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Resolutions of Respect.
On the Death of I. M. Bennick.
UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

WHEREAS, on the 20th day of December, A. D. 1898, and as the sun had passed the meridian and approaching the west, it pleased the Supreme Ruler of the Universe to call our Brother from labor here below. Therefore be it RESOLVED, by Hayrick Lodge, No 696, A. F. and A. M. that while we submit to the will of the Great Grand Master of the Universe, who doeth all things for the best. Yet, we mourn the loss of our brother, who was always ready to assist the needy, in carrying out the principles of our ancient order, and let us all live so when we too, are called from labor here, we may join our brother in that Grand Lodge above, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

RESOLVED, That we express to his sorrowing family, the assurance of our heart felt sympathy in this sad affliction.

RESOLVED, That the Lodge wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of the Lodge and a copy be furnished the RUSTLER for publication.

Fraternally Submitted.

H. E. Johnston,
J. W. Barnett,
J. C. Turner,
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Ft. Chadbourne Notes.

Regular Correspondent.

Christmas is now a thing of the past. I hope that the Editor and all the readers of the Rustler had a merry good time.

I tell you Mr. Editor, the Rock Springs people had a nice good time, our S. S. gave an entertainment and Xmas dinner, Saturday, 24th. We met at the school house at 10 A. M. and opened our exercises by singing and prayer and then we had a talk on the Birth of Christ by W. C. McDonald, then music, and Mr. McDonald reviewed the S. S. on the lessons in the 4th Quarter; then we had dinner. When we dismissed for dinner, we had all to go out in the fine sunshine, which smiled on us so graciously all day. While the people were out having a good time in the sun, a committee (appointed for the purpose) was in the house arranging the tables and getting every thing ready for dinner, this being done we formed our S. S. into line and marched with song into the school house; lines opened at the door and part going to right and part to left of table. 100 people eat at the first table; we had a bountiful supply of every thing that was good to eat and several baskets of fragments were left. After dinner we had several recitations with music intersperced, then came the distribution of the presents which was enjoyed so much by the little ones. Every one got a nice bag of candy exactly alike so no one's feelings were hurt, all went home well pleased with the enjoyment of the day.

Sunday we had a good sermon by our Baptist brother, Mr. Smith of Nolan County, he preached at night also.

Monday I saw three turning plows running in Mr. T. C. Baldwin's field sowing wheat. The ground is in a fine condition for plowing now.

Some of our people have gone to San Angelo to attend court in the Tom Richard case.

I liked to have forgotten to tell you, that some of good people have new buggies and go sailing by, and it makes your old Uncle feel like fixing up and sail too, some of these days.

Hoping that the RUSTLER may have a wider circulation the coming year, and that the Editor and all the readers may have A Happy New Year, I will bid you good bye for 1898.

UNCLE TOM.

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AND
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Edith Etchings.

Regular Correspondent.

Dec. 26th '98.

A Merry Christmas to you and crew.

A very fine Xmas in our neighborhood, every thing was lovely. Cattle are recovering from the last cold spell and looking very well again.

Messrs. Mabry, John Sauls Noah Bell and Masters Harry Copeland and Bob Beason went cat hunting Saturday night and had a fine chase.

Mr. Meneile and his bride went to Austin Wednesday, on a bridal tour.

Mr. Otis Copeland, from Colorado City, was visiting his parents during Xmas.

Mr. Good's family are visiting at Bronte during the holidays.

Messrs. John and Will Good and their families, together with Master Pauch Arnett are visiting at Big Springs this week.

The young people of this neighborhood had quite an enjoyable party at Mr. Pressler's Friday night before Xmas.

Masters Curtis and Bob Beason are visiting the families of George Arnett and W. N. Copeland during the holidays.

The people of our neighborhood are strictly for W. J. Bryan for President in 1900 and opposed to the annexation of the Phillipine Islands and stand square with Bailey and all the rest of our great leaders on the leading questions of the day. I hope you will not think your old Aunt is going into politics.

A Happy New Year to the Editor of the RUSTLER and all the Readers of the Same.

AUNT SALLIE.

Occasional Correspondent.

I thought I would give you the news of our little city. We are having some nice weather now and I think farmers will take advantage of it by preparing their land for another year.

Quite a number of our young people attended the Christmas Tree at Robert Lee.

Mrs. Newt. Copeland gave some of the young folks a Xmas dinner which they say was very much enjoyed.

S. H. Pool and son, Charley, J. R. Arnett, Miss Mamie Stokes, J. C. Newton, Ed Allen and J. D. Hallmark traded in San Angelo last week.

Miss Emily Thomas, the efficient teacher of the Pecan school has gone to her home in Williamson County to spend the holidays.

Mrs. J. D. Hallmark, teacher of the Wild Cat school, is at home taking a week's vacation.

Mr I. J. Good and family are spending the holidays with their sons at Bronte.

