the corporations, with for the authority to secure proper of such proceedings of these orations as the public has to know. It has provided for ting of suits for the enforce- he federal antitrust law, and r law it has secured equal to all producers in the trans- of their goods, thus taking ide forward in making effec- work of the interstate com- mission.

liminary work of the bureau ations in the department of shown the wisdom of its cre- ublicity in corporate affairs to do away with ignorance fford facts upon which intel- on may be taken. Systemat- gent investigation is already facts the knowledge of essential to a right under- of the needs and duties of ess world. The corporation honestly and fairly organ- e managers in the conduct iness recognize their obliga- l squarely with their stock- eir competitors and the pub- thing to fear from such su- The purpose of this bureau mbarrass or assail legitimate but to aid in bringing about dustrial condition—a condi- which there shall be obedi- and recognition of public by all corporations, great or e department of commerce will be not only the clearing information regarding the nsactions of the nation; but ive arm of the government strengthening our domestic n markets, in perfecting our tion facilities, in building up nt marine, in preventing the undesirable immigrants, in commercial and industrial and in bringing together on round those necessary part- dustrial progress—capital and

pital and Labor.

ent policy of the national so far as it has the power, n check the unscrupulous er employer or employee, but o weaken individual initia- hamper or cramp the indus- opment of the country. We that this is an era of federa- combination, in which great corporations and labor un- become factors of tremendous e in all industrial centers. ecognition is given the far beneficent work which has mplished through both cor- and unions, and the line as ifferent corporations, as be- ferent unions, is drawn as it n different individuals—that rawn on conduct, the effort treat both organized capital ized labor alike, asking noth- hat the interest of each shall t into harmony with the in- the general public and that ct of each shall conform to mental rules of obedience to ividual freedom and of jus- ir dealing toward all. When- corporation, labor union or disregards the law or acts of arbitrary and tyrannous e with the rights of others, corporations or individuals, e the federal government has it will see to it that the t is stopped, paying not the ed to the position or power poration, the union or the in- but only to one vital fact— he question whether or not ct of the individual or aggre- ndividuals is in accordance aw of the land. Every man uaranteed his liberty and his as he likes with his prop- s labor so long as he does e the rights of others.

ot Receipts and Expendi- tures.

sources, exclusive of the vice, the receipts of the gov- or the last fiscal year aggre- 0,538,674. The expenditures me period were $506,090,007, s for the fiscal year being . The indications are that s for the present fiscal year ry small, if indeed there be . From July to November ts from customs were, ap- y, $9,000,000 less than the om the same source for a ing portion last year. Should e continue at the same ra- out the fiscal year the sur- d be reduced by approxi- 0,000,000. Should the rev- customs suffer much fur- e during the fiscal year the ght vanish. A large sur- rtainly undesirable. Two the war taxes were taken the express intention of the governmental receipts urpassing, and, though the chequer still showed a surplus, it now seems likely that a substantial equality of revenue and expenditure will be attained. Such being the case, it is of great moment both to exercise care and economy in appropriations and to scan sharply any change in our fiscal revenue system which may reduce our income. The need of strict economy in our expenditures is emphasized by the fact that we cannot afford to be parsimonious in providing for what is essential to our national well being.

Needs of Financial Situation.

The integrity of our currency is beyond question, and under present conditions it would be unwise and unnecessary to attempt a reconstruction of our entire monetary system. The same liberty should be granted the secretary of the treasury to deposit customs receipts as is granted him in the deposit of receipts from other sources. In my message of Dec. 2, 1902, I called attention to certain needs of the financial situation, and I again ask for consideration of the congress for these questions.

[The president commends the work of the international monetary conference and advises its continuance.]

A majority of our people desire that steps be taken in the interests of American shipping, so that we may once more resume our former position in the ocean carrying trade. But hitherto the differences of opinion as to the proper method of reaching this end have been so wide that it has proved impossible to secure the adoption of any particular scheme. Having in view these facts, I recommend that the congress direct the secretary of the navy, the postmaster general and the secretary of commerce and labor, associated with such a representation from the senate and house of representatives as the congress in its wisdom may designate, to serve as a commission for the purpose of investigating and reporting to the congress at its next session what legislation is desirable or necessary for the development of the American merchant marine and American commerce and incidentally of a national ocean mail service of adequate auxiliary naval cruisers and naval reserves. While such a measure is desirable in any event, it is especially desirable at this time, in view of the fact that our present governmental contract for ocean mail with the American line will expire in 1905. The establishment of new lines of cargo ships to South America, to Asia and elsewhere would be much in the interest of our commercial expansion.

Immigration.

We cannot have too much immigration of the right kind, and we should have none at all of the wrong kind. The need is to devise some system by which undesirable immigrants shall be kept out entirely, while desirable immigrants are properly distributed throughout the country. At present some districts which need immigrants have none, and in others, where the population is already congested, immigrants come in such numbers as to depress the conditions of life for those already there. During the last two years the immigration service at New York has been greatly improved and the corruption and inefficiency which formerly obtained there have been eradicated. This service has just been investigated by a committee of New York citizens of high standing, Messrs. Arthur v. Briesen, Lee K. Frankel, Eugene A. Philbin, Thomas W. Hynes and Ralph Trautman. Their report deals with the whole situation at length and concludes with certain recommendations for administrative and legislative action. It is now receiving the attention of the secretary of commerce and labor.

Naturalization Frauds.

The special investigation of the subject of naturalization under the direction of the attorney general and the consequent prosecutions reveal a condition of affairs calling for the immediate attention of the congress. Forgeries and perjuries of shameless and flagrant character have been perpetrated not only in the dense centers of population, but throughout the country, and it is established beyond doubt that very many so called citizens of the United States have no title whatever to that right and are asserting and enjoying the benefits of the same through the grossest frauds. It is never to be forgotten that citizenship is, to quote the words recently used by the supreme court of the United States, an "inestimable heritage," whether it proceeds from birth within the country or is obtained by naturalization, and we poison the sources of our national character and strength at the fountain if the privilege is claimed and exercised without right and by means of fraud and corruption.

The federal grand jury lately in session in New York city dealt with this subject and made a presentment which states the situation briefly and forcibly and contains important suggestions for the consideration of the congress. This presentment is included as an appendix to the report of the attorney general.

Public Land and Postal Frauds.

In my last annual message, in connection with the subject of the due regulation of combinations of capital which are or may become injurious to the public, I recommended a special appropriation for the better enforcement of the antitrust law as it now stands, to be expended under the direction of the attorney general. Accordingly (by the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation act of Feb. 25, 1903, 32 Stat., 854, 904), the congress appropriated for the purpose of enforcing the various federal trust and interstate commerce laws the sum of $500,000, to be expended under the direction of the attorney general in the employment of special counsel and agents in the department of justice to conduct proceedings and prosecutions under said laws in the courts of the United States. I now recommend, as a matter of the utmost importance and urgency, the extension of the purposes of this appropriation, so that it may be available, under the direction of the attorney general and until used, for the due enforcement of the laws of the United States in general and especially of the civil and criminal laws relating to public lands and the laws relating to postal crimes and offenses and the subject of naturalization. Recent investigations have shown a deplorable state of affairs in these three matters of vital concern. By various frauds and by forgeries and perjuries thousands of acres of the public domain, embracing lands of different character and extending through various sections of the country, have been dishonestly acquired. It is hardly necessary to urge the importance of recovering these dishonest acquisitions, stolen from the people, and of promptly and duly punishing the offenders.

Through frauds, forgeries and perjuries and by shameless briberies the laws relating to the proper conduct of the public service in general and to the due administration of the postoffice department have been notoriously violated, and many indictments have been found, and the consequent prosecutions are in course of hearing or on the eve thereof. For the reasons thus indicated and so that the government may be prepared to enforce promptly and with the greatest effect the due penalties for such violations of law, and to this end may be furnished with sufficient instrumentalities and competent legal assistance for the investigations and trials which will be necessary at many different points of the country, I urge upon the congress the necessity of making the said appropriation available for immediate use for all such purposes, to be expended under the direction of the attorney general.

Need For Treaties Making Bribery Extraditable.

Steps have been taken by the state department looking to the making of bribery an extraditable offense with foreign powers. The need of more effective treaties covering this crime is manifest. The exposures and prosecutions of official corruption in St. Louis, Mo., and other cities and states have resulted in a number of givers and takers of bribes becoming fugitives in foreign lands. Bribery has not been included in extradition treaties heretofore, as the necessity for it has not arisen. While there may have been as much official corruption in former years, there has been more developed and brought to light in the immediate past than in the preceding century of our country's history. It should be the policy of the United States to leave no place on earth where a corrupt man fleeing from this country can rest in peace.

Alaskan Boundary.

After unavailing attempts to reach an understanding on the Alaskan boundary question through a joint high commission, followed by prolonged negotiations, conducted in an amicable spirit, a convention between the United States and Great Britain was signed Jan. 24, 1903, providing for an examination of the subject by a mixed tribunal of six members, three on a side, with a view to its final disposition. Ratifications were exchanged on March 3 last, whereupon the two governments appointed their respective members. Those on behalf of the United States were Elihu Root, secretary of war; Henry Cabot Lodge, a senator of the United States, and George Turner, an ex-senator of the United States, while Great Britain named the Right Hon. Lord Alverstone, lord chief justice of England; Sir Louis Amable Jette, K. C. M. G., retired judge of the supreme court of Quebec, and A. B. Aylesworth, K. C., of Toronto. This tribunal met in London on Sept. 3 under the presidency of Lord Alverstone. On the 20th of October a majority of the tribunal reached and signed an agreement on all the questions submitted by the terms of the convention. By this award the right of the United States to the control of a continuous strip or border of the mainland shore, skirting all the tidewater inlets and sinuosities of the coast, is confirmed; the entrance to Portland canal, concerning which legitimate doubt appeared, is defined as passing by Tongass inlet and to the northwestward of Wales and Pearse islands; a line is drawn from the head of Portland canal to the fifty-sixth degree of north latitude, and the interior border line of the strip is fixed by lines connecting certain mountain summits lying between Portland canal and Mount St. Elias and running along the crest of the divide separating the coast slope from the inland watershed at the only part of the frontier where the drainage ridge approaches the coast within the distance of ten marine leagues, stipulated by the treaty as the extreme width of the strip around the heads of Lynn canal and its branches.

While the line so traced follows the provisional demarcation of 1878 at the crossing of the Stikine river and that of 1899 at the summits of the White and Chilkoot passes, it runs much farther inland from the Klehini than the temporary line of the later modus vivendi and leaves the entire mining district of the Porcupine river and Glacier creek within the jurisdiction of the United States.

[The president here recapitulates the details of the imbroglio between European powers and Venezuela and the reference of certain points of the controversy to The Hague tribunal through the influence of the United States. This he calls a victory for American diplomacy and a triumph for international arbitration. He advocates an extension of international law to exempt all private property at sea from capture or destruction by forces of belligerent powers.]

International Arbitration.

Last year the interparliamentary union for international arbitration met at Vienna, 600 members of the different legislatures of civilized countries attending. It was provided that the next meeting should be in 1904 at St. Louis, subject to our congress extending an invitation. Like The Hague tribunal this interparliamentary union is one of the forces tending toward peace among the nations of the earth, and it is entitled to our support. I trust the invitation can be extended.

Early in July, having received intelligence, which happily turned out to be erroneous, of the assassination of our vice consul at Beirut, I dispatched a small squadron to that port for such service as might be found necessary on arrival. Although the attempt on the life of our vice consul had not been successful, yet the outrage was symptomatic of a state of excitement and disorder which demanded immediate attention. The arrival of the vessels had the happiest result. A feeling of security at once took the place of the former alarm and disquiet. Our officers were cordially welcomed by the consular body and the leading merchants, and ordinary business resumed its activity. The government of the sultan gave a considerate hearing to the representations of our minister; the official who was regarded as responsible for the disturbed condition of affairs was removed. Our relations with the Turkish government remain friendly. Our claims founded on inequitable treatment of some of our schools and missions appear to be in process of amicable adjustment.

Relations With China.

The signing of a new commercial treaty with China, which took place at Shanghai on the 8th of October, is a cause for satisfaction. This act, the result of long discussion and negotiation, places our commercial relations with the great oriental empire on a more satisfactory footing than they have ever heretofore enjoyed. It provides not only for the ordinary rights and privileges of diplomatic and consular officers, but also for an important extension of our commerce by increased facility of access to Chinese ports and for the relief of trade by the removal of some of the obstacles which have embarrassed it in the past.

I trust that the congress will continue to favor in all proper ways the Louisiana Purchase exposition. This exposition commemorates the Louisiana purchase, which was the first great step in the expansion which made us a continental nation. The expedition of Lewis and Clark across the continent followed thereon and marked the beginning of the process of exploration and colonization which thrust our national boundaries to the Pacific.

The acquisition of the Oregon country, including the present states of Oregon and Washington, was a fact of immense importance in our history, first giving us our place on the Pacific seaboard and making ready the way for our ascendency in the commerce of the greatest of the oceans. The centennial of our establishment upon the western coast by the expedition of Lewis and Clark is to be celebrated at Portland, Ore., by an exposition in the summer of 1905, and this event should receive recognition and support from the national government.

Development of Alaska.

