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BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1908.

\$1.50 A YEAR

VISIT OUR MAMMOTH DRY GOODS SALE

A CASH SALE AT COST AND BELOW

Our stock of Dry Goods must be sold before January 1, 1909, in order to make room for our large stock of Hardware which we expect to carry. These goods will cost you what they cost us, as we are positively going to dispose of this mammoth stock of goods.

Stokes-Hughes Company

★5★ BROWN'S ★5★ SHOES

This sale will commence Monday, November 30, and continue through the month of December

Do you know who has made a special study of gifts for the holiday trade this season, and who bought accordingly? Arnold-Tankersley Drug Co. In the early part of December they will have on display one of the best selected lines of Xmas goods ever seen in Big Springs. Don't forget the place, on the corner next to the courthouse. Arnold-Tankersley Drug Co.

According to DeVoe's weather forecast, a great storm will form over Texas on the 7th of this month and move north-eastward. He is a "new comer" when it comes to Texas weather.

Dress shirts at 40c, 75c, \$1.00 and up. These are cut prices. The assortment is large. No old goods in our store.

A. P. McDonald & Co.

Texas Company Building.

The Texas Company, which is represented in Big Springs by Stone & Carpenter, is building an oil ware house on its property near the east end of the T. & P. yards. The building which will be a story-and-a-half structure is to be framed with corrugated iron sides and top, making it fire proof, and will be the best planned of any oil warehouse west of Abilene. The company has already put up two large tanks and expect to have the building completed in a short time.

Sheriffs' Sale.

Tuesday afternoon at the court house two tracts of land were sold to the highest bidder by Sheriff Mobley. The land was sold under execution as the property of G. W. Berry and was to satisfy a judgment in favor of W. R. Mosley. One piece of 320 acres sold for \$19.50, and the other 160 acres sold for \$12.50 both tracts being bid in by W. R. Mosley.

Two lots in the Cole & Strayhorn addition were sold to satisfy a judgment against J. M. Tatom, and were bid in by Chas. Morris at \$75.00.

Lost.

Between Big Springs and Lamesa, one black silk waist, No. 36. Finder will please leave at Stewart hotel and get reward.

W. O. COGIN.

When you want anything in the dry goods line call on Ayers & Ball. They guarantee every article they sell and the price is right.

C. W. B. M. Day.

The Christian Church will observe C. W. B. M. Day at 7:30 p. m., on the second Sunday in December.

—PROGRAM—

MISSIONARY CHORUS.
Invocation—B. Reagan.
C. W. B. M. and Missions in the United States—

Mrs. W. V. Ervin.
Song by the Juniors.
South America—
Mrs. O. G. Kershner.
Jamaica—Mrs. S. I. Tynes.
Duet—Song—
Mesdames Pope and Ford.
India—Mrs. S. Stegall.
Solo—Miss Margaret Crawford.
Mexico—Mrs. S. D. Bainbridge.
Puerto Rico—Mrs. J. D. Birdwell.
Quartette—
Mesdames Ford and Reid.
Messrs. Reed and Dale.
Our Plea—L. A. Dale.
Voluntary.
Song—Prayer—Benediction.

C. P. Program, Dec. 6th, 1908.

Subject: "Solomon Chooses Wisdom." 1 Kings, 3:4-15.
Leader: Mrs. W. S. Kennon.
Song.
Prayer.
Solomon's offerings—Miss Zora Moss.
God speaks to Solomon—Miss Bessie Prichard.
Social greeting.
Song.
Motto by class.
Questions.
"On the Shores of Tennessee,"—Miss Annie Stewart.
Solo—Mrs. G. W. Pope.
Everybody is invited to attend our meetings. 2:30 o'clock.

The Howard County Teachers' Institute will meet on the 18th of December and remain in session until the evening of the 23rd of said month. The program, which appears separately, is based on W. H. Bender's book entitled "The Teacher at Work." This is a very useful book for teachers, and is recommended by State Superintendent, Cousins, in the following language: "I find it a very practical and helpful book. I will be glad to have it offered to the teachers of Texas for their preparation for certificates, and for more efficient work in the school room." Each teacher is expected to secure a copy of this book in order to understand his subject and to prepare it properly. These books can be had at the County Judge's office at the cost price of 75 cents each.

L. A. DALE.

Co. Judge, Howard Co.

Sending from St. Louis to have leather goods made in Big Springs, is a new departure. The Hamilton-Brown Co. of St. Louis, the largest leather and shoe dealers in the world, have given their third order to the Art Leather Co. for hand carved leather goods. Robt. Sears states it will require at least three weeks to get the last order out. This is quite a compliment to Big Springs. Guess we better keep an eye on the Art Leather Co. They also have an order for expensive saddlery goods from Robt. Frazer, Pueblo, Colorado, which shows which way the wind blows.

A public park is a mighty nice thing to have in a town and Big Springs should have one and can if the people will take hold of the matter in the right way. It has been suggested that the court house yard be converted into a park. It would make a nice little park but would be hardly large enough for a fast growing town the size of Big Springs.

Try our service; we want your trade. Pool Bros.

Elew Read Co.

For pure Ribbon Cane Syrup, it's where it was last year. Just received a car; it's going fast; you had better get yours, at 65c per gallon.

Read's Store and Market

Lost in Coahoma.

E. J. Roberts one of the foremost citizens of the Vincent section, who left here and went to Louisiana early in September to conduct a gin there returned Friday night. When seen by the Courier man Saturday morning he said when he looked about town next morning after his arrival his first impression was that he had been carried by and got off at the wrong town. Coahoma had grown and everything changed so considerably during the three months of his absence that he hardly recognized the place, and said he might have to take a guide to find his way home.

J. W. D. Permyer tells us a good one on E. J. He relates that when Mr. Roberts left last September he had little faith in his cotton crop and estimated that the total yield on his place would not exceed three bales. At last reports the hands in charge had harvested fifteen bales and were still picking. Well, we don't reckon Mr. Roberts was very mad about it when he found out the truth, but it just shows that it's a poor rule that don't work both ways, for, while

there is a saying that West Texas can promise more and produce less than any other section of the country yet discovered, it is also a settled fact that she can and does, at certain times, promise less and produce more, which is by far the most satisfactory arrangement; now, isn't it?

Moral.—Come to the Coahoma section and buy a farm.—Coahoma Courier.

Pecans at Green's at \$13.50 per 100 pounds. 8-4t

Very few people are born with extraordinary talent. Successful people generally owe more to persistent effort than to natural ability. It is better to be born with a will to work than to be born with talent. An earnest purpose is the way to success in any undertaking. A boy will more surely make his way in the world if he has to struggle with difficulties, and the sooner he learns that he is not naturally endowed with talent, the sooner he goes to work.—Vernon Call.

Even a boy with talent has to cultivate it if it does him any good. The will to work is true talent.

The Royal Tailors all wool suits and overcoats are the best you can buy for the price. A legal guarantee that they are all wool goes with every suit and they will hold their shape until worn out. Try one.

A. P. McDonald & Co.

Je vendre beacop aux beau marche.

Reagan's Drug Store.

If you can't read this see p. 3.

Linens, Linens

Just now every housewife's thoughts are turned to their Thanksgiving dinner—so are ours. We are anxious to furnish your table with every luxury. Linens, China and Fancy Groceries for Thanksgiving at

J. & W. FISHER

The Store that Sells Everything.

Established 1882



A Plain Talk

is often required to get people to rights. Even on lumber, some get all snarled up like some lumber we know of.

Talking About Lumber

we handle the kind with the snarls left out. Ask anybody who does business with us. Ask him what kind of lumber we furnish and what kind of treatment he gets from us. Can't we put your down on our list of regular customers?

Connell Lumber Co.

Go for Grade and Satisfaction.

We Sell Corrugated Iron.

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BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS

It is naturally hard for a woman masquerading in male attire to be a man among men.

The fall styles in football yells are reported to be somewhat louder than last year's patterns.

A man while trying new boots on in a store fell and broke his leg. Must have been a pretty slippery customer.

An aeroplane garage has been constructed on the roof of a building in Paris. It is probably reached by a lift of stairs.

"War would be a crime," said the mayor of Tokyo. War is a crime, but are all the great defenders criminals? There's the rub.

It is rumored that Pulman fares are to be reduced. Nothing has been said about a readjustment of the scale governing "tips."

Kaiser Wilhelm says he told Queen Victoria how to run the Boer war. Does the Kaiser mean to imply that he wants all the blame for its conduct?

If the testimony of the doctors is to the effect that the ordinary freeracker stands in the way of a safe and sane Fourth of July, the ordinary freeracker must go.

"How," wails a stenographer in a Sunday paper, "can we girls escape the unwelcome attention of our employers?" Might try climbing a tree, suggests the Cleveland Leader, and making a noise like a suffragette.

The 10,000 Japanese school children who sang "America" at the welcome to the fleet probably knew the words all right, but imagine teaching 10,000 American school children the words of the Japanese national hymn, whatever it may be.

The Harvard professor who asserts that it is criminal for a man to marry on less than \$800 per year should accompany that positive opinion with a schedule showing the man who wishes to marry where and how he can secure the needed \$800 job.

Let's see, didn't Wilhelm II. compose an opera or something of that sort. But now nothing more nor less than the drama can possibly appease his universal genius. Mr. Frederick Thompson might ask him to write a play. Think of the accumulated material!

