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Fort Worth Market.

Receipts of Cattle Today 1,700---Hogs 450.

STEERS SLOW TO LOWER

Thin Cows Easier to Lower---Good Stuff Slow.

HOGS STRONG TO 5 HIGHER

Closing was Higher Than the Opening Market.

Receipts Today.

Cattle	1,700
Hogs	450

Official Receipts Yesterday.

Cattle	4,331
Hogs	209
Horses	346

Range of Market.

CATTLE—Steers, top $3.55, bulk $2.50@3.50. Cows, top $2.15, bulk $1.65@2.00. Calves, top $4, bulk $2.50@3.25.
HOGS—Top $4.70, bulk $4.60@4.65.

THE CATTLE TRADE

Today's Quotations.

Steers—Choice fed	$3 50@3 75
Medium fed	3 00@3 50
Feeders	2 00@3 00
Yearlings	1 25@2 00
Cows—Choice heavy fed	2 15@2 50
Medium butcher	1 90@2 15
Light thin	1 75@1 90
Canners	1 00@1 75
Bulls, stags and oxen	1 50@3 00
Calves—Good to fancy veals	3 00@4 00
Common to fair	1 50@3 00

Receipts of cattle, while not as large as a week ago, were fully enough to supply the demand. Twenty-eight cars came in at the opening, 1,063 head, with enough reported to make an estimate for the day, 1,700 against 2,152 last Wednesday, and 1,956 for the corresponding Wednesday last month.

BEEF STEERS.

The market was well supplied with fed steers, the greater part of which were well finished.

The market in a general way was slow and steady with yesterday's decline. The worst cases were no more than 10c lower than the opening.

In spite of the run of steers being the largest for some time, local packers seemed to have room for the supply, and clearance was effected at a seasonable hour.

Choice fed are quoted from $3.50@3.70, good medium fed from $3.00@3.50, feeders $2.00@3.00, and yearlings $1.25@2.00.

Representative sales:

	Ave.	Price.
	1093	3 55
	1062	3 50
	1141	3 45
	1080	3 45
	963	3 10
	1075	3 10
	794	3 00
	913	2 90
	720	2 00

BUTCHER STOCK.

In butcher grades the trade was very dull, especially on the light thin kind, which some salesmen were quoting the week at a shade easier from yesterday, and 15c lower for the week.

For the good fleshy cows and heifers, the trading was slow there was no change in quotations from yesterday.

There was a fairly active demand for bulls and all offerings sold freely at prices. One choice heavy fat bull, the best that has been on the market for sale, sold today at $2.35, with the bulk of sales from $1.75@2.00.

The heavy fed cows are quoted from $2.50, with medium from $1.90@2.00, light thin $1.75@1.90, and canners $1@1.75.

The bulls, stags and oxen are quoted from $1@3.00.

Cows.

	960	2 75
	890	2 25
	830	2 25
	809	2 15
	793	2 15
	799	2 15
	723	2 15
	820	2 05
	784	2 05
	815	2 05
	1100	2 00
	748	2 00
	820	2 00
	687	2 00
48	782	1 95
61	768	1 95
1	860	1 95
19	833	1 90
61	692	1 85
1	850	1 85
28	721	1 80
30	720	1 75
31	647	1 75
28	806	1 75
29	786	1 75
59	719	1 70
21	743	1 65
32	626	1 45
26	653	1 30
19	539	1 20
Heifers.		
1	500	2 90
2	955	2 25
4	677	2 15
17	635	2 00
Bulls.		
1	1960	2 35
2	705	1 50
1 stag	580	1 50

CALVES.

Calves were plentiful, of the medium kind, on which trading was steady with yesterday.

Good to choice vealers are quoted from $3.00@4.00, with common to fair kinds from $2.00@3.00.

1	200	4 00
2	165	3 75
13	146	3 25
53	173	3 25
45	185	3 00
6	118	3 00
81	217	2 75
1	200	2 50
30	248	2 50
20	286	2 25
1	150	2 00
14	175	1 50

THE HOG TRADE

Today's Quotations.

Choice sorted	$4 50@4 70
Mixed packers	4 40@4 60
Light	4 40@4 55
Choice pigs	4 50@5 50
Stags and roughs	3 00@4 00

The supply of hogs today consisted of four loads, and while the run was light, it was some better than yesterday. Total receipts for the day were 450 head, against 490 for last Wednesday, and 810 for the corresponding Wednesday last month.

The quality of offerings was fairly good, although a large percentage was composed of pigs and lights, some of which were common.

The market opened slow with buyers endeavoring to force a decline, but salesmen held on, as it was plainly to be seen the packers needed hogs, and the first to go to the scales were from steady to strong compared with yesterday.

The market continued to improve, and closing sales were quoted 5 higher than the opening.

There was a good demand for pigs, and one straight load of medium quality averaging 124 pounds sold at $4.60. The top price paid was $4.70 for those averaging 260 pounds, with the bulk of sales from $4.60@4.65.

Choice sorted are quoted from $4.50@4.70, mixed packers $4.40@4.60, light grades $4.40@4.55, choice pigs $4.50@5.50, and boars, stags and roughs from $3.00@4.00.

Representative sales:

Territory Hogs.

No.	Shrink.	Average.	Price.
8		176	4 60
108		124	4 60
6		151	4 65
89		207	4 65
69		260	4 70
Texas Hogs.			
6		135	4 60
44		181	4 60
19		184	4 60
17		278	4 62½
52		177	4 65
Wagon Hogs.			
3		293	4 50
1		310	4 50
2		275	4 55
4		125	4 65
7		150	4 65
Pigs.			
4		120	4 60
6		117	4 60

RECEIPTS AT THE YARDS TODAY.

Cattle.

Nelson Morris, Midland	129
J. W. Stewart, Midland	28
C. C. Johnson, Midland	127
H. W. Clark, Midland	181
Crowley & Lynns, Odessa	158
W. V. Graves, Odessa	90
J. W. Loving, Cisco	30
D. C. Brant, Jacksboro	72
J. D. M. Martin, Graham	31
C. & R. Stillman, Alice	108
N. W. Taylor, Sulphur Springs	47
Gordon Bros., Sulphur Springs	26
O. E. McBath, Brookston	36
W. J. Burden, Corsicana	30
Baldridge Bros. Waxahachie	84
F. A. Rollston, Brady	91
W. H. Montgomery, Comanche	108
Martin Bros. Dublin	36
A. G. Hamilton, Rogers	23
W. S. Cook, Terrell	37
L. B. Hamm, Wills Point	31
E. Mayfield, Stamford	55
G. H. Payne, Stamford	29
J. B. Stubbs, Wortham	35
A. Fuchs, Paiges	25

Late receipts yesterday.

