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# REMEDY?

Swamp-Root is not recom-erything, but if you have or bladder trouble, it may the remedy you need, nakes friends quickly be-and immediate effect is most cases. It is a gentle compound—a physician's hich has proved its great in thousands of the most ses according to reliable

Altogether Too Careless. The editor in charge of the personquiry column opened his seventh letter with a groan.

Thave lost three husbands," a lady written, confidently, "and ow have the offer of a fourth. Shall The editor dipped his pen in the

This was the last straw. "If you've lost three husbands," he "I should say you are much careless to be trusted with

COVETED BY ALL at possessed by few—a beautiful ray, or is harsh and stiff, you can re-tore it to its former beauty and lus-er by using "La Creole" Hair Dress-ng. Price \$1.00.—Adv.

Obeyed Instructions. The grocer had just put a new boy work and among the other instruc-

"If you do not happen to have what customer asks for suggest something lse as nearly like it as possible." Soon a woman came into the store

"Have you any fresh green stuff "No, ma'am," answered the boy, we have some nice bluing."

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n. Sold everywhere.-Adv.

"No. sir," replied the old guide: when I'm alone in the woods no-I's the only time I feel safe."

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Examine carefully every bottle of
CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for Mants and children, and see that it

Bears the Cast H. Flitchers. In Use For Over 30 Years. Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria

"Was the musical program a potourri, Mrs. Comeup?" "No, indeed. It was nothing so estersy. It was just a sort of mix-

-Take CAPUDINE-

For Aches, Pains and Nervousness. TIS NOT A NARCOTIC OR DOPE-Given quick relief-Try it .- Adv.

Bum Thrower. There is a great demand for bomb flowers in Europe." "Gee, we had one on our team last

Opposites Meeting. "How did he come to grief?" "He was a joy rider."—Baltimore

The Best Liniment. For falls on icy walks, sprains and buises, rub on and rub in Hanford's Balsam of Myrrh. Apply this liniment ughly and relief should quickly

Very Unkind. Sometimes I think," he began.

"But not often, I suppose," intertopted the rude girl. Dr. B. F. Jackson, Celebrated Physician,

ded down to posterity his famous scription for female troubles. Now inder the name of "Femenina." A matron is usually more enthusias

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To Cure a Cold in One Day TIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets.

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# YOU NEED A KIDNEY GERMANS BEGIN NEW OFFENSIVE IN WEST

ARTILLERY AND GAS BOMBARD. MENT TO NORTHEAST OF YPRES REPORTED.

## IS PRELUDE TO BIG A DRIVE?

England is Aroused by Reported Turkish-Cerman Attempt on Suez Canal.

London, Eng.-The possible prelude to a strong German offensive movement in the western front, where the Germans are reported to have received large reinforcements, occurred early Sunday morning against the British line to the northeast of Ypres. To the accompaniment of a heavy bombardment the Germans directed clouds of gas against the British, who, in conjunction with the French batteries, turned their guns on the German trenches engaged in the gas operations.

The British official report says that most of the German infantry were prevented by the gunfire from leavng their trenches, while other detachments were driven back before reaching the British line.

On the other war fronts there has been little fighting of importance. For the present the campaign in the Balkans except for the pursuit of the Serbians in Northern Albania and minor actions between the Bulgarians and Montenegrins is virtually at a standstill

raiders of commerce.

AUSTRIA DOES NOT

OFFICIAL TEXT DIFFERS IN NO

ESSENTIAL PARTICULAR FROM

UNOFFICIAL VERSION.

Washington .- The United States

Friday prepared to dispatch a second

note to Austria Hungary on the sink-

ing of the Itailan steamship Ancona.

The communication will renew vigor-

ously the demands made in the first

official announcement by Secretary

Lansing, having been complied with

Vienna May Yield.

by the Vienna foreign office.

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United States.

the two nations.

Wholly Unsatisfactory.

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into an extended discussion of de-

### Snow and Rain Deter.

Along the Austro-Italian line snow in the mountains and rains are hampering the Italians in their operations against Gorizia. Near Monte San Michele, an Austrian trench, which formed a salient in the Italian line. was taken by a surprise attack.

Only isolated fighting in which no important result was obtained by either side has taken place on the Russian front. Artillery bombardments of Turkish and allied positions and the shelling of Turkish positions by entente warships are reported from the Gallipoli peninsula.

## French Predicts Victory.

Field Marshal St. John French has relinquished command of the British forces in France and Belgium to Gen. Sir Douglas Haig. In an order he predicts victory for the entente allies'

There is much discussion in Great e woods?" asked the sympathetic Britain of a reported Turkish-German attempt upon the Suez canal. Messages received from neutral countries professing to have German sources ody is hable to pick me for a deer. of information describe the German field marshal, Von Der Goltz, as equipping at Aleppo an army for an invasion of Egypt.

## Small Italian Gains.

The activity on the Gallipoli peninsula and small Italian gains are the only important military actions reported.

Germany has lost the small cruiser Bremen and a torpedo boat in the Baltic sea through submarine attacks. The Turks claim to have sunk a British monitor in the Tigris river near Kutel-Amara.

The Greek situation remains unchanged. The Greek government is reported to have protested formally against the entente allies fortifying outside Saloniki. This protest may be of the same character as the one lodged against the first landing of troops, which was then described as merely a technical one to keep the records clear.

Submits Stock Exchange Bill. Washington.-Representative Stephens of Mississippi has introduced a Hungarian government perfectly Vigorous Note Sent French Govern bill aimed to prevent use of the mails, clear. The secretary previously had the telephone and the telegraph in furtherance of stock exchange transactions; also a measure to fix congressional mileage at 5c.

Bank of France Holds Gold Record. Paris .- According to the Matin, the stock of gold now held by the bank of France has reached a total of five billion francs-a world's record. The appeal to the public to turn in its gold brought in 1,600,000,000 francs in 24

New York .- George Newton Steinmetz, contracting engineer, who was engaged in the building of the Roosevelt dam in Arizona and the Galveston sea wall, died in this city of Bright's disease. He had been ill 14 months. Mr. Steinmetz was born at Seagertown, Pa., 55 years ago, and for many years was engaged in the contracting business. He built many large buildings throughout the country, among them being the Colorado capitol building in Denver.

Conspiracy to Destroy Welland Canal. Sweden Retaliating for Maif Stoppage head of the secret service of the Berlin.-Sweden has decided to protest against the stoppage by British authorities in Kirkwall of the parcel post service between Sweden and the United States. The Swedish government also has ordered all parcel post from England in transit across Sweden to be held up indefinitely. This he was in charge of the steamship means the complete stoppage of the Anglo-Russian parcel post service until the Swedish protest is heeded. The protest is based on the British vice in the United States. taking mail from the Hellig Olav.