Dr. Story, the late principal of Glasgow university, taking a holiday in the country once, was met by the minister of the district, who remarked: "Hullo, principal! You here? Why, you must come down and felleve me for a day." The principal replied: "I don't promise to relieve you, but I might relieve your congregation."

Canada has, once and for all time, rejected the 12-foot canal as grossly incompetent, and its canal from Georgian bay to the St. Lawrence by way of the Ottawa and Mattawa rivers will be 21 feet deep, making Chicago and Milwaukee and Duluth ocean ports, subject only to sail of several hundred miles through exclusively British soil.

The distinguished Parisian architect, M. Augustin Rey, appears to be gradually getting reconciled to New York's skyscrapers. He now concludes that he would have the height of buildings limited by law to 20 or 30 stories, with a few taller buildings here and there to pleasingly diversify the outline. Or is M. Rey indulging in sarcasm at New York's expense?

It is estimated that the planting of between 15,000 and 20,000 acres to camphor trees in Ceylon would develop a production of 80,000,000 pounds, which, according to most authorities, is the quantity of camphor demanded annually at present. The camphor tree naturally grows to a height of 40 feet, but in Ceylon it is being kept at the more convenient height of four to five feet.

Ninety thousand more letters than usual were carried by the first three steamships that left New York for England after the two-cent rate for letter postage to Great Britain went into effect on October 1. Of course, many of these letters had been held to await the reduction in postage. One New York firm mailed 20,000 advertising circulars at a saving of \$600 from the old rate.

The number of French families, with or without children, is estimated at 11,315,000. Of this total 1,894,720 families have no children, 2,966,171 have one child, 2,661,978 have two children, 1,643,425 have three, 957,392 have four, 566,768 have five, 327,759 have six, 182,998 have seven, 94,729 have eight, 44,728 have nine, 29,629 have ten, 8,395 have 11, 3,508 have 12, 1,437 have 13, 554 have 14, 249 have 15, 79 have 16, 34 have 17, and 45 families have 18 children or more.

Such persistence as that shown by the British suffragettes seldom falls. Within a few years we are likely to hear them discussing the fall styles in ballots.

Mr. Zangwill remarks that for freedom in literary expression in the United States one must resort to the publication of books and even there there exists a censorship which is quite remarkable in what it attempts and succeeds in doing. Evidently Mr. Zangwill lacks adequate appreciation of the charm of being edited.

THE WEEK'S EPITOME

A RESUME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT NEWS AT HOME AND ABROAD.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE

A Carefully Digested and Condensed Compilation of Current News Domestic and Foreign.

The fate of Ray Lamphere, charged with the murder of Mrs. Belle Guinness and her three children at La Porte, Ind., is in the hands of the jury.

Herman Billek, under sentence of death on December 11 in Chicago for the murder of Mary Vzal, received a telegram Friday announcing the death at Cleveland, Ohio, of his mother.

Under Director North of the bureau of the census, the government has embarked upon the field of invention, and has been successful in the manufacture of a new tabulating machine.

Three gangs of men are busy with the preliminary work on the new steel bridge for the Katy at Red River, near Denison, taking the place of that partially swept away by floods last spring.

The three-year-old daughter of Thos. Newcomb, living in the Mount Hope neighborhood near Clinton, Ok., was burned to death Tuesday night, her clothing igniting from the kitchen stove.

After a fast and furious battle for twenty rounds between Jimmy Gardner of Boston and Jimmy Clabby of Milwaukee at New Orleans Thursday afternoon, the fight was declared to be a draw.

Ray Lamphere, charged with the murder of Mrs. Belle Guinness and her three children of La Porte, Ind., by setting fire to the Guinness house April 23, was Thursday evening found guilty of arson by a jury.

Stanley Ketchell of Grand Rapids, Mich., regained the middle weight championship of the world Thursday and reversed his defeat of last September when he sent Billy Papke, the Illinois "Thunderbolt" crashing to the floor.

The first steps in the direction of a concentration of the American troops in Cuba, preparatory to evacuation of marines in garrison on the Isle of Pines was ordered to proceed to Camp Columbia.

Formal pleas of not guilty were entered Wednesday in Nashville, Tenn., by Col. Duncan B. Cooper, his son, Robin J. Cooper, and John D. Sharp, when arraigned in the circuit court charged with the murder of former United States Senator Edward W. Carmack.

The little town of Tiptonville, bordering on Reelfoot Lake, Tenn., which has been the scene of many stirring incidents of the past month, witnessed the lynching late Tuesday afternoon of three negroes who were arrested for murdering Special Deputy Sheriff Richard Burrows.

In effect, Assistant Attorney General James D. Walsh rules in an opinion handed down Tuesday that in Texas, no matter how badly a State Senator or Representative may want to resign his office and no matter if he has tendered such resignation and it has been duly accepted, he must still continue in office.

The interurban soliciting committee reported \$21,000 subscribed to the Fort Worth, Weatherford and Mineral Wells interurban Wednesday morning, and stated it was expected the remaining amount to be raised by Monday.

That both oil and gas are a certainty in the country eight miles southwest of Denton is the opinion of Paul J. Mahamey, an oil and gas expert from Pittsburg, Pa., who, after several months of careful investigation, has taken 1,500 acres of land under lease for both oil and gas.

An inspection of cattle in Leovonia township, Mich., Thursday brought to light eighty-six additional cases of foot and mouth disease, which, with nearly 100 reported brings the total well up toward 200.

The orange crop of Cuba this year will be much larger and will reach 500,000 boxes, according to a report made to the bureau of manufactures by Consul Holiday at Santiago, Cuba. The business of orange culture in the island, he says, is almost entirely in the hands of Americans.

A little red Italian car with four cylinders that hummed like a giant bumble bee, and with an American driver at the wheel, Wednesday, won the first international light car race in Atlanta, Ga., ever held in this country.

Without cloud in the sky and fires rapidly approaching, the residents of Grand Prairie, Ark., are offering prayers for rain, which, it is believed, will be necessary to save 20,000 acres of prairie land from devastation. Back fires have been started in many places, but with little result.

The tuberculosis exhibit which has for some time been at Brownwood was sent to Waco Monday.

Frederick Klepper, of New Braunfels, shot himself in the head Thursday, death resulting instantly. C. W. Post, of Battle Creek, Mich., will sink a test well for oil and gas soon on the land at Post City in West Texas.

The most interesting carnival feature at Brownwood and the best patronized attraction is the tuberculosis exhibit.

Heavy rains near Sword, north of Oklahoma City, washed out 200 feet of track belonging to the Santa Fe Sunday.

Mrs. J. H. Davis was burned to death Saturday evening while burning trash from a garden patch, at Medford, Okla.

The report that Gen. Leconte, the Haitian minister of the interior, had been killed at Jeremie was confirmed Wednesday.

Van Alstone has just closed a two days' poultry show, and, despite the inclemency of the weather, it was a great success.

For the second time since 1864 the Grand Council of the Royal and Select Masters of Texas met in Waco Monday afternoon, Nov. 30.

Herbert Neal, foreman of the Texas Central switch engine at Hico, had his hand very badly mashed Friday evening while switching in the yards.

According to the report of the Department of Public Health there were in Texas during the month of September only 1381 deaths and 4057 births.

Joe J. Holt, a prominent business man of West, accidentally killed himself at his home Monday. He was cleaning a shotgun when the barrel exploded.

President D. J. Nell, of the Farmers' Union, has issued a call for a meeting of all county presidents throughout the State to be held in Fort Worth December 20-21.

The engine, tender and fourteen cars of a Rock Island freight train were derailed near El Reno Monday on account of a soft track. C. R. McPherson, head brakeman, of El Reno was killed.

Report from A. C. Torbert, treasurer of the Santa Fe Railway Company, shows the total number of actual employees of the railway company in all departments in Temple at present to be 742, with a monthly payroll aggregating \$52,313.

That a gigantic corporation to control every stick of standing timber in the Western Hemisphere is being agitated at the present time, was the admission made in Washington by T. B. Walker of Minneapolis, owner of the largest tracts of standing pine in the United States.

Among the many men who have been mentioned as possible successors of President Eliot of Harvard, President David Franklin Houston, formerly President of the University of Texas, now President of Washington University, St. Louis, stands out prominently as having been given most earnest consideration.

The four offices of assistant postmaster general will be abolished, a director of posts with seven assistants provided for and the entire postal service of the United States divided into fifteen separate districts, if the bill providing for the revision of the postal bill, which is being prepared by the Joint Postal Investigation Committee of Congress appointed two years ago is passed by congress.

Representatives of the Texas Hardware Jobbers' Association appeared before the Railroad Commission at Austin Monday to discuss the matter of lower rates from Galveston and Texas City to Texas interior points.

Four lives were lost when the 10,000-ton White Star freighter Georgia, coming in rammed the Financo, a 2,600 ton passenger steamship of the Government's Panama line, outward bound, in a dense fog a mile east and a little north of Sandy Hook Thursday morning.

Because he attempted, in his official capacity, to quell a disturbance, Charles Jeans, city marshal of Vinita, Okla., was shot and killed there Wednesday night.

In his annual report to the secretary of war Lieut. Col. George W. Goethals, U. S. A., chief engineer of the Isthmian Canal Commission shows that dirt has been flying in the excavation of the last year and that \$84,572,998.55 had been spent, with an available balance of \$36,391,470.03 on July 1, 1908.