J. C. Arnett and family and Lizzie Stanford of Burnett Co. are visiting G. M. Arnett of Big Springs.

If this escapes the waste basket I may write again.

Wishing the dear old RUSTLER success, I will close, Respect.

Bill Jones.

Coke County Rustler.

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A selling race often turns out to be a racing sell.

The man who never failed is unable to appreciate success.

A good example may be a disease, but it is seldom contagious.

The man who drives a furniture wagon is usually in the van.

Paradoxical as it may seem, a cook may get fat while wasting away.

There is a big difference between a working man and a working politician.

A man often has more respect for his servant than his servant has for the man.

An actor makes a hit when he strikes the manager for an increase in salary.

Some people flatter themselves when they are unable to get others to do it for them.

The Ohio man who hanged himself with a towel simply wiped himself out of existence.

Whenever you hear a man refer to life as a lottery the chances are he has drawn a blank.

It is positively cruel to keep up the jokes at the expense of the dude when he isn't capable of understanding them.

A man never fully understands the meaning of court costs until he has been the defendant in a breach of promise suit.

The constant duty of every man to his fellow is to ascertain his own powers and special gifts; and to strengthen them for the help of others.

It is the road we are traveling, the everyday tread of our lives, which decides our moral and spiritual quality. The ends which we propose to ourselves are but points in our lives, whose life itself is made up by the means we take to further them. All neglect of these means, all indifference to them, all undue haste to get through them, or to brush them aside as tiresome or unimportant, must therefore be fatal to the value of life and the growth of character.

"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."—James 1. 27. We know that the word "translated" means "outward service." It does not refer to the man's belief, but to the way in which it ought to be shown. There are various forms of worship whereby Christians display their faith. Religious ritual has many shapes. These give prominence to one feature or another of our Creed, according to the mind of the worshiper. St. James does not here trouble himself about these. They may legitimately differ. Whatever they may be, he points to that which should always mark the outcome of our faith, and is "undefiled before God and the Father." The true notes of our outward Christian service or observance are "sympathy" and "purity." These are required by God of all, and they are illustrated by a man's visitation of widows and fatherless in their affliction, and also by a keeping of himself unspotted from the world.

Newspaper correspondents in Berlin report that Denmark is beginning to retaliate upon Germany for the expulsion of King Christian's subjects from Northern Schleswig. The activity of the Prussian government since these expulsions began has been unparalleled. Hundreds of persons—men, women and children of all ages—have been forced to give up their homes and flee over the frontier into the northern peninsula. Germany, however, is not invulnerable, and the Danes know it. The Danish press is urging the striking of a blow at German trade. Denmark imports from Germany goods to the value of not less than \$35,000,000 annually, more than half as much as from all the rest of the world. Danes are urged to stop the importation of German manufactures, and the temper of the people is favorable to the proposition. An association of merchants has been formed in Copenhagen, the members of which are pledged to buy nothing that is imported from Germany. The threat is not lost on Germany. Berlin merchants are tremendously stirred up over the prospect of losing so good a customer. Already Prince Hohenlohe, the imperial chancellor, has received scores of communications—some of them numerous—signed petitions—begging that the persecution of the Schleswig Danes may be forbidden.

Treaty Presented.

Washington, Dec. 26.—President McKinley received from the American peace commission Saturday the treaty of peace between the United States and Spain. In presenting this momentous document Judge Day, as chairman of the commission, said it represented the earnest efforts of the American representatives at Paris and that it was submitted with the hope that it would redound to the peace, credit, and glory of the American nation. Accepting the treaty from the hands of Judge Day, the president responded with heartfelt thanks and congratulations to the commission as a body and the members individually. He spoke of all that had been accomplished and of the happy method by which difficult questions had been adjusted. The formal ceremony of delivering the treaty to the president occurred in the blue room and lasted half an hour. The commission arrived here from New York on a special train at 4:20 p. m. A great crowd of holiday excursionists filled the railroad station and in order to avoid the jam the special was run on a side-track, where the officials had an opportunity to leave the train before it entered the depot.

Chief Clerk Michaels of the state department was on hand as the representative of Secretary Hay and quite a number of officials from the state, war and navy department, as well as friends and relatives were there to greet them. As they stepped from the train there was general handshaking and congratulations and then the party was escorted to carriages and driven directly to the white house. It was noticed that as Judge Day and his associates came from the train they were unnumbered with any sort of luggage or documents. But Hon. John B. Moore, late assistant secretary of state and legal adviser of the commission, carried with him a huge leather case. This case never left Mr. Moore's hands, for in it was the peace treaty, which the commission was bearing to the president. Four of the commissioners—Day, Reid, Davis and Frye—took the first carriage to the white house and soon thereafter Senator Gray, the remaining commissioner, followed with Mr. Moore and the precious leather case. The ladies of the party also proceeded to the white house and joined the commissioners as they went before the president.