### WALTER PGPPINGHAUSE CROPS ARE VALUED AT \$5,568;773,000

HARVESTS OF 1915 WORTH MORE FINANCIALLY THAN AT ANY TIME IN HISTORY OF U. S.

## NEW RECORDS ARE MADE

Production of Corn is Second Largest Record and is Estimated at \$1 ,755,859,000.

Washington .- The nation's harvests this year have surpassed any ever before recorded. The vaule of the principal farm crops, based on prices paid to farmers Dec. 1, as annonuced by the department of agriculture in its final estimate as \$5.568,773,000. making 1915 a banner year crop both value and in production of crops.

The unusual situation of extraordinary production and high prices, probably never before so pronounced, is credited principally to the European

With the price of grain soaring as the war proceeds, American farmers began the season by planting greater Walter Poppinghause, an employee areas to grain. The acreage of the of the Hamhburg-American line at New principal crops this year aggregated York, was found guilty, together with approximately 486,570 square miles, others, of conspiring to deceive and larger than the combined area of Gerdefraud the government in sending many, France, Belgium, Holland, Denout ships with supplies for German mark and Switzerland.

Corn was planted on 108,321,000 acres, the second largest area ever planted, and the harvest was 3,054. 535,000 bushels, the second largest crop ever known. Its value was \$1,-MEET U. S. DEMANDS 755,859,000, exceeding that of the previous most valuable corn crop by \$33,-

### New Records Made.

New records were made in production by wheat, oats, barley, rye, sweet potatoes, rice and hay, while tobacco closely approached its production record, 1,103,415,000 pounds, made in 1914. Each of these crops, in addithe case of barley and tobacco. note; none of them, according to an

The final estimate of production

sire of being the cause of diplomatic relations between the United States was 1.011,505,000 bushels, with a value and Austria being severed. It was of \$930,302,000. The crop exceeds last said that if the second note left an years, which was a record, by more avenue for it, the foreign office probthan 120,000,000 bushels and by \$50,- to be sent across the Adriatic. ably would see fit to agree to all the 000,000 in value. demands made by the United States

### It was said that the note will re-1914 FARM PRODUCTS GREATEST. state the position and views of the United States emphatically; that it Estimate of \$9,873,000,000 is Announcshall be even more vigorous than the ed by Secretary Houston. first note, which was the most drastic

of all the diplomatic communications Washington.-Secretary Houston's the United States has sent during annual report places an estimate of \$9,873,000,000 on the value of Ameri-The official text of the Austrian can farm crops and animal products reply was considered by the president for last year, a valuation without preand his cabinet. Apparently the ofcedent. This, however, probably will ficial version contained nothing be eclipsed by the present year's showwhich made its meaning radically

different from the unofficial version This valuation is an increase of cabled in news dispatches from Lonabout \$83,000,000 over the value of After the cabinet meeting Mr. 1913, hitherto the highest ever re-Lansing announced that none of the corded. The increase occurred in the demands made by the United States face of a decline in cotton from 12.5c had been acceded to. It was ex- a pound for the 1913 crop to an averplained that the reply suggested furage of 7.3c for 1914. The total value ther communication on the subject of the 1913 cotton crop, estimated at and more specific information in \$846,000,000, was \$283,000,000 more support of the charges made by the than the 1914 crop, although the latter was 14 per cent greater in quantity.

DEMAND RELEASE OF GERMANS. Official translation, Mr. Lansing said, made the meaning of the Austro-

ment on Seizure of Vessels declared the unofficial version to be

Washington.-The United States slight variations in translation existgovernment cabled Ambassador Sharp ed between the two versions, he said. at Paris for presentation to the after seeing the official text, but the French foreign office a note vigorous- for the Christmas holidays, after the meaning in a broad sense was the Such a rejoinder is wholly unsatisfactory and unacceptable to the erican steamships Carolina, Coamo 31, 1916. The senate adopted the res-American government and increases and San Juan. Immediate release of olution after a lively partisan debate the gravity of the situation between In regard to the second note, Section from an American vessel on the unanimously opposing it. President retary Lansing and officials were reti- high seas is without legal justification Wilson signed the measure. cent. It was said, however, that the and constitutes a flagrant violation of United States might give some of American rights. the facts asked for, though it would not under any consideration enter

Chicago .- Officials of the Crane be undertaken in earnest, tails. The United States expects its company have announced that the demands to be promptly complied company's annual Christmas gift to the only important legislation was gary exhibited in answering the orig-

New York.—Paul Koenig, formerly Austrians Angered by American Note. London .- A dispatch from Amster-Hamburg-American line, and Richard dam says: "Reports from Vienna say Coppet was elected president of the Emil Lyendecker were arrested by that the American note concerning the Swiss republic and Edmund Schulagents of the department of justice, sinking of the Italian steamer An- thess, vice president. The presidentcharged with conspiring to attempt cona, has caused intense anger in the elect is now the vice president. The to blow up the Weiland canal. Koenig Austrian government. Diplomatic elections were held at a special seswas arrested in the office of the Ham- rupture is considered probable. The sion of the national assembly in which burg-American line. Before the war question before Baron Burian is the upper and lower branches of parcompany's bureau of investigation, ed States would not force Berlin to erican minister to Switzerland, Pleasbut since then, it is charged, he has take a like step. Count Tisza, the Hun- ant A. Stovall, with a party of Amerbeen head of the German secret ser- garian premier, has been summoned icans, occupied seas in the diplomatic to Vienna to discuss the situation." | gallery.

## MISS MARY CHEMIELEWSKA



Miss Mary Chemielewska, a beautiful New York girl, has entered a convent at Syracuse, N. Y., for instruction in nursing. She intends to go to the Hawallan islands to nurse and care for the lepers on Molokai.

## **EXPECT GERMANS TO** STRIKE AT SALONIKI

BELIEVED NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOW IN PROGRESS WITH GREEK GOVERNMENT.

London.-There is a more hopeful feeling in London with regard to the tion, established records as being the Balkan operations, now that it is defmost valuable ever grown, except in initely announced that the Italians have effected a landing on the Al-Production of the first billion-bushel banian coast and that the Anglowheat crop and the second 3,000,000- French force, which has fallen back bushel corn crop were features of the toward Saloniki, has been strongly reyear. Wheat acreage aggregated 59, inforced with men and munitions, in-898,000 acres, or 6,000,000 more than cluding some heavy naval weapons.

ever before. The yield was 16.9 bush. It is not stated how large a force From an authoritative Teutonic els an acre, the largest acre yield for the Italians will send to the assistsource came the information that winter and spring wheat combined ance of the Serbians and Montenecial account intimates that landings have been made at more than one port it is taken for granted that an army of considerable proportions is It is anticipated that the Germans

will strike at Saloniki before the Anglo-French forces grow too strong and it is believed with that end in view they are now negotiating with the Greek government.