I call your special attention to the territory of Alaska. The country is developing rapidly, and it has an assured future. The mineral wealth is great and has as yet hardly been tapped. The fisheries, if wisely handled and kept under national control, will be a business as permanent as any other and of the utmost importance to the people. The forests, if properly guarded, will form another great source of wealth. Portions of Alaska are fitted for farming and stock raising, although the methods must be adapted to the peculiar conditions of the country. Proper land laws should be enacted and the survey of the public lands immediately begun. Coal land laws should be provided whereby the coal land entryman may make his location and secure patent under methods kindred to those now prescribed for homestead and mineral entrymen. Salmon hatcheries, exclusively under government control, should be established. The cable should be extended from Sitka westward. Wagon roads and trails should be built and the building of railroads promoted in all legitimate ways. Lighthouses should be built along the coast. Attention should be paid to the needs of the Alaska Indians. Provision should be made for an officer, with deputies, to study their needs, relieve their immediate wants and help them adapt themselves to the new conditions.

I recommend that an appropriation be made for building lighthouses in Hawaii and taking possession of those already built. The territory should be reimbursed for whatever amounts it has already expended for lighthouses. The governor should be empowered to suspend or remove any official appointed by him, without submitting the matter to the legislature.

The Philippines and Porto Rico.

Of our insular possessions, the Philippines and Porto Rico, it is gratifying to say that their steady progress has been such as to make it unnecessary to spend much time in discussing them. Yet the congress should ever keep in mind that a peculiar obligation rests upon us to further in every way the welfare of these communities. The Philippines should be knit closer to us by tariff arrangements. It would, of course, be impossible suddenly to raise the people of the islands to the high pitch of industrial prosperity and of governmental efficiency to which they will in the end by degrees attain, and the caution and moderation shown in developing them have been among the main reasons why this development has hitherto gone on so smoothly. Scrupulous care has been taken in the choice of governmental agents and the entire elimination of partisan politics from the public service. The condition of the islanders is in material things far better than ever before, while their governmental, intellectual and moral advance has kept pace with their material advance. No one people ever benefited another people more than we have benefited the Filipinos by taking possession of the islands.

Preservation of Forests.

The work of reclamation of the arid lands of the west is progressing steadily and satisfactorily under the terms of the law setting aside the proceeds from the disposal of public lands.

The study of the opportunities of reclamation of the vast extent of arid land shows that whether this reclamation is done by individuals, corporations or the state, the sources of water supply must be effectively protected and the reservoirs guarded by the preservation of the forests at the headwaters of the streams. The necessity for perpetuating our forest resources, whether in public or private hands, is recognized now as never before. It is recommended that all matters pertaining to forest reserves, except those involving or pertaining to land titles, be consolidated in the bureau of forestry of the department of agriculture.

The cotton growing states have recently been invaded by a weevil that has done much damage and threatens the entire cotton industry. I suggest to the congress the prompt enactment of such remedial legislation as its judgment may approve.

No other class of our citizens deserves so well of the nation as those to whom the nation owes its very being, the veterans of the civil war. Special attention is asked to the excellent work of the pension bureau in expediting and disposing of pension claims. During the fiscal year ending July 1, 1903, the bureau settled 251,982 claims, an average of 825 claims for each working day of the year. The number of settlements since July 1, 1903, has been in excess of last year's average, approaching 1,000 claims for each working day, and it is believed that the work of the bureau will be current at the close of the present fiscal year.

Extension of Civil Service Rules.

During the year ended June 30 last 25,566 persons were appointed through competitive examinations under the civil service rules. This was 12,672 more than during the preceding year and 40 per cent of those who passed the examinations. This abnormal growth was largely occasioned by the extension of classification to the rural free delivery service and the appointment last year of over 9,000 rural carriers. A revision of the civil service rules took effect on April 15 last, which has greatly improved their operation. The completion of the reform of the civil service is recognized by good citizens everywhere as a matter of the highest public importance, and the success of the merit system largely depends upon the effectiveness of the rules and the machinery provided for their enforcement. A very gratifying spirit of friendly co-operation exists in all the departments of the government in the enforcement and uniform observance of both the letter and spirit of the civil service act.

The Army and Navy.

The effect of the laws providing a general staff for the army and for the more effective use of the national guard has been excellent. Great improvement has been made in the efficiency of our army in recent years. Such schools as those erected at Fort Leavenworth and Fort Riley and the institution of fall maneuver work accomplish satisfactory results. The good effect of these maneuvers upon the national guard is marked, and ample appropriation should be made to enable the guardsmen of the several states to share in the benefit. The government should as soon as possible secure suitable permanent camp sites for military maneuvers in the various sections of the country.

I heartily congratulate the congress upon the steady progress in building up the American navy. We cannot afford a let-up in this great work. To stand still means to go back. There should be no cessation in adding to the effective units of the fighting strength of the fleet. Meanwhile the navy department and the officers of the navy are doing well their part by providing constant service at sea under conditions akin to those of actual warfare. Our officers and enlisted men are learning to handle the battleships, cruisers and torpedo boats with high efficiency in fleet and squadron formations, and the standard of marksmanship is being steadily raised. The best work ashore is indispensable, but the highest duty of a naval officer is to exercise command at sea. It is eminently desirable that a naval general staff should be established.

Isthmian Canal.

By the act of June 28, 1902, the congress authorized the president to enter into treaty with Colombia for the building of the canal across the isthmus of Panama, it being provided that in the event of failure to secure such treaty after the lapse of a reasonable time recourse should be had to building a canal through Nicaragua. It has not been necessary to consider this alternative, as I am enabled to lay before the senate a treaty providing for the building of the canal across the isthmus of Panama. This was the route which commended itself to the deliberate judgment of the congress, and we can now acquire by treaty the right to construct the canal over this route. The question now, therefore, is not by which route the isthmian canal shall be built, for that question has been definitely and irrevocably decided. The question is simply whether or not we shall have an isthmian canal.

When the congress directed that we should take the Panama route under treaty with Colombia the essence of the condition, of course, referred not to the government which controlled that route, but to the route itself; to the territory across which the route lay, not to the name which for the moment the territory bore on the map. The purpose of the law was to authorize the president to make a treaty with the power in actual control of the isthmus of Panama. This purpose has been fulfilled.

For 400 years, ever since shortly after the discovery of this hemisphere, the canal across the isthmus has been planned. For twoscore years it has been worked at. When made it is to last for the ages. It is to alter the geography of a continent and the trade routes of the world. We have shown by every treaty we have negotiated or attempted to negotiate with the peoples in control of the isthmus and with foreign nations in reference thereto our consistent good faith in observing our obligations, on the one hand to the peoples of the isthmus and on the other hand to the civilized world, whose commercial rights we are safeguarding and guaranteeing by our action. We have done our duty to others in letter and in spirit, and we have shown the utmost forbearance in exacting our own rights.

Repudiation of Treaty by Colombia.

Last spring a treaty concluded between the representatives of the republic of Colombia and of our government was ratified by the senate. This treaty was entered into at the urgent solicitation of the people of Colombia and after a body of experts appointed by our government especially to go into the matter of the routes across the isthmus had pronounced unanimously in favor of the Panama route. In drawing up this treaty every concession was made to the people and to the government of Colombia. We were more than just in dealing with them. Our generosity was such as to make it a serious question whether we had not gone too far in their interest at the expense of our own, for in our scrupulous desire to pay all possible heed not merely to the real but even to the fancied rights of our weaker neighbor who already owed so much to our protection and forbearance, we yielded in all possible ways to her desires in drawing up the treaty. Nevertheless the government of Colombia not merely repudiated the treaty, but repudiated it in such manner as to make it evident by the time the Colombian congress adjourned that not the scantiest hope remained of ever getting a satisfactory treaty from them.

Revolution In Panama.

The people of Panama had long been discontented with the republic of Colombia, and they had been kept quiet only by the prospect of the conclusion of the canal treaty, which was to them a matter of vital concern. When it became evident that the treaty was hopelessly lost the people of Panama rose literally as one man. Not a shot was fired by a single man on the isthmus in the interest of the Colombian government. Not a life was lost in the accomplishment of the revolution. The Colombian troops stationed on the isthmus, who had long been unpaid, made common cause with the people of Panama, and with astonishing unanimity the new republic was started. The duty of the United States in the premises was clear. In strict accordance with the principles laid down by Secretaries Cass and Seward, the United States gave notice that it would permit the landing of no expeditionary force, the arrival of which would mean chaos and destruction along the line of the railroad and of the proposed canal and an interruption of transit as an inevitable consequence. The de facto government of Panama was recognized.

Under such circumstances the government of the United States would have been guilty of folly and weakness, amounting in their sum to a crime against the nation, had it acted otherwise than it did when the revolution of Nov. 3 last took place in Panama. This great enterprise of building the interoceanic canal cannot be held up to gratify the whims or out of respect to the governmental impotence or to the even more sinister and evil political peculiarities of people who, though they dwell afar off, yet, against the wish of the actual dwellers on the isthmus, assert an unreal supremacy over the territory. The possession of a territory fraught with such peculiar capacities as the isthmus in question carries with it obligations to mankind. The course of events has shown that this canal cannot be built by private enterprise or by any other nation than our own; therefore it must be built by the United States.

New Treaty With Panama.

Every effort has been made by the government of the United States to persuade Colombia to follow a course which was essentially not only to our interests and to the interests of the world, but to the interests of Colombia itself. These efforts have failed, and Colombia, by her persistence in repulsing the advances that have been made, has forced us for the sake of our own honor and of the interest and well being, not merely of our own people, but of the people of the isthmus of Panama and the people of the civilized countries of the world, to take decisive steps to bring to an end a condition of affairs which had become intolerable. The new republic of Panama immediately offered to negotiate a treaty with us. This treaty I herewith submit. By it our interests are better safeguarded than in the treaty with Colombia which was ratified by the senate at its last session. It is better in its terms than the treaties offered to us by the republics of Nicaragua and Costa Rica. At last the right to begin this great undertaking is made available. Panama has done her part. All that remains is for the American congress to do its part, and forthwith this republic will enter upon the execution of a project colossal in its size and of well nigh incalculable possibilities for good of this country and mankind.

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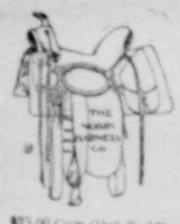

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COTTON CURTAILMENT

This Action Decided Upon at Meeting of Manufacturers.

COMMITTEE IS NAMED

The Members to Meet Similar Ones From Other Sections and Ascertain How a Decrease May Be Brought About.

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 9.—At the cotton manufacturers' meeting, at which more than 100 delegates, representing 244,392 spindles and 8065 looms in the southern states, were present, a plan was inaugurated for the curtailment of the production of cotton goods by the mills of the entire country. A committee of fifteen was named to meet a similar committee from the other sections and agree to decrease production throughout the United States. Even before the meeting it was evident that the one purpose of the session would be to curtail production or to make an effort in that direction by a joint resolution.

Alfred A. Thompson of the Raleigh cotton mill moved that the necessity for a national curtailment be considered at the meeting.

Mr. Thompson suggested that a meeting be held in Washington at which representatives of manufacturers from all parts of the world might discuss the question of a common ground. He took occasion to predict a long cotton crop for next year.

The motion was referred to a committee of three which, after a half hour's deliberation, made the following report, which was adopted with but one dissenting vote:

"Resolved that with the view of securing national entailment, which we think absolutely necessary to the cotton industry, we recommend that a committee of fifteen from the North Carolina association be appointed by the chair to meet in Washington at as early date as can be agreed upon, with like committees from other states.

"That the other southern states, the middle and New England states be invited to appoint a committee which, when they meet in Washington as a joint committee, will formulate a plan that will bring about a curtailment throughout the United States, and that this joint committee immediately call a national meeting of manufacturers at such date and place as they can agree upon."

After reading the motion there was an interesting discussion.

FOUR SHOT.

One Is Dead, Another Dying, Third Hit In Groin, Fourth Jailed.

Trinidad, Colo., Dec. 9.—Four striking coal miners, Italians and Sicilians, were shot in a fight at the Segundo coke ovens by Colorado Fuel and Iron company's guards. One is dead and one is dying, a third shot in the groin, will probably die, and the fourth is in jail. There were seven in the party, three of whom escaped. Strikers assert that all the shooting was done by the guards, who however, say that the miners opened fire. None of the guards were wounded.

Word has been received from Segundo that an attack on the new part of the setlement is expected from the Italian strikers of the old town and that a bloody fight may be looked for. Nearly every man in New Segundo is armed and will shoot at first sight of any assault.

NEARLY ALL PERISH.

Terrible Result of a Fire In a Town of New Jersey.

Freehold, N. J., Dec. 9.—Nearly a whole family perished in the flames that destroyed a dwelling at Clarksburg, ten miles from here. Clayton Fowler, forty-two years old, his wife, thirty-five years old, and their four children, aged respectively sixteen, thirteen, two and six months, lived in the house, which was a two-story frame building. The blaze started on the lower floor, and when the family awoke the whole lower part of the house was in flames. The oldest child, a boy, jumped from the second story window and escaped with slight bruises, but Mr. and Mrs. Fowler were afraid to jump, or were overcome by smoke before they could reach a window, and they and their three other children were burned to death.