Jim Slater, San Angelo	147
W. C. Huey, San Angelo	63
W. Noelke, San Angelo	29
S. Coulter & Co., San Angelo	31
J. H. Patterson, San Angelo	177
H. A. Gatlin, San Angelo	31
Noelke & Co., San Angelo	87
R. S. Carruthers, San Angelo	93
J. J. Boyce, Burnett	39
W. J. Rowley, Coleman	30
Lee Wilson, San Angelo	30
J. V. Linam, San Angelo	29
Fish Cattle Co., Big Springs	297
Hogs.	
Williams & B., Glencoe, O. T.	211
Donohue Bros., Mulhall, O. T.	69
A. G. Hamilton, Rogers	69
J. Anglin, Groesbeck	80
Horses.	
O. E. McBath, Brookston	26
J. T. Brown, Corsicana	25
N. R. Pannell, Pettus	24
W. W. Wright, Cameron	24
B. & M., Lockhart	28
W. Mathews, Coleman	25

BUYERS ON YESTERDAY'S MARKET

Cattle.

Armour & Co.	951
Swift & Co.	934
Koogler	22
C. & R.	27
Jno. Farmer	12
Thomas	4
Hodgkins	20
C. Miller	4
Burns	51
Doran	33
Hill	27
D. & L.	43
Woodall	53
Tucker	9
All others	6
Calves.	
Swift & Co.	99
Armour & Co.	52
Hogs.	
Armour & Co.	132
Houston Pkg. Co.	77

HORSES AND MULES

Horses.

Drafts, good	$140@150
Chunks, good	75@130
Drivers, good to fancy	75 up
Drivers, medium	55@ 75
Southerners, common to fair	35@ 50
Southerners, good to extra	75@100
Plugs	15@ 20
Rangers, plain	10@ 30
Choice range horses	50@ 75
Mules.	
13½ to 14 hands, fat	$ 40@ 50
14 to 14½ hands, fat	65@ 75
14½ to 15 hands, fat	80@110
15 to 15½ hands, fat	115@130
15½ to 16 hands, fat with quality	135@150
15 to 16½ hands, extra, 1,200 to 1,500	155@165

Interesting to Maidens.

Mrs. Straytlace—I am certainly surprised to hear you girls discussing "students" in that unmaidenly fashion, and on Sunday, too. May Breezy—Oh, but they're theological students, you know.—Philadelphia Press.

Hair Used for Wigs.

Most of the black hair used in wigs and "switches" comes from the Italian and Spanish convents, and most of the blonde hair from the heads of Swedish, Danish, Russian and German peasant girls.

Religions of the Earth.

Of every 1,000 inhabitants of the globe 346 are Christians, seven Jews, 114 Mohammedans, and 533 heathens. The Christian religion is spreading more quickly than any other.

Building a Great Tunnel.

The tunnel through Khingan pass, Manchuria, will not be completed for another year. It will be some ten thousand feet in length. Many thousand Chinese are employed. Two tunnels are being cut, the upper one for removing the debris. Considerable difficulty has been met with, but there is no doubt of its ultimate success, nor of the saving in time it will effect over the Chinese Eastern railroad.

Professional Advice.

Dr. George M. Shrady of New York, met one of his fashionable patients, a woman who belives she is always ailing, in Fifth avenue. Immediately she began to pour out her troubles. "Oh, Dr. Shrady," she exclaimed, "I'm completely exhausted. I can hardly walk. What shall I take? "Take?" said the doctor suavely, as she waited breathlessly for a prescription, "you might take a cab."

TELEGRAPHIC MARKET REPORT.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Chicago	27,000	45,000	22,000
Kansas City	7,800	6,000	5,500
St. Louis	3,500	6,500	2,000
St. Joseph	2,000	6,000	1,500
	40,300	63,500	31,000

Chicago.

Special to The Reporter.

Union Stock Yards, Ill., Dec. 9.—The Drovers' Journal reports:

CATTLE — Receipts 27,000. Market weak, 5 to 10 lower.

HOGS — Receipts 45,000. Market lower. Top $4.50; bulk $4.30@4.45.

SHEEP—Receipts 22,000. Steady.

Kansas City.

Special to The Reporter.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 9.—The Drovers' Telegram reports today:

CATTLE — Receipts 7,800. Market steady. Christmas beef $5.65. Cows and stockers steady.

HOGS — Receipts 6,000. Market steady. Top $4.60; bulk $4.50@4.57½.

SHEEP—Receipts 5,500. Steady.

St. Louis.

Special to The Reporter.

National Stock Yards, Ill., Dec. 9.—The National Live Stock Reporter says:

CATTLE — Receipts 3,500, Texas 1,500. Slow, steady. Natives slow.

HOGS — Receipts 6,500. Market steady. Top $4.60; bulk $4.45@4.55.

SHEEP—Receipts 2,000. Steady.

St. Joseph.

Special to The Reporter.

South St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 9.—The Stock Yards Daily Journal reports:

CATTLE — Receipts 2,000. Market steady to 10 higher. Top $5.

HOGS — Receipts 6,000. Market 10 higher than yesterday's average. Top $4.65; bulk $4.50@4.60.

SHEEP—Receipts 1,500. Steady to strong.

GENERAL NOTES.

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.

Mrs. H. T. Keenan died in Fort Worth yesterday, 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.

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.

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.

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.

It is a common report now to hear of big cattle and sheep outfits on the range operating on a smaller basis or selling out entirely. The migration of farmers from the high-priced lands of the east to the range is the prime cause. The latest news of a breaking of an extensive sheep ranch is that of the famous McDonald Sheep company, of Montana. Settlers have taken up the most desirable portion of the range used by this company, and it is selling out entirely.

Netsuki Purses.

The fad for the netsuki purse is one that started in San Francisco, where the many Japanese merchants first put these purses on display. It has spread the country over, and now the fashionables are paying as much as $150 or $200 for purses of solid embroidery with old ivory knobs that catch in the belt. The knob is becoming a feature of all the new purses; the New York shops are displaying jeweled ones made of gold and silver links and carried by the ivory knobs.

The Causes of Death.

Only 900 persons in 1,000,000, according to a medical authority, die from old age, while 1,200 succumb to gout, 18,000 to measles 27,000 to apoplexy, 7,500 to consumption, 48,000 to scarlet fever, 25,000 to whooping cough, 30,000 to typhoid and typhus, and 7,000 to rheumatism. The averages vary according to locality, but these are considered pretty accurate as regards the population of the globe as a whole.

ABOUT THE STOCK YARDS.

J. M. Slater from San Angelo sold 109 cows of 775 pounds at $1.95, and 30 cows of 720 pounds at $1.75.

Hogs have held up well this month. They are higher by 40 cents than at the beginning of the month.

A late run of cattle yesterday put receipts about 1,000 more than The Reporter estimated, making the total for the day 4,331.

Noelke & Carruthers had cows on the market from San Angelo. They sold 87 head of 818 pounds average at $2.05, and 29 of 786 at $1.75.

Donohue Bros., regular shippers to this market from Mulhall, O. T., had in today 69 hogs, averaging 260 pounds which sold to Armour & Co. at $4.70.

A. G. Hamilton of Rogers, Tex., had in today one load of hogs. Seventeen heavy packers, averaging 278 pounds, sold at $4.62½, with 52 lights averaging 177 lbs. at $4.65.

A. G. Hamilton from Rogers had fed steers on the market today. Fourteen head of 1062 pounds sold at $3.50, and 7 of 793 pounds at $3. Mr. Hamilton also sold 2 cows of 830 pounds at $2.25.