If their plans include the participaion of the Bulgarians in the attack they are likely to meet with opposiion from Greece, as Greece is strongly adverse to any Bulgarians crossing her frontier. This applies also to some extent to the Austrians, whose ambitions always have been for a port on the Aegean, preferably Saloniki. One the whole, therefore, it is

prefer to see the entente allies remain there until the end of the war. In fact, Lord Robert Cecil, undersecretary of foreign affairs, said in the house of commons that the Anglo-French plan was to keep the central powers from that city in accordance with the wishes of Greece.

General Townshend, commanding the British forces in Mesopotamia, reports the repulse of another attack at Kut-El-Amara, since which the Turks have been quiet.

WAR TAX EXTENDED ONE YEAR. Congress Then Adjourns for Christmas Holidays to Reconvene Jan. 4.

Washington.-Congress adjourned

ly protesting against the removal by senate had adopted the joint resoluthe French cruiser Descartes of six tion passed by the house extending Germans and Austrians from the Am- the emergency revenue law until Dec. the men is asked on the ground that by a vote of 45 to 29, Democrats supthe seizure of any citizen of any na- porting it solidly and Republicans Both houses will convene at noon

Tuesday, Jan. 4, when the administrakes nobody's dust." "Skinner's a tration legislative program, including the plans for national defense, will During the two weeks of the session

with and such apparent procrastina- its employes will consist this year of the extension of the war tax. This tion as officials consider Austria-Hun- 10 per cent of the annual salary of was done to prevent a lapse of the each man or woman employed for law Dec. 31, next, with the underinal inquiry for information, submit- more than six months. Ten thousand standing that the law will be taken ted soon after the Ancona disaster, employes throughout the country will up for amendment to increase the will not be allowed to pass without share in the company's gift, which revenues as soon after the holidays

## Berne, Switzerland,-Camille de

only whether a rupture with the Unit- liament jointly participated. The Am-

# THE EUROPEAN WAR A YEAR AGO THIS WEEK VICTORY

Dec. 20, 1914. Von Hindenburg advanced further toward Warsaw. Russians crossed the Bzura.

burning the bridges.

Montenegrins Serbians and again invaded Bosnia. Turks made gains near Lake Urumiah.

Allied fleets hombarded interior forts of the Dardanelles. Russians drove Turks toward

Belgian provinces agreed to pay tax to Germany.

### Dec. 21, 1914. Allies extended offensive operations in west, gaining in center. Russians won over Turks in Armenia, capturing equipment.

Allied aviators dropped bombs in Brussels and made night attack near Ostend. Chile protested against violations of her neutrality by German

of North Poland.

Dec. 22, 1914. Germans claimed to have stopped allies in west. Germans accused of shelling

Germans driven across border

nospital in Ypres. Russian army threatened rail way to Thorn and Germans re formed to protect it. Von Hindenburg's left threat ened by new invasion of Germany Germans crossed branches of

Bzura and Rawka rivers. Austrians defeated in the Carpathians. Arabs menaced Christians in

Hodelda and French consul was seized. Allied fleets bombarded Germa positions on Belgian coast. French destroyer shelled Turks. Allied fleets shelled Killd Bahr.

Many Austrian soldiers killed in roop train accident. Dec. 23, 1914.

Allies made slight gains in west. Austrians defeated in southern Portuguese retreated before the Germans in Angola, Africa. Turkish army left Damascus and marched on Suez canal.

Russian destroyers in Black sea bombarded Turkish villages. King of Belgians sent message Dec. 24, 1914.

British using new howitzers in west: French artillery demolishes German trenches. French cruiser damaged by Aus French submarine sunk by Aus

trian shore batteries. German aviator dropped bomb n Dover. Germany denied French charge of hiring neutral ships to lay

Dec. 25, 1914. Unofficial Christmas along much of the western front, the allies and Germans in some instances ex

changing gifts and visits. Civilians of East Prussia began

movement toward interior of prov-

Russo-Turkish operations were stopped by intense cold. Two German aviators flew up the Thames.

Dec. 26, 1914. British made naval and air at tack on German fleet without im portant results.

Zeppelin dropped bombs in Nancy, German aeroplanes made raid in Russia, Poland and French aviators attached Metz. Fighting in Flanders was halted

by dense for Russians made gains in the French attacked Austrian nava

base at Pola in the Adriatic. Germany notified neutral nations their consuls in Belgium would not be recognized further.

## Unqualifiedly False.

"Skinner boasts that he never lets anybody get ahead of him-that he falsifier; he takes everybody's dust he can lay his hands on."-Boston Tran-

"I am so tired of being conventional and customary and correct," stated H. H. Harsh, "that one of these days I shall stop right in front of a church and in a firm voice ejaculate 'Drat!'

His Opinion of Brown. Smart Young Man-"What do you think of Brown?" Indignant Old Gentleman-"Brown, sir! He is one of those people that pat you on the back before your face, and hit you in the eye behind your back!"-Tit-Bits.

To watch the corn grow and the blossom set, to draw hard breath over plowshare and spade, to read, to think to love, to hope, to pray-these are the things to make man happy .-

A sense of freedom from all annoving after-eating distress can only be experienced when the digestive system is strong and working harmoniously. Such a condition can be promoted by careful diet and the

## HOSTETTER'S Stomach Bitters TRY THE OLD RELIABLE WINTERSMITH'S CHILL TONIC For MALARIA CHILLS &

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profession of politics. "I am in hearty sympathy," he said, "with the ward leader who announced to his friends the other day that his new son-a nine-pound baby-bade fair to grow up a very successful poli-

"'How can you tell that already, Jake?' they asked him. 'Why, the kid can't talk yet.'

No, said Jake, but he als already started trying to kick and shake hands at the same time."

THAT GRIM WHITE SPECTRE. Pneumonia, follows on the heels of a neglected cough or cold. Delay no longer. Take Mansfield's Cough Bal-

Wasn't Sure. Pyker-By the way, you are a mar-

ried man, are you not? Hyker-Don't know. I was this morning, but I haven't had a chance to peruse the court news in the eve-

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SUED EVERY FRIDAY AT STERLING

The prospect for peace in Mexico is now brighter than it has been since the beginning of the revolution. Carranza and Villa, last Saturday, signed a peace compact at Juarez, and it now seems that so far as they are concerned that fighting will cease-let us hope so, at least.

lieve, as what you do. The rankest agnostic in the land who is kind to his neighbors, gives charity to the needy and works for the uplift of mankind is a far more desirable citizen than the man who professes to believe in the Bible from "kiver to kiver" and sits in the amen corner, but is mean to his neighbors never gives to charity and is opposed to those things which makes better and wiser people of us all.