Priest Pardoned.

San Juan, P. R., Dec. 9.—Governor Hunt has pardoned Father Felipe Villahose, the Catholic priest, convicted Sept. 30 at Humaco for violating the civil marriage law. Attorney General Sweet advised against the governor extending clemency, but Governor Hunt based his action on assurances by the priest and by Bishop Blenk that there would be no further violations of the law.

Dowie Again In Control.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—John Alexander Dowie is again in control of Zion City and all its industries. This turn in the affairs of the head of the Christian Catholic church followed a financial showing made Tuesday afternoon which satisfied all the creditors, who immediately made a formal motion before Judge Kohlsaat to have the receivership appointed by the United States district court, a week ago, dissolved.

Negro Voters Meet.

Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 9.—A territorial convention of negro voters, attended by about 300 delegates, commenced here Tuesday. R. Emmett Stewart of this city, an attorney, was elected chairman and W. M. F. Fulbright of Oklahoma City, secretary.

Street Commissioner Moody of Guthrie, Okla., was knocked down and robbed in his yard of $3.

THE MOST POWERFUL LIQUOR.

New York World: The potato and the turnip promise to become the strong rivals of malt in the manufacture of an intoxicating beverage. The efficacy of the juice of these common vegetables was discovered in a novel way. Thomas Warren, who resides on the old turnpike road west of Geneva, noticed one day this week that his hogs appeared to be dazed.

It was found that George West and William Nobles, two itinerant farm helpers hired by Mr. Warren recently, had been squeezing potatoes and turnips up into a mash, and after procuring all the extract therefrom threw the remains of the mash to the hogs. The hogs evidently did not require much of the left over essence to get on a good "jag." All this week the swine have appeared to be jagged, and Mr. Warren succeeded in getting at the cause only after he found the two farm hands and a dozen chums hitting up a keg of the new "essence of frumenti" in the barn.

Nobles was dazed by the dosage, while his partner was completely "paralyzed."

Warren managed to get the information from the men that led to the news of the wonderful properties of potato juice and turnip juice as a jag producer.

Mr. Warren said: "I tested the alleged merits of this mixture for myself. A vineglassful gave me the sensation of going up in a balloon. Ten minutes afterward I became silly drunk, and it was three hours before I regained my normal self. It will be a winner if put on the market. The taste is not agreeable, but if some sweet cordial is added the drink would be made palatable. I may, myself start the manufacture of this new discovery. I have warned the boys not to drink too much of this stuff and not to feed any of the left-over mash to the swine. If the swine have had the same sensations as I did today they will be greatly disappointed in not getting more mash."

LOW RATES TO THE EAST.

As Christmas time approaches, the railroads are preparing to handle large crowds of those going back to their old homes in the East, and the Southern Pacific will place on sale December 19, 20, 21 and 22 a rate of one fare plus $2 to New Orleans and points in Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North and South Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky. Tickets are good for return in thirty days, and Christmas turkeys will be eaten by many Texans visiting their old home places. Southern Pacific agents will be glad to supply all information.

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IMPORTANT TO HUNTERS.

Official Interpretation of a Part of the New Game Law.

The game law is being unintentionally violated in some parts of the state by hunters who kill more than twenty-five birds each day. They have asserted that the law would permit one hunter to kill twenty-five of each kind of game birds, that is, that one, in the course of a day, could kill as many as twenty-five bucks, twenty-five geese, twenty-five quail or twenty-five of each kind of game bird. This is contrary to the law, it being intended to permit one person to kill only a total of twenty-five of all kinds of game birds.

The opinion of the attorney general's department on that point was written by Judge T. S. Reese, the first assistant, and is as follows:

"Dear Sir: We are in receipt of yours of the 30th ult. In reply you are advised that according to our construction of the game law, passed by the last legislature it would be unlawful for a person to kill twenty-five jacksnipe, twenty-five ducks and twenty-five quail in one day. We think that a person can only lawfully kill in one day twenty-five of all of the wild birds mentioned in Sec. 1 of the act, and it would not be lawful for him to kill as many as twenty-five of each kind in one day."

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Good Turn of Fortune.

A young man in Morgantown, W. Va., wanted to get married but he did not have money to buy a license. Things looked dark for him, but finally he decided to make a bold dash for fortune. He tried poker and won $20. The next day was his wedding day.

His expense Account.

In a tailor shop window in Brooklyn is a legend, reading: "Confined Woollens." This may go with the story of the solicitor of a Newark insurance company who rendered a bill for traveling expenses as follows: "Self, wife and birth en route, $8."

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The 'Possum's Mistake.

A 'possum more bold than prudent, wandered into the heart of Joplin the other night. His rashness cost him dear. A venerable negro came along and saw him on the top board of a neighbor's fence. The 'possum saw the negro at the same time the negro saw the 'possum, and dropped and tried to run, but was too late. The negro overtook him and caught him by the tail, and the next night the black aristocrats of the town sat down to a toothsome meal. It doesn't pay a 'possum to get too gay when a black man is ▲ at.

GORMAN AND LODGE.

Senators Have a Warm Debate Over Fraud Investigation.

AS TO ITS REFERENCE

Massachusetts Man Desired That Penrose Resolution Go to Committee and Marylander Intimates Partisan Acts.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The recent investigation into frauds in the postoffice department was the basis of a sharp debate in the senate Tuesday by Mr. Gorman and Mr. Lodge. The discussion arose over a motion by Mr. Lodge to refer to the executive committee on postoffices the resolution introduced by Mr. Penrose looking to a senate investigation into the conditions of the department. Mr. Gorman intimated that the investigation by the department had been partisan in character, and said that counter charges had been made against the men who had made it. Mr. Lodge defended the department's work, and declared it was far more thorough than a congressional inquiry would be. The resolution went over without action.

PAPERS WANTED.

House Asks Postmaster General to Supply Certain Documents.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The house has authorized the committee on postoffices and postroads to request the postmaster general to supply the committee with papers in connection with the recent investigation of the postoffice department. It was explained by Mr. Overstreet, chairman of the committee, that the purpose of the resolution was to supply the committee with information essential to the proper consideration of appropriation bills. The minority made an unsuccessful attempt to amend the resolution so as to provide that the whole house request the postmaster general for paper and evidence touching on the investigation.

The house also instructed the judiciary committee to make inquiry and report whether the Isle of Pines can be ceded to Cuba without the concurrent action of the house and senate.

Treaty Referred.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The senate, in executive session, referred to pending treaty between the United States and Panama for the construction of a canal across the isthmus to the committee on foreign relations.

Wants More Money.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Secretary Shaw transmitted to the house a request for $15,000 additional for the department of justice for enforcement of the anti-trust law.

RAN HIM OUT.

Treasurer of Virgiania County Made to Leave by Some Democrats.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 9.—Democrats in the town of Berkley have driven County Treasurer Lyons from his office, where it is charged he was registering negro voters and had the negroes penned up in one section or the town. The streets are filled with men armed with shotguns, and a request will be made for a company of militia from Norfolk or Portsmouth at once.

The riot at Berkley was suppressed without the use of force. County Clerk Martin was assaulted in the Berkley police station while sitting at a table with a negro councilman. He was roughly handled, and County Treasurer W. S. Lyons was kicked down the stairs of the Martin building, in which the alleged registering of negroes was taking place. Many shots were fired, but one one was hurt.

JAIL DYNAMITING.

Rumored Plot to Liberate Four Chicago Barn Bandits.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Report of alleged plot to dynamite the county jail and liberate the four bandits, Neidermeir, Van Dine, Marx and Roeski was given to the police. According to the story, a friend of Neidermier, said the explosion was to take place at 8:30 o'clock Tuesday night. An extra number of police in plain clothes were placed around the jail, but nothing happened, nor were any suspects seen around the building throughout the evening.

Convicted of Conspiracy.

Baltimore, Dec. 9.—Former Postal Clerks Thomas W. McGregor and Columbus Ellsworth Upton were convicted in the United States district court of conspiracy to defraud the government in connection with the purchase of 20,000 leather mail pouches, for use in the free delivery service. Charles E. Smith, who received the order for the pouches through the influence of Upton and McGregor, was the principal witness against the accused.

Visited Chamber of Deputies.

Paris, Dec. 9.—William J. Bryan visited the chamber of deputies and senate Tuesday, comparing French parliamentary methods with those of the United States congress. He was accompanied to the senate by Senator Clemenceau, who introduced him to Premier Combes. Mr. Bryan had a long talk with M. Combes, the latter manifesting an interest in American economic and political affairs.

Airship Broke In Two.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The Longley aeroplane was tested again Tuesday, the result being the complete wreck of the airship. It glided along the launching tramway until the end was reached, when it broke in two. Professor Manley, operating it, it fell in the Potomac river, but was rescued.

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Broken Confidences.

The woman who reveals her inmost thoughts to her friend has no reason for complaint if that friend passes on her confidences to another. We cannot expect others to exert greater reticence than we do ourselves. There is a responsibility in imparting our own secrets, as well as in keeping those of others. Many a broken friendship can be traced to nothing more than a repeated confidence, which should never have been bestowed in the first place.

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Some Large Numbers.

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Italians Eat Little Meat.

It has been remarked that most Italians of the poorer classes are noted for their general good health. This is said to be due to the fact that the working people of Italy eat less meat than those of any other European nation.

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Millions Spent for Tobacco.

About $70,000,000, it is estimated, is annually spent on tobacco and pipes in the United Kingdom.

Patches Put On.

A sign on a building in Hazleton, Pa., says: "Clothes repaired in the rear."

Texas Cattle.

It is said that Texas alone markets $50,000,000 worth of cattle annually.

AMERICAN ATTACKED.

Consul Davies Insulted at Alexandretta, Asiatic Turkey.

HAULED DOWN FLAG.

Was Escorting a Naturalized Citizen of This Country to a Ship When Police Intercepted Them and Took Man Away.

Constantinople, Dec. 9.—The United States flag over the consulate at Alexandretta, Asiatic Turkey, has been hauled down and Consul Davies has left his post for Beirut in consequence of a serious diplomatic incident during which Mr. Davies was insulted and assaulted by local police. The affair grew out of the arrest of an Armenian, Obannes Attarian, a naturalized American citizen. Attarian had been in prison at Aleppo during the last two months and had just been liberated through the intervention of the American consular agent on condition of his leaving the country forthwith. Mr. Davies was accompanying Attarian on board the departing steamer when the police intercepted the party, assaulted and insulted Mr. Davies and, despite the resistance of the consul and his attendant guards, rearrested Attarian and took him back to prison. Mr. Davies immediately lowered the flag over the consulate and formally broke off relations with the Turkish authorities by quitting Alexandretta, leaving the consulate in charge of the vice consul. A mob of Moslems seized on the occasion to make a hostile demonstration against the consulate and against Christians generally.

Local authorities assert that Mr. Davies struck the police with a cane, and that after the rearrest of Attarian military couriers attempted to rescue him and in the fracas which ensued the couriers broke windows of the prison. Turkish authorities further claim that Attarian, who is a native of Diarbekir, Asiatic Turkey, had been travelling about the country with an illegal passport. They also point out that the question of Armenians naturalized in America returning to Turkey has always been cause of serious trouble, since the porte invariably refuses to recognize their naturalization.

When Attarian was arrested $2500 was found in his pocket. This, it is believed, may have contributed to his arrest, the Turks suspecting him of being a revolutionist.

The matter is engaging the energetic attention of the United States legation here. Minister Leishman has made urgent representations to the porte and is now awaiting a fuller report before taking further steps.

The outrage, it is anticipated here, will lead to strong action on the part of the United States to obtain full reparation, especially as full satisfaction for the Beirut affair has not yet been given.

To Be Investigated.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The state departmnet received a brief cablegram from Consul Davies at Alexandretta, Asiatic Turkey, saying he had had trouble with local police at Alexandretta and had left for Beirut in consequence. The state department promptly cabled Minister Leishman at Constantinople to institute a thorough investigation of the whole affair.

OPPPOSES REFERRING.

"Let Us Have All the Facts," Says Senator Gorman to His Colleagues.

Washington, Dec. 9.—In the senate Mr. Gorman strongly opposed reference to committee on resolutons of postoffice fraud investigation. He declared there had been positive assertions that men who had unlawfully placed employes on rolls were to escape. He said corruption had been admitted. "Let us have all the facts," he said, "and see if the president will turn the rascals out." The country was not satisfied with the investigation, said the senator, nor was the senate.

FORM A CLUB.

Pool Room Proprietors of New York City Have Organized.

New York, Dec. 9.—Regarding their business to be quite as legitimate as that of bookmakers, pool room proprietors of this city have formed a club to emulate the Metropolitan Turf association, popularly known as the "Bookmakers' club." A number of rooms in this city and their location are to be regulated, and a fund will be created for protection against raids and wire tappings. Arrangements will be made, if possible, whereby the club will take charge of the telegraph service of its members and handle money paid out for it. An attempt will be made to persuade the telegraph companies against furnishing race returns to rooms not vouched for by the club.

Cotton Manufacturers.

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 9.—Nearly every cotton-growing state is represented at the meeting of manufacturers here to consider the best means of remedying the serious condition of cotton mills in the United States. It is learned that New England mill owners think curtailment of cotton production is the best remedy.