C. Casstephens brought in a bull that weighed 1,960 pounds and sold at $2.35. O. C. Thomas of Alabama was the purchaser. This was a well graded Shorthorn, and Mr. Thomas will use him for breeding. The gross price for this animal was $46.06.

Baldridge Bros. had in from their feed pens at Waxahachie 42 steers of 1093 pounds average that sold at $3.55. They were taken by W. R. Bingham of New Orleans. Messrs. Baldridge also sold 15 steers of 1062 at $3.50, and 42 of 1080 to 1141 at $3.45.

It is noted that Fort Worth is still paying more for hogs than any other market. The bulk of sales here are considerably above the bulk at Kansas City, St. Louis or Chicago. While the excess in favor of this market is not enough to bring hogs from St. Louis or Chicago territory, it ought to be sufficient to attract shippers from Southern Kansas and all parts of Oklahoma and the Indian Territory.

Identified.

A story illustrating his readiness of speech is told of Curran, the Irish wit. When Curran, who was a man of not very prepossessing appearance, presented himself one day at the house of a noble lord, who had not had the honor of his personal acquaintance, his lordship exclaimed: "What! You're not Curran? You could not say 'boo' to a goose!" "Boo, my lord!" replied the wit, coolly. "Yes, yes; you're the man. Come in at once!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Modern Samson.

At Tisra Szs Miklos, in Hungary, recently, Rudolf Tyrritz, a man of herculean proportions, was building a stable for a farmer. It was nearly finished when Tyrritz quarreled with his employer, and in the heat of the argument ran up to one of the pillars of the stable and shook it with such force as to cause the whole building to collapse. Tyrritz himself was buried among the ruins, and later was dragged out dead.

Labor-Saving Machine.

A cotton-picker machine has been invented which, it is claimed, will save one-third of the crop and the wages of twenty-eight men. In the cotton zone 25,000,000 acres are devoted to cotton-growing, and the average yield is 10,827,000 bales of 500 pounds each, worth $425,000,000.

First Use of Natural Gas.

Natural gas was first used in the iron furnaces of Pittsburg in 1884. It soon took the place of thousands of tons of coal or coke daily, but in ten years its use was practically discontinued for this purpose although it still remained in use along other lines.

A High-Priced Job.

Pistol Pete—How much to marry us, parson? Rev. Bill Blood (looking them over)—Oh! I reckon 50 cents will—er—say, do you want all the frills throwed in—kissin' the bride an' all that? Pistol Pete—Sure! Rev. Bill Blood—Ten dollars.

Matches Save Time.

Before matches came into common use the average workingman wasted ninety hours a year in kindling fires with the tinder box. Seventy years ago the working class household lived in gloom after sundown.

Millions Speak Spanish.

Though there are only 18,000,000 people in Spain, there are nevertheless 35,000,000 in America speaking her tongue. There are 110 Spanish-American writers and poets, all born outside of Spain.

Great "Scoop."

Modern newspaper enterprise is the wonder of the world. One of our contemporaries recently published a news story with this heading: "Sermon to the Mo-

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.

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 cut 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.

Botanical Note.

A fern in a jardiniere and two little sprouts in tin cans if put in a window are sufficient to give the woman who owns them the right to use the word "fernery."—Atchison Globe.

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Notice to Agents.

Subscribers ordering The Reporter must sign subscription blanks. This is necessary to insure the name being correctly written, and to prevent mistakes in making up the mail list. Agents must see that these instructions are carried out.

All He Asks.

My old ambitions I've forsworn
And rainbows I no longer chase;
Deceptive pleasure now I scorn
With what I get my wants keep pace
I'm not at all allured by glory;
I've had a glimpse behind the mask
That covers heroes famed in story—
Just solid comfort's all I ask.

I think I've had my fill of love;
In time it gets a trifle boring.
No flower, lock of hair or glove
Do I consider worth the storing.
The cup that cheers I am not taking;
At one time I could drink a cask;
But now it sets my head to aching—
Just solid comfort's all I ask.

A big armchair, a blazing fire,
A seasoned pipe, a book worth reading
And slippered ease I most desire;
Few things beyond these I am needing.
My old ambitions but amuse me
As in the fire's warm glow I bask
I'm wiser now, so please excuse me—
Just solid comfort's all I ask.

—Chicago News.

Fond of Nightmares.

One thing at least can be said in favor of nightmares, namely, no matter how terrifying they are they never reach the climax. They may take you through seven hells and cause the most awful torture, but they eventually land you wide awake in bed, happy over the escape. I cannot say as much for day mares.—New York Press.

Produce Plenty of Fuel.

Groves of the eucalyptus tree, known as blue gum or managum, may be cut to the ground for fuel when they are five or seven years old and every six or eight years subsequently. The yield from each cutting is commonly fifty to seventy-five cords of four-foot wood an acre.

Pointed Expressions.

Some of the ordinary expressions of the Chinese are very pointed and sarcastic. A blustering, harmless fellow they call a "paper tiger." Overdoing a thing they call a "hunchback making a bow." A spendthrift they compare to a "rocket," which goes off at once. Those who expend their charity on remote objects, but neglect their family, are said to "hang a lantern on a pole, which is seen afar, but gives no light below."

The Ubiquitous Mosquito.

The mosquito, which injects yellow fever with its proboscis, bites by day as well as by night, and is called the day or striped mosquito. It is found chiefly in cities, where it breeds in any chance receptacle of standing water. The eggs are laid in standing water, and although the receptacle may dry up, the eggs do not desiccate, but will hatch as soon as it again contains water.

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 out.

Newspaper Wages.

American newspapers every year pay in wages $80,000,000 and receive $80,500,000 for subscriptions and $95,000,000 for advertisements.

Chrysanthemums From China.

The first chrysanthemums to be brought to Europe were taken from China by skippers of the tea trading ships.

Millions of "Sleepers" Used.

A million acres of forest are cut down every year to supply European railway companies with sleepers on which the rails are laid.

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 [illegible] Co."

For the first time in years cane sugar is being [illegible] from Cuba to England.

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 Langley, operating it, fell in the river but was rescued.

TWO HUNDRED SLAIN.

Chinese Robbers Sustain Great Loss In Fight With Russians.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 9.—Russian troops have defeated a band of Chunchuses (Chinese robbers) on Liau river, Manchuria, killing 200 of them and wounding several. After the conflict reported Nov. 28 between a force of Russian soldiers and a body of Chunchuses at Tachicho, in which five Russions were killed and nine severely wounded, the Russians pursued the fleeing tribesmen and finally hemmed them in at Liau river. The great loss of the robbers is attributed in a Port Arthur dispatch to "a panic among the Chunchuses."

NATURALIZATION FRAUDS.