Paper is to be manufactured from cotton stalks, heretofore a useless by-product, according to a report to the bureau of manufacturers. A company capitalized at \$500,000 has been organized at Atlanta, Ga., for the purpose.

In his annual report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1908, Postmaster General Meyer gives the total receipts for the year as \$191,475,603, and the total expenditures as \$208,251,586 thereby showing a deficit of \$16,775,983, the largest in the history of the department.

PINE BLUFF ASKS AID

EVERY AVAILABLE MAN EMPLOYED FIGHTING BACK RISING WATERS OF ARKANSAS.

GREAT DAMAGE SEEMS SURE

Section of Land Near Costly Buildings Begins to Slide—City Built on Quicksand.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Dec. 2.—While appealing as a last recourse to President Roosevelt that permission be granted to cut through a government levee and change the course of the Arkansas river, leaving Pine Bluff "high and dry" but safe, every available man in the city is at work strengthening already crumbling banks until the crest of a 16-foot rise passes this point, in an effort to prevent an overflow, which would mean the destruction of property valued at hundreds of thousands of dollars and possibly loss of life.

Tonight the river has passed the 15-foot stage and at its crest a stage of 26 feet is anticipated. The flood stage is 25 feet and with the banks in their present condition the full force is felt can not be foretold. That great property loss will ensue seems certain.

A large section of land thirty feet north of the walls of the court house and the Jefferson hotel, each valued at \$100,000, is slowly disappearing into the river, and warehouses along the banks, which have already been partly wrecked, are tottering and may fall at any moment. It seems certain that several streets, with business houses a mile long, will be destroyed.

To add to the serious situation is the fact that the city of Pine Bluff is built upon quicksand. This strata of sand lies under thirty feet of clay mixed with sand. The river current comes sweeping against the banks and sucking at the sand undermines the covering of clay.

Would Stay in Texas League. Shreveport, La.: Capt. W. T. Crawford and Harry Erlich, president and business manager, respectively, of the Shreveport team, left Tuesday for Ft. Worth to attend the meeting Wednesday of the Texas League officers, which, according to reports here, has been called for the purpose of trying to oust Shreveport from the circuit in favor of Oklahoma City. They have on their fighting clothes and declare they won't leave the league, claiming they have a gty year franchise and cannot be forced to quit.

Wants \$300,000 Bonus. Fort Worth: Construction of an interurban railway from Fort Worth to Mineral Wells via the Springtown route now depends only on the ability of the soliciting committee to raise a bonus of \$300,000 from the residents of the counties traversed by the road and the work of soliciting will begin as soon as necessary blanks have been printed.

Train Kills Mrs. J. H. Hughes. Sherman: Mrs. James H. Hughes died in twenty minutes after she was struck and run over by the locomotive of the eastbound Texas and Pacific mail and express train just before 1 o'clock this afternoon. The accident occurred just east of the grade crossing of the street railway and the Texas and Pacific on Grand avenue.

To Build Flour Mill. San Angelo: Active work is in progress on the building for the flouring mill, which it is expected to get ready for operation by the first of the new year. Mr. Garrett, the owner, will receive the first shipment of wheat in a few days and is hopeful that farmers in this section will sow a full acreage of wheat.

Texas Thoroughbred Association. Beaumont, Texas: An adjourned session of the Texas Thoroughbred Association was held in the parlors of the Crosby House Tuesday until 12 o'clock. All the officers and directors that were present Monday were again in attendance and a vast amount of business was transacted, mainly involving, however, the routine business of the association.

Word was received Monday night that two Japanese steamships were in a collision off Chefoo Monday and 700 lives were lost.

Hostler Helper is Killed. Cloburne: Jesse R. Williamson, hostler helper to O. R. Bonner, met almost instant death at the Santa Fe turn table at 5 o'clock Tuesday. Engine No. 724 was backing in on the table when young Williamson attempted to step on the brake beam at the rear end of the tender. He missed his footing and fell, the wheels of the tender passed over the lower part of his body, Williamson came here from Colton County.

It May Be Your Fate

To have your house burned down tonight. One can never tell what misfortune such a thing may happen. The question naturally arises, ARE YOU INSURED? If not, do you think it would be wise to have us issue a policy at once? It is most decidedly penny wise and pound foolish to be without insurance when the danger of fire is always present, when ruin may come at any time. Call on us at our

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SUBSCRIPTION, \$1.50 A YEAR

Pool Bros. sell wholesale and retail.

Pecans at Green's at \$13.50 per 100 pounds. 8-4t

Miss Louise Baird visited friends in Midland last week.

Fresh preserves and jellies at Pool Bros.

R. E. Martin and wife of R—, were shopping here Monday.

Pecans at Green's at \$13.50 per 100 pounds. 8-4t

Frank Cooksey of Dawson county was here Wednesday.

If its to eat, they have it at Pool Bros.

C. L. Alderman is attending the Masonic Grand Lodge at Waco.

Free! Your name or monogram carved on any purchase.

Art Leather Co.

E. C. Rice of Odessa, was greeting old friends here Wednesday.

\$1.00 buys one pound of best disinfectant known—Kresso-Reagan sells it.

Ike Cox, the coal and wood man of Coahoma, was here Wednesday.

50c saved when you buy our solid rawhide whip.

Art Leather Co.

Misses Lillian Hurt and Ruth Rix visited friends in Midland last week.

Latest style ladies' adjuster pins in silver, gold and settings.

Art Leather Co.

You will find the swellest line of coats for ladies in West Texas at Ayers & Ball.

L. H. Hilger and son of Glasscock county were in the city yesterday.

Remember that the piano contest is still on and that it is not too late to enter.

Complete stock of rubber overshoes, rubber boots, etc., at A. P. McDonald & Co.'s.

H. W. Caylor was here Tuesday from his home fourteen miles south of town.

Say, we can fill your prescriptions promptly and accurately.

Arnold-Tankersley Drug Co.

J. E. Adams of Coahoma, was here Monday and moved his date up on our list two years.

H. L. Arnold returned Tuesday morning from a business trip to Fort Worth.

Your husband, your son, your sweetheart want a dressy belt made by the Art Leather Co.

Mrs. F. L. Flynt and baby left Sunday night for Missouri on a visit to relatives.

See our big stick pins—they are the stuff. Arnold-Tankersley Drug Co.

J. W. D. Permitter of Coahoma, was a visitor to our town Wednesday.

Don't forget the well equipped drug store—Reagan's first door south of Gary & Burns.

L. B. Westerman returned Wednesday morning from a business trip to Dallas.

Get your lap robes and automobile robes from Ayers & Ball. They have a dandy assortment.

Our stock of men's, women's and children's shoes is better than ever and the prices lower.

A. P. McDonald & Co.

Ich kaufe in grosse quantiteten, also kann ich billiger verkaufen.

Reagan's Drug Store.

If you can't read this see p. 8.



THE CLEVER HOUSEKEEPER

Takes pride in her kitchen and its equipment. In fact that is a sign of her cleverness. We want you just to come and see our immense variety of...

TNWARE FOR THE KITCHEN

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FRIDAY MORNING.

Invocation

Address of Welcome Judge L. A. Dale.

Response H. R. Dabenport.

Organization and Enrollment.

The Lesson Plan, Miss Lelia Poe.

Assignment of Lessons, Miss Ruby West.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The Recitation, C. E. Thomas.

The Text Book as a Device in Teaching—Miss Maude Austin.

Questioning as a Device in Teaching—Miss Lona McGregor.

The Illustration as a Device in Teaching—Mrs. Kate Sparks.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Making Illustrative Matter for class use—Miss Vivian Roberts.

The Teaching of Reading, Miss Annie Mae Scott.

The Teaching of Spelling, Miss Nora Lackey.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

The Teaching of Geography, Miss Stella James.

The Teaching of History, A. J. Sparks.

The Teaching of Physiology, O. P. Coats.

MONDAY MORNING.

The Teaching of Arithmetic, Mrs. Grace West.

The Teaching of Language, W. B. Penn.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

The Organization of the School, N. Teague.

Management, A. A. Scott.

Discipline, R. E. Barker.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Query Box.

The Teacher's Spirit, Miss Fannie Miller.

School Libraries, Miss Della Summy.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

Observation, or School Visitation, W. F. Cook.

Opening Exercises in School, Miss Jennie Bell.

Reading and References for Teachers, T. B. Franklin.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Reviews, Miss Kate McSpadden.

Becoming a Teacher, J. A. Merrick.

The Pupil and The Work, Friday noon, Miss Sallie Morris.

to Monday noon.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

A Discussion of the late adopted Text Books, in which every member of the Institute is requested to take part.

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Special cash prices at Pool Bros.

To save money on your paper and paint bill buy from Reagan.

F. E. Abney and wife, of Borden county, were here Tuesday.

Favorite Headache Tablets are the best, at Ward's. 12-tf

J. C. Davidson, living on rural route 1, called at our office Tuesday and moved his date up two years.

After the 11th of this month the store of J. W. Fisher will be open after 7 p. m. on account of Christmas display.

Sell groceries, that's all; no old stock at Pool Bros.

Drs. Wright & Cain have closed the Big Springs hospital and Dr. Cain now has his office over Reagan's drug store, phone 1.

Mrs. H. Clay Read and daughters, Misses Ethel and Gladys, have returned from a visit to relatives in Kentucky.