Secretary Hay was with the president when the party arrived at the whitehouse. The first greeting was quite formal, the president coming to the private vestibule which leads to the several drawing-rooms. Judge Day was the first to grasp the president's hand and then followed the personal exchanges. The president remarked on the vigorous health of all the members. In the meantime Mr. Moore and his precious bag had arrived in the outer corridor. Before going inside Mr. Moore opened the case and took from it the treaty, in a morocco binding, about the size of a large encyclopedia. Then joining Senator Gray, they proceeded together to the private vestibule, Mr. Moore carrying the treaty under his arm.

The president stood at the further end of the room while the party ranged around him. Taking the treaty, Judge Day addressed the president in the manner already alluded to. His remarks were quite informal and impromptu, brief, dignified and to the point, assuring the president of the satisfaction the commission felt that his labors were ended in such a way as to give promise of the welfare of the country. After the president's response, some time was spent in informal discussion of the trip.

Great Damage.

City of Mexico, Dec. 14.—The damage done by the recent inundation in Campeche is great and many plantations were flooded. A singular feature of the flood was that it was caused by the bursting of an immense water spout.

Leo Lewis was given life imprisonment at Dallas, Tex., for killing June Redd. His brother, previously convicted as an accomplice, got thirty years.

Four Victims.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 25.—Flames found four victims here during the Christmas period. Mrs. John Ford and her infant daughter were burned to death at their home in a fire caused by an explosion of an oil lamp, and Miss Mary Coyle, aged 70 years, met her death from a like cause. She fell down stairs with a lighted lamp in her hand. Mrs. McNichol, aged 42, was terribly burned by the upsetting of an oil lamp at her home, and died.

SOUTHERN NEWS.

Oliver Griggs was instantly killed at Selma, Ala., by touching a live electric wire.

J. H. Milstead, a flagman on the Mobile and Ohio railway, was killed at a crossing near Tuscaloosa, Ala.

At Pottsville, Ky., two farmers named Hill and Butler got into a dispute over a game of cards. Butler was shot through the breast.

William Biles was shot and killed by Edward Mulligan near Pine Bluff, Ark., in a controversy over hog.

Dr. D. G. Lindsay, aged 75 years, a former well-known educator of Alabama, died at Decatur.

While under the influence of an epileptic fit the little daughter of Dr. Howard Dickinson, living near Pembroke, Ky., fell in a fire in a grate and was so badly burned that death soon followed.

The Commercial league of Fort Smith, Ark., has invited President McKinley to visit that city.

M. Smith, a blind man, 26d 25, is charged with killing his brother, William, 17 years old, with a bludgeon, near Clarksville, Tenn.

In a battle with moonshiners in the wilds of Knott county, Kentucky, revenue officers killed three and escaped unhurt.

Privates Donnelly and Adams of the second and Ellis of the first Mississippi regiments died at Columbia, Tenn., of meningitis.

The Augusta and Enterprise cotton factories of Augusta, Ga., have closed down, resulting in 3000 persons being thrown out of employment.

The 13-year-old daughter of Ben Jordan was burned to death near Pine Bluff, Ark. She had been left at home at night alone, the house was destroyed by fire and she was cremated.

Ross C. Smith, a member of the Alabama railroad commission, has been appointed receiver of the Jasper, Ala., Land company.

Wayzanski & Fishman, proprietors of the New York store, one of the largest dry goods establishments at Clarksville, Tenn., have been closed by creditors. It is claimed they will be able to pay out.

Will Purvis, the Mississippian, who broke the rope when going through a trap door when the sheriff was endeavoring to hang him in Marion county, that state, and afterwards placed in the penitentiary, has been pardoned.

Private Murrige of the second West Virginia was shot and killed by Private John Matti of the two hundred and third New York near Greenville, S. C. Murrige fired twice at Mathi and the latter returned the fire.

The circuit and county clerks of Arkansas held their 1898 session at Little Rock.

Mrs. Martha Field, the southern journalist, who for many years wrote over the nom de plume of "Catherine Cole," died at Chicago, where she had gone during last summer with the hope of benefiting her health. This lady was one of the best known newspaper women in the south.

Gray at Home.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 26.—United States Senator Gray, one of the peace commissioners, has arrived at home. He said that while he did not know the sentiment of the people on this side of the Atlantic with reference to the treaty, and had not consulted his colleagues in the senate, it was his opinion that the treaty would be ratified without doubt. When asked if he was favorable to the conditions of the treaty, he evaded a direct reply by saying: "Well, I signed it."

Fred Hancock, on trial at Hico, Tex., for killing Robert Bell, the railroad agent at that place, last fall, was given ten years.

Ralph Harris purchased at San Angelo, Tex., of C. Anson 1600 coming 3s and up cattle for \$40,000.

Brothers Killed.