Daring Swimmer.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Clad in a rubber suit Sidney Hinman, an Austrian, swam nearly a mile in the Chicago river, winning a wager of $500 from G. W. Turnbull, a contractor. With a paddle he kept off ice cakes.

Sailors Mutinied.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 9.—Because the captain of the French bark Fautrel would not give them money to go on shore thirteen of the vessel's sailors mutinied.

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EDICTS OF FASHION

SOME TIMELY TOPICS OF GENERAL INFORMATION.

Effective Costume in Light Colors—Child's Pretty Cloth Coat—Dancing Frock for a Young Girl—Successful Hair Dressing.

Gowns to Match Hair.

Gowns the color of the wearer's hair are said to be infallibly becoming, though it is probable that the rule has its exceptions, but not so much is said about matching the hair in headgear. In some cases this produces most strikingly effective results. Golden hair can be very prettily matched, but care must be taken to avoid a bright yellow, like buttercups or marsh marigolds, which quite extinguish it. Auburn hair, with a hat to match, is even more beautiful, and those lucky old women who have white or gray hair look charming in bonnets of corresponding colors.

Girl's Dancing Frock.

Young girl's dancing frock of soft white silk. The skirt, gathered at the waist, is encircled with seven shaped ruffles in graduated widths, each one bordered with a band of fagoting. The two upper ones are separated from the others by a wide band of embroidery.

The blouse is gathered to a plain yoke covered with narrow fagoted shaped bands or ruffles which are finished on each side of the front with rosettes and loops of light-blue velvet ribbon. The slightly low neck is finished with a band of the embroidery. The elbow sleeves are trimmed with the fagoted ruffles. The girdle is of the silk fastened in front with a pretty buckle.

Successful Hair Dressing.

In dressing the hair, the main thing is not to overdress it. After that, it is a question mainly of the quantity and quality of the hair itself, and the contour of the face, which it serves as a frame.

The girl with a high forehead should wear her hair drawn low over her brow. If she has a low, smooth, white brow, she should brush her hair well off the forehead.

A Madonna face requires the hair parted in the middle.

The girl with an intellectual brow or a fair share of youthful beauty can afford to draw her hair back in loose waves, sans pompadour or parts, and coil it on the neck.

For elderly matrons the pompadour is dignified and stately, and it seems to increase the height of stout women.

The round, shapely head looks well with a soft puff of hair at the nape of the neck.

Every woman should study her own style. If she looks best with her hair low, then low she should wear it, though every other woman in the land is piling her hair on the top of her head.

A wise woman never curls or frizzes or overdresses her hair if it is beautiful of itself.

Costume in Light Colors.

Light gray satin crepe de chine, embroidered in black. White hat with black tipped white plumes.

Winter Shirtwaist.

A house shirtwaist has the new models for winter of heavy linens embroidered in the Russian cross-stitch, either simply down the center plait, collar and cuffs, or in small strap designs below the neckband. The patterns are very much like the old-time samplers, and the colors are either in blue and red or red and green, though one may choose any other combination, since all are equally popular. One model is in shade of green alone and very handsome, too.

New Things to Wear.

The tailor gown will be put on the shelf by the increase in production of silk. The texture of the silks and velvets this winter is much softer, richer and more supple than in former seasons.

Taffeta will be the material for the autumn and winter gowns. It is sold in double width for the cut of the newest style in skirts. In texture, this season, taffeta is as soft and glossy as the foulards.

Very smart costumes will be of silk on the tailor model, having ornamental applications of strapped or piped cloth.

For morning wear the Parisiennes are wearing short skirts and under them taffeta petticoats of a different color from the dress.

For those who prefer the conventional tailor gowns let them choose a furry zibeline and be sure it is a solid color or not more than a two-toned effect.

In color decisions keep in mind the varying tints of blue and purple.

Broadcloth is a standby of many seasons, but in weight and finish this season it is so light and silky that it can be gracefully shirred and plaited.

Chop Suey.

A half chicken, a large onion, a handful of mushrooms, a stalk of celery, six Chinese potatoes, a bowl of rice and a small dessert dish of Chinese sauce. Scrape the chicken from the bones and cut it in strips. Slice the onions, soak the mushrooms for ten minutes in water, then take off the stems, cut the celery into inch lengths, wash and slice the Chinese potatoes. Put the chicken in the frying pan with fat and fry until done, but not hard. Add the onions and cook five minutes more, add the mushrooms. Add enough Chinese sauce to make the mixture brown. Add water and stew a few minutes. Add celery, then the potatoes. Thicken with flour water. Serve hot.

Child's Light Cloth Coat.

With wide belt of white leather, pleated ruffles around the stitched collar. Tie of velvet.

Effective Trimming.

A lovely trimming that is used on the most delicate fabrics looks like a tiny fringe of caracule, although it is done in silk. An evening gown of black mousseline de soie has a shirred skirt, trimmed to the knees with insertions of black lace figures and this soft trimming. There is the same trimming on the upper part of the bodice, but in this case over a blue silk foundation. This same trimming is used on white gowns with lines of shirrings. The skirt has three bands of trimming, consisting of scallops made of a puff of the mousseline, bordered with the trimming and the material forming the second and third stages of the skirt is shirred to this. A lot of lace is used on the bodice.

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Truffles cut in thin slices and stamped with a fancy cutter.

The reddest part of cooked tongue cut into dice.

Small fried croutons spread with colored butter.

Slices of lemon cut with a fancy cutter.

Butter colored or plain worked through a tube, or paper funnel, into pretty and fanciful shapes.

Bits of parsley fried in butter.

The coral of the lobster dried (when lobster sauce is used).

A few whole shrimps when shrimp sauce is used.

Piles of potato balls alternating with button mushrooms.

Lady's Tucked Waist.

Every day we find newer and prettier styles of the indispensable shirt waist, and suitable to the season is the new advance style shown here. For the woman who has grown tired of heavy linen waists with tailored strappings and stitchings, this will be a pleasant surprise, for it is just what is needed for the thick mercerized cotton waists that will not admit of trimming. The mode is suitable, however, to almost any material, as the tucks are very small, but the effect is most charming.

The tiny graduated tucks in the waist are in sunburst effect, and the same idea is carried out in the sleeves. The pattern, also, includes the fanciful little stock that is shown in the illustration.

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25c Infant's Teasdown Cloaks, lined and trimmed, also Ripple Eiderdown Cloaks; big range of prices, $1.50 to $5.00, all reduced.

Men's, Youth's and Boys' Clothing.

Invite you. Visit this Big Clothing Store—over $40 000 stock of new and up to date Clothing. We would like to have every man in Tarrant County come and make a special examination of our Clothing Stock, see our styles quality and prices, compare with the lowest and you'll find us still lower than that. Some special values are mentioned below.

Men's $7.50 Suits, now only	$5.00
Men's $10.00 Suits, now only	7.50
Men's $15.00 Suits, now only	10.00
Men's $20.00 Suits, now only	15.00

GIFT HANDKERCHIEFS

You will find a world of Handkerchiefs in this. Special all linen hemstitched, at 2 for 25c. Silk, initial and plain hemstitched and fancy printed borders, at 25c, 50c, 75c and $1.00.

MUFFLERS.

Men's plain and fancy Muffers from 50c up to $5.00. Also full dress Muffers. See our line before you buy. Nothing more suitable for Xmas gifts.

Men's Negligee Shirts, made of good imported Madras, choice styles, $1.00 values, this sale **59c**

Men's Undershirts and Drawers, a heavy fleeced Egyptian Cotton, worth 75c, this sale, garment but **49c**

Men's Procterville Pants, worth $2.00 in any store, our price for this sale **$1.29**

NETTLETON SHOES.

The best Shoe on earth. Money can not buy a better shoe. True, the price is $5.00 and $6.00 a pair, but they are dirt cheap at that, considering the wear you get out of a pair. All shapes and sizes now in stock. Other grade shoes, $1.29, to $3.50 a pair.

Men's worsted Trousers, choice styles worth $3.50 and $4.00 a pair, best makers' goods, special, per pair **$2.90**

Men's Neckties, tacks, 4-in-hand, puffs and ascots, all the latest pattern, for gift giving, $2.50 down to **25c**

Men's plain and fancy Socks, a most extended line, special price for this sale, worth double, 50c, 25c, **15c**

STETSON HATS.

Every man knows the John B. Stetson Hat. We have but to say our line of late shapes are ready. Correctly priced. Other makers' Hats also. See our line before you buy.

BOYS' CLOTHING

We save you money on Boys' Clothing. Boys' two piece Suits, 50c, $1.00, $1.50, $2.00, $2.50, $3.00, $3.50. Boys' three piece Suits, $2.00, $2.50, $3.50, $4.50, $5.50 and $6.50. Boys' Knee Pants, wonderful values for price. We ask special $1.00 pairs at 25c, also 48c and 75c.

Great Sale of Dress Goods and Silks

Dress Goods for gift-giving are most useful and acceptable. We are constantly giving you more and better values in this department. This week the greatest values yet offered. Don't delay. Bargains never so ripe.

REMNANTS of Dress Goods in lengths from 2 to 7 yards, enough for Children's Dresses, enough for Ladies' Skirts, enough for Ladies' Suits, light, medium and heavy weights, 36, 45 and 56 inches wide. Very fine medium and lower grade fabrics, all this season's best styles. Prices more wonderfully cheap. Down to half, former prices. Come and profit.

REMNANTS of Silks, Velvets and Trimmings, several thousand yards, in lengths from 1 to 10 yards. Taffeta Silks in Black and Colored, fancy Silks in waist lengths, Satin and Peau de Soie Remnants, in fact, all sorts of Silk ends. Prices from 25c to 75c a yard, worth 50c to $1.50, and just half price and some still less. Buy your silks now.

36 inch Black Taffeta Silks, regular $1.00 value, for **65c**

27 inch Black Taffeta Silk, regular 85c grade, for **58c**

36 inch Black Guaranteed Taffeta, $1.49 value, for **$1.19**

36 inch Black Peau de Soie Silk, $1.25 value, for **90c**

50 pieces Black and Colored 36 inch Henriettas and fancy weaved Dress Goods, 25 and 35c values, special, per yard **17c**

All wool Black and Colored 36 inch Etamine, worth 50c, for this week's sale, yard at **29c**

30 pieces All-wool Granite Cloth and Etamine, 46 inches wide, in the leading shades, $1.00 value for **79c**

56 inch Mannish Coat Suiting, in dark and light shades, mixtures and pin stripes, $1.50 value **98c**

54 inch Imported Broadcloth, in the leading shades, $1.25 actual worth, price yd. **89c**

54 inch Covert Suiting, in blue, gray and tan mixtures, 98c values **59c**

GIFT UMBRELLAS.

A most suitable gift for man or woman is an Umbrella. Our line comprises every style, fine gold mounted, pearl, ivory and natural handles silk covers. Price $1.25, $1.75, $2.50, $3.50, $4.98, $6.50, $7.49, also cheaper at 98c, 75c and 50c.

GIFT HANDKERCHIEFS.

Handkerchiefs for ladies, children and men. Embroidered and hemstitched, the elegant hand embroidered sort, at $1.50, $1.25, 98c, 75c and 49c. Also lower grades at 25c, 15c, 10c and 5c. We please all, our prices are correctly low and styles the best to be had. Buy gift handkerchiefs here.

GIFT BELTS AND PURSES.

Nothing more acceptable than a fine Belt, price from 10c on up to $2.50 each. Ladies' Purses and Shopping Bags in all the leading colors to match your costume. Price range from 50c on up to $7.50. Be sure to see our line.

GIFT TOILET ARTICLES.

Always a pretty gift in perfumery and toilet waters. We carry a most complete line of Hudnet's, Renaud's and Colgate's perfumery, toilet waters and cosmetics; our prices always lead in lowness. Come give us a look before you buy.

BLANKETS AND STAPLES.

We save you money on Domestics, Linen, Staples of all kinds. Blankets and Comforts. It will pay you handsomely to make this store a visit. Our stocks are large. We buy in large quantities and sell you lower than other houses in Texas. The proof lies in a visit. Note these prices.

100 Cotton Blankets, 10-4, in white and tan, $1.00 quality **70c**

1000 yards Roller Toweling, 16 in. wide, 6c grade, special **4c**

500 yards Cheviot and Madras Gingham, 15c grade in ends of 5 to 10 yards, per yard **9c**

Turkey Red Table Damask, the regular 50c grade, 60 inches wide, Price but **29c**

Best Standard Calico, for this sale, per yard **3½c**

Good Bleached Domestic, yard wide, 8c grade but **5c**

Cheviot and Gingham Mill Remnants from 2 to 10 yards, 10c grade **5c**

Outing, the best 8c and 10c grade, in light and dark colors, but **5c**

5 000 yards Flannelette in pretty dress designs, 12c grade but **8c**

Ladies' and Children's Shoes and Hosiery.

The rapid and continued increase of our sales is extremely gratifying to us. Evidently our Shoes lead, because they're satisfactory in style, wear and price. Hosiery is our strong hold. We import direct all our Black Hosiery, which are guaranted to be the best your money can buy. Special prices for Xmas.