J. O. Gibson, the tailor, in the front basement of the Ward building, makes a specialty of cleaning and pressing clothing. 22-tf.



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Railroad men report that from one to three car loads of emigrant goods are received at this place every day. Most of them are going to the plains country north of here.

Buy your underwear from Ayers & Ball. They carry good stuff add it is cheap too.

Pecans at Green's at \$13.50 per 100 pounds. 8-4t

Mrs. Robert Cheek of Big Springs, is visiting her father, W. L. Morton and family while Mr. Cheek is at the bedside of his mother, who is very ill at Weatherford.—Westbrook News.

Buy your shoes from Ayers & Ball. The name Dittman assures the quality.

L. L. Stephenson and son returned Tuesday from Battle Creek, Michigan, where they left Mrs. Stephenson, who is there for medical treatment, and is reported improving.

Best stock ladies' belt pins. Art Leather Shops.

INSANE BY HOWARD S. COLTIER SPORTDOM



FINISH OF THE 75 YARD DASH FOR WOMEN PATIENTS



WINNER CROSSING THE LINE IN THE WHEELBARROW RACE

the full use of their faculties. Not long ago there was considerable talk about the rapidly increasing number of insane in this country. Various causes were assigned to it. Some said the growth of the cities accounted for it; others thought that it was



NEW PATIENTS WATCHING THE ATHLETIC GAMES

BEFORE the year 1925 has dawned, it is probable that nearly every hospital for insane in America will work for cures from an athletic angle. Physicians who have had the care of mentally incompetent persons declare that sports are the chief adjunct to insane treatment. The patients become wonderfully interested and enthusiastic over wheelbarrow races, sprints, three-legged races, and the fun they derive from this sort of exercise is declared far greater than that which falls to the share of the sane athlete or the athletic fan who participates in championship games on the field, diamond, track, gridiron and gymnasium floor. A great alienist once said that where physical well-being is to be found there is usually a competent mind also. Athletics naturally promote bodily improvement, and with it comes the elimination of the diseased portions of the brain. Thus medical men hope to eradicate insanity among the patients at the hospitals. The heat of the athletic struggle takes the mind of the patient from his woes. If that be the form of mania, and one crazed woman is declared to have been cured within two months after having participated continually in athletics at a hospital for insane in the east. There is no athlete who gets as much apparent enjoyment out of his successes as the one who is insane. They take it as a new kind of play and take to it with all the vim that their physical attainments will permit. Dances are also given in some asylums, to which the public is admitted by invitation. These, while they have their pathetic side, of course, afford much pleasure to the inmates, especially the younger ones. Surgeons declare that some day all varieties of insanity will yield to treatment and be curable. An operation on the brain is said by them to be the solution but as yet the man has not arisen who can perform such an operation with unfailing success. There have been isolated cases now and then that have proved successful, but the brain is one of the mysteries of the human body that has been reserved for a future generation to solve. Meanwhile, however, under the new order of things the insane are far from an unhappy lot. It is only those of sound minds who are able to realize the plight of those afflicted people; while they in their ignorance are perhaps happier than many who have

the great nervous strain that Americans were under. But they were both wrong. For once figures lie. Though there were only 74,925 insane in hospitals in 1890 and 150,151 in 1906, the actual number of insane pro rata has decreased. Here is the proof of it. In 1890 there were 162 hospitals, while in 1903 there were 328, and many of the older ones had been enlarged. In other words, the country is taking care of the insane and taking them out of their homes, and incidentally the idea grew that because the institutions were increasing in number and size the number of cases was likewise growing abnormally. It is not generally supposed that there is a brighter side to insanity. The 5,000,000 people of this country who have relatives in asylums probably do not see this bright side and few of the other millions realize it. But nevertheless it is a fact that the darkest days of the affliction are over. Nearly every patient in an institution is normal in all but one or two subjects. The dangerous insane are, of course, another matter; to them it is always night, and will be until some genius discovers a new method of treating the brain more satisfactorily than is known at the present day. But these others are normal human beings, with normal wants and ideas on all subjects but one or two. In the old days this normal part of their nature never had its outlet; their lives were never given the leeway necessary for even a moment's happiness. But to-day it would not be an exaggeration to say that the insane in institutions are a reasonably happy lot. In many institutions entertainments are given regularly by the inmates. The man who has the idea that he is King Edward is allowed to sit in his royal box in all his majesty, and, as his other faculties are unimpaired, he enjoys the show to its utmost. The woman who believes she has inherited a million from her uncle sits in the front row, happy in the belief that in a few days she will leave the institution and buy a silk dress for every woman she leaves behind. The indulgent principle in the treatment of the insane to-day is simply to humor them whenever

Smile's Face Yelps.
Although most of us would hesitate to express what might be termed the face value of the "modern smile," we certainly realize at times that it is a form of currency which is depreciating. In the "modern smile" we recognize the crude, official thing which neither illuminates, cheers nor bridges awful gaps of silence. It may savor of suggesting a wave of imbecility to declare that we ought all to smile more, but it is certainly true that the charm of a woman's smile was once esteemed even above beauty.



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For thirty years Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from roots and herbs, has been the standard remedy for female ills, and has positively cured thousands of women who have been troubled with displacements, inflammation, ulceration, fibroid tumors, irregularities, periodic pains, backache, that bearing-down feeling, flatulency, indigestion, dizziness or nervous prostration. Why don't you try it?
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in all the drug stores an aromatic, pleasant berry cure for women's ills, called Mother Gray's AUSTRALIAN LEAF. It is the only certain regulator. Quickly relieves female weakness and backache, kidney, bladder and urinary troubles. At all Druggists or by mail 50 cts. Sample FREE. Address, The Mother Gray Co., Le Roy, N. Y.

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**Farmers Educational
AND
Co-operative Union
Of America**

The Two Conventions.

The two cotton conventions—one at New Orleans by the Farmers' Union and the other by the Southern Cotton Association at Memphis—have passed into history and the question naturally arises, what has been accomplished?

Neither convention carried to maturity any definite plan for holding the cotton crop for satisfactory prices because of the many difficulties in the way of taking care of that part of it which is under mortgage for the supplies on which it was made. But both did much to overcome these difficulties by bringing forcibly before the business world the fact that when this fraction of the cotton is forced upon the market in advance of the demand for it, the price on the entire crop is depressed and the South loses millions of dollars which should flow through all her channels of trade. And not only did they bring these conditions clearly before the business world, but representative bankers and business men expressed a willingness to co-operate along safe and sound methods of improving them. The Farmers' Union needs a campaign of education among business men, as well as among farmers, and the New Orleans convention was worth all it cost for what it accomplished in this respect alone.

In the matter of marketing that part of the crop not under the necessity of immediate sale, the work of both conventions is calculated to have a very beneficial effect. The support of the holding and gradual marketing movement by leading financiers and large planters should be a powerful stimulus to those who have hesitated as to what they should do, and where one bale has been held back before, two should be held since these conventions.

It is too early to say what may be expected from the great warehouse scheme of the New Orleans convention, the committee in whose charge it was placed has not given a definite outline of the plan. Some such arrangement at New Orleans as that made at Galveston by the Farmers' Union of Texas would materially help, and it seems quite probable that this much will be accomplished. As to the organization of a great cotton holding company, that is another question. Evidently the Farmers' Union is not ready for such a move, and we do not believe the time will ever come when it can be made successful. Our opinion is that the remedy does not lie in that direction.

The one damaging result, in our opinion, of both conventions was the disposition to compromise with the cotton exchanges. At Memphis, gambling in cotton futures on the exchanges was boldly defended and the claim was made that anti-bucket shop legislation in the Southern states had helped to depress prices to the present low level. Of course, bucket shops were condemned, although the speakers did not show why gambling on exchanges is any more beneficial to the cotton growers than on bucket shops, but the spurious claim was advanced that buyers of futures on the exchanges supports the spot market.

At New Orleans no defender of future gambling raised his voice on the floor of the convention, but in some way press reports went out to the effect that a strong sentiment had developed, or was developing, in the union in favor of amending our anti-bucket shop legislation so as to permit gambling on "legitimate exchanges," whatever they are. This ought not to have been, because there is no such change of sentiment in the union and the spreading of such reports will strengthen the speculators and gamblers in their war upon these laws, which will be renewed before the next legislature.

As a whole, however, we believe the New Orleans convention has greatly strengthened the holding and gradual marketing movement; has strengthened confidence in the final outcome for better prices, and we confidently expect to see more cotton held for better prices and a gradual advance in the market.—National Co-operator.

Kaffir Corn in the South.

That Kaffir corn and milo maize are not properly appreciated in the feed trade is the conclusion of the Texas station in a feeding test. These grains contain considerably less fat or oil than Indian corn, and in other constituents the differences are not important. The protein and fat of Kaffir corn are much less easily digested than the same constituents in Indian corn. In a feeding test the Kaffir corn produced greater gains than milo maize, with Indian corn in third place.

In autumn make surface ditches or cuts to catch winter's surface waters and to save the plants. A little study will show where to run them so as not to carry to land away from them. It is not needed longer in spring they can be closed up. They need generally be no bigger than furrows. The underdrains are often needed in the berry patch, also, and the two supplement each other very nicely.

A few fall of furrows often reflects a seed without a blizzard.

Cotton's Utilities.