Scobias, Miss., Dec. 26.—Thomas and William Brantley, brothers, were shot and instantly killed at Enondale, a small town on the Mobile and Ohio road, by Eugene Dennis, an 18-year-old boy. The brothers, accompanied by their father, attempted to enter the store of Dennis, it is said, intending violence. Dennis' mother seized the gun of the elder Brantley and young Dennis opened fire on the Brantleys, with the above result. The trouble is said to have been caused by liquor.

Speaks at Home.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 24.—Col. W. J. Bryan returned to Lincoln yesterday and was last night tendered a reception at the Olive theater by the Woman's Bimetallic league. The house was crowded and Col. Bryan received an ovation. He was introduced by Gov. Holcombe, who formally welcomed him home and complimented him for his patriotism in enlisting in the army.

He justified his resignation as follows:

"I had five months of peace in the army and resigned in order to take part in a fight. I am as much interested in the people of the United States as I am in the people of Cuba, and unless I am mistaken in judgment we are called upon to meet more important problems in the United States just now than will confront our army in Cuba.

"Some of these problems were under discussion before hostilities began; others have been thrust upon us as a result of the war. Let me improve this, my first opportunity, to assure you that my zeal for the reforms advocated a few months ago has not in the least been abated. Vital questions can not be killed or buried, and we were dealing with vital questions when the call to arms resounded through the land.

Taking up the subject of imperialism, Mr. Bryan said the president has misinterpreted the sentiment of the people. They are opposed giving the Philippines back to Spain, but they have not as yet declared in favor of embarking upon a colonial policy. So great a change, he said, could not be undertaken without more investigation and deliberation than the people had yet given to the subject. The principal part of Mr. Bryan's speech was devoted to the Philippine question.

In this connection he referred to President McKinley's inquiry, "Who will haul down the flag?" and replied:

"The flag is a national emblem and is obedient to the national will. It was made for the people, not the people for the flag. When the people want the flag raised they raise it; when they want it hauled down they haul it down. The flag was raised upon Canadian soil during the war of 1812 and it was hauled down when peace was restored.

The flag was placed upon Chapultepec during the war with Mexico and it was hauled down when the war was over. The morning papers announce that Lee ordered the flag hauled down in Cuba yesterday because it was raised too soon. The flag will be raised in Cuba again on the 1st of January, but the president declares in that it will be hauled down as soon as a stable government is established. Who will deny to the people the right to haul down the flag in the Philippines if they so desire when a stable government is established there?

"Our flag stands for an indissoluble union of indestructible states. Every territory is represented by a star and every territory sees in the constitution a star of hope that will some day take its place in the constellation. What is there in the flag to awaken the zeal or reflect the aspirations of vassal colonies which are too good to be cast away but not good enough to be admitted to the sisterhood of states? Shall we keep the Philippines and amend our flag? Shall we add a new star—the blood star, Mars—to indicate that we have entered upon a career of conquest? Or shall we borrow the yellow, which in 1896 was the badge of gold and greed and paint Saturn and his rings, to suggest a carpet-bag government with its schemes of spoliation? Or shall we adorn our flag with a milky way composed of a multitude of minor stars representing remote and insignificant dependencies?

"No, a thousand times better to haul down the stars and stripes and substitute the flag of an independent republic than to surrender the doctrines that give glory to 'old glory.' It was the flag of our fathers in the years that are gone; it is the flag of a reunited country to-day; let it be the flag of our nation in the years that are to come. Its stripes of red tell of the blood tell of the blood that was shed to purchase liberty; its stripes of white proclaim the pure and heaven-born purpose of a government which derives its just powers from the consent of the governed. The mission of that flag is to float, not over a conglomeration of commonwealths, but over the land of the free and the home of the brave, and to that mission it must remain forever true—forever true."

No Understanding.

Washington, Dec. 24.—There is no definite understanding with England on the Nicaragua canal, but the matter is being discussed with Lord Salisbury. There is decided senatorial opposition to asking England to abrogate the treaty. Some senators will oppose any concessions to England. Senator Morgan regards the treaty as dead.

Hobson has arrived at San Francisco.

Off for Cuba.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 24.—The transport Michigan left yesterday afternoon for Havana with the second battalion of the first Texas, also brigade headquarters, regimental hospital and corrals, Col. Mabry commanding, with colors flying and regimental band on forward deck playing "Auld Lang Syne."

The whaves and buildings looking upon the river were alive with people cheering and waving farewells. When opposite Bull street the band struck up "Dixie," which enthused those on shore and afloat, a sight well worth witnessing. The men were all permitted upon the upper deck passing the city. This, coupled with the thousands upon the shore cheering in response to the men's farewells and everything upon the river whistled that had steam made the departure of the first Texas a superb scene.

Gens. Keifer and Wheaton with staff were the last to leave the vessel before the gang plank was hauled. The other two battalions of the first Texas and the second Louisiana are loading their supplies.

The following first Texans received their discharges yesterday: Bob Swoops, John Gilbert, Bob Carter, Bill Spittler, Benjamin Hutchinson, Edward Forbin of company K; E. J. Smith, J. M. Contrell, company L, and E. B. King, company M.