Fancy high grade Stockings, Lisle thread embroidered, boot pattern, vertical and Byadere stripes, 49c, 75c, 98c and $1.49. Silk Hose, in open work, fancy stripes, embroidered and solid black, colored and white $1.49, $2.00, $2.50, $3.50, $4.50, $6.00 and $7.49. See us for Xmas Hosiery.

Ladies' Shoes, extreme sole, patent tip, Cuban heel, $2.50 and $3.00 Shoes, special **$2.00**

Our regular $2 Ladies' two straps Sandal, price but **$1.50**

Special sale of Children's Shoes, many styles, at $1.00, $1.75 and $1.50. 300 pairs Children's $1.00 $1.25 Shoes at one price, choice **75c**

1000 pairs Children's Black and colored Hose, all sizes, broken lines, worth 25c, 20c and 15c, at one price, choice, pair **5c**

100 dozen Ladies' fast black Hose, regular 15c grade, special pair **10c**

10 dozen Ladies' imported fast Black Hose, worth 35c, double sole, pair **25c**

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Best Fresh Roasted Rio 12c
" " " Santos 15c
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The Best Sugar (put up so you can get home with it), 20 lbs. for $1 00
Swift's Silver Leaf Lard, 10 lb. bucket $1 00
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5 pounds A. P. Soda, 1 lb. packages, for 35c
5 pounds A. & P Corn Starch, 1 lb. packages, for 35c
Lump Starch, per pound 5c
5c for the package Cocosnut
New Raisins and Currants.
New Buckwheat and Pancake Flour, package 10c
1 quart Vermont Maple Syrup, for 25c
Grandmother's A. & P. Laundry Soap, a perfect Borax soap and the best made.
10c for a 25c box (3 cakes) Toilet Soap.
New Oats, New Flakes.
Fresh Chocolates and Cocoas at unmatched prices.
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COD LIVER OIL FOR STOCK.

Philadelphia Record: "I fatten my stock on cod liver oil," a farmer said at the abattoir the other day. "I find that this oil is cheaper than grain and that it produces a finer and firmer quality of fat. It works admirably on pigs. To young pigs I give one ounce a day, and to adults a quarter of a pint. The porkers like it; you can tell if they are taking too much by a peculiar lassitude that they develop. Killed, their fat has, if they have been overfed with the oil, a yellow instead of a clean white hue. To cattle I give a half pint of oil daily, and to sheep about the same quantity as to pigs. Since I adopted the system of oil fattening two years ago I have made more money off my stock than ever before. They eat less grain now by nearly 40 per cent, and at the same time they weigh heavier than they used to. The butchers tell me their flesh is better, too. They say it is firmer, finer and the fat is whiter. Of course, an animal won't take codliver oil raw, so I mixed it up with meal. Cod liver oil is an excellent thing for broken-winded horses. In fact, I use this fluid for a dozen purposes on my farm, buying it in bulk from the wholesale dealers."

$10 00 and $12 50 Men's Suits $7 45
$2 50 and $3 00 Pants pair $2 00
3.50 and $4 00 Pants pair $2 85
$4 50 and $5.00 Pants pair $3 65

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Here's the greatest bargain feast ever offered to the public. Every instrument in the list is in perfect condition and offered at prices never before equalled—all uprights.

One Schaffer, like new, was $4 0 ..... $140
One Schiller, like new, was $350 ..... $150
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One Colby, second hand large size, was $450 ..... $195
One Upright, used 8 months, was $400 ..... $200
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Payments $5.00 and $6.00 per month. Pianos for rent.
Every instrument fully warranted. We are the oldest music house in Fort Worth and own our store building.

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For the h... years cane sugar ... from Cuba to England.

TEXAS CATTLE AT CHICAGO.

Chicago Drovers' Journal: F. H. (Hayes) McFarland of Weatherford, Texas, is the feeder of the car of 3-year-old beeves which won first premium in their class. Mr. McFarland has demonstrated his ability as a feeder and deserves much credit for maturing such a carload of cattle in Texas for exhibition at our International Live Stock Exposition here in Chicago. Indeed, there are but few cattlemen who would ever think these cattle were bred and fed in Texas, as they compare very favorably in fat, weight and quality with the many car lots of native cattle on exhibition from the feed lots of the corn belt states. Mr. McFarland sends a good many well fatted cattle to the Chicago market annually, and they command good prices, as their killing qualities have proved very satisfactory. He will exhibit another car in Fort Worth in March, during the meeting of the North Texas Cattle Raisers' association.

TO SAVE MONEY.

Get a Mandolin or Guitar at the special sale now going on at Cummings, Shepherd & Co., 700 Houston St.

CHEAPER AND BETTER FEED.

The corn crop situation is solving itself. There is a consensus of opinion that this crop is better in quality than it was last year. The government estimates the crop at 2,313,000,000 bushels. The crop of last year was not much above this figure, but it was off in grade and ill-suited the purposes of the feeder. The official corn crop estimates for 1902 and 1903 are as follows:

	1903.	1902.
Ohio	89,000,000	121,600,000
Indiana	141,000,000	171,300,000
Illinois	320,000,000	372,400,000
Iowa	221,000,000	297,700,000
Missouri	178,000,000	264,200,000
Kansas	180,000,000	222,800,000
Nebraska	205,000,000	252,500,000
Seven States	1,334,000,000	1,702,500,000
Southern States	630,000,000	502,500,000
All other	349,000,000	318,000,000
Total,	2,313,000,000	2,523,000,000

The meat trade takes hope from this fact and from the additional fact that cotton seed meal will be better, and, likely, a bit lower than it was last year. Thus there may be made cheaper and better meat for next year.

The King's Dust.

"Thou shalt die," the priest said to the King.
"Thou shalt vanish like the leaves of spring.
Like the dust of any common thing
One day thou upon the winds shalt blow!"

"Nay, not so," the King said. "I shall stay
While the great sun in the sky makes day;
Heaven and earth, when I do pass away,
In my tomb I wait till all things go."

Then the King died. And with myrrh and nard,
Washed with palm wine, swathed in linen hard,
Rolled in naphtha gum, and under guard
Of his steadfast tomb, they laid the King.

Century fled to century; still he lay
Whole as when they hid him first away
Sooth, the priest had nothing more to say;
He, it seemed, the King, knew every thing.

One day armies with the tramp of doom
Overthrew the huge blocks of the tomb;
Swarming sunbeams searched its chambered gloom;
Bedouins camped about the sandblown spot.

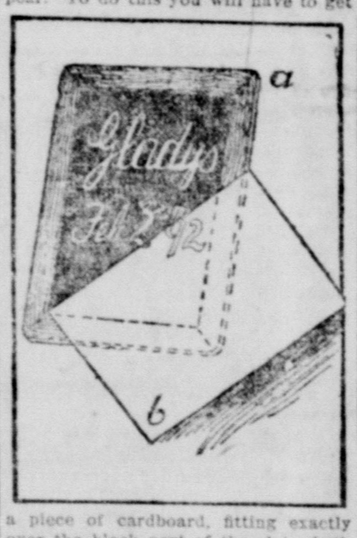
Little Arabs answering to their name
With a broken mummy fed the flame;
Then a wind among the ashes came.
Blew them lightly—and the King was not!

—Harriet Prescott Spofford.

Trick With a Slate.

An ordinary slate, such as children write on, is shown to the audience; to prove that nothing is written upon it, both sides are rubbed with a wet sponge. A chair is brought to the foreground, the seat of which is covered with a black cloth. Then the performer asks any girl in the audience be kind enough to give her first name and offers to let the slate guess the date of her birth. After the name is given, the performer places the slate on the chair, and lays a piece of chalk upon it. After making a few motions over the slate to indicate that the writing is going on, the performer lifts up the slate and behold! One side of the slate shows the correct name and date of birth.

This seems to be a trick hard to explain, but nevertheless it is a very simple one. Take a plain slate, on one side of which the name and the date is previously written. A friend of the performer is instructed to call the name so quickly that no one else can get ahead of him. All that is left to do is to secrete the name and date on the slate until it is time for it to appear. To do this you will have to get



a piece of cardboard, fitting exactly over the black part of the slate, both side of which are covered smoothly with black slate paper. Sheet b is laid over the side of the slate with the writing on it (a). Place the slate with the sheet over it face down on the chair. When you are going to show the secret writing to the audience, lift the slate in such a way that the sheet of paper stays upon the black cloth, where it (being black too) cannot be discerned.

A Magician's Trick.

Light a short bit of candle and put it in a tumbler. Cover the tumbler with a piece of thick, wet paper, and on this place another tumbler, inverted, taking care to bring the edges together all around. The candle will soon go out, and in a minute or two afterward you will find that you can lift both tumblers by taking hold of the upper one.

This is because the heat produced by the candle has expanded the air in the lower glass and driven part of it out before you put on the paper. Now, though this heated air was rarified or made less dense by heating, its pressure so long as it remained hot was equal to that of the outside air; but, after it cooled, its pressure was less, so that the outside air pressed the glasses tightly together.

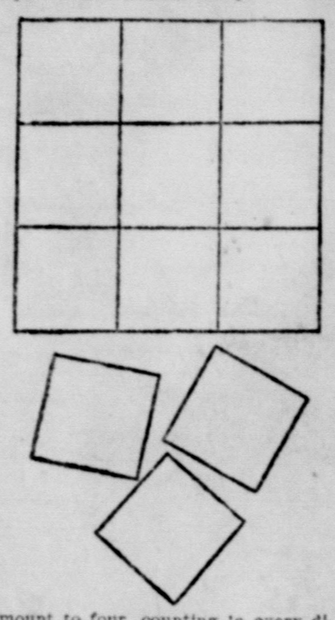
The paper is very likely to burst during the experiment, but that makes no difference, as even when the air in the two glasses is mixed together it is, on the whole, lighter and rarer than the external air, and therefore exerts less pressure.

Perhaps you may wonder why this experiment is called "The Magdeburg Hemispheres," as the tumblers are cylindrical or conical, not hemispherical, and the trick may be done in Hohokus as well as Magdeburg. This is why: In Magdeburg, Germany, some 250 years ago there lived a burgomaster (mayor) named Otto von Guericke, who was also a man of science, so far as there was any science in those days. He made the first electrical machine and also the first air pump, or apparatus for rarifying and exhausting the air from a globe, jar or other vessel.

To show the pressure of the air, he made two hollow hemispheres of brass, fitted their edges together, pumped out the air from the space within, attached eight horses to each hemisphere and then tried to drive the two eight-horse teams in opposite directions. But the horses could not pull the hemispheres apart, though when the air was let in again they could be separated easily.

A Counting Puzzle.

Here is a new kind of puzzle. Cut out the three squares shown at the bottom of the above diagram and place them on the nine squares composing the big square in such a way that each row, counting the squares in the large figure, and the one you place there, will have just four squares. The number of squares must



amount to four, counting in every direction, up and down, crossways and diagonally.

Home Made Tether Ball.

This is a good time of year to play tether ball, and it is not hard to make all the things needed to play it with in case you have not got the money to buy them ready made. Even if you have, it's a good thing to learn to make things once and a while, just to know how.

First of all, get a straight stick or pole about seven or eight feet long, and stick it firmly in the ground. At the top end tie a stout string about the same length as the pole or a little shorter, and to the other end of the string tie an old cotton glove, if you have one; if not, any glove will answer. Inside of this put a tennis ball or one of rubber. If you have not got the tennis rackets that are generally used in this game, make paddles like ping pong bats only a little larger, out of thin, smooth board, such as is to be found in soap boxes.

A good place for the pole is in the back yard, even though the yard be quite small, for the game does not require much space. To play it two persons stand on opposite sides of the pole, facing each other with a bat; the game is to wind the string around the pole by batting the ball, one person sending it in one direction and the other in the other. Whoever succeeds in winding it all the way round in his own direction wins the game.

To Float Corks Vertically.

A wash basin or a bath tub and seven corks are all the apparatus needed for this experiment, and it will, I hope, be none the less interesting on account of its simplicity.

The problem is then, how to cause these corks to float vertically.

Everybody knows that an ordinary cork, being considerably longer than it is broad, is forced to float, when put in water, upon its long side. How can we make it float upon its head?

Place one of the corks on end on the table; surround it with the other six, all upon end; take these seven corks compactly in one hand and plunge them completely.

Remove your hand and let them take their own position in the water.

The water that has penetrated the corks will cause them to cling together, because their united width is greater than their length.

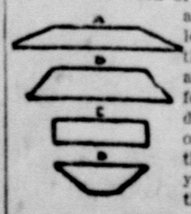
This effect of capillary cohesion amusingly demonstrates that "in union there is strength."

A Game of Flowers and Trees.

A game full of fun, although it is old, is called "Flowers and Trees." As many as are present can play. The first one says, for instance: "My first is a public house, my second is a state to which all must come, my third is a command to depart; my all is a flower." Answer, "In-di-go." Only a minute is given for guessing, and the one who guesses has a turn. A list of flowers and trees can be looked up before playing, unless one is familiar with a good many.

This Deceives the Eye.

You would hardly think so, but the top lines in each of these figures are all of the same length. That is, the lines A, B, C and D. Get a good foot rule, with fine divisions marked on it, and measure them carefully, and you will see that this is true.



Riddles.

Why is the letter F like Paris? Because it is the capital of France.