The following is the report of the committee on cotton bags being sent out by the Southern Wholesale Grocers Association, of which Mr. J. A. Van Hoose, of Birmingham, Ala., is president:

"We, your Committee on cotton bags, recognizing the importance to the southern merchants of a fair and equitable price for cotton to our farmers, which affects all lines of trade and professions of our people and desiring that as much as possible of the raw cotton grown in the South be manufactured in our country to maintain the price, and realizing that a good cotton sack can be re-used for many purposes, recommend that the Southern Wholesale Grocers give preference to goods packed in cotton sacks and that we ask the manufacturers, packers and dealers using jute and burlap and other covering to use cotton whenever possible.

"We recommend that a copy be sent to each manufacturer listed with us and that the various flour, grits and rice mills, sugar and salt manufacturers be sent a copy and that different Fertilizer Factories be also informed. We recommend that the National Wholesale Grocers Association be asked to co-operate with us to get the Wholesale Grocers in their territory to further the use of cotton bags and covering.

"We recommend that the newspapers be requested to give this resolution as much publicity as possible."

Each and every one is urged to send a copy to every manufacturer interested whose goods you are purchasing. Each is also asked to give this resolution as much publicity as possible through every local paper published in your town or county. Every farmer, merchant and citizen in the cotton producing States should be intensely interested in doing everything within power to further the object of the above resolution.

Very respectfully,
J. A. Van Hoose, President.
Birmingham, Ala.

More Cotton Needed.

The world's production of cotton, for mill consumption, during the year ended Aug. 31, 1908, exceeded by 2,240,000 bales the previous year, according to the Census Bureau's report on the supply and distribution of cotton. The report shows that fluctuations in the world's supply of cotton is measured practically by the variations in the annual production in the United States.

If the consumption of cotton in 1909 equals that of 1908, the United States, it is declared, must contribute about 12,500,000 bales to prevent further decrease in stocks. The number of cotton spindles in this country is 27,964,487, the distribution among the states giving Massachusetts 34 per cent, South Carolina 13 per cent and North Carolina 11 per cent. Rhode Island ranks fourth in the list. The number of spindles has increased 23 per cent in the last eight years and the consumption of cotton 24 per cent.

The annual export of manufacturers of cotton are declared to be subject to wide fluctuations, those for 1908 amounting to \$25,177,758, or less than half the value of exports for 1906, which aggregated in value more than \$50,000,000. This reduction is due to the falling off of the exports to China. An interesting fact to the producers is that of the total cotton amounting to 4,459,300 bales, 34 per cent was consumed in the United States.

Co-operate With the Governor.

According to the Houston Post the Farmers' Union of Texas, through its leaders, has indicated that it will co-operate with the governor to apprehend and convict night riders. The Post expresses the opinion that the Farmers' Union means what it says, and that the governor, the Texas rangers and the organization will camp upon the trail of the outlaw until he finds the state too hot to hold him. Luster will be added to the name of the Lone Star state if the prediction is fulfilled. As an advertisement of the quality of Texas citizenship its fulfillment would be of incalculable value to a commonwealth which still has need of a greater population than can be secured without emigration from other states. Says the Post: "Every farmer in Texas has the right to take his cotton to the gins. Every gin owner has a right to operate his plant. Every producer has a right to sell his cotton when he pleases, regardless of price or other circumstances. And the governor not only gives notice that these rights are going to be protected, but he makes it plain that he will not even permit men to threaten those who are attending to their business in a legitimate way."

A new experiment station will be established at Clemson, S. C. It will be under the direction and control of the Clemson College and special attention will be given to drainage and clearing of logged-off timber lands.

For every buyer on the exchange there is a seller. Therefore, if the buyer helps to "bull" prices, the seller who sells to him "bears" prices to the same degree. Gambling does not add to nor take away one cent from the value of any article gambled on.

Carelessness in leaving old water dishes standing about where the hens can have access to filthy, stagnant water, and allowing the fowls to eat decayed animal matter, cause great amount of trouble in the shape of bowel diseases and limberneck.

**CHRISTMAS
SURPRISE BASKETS**



REINDEER FILLED WITH SURPRISE SNOW BALLS
A CHIMNEY CENTRE PIECE

EVERYBODY loves a surprise gift, grown persons as much as children, so some new and interesting surprise centerpieces have been prepared to supplement the Christmas tree and its burden of gifts. These surprise pieces are intended to occupy the center of the table when dinner is served, either on Christmas day or the evening before, and they supply a good deal of merriment as well as decoration. Their decorative qualities are rare indeed, for they trim a table elaborately and more appropriately than an equal quantity of flowers would.

Santa Claus is the prevailing motive for these unique decorations, and one of the most attractive over which his familiar form in miniature presides is a basket laden with glistening white snowballs from behind each of which peers a smaller Santa Claus. In the top of every snowball is stuck a sprig of genuine holly, while nesting under each white globe is a quaint gift, sometimes a joke, or something Christmasy and appropriate for the recipient. Encircling the high, rounded handle of this basket is more holly, with realistic looking icicles fringing the inner side of the top. Around the basket proper are rows of Christmas "crackers" to add to the fun and the amusement of the occasion. These are covered with red crepe paper to match the basket, and a broad satin ribbon of the same shade is fastened on one side of the handle. This trimming has a Christmas sentiment done in gold letters.

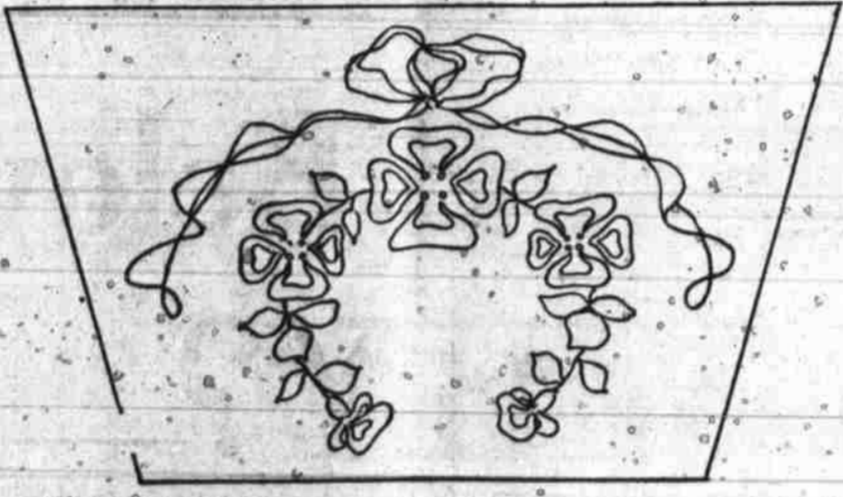
The idea of the Christmas surprise decoration seems to be to hide the gift as cleverly as possible. The Jack Horner way is reproduced by using a huge snowball instead of a plum cake or pumpkin and then concealing a gift for each person inside the snowball, with only a bit of white ribbon breaking through the crust to show its hiding place. A mock Christmas pudding adorned with a sprig of holly and with

real looking plums bulging from its sides is another attractive centerpiece which has a present hidden in the center of each plum.

A sleigh driven by reindeer makes an elaborate ornament. The whole centerpiece measures something like four feet from sleigh to antlers, so that more than an average sized table is required to display it to advantage. The pair of reindeer wear a glittering harness and they are arranged on wheels, so that they move in a slow and stately manner if there is room for this feat. In the sleigh are rows of fat snowballs with a sprig of holly stuck in the top of each and a tiny Santa Claus standing guard over each ball. A larger Santa Claus holds the reins and guides the sleigh. Ribbon streamers are attached to the snowballs, so that the ends can be passed to the guests as they sit at table, thus making an effective picture before the Christmas load is distributed. Each snowball forms the top of a paper box which is cylindrical and has its base buried in the bottom of the sleigh. It fills in the spaces between these gleaming white balls branches of holly and mistletoe or other Christmas greens may be used.

A centerpiece which has no surprise feature is a miniature gable roof with a bright red brick chimney, into which a tiny Santa Claus is stepping. The roof is covered with snow and icicles drip from its eaves, but good old Santa Claus knows that there are warmth and good cheer below, to judge by the pleased and anticipatory expression he wears. This centerpiece may be laid on the table without any further decoration, or it may be surrounded by branches of holly and Christmas ferns. If much other decoration is used the centerpiece loses its effectiveness.

Pretty Christmas Gift



NOVEL work bag that will make a very pretty and acceptable Christmas present is shown in the accompanying sketch. It is a handy little thing, for the needlebook is attached to the bag, so one does not have to hunt among the spoons inside for the needlebook. It is a simple matter to make the bag, and it requires only a scrap of material.

Cut a strip of silk 22 inches long and nine inches wide. Fold the short edges together and make a small French seam up the long sides. Fold back two inches and make a two-inch heading, with a half-inch space below to run the ribbon through. This heading is made as it is in any bag. Gather across the lower edge of the bag where the needlebook will be sewn on.

To make the needlebook, cut two pieces of linen 5 1/2 inches by 4 1/2 inches. Transfer the design in the illustration to the linen by means of a piece of carbon paper. Be sure to lay the design on across the long side of the linen. Cut two pieces of pasteboard exactly the size and shape indicated on the page where the design is drawn, and cover these with the linen.