It is reported the second army corps will mobilize here upon the completion of this corps' embarkation.

Heavy Fire Loss.

Shreveport, La., Dec. 24.—Another big fire aroused citizens from their slumbers at 4 o'clock yesterday morning, when there was a \$250,000 conflagration.

The scene of the fire was on Texas street, between Market and Edwards, a favorite block for the ladies to shop on.

The origin of the fire is unknown, but when first discovered by the printers in the Times office the fire at Bigart & Co.'s mammoth dry goods establishment was burning briskly from the second story to the roof.

The flames spread with rapidity despite the efforts of the fire department and soon the buildings occupied by James Tilly, Kahn Dry Goods company, Louise Rew and the Mary Files Millinery company were totally destroyed; together with the entire stock except that of James Tilly, much of it being carried out. The Phoenix hotel and furniture were badly damaged.

The Mary A. Files company, estimated value at \$5500, insurance \$1500; Miss Louise Rew, millinery stock \$2000; insurance on stock and fixtures \$2200; Bigart & Co., stock valued at \$75,000, insurance \$50,000; Kahn Dry Goods company, stock \$45,000, insurance \$40,000; James Tilly, stock and fixtures \$7500, insurance on fixtures \$1500, none on stock; J. B. Rhodes, barber at Phoenix hotel, insurance \$750, loss slight; Nelson & Co., gents' furnishing store, damage covered by insurance. Capt. T. C. Lewis owned the Kahn building, valued at \$10,500, insured for \$3000.

The loss on buildings is estimated at \$60,000.

Senator Entertained.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 24.—Senator Geo. F. Hoar was yesterday entertained by the Bar association of Charleston with an excursion to Fort Sumter and a trip to the Isle of Palms. At the latter place an elaborate luncheon was served, about 100 covers being laid. In response to enthusiastic calls Senator Hoar made a brief address, in which he eulogized the legal profession.

Senator McLaurin, Hon. J. B. Cummings of Georgia, Hon. James Simons, Judge J. H. Judson and others made short speeches.

Many Perished.

Several hundred Montenegrin soldiers who were recently overtaken by a snow storm in the Lara pass were frozen to death. The expedition sent to their rescue found the snow drift so heavy that it was impossible to save them.

Gigantic Combine.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 24.—The gigantic consolidation of the local gas, light and heating companies was consummated yesterday. The capital invested exceeds \$26,000,000. An idea of the incorporation of the combine will be appreciated when it is stated that one company will in the future control the gas, light and heating supply of Pittsburg and Allegheny and will have absolute power to make, raise or lower the price to all consumers.

He Is Safe.

Ennis, Tex., Dec. 26.—W. D. Farris of this city received a letter to-day from his nephew, Elsworth Farris, now a missionary in Africa, of whom the sensational report of destruction by cannibals was sent out from Paris a few days ago. The letter was written Oct. 28 from Leopoldville, Congo Free State. The young man wrote encouragingly of his missionary work. He has two native attendants, or servants, who are very attentive, especially when he is sick. He is anxious to take them with him when he leaves there, but the government will not permit them to go. His company is negotiating with authorities occupying the upper Congo at the equator, and if they agree on the price of the buildings the party will move their station to that point. He says nothing in the letter about danger from cannibals and it is believed that they are too well fortified to be harmed, and that if they have made the move from Leopoldville they have made the new hundred miles in safety.

Explosion at Paris.

Paris, Tex., Dec. 26.—Yesterday afternoon late a terrific explosion started the people of Paris and shook out a large number of window lights in the northwest portion of the city. Jim Griffith, son of J. O. Griffith, a merchant, was going around a string of freight cars on the Santa Fe track. Among the cars was an oil tank. Griffith, by some means, unscrewed the top of the tank, and turning to a companion, said: "I don't believe there is anything in it." He struck a match and dropped it into the tank to see if there was any oil in there. Immediately a sheet of flame shot up into the air, and the explosion could have been heard at least four miles. The body was picked close to the scene with every bone broken. An immense piece of the tank was hurled at least half a mile. No one else was injured. There was a little oil in the tank and the match caused the explosion.

Denison Blaze.

Denison, Tex., Dec. 26.—Yesterday morning at 10:30 fire was discovered in the plant of the National Cotton Oil company's mill in Northwest Denison. The fire was in the engine and press rooms of the mill, where all the most valuable machinery is located, and these two rooms of the building are a total loss. Conservative estimates place the damage done at about \$30,000 to \$40,000. Manager Feagle of the mill said: "I do not know how much damage was done by the fire, and would not like to venture to make an estimate but it is very heavy."

The damage done by the fire will probably cause the mill to be closed down the balance of the season and about 150 men will be thrown out of employment in consequence.