Attorney General Knox Deals With Them In His Annual Report.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The annual report of the attorney general of the United States calls attention to the naturalization frauds disclosed during the last year in every section of the country and says that every honest citizen is deeply concerned in repelling and preventing dishonest claims to that high right. He therefore recommends for the consideration of congress the enactment of a law which will provide for the omission from the statutes as they now stand of the question of intent and guilty knowledge where an offender has in his possession a fraudulent certificate of naturalization unlawfully obtained in any manner whatever, or where a fraudulent certificate so held and obtained is used for any purpose whatever; that the law be amended so as to compel an alien at the time of applying for citizenship to present from the appropriate immigration authorities a certificate showing his age and the date of his arrival and taking also his physical description similar to that in a passport. His certificate, which should be uniforom, should form a part of court records like his application for citizenship

ATTORNEY GENERAL KNOX.

Three Fires In Greer County.

Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 9.—At Carmel the general store of Wileey, Mudgett & Co. and office of Dr. Crowe were destroyed. At Olustee the home of J. W. Edwards, valued at $2500. Near Mangum the storage house of J. C. Marble, cotton planter, containing 2000 pounds of cotton seed, burned.

Again Inaugurated.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 9.—Before 10,000 people Governor Beckham for the second time was Tuesday inaugurated chief executive and for the third time too kthe oath. There were 20,000 soldiers and civilians in the parade.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Kaufman county, Texas, has a law and order league.

Governor Lanham on Monday signed sixteen land patents.

J. V. Edwards, a former wealthy man, was found dead at Houston.

The little child of Stella Love, colored, burned to death near Crockett, Tex.

F. L. Cofer, struck on the head near Grand Saline, Tex., on the 2d, died on the 7th.

C. A. Marvin fell from a train near Devine, Tex. His skull was fractured and he died.

The large gin of Peter Weir & Co. at Karnes City, Tex., burned. Loss, $8000; insurance, $4500.

The twelve-year-old girl of W. S. Decker, near Commerce, Tex., was bitten by a mad dog.

Thirty union plumbers at San Antonio struck for $3.50 for jobbers and $4 for journeymen.

Merchants' National bank at Brownsville, Tex., capital stock $100,000, has opened for business.

First annual convention of the miners of the southwest will be held at Lawton, Okla., Jan. 1.

The store o S. T. Bentley at Bennington, I. T., was robbed of 100 knives, a dozen razors and two guns.

In a quarrel at Oklahoma City Oscar Smith was killed with a club and the skull of John Smith fractured.

In an affray at Sour Lake, Tex., John Heath was perhaps mortally wounded. Dave Patty was placed under $500 bond.

Colonel J. B. Girard is now chief surgeon general of the department of Texas, succeeding General Cleary, retired.

Ed Tubbs, eighteen years old, was accidentally killed near Brookshire, Tex., by a gun in the hands of Dessie Martin.

Senator Culberson has introduced a bill in the senate providing for the construction, at a cost of $2,300,000, of a dam across the Rio Grande river at El Paso.

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 naional 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 Sogundo 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.

AGED NEGRESS DIES.

She Was Reported to Be One Hundred and Fifteen Years Old.

Smithville, Tex., Dec. 9.—Lucy Nolden, colored, died here at the age of 115 years. She was born near Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 25, 1788, and brought to this country in 1849. She was the mother of twenty-four children, two o them living here, and they are both over 60 years of age. Her eyesight and memory were good to the time of her death.

Much Sugar Bought.

Austin, Dec. 9.—The state purchasing agent bought for the elemosynary institutions some 94,000 pounds of sugar and has contracted for 16,000 more pounds, to last until the next fiscal year, beginning Sept. 1, 1904. This sugar was bought in the open market at prices ranging from 5.11c to 5.49c per pound.

Thurber Prosperous.

Thurber, Tex., Dec. 9.—Many new miners with their families have located in Thurber within the past six or eight weeks, and the old town is about to become herself again. The four mines, Nos. 7, 8, 9 and 10, are getting out something like 1000 tons of the black diamonds a day, while work in the new mines, Nos. 11 and 12, is progressing satisfactorily.

College and Church Burn.

Liberty Hill, Tex., Dec. 9.—The Liberty Hill Normal and Business college burned. Baptist church was also destroyed. O. Perry's barn, containing much feed, was also consumed.

Texas Veteran Passes Away.

Columbia, Tex., Dec. 9.—John Adriance, eighty-eight years old, a Texas veteran, died at his residence in Columbia.

Suffocated to Death.

Brownwood, Tex., Dec. 9.—During a fire here Jim Cross, a young man, was suffocated to death.

PANAMA'S GREETING.

Dr. Amador and Senor Boyo Were Enthusiastically Welcomed.

Panama, Dec. 9.—A special train from Colon arrived here Tuesday having on board Dr. Manuel Amador and Frederico Boyo, the special commissioners from the republic of Panama, returning from their visit to Washington. The railroad station and the streets adjoining it were packed with thousands of enthusiastic people. Battalions of firemen in full uniform lined the streets, which were profusely decorated with fiflags. Several arches bearing such inscriptions as "To Panama's Savior," "To Panama's Liberator" and "To Panama's First President" were erected on the streets.

DR. MANUEL AMADOR, MINISTER OF FINANCE OF PANAMA.

When the commmissioners stepped from the train bands of music played patriotic airs, the crowds cheered wildly and several orators made speeches, to which Dr. Amador replied.

Then entering carriages, the commissioners were driven through lines of soldiers and followed by military bands to Dr. Amadors residence. As Dr. Amador passed, his carriage was pelted with flowers thrown from balconies

MARINES LANDED.

They Will Establish a Camp In Vicinity of Panama.

Colon, Dec. 9.—A company of marines from the United States auxiliary cruiser Dixie, under Captain Wirt McCleary, landed at Colon and took a train for Empire, a town on the railroad near Panama, where a camp will be established, using the canal company's buildings. The purpose of the landing is to get the men ashore after their long confinement on the Dixie.

Dr. Manuel Amadon and Frederico Boyd, the special commissioners from the republic of Panama, who recently visited Washington, landed here. Colon was prepared to receive them.

Agreement Ratified.

New York, Dec. 9.—At the first session of the annual winter meeting of the National League and American Association of Professional Baseball Clubs at the Hotel Victoria, Harry C. Pulliam was unanimously re-elected president for the ensuring year. The agreement between the leagues made at Cincinnati was ratified.

Hassinger Dead.

New Orleans, Dec. 9.—Jacob Hassinger, for many years proprietor of the German Gazette and president of the Germania Savings Bank and Trust company, and also of the Germania Insurance company of New Orleans, died Tuesday night, aged seventy-five years.

Probably Fatally Shot.

Wetumka, I. T., Dec. 9.—While hunting with four friends a pistol in a pocket of C. R. Lollie was discharged. The ball entered a side just above the hip. It may have fatal result.

FT WORTH RAILWAY SCHEDULE

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

Depart		Arrive
▪ 8 30 am	Omaha and Mo. River	▪ 7 15 pm
▪ 9 30 pm	Kan. City, Chicago, Denver, Colo. Springs and Pueblo Fast Express	▪ 7 10 am

HOUSTON & TEXAS CENTRAL C

Depart		Arrive
▪ 8 30 am	Houston & Gal. Mail & Ex	▪ 3 55 pm
▪ 7 45 pm	Houston & Gal. Mail & Ex	▪ 7 50 am
▪ 1 05 pm	Corsicana Mixed	▪ 11 50 am

Prince System.