Our Commissioners' Court has decided to co-operate with the state in the extermination of prairie dogs. As we understand it, the state and county will each bear half the expense to furnish the people with poisoned grain and they are expected to put it out under the direction of government experts. If anyone fails to take advantage of this, the sheriff will have the dogs killed at the expense of the owner of the

A certain Mexican general, fighting with the Carranza bunch of bandits, found old General Hernandez dead on the scrapping ground. He cut off the old man's head and sent it, with his compliments. to another Mexican general as a ger and troupes of God's angels glid-Christmas present, Such acts are hideous, and are being righteously condemned by some of our contemporaries. But is this act any more the lips of angels: "Glory to God in revolting than that of marching a the highest, and on earth peace, dead hours of night and shooting That hour marked the time her, as was done by the Kaiser and when a new song was put into the his burly soldiers? We can't see mouths of men. It marked the day that the German, who boasts of German culture and German refinement, and better way. has got the Mexican skinned on matters of ethics, to speak of

The Sunset Magazine and of The heaven and God, Himtelf, showed Country Gentleman, two of the lead- in the beginning how the birth of ing magazines of America. In each Jesus should be celebrated, it seems of these magazines was an illustrat- passing strange that men will pered article from the gifted pen of vert the holy with orgies of gluttony Zenus E. Black, whom every old and drunkenness. time Sterlingite knows. Each of Christmas is a glad day. It had these two articles is first-class stuff, its beginning in gladness, and in its and from the prominence given celebration nothing but gladness, them by the publishers, one would goodness and good will to all manconclude that we are not alone in kind should prevail. Feeling that our opinion. Like most all Sterling way, the News-Record wishes all a boys, young Black is making good. HAPPY, GLAD AND MERRY CHRISTMAS You will miss a treat if you fail to and a Prosperous 1916. read "America's Unhorsed Knight -- and His Lady," in The Sunset Magazine, and "Fossil Lime That Feeds Alfalfa," in The Country Gentleman.

# Christmas

Tommorrow is December 25, 1915 school. - Christmas day!-the day of glad- We poor editors have been won- for the spelling books now in use in

cast its effulgent shafts of glittering school. The student graduate writes or anything to clarify the mystery. ating. light over the Judean hills. As it an article for the local paper and Under the present method, you The wedding was a quiet and rose higher, these shafts of light the printer who never graduated may teach spelling; but it will take simple affair, which took place in pointed to the little town of Bethle- anywhere, says one blue thing right a long time to do it. The old "Blue the presence of about thirty special bem where a babe was born who after another because the words are Back Speller," of which so much fun friends of the couple. was destined to mark an epoch and not spelled correctly. The printer, has been made by those who could | What the bride and groom wore

seen fit to lift the curtain of futurity set copy from a blacksmith than for with it the boys and girls, at The bride is a product of old Virand apprise men of the coming of from a high school graduate. And least, learned to spell. this event, and they arose and went that is the true report of the stand- It will be remembered that sev- by all who know her. to the place where the star beams ing of the graduate in the back shop eral years ago we had "spelling bees" The groom is a well known colpointed and found the babe in the of a printing office. manger, offered their richest gifts. Now, hear ye! all you editors and part. One night a man entered the calling a little over two years ago and worshipped him. While these let's bring about this reform that match who had had but little school- to serve Uncle Sam as president. wise men were gathered around an Clements has started. What say ing and was the last man you would After spending a brief honeymoon infant whose feeble breath could you brother editors, can we put this have selected as a speller. His somewhere, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson scarcely sthe a gossamer, yet, they reform through with one fell swoop? mother had taught him to spell from will go to the White House in Washrealized that the salvation of man -Temple Telegram dom, legions of angels would come many years, and we are truly glad up. The idea of an old "country facions to the happy couple, and

Coal in the cellar, Hay in the barn, Money in the bank And who cares a darn



# If Christmas here on us?

We have prepared for the good times, and have a big Line to select from

## A Few Suggestions

Caseroles Chaffing Dishes Dinner Sets. \$3.75 to \$25

Pocket Knives

Percolators Silverware salads, cakes

Air Guns Fancy China, in Flash Lights Davenports

Guns and Rifles Rockers Boys' Tool Chest Carving Sets Cedar Chests Gas Irons Dressing Tables Velocipedes Library Tables Express Wagons Toys and Dolls

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CHRISTMAS GIFT?

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to the relief of his slightest cry.

As the star rose higher and higher, it sent its beams toward that maned down upon those glittering shafts and sang the only song which the ears of man has ever heard from

when men began to learn a new

Since that night, men have been celebrating the natal day as each December rolls around; and since This week, we received a copy of the wise men of earth, the angels of

in the Temple high school.

ter with the high school graduates. The fault is not so much with the

was to come through his power; and Amen! The News-Record has she had used when a girl. When it the next six years. that though his life was in thrall- been hammering along that line for came his time to spell, a giggle went | We extend our hearty congratu-

that the spell has come upon the rube" matching himself against Telegram, and we hope that the spell lawyers, preachers, doctors, college

You see that is what is the mat- we wake up and correct this fault. | down."

-they are not spelling in the high teachers as the system-or rather the lack of system-now in vogue;

establish a new era in the world, who is a rude fellow with hair on not spell, was a far better method on the occasion was strictly their God, in His infinite wisdom, had his arms, swears that he had rather than the uncertain one now in use, own business and none of ours.

> in Sterling City in which all took a lege professor, who gave up his the old "Biue Back Speller," which ington, where they will reside for

will spell good spelling for the rising graduates, teachers and crack spellers from the high school seemed

Training boys to set type and like a great joke. We felt sorry for having served on teachers' examin- the poor fellow; but it wasn't long ing boards for many years have before our sympathy ran the other W. W. Clements has started some- brought to our notice a woeful lack way, for this old "Blue Back" spellthing. He intends teaching spelling of knowledge of spelling in our boys ling rube forced every mother's son and girls, and it is high time that of them to "go way back and sit

## MARRIED

ness, the natal day of our gentle dering these many years why the our public schools are but little bet- On December 18th, at the home Savior, who taught the precepts of high school graduates can not spell. ter than a catalog of jumbled words of the bride in Washington, D. C. "peace and good will among men." Just now we have found the ans- to be dug out, one by one, and mem- Mr. Woodrow Wilson was married Nearly twenty centuries ago, a wer. They have not been taught orized by the poor little mystified to Mrs. Edith Galt, Rev. II. C. Smith, brilliant ster rose in the east and to spell. That is, not in the high pupil as best he can without a key assisted by Rev. J. H. Taylor, offici-

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Prof. and Mrs. S Kellogg for \$1.50. LOST:-Gold stick pin, with half ed last Sunday from a trip to By- man of Glasscock County, was here to Lay Powell, Colorado, Texas. moon and clover leaf in center, set ers. They made the trip in their last Monday and contributed liberwith 8 pearls, one of which is miss- new Ford automobile. Mr. Allard ally to our new britches fund. These ing. Lost on court house grounds, says he encountered a lot of mud cattlemen have the biggest and best you want to sell or trade—any size Finder please leave same at News- on the trip.