Bull Fight.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 26.—The second bull fight of the season in Juarez, Mex., occupied yesterday afternoon and was attended by nearly 5000 people, most of whom were Americans. The performance in the arena was an interesting and bloody one. Three bulls were slaughtered and several of the picadors had narrow escapes from death. Several women from this side of the river were sickened and fainted at the sight of so much blood. The bull-fighters this season are first-class and the bulls more powerful and ferocious than any ever before fought to death in the Juarez ring.

Tragic Death.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 26.—Mrs. Dugal D. McAlpine, who has been suffering from nervous prostration for the last six months, and who for the last month had been at St. Mary's infirmary under treatment, was killed Saturday.

At some time after 5 o'clock that morning Mrs. McAlpine, without the knowledge of the nurses, left the infirmary. She was walking on the jetty track near the infirmary when she was struck and killed by a train going out to the forts. Mrs. McAlpine was the daughter of Mr. John Goggan. She was married about one year.

Premiums Too Small.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 26.—At a meeting of the Travis county commissioners held Saturday afternoon all bids for the purchase of an issue of \$136,000 of bridge refunding bonds were rejected on the ground that premiums offered were too small.

Mrs. Lulu Johnson, on trial at Pond Creek, Ok., charged with murdering her husband, was acquitted.

Hearing Refused.

Port Arthur, Tex., Dec. 23.—George M. Craig, manager at Port Arthur, received the following message from Judge Hall W. Greer at Beaumont: "In the case of Cray vs. the Port Arthur Channel and Dock company the supreme court of Texas has ruled and refused the motion for rehearing."

The mandate issued, it is claimed, should remove all legal obstructions to the completion of the Port Arthur ship canal, an enterprise that every citizen of Jefferson county is largely interested in, for the completion of this ship canal means hundreds of thousands of dollars to Southeast Texas. More than \$500,000 has already been expended by the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf railroad in work on this great waterway and \$2,000,000 more has been appropriated for the completion of this canal, its docks and terminals. The expenditure of this last-named amount now only awaits the decision of the court at appeals for permission to complete this important work.

Three mammoth hydraulic dredges are now waiting here for permission to cut through the disputed two miles of right of way. Five miles has already been dredged, also one slip and 2500 feet of the ship basin and 300 feet of lumber wharves are now ready for the piling. The largest carrying capacity elevator in the world has just been completed, as has eighteen miles of additional terminals. The importance of this work can better be understood from the fact that fifty-four steamships have already been loaded and unloaded by lighters for this from foreign ports.

Waco Wedding.

Waco, Tex., Dec. 23.—One of the most beautiful and interesting weddings of the season was celebrated last night at St. Paul's church at 8 o'clock, in which Miss Lillie Marshall, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Marshall, and Mr. Gilbert Hay of Atlanta, Ga., were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. Dr. Frank Page performing the impressive ceremony of the Episcopal church. Miss Alice Parrott, the bride's cousin, was maid of honor and Miss Henrietta Downs, another cousin, was bridesmaid. Mr. Ned Marshall, eldest brother of the bride, gave her away. Mr. James Cravens of Dallas was best man and Mr. Dero Wood and Mr. James Curry were the attendants.

Young Lady's Sad Death.

Whitney, Tex., Dec. 23.—Whitney citizens were shocked beyond measure when a runner reported Miss Anna Golden, the 17-year-old daughter of Mr. Felix Golden, a thrifty farmer living near Whitney, was shot with a 41-caliber revolver at her home. The young lady was alone in her room at the time. Her father hearing the report rushed in to find his daughter prone on the floor, bleeding profusely from a frightful wound in the neck, and the pistol lying near her. Physicians were hastily summoned, but death resulted without the young lady ever regaining consciousness.

Awaiting Advice.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 23.—The remains of Edward Kerr are being held here awaiting advice from his relatives in St. Louis. Kerr was a brakeman on the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio railway and was killed forty miles out at Rio Grande by the west bound passenger train while his own train, a freight, was on the siding at that station. Kerr stepped directly in front of the passenger engine, unconscious of its proximity, and was instantly killed. His remains were brought here, an inquest held and his relatives in St. Louis notified.

Constable Dead.

Waco, Tex., Dec. 23.—A telegram from Crawford, McLennan county, announces the death of James W. Richardson, the constable of the precinct in which the town named is located. Constable Richardson was stricken with pneumonia and died after a brief illness. At the next meeting of the county commissioners court Judge Gallagher will report the death of the constable and his successor will be appointed to fill the vacancy.

When a Havana funeral procession which was escorting the hearse containing the remains of Capt. Jesus Sorolongo, who was killed, reached the corner of Infanta and San Jose streets, a violent affray took place between members of the funeral party and some employees of the military hospital.

FREE FROM SING SING.

THE LAST DAY OF A PRISONER WHO HAS "DONE HIS BIT."

Routine of Releasing a Man—A Drink and a Bunch of Cigarettes Are Usually the First Purchases Made by Nearly Every Ex-Convict.