RED RIVER, TEXAS & SOUTHERN RY.

Depart North		Arr from north
▪ 11 10 am	K C & St L Mail and Ex	▪ 3 55 pm
▪ 5 30 am	Mixed	▪ 7 50 pm

FORT WORTH & RIO GRANDE RY. A

Depart South		Arrive from south
▪ 3 15 pm	Mail and Express	▪ 10 55 am
▪ 9 30 pm	mixed	▪ 5 00 am

FORT WORTH & DENVER CITY RY. A

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

GULF, COLORADO AND SANTA FE. C

Depart North		Arr. from North
▪ 7 50 am	Kan. C. & Chicago Ex & Mail	▪ 9 00 pm
▪ 8 30 pm	Kan. C. & Chicago Fast Ex	▪ 7 55 am

Depart South		Arr. from South
▪ 8 05 am	Houston & Gal. Mail & Ex	▪ 8 20 pm
▪ 9 10 pm	Houston & San Antonio & Galveston Mail & Express	▪ 7 30 am

MISSOURI, KANSAS AND TEXAS. A

Depart North		Arr. from North
▪ 8 35 am	"Katy Flyer"	▪ 7 45 pm
▪11 45 am	Kan. City, St. Louis & Chicago Mail & Ex	▪ 7 40 am
▪ 9 00 pm	Kan. City, St. Louis & Chicago, Fast Express	▪ 5 10 pm

Depart South		Arr. from South
▪ 8 15 pm	Houston and Gal and San Antonio, "Katy Flyer"	▪ 8 10 am
▪ 8 30 am	Houston Mail & Ex	▪10 55 am
▪ 6 00 pm	Houston Mail & Ex	▪ 8 15 pm

COTTON BELT ROUTE. A

Depart		Arrive
▪ 10 30 am	St. Louis & Memp. Ex	▪ 5 05 pm
12 30 pm	St. L. Limited, via Dallas	1 20 pm
▪ 9 30 pm	Dallas, Memp. & St Louis	▪ 6 50 am

TEXAS AND PACIFIC A

Depart East	Main Line via Marshall.	Arr. from East
▪ 7 45 am	St. Louis Cannon Ball	▪ 7 45 pm
▪ 8 00 am	St. Louis Mail & Ex	▪ 4 45 pm
▪ 9 25 am	Dallas Local	▪ 5 15 am
▪10 35 am	Dallas & Weath'ford Local	▪ 2 55 pm
12 30 pm	Dallas Local	▪ 1 20 pm
▪ 1 55 pm	Dallas Local	▪12 30 pm
6 00 pm	Wills Point Local	▪11 05 am
7 45 pm	St. Louis Mail & Ex	▪ 9 25 am
▪ 9 30 pm	Dallas Local	▪ 6 50 am

Depart West	Main Line West.	Arr. from West
▪ 8 20 pm	Colorado Mail & Express	▪ 7 00 am
3 00 pm	Weatherford Local	▪10 55 am
9 45 am	El Paso Express	▪ 7 00 pm

Transcontinental Division via Sherman.

Depart		Arrive
▪ 8 20 am	Texarkana & St. Louis	▪ 4 35 pm

INTERNATIONAL & GT. NORTHERN RY. A

Depart		Arrive
▪ 6 05 am	Houston & San Antonio Ex	▪ 7 35 pm
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Eating One's Gods.

The gods of a South American tribe of Indians are generally looked upon as sacred. But when the gods become a nuisance, it is time to put an end to them. At least that is what a certain tribe along the Yabari river think. They worship the iguna and monkey, but as soon as the iguna started eating chickens they thought it time to stop worshipping him, and to eat him in place of the chickens he had eaten. This they do, and they prefer iguna stew to chicken fricassee.

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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Longest Bridge.

The longest bridge in the world is the Lion Bridge, near Sangang, in China. It extends five and a quarter miles over an arm of the Yellow Sea, and is supported by 300 huge stone arches. The roadway is 70 ft. above the water, and is enclosed in an iron network.

Some Large Numbers.

The total number of employes of all the corporations is 400,000, and they receive in wages nearly $200,000,000. The employes of these combinations number only 8 per cent of all employes in the factories in which combination would be possible.

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.

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.

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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.

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The Judgment That Will Stand.

He wasn't a thing but a half-breed,
They called him "Arapahoe Jim."
The preacher at Logtown will tell you
"His chances of heaven are slim."

He lied, an' he drank, an' he grafted;
He gambled, he stole, an' he done
'Most all that a man or a devil
Kin do with a forty-five gun.

But still there wuz somethin' or other,
Well, "gentles" or "noble," in him,
There wasn't a child or a woman
That wouldn't an' didn't trust Jim.

An' that's why the preacher at Logtown
Ain't got me agreein' at all.
I'm thinkin' the judgment of children
And women will stand in God's hall.
—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Tibetan Children.

The children of Thibet are neither cuddled nor amused. No one pays any attention to them. They have no sweets and no playthings. If they are entertained it is entirely through their own effort or invention. And one diversion never fails, for they are experts in riding on the backs of cows, or horses, it hardly matters which.

A Tibetan baby differs widely from other children in seeming to have little nervous development, and consequently slight capacity for "taking notice." So, says the author of a book on Thibet, a white baby living in Thibet with a traveling party attracted the greatest amount of attention. He was only an ordinary child, but his wide-awake interest in life seemed to the Tibetans something amazing. They would come on tiptoe, their tongues protruding, to stand and gaze at him, asleep in his hammock, then holding up both thumbs and putting out the tongue still farther, in token of approbation. When it came time for his bath, and the tent was closed on account of the draft, men and women would pull up the flap about the bottom, and the whole aperture would be filled with dark faces and laughing black eyes.

"White child!" one would call, and then another.

"See her put him into the water!"

"He will die!"

"Why does she not baste him with butter and leave him out in the sun?"
—Montreal Herald.

The Palace of the Shah.

The palace of the Shah of Persia, according to Donald Stuart, in "The Struggle for Persia," is an appalling combination of dinginess and splendor, of squalor and luxury. One of the most interesting rooms is that filled with portraits of all the monarchs of Europe. In the next room is his majesty's writing apparatus. Here stands a globe, such as may be seen in a schoolroom, except that the continents are made with gems of different color and all the names and rivers are marked in diamonds. On the walls a painting by an old master is framed next to a highly colored advertisement of a dealer in fish books. The throne itself is a sort of wooden bed, about nine feet by six, the woodwork covered with diamonds, emeralds, rubies and sapphires, some an inch long. The value of the whole is estimated roughly at $5,000,000 or $6,000,000. On the floor of the throne is a carpet so thick with pearls that the texture of the cloth is hardly visible, while a huge vase, set with turquoises and pearls, stands side by side with a cheap painted urn, such as is sometimes seen at country fairs.

Maine's Oldest Woman.