> II. W. Baker, of Altus, Okla., from our ranchmen this week.

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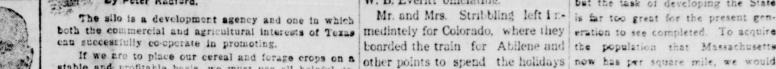
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# KNOW THY STATE

By Peter Radford.

The state of the s



If we are to place our cereal and forage crops on a other points to spend the holidays now has per square mile, we would stable and profitable basis, we must use all helpful devices and processes that multiply the value of the produet after production and that enables us to turn waste products into profit. The economies easily possible in of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Davis, of the United States were to move to Texas these two lines of endeavor are sufficient to make the Texas farmers home owners and wealth accumulators. Feeding corn direct to stock by the old method, it

is authoritatively estimated, adds approximately 20 per cent, to its value, and the farmers using siles will find that when corn is cut at the right time and is fed as enslinge, the efficiency of the feed is increased 40 per cent., making a net gain of 70 per cent. over the market value by feed- agricultural department of the U ing to livestock through the silo

The sile is a manufacturing plant built on the farm, and therefore lends itself to co-operation of the commercial and agricultural interests, and the many bearing and industrious nau-farmer, by operating it, ge's the profit of both the producer and the many its have made for him many friends The farmer does not want bonuses, fee sites, etc., but the commercial interests can materially assist him by making it easy to build silos.

This can be done by making available money for building them on easy terms and at a low rate of interest. It is opportunity, rather than favors, true love, the farmer needs, but when a community has money to invest in promoting. The hat agriculture, it can put it to no better advantage than by applying it in encouraging the construction of siles. When so expended, every dollar hits the U Ranch, mark and the merchant and banker spend their money where it does the We join the mest good, and they are helping those who help them.

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The silo will help on to maturity crops that are frequently eaught by a B. Y. P. U. Program drought or burned by het winds, and there is scarcely a year in Texas in diversified farming that the sllo will not rescue a crop from the delinquent forces of nature. As a stimulation in diversification alone, it is a valuable

My own observation is that the sile is one of the greatest business educators in agriculture, and, like all great and far-reaching improvements, stamps its characteristics indelibly upon its human associates. It arouses the spirit of enterprise, develops commercial ingenuity, awakens the joy of ownership and will take away the nomadic habits of the tenant farmer and plant within him a desire to own a home. Every farmer in Texas should

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Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Sparkman motored up from their ranch near at Brownwood, Waco, and other Miss Bessie Potts came in from Czona last Sunday, and will spend points last week. Simmons College last Tuesday to the holidays here with Mr. Spark-

W. N. Stamps and W. W. Craw- Brown & Pearce, last week, sold mas with home folks. ford attended District Court at San J. L. Glass a five-passenger Ford au-Angelo this week as witnesses in tomobile. Frank and Harvey Glass Abilene for the holidays.

A union Christmas tree will be Midway, where she will spend the machine at the Dixie. holidays with her parents.

It's a secret, but Cotten & Davis

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Askey, of San Angelo, are here to spend Christmas with their son, Joe Askey.

Misses Linnie Mae Garrett and Ora Churchill come in from Simmons College last Wednesday evening to spend the holidays with home over and see me, for I have the

F. C. Sparkman, last week, bought want your patronage, and we prom- paper you want, try Holland's Mag- a six-cylinder Buick touring car

For your Christmas groceries, go

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Allard return- boy, but now a well-to-do cattleways of any people on earth. They have a way of dropping in on you bought about 130 horses and mules, and leaving you wishing that you could live a hundred years and they

you have apples, oranges, Cranber- Fred and Jim Hodges each bought ries, celery, nuts and candies. Cot- a five-passenger Ford automobile Batteries, or any other supplies, on ten & Davis have the best, and will from Brown & Pearce last Monday. credit in the future. It will take miles of pipe lines are constantly load of them," said Homer Pearce. This applies to all alike. "The last car load of went as fast as we could assemble them and try them out.

ments. Anvone wishing to buy can and Alf Springer and wife were here to every 10,000 inhabitants. get terms by writing James Daly, Saturday and Sunday visiting the families of J. I. and Will Rawls .--Mertzon Star.

Miss Serenna Black and Hal Knight came in from Daniel Baker Austin will pay the highest prices College Wednesday to spend their

W. N. Reed is driving a five-pas-Penant Lubricating Oils and Gas- It's a secret, but Cotten & Davis senger Maxwell, which he bought this week from Ed L. Gilmore.

Miss Sudie Rawls visited relatives

Misses Elli and Leora Pool came in Monday evening to spend Christ-Miss Mae Sullivan is home from

Hooker & Gilmore have installed

Mrs. E. B. Butler left Monday for a fire-proof booth for their picture The Dixie will exhibit every night

next week. New films each night. Dave Hooten, J. W. Hargrave and

J. S. Kennebrew made a trip to Lamesa and Tahoka lust week. Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Burrows and children, of San Angelo, are the

guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Slaton. For that Christmas dinner, come

"makiu's."- N. A. Austin. It's a secret, but Cotten & Davis have the Xmas prices.

LOST:-On November 5th, on the road between San Angelo and Watervalley, a 34x4 automobile tire, B. C. Mann, a one-time Sterling cover and rim. Finder will please leave same at this office, or return

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Mr. and Mrs. Stribbling left in- is far too great for the present genboarded the train for Abilene and the population that Massachusetts

Divide, and is justly popular for her many good and gracious qualities with all who know her.

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The happy couple will reside on

We join the many friends of Mr. A farmer can build a fair sized sile for two or three hundred dollars, and Mrs. Stribbling in congratula-

(Sunday, December 2t6h)

Subject; China of Today. (Company B) Captain in charge: Foster Conger.

Sentence prayers for China. Song: "The Whole Wide World

Call for new members. Secretary's report. Report of treasurer of Companies

Leader in charge: Buelah Ballou. Subject on blackboard.

Scripture quotations-John 3: 16, by Eisie Lowe. Matt., 28: 18-20, by Sarah King. Scripture reading: Isa. 49: 7-12-

Andy Pool. The Old China .- Short talk by a member.