In order to appreciate fully the value of liberty one should be present when the prison doors are opened and a convict who has for years been deprived of his freedom, who has been housed in a narrow, cheerless cell, and has worked and messed with other convicts, is let out of the prison office a free man. It is a scene which few people except the prison officials witness at Sing Sing, because the "graduation exercises" always take place there early in the morning, says the New York Tribune.

The man whose misdeeds bring him behind the gray granite walls of Sing Sing, if he is a "new man," with no experience in the rite, goes through the initiation in a dazed manner. He answers questions as to his history in a mechanical way and when he reaches the hands of the prison keepers he goes through the forms of weighing, bathing, having his beard shaved and his hair cropped with a child-like docility and in most instances he realizes his true position only after the door of a cell has closed upon him and he looks upon the garments in which he has been clothed and the place which will be home to him until the weary years have dragged away. Then the bully becomes the baby, and men who have braved danger in the pursuit of spoils break down and the guards as they pass the cells of the new man do not stop when they hear sobs and even shrieks of despair, because they come in the regular order of things.

Then comes assignment to such work as the convict may be fitted for and the first evidence that the new man is becoming accustomed to his surroundings and in a measure reconciled to his condition is when he begins to figure how much he will "get off" for good conduct and when his term will expire. It matters little whether the man comes for three or for thirteen years, the calculation goes on just the same; it is always the first thing in the mind of the prisoner, and as the term draws to a close, months are counted, then weeks and finally days, and the strain becomes greater as the day of liberation draws near. Men who had been apathetic, who had acquired the prison languor, brace up; they eat well, work well and even in the lockstep with their fellows they show the invigorating effect of the vision of freedom which is coming nearer daily.

A few weeks before the expiration of the term the prison barber is instructed to skip the man. This is usually done by order of Warden Sage, who takes that means of rewarding a well-behaved inmate, and the privilege is more highly appreciated than a gift of money would be. On the night before his discharge the prisoner is locked up as usual and receives his evening meal in his cell. At 9 o'clock the lights are turned out, but the men who are to be discharged on the next day are usually awake long after the other cell occupants have gone to sleep.

As a rule the last night in prison is as wakeful as the first. The first is full of anguish, remorse, homesickness; the last with its visions of freedom, home, friends and the uncertainty as to what will await him "on the outside," makes the hours years and in many instances a dose of bromide is prescribed by the prison physician for the men who are about to go out.

At last the dawn breaks on the last day and the prison "bit" is nearly done. As a precautionary measure, to prevent the man who goes out from bearing letters or messages from fellow-convicts, he is not allowed to leave his cell on his last day until the other



BEING WEIGHED.

convicts have been marched away to their work; and from behind the iron cell door he sees the line form, sees the striped figures linked closely one to the other moving away, like a great gray and black reptile, and hears the half-shuffle, half-step echo through the vaulted corridors, while he nibbles at the breakfast which has been brought to the cell. But "bootleg coffee" and other prison delicacies have lost their charms, and the man stands close to the cell door with bundles all ready. The bundles contain such trifles and trinkets as may have ornamented his cell and the prison property, which must be turned over to the officials be-

fore he may leave the place. Excitement, nervousness and stifled emotion are written on every feature of the man.

At last the supreme moment has come and a blue-coated keeper goes to the cell door and calls the name of the inmate. He steps out into the corridor. At the same moment men in other parts of the prison are going through the same form and the little band is gathered into a company at the door.

One morning recently an official who was not connected with the prison accompanied a keeper on his way to liberate some men whose terms expired that day. One of the convicts, as he stepped from his cell, shrank back and turned pale when he saw the stranger with the keeper and cast stealthy glances at the man whenever he could. The keeper explained that the convict had undoubtedly committed a crime besides the one for which he had served and he feared that the stranger was an officer come to arrest him.

"That happens frequently," said the officer, "and it is a pitiful sight to see a man all keyed up for 'the outside,' with possibly years of service behind him, taken into custody on the prison threshold. A man must be made of iron to take such a dose without a struggle."

When the graduating class, each man with his bundle under his arm, is brought together a keeper gives the



BREAKS DOWN.

command "Forward!" sharp and distinct, and the men march toward the prison yard, and when this point is reached they are ordered to "close up," and then for the last time—until they are returned to the Hotel Sage—the uniformed men march in the hated lockstep to the room where years before, perhaps, they were stripped of their citizen's garments and robed in the uniform of shame. If they served less than five years the recent graduates saw the same convict in the apartment who helped them at the time of their initiation. Then he stood by as each man was weighed, and then he selected from a closet near at hand a uniform for the new prisoners. He had been in the clothing business and knew at a glance what size garment a man required, and if he made a wrong selection it did not matter, for a size or two one way or the other made little difference to the first-day convicts, although later on many of the wearers of stripes develop tastes for style and become particular as to the fit of their garments.