Among the hardy and long-lived people of Deer Isle, the oldest and most remarkable is Mrs. Salome Sellers, who on October 16 celebrated the 104th anniversary of her birth. The occasion was a notable one, and the island residents commemorated the event with much festivity.

Mrs. Sellers is believed to be the oldest woman in Maine. In spite of

Mrs. Salome Sellers.

her great age, she is still active, goes out walking on pleasant days, and talks intelligently to her numerous callers regarding the important events of 100 years ago.

She comes of Puritan stock, and inherits the iron constitution of the old Massachusetts settlers.

The Soldiers' Friend.

The love which British soldiers feel for Florence Nightingale has been shown at many times and in many places. A new and striking instance of it was recently given by the Sunday Magazine.

The late Sir John Steell, sculptor to Queen Victoria, was modeling a bust of Miss Nightingale, when an officer of one of the Highland regiments, which had suffered so cruelly in the Crimea, heard that the bust had just been completed, and was in Sir John's studio. Many of the men in his company had passed through the hospital at Scutari, and he obtained permission from the sculptor to bring some of them to see it. Accordingly a squad of men one day marched into the big studio and stood in line.

They had no idea why they had been mustered in so strange a place. Without a word of warning the bust was uncovered, and then, as by one impulse, the men broke rank, and with cries of "Miss Nightingale! Miss Nightingale!" surrounded the model, and with hats off cheered the figure of their devoted nurse until the roof rang.

So spontaneous and hearty and so inspiring was the whole scene that in after days Sir John Steell declared it to be the greatest compliment of his life.

Marks Boston Massacre.

The big granite marker in the pavement on State street which indicates the spot where Attucks, Carr and Maverick fell in the Boston massacre, and where the first blood of the American revolution was shed, is being relaid. It was removed when the pavement was taken up to permit the excavations necessary for the State street subway. Yesterday morning the engineers were busy determining the exact place, and yesterday afternoon paver McManus and his assistant began laying the stones.

It is a circle built of granite blocks

one foot long and about one-half a foot deep. Its diameter is about ten feet. In the center is a granite hub, one foot in diameter, from which radiates thirteen spokes, which extend to the rim.

The granite hub indicates the exact spot where the blood dripped from the wound of Attucks when he fell, the thirteen spokes radiating there are allegorical of the thirteen original colonies. In the rim there are fifty-two blocks. In each spoke from the rim to the hub are five blocks.—Boston Globe.

Saw Napoleon in 1813.

An old man called at the commissariat in the rue d'Aboukir yesterday, and stated that his residence in the rue Montorgueil had been burgled, says a Paris (France) exchange.

He was asked his name and age, and in answere stated that his name was Duval and that he was 100 years old.

His statements were verified. Duval was born on July 4, 1803. As a young man he was very feeble, and was refused in the army on that account. He was, however, able to earn his living, and when the gas company was founded, he became one of its first workmen. Now he is in receipt of a pension from the company.

He has lived since 1804 at 21 rue Montorgueil, and with increasing years has become stronger. The concierge has been requested to look after him, but the old man thinks he is quite capable of taking care of himself, and insists on going out at all hours of the day and night.

He eats well and never stints himself in the matter of drinking. Although he stoops somewhat he walks with a firm step, and his voice is quite stentorian. He remembers seeing Napoleon I. in 1813.

The Soldiers Tramped.

Two of the soldiers who were in camp at the fair at Morrisville, Vt., disobeyed rules a trifle by paying attention to a couple of damsels. As a result the soldier boys had their horses taken from them and were ordered to make the journey from the fair grounds to Cambridge, a distance of about twenty miles, on foot. They went through Hyde Park in the morning with cartridge belts well loaded and carrying heavy muskets. Their smiling countenance of the day before had given way to a decidedly sober visage.

Frightened at Locomotive.

Mrs. Overton, who lives near Gleason, Tenn., came in town the other day for the purpose of seeing a passenger train. She is 90 years old and has lived within fifteen miles of the railway nearly all her life, but had never even seen the track up to this time. On hearing the train approaching she became very much excited and refused to go near the track, thinking the train a great monster capable of doing her harm if it desired. She returned greatly worked up over her adventure.

Tree Within a Tree.

At Moulton, South Lincolnshire, Eng there is a willow tree which, in consequence of having been beheaded and having reached an old age, has become hollow and rotten. From a seed which has dropped into the hollow a healthy sycamore tree has grown to a height of ten feet.

Pig Is Boy's Pet.

Dr. N. R. Cook of Brooks, Me., provided a queer pet for his little son Tom this summer. It was nothing else than a clean little white pig. Everywhere that Tom went the pig followed him.

Fees of Pope's Physicians.

The fees paid by the cardinal camerlingo to the physicians who attended Leo XIII. in his last illness were $4,000 to Dr. Lapponi, $3,000 to Prof. Mazzoni and $2,000 to Prof. Rossoni.

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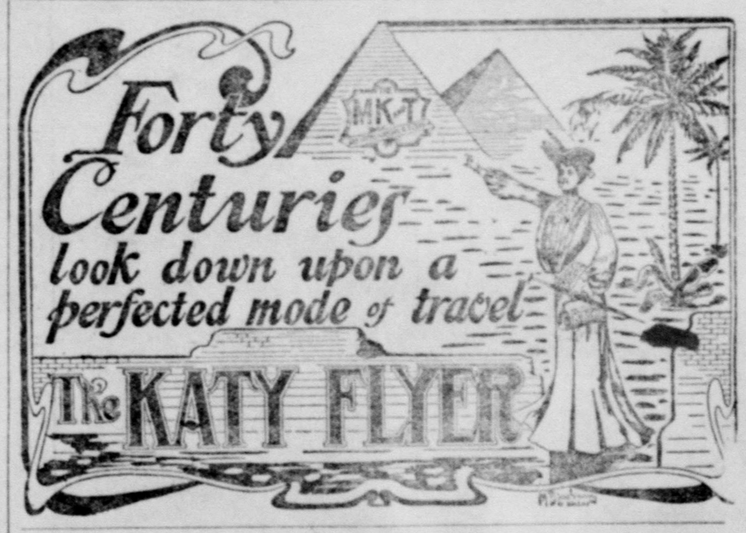

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KERSANDS' MINSTRELS.

The Little Rock Gazette says of Kersands' minstrels, which comes to Greenwall's opera house Thursday, matinee and night, Dec. 10:

"Billy Kersands' minstrels had an audience which literally packed balcony and gallery and filled the parquet last night at the Capital theater and kept it in hilarious humor throughout the show. It is not too much to say that it is the best minstrel show seen here this season, white or colored."

Billy, himself, is about the sole survivor of the old school of minstrelsy, at least of his color. It is many years ago that he was the star of Callender's minstrels, and afterwards of Jack Haverley's. His work now is what it used to be in the old days, before the metamorphosis into modern minstrelsy, which has strayed very far from the old Christy idea, which gave us the plantation negro of a time before the dude city negro had an existence. He gave the perfect imitation of the old negro parson, and it was true enough to life to get his hearers to "shoutin" if he had kept it up a little longer. As it was, it kept all parts of the house in a roar of laughter. The old man can shuffle a foot yet with the young fellows.