Care should be taken in placing the linen on the pasteboard to see that the design is straight. Turn the edges of the linen over the pasteboard very neatly and sew back and forth from one edge of the linen to the edge opposite. Sew on the ribbon and then line each cover with a piece of the silk.

Cut two pieces of flannel one-half inch smaller than the covers and overhand the covers and flannel together. Then overhand the needlebook on the bag. A very pretty color scheme is to have the bag and needlebook lining of

blue silk; the cover of white linen, and blue satin ribbons. The embroidery is effectively done as follows, using very delicate colors:
Flowers, pink.
Centers of flowers, white silk dots.
Leaves and stems, green.
Bow knot, blue.

Calendars for Christmas Gifts. Calendars always make acceptable gifts. Embroidered calendars in the Dutch boy, and girl design are extremely popular and effective worked out in the delft blues. Or, if desired, they may be painted on cardboard instead and tiny penny calendars neatly tacked on. They may be secured stamped at any of the fancy-work stores or departments. A pretty idea is to have a sofa pillow and tie rack to match.

**NEWS FROM
OVER TEXAS**

C. G. Garner, a farmer living near Weatherford, shot and killed himself Saturday night.

The cotton mill at Corsicana, after an idleness of several months, started up Monday with a full force of operatives.

Burglars cracked the safe in the office of Lorentz & Repley, commission merchants of El Paso at an early hour Sunday morning, securing \$50 in money.

A young man whose effects indicate that he was Oscar Heard of Brownwood, Texas, was found dead in his room on the third floor of a hotel in St. Louis Monday.

The cotton receipts of San Angelo are now nearing the 10,000 mark, which breaks the record for the same time in the past history of that city as a cotton market.

Daniel Benchoff and Joe Decker of Menardville announce they will put on an automobile passenger line between Brady and Menardville about the middle of December.

A joint session of the city and county commissioners will be held next Monday morning in Fort Worth to make final arrangements for the establishment of a joint hospital.

The bodies of Porter Tharpe and wife, who were drowned in Cottonwood Creek, about twenty-two miles north of Sweetwater Saturday were recovered about noon Sunday.

General Jackson, an aggro employe at the Swift packing house in Fort Worth was caught in the machinery Monday morning, sustaining injuries from which he died soon after.

New Jersey troops were ordered out by Gov. Fort Wednesday afternoon to quell a riot between strikers and deputy sheriffs at the plant of the National Fireproofing company in Keasby.

The Texas conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, convened in its sixty-ninth annual session in Beaumont, Wednesday morning with Bishop Warren A. Candler of Georgia presiding.

The Texas Conference of the M. E. Church, South, completed the work of the session in Beaumont Monday afternoon. Jacksonville was selected as the place for holding the next annual session of the conference.

Oscar Lattle of the Texas Ranger force has been in Brady for the last three or four days. Some more rangers are expected in shortly. They will investigate some alleged cattle stealing cases in that county.

A daring attempt at robbery at the point of a pistol occurred at the home of Asbury Bryant, three miles southwest of Culleoka, Tex., Wednesday night, and though the would-be robber did not secure the money he was after, he shot and dangerously wounded Mr. Bryant.

Practically all of the machinery for the Temple Creamery Company was arrived and is being placed in position as rapidly as possible. The building is not quite completed, but it is expected that everything will be ready to start operations by December 7.

It was learned Friday that an arrangement is under consideration, although it has not yet assumed the proportions of a "deal," by which the Missouri, Kansas and Texas may become the Gulf outlet for the Alton, Clover Leaf combination.

From authentic information received by parties in interest Tuesday the Madill, Ok., oil field is a proven one. A gusher of four inches, spouting oil to a height of sixty-five feet, having been brought in.

Hiscel Hethcoat, who lives three miles north of Kaufman while out hunting Saturday morning killed a snow-white squirrel. It is of the fox squirrel variety and was quite a curiosity to many people who never heard of one before.

Thirteen dollars is cut from the time between Dallas and the Eastern produce markets of Philadelphia and New York by the fast freight service inaugurated from St. Louis by the Baltimore and Ohio.

It has been proven to the satisfaction of the Texas Live Stock Sanitary Commission that hog raising in the State can be carried on without fear of cholera as demonstrations have shown that it can be successfully treated.

The Gen. J. S. Griffith Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy of Terrell has completed arrangements for the meeting of the State Daughters of the Confederacy in that city on December 1-4.

Fire originated Wednesday night about 3 o'clock in the O. D. Horn dry goods store, in Cisco, and quickly spread to Citizen's confectionery and Woldredge's meat market. The three buildings, with their contents were destroyed.



MISS SOPHIA KITTLESEN.

**HEALTH VERY POOR—
RESTORED BY PE-RU-NA.**

**Catarrh Twenty-five Years—
Had a Bad Cough.**

Miss Sophia Kittlesen, Evanston, Ill., writes: "I have been troubled with catarrh for nearly twenty-five years and have tried many cures for it, but obtained very little help."

"Then my brother advised me to try Peruna, and I did. My health was very poor at the time. I began taking Peruna. My throat was very sore and I had a bad cough."

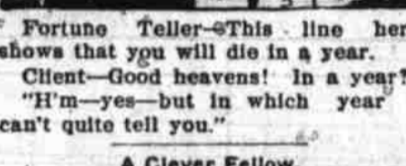
"Peruna has cured me. The chronic catarrh is gone and my health is very much improved."

"I recommend Peruna to all my friends who are troubled as I was."

PERUNA TABLETS—Some people prefer tablets, rather than medicine in a fluid form. Such people can obtain Peruna tablets, which represent the medicinal ingredients of Peruna. Each tablet equals one average dose of Peruna.

Man-a-lin the Ideal Laxative. Ask your Druggist for a Free Peruna Almanac for 1909.

ACCURATE INFORMATION.



Fortune Teller—This line here shows that you will die in a year. Client—Good heavens! In a year? "H'm—yes—but in which year I can't quite tell you."

A Clever Fellow. "Did you friend make a hit at the literary club?"

"I guess he did. He pronounced 'Les Miserables' in a brand-new way and then alluded to it as Victor Herbert's masterpiece." — Washington Herald.

ED GEERS, "The grand old man," he is called for he is so honest handling horses in races. He says: "I have used SPOHN'S DISTEMPER CURE for 12 years, always with best success. It is the only remedy I know to cure all forms of distemper and prevent horses in same stable having the disease." 50c and \$1 a bottle. All druggists, or manufacturers, Spohn Medical Co., Chemists, Goshen, Ind.

About One. Mrs. Hoyle—What time does your husband get in nights? Mrs. Doyle—About the time the cuckoo clock has the least to do.

**Habitual
Constipation**

May be permanently overcome by proper personal efforts with the assistance of the one truly beneficial laxative remedy, Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna, which enables one to form regular habits daily so that assistance to nature may be gradually dispensed with when no longer needed, as the best of remedies, when required, are to assist nature and not to supplant the natural functions, which must depend ultimately upon proper nourishment, proper efforts, and right living generally. To get its beneficial effects, always buy the genuine Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna manufactured by the CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO. ONLY SOLD BY ALL LEADING DRUGGISTS one size only, regular price 50¢ per bottle

MAKE YOUR OWN BRICK
Any man can easily save \$1.00 A WEEK with our wonderful machine. Thousands in successful use. Write today for full information and a photograph of the machine. Send Brick Machine Co., Dallas, Tex.

PISO'S CURE
CURES WHERE ALL ELSE FAILS
Best Cough Syrup, Tasteless, Pleasant. Use in time. Sold by druggists.

Remember that a \$6.50 Stetson Hat will only cost \$4.40. That is what they cost us.

A GREAT SALE

OF OUR MAMMOTH DRY GOODS STOCK

A \$1.50 E. & W. Shirt for \$1.10
A \$1.25 Shirt for 80c.

A Cash Sale at Absolute Cost and Below

When we say COST, we mean that the goods will positively be sold at the purchase price, and not simply a reduction from the regular selling price

Our sale of the past year demonstrated to our friends and customers that we do exactly as we advertise. That is why we would like for you to remember that

THIS WILL POSITIVELY BE

A

Cost Sale and Below Cost

WHY?

Because we expect to sell our complete Dry Goods Stock within the next 30 days commencing MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, and continuing through the entire month of December, as we are going completely out of the Dry Goods business and will need our entire floor space to accommodate our large Hardware stock which we expect to carry. This will be a great opportunity to supply yourself from a high-class stock of goods at the very low price of cost, as this stock will have to be sold before the New Year. :: :: :: :: ::

It Will Pay You to Visit This Sale

You should stop and think that a \$6.00 Hanan Shoe will cost you \$4.40

Stokes-Hughes Company



Think of the \$18.00 Sterling Suit for \$11.50
A \$12.50 Suit for \$7.50, actual cost.

GUTHFUL MIND IN DISTRESS.

Awful Possibility That Loomed Before Six-Year-Old Jackie.

Six-year-old Jackie's mother believed that absolute truthfulness was the only rock on which to build that youthful gentleman's character, and the consistent working out of this principle did away, of course, with belief in all such things as fairies, Santa Claus, and other illusions dear to childish hearts, and they became instead "make-believe" games, Santa Claus in particular being a pet "joke" between his mother and himself.

Jackie came in from play one afternoon much excited and concerned. "Mother, Jimmie Norton believes there is a really and truly Santa Claus. He says he is sure that Santa Claus does come down the chimney. He wouldn't believe me at all when I told him it was just a joke," with rising anxiety.