Why should a horse seldom feel hungry? Because it nearly always has a bit in its mouth.

Why is the letter A like 12 o'clock? Because it is in the middle of day.

Plenty of Them There.

"I took a trip into the country last week and I had an amazing experience at the inn where I spent the first night."

"Why, I had an amazing experience in the country last week, too," the entomologist interrupted. "It rained continuously after I got there and I did so want to go out and hunt some bugs."

"Well, if you had been with me you wouldn't have had to go out."

Uncle Reuben Says.

"I hain't gwine to argy dat integrity don't pay 100 cents on the dollar, but it has allus seemed to me dat some allowance should be made in de case of de cull'ed man who comes home in de evenin' an' finds de stove cold fer de want of fuel. He orter be allowed to keep his integrity an' pay a visit to de nearest woodpile at de same time.—Detroit Free Press.

The Cattle Car.

The Lady—"You say there were some very affectionate passengers in the car you came on. How did they show it?"

Gritty George—"Why, mum, one old cow licked my face all night."

Didn't Spoil His Beauty.

"I say, Miss Pepprey," said young Kallow, proudly fingering the slight down on his upper lip, "what do you think of that? Quite noticeable, isn't it?"

"Yes," replied Miss Pepprey, "but I wouldn't mind it if I were you. I know lots of other girls who were troubled with superfluous hair, but got rid of it."

The Cost.

"It's just an ordinary bolt, you see," said the man. "You ought to be able to duplicate it for twenty-five cents or so."

"Oh, I guess so,' replied the machinist.

"It's for Mr. Puffer's automobile, you know."

"Oh!—er—that bolt will cost you $2.50."

All in the Family.

"I reckon you won't believe it," remarked Farmer Hayrix, "but that old rooster what jist crowed is more'n 20 years old."

"Oh, I believe it all right enough," replied the summer boarder, "and I am also willing to believe that the old hen we had for dinner was his grandmother."

Exchange of Compliments.

Kitty (to Bertha in her new frock)—Why, darling, how becoming your gown is! Absolutely, anyone would think it quite new!

Bertha—So kind of you to say so! And yours, dear, looks every bit as well as it did years ago.—Boston Transcript.

As to His Copy.

"Here, Mr. Young," cried the city editor, "your story of the affair is entirely too biased. We can't afford to report the claims of the principals on one side only."

"But," protested the new reporter, "you told me yourself to write only on one side."

How We Do It.

"Of course, I understand," said the British tourist, "that the winning party at your elections is the one that gets out the most voters."

"Not at all," replied the native; "it's the one that puts in the most votes."—Catholic Standard and Times.

The Happy Poor.

Wiseman—"I thought you said he was very rich. Why, I heard him pitying the poor to-day."

Jenkins—"Well, doesn't a rich man ever pity the poor?"

Wiseman—"Not if he's very rich; then he envies the poor."

Confession.

"Mistah Pinkley," said Miss Miami Brown, "you sings jes like you was a bird."

"'Deed, Miss Miami," was the rejoinder, "if I was a bird I reckon I wouldn't be able to sing. I'd be a chicken hawk."

Its Hereafter.

"You seem to think a good deal of that monkey," said the little girl.

"Yes," replied the organ grinder. "He good monk."

"Do you think he'll go to heaven?"

"No, when ze monk die he go to Newport."

Why He Failed.

"Did you reach the pie counter?" asked the inquisitive friend.

"No," replied the disappointed office-seeker. "My dough gave out."

That's Different.

"The old lady'll give you hell Columbia for betting on a horse race."

"No, she won't. This time I won."

Free Holiday Games
60 different games—one in each package of
Lion Coffee

CATTLEMAN GOES IN BANKRUPTCY

B. Gatewood of Ennis Files a Voluntary Petition in Dallas.

From the Dallas News of Sunday we learn that B. Gatewood, a stockman of Ennis, Ellis county, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the United States district court in that city. In his summary he places his liabilities at $18,[illegible] 76, and his total assets at $128,[illegible]. Of the assets the petition shows $[illegible] in promissory notes and securities and [illegible]ing to $78,976.29 and other personal property aggregating $50,556.53.

He claims exempt property to the value of $250.

The heaviest creditors are Gates, Cooley & Co. of Chicago, $116,[illegible]; City National bank of Corsicana, $[illegible]; J. B. Slaughter of Fort Worth, $4,[illegible]; Mary A. Nance of Colorado, $4,5[illegible]; P. Davis of Throckmorton, $3,420; L. and T. F. Donnell, Eliasville, $3,[illegible]; Maud Gatewood of Ennis, $3,[illegible]; Third National bank of St. Louis, $[illegible]; Ennis National bank, $4,197.90, and National Exchange bank of Dallas, $7,[illegible].

Too Much Talk of Birth.

When the Society of the Cincinnati was formed there was the [illegible] vehement opposition to the principle of founding here an hereditary [illegible]. There is less danger to-day of an aristocracy of birth winning any recendency in this land than there [illegible] when the nation was just live[illegible] away from the English tradition. [illegible] there is to-day in some quarters an unmistakable development of [illegible]bery which lays an absurd emp[illegible] on the circumstance of birth. A[illegible] of worthy ancestors is an excellent thing—if any ancient virtues have been transmitted to the children. [illegible] honored name is an enviable po[illegible]sion—when its living owner [illegible] himself worthily. Membership [illegible] hereditary patriotic order is po[illegible] an advantage—so long as it inspires the member to serve his country [illegible] day in causes no less holy, [illegible] maybe less heroic, than those [illegible] his order commemorates. Other [illegible]vantages than these birth does [illegible] confer.—Philadelphia Ledger.

The Bishop and the Navvy.

A bishop was recently [illegible] a third-class compartment on the [illegible] & N. W. railway, says London [illegible]swers. At one station a navvy got [illegible]. The bishop adjusted his apron [illegible] surveyed the surrounding co[illegible] from the window. After a time [illegible] navvy addressed his lordship: "[illegible]rate, sir?" he asked. The bishop [illegible]tated a second, and then blandly [illegible]plied: "I was once." "Ah," sy[illegible]thetically retorted the navvy, "[illegible] I suppose!"

What He Put On.

Recently the teacher of a city sc[illegible] was asking her class one or two q[illegible]tions. One of them was, "Can [illegible] boy in the class tell me what har[illegible] is?" Not a single boy knew. "W[illegible]" continued the teacher, "is there [illegible] one in the class whose father w[illegible] among horses?" One little boy s[illegible]ed, "Please, teacher, mine do[illegible]." "Well what is that your father [illegible] on the horses every day?" "Pl[illegible] teacher, every cent he's got."

Betty is Willin'.

John (sheepishly)—I s'pose y[illegible] be gettin' married some time? B[illegible] (with a frightened air)—Oh, I [illegible] say I shall some time "I dare [illegible] I'll git married, too." "Oh!" "Pl[illegible] we might both git married at the [illegible] time." "Wouldn't it be awful, [illegible] if the parson should make a mi[illegible] and marry us to each other?" "[illegible] shouldn't mind" "No—neither sh[illegible] I, to tell you the truth, John."—[illegible] Bits.

Delicious Sandwich.

From a Scotch shooting box co[illegible] news of a new sandwich, made [illegible] "thin slices of bread spread [illegible] cream, and between them cru[illegible] raspberries or wild strawberries. [illegible]ries without cream brings out [illegible] flavor of the fruit better. Also sa[illegible]wiches of slices of bread spread w[illegible] cream, and between them rather [illegible]ly grated chocolate."

Bubbles and Things.

The water in a soap bubble one [illegible] in diameter is about one drop. [illegible] financial bubble of $100,000,000 [illegible] contain $99,000,000 water, $750,[illegible] monopoly and $250,000 real value. [illegible] is possible, however, to dispense w[illegible] everything but the first if a little [illegible]surance is mixed with the water.—St. Louis Post Dispatch.

Koreans Are Poor.

In Korea the inhabitants are deci[illegible]ately poor, and wages are lower [illegible] in any part of the world that has [illegible] pretense to civilization.

Sheep Farmer and Author.

Haddon Chambers was a sheep farmer in Australia before trying [illegible] fortunes in London.

Victims of Bright's Disease.

Only sixteen to one hundred victims of Bright's disease are under 45 y[illegible]

JOBBER'S PRICE LIST

ARMOUR & COMPANY,

Fort Worth, Texas, December 11, 1903.

QUOTATIONS SUBJECT TO MARKET CHANGES.

Open Orders Entered at Market Price Day Received.

FRESH MEATS.

	per lb.
Steers, heads on, 75 to 100 lbs, leaf	7
Steers, 150 to 180 lbs, heads off, leaf	7
Cows	10
Cows	9
Bulls	10
Veal	8½
Calves, skin on	8
Calves, skin off	15
Dressed Carcasses	4
Hogs	5
Hogs	2½
Hogs	4½
Sows	3
Barrows, Cleaned	5
Boars	4
Stags	5
Kidneys, each	5
Leaf Lard	9
Fat Backs	8½
Trimmings	9
Tongues, cleaned, tongues out	4½
Tongues, cleaned, tongue in	6

Dressed Beef.

Steers	6 to 7
Heifers	4 to 5½

Quarters ½c over carcasses.
Quarters ½c under carcasses.

Livers, each	20
Livers, per pound	2
Tongues, per pound	10
Kidneys, per set	8
Hearts, per doz	30
Tongues, per pound	20
Tripe, uncooked, per pound	2½
Tripe, per pound	8
Udders, each	15

Mutton and Veal.

	per lb
Mutton Sheep	8½
Spring Lambs	10
Veal, skin on	6½

Sausage.

	per lb
Pork, link	8½
Pork, large, round or straight	6
Bologna	8½
Frankfurts	7
Liver sausage	7
Blood sausage	7
Head cheese	9½
Bologna	11½
Genoa Salami Sausage	10½
Boiled Ham	18

PROVISIONS.

Smoked Meats.

Canvassed—Sugar Cured—Sacked.	per lb
Helmet Hams, 12-lb average	13
Helmet Hams, 14-lb average	13
Helmet Hams, 16-lb average	12
Helmet Hams, 18 to 20-lb average	12
Helmet Skinned or Block Hams	13
Armour Picnic or California Hams	7
Shoulders N. Y. Cut	9
Helmet Breakfast Bacon, 8 to 10 av., wide	15
Helmet Break'fast Bacon, 10 to 12 av., wide	15
Helmet Break'fast Bacon, narrow	15
Banquet Br'kfast Bacon, 12 to 14 av., wide	16
Banquet Br'kfast Bacon, 8 to 7 av., narrow	
Dried Beef Hams, sets	12
Dried Beef Insides	14
Dried Beef Knuckles	13
Dried Beef Outsides	11

Armour's Special Cure.

Star Hams, 10 to 12 average	14
Star Hams, 14-lb average	14
Star Hams, 16-lb average	14
Star Hams, Skinned for slicing	15
Star Breakfast Bacon	20
Star Dried Beef	18
Star Smoked Beef Tongues	17
Melrose Breakfast Bacon, fancy wrapped	18
Climax Breakfast Bacon, English cure	15

Smoked Meats.

Dry Salt Cured—Sacked.	per lb
Bacon, Extra Short Clears	8½
Bacon, Short Clears	8½
Bacon, Clear Bellies, 18 to 20 average	10
English Bacon Bellies, square cut	none
Bacon Shoulders	8½
Bacon Fat Backs	none
Bacon Loin Backs	none
Bacon Plates	8

Dry Salt Meats.

Sacked	per lb
Dry Salt, Extra Short Clears	7½
Dry Salt, Short Clears	7½
Dry Salt, Clear Bellies, 18 to 20 avg	9½
Dry Salt, Clear Bellies, 20 to 25 avg	9½
Dry Salt, English Bellies, square cut	none
Dry Salt Shoulders	7½
Dry Salt Fat Backs	none
Dry Salt Loin Backs	none
Dry Salt Plates	12

LARD.

Packages averaging about 340 pounds.

Armour's Pure Leaf Lard	7½
Armour's Lard Compound	6½

Advances for smaller packages as follows: (In tin pails.)

5-pound pails, 12 to case	⅛c over tierce
10-pound pails, 6 to case	⅛c over tierce
20-pound pails, 4 to case	⅛c over tierce
50-pound-pails, 1 or 2 to case	⅛c over tierce
Tubs, 20 to case	⅛c over tierce

...TMENTS AT FORT WORTH.

...from Chicago of Intentions as to a Canning Plant.

...larping on my daughter." The ...ers, which a few days ago stated ...ly & Co. would at once build a ...lant at Fort Worth, prints the ...g from its Chicago correspon-

...en Armour, president of Armour ...today confirmed the statement ...in the News some weeks ago from ...orth, that the company would ...canning department to its plant ...ety. Mr. Armour said: "The ...ns been passed on and the plant ...uilt, but I can not say as to the ...e work will be commenced. We ...ed at the results at Fort Worth ...that we want more hogs. We are ...ting as many as we thought we ...eceive."

...r Sleeker, who is in the same of-...h Mr. Armour at the stock yards ...o is one of the directors and most ...members of the company, said: ...f killing department of the Fort ...plant has been all that we could ...We are shiping beef from that ...Buffalo, Washington, Cleveland, ...g, Philadelphia and other large ...t we see the necessity of having ...gs each day. The stock yards ...y is arranging to spend about ...more in extensions and improve-...the horse and mule barns de-...t. We expect to see this part of ...Worth proposition improve very ...and grow extensively."