Song. New China:

(1) A New Government.-Nanme.B. Davis. (2) New Education - Foster

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Increase in Population.

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The natural born citizen brings no property into the State. In fact, 39 away with them. It is fifteen years before the child becomes a revenue producer, and during that period he is an expense to the community, but the immigrant brings wealth into the State, and immediately upon arrival becomes a revenue producer.

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We can not develop our State with farm in one section of the State and buy in another section; he has merely changed his location and has added nothing to the State's wealth but has added nothing to the wealth of the State. If this generation proposes to develop Texas, says the Commercial Secretaries' Association, we must get men and money from the outside, and the invitation to homeseckers and capitalists can be cordially extended through an imcommunity may not be able to build railroads and factories and other targe industrial enterprises, but every section of the State can improve is public highways.

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night closed across

through this coating, and sank deep side it. into soft stuff beneath, making the For it was a man lying flat on his in at the front gate, and, stepping

He was breathin hard, and evi- sack, also covered with snow, dently desperately weary, yet he nev- Mike gave a sharp glance around. er stopped for a moment, though now The moonlight horizon was still and then, as he plowed his way on- bare. He stooped and turned the man wards, he would turn his head and over. cast an apprehensive glance back "Dead!" he muttered. "Dead and

Had anyone been near enough to chill cheek. derstood his haste. The drab livery the dead man's face, which was that unwilling guests. As a matter of fact, and build, three years a prison inmate, and it convict that here at last was his other seven years of unappreciated weary frame. er of the sudden snowstorm.

wan thing sure," he muttered to him man of his clothes. slight chuckle escaped his thin lips. Mike as precious as broadcloth, for "But faith, I've puzzled mesilf, too, once he was rid of his convict garb and I don't know where I am no more he had multiplied his chances of es-

"If I eud only git a landmark of some sort!" he went on. "Eanst I pleted, and the luckless stranger aleud find my road to the railway, I'd most covered with snow. Then, reckwin clear. Mike Dempsey wasn't a less of the bitter frost, Mike stripped navvy siven years for nothing."

flat valley, jumped a little brook and appearances an elderly, harmlesslookpushed up the steep slope beyond.

from a lighted window, and there was and hat, and had buried his broad arfugitive in the red glow cast upon Mike bethink himself of the sack. the glittering snow. Without hesita- He snatched it up eagerly, hoping tion, he started downhill toward it. it might contain food. His last meal

proaching a small house, which stood and a pint of cocoa, and that nearly in a tiny garden surrounded by a low There was a gate in front, but Mike preferred to approach



It Was a Man Lying Flat on His Face. from the back, and clambering gingerly over the wall crept up to the

window from which the light came. Raising himself till his head was on a level with the sill, he peered through the uncurtained window into a barely furnished living room, lighted by a great fire of glowing turf.

A couch stood in one corner, on which lay a youngish man whose bandaged head showed him to be the wictim of some accident. On a chair beside him sat a sweet-faced woman, and on he bare earthen floor played two children-a curly-haired boy of about seven, and a chubby girl a year or so younger.

But what arrested Mike's attention was a little fir tree, not more than four feet high, which stood planted in an old bucket, on the table in the middle of the room.

For a moment it puzzled Mike, Then he gave a little casp.

"Beggor, if it ain't a Christmas tree! Why, 'tis Christmas eve, I do belave, though, faith, I'd lost thrack of ling themselves to sleep in their atthe date in the ould stone jug on the tic under the snow-clad roof. bill. But where's the prisints? "Tis on wonderingly.

At that moment the por got up, and going forward to the woman, pulled at her dress to attract her attention. 'Mother, isn't Santa Claus coming? But he had never forgotten them, and He's awful late. We shan't have no

Kismas tree if be doesn't come soon.' "It's the snow, dearie," explained. expect he was late in starting. But and looked back.

now it's cleared up, I daresay he'll be Her words were cheery, but Mike against the twinkling stars, and back caught the anxious glance she gave of these hills the grim, granite prison-

her husband. "Go out and see if William's in fields, and the warm lights of the sight yet, Alice," said the man. "He town, the hope of liberty. ought to have been here an hour ago. only hope nothing has happened to he exclaimed aloud. "Git along wid he poor old fellow.

behind the angle of the wall as the Again he started forward, but door opened, and the woman stood on | more slowly than before, and he had empty snowclad valley. Somehow the pathos of the bare lit-

tle Christmas tree and the anxious run back an' lave thim things at the family appealed to his hardened old dure. There'll be time to reach soul, and when the door closed again town by midnight." he rose to his feet, and instead of folmade off down the valley.

to himself.

Though covered deep in snow, he the valley. found that there was a path down

tired feet broke his breath sharply as he stopped be- long-delayed Christmas gifts.

traveling so terribly hard that, in face, and, judging by the snow which very quietly up the path, gained the furnished the nuptial music. The bride ter, will be resumed, and there will be spite of the bitter cold, perspiration almost covered his body, he had been door, dropped his sack, and giving stood in beads on his thin, brown there in the same position for some one sharp tap, turned the bolt. time. Beside him lay a halffilled

cold!" as he laid his hand against the watch him, they would easily have un- For a moment he stood staring at

plentifully besprinkled with broad ar- of a little old man, wizened and beardrows marked him as one of the state's ed, and very much of Mike's own type Mike Dempsey had been for the last | Then, like a flash, it came to the

was with the intention of escaping an- chance, and a thrill shot through his hospitality that he had, a few hours "He'll not need thim duds any previously, "done a bunk" under cov- more," he muttered, and, dropping on

his knees in the snow, began with T've puzzled thim screws, that's trembling fingers to strip the dead self, and in spite of his fatigue a | They were worn and old, but to

cape a hundredfold The gruesome task was soon comoff his own slops, and in less than He crunched his slow way across a five minutes stood up to all outward

ing laborer. A gleam of light in the next valley Not till he had completed the whole attracted his attention. It came change of costume down to boots something comforting to the lonely rows deep in a neighboring drift, did

Presently he was cautiously ap- had been eight ounces of prison bread

The mouth of the sack was tied with a string. Mike's fingers were so numb that he could not untie the knot, But there was a knife in the pocket of his stolen suit, and he quickcut the cord, and turned the contents of the sack out upon the snow. A small drum, a bag of lead solliers, a cheap doll, a box of wax tapers, and one of crackers, and a uple of packets of sweets. Not an rticle of the lot which had cost 25

Mike stood and stared at them. The ox of soldiers had fallen open. He coped and picked up the little paintd figures, and replaced them care-

"So 'twas poor ould Santy Claus, ne muttered. "And the children will Santy Claus," cried the little lad. e waiting on him. 'Twas hard luck

Again he bent down and quickly undled everything back into the sack. He laid this by the dead body, and urning on his heel, walked rapidly away.