Jackie's mother was somewhat nonplused. "Well, son," she temporized, "perhaps Jimmie's mother will tell him the joke some time soon, and then—"

"Oh, I hope she will," broke in Jackie, forgetting his manners in his earnestness, "because, you know, if she don't, when Jimmie has little boys of his own they won't ever get any Christmas presents."

EMERSON'S MEMORY AT FAULT.

Had at Times Almost Entire Lack of Remembrance.

Emerson was a notable sufferer from the vagaries of memory. His biographer relates that he met him one day in Boston, apparently at a loss for something, and asked him where he was going. "To dine," said Emerson, "with a very old and dear friend. I know where she lives, but I hope she won't ask me her name," and then he proceeded to describe her as "the mother of the wife of the young man—the tall man—who speaks so well," and so on, until his interlocutor guessed to whom he was referring. Even the names of common objects often failed him completely. On one occasion, when he wanted an umbrella, he said: "I can't tell its name, but I can tell its history. Strangers take it away."

This falling of Emerson led to a pathetic scene when he attended Longfellow's funeral, and remarked as he gazed at the coffin: "He was a sweet and beautiful soul; but I have entirely forgotten his name."

BREAKS A COLD PROMPTLY

The following formula is a never failing remedy for colds:

One ounce of Compound Syrup of Sarsaparilla, one ounce Toris Compound and one-half pint of good whiskey, mix and shake thoroughly each time and use in doses of a table-spoonful every four hours.

This if followed up will cure an acute cold in 24 hours. The ingredients can be gotten at any drug store.

Vulgarity of Quarreling.

There must be a satisfaction in torturing human beings, for it is done so often. Nobody blames a wife for upholding her self-respect and resenting insult, but there is little sympathy for one who deliberately drives a man to deeds of rudeness and violence. Nagging and indulgence in bad temper leaves indelible marks on the face of a woman, on her voice and on her character. They shrivel up whatever sweetness nature has put into her disposition and make her unlovely, even in the eyes of those who feel in duty bound to give her affection. It is often hard to maintain silence under provocation, but there is always the open door of escape, you know. A quarrel does not thrive when fed from one side only, and what should be important to every woman with pretenses to refinement is the undepicted vulgarity of bickering. Education and refinement are supposed to lift us so far above vulgarity that even the hems of our skirts are unstained.—Exchange.

In Beautiful Beguiler.

The last resting place of the great Norwegian composer, Edward Grieg, is one of the most beautiful in its natural surroundings that could be imagined. By the side of a lake, at the extremity of a fjord, close to the composer's native town of Bergen, there is a natural grotto formed in the solid rock, which rises precipitously from the water's edge. Here the bones of the famous musician are buried, and, as the grotto is only accessible from the lake, the funeral cortage will have to make the journey by water.

Molasses and Sugar.

The term "molasses" is properly applied to the saccharine product which is separated from sugar in the process of manufacture. A syrup is the direct product of the evaporation of the juice of a sugar-yielding plant or tree without the removal of any of the sugar. The term molasses applies to the same process with the exception of the fact that the sugar has been removed at least partially by crystallization and some kind of mechanical separation of the crystals from the remaining liquid.

My State's First Governor.

There was almost a score of candidates at the first election held to choose a governor under the new constitution of Massachusetts in 1780. James Bowdoin and John Hancock, two eminent Bostonians, were the two men most in the public eye and estimated for the position. Altogether the total poll was about or less than 23,000. Hancock received more than 11,000, Bowdoin something over 1,000, and the remaining ballots were distributed among 18 or 19 other candidates.

WAS VERY FULLY OCCUPIED.

Situation in Which Bibulous Irishman Had His Hands Full.

Some one asked George B. Cortell, secretary of the treasury, if he intended becoming a candidate for governor of New York. Now, Mr. Cortell had an especial aversion for leading questions, so he answered by telling the following story:

Two Irishmen celebrated St. Patrick's day and started home together, but became separated. Finally they discovered themselves hugging lamp posts on opposite sides of the street.

"How are you, Pat?" called Mike. "Fair," says Pat, "how are you?" "I dunno," says Mike, "come over and see."

"I can't come," says Pat. "Why can't you?" says Mike. "I've got me hands full ahtayn' where I am," says Pat.—N. Y. Herald.

BAD ITCHING HUMOR.

Limbs Below the Knees Were Raw—Feet Swollen—Sleep Broken—Cured in 2 Days by Cuticura.

"Some two months ago I had a humor break out on my limbs below my knees. They came to look like raw beefsteak, all red, and no one knows how they itched and burned. They were so swollen that I could not get my shoes on for a week or more. I used five or six different remedies and got no help, only when applying them the burning was worse and the itching less. For two or three weeks the suffering was intense and during that time I did not sleep an hour at a time. Then one morning I tried a bit of Cuticura. From the moment it touched me the itching was gone and I have not felt a bit of it since. The swelling went down and in two days I had my shoes on and was about as usual. George B. Farley, 50 South State St., Concord, N. H., May 14, 1907."

ALPINE PERILS.



Disgust of Timson, who has been dodging his tailor for the last six months, when he suddenly comes upon him at the summit of a mountain in Switzerland.

TWO GOOD STORIES BY BARRIE.

One Told by Successful Author Is Decidedly Against Himself.

Mr. J. W. Barrie, the author of "What Every Woman Knows," tells a good story against himself.

A lady of his acquaintance had taken a friend to see one of his plays, and, quite astonished, he asked her why she did so.

"Oh," was the reply, "it's such a quiet street for the horses!"

He also tells of a playgoer who received no response to his repeated requests to a lady in front of him to remove her huge hat.

At length, exasperated, he said: "If you won't take off your hat, my dear madam, will you be so kind as to fold back your ears?"—Woman's Life.

Well Prepared.

"I learn," she said reproachfully, "that you were devoted to no fewer than five girls before you finally proposed to me. How do I know that you didn't make desperate love to all of them?"

"I did," he replied promptly. "You did!" she exclaimed. "Certainly," he returned. "You don't suppose for a moment that I would be foolhardy enough to try for such a prize as you are without practicing a little first, do you?"

LIVING ADVERTISEMENT

Glow of Health Speaks for Postum.

It requires no scientific training to discover whether coffee disagrees or not.

Simply stop it for a time and use Postum in place of it, then note the beneficial effects. The truth will appear.

"Six years ago I was in a very bad condition," writes a Tenn. lady, "I suffered from indigestion, nervousness and insomnia.

"I was then an inveterate coffee drinker, but it was long before I could be persuaded that it was coffee that hurt me. Finally I decided to leave it off a few days and find out the truth. "The first morning I left off coffee I had a raging headache, so I decided I must have something to take the place of coffee." (The headache was caused by the reaction of the coffee drug—caffeine.)

"Having heard of Postum through a friend who used it, I bought a package and tried it. I did not like it at first but after I learned how to make it right, according to directions on pkg., I would not change back to coffee for anything.

"When I began to use Postum I weighed only 117 lbs. Now I weigh 170 and as I have not taken any tonic in that time I can only attribute my recovery of good health to the use of Postum in place of coffee.

"My husband says I am a living advertisement for Postum. I am glad to be the means of inducing my many friends to use Postum, too."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkg. "There's a Reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

NINETY-EIGHT FEET SHY.



Mr. Gouty—Thank heaven, I'm not a centipede.

Where Others Failed

"Each spring for five or six years I broke out with a kind of Eczema which nothing seemed to relieve permanently. Finally I tried a box of Hunt's Cure, which promptly cured me. Two years have passed, but the trouble has not returned."

MRS. KATE HOWARD, Little Rock, Ark.

A Nice Hint.

"I know what I'll do," said the girl whose bashful lover would not propose. "I'll go out as a trained nurse." "But that is a profession. You know nothing about it," he replied. "Haven't I had six months' experience sitting up nights with you?"—Illustrated Bits.

It

An itching trouble is not necessarily a dangerous one, but certainly a most disagreeable affliction. No matter the name, if you itch—it cures you. Hunt's Cure is "It." Absolutely guaranteed to cure any form of itching known. First application relieves.

The Language of the Plants.

"He didn't care to write to her when he wanted her to arrange for a secret marriage, so he sent her a running vine!"

"What did she do?"

"Sent him a Casteloupe."

How It Happened.

Jack—How did Spylow get the bum eye—football?

Jake—No, sir. Sprained it last summer at der bathing peach.—Wisconsin Sphinx.

He's a poor expressman who is unable to deliver the goods.

SEEMED WORSE EVERY DAY.

A Dangerous Case of Kidney Complaint and How It Was Checked.

Mrs. Lucy Quebeck, Mechanic St., Hope Valley, R. I., says: "Eight years ago I contracted severe kidney trouble and my back began to ache continually. Every day it seemed worse. The least pressure on my back tortured me, and I could not stoop without a bad twinge. The kidney secretions passed irregularly with pain, and I bloated badly. My head swam and spots flitted before my eyes. One doctor said I was incurable. However, I found prompt relief when I started using Doan's Kidney Pills, and the troubles I have related gradually disappeared."

Sold by all dealers. 50¢ a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Reassuring.

Mr. Timmid—Have you noticed, Miss Maud, that the chandelier seems to be shaking? Are you sure that the foundations of your house are—quite secure?