...pocket-book, a bottle of nice per-...a 1-pound box of candy, or any ...sand nice things I have suitable ...member of the family for a ...as gift

J. W. MOORE'S Drug Store, Fort Worth.

...LL CAN WILD RABBITS.

...a, (Wash.) advices say that last ...C. Willis, a crippled railway ...Echo, Ore., suggested that a can-...built with the object of convert-...table delicacies the thousands of ...which inhabit the sagebrush ...Eastern Oregon. As he stood ...platform of the little station he ...thousands of rabbits running ...tracks, flitting in and out ...the sagebrush. People laughed

...set about getting capital, and ...carried his plan through. Secur-...he formed a stock company, ...manager of a big canning es-...ment thoroughly fitted with mod-...chinery. Orders for many tons of deviled, canned and spiced rabits are filed, and machinery was started last week.

Willis expects to make a specialty of jack rabits for use on ocean steamships, dining cars, high class restaurants and dining tables of European and American epicures. Canned products will sell for 20 to 30 cents per pound.

Willis' neighbors and residents for many miles around now regard him as a genius. Land owners are preparing to raise special brands of rabbits, while thousands can be rounded up on every quarter section.

THE SHORTHORN BREEDERS.

Association Cuts in Half State Appropriations, Except for Texas.

Mr. J. F. Hovenkamp got back from Chicago last night, where he attended the International Fat Stock Show and the annual meeting of the American Shorthorn Breeders' association. At this meeting is was decided, on account of the heavy expense of the World's Fair at St. Louis, to cut in half the appropriations for special premiums for all fairs, except in the case of Texas. This exception was made for the Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth, for which the Shorthorn association offers its usual liberal premiums. Texas was so favored because of our cattle being excluded from competition at the World's Fair. The association has appropriated $10,000 for use in a dairy test of Shorthorn cows.

Photos at all prices from $1.00 per doz. up, at Leffler's, corner 5th and Houston.

OWNERS MUST TAKE RISK.

If Housemaids Break Dishes They Cannot Be Made to Pay for Them.

Housekeepers generally will be interested in a decision recently made in an English court. A waitress broke a very expensive plate worth about $75, and an attempt was made by the employer to withhold wages for the breakage. The maid brought suit to get her money, and the mistress in defense claimed that by the terms of engagement the maid was responsible for breakage. This contract was ruled out by the court as manifestly unjust. The mistress insisted upon using these costly plates and forced the maid to handle them in the course of her duties. This handling, provided reasonable care was used, must be at the employer's risk; certainly full value could not be claimed. It was suggested in this trial that a fair per cent of the loss, perhaps 10 per cent, might fall on the employes.

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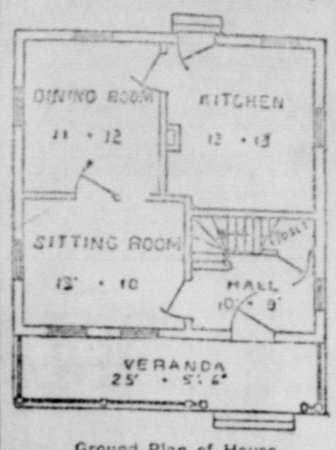
HOUSE TO COST $600

SIX ROOMS AND A HALL IN THE STRUCTURE.

For a Small Family Such a Building is the Most Practical That Could Be Devised—The Costs in Detail.

O. P.—Will you kindly publish plans of a small dwelling house containing six rooms and a hall. I shall build the house myself and would like to have the job completed for about six hundred dollars outlay.

Ans.—While there are many styles

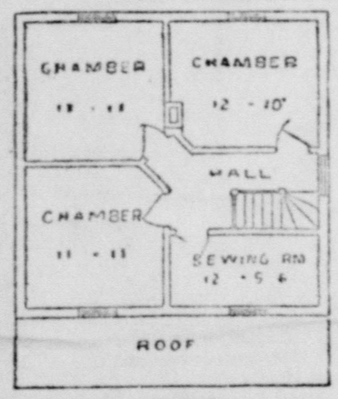


Ground Plan of House.

of house that might be suggested, the accompanying plans of ground and upper floor are probably as convenient as any that could be suggested. This house is 24 feet by 25 feet, and 19 feet high to the roof, and it had no cellar. This, of course, could be added, if desired, at a small increase of cost. It would be well to construct a veranda along the front, and this should be not less than five feet wide. The front hall allows ample room for a hat rack, and a clothes closet may be built beneath the stairs. Should a cellar be required the closet could be doneaway with, making room for the cellar stairs. It would be well to have sliding doors between the dining room and sitting room. The kitchen, it will be noticed, is the largest room on the lower floor, and can be used for a dining room in the winter season if desired. The height of the ceiling down stairs is nine feet, and of the upstairs eight and one-half feet.

The upper story is divided into three good-sized chambers, each opening into the hall. There is also a small front room, which may be used as a sewing room or study as desired. The cost of such a house as is suggested depends much upon the interior finish. The following bill of material is based on current prices:

Cedar posts	$ 7.00
Dimension lumber, 4,876 ft	78.00
Inch lumber, 2,500 ft., at $14	35.00
Roof boards, 1,000 ft. at $12	12.00
Shingles, 9-12 thousand at $1.75	16.62
Flooring, 1 1-4 inch, 1,325 ft	33.12
Cornices	22.70
Chimney	18.00
Lath and plastering, 465 yds	92.80
Interior trimmings	32.70
Clapboards, 2,000 at $22	44.00



Upper Floor Plan.

Doors and windows	59.50
Outside steps	6.00
Painting	60.00
Hardware, nails and building paper	26.50
Incidentals	56.95
Total	$600.00

Feed Roots After Milking.

A hint to dairymen who feed roots to their cows, as many do at this season and later, is afforded by a reader of Jersey Bulletin: "It is best not to feed your cows too many beets, mangels, rutabagas and potatoes, as they give the butter a bitter flavor. At this time of year the garden furnishes a lot of extra roots good for feeding cows, while the farm supplies rejected small potatoes, apples, and sometimes immature cabbage heads and rejected leaves, all of which is excellent cow food. But it must be fed with proper caution, which is always after feeding the regular ration and the milking finished, and in small lots at a time.

While it is true that a change of feed, rich or poor, does not affect the relative quantity of butter fat in the milk, all strongly flavored foods do add a decided flavor to the milk that no subsequent manipulation of the milk can entirely eradicate. When the above articles are fed in too great abundance, no amount of cooling, pasteurization or other system of doctoring can hide or remove these flavors except by allowing the butter to become rank enough to smother them. And that is getting out of the frying pan into the fire."

Restful Simplicity.

A new house which has just been erected in a Western city is an example of modern simplicity in the way of decoration. Beauty of colors in carpets and wall paper has been sought, and beauty of line in furniture, but there is very little of what we call bric-a-brac, and in some of the rooms there are no pictures but plaster casts above the mantels and in the larger wall spaces. It is a relief to go into uncluttered rooms and have a chance to think or read without the distinction of pictures and chinaware.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION.

The State of Texas, in the District Court, Tarrant county, Texas, February term, A. D. 1904. To the sheriff or any constable of Tarrant county, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded, that, by making publication of this citation in some newspaper published in the county of Tarrant four weeks previous to the return day hereof, you summon J. H. Duncan, whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the district court, to be holden in and for the county of Tarrant, at the court house thereof, in the City of Fort Worth, on the second Monday in February, A. D. 1904, the same being the 8th day of said month, then and there to answer the petition of J. N. Brooker as plaintiff, filed in said court on the 20th day of September, A. D. 1903, against J. H. Duncan as defendant; said suit being numbered 22712, the nature of which demand is as follows, to-wit:

Plaintiff alleges that defendant is justly indebted to him in the sum of nine hundred dollars as the principal of said debt, together with interest thereon at the rate of 8 per cent per annum from the 31st day of May, 1901; and also eight (8) per cent interest on all matured installments of interest, from the date of maturity until the present time, and in addition thereto ten (10) per cent of the amount of principal and interest due, as attorneys fees. That heretofore, to-wit: on the 31st day of May, 1901, said defendant, J. H. Duncan, made, executed and delivered to Charles W. Knapp, trustee, his nine (9) certain promissory notes in the sum of one hundred dollars ($100) each, whereby he promised to pay to said Charles W. Knapp, trustee, or order, said several sums of $100 as follows: $100 18 month after date, $100 21 months after date, $100 24 months after date, $100 27 months after date, $100 30 months after date, $100 33 months after date, $100 36 months after date, $100 39 months after date, and $100 42 months after date, together with interest on said several sums of money at the rate of 8 per cent per annum from date of said notes. Plaintiff alleges that said several notes were given by defendant in part payment of the purchase money for the following described real estate: "Lots Nos. 7 and 8, on College avenue, in Jake Johnson's addition to said city of Fort Worth, Tarrant county, Texas; to secure which a vendor's lien was retained on said lots. Premises considered, plaintiff prays for judgment against defendant for said debt, interest, and attorney's fees, for a foreclosure of the vendors lien on said above named described property for all costs of suit and general relief.

Herein fail not, but have you then and there before said court this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, Jno. A. Martin, Clerk of the District Court of Tarrant County.

Given under my hand and seal of said court in Fort Worth, this 25th day (L.S.) of November, A. D. 1903.

JNO. A. MARTIN,
Clerk District Court, Tarrant County, Texas.
By E. J. Brock, Jr., Deputy.

Fugacious Time.

There is a sort of revival of "Uncle Chet" Thomas stories. The Topeka Capital tells this one: One day "Uncle Chet" drove out to South Topeka to sell a man a horse. The man was no judge of horseflesh, and he knew it. So, after looking the animal over, he told "Uncle Chet" to come out again in about ten days. "A friend of mine who knows a horse when he sees it will be here then," he said, "and I'll see what he thinks." And, by the way," he added, "how old did you say the horse was?" "Seven years old comin' February," said "Uncle Chet," as he gathered up the reins and drove away. In about ten days "Uncle Chet" drove out to South Topeka again. The prospective purchaser's friend was there, and after looking the horse in the mouth, asked his age. "Twelve years old this spring," repiled Uncle Chet," smiling blandly. "But," broke in the man who wanted to buy the horse, "you told me not ten days ago that he was only seven. "So I did," squeaked "Uncle Chet," "so I did. Heavens, how time does fly!"—Kansas City Star.

Use for Their Horns.

The wife of District Attorney Jerome and her little daughter were standing at a window of their country house looking out over a meadow where there were cows.

"I want to go out there," said the child.

"But you musn't," said her mother.

"Why?"

"What do you suppose those cows would do with their horns now if you went out there?" queried the mother.

The child thought awhile, and then answered:

"Maybe they would blow them as you say papa blows his."—New York Times.

The North Pole in Danger.

The North Pole will be approached, during the coming open season, by the scientific adventurers of five nations. Baron Tolls' expedition is refitting at the mouth of the Lena river in Siberia. The Norwegian party under Captain Amundson, which will also attempt to locate the magnetic pole, will sail from Christiania. A Danish expedition now studying Greenland will attempt to reach the pole in May. The American venture, financed by Zeigler, under Fala instead of Baldwin, is the best equipped, both in outfit and experience. The French party sent for scientific research by Dr. Charcot will also make strenuous efforts to indicate the "farthest north by the tricolor."

Passing of Cattle Kings.

The cattle king of the Western plains is passing away forever. A few years ago there were nearly 100 millionaires, exclusive cattlemen in the southwest, now there are but thirty.

He Was Satisfied.

"Life," said the parson, "is made up of trials."

"Yes, and I'm glad of it," replied the lawyer.

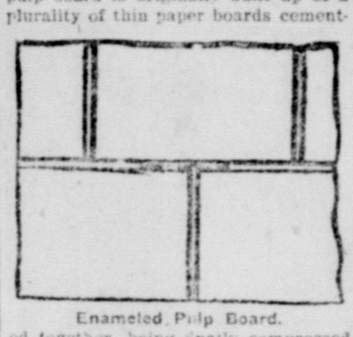
NOTES ON SCIENCE

NEW AND VALUABLE IDEAS AND DISCOVERIES.

Imitation Tiling That Is Both Cheap and Durable—Adjustable Wrench Has Sliding Jaw Feature—Remarkable Pipe Line.

In Imitation of Tiling.