and the moon made the snow-clad after dinner." moor almost light as day. But the ruickly across the frozen surface, cast- to fetch. ing sharp glances to right and left as The other warder-a grizzled, elder-He was going down hill, ly man-shook his head. now, and the further he want the thinner grew the depth of snow, and know what his little game is no more the plainer was the path. He felt than you." sure that he was nearing the main "Most like he has murdered Wil-road to Ashampton. He could not be liam," put in the younger warder sourmore than four of five miles from the ly. town now, and with his knowledge of lying under a tarpaulin be carried they is, all safe." scores of miles away from the hated in his trousers pockets. Only a lit- der. tle, but plenty to buy food and drink.

a clay pipe, and a plug of tobacco. Mike's mouth watered as he thought | valley there."

of a square meal. He tried to keep his thoughts on George," said the older warder, "I'll the prospect of these almost forgotten | go down and see.' luxuries, yet, somehow it was difficult. | Half an hour la The picture seen through the cottage window kept rising before his mind. and though he did his best to thrust

it aside, the effort was unavailing. The other children were watching their bare little Christmas tree, waitcome. Like all Irish people, Mike was | warder, in blank surprise. gifted or cursed with a lively imagination, and he thought of the little ents," explained curly-locks, "He told ones at last giving up hope, and cry- me so.

Long years ago Mike had a home of as bare as me own pccket," he went his own, a wife, and a baby. Wife and baby both had died, swept away in a week by an epidemic of diphthe ia, and that had been the beginning of the Irish navvy's downfall.

tonight they seemed strangely near him. A sound between a grunt and a the mother. "Such a bad storm that groan burst from his lips; he stopped in his eyes, any more than it has in mine!"

Behind was the arctic desolation of the moor lying ridge upon ridge house. In front were valleys and

" 'Tis a fool ye are, Mike Dempsey ye, and don't be delaying for the Ceremony at Galt Home Marked Mike dropped on hands and knees screws to nab ye!"

the threshold looking out down the not gone a hundred yards before once more he came to a dead stop. "'Tis no use," he groaned. "I'll just

The bitter wind was in his face as lowing out his first intention and en- he turned back up the hill, but now tering the house to demand food and Mike did not hesitate for a moment clothes, climbed the wall again and Head down, he hurried onwards, and presently was again beside the corpse "If William's coming this ve of Santa Claus' frozen messenger. there'll be a road of sorts," he said Without a glance at the body he quietly and simply wedded this eve- bride's wedding outfit was almost ensnatched up the sack, flung it over his ning in the parlors of the bride's un- tirely of American origin.

The glow from the lighted window the valley, which he had little doubt threw its red beam across the snow must wait for tomorrow's newspapers gowns, for orchids are the new Mrs. would lead eventually to the main as he rounded the curve and came before they know how it all came Wilson's favorite flowers. There are within sight of the lonely cottage and about. Secretary of the Treasury Mc- traveling gowns, street frocks and eve-He had gone another mile when a a corresponding glow warmed Mike's Adoo was the lone official present and ning gowns of amazing loveliness dark patch in the snow straight ahead heart as he thought of the pleasure like Dempsey's attracted his attention, and he caught of the children when they found their son-in-law.

But he had not counted on the eager



"All Right," He Said Sullenly, "I'll Come Quiet."

the angle of the house curly-locks "William, where is Santy Claus?

piped the childish treble. "It ain't William, sonny. Tell your mammy as William's got lost, and I

brought the things instead. Now I've rying a carbine stepped out from the | home. dark shadow round the corner, followed instantly by a second.

Mike gave one glance around. But he was cornered. The wall cut off ion, while the smiling groom received ton. "All right." he said sullenly, "I'll

come quiet.' "You'd better," retorted the warder, whose temper long hours in the snow had not improved.

"Mammy, the policemen have took Mike glanced up. The boy's mother | till the first week in January. was standing by, her face blank with amazement.

"Is it William?"

"Not unless he's changed his name The last fragment of cloud had warden. "He was Michael Dempsey blown away over the southern hills when he bunked from Moorlands just

crust was now hard enough to bear William Croker's clothes on, and he's his desk. the convict's weight, and he traveled brought the things that William went

"You've got me, missus. I don't

"He said William was lost, mam-

enough to stow away in a truck, and brought the things instead. And here ident's cousin. "Best make a clean breast of it.

prison. Besides there was money Dempsey," suggested the elder war-"Go and find out vourself." flashed

the old convict. "William's down the You take the chap into the house,

Half an hour later he returned "I've found William," he said briefly. He's froze to death. Dempsey took his clothes, but he didn't have no hand

in killing him. "Then, in the name of sense, what did he come back here for instead of ing for the presents that would never skimming out?" inquired the younger

> "He came to bring our Kismas pres-"Well, of all the everlasting fools,"

> gasped the junior warder. His senior wheeled on him sharply. "A good thing if there were a few more fools of that kind in Moorlands.

Ay-and outside, too!" He turned to Mike: "Come along, Dempsey," he said in a more kindly tone. "I'll see as 'he governor knows how it was we come to take you. And I rocko your playing Santy Claus won't do you no harm

by Simplicity.

DETAILS ARE KEPT SECRET

Only Relatives of President and His Bride Are Present-Start on Honeymoon Trip to South-Try to Avoid Crowds.

ence of relatives only, President Wil- men. Most of the stories were baseson and Mrs. Edith Bolling Galt were less, be it said truthfully, for the And sure enough there was. shoulder, and continued his way up pretentious home at 1308 Twentieth street. There was no fuss and feathers, and official and social circles dominating hues in the trousseau

> wore a dark traveling costume and matinee teas and frequent musicales. carried a huge bouquet of orchids. She met the bridegroom at the foot children, and before he could get round of the broad stairway in her home Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Filland together they went slowly to the altar of flowers erected at the east predecessors in this sort of a union, end of the parlors. The president but in not more than one or two cases ger a plain gold circlet engraved with this case. John Tyler and Theodore her initials and his own. The cere- Roosevelt married twice, but their mony was the utmost in simplicity second wives had not been wedded beand taste-in keeping with the best fore. American traditions.

Keep Hour a Secret. ous folk in Washington the hour of ment and espousal. His love was the the wedding was kept secret until late "Widow Custis." Thomas Jefferson, in the day. The plan worked with fair at the home of a friend, John Wayles, success and the police had no trouble met Martha Skelton, Wayles' widowed

upon, and for years she has been known as the most perfectly gowned woman in Washington, both because she has exquisite taste and because she has plenty of means to follow her taste in dress. Her gowns have always been chosen with rare care and she bought much from the fashionable costumers in Paris, where she was a frequent visitor before the war.