A strong feature of the vaudeville is the musical number of the four Housley brothers. They rendered the overture to William Tell faultlessly on the xylophone, and selections from Trovatore on the pendants, besides a well executed cornet and trombone quartette. Another feature is the contortion stunt of Marsl Craig, who was with the Williams and Walker company last year. He apparently has neither bones nor even hard gristle for a substitute, and he performs almost incredible feats of tying himself in a knot. The most difficult consists of sitting on his head while he suspends himself by his teeth to a raised support. This is something quite new.

In the first part there are good voices and the interlocutory and end men business is quite up to the average, with no more chestnuts than the habitue expects to hear. The entire show is free from anything in the slightest degree objectionable, and they made good sufficiently to secure a return engagement in the later part of the season, as they did likewise in Hot Springs.

Expensive Invitations.

The latest craze in New York among the very wealthy is an extravagant style of invitation card. Not long ago the wife of a millionaire ordered 200 of these from a local firm and they cost her just $10 each. The cards were made of ivory edged with gold, the name of the guest and hostess being lettered in gold on one side, the other being hand-painted. Cards at $5 each are quite common.

Art for Revenue Only.

"So you could not get on with that eminent actor, Walker Tize." "No," answered Stormington Barnes, "our professional association had to cease." "Professional jealousy?" "Certainly not. The difficulty was entirely due to his mercenary disposition. He spurned a half interest in the business and insisted on his salary of $25 a week."—Washington Star.

Sea Level.

Sea level is a level only in the imagination. For instance, the water in the bay of Bengal is 300 feet higher than the surface of the Indian ocean, and along the Pacific coast of South America the sea is often 200 feet higher than its lowest surface. The differences result from the attractive powers of great mountain ranges.

Motor Cycles for British Soldiers.

The British war office has under consideration a proposal for forty of the 155 privates of the Motor Volunteer corps, extensively used in the recent army maneuvers, to be motor-bicyclists, with an allowance of $3.75 a day when employed instead of the $7.50 paid to motor car owners.

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Sugar Cane.

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

Would Have it in the Spring.

"Dock" Squires was a queer old "yarb" doctor of decidedly limited education, who flourished in New England a good many years ago. One day some one said to him: "See here, Dock, have you any diploma?" "Well, no; I ain't got none on hand just now, but I'm going to dig some soon as the ground thraws out in the spring."—October Lippincott's.

Consumption Attacks Negroes.

Consumption occurred rarely if at all among the negroes in slavery, but now, after a little more than a quarter of a century of freedom, causes more deaths among them than all the other contagious diseases combined. The negro death rate from consumption is more than three times that of the whites.

Plato and Diogenes.

Plato entertained some of his friends at dinner and had in the chamber a couch with costly furnishings. Diogenes came in and got up on the couch and trampled it, saying, "I trample upon the pride of Plato." Plato mildly answered, "But with greater pride, Diogenes."

Sympathetic Colors.

Science has made the discovery that every person is sympathetic to some particular color. This being the case, it is important that every person should learn what that color is. Nervous persons are said to find blues and greens soothing, while reds and yellows best suit the emotional temperament. The brain worker will find it beneficial to use a shade of his or her special color over the reading lamp.

No Accounting for Tastes.

The pretty girl left her seat and went over to the other side of the car to get away from a passenger who smelled strongly of tobacco. "I don't see how a man can bear to put a nasty old pipe in his mouth!" she muttered. But she muttered it rather indistinctly. She was holding between her rosy lips the battered old 5 cent coin with which she was about to pay her car fare.

GENERAL MARKET REPORT.

Country Produce.

PRICES TO SELLERS.

POULTRY—Hens, per dozen	$3.00 to $3.50
Fryers, per dozen	$2.50 to $3.00
TURKEYS—per lb	7c to 8c
DUCKS—Per dozen	$3.00
EGGS—Per dozen	18c to 20c
BUTTER—Per pound, yellow	15c to 20c

Grain and Hay.

PRICES PAID TO FARMERS.

HAY—Johnson Grass, ton	$9.00 to 10.00
Prairie Texas, ton	$9.00 to 10.00
Prairie Territory ton	$9.00 to 10.00
Alfalfa	15.00
BRAN—Per cwt	.85
CORN CROPS—	1.10
CORN SHELLED—Per bushel	.80
OATS—Per bushel	.40
WHEAT—No 2	.85
No 3	.70

Vegetables.

CABBAGE—Per pound	2c
TURNIPS—Per bushel	50c to 60c
SWEET POTATOES—Per bushel	60c to 75c
LIMA BEANS—bushel	$1.40

Seeds.

SELLING PRICE.

ALFALFA—100 pounds	$15.50
MILLET—Prime, 100 pounds	1.00
Fancy German	1.10
Pearl or Cattail	12.60
KAFFIR CORN—Per bushel	.65
DWARF ESSEX RAPE—100 pounds	5.00
CANE—Early Amber	1.35
Orange	1.35
Red Top	1.50
TURNIPS—Purple top, 100 lbs	22.50
Rutabaga	20.50
OATS—Tenn. Winter Turf, bushel	.70

Hides.

PRICES PAID SHIPPERS.

Heavy Dry Beef	12½c
Heavy Dry Fallen	11½c
Lights	9½c
Dry Salt	10½c
Green	8½c

Provisions.

FROM THE STORE.

BACON—Standard	11½c
Extra	10½c
Dry Salt Standard	10½c
Dry Salt Bellies	11½c
Bacon Bellies	12½c
HAMS—Medium	15c
Large	14c
LARD—Leaf, in tierces	11c
50-pound cans	11½c
10-pound cans	12c
Compound, tierces	8c
10-pound cans	10c

Sugar and Molasses.

SELLING PRICES AT STORES.

SUGAR—Granulated, pound	5½c
Cut loaf and powdered, pound	7c
Yellow	4½c to 5c
MOLASSES—Sorghum, gallon	40c
Reboiled molasses	35c
Table syrup, gallon	50c
Louisiana Ribbon Cane	60c

Staple Groceries.

SELLING PRICES

COFFEE—Roasted, pound	18½c
RICE—Fancy, full grain	8½c
Choice	8c
Prime	6c
FLOUR—High Patent	$3.10
Fancy Patent	2.90
Third, or Straights	1.60
SALT—No 1 [illegible]	2.00

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 traveling about the country with an illegal passport. They also point out that the question of Armenians naturalized in America returning to Turkey has always beeen 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 callors mutinied.

COMPRESS DESTROYED.

Building and Two Thousand Bales of Cotton Burn.

Sherman, Dec. 9.—The large compress building owned by the Sherman Compress company was totally destroyed by fire, together with about 2000 bales of cotton, just before noon Tuesday. One thousand bales were more or less damaged. The compress, which was one of the largest in the state, had on its platform at the time of the fire about 6000 bales, which would have been totally destroyed but for the effective efforts of firemen and bystanders.

TUCKER AT CHICAGO.

Negro Barber Wanted at Waco to Answer Charge of Burglary.