No prettier effect can be had in the finishing of bath rooms, fireplaces, etc., than that of tiling, as even the ancients seem to have discovered in building baths. Up to the present time, however, tiling has been somewhat of a rich man's luxury, as it is not cheap enough to be used promiscuously in an ordinary dwelling house, where wainscoting is made to take its place very largely. With the introduction of a new material, however, the wainscoting will be replaced by something which can hardly be told from the high-priced tiling now in use in fine residences. This imitation tiling consists of an enameled pulp board made up of a composition which takes an enamel finish of any desired color, and can be stamped and rolled into slabs of any desired size, with the grooves depressed at frequent intervals to imitate tiles of various sizes and shape. In these grooves a filling of plaster-like material is inserted, the enameled surface of the pulp board being perforated in the grooves to enable the plaster to penetrate the enamel and adhere to the underlying pulp. The board is not only cheaper to manufacture than the small tiles, but is much more convenient to handle. The enameled finish makes it impervious to water, and it can also be made fireproof by special treatment with chemicals which is a necessity when the imitation tiling is to be used in connection with the fireplace. The pulp board is originally built up of a plurality of thin paper boards cement-



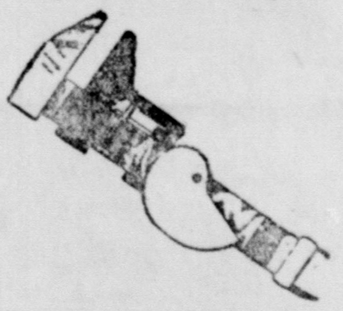
Enameled Pulp Board.

ed together, being finally compressed and enameled on one surface, while the back is provided with staples by which the boards can be fastened in position.

The inventor is William N. Cornell of Starlake, N. Y.

New Adjustable Wrench.

With a large share of the machinery which is used in our manufacturing industries the builders furnish special wrenches, which will only fit nuts of a certain size and are intended to be used in connection with the one machine. These, of course, need no adjusting to fit the nut, and, being ready for instant use, are a great convenience and save time for the machinist. But there are many instances in the everyday work of the machinist, and some other classes of labor, also, where a wrench which can be rapidly set to any necessary size will prove a great advantage to the man who is handling it. The usual form of wrench requires the turning of a thumb-wheel several revolutions to vary the distance between the jaws even a quarter of an inch, and there can be no movement of the jaw without turning this screw. Here is a wrench which has the movable jaw perfectly free to slide from closure to its widest opening, only coming to a stop wherever the cam block is set. This cam block rests in the center of the slotted handle, and is so pivoted that its edge is eccentric to the pin on which it revolves. Whether the block is tilted to stop the jaw close to the fixed head or to allow it to slide freely the whole length of the opening, the cam block engages the rear of the jaw in such a manner as to afford a strong support for a movable jaw. It requires no rotation of adjusting screws, but only a simple turn of the block and a sliding movement of the loose jaw to set the wrench, which



probably has quite as much expansion as the majority of light wrenches in common use.

Elisha F. Hirst of Richmond, Ind., is the inventor.

Spontaneous Combustion.

A writer in Cassier's Magazine gives some interesting statements in regard to fires from spontaneous combustion, showing how the combination of two or three substances under the right conditions will start a fire without human aid. Thus, damp lampblack will ignite in the rays of the sun, and the same can be said of cotton waste moist with lard or other animal oil. New printer's ink on paper, when in contact with a hot steam pipe, will ignite quickly. Iron chips, filings or turnings should not be kept in wooden boxes, and the oily waste which is not infrequently thrown among them adds greatly to danger of fire from this source.

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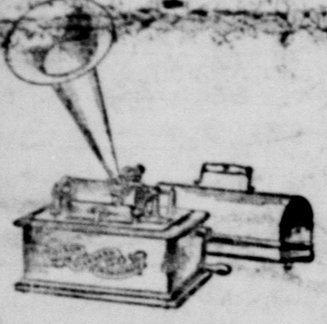

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BENBROOK.

Dec. 10.—Miss Maud Robinson and Miss Rella Acuff spent Saturday and Sunday at Bear Creek, returning here to school Monday.

We understand that Mr. Z. Boaz has sold his store and dwelling here to Mr. W. Bradberry. Mr. Boaz has been in business here several years, and many of his friends regret this step, but wish him good luck in any new undertaking.

On Saturday night week, there will be a box supper at the Mary's Creek school house for the benefit of the M. E. church at that place. Girls, bring a full box for two, and help out a good cause.

Mr. J. M. Benbrook is on the sick list this week.

Dr. Gracy has made quite an improvement in his home, which adds greatly to the looks of Benbrook.

Mr. Will Carpenter is certainly a neat hog killer; no meat could be put up in nicer shape than he puts it up in.

Miss Mammie Morrow is visiting in Dallas.

There have been several parties since our last writing; one at Mr. and Mrs. Paine's, at Mr. and Mrs. J. Mager's, Mr. and Mrs. Ex Boaz'. The young folks have a pleasant time, especially during the winter season.

Sunday, Dec. 13, Bro. Huckaby will not fill his regular appointment.

Miss Mollie Childers is expected home for a few days, from Mansfield, this week.

Mrs. G. H. Brown is entertaining Miss Mary Cobb, a cousin from Alvord, Tex.

School is progressing finely, and a few new scholars enrolled every week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Childers are entertaining a cousin, Mr. Young from Itasca.

Don't forget the box supper at Mary's Creek school house, Dec. 19, at night.

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AZLE.

Dec. 9.—Health of the community is not so good at this writing. There are several sick from the results of being out in the cold weather.

After a months' stay at Azle, one of our highly honored guests, Mr. Wammack, left this morning for Lampasas. All will miss him.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Harley Varney, a boy, of whom they are very proud.

All are glad that Bro. Shrader will be with us the coming year, as he was not moved.

Several young people from Elm Grove visited us last Sunday. We appreciate your presence. Come again.

Miss Grace Anderson, who has been visiting in the Territory, returned home last Thursday.

Miss Bertie Snodgrass, who has been visiting Mrs. Grigsby, has returned to her home in Fort Worth.

Messrs. Ben Rowland and Claude Hall of Fort Worth visited us Sunday.

The first load of lumber for the new store, owned by Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Winters, was hauled yesterday evening.

A literary society of the school was organized Friday evening. Mr. Arthur Giddon is president, and Miss Gladys Walker, secretary.

Bro. Bailard will begin a series of meetings at the M. E. church of this place next Saturday night.

There was a party given at Mrs. R. H. Rogers' Tuesday night, in honor of her son, Tom, from Krum.

Everybody is wearing smiles because the [illegible] holidays are [illegible] they can spell an ax.

W. B.

ALEDO.

Dec. 10.—Mrs. Fain and daughter spent Monday in Fort Worth.

Mesdames Severance and Overnite went to Weatherford Monday.

Dr. Lacey has returned from Ellis county.

Rae Moffett is rapidly putting the South Aledo road in good condition.

J. D. Bevlin is having some painting done.

Teams have been busy several days this week hauling stone and sand for the foundation of the Christian church.

The gin is still running several days of each week, though most of the cotton has been gathered.

J. J. Sears is having an addition built to his lumber yard.

Mr. Nix has moved into his new house.

Mr. Slocum of Cresson received a fine shipment of feeders here this week. Other feeders have about gotten their quota and are busy hauling feed.

The teachers are preparing a short but interesting program for the closing of the school for the holidays.

A Christmas tree will be prepared at the Baptist church. Committees from the various Sunday schools have been appointed to carry out the plans for the pleasure of the little people.

A. W. C. T. U. lecturer will will be here next Thursday and lecture at night.

Mrs. Mollie Underwood of this place, and Mr. White of Weatherford were married Monday evening. Rev. Mr. Huckaby officiated.

Rev. G. E. Boone of Weatherford will preach at the Methodist church next Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. R. C. Armstrong, representing Polytechnic college, preached at the Methodist church last Sunday.

SMITHFIELD.

We took the Cotton Belt train Monday morning for this place and arrived here about 11:15 a.m. We went to the post-office to learn a few items of interest, found the assistant postmaster, Mr. Crane, a very obliging gentleman. Smithfield has one large general merchandise store owned by Mr. Hightower. It has one gin which has ginned 575 bales. Mr. King, who owns the gin, is preparing to put in new up-to-date machinery, consisting of three eighty-saw gins of the latest improvements, for next season. The town has bought about seven hundred bales of cotton. We worked in and around the city that day and shared the hospitality of our old friend W. C. Meacham and his good lady. Next day we traveled to the north about fifteen miles, and came back to Smithfield and spent the night with Brother J. M. Scott and family. Brother Scott knows how to entertain and make a fellow feel at home. No one can help fall in love with this good family. Next day we worked our way via Branford to Bedford. At Bedford we found our old friends James and Ed Aiken, and stopped with them that night. The boys are well fixed. We had a jolly time that night playing dominoes. Next day we concluded to canvass the country from Bedford to Euless. We ran upon A. N. Cannon down there. He is the Austin dewberry champion of Tarrant county. He has a very fine nursery of fruit and shrubbery. We worked our way that evening back to Bedford and spent the night again with the Aiken boys. Next day we worked our way south of Smithfield, stopped in a few minutes and chatted with our old friend Prof. H. L. Graham, who is teaching the Florence school. The next night found us at Mr. J. N. Stevens'. Mrs. Stevens can entertain a whole house full at once. The next day (Saturday) we thought it best to go direct to the city of Fort Worth. There we met the boys from Benbrook, Burleson, Saginaw, Smithfield, Bedford, Keller, Arlington, and everywhere else.

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GLENWOOD.

Dec. 8.—Mrs. Wm. Harris and children visited friends on Stella Street Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Taylor visited relatives in Weatherford during the past week.

Henry Keeton and Miss Josephine Cosby were married at the Baptist church Thursday last, Rev. Mr. Morgan officiating.

The patrons of the Traction company are rejoicing at the prospects of better service which will soon be given them on the Polytechnic line.

Owing to the large attendance of the high school, the trustees have put on another teacher, making four in all.

Mr. DeWitt's little son was reported dying Friday from the effects of drinking coal oil, but the timely restoratives of the doctor placed him in readiness for another testing of his ability to swallow things.

The service Sunday at the Methodist church was largely attended, and the pastor urgently requests the attendance of every member at the service Sunday night next, if possible, as a special service will be rendered on that occasion.

Cards have been received by the many friends of John Burton Beatly, brother to Mrs. Phelps of this city, to his marriage in Roswell, N. M., on the 23rd inst. to Miss Fannie Bennett of that city.

Mr. S. C. Vanters is building a three roomed house at the foot of Stella St.

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Mr. Hoffman told of his success in hog raising. He has a ranch of 18 sections near Canyon City, in Randall county. This is in the extreme west of the Panhandle, where cattle and not hogs have had the run. On this ranch Mr. Hoffman has 175 acres of alfalfa, which in a large measure accounts for his success. He has cut this alfalfa four times this year, getting a ton to an acre at each cutting, or four tons to the acre. His hogs had the benefit of this fine grazing, and he fed them on milo maize and rye, ground together. He raises on his ranch kaffir corn, milo maize, rye, wheat and oats.

Mr. Hoffman told a representative of this paper that he started about three years ago with 4 brood sows. He has sold 200 hogs this year and has 200 stock hogs on hand. He figures that the raising of these hogs cost him next to nothing, his profit was so large.

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FOR A FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

Important Work at the Meeting in Fort Worth Next Week.

Farmers and live stock men in Tarrant county are showing a good deal of interest in the meeting that is to be held in Fort Worth next Tuesday and Wednesday, to organize a Farmers' Institute. R. L. Bennett of the State A. & M. College, who has special charge of Farmers' Institute work, will be on hand and give the farmers the benefit of his experience. Sam H. Dixon, chief of the department of horticulture of the Texas World's Fair commission, will attend, and agriculturists of ability and experience from other parts of the state are expected.

The program as outlined is as follows:

Morning session, Tuesday, December 15—Address by Oswald Wilson on "Organization Among Farmers"; address by H. E. Hillyer of Bowie on "Selection and Improvement of Seed."

Tuesday afternoon—Address by Marion Sansom of Fort Worth; address by Professor John A. Craig of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, on "Qualities in Beef Cattle from the Market and Breeding Standpoint"; W. J. Durrett of West, address on "Mutton as a Side Crop for Cotton Growers"; W. J. Cody, state commissioner of agriculture, address on "Agriculture in Public Schools."

The program for the second day will embrace these features: E. W. Kirkpatrick of McKinney, "Varieties of Fruits for Commercial Orcharding"; Professor E. Dwight Sanderson, state entomologist, address on "The Chief Fruit Insect Pest of the State and Its Treatment"; J. S. Kerr of Sherman, "Commercial Fruit Growing Around Fort Worth"; R. P. Smith of Sherman, "Alfalfa as an Ideal Hay Plant for Texas"; [illegible] of Lakeshaven, "Oriental Agriculture"; Professor T. V. Munson of Denison, "System and Order on the Farm"; R. L. Bennett, director farmers' institute, "Growing Early Cotton"; W. C. Forbess of Fort Worth, "The Interurban Railway as a Help to the Farmer."

Messrs. W. C. Forbess, general passenger agent of the interurban road, and Oswald Wilson, statistician of the department of agriculture, are doing a commendable work in promoting this movement. Organization among farmers along the lines of institute work counts for much in the way of progress and the bettering of agricultural methods. The Citizen would like to have every farmer and stockraiser in the county take a day or two days, and attend this meeting. It will pay them.

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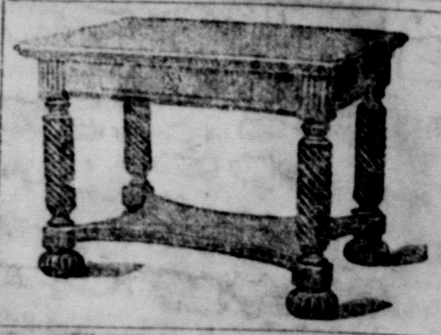

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