Miss Maud—There's nothing to be alarmed about, Mr. Timmid. Papa's room is just overhead, and he's snoring.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quick medicine. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surface. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. GREENE & CO., Proprietors, Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, price 15¢. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Reciprocity.

"He's very quick to reciprocate."

"Yes?"

"Yes; I killed his dog yesterday and buried mine to-day."

For Colds and Gripp—Capudine.

The best remedy for Gripp and Colds is Hicks' Capudine. Relieves the aching and feverishness. Cures the cold—Hoarseness. It's a Liquid—Effects immediately—10, 25 and 50¢ at Drug Stores.

It's surprising how many friends

you have when they need you.



For Lame Back

An aching back is instantly relieved by an application of Sloan's Liniment.

This liniment takes the place of massage and is better than sticky plasters. It penetrates—without rubbing—through the skin and muscular tissue right to the bone, quickens the blood, relieves congestion, and gives permanent as well as temporary relief.

Sloan's Liniment

has no equal as a remedy for Rheumatism, Neuralgia, or any pain or stiffness in the muscles or joints.

Price 25c., 50c., and \$1.00. Dr. Earl S. Sloan, Boston, Mass., U. S. A. Sloan's book on horses, cattle, sheep and poultry sent free.



Pains All Over

Advertisement for Cardui medicine, featuring a portrait of a woman and text describing its benefits for women's health.

Advertisement for Carter's Little Liver Pills, featuring an illustration of a family and text describing its benefits for liver health.

Advertisement for Allen's Foot-Paste, featuring an illustration of a foot and text describing its benefits for foot care.

Advertisement for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, featuring an illustration of a woman and text describing its benefits for blood and health.

Advertisement for Dodd's Kidney Pills, featuring an illustration of a kidney and text describing its benefits for kidney health.

Advertisement for W.L. Douglas shoes, featuring an illustration of a shoe and text describing its quality and price.

Advertisement for Slicker raincoat, featuring an illustration of a man in a raincoat and text describing its features.

Advertisement for W.L. Douglas shoes, featuring an illustration of a man in a suit and text describing its quality and price.

Advertisement for W.L. Douglas shoes, featuring an illustration of a man in a suit and text describing its quality and price.

Advertisement for O.V.C. candy, featuring text describing its quality and availability.

Large advertisement for Old Virginia Cheroots, featuring text describing the product and a free offer.

Advertisement for Merchants Storekeepers, featuring text describing the company and its services.

GARY & BURNS COMPANY

IF IT'S NOT GOOD WE'LL MAKE GOOD

SATISFIED CUSTOMERS ARE OUR BEST ADVERTISEMENTS

By carefully checking every order that leaves our store we avoid mistakes. We guarantee prices and quality, and are ready to make good any article not just as represented. Give us a trial. :: :: ::
BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS.

DOES Your Watch KEEPTIME?

Maybe it hasn't been cleaned for two or three years and needs attention.

ring it in and we will make it new—or as good as when it was new.

We have the equipment to do all kinds of repair work and take pride in doing it right.

Our prices are no higher than elsewhere; in fact they are less, because we repair to stay repaired.

MITCHELL and PARK,

Druggists and Jewelers.

See Burton -Lingo Co.

For All Kinds of Building Material.

All our lumber Is Under Sheds

O.K. Restaurant

is the best place in Big Springs to get your meals. Short Orders at all hours.

You Are Always Welcome

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Come and visit the New Bakery at

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Across from the freight depot

Fresh Bread, Pies and Cakes Daily

All orders given prompt attention. Come and try us. Will appreciate your patronage (or trade)

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Matt Mundloch

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Are You Getting What You Want in Meat?

We can furnish you with young Beef, Pork, Turkeys and Chickens, in fact everything good to eat, till Christmas, and Groceries 10 per cent cheaper than anywhere else in town. Where is that good stuff?

Read's Store and Market, Of Course
Elew Read Co., Props. Phone 180

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Will Practice all the Courts
Rooms 1 & 2 in Ward Bldg.
Come and see us. Big Springs, Texas

DR. BENWAY,
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON
Office Over Fisher Bros.

Let us write your cotton insurance. The cost is small and the protection is great.

HARTZOG & BOYETT.
Buy novelty silverware from us. We have the best in sterling and plates. Arnold-Tankersley Drug Co.

R. C. Sanderson has returned from a week's visit in Fort Worth.

W. B. Garvin, a switchman in search of work, in attempting to board a freight train in the yards here yesterday afternoon, fell and the switch engine caught his left arm and crushed it badly. He was carried to a physician's office, given medical attention and is getting along as well as could be expected.

A Mistaken Husband.

"Where did you get that new cloak, wife?" Oh! ha, ha, I had Lawrence, the tailor, dye it for me." Phone 309. 8-4t.

We make 'em and fix 'em. Art Leather Co.

Prof. A. D. Ellis, C. E. Thomas, R. E. Barker and Miss Jennie Bell attended the meeting of the T. & P. Teachers' Association at Merkel Friday and Saturday. Prof. Thomas delivered an address on modern education Saturday afternoon.

Iron Tonic Pills, a great nerve tonic, at Ward's. 12-1t

See J. D. McDonald for new and second hand goods. Phone 414.

Did you know we are selling our stock of hats at 25 per cent discount for the remainder of December? That will mean something to you, considering our prices are already cheap.

A. P. McDonald & Co.
Lawrence, the tailor, dyes for ladies Monday's and Tuesday's and is hard pressed for gents the rest of the week. Phone 309. 8-4t.

Report of the Condition

West Texas National Bank
Charter No. 6668

The West Texas National Bank, at Big Springs, in the State of Texas, at the close of business, Nov. 27, 1908

RESOURCES:	
Loans and Discounts	\$220,717 83
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	12,843 79
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	50,000 00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	4,000 00
Banking house furniture and fixtures	2,565 00
Other real estate owned	1,053 50
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	12,932 89
Due from State Banks and Bankers	443 85
Due from approved reserve agents	48,863 39
Checks and other cash items	5,791 72
Notes of other Nat'l Banks	1,107 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	32 50
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	\$13,929 00
Legal tender notes	3,006 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treas. (5 p. c. of circulation)	2,500 00
Total	\$376,796 47

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000 00
Surplus fund	35,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	7,088 11
Nat'l Bank notes outstanding	50,000 00
Due to other Nat'l Banks	1,059 12
Due to State Banks & Bankers	18,844 08
Individual deposits subject to check	189,521 31
Cashier's Cks Outstanding	73 85
Bills payable	25,000 00
Reserved for taxes	400 00
Total	\$376,796 47

STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Howard,
I, R. D. Matthews, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
R. D. MATTHEWS, Cashier.

CORRECT—Attest:
G. L. BROWN,
J. D. BIRDWELL,
WM. B. CURRIE. } Directors.

Handsome Holiday Goods.

It is our guess that Big Springs will see on display at Ward's Drug Store this season the handsomest, most elaborate line of holiday goods she has ever known before. The assortment is very large, and so great has been the cash outlay that we shall sell at prices never heard of before in Big Springs. We are opening and marking the goods now, and they will soon be ready for your inspection.

WARD'S.
The price is the thing.

NOTICE.
No hunting, fishing or camping allowed in the Moss Spring pasture. No hunting or trespassing in any way in any of our other pastures.
D. A. RHOYAN.

OSTERMOO

YOU CAN WASH THE MATTRESS BEARING THIS LABEL

Soap, water and a brush are all that is needed to keep the outside of an Ostermoo Mattress sweet and clean. The inside never needs attention. Costs nothing for repairs. An occasional "outing" in the sun keeps it fresh and new, because it is built (not stuffed) of elastic, fibrous Ostermoo sheets. It cannot sag, lump nor pack like hair. Make sure you get the genuine Ostermoo. Note the label put there to protect you against worthless imitations. We sell at factory prices and invite inspection.

H. L. RIX & CO.

I buy in larger quantities hence I can sell cheaper.
Reagan's Drug Store.

X-mas presents that will always be with you. Art Leather Co.
How about that \$1.50 you owe The Enterprise? We need the money.

Rev. Herbert S. Johnson, of the Warren Avenue Baptist church of Boston, Mass., has announced publicly that he will refuse henceforth to marry persons afflicted with consumption or with any hereditary or communicable disease if he has personal knowledge of the facts, and that he will not marry divorced persons, except the innocent party. He also is opposed to marrying those in poor circumstances, believing that a man should be able to earn at least \$15 a week, before undertaking the responsibility of a family. This last ruling of the Rev. Johnson will keep him from being seriously worried by newspaper men.

For hot drinks to please, try Reagan's fountain.

Oats, Bran, chops, hay, wholesale and retail at Pool Bros.

Laxative Quinine Cold Tablets, cure colds, at Ward's. 12-1t

Take Ward's Pink Blood and Liver Pills, best on earth. 12-1t

Your Grocery account not mixed with other things at Pool Bros.

Buy your jewelry from a house that warrants every piece. Reagan does this.

Kresso the disinfectant endorsed by the medical profession at Reagan's drug store.

Buy your perfumes, creams and powders from us; we handle the best. Arnold-Tankersley Drug Co.

Bring your prescriptions to Reagan's to be filled because he is better equipped for the business.

Coffees that will please you at Pool Bros.

COAL AND WOOD BRAN AND FLOUR

Send us your orders. Full Weight and Measure guaranteed. Cash on Delivery

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