Waco, Dec. 9.—Sheriff Baker has been notified of the arrest of Lawrence Tucker at Chicago. Tucker is the negro barber who several months ago is alleged to have cut a hole through the wall of a barber shot into the gun and notion store of D. H. Krulewich adjoining. A hat rack was pulled over the hole in the barber shop, while a piece of cloth was tacked over the hole in Krulewich's store under the counter, concealing the aperture. It is alleged that Tucker entered the store for nearly a month at night before the plan was found out, taking various articles. Krulewich knew things were disappearing, but could not catch on to the cause. Tucker was finally arrested. A negro man went into the jail with a bundle of clothes one day while several negro women were in there. Tucker secretly donned a woman's clothes and came out with the negro women undetected. He has since been at large.

FORFEITS FREEDOM.

In an Unguarded Moment Lawrence Tucker Answers Greeting.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Freedom obtained three months ago by escaping from a Texas jail in woman's clothing has been forfeited by Lawrence Tucker, when, in an unguarded moment, he answered the greeting of a former companion in that jail. Tucker met Harold King in a Chicago saloon and answered his greeting. King notified the police, who arrested Tucker as a fugitive. He was held in Waco on a charge of burglary.

Stephens a Candidate.

Austin, Dec. 9.—J. W. Stephens, who is filling the unexpired term of the late Comptroller Love, has formally announced himself as a candidate for comptroller before the next Democratic state convention.

Clerks Had a Holiday.

Austin, Dec. 9.—Clerks of the various state departments had a holiday Tuesday to attend the carnival. There are several thousand visitors.

Lady Drops Dead.

Austin, Dec. 9.—Mrs. Fanny Moses, aged sixty-five years, relict of the late William Moses, dropped dead at her home here.

Bonds Approved.

Austin, Dec. 9.—The attorney general approved ten $60,000 40-year Matagorda county road and bridge bonds at 4 per cent.

KILLED BY AFFIANCED.

Frenchman Took Frieda Boelki's Life and Then His Own.

Berlin, Dec. 9.—It has become known that the leading female dancer at the Metropole theater, Fraulein Frieda Boelke, was murdered at Hotel Cologne Dec. 2 by Ferdinand Tessler, a manufacturer of machinery at Vichy, France, who several times has been the Nationalist candidate for a member of the chamber of deputies. They were engaged to be married, had dined together at the hotel and quarreled in a private sitting room because the woman had looked too requently, as Tessler thought, at another man in the dining room. He first tried to chloroform the dancer, but she was a strong woman and pushed him off. Tessler then took a hatchet which he had concealed about him and struck the woman once ineffectually, then stabbed her fatally three times with a dagger. The hotel people heard the struggle and rushed to the spot, whereupon Tessler, with his back to the door, shot and killed himself.

Upon Tessler's body was found a variety of weapons, several sorts of poisoned crosses and amulets from Lourdes. Though the tragedy occurred Dec. 2, through the influence of Tessler's family the facts were not published until the dancer was buried here Monday.

HERBERT SPENSER GONE.

Noted English Author Passes Away at His Brighton Home.

London, Dec. 9.—Herbert Spenser, the famous author, died Tuesday morning in Brighton. His health had been failing some months. The illness took a critical turn a few days ago and he was unconscious Monday night, passing away without pain. By his own desire the least possible information was given out during Mr. Spenser's illness. He was born in 1810.

German Journalist Dead.

Davenport, Ia., Dec. 9.—Henry Lischer, publisher of Der Demokrat, is dead. He was seventy-five years old. Mr. Lischer was a member of the Missouri Mounted Dragoons in the Mexican war and also a veteran of the civil war.

Missed the Arcadia.

New Orleans, Dec. 9.—The steamer Arcadia arrived from Porto Rico. Former President Wos y Gil of San Domingo was not on board. He missed the vessel and will take the next one, but will land at New York.

A Raving Maniac.

Waco, Dec. 9.—Carl Fussco of Williamson county, whose wagon and team was found at Lorena, was located near Lott, Falls county. He is a raving maniac and was jailed at Marlin.

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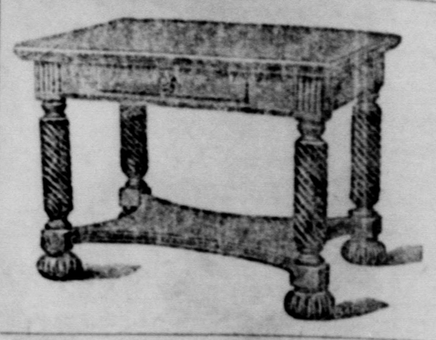

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Siberian Market.

Eastern Siberia offers an enormous field for iron and steel ware for building purposes; also for tools, etc., for carpenters and locksmiths. These lines are largely in the hands of Germans. There is also large demand for guns and hunting material.

Up-to-Date Trains.

The "trains de luxe," which now cover the distance from Moscow to the Pacific in sixteen days, and which rival in luxury any in the United States, each carry a physician and an inspector who speaks half a dozen languages.

Ideal Electric Lamp.

Hundreds of electricians are at this moment striving to construct lamps in which nothing is consumed save the electrical energy applied to them—lamps that have the radiance of the sun and the coldness of the moon.

Tallest German Soldier.

The tallest soldier of the German army, and one of the tallest men living, Francis Ehmke, is 7 ft. 4 in. He married the other day a little girl typist.

Oberlin the Pioneer.

Oberlin was the first college in the world to admit women. One woman was graduated there in 1838 and six in 1839.

Queer Epitaph.

"I was well; I would be better; Here I lie," is the epitaph on a tombstone in England.

Thrift in Berlin.

Ten out of every twenty-seven persons in Berlin have a savings-bank account.

Do This.

Hope and keep busy.—Abigail May Alcott.

AN INVITATION.

To take advantage of the very low rates made by the M., K. & T. Railway to the North and Southeast for the holidays.

Tickets will be sold on Dec. 20, 21 and 26, at rate of one fare for the round dollars for the round trip.

Tickets will be good returning [illegible] days from date of sale.

If you are contemplating a holiday trip you should see "Katy's" agents, or write to "Katy," Dallas, Texas, and learn many inducements offered the traveler.

LOW RATES TO THE D[illegible]

As Christmas time approaches railroads are preparing to handle crowds of those going back to their homes in the East, and the Southwestern will place on sale December 21 and 22 a rate of one fare for the round trip to New Orleans and points in Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky. Tickets are good for return [illegible] days, and Christmas turkey will be eaten by many Texans visiting their home places. Southern Pacific agents will be glad to supply all information.

T. J. ANDERSON, G. P. A., Houston, Tex.

Modern Shoemaking.

A pair of woman's shoes made in Lynn, Mass., to establish a record for rapid shoemaking, required the [illegible] different oporations and the use of forty-two machines and one hundred pieces. All these parts were assembled and made into a pair of shoes ready to wear in thirteen minutes.

Flowers for Perfumes.

There are thirty-five perfumeries in the district of Grasse, in the Riviera, and each year they manufacture $1,000,000 worth of flower essences. It takes 12,000 kilograms of flowers to make a quart of essence, so the extent of the vast flower gardens that must be obtained.