Those who are in a position to know say the bride spent several months in the preparation of her trousseau, being aided in this important labor by her mother, who also is a woman of extraordinary discernment. It was all complete, 'tis whispered, two weeks before the date of the wedding. Some controversy arose as to the origin of the gowns and frocks and linens and laces. There were stories to the effect that French supply houses balked at furnishing anything through the Washington, Dec. 18 .- In the pres- medium of German-American middle-

Orchids Her Favorite. Dark green and orchid are the prehe was there simply as Mr. Wilson's which will be seen much this winter, for the White House is to be re-Miss Bertha Bolling of this city at- opened for a series of old-time enter-Seeing no sign of life, he slipped tended her sister, the bride, and a tainments. The four great official resmall orchestra from the Marine band | ceptions, which were omitted last win-

Mr. Wilson is the sixth president of the United States to marry a widow. more and Benjamin Harrison were his placed on her third left-hand fin- was the widow the second wife-as in

It is scarcely necessary to recall George Washington's marriage. The In order to avoid the crowds of curi- world knows of his courtship, engage-



got to go, for I'm in a mighty hurry." in handling the few hundred men, daughter. She was a beautiful wom-"I expect you are!" came a jeering women and children who pressed an, much sought after, but Jefferson voice, and a blue-uniformed man car- eagerly in the streets near the Galt finally won her heart.

As soon as the ceremony was over and the bride had been saluted by known generally to Americans of all those present in the accustomed fash- generations next to Martha Washing be in digging trenches."—Youngstown congratulations, the newly-weds sped away in a big White House automobile to the Union station and took a train to the South for their honeymoon. If they told anybody their destination that person kept his secret well. It is reported from family circles, however, that the couple will be away un-

They must be back in Washington by January 7, though, because on that What does this mean?" she cried. date the president and Mrs. Wilson will act as host and hostess at a great reception to be given in the White since morning, missus," replied the House for the Pan-American representatives at the national capital. Moreover, congress will have reconvened, after the holiday season, and "But I don't understand. He's got Mr. Wilson will have to be back at

Only Relatives Are Present Among those present at the ceremony were: Miss Margaret Wilson,

the president's eldest daughter; Mrs. Francis Bowes Sayre of Williamstown, Mass., the president's second daughter; Mrs. William G. McAdoo, the president's youngest child; Mrs. Anne Howe of Philadelphia, the presi- love with Frances Folsom, the daughdent's sister; Joseph R. Wilson of Bal- ter of his law partner. She was a timore, the president's brother, and girl whom he had known from early railway matters it would be easy any," explained the boy, "so he's Miss Helen Woodrow Bones, the pres- childhood-there was a time when

> to Norman Galt was Miss Edith Bolling of Virginia, was well represented the White House. with kinsmen, and kinswomen. She and her mother, Mrs. William H. Boll- President Wilson and Mrs. Galt would ing, have lived together for several years, and Mrs. Bolling, of course, was ple just supposed that Mrs. Galt would the dowager queen of the occasion. The bride's sisters, Miss Bertha actual White House bride. From the Bolling of Washington and Mrs. H. H. general feminine point of view it Maury of Anniston, Ala., and her seemed really the only thing to do. brothers, John Randolph Bolling, Richard W. Bolling, Julian B. Bolling, long ago, however, that a woman all of Washington; R. E. Bolling of should be married in her own home Panama and Dr. W. A. Bolling of and not in that of her husband. She Louisville, Ky., attended the cere- did not believe in breaking the Amermony

some woman, unusually good to look ton approved.

## CONDENSATIONS

Russia, 4,029; American, 4,199; French. 3,340; British, 3,292; German, 3,147; classrcom will be a booth for a mov-Austrian, 2,620.

The natives of Guatemala are expert tcymakers, and it is probable that they will get some of the business formerly taken care of by European nations.

Perhaps Dolly Madison, wife of

President James Madison, is best John Tyler's Romance. John Tyler was twice married, the To Drive Out Malaria

second time while he was president. His first wife was Letitia Christian, who belonged to one of the old families of Virginia. Mrs. Tyler bore the president nine children. Just before her husband was elected vice president of the United States she suffered a stroke of paralysis and a short time after he succeeded William Henry Harrison as president she died-in the White House.

The second winter after her death the president met Julia, the daughter in my life. I'm looking for a man etan journey from Lhasa, by way of a Mr. Gardiner, who lived on one of the islands in Long Island sound. The president fell desperately in love -he wooed as a youth of twenty would woo, impetuously and romantically. It wasn't a great while before they were engaged and a short time later they were married quietly at the Church of the Ascension in New York city.

Grover Cleveland did not marry until fairly late in life. Then he fell in she called him "Uncle Cleve." Mr. The bride, who before her marriage Cleveland and Miss Folsom were wedded in the famous Blue room at For a long time it was thought that

be married in the White House. Peowant to go down in history as an Charming, tactful Mrs. Galt decided ican-nay, the world-precedent in The president's bride is a hand- the matter. And in this all Washing-

A Milwaukee architect is drawing plans for a schoolhouse at Port Ed-"Penny" is really a survival of the wards, Wis., which will have a class-English "pun," a corruption of "pound." room with a floor inclined like that The heat units of the soldiers' ra- of a theater, a stake 16 feet deep and tions as issued today are as follows: a proscenium arch 12 feet high and 18 feet wide. At the rear of this

ing picture machine

A total of 57,272 blind persons was in the United States in 1910, as figured by the census bureau. The total blind persons in the world is estimated at 2,390,000.



eloped with an octogenarian banker. "There is nothing remarkable about it, though," said Mr. Ade. "Winnie, "I see you claim one hour's or time, Bill," said the master of t

mill. "How's that? I thought no

Bill passed a hoary hand across b

"Quite right, guv'nor," he replie

The master regarded him sta

"Come, when was it?" he inquire

"Last Thursday," replied Bill

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At the Door.

Opportunity-They don't answer

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"These street musicians lead a la

"Not so. It is one long, daily grin

On the Contrary.

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worked overtime this week."

'One hour's me due."

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not speak as affectionately to me as take home, an' that there hour is !

you used to when we were first mar- bringin' the dish back."

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Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, the famous suffragette, speaking of a recent | shake the carpets." untactful motion at a woman's club, "Yes, I remember that distinct said it reminded her in its delicacy, cut in the boss, "but you got of at of the story of a Ripon man. "This man got married, and after | "Ah, that's true, guv'nor, as far as several years had elapsed his wife goes," assented the man; "but t said to him one night, 'John, you do missus give me a 'alf a meat ple

ried. I fear you have ceased to love "'Ceased to love you!' growled the man. There you go again. Why, I cure love you more than life itself. Now

shut up and let me read the paper." Foozlers in the Front.

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