Now the convict stood at the scales once more while the men were weighed, and received the clothes which the graduates were ordered to take off. He stored them away in the closets ready to be handed to the new men who come with the regularity of the day to take the places of those who have "done their bit." Every article of clothing is removed from the men, and then they receive new garments from head to foot. The underwear is of a superior quality, and the clothes, to all appearances, far above the average ready-made kind.

There is a popular belief that the garments which convicts wear when they come to prison are kept for them until they are released, but it is not a fact. Garments of any value are made over and are given to departing guests, but in most cases they are converted into scrap and used like other rags.

Clothed in garments of American citizens, with boiled shirts, neat neckties, well-fitting coats and comfortable overcoats, no one would recognize the men as they came from the state shop where the transformation had been made. As they walked out the men who still wore the stripes and whose duties brought them near to the departing men looked wistfully at them and the keepers pretended not to see when the men waved a parting salute to the poor fellows whose day would not come for years, and who might never pass beyond the prison gate. As the little party reached the yard once more a stern command, "Halt!" brought the men to a realization of the fact that they were still prisoners, although the brand had been removed. "Close up!" commanded the officer, and then the men, although they were dressed in the garb of free men, walked once more in the lockstep, as they did on that day long ago when they entered the prison. From the stone piles, from the mess hall, the hospital, the library and the walks about the yard pallid men in striped clothes watched the little body of men in citizen's dress march in the lock-

step to the main entrance and saw them disappear through the door.

They were taken to the reception room, the little room just inside of the gate, where friends and relatives are allowed to see prisoners at certain times. The men were still prisoners and they realized it when they were commanded, "Hats off!" and told that they might be seated. After a short wait, while papers were being made ready in the main office, the keeper, who seemed to be the master of ceremonies, ordered them to ascend the stone steps which lead to the office, where years before the manacles were taken from their wrists and they were handed over to the warden by the officer who brought them to prison. Behind the desk stood the same clerk who took their pedigree that time and next to him the convict bookkeeper, who, despite his prison garb, attends to the affairs of his office with the same composure as he did to the affairs of the bank which came dangerously near being wrecked by him.

Again, as on that gloomy day, questions are asked—name, age, religion—and when all entries have been made Mr. Westlake confers the degree. He hands the discharged man a printed document showing that he has served his time and "has this day been discharged by commutation for good behavior, pursuant to chapter 21 of the laws of 1886, having thereby earned a full deduction of — months and — days."

"Now, you are not expected to frame this and hang it up," said Mr. Westlake, "nor to carry it about and make a show of it; but take good care of it, for it will come handy when you want to be restored to citizenship."

Then he gives each man a certain amount of money and says: "The state allows you \$10, and, in addition, you receive pay for your time." The pay amounts to about 1½ cents a day. "You will be escorted to the station and a ticket will be bought for you to New York."

Receipts are signed, the men warned not to come back before the commutation time has expired, because in that case they would have to "do" the time; such trinkets, money or other valuable property as they may have had when they were received are handed over to them, and with that last act the convict is free. The prison authorities have really no further jurisdiction, but in order to protect the men against themselves a keeper is sent with them to the station. They walk along the road and then take a short cut by way of a steep hill, called Breakneck, to the station. Some men are dumb from excitement, and others are so exhilarated that it is only by an effort that they refrain from shouting. They talk about the new clothes, the high collars, and when the station comes in sight the question is usually asked: "Shall I have time to get a drink before the train starts?"

A drink and a bunch of cigarettes are the first purchases of nearly every ex-convict, and then they make anxious inquiry as to where the train stops. All prefer to leave the train at either One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, or One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, and few men fresh from Sing Sing are willing to stay in the car till they reach the Grand Central station.

Formerly discharged convicts were met at the prison gates or in the village by a band of men who made that a business. They knew that the men had money, that they were thirsty and they were ready to help them spend the one and quench the other. The consequence was that many ex-convicts were arrested on the day of their discharge and some were returned as prisoners before they had a chance to see their friends. Through the efforts of Warden Sage this nuisance has been abolished and his boarders are placed upon the trains sober and responsible.

PLUCKY PASTOR.

Fought Laborers and Would Not Budge from His Church.

Pastor H. C. Schleuter of Immanuel German Reformed church of Baltimore and his whole congregation are fighting the Consolidated Street Railway company to prevent the laying of a curve on its new line in front of the church. Early the other morning the preacher, wrapped in a waterproof coat, sat in a pouring rain on the corner to prevent the workmen breaking ground at that point. When he refused to remove his chair, the superintendent ordered a workman to remove it. There was a hot struggle between a big negro laborer and the preacher, the latter putting up a hard fight before surrendering.

The chair was broken to pieces and he was struck on the hand by one of the legs. A gang of men then picked up a heavy rail and moved it over in such a way that the preacher's left leg was scraped and bruised, and he was forced backward. Charles Zies, secretary of the congregation, went to the police station and applied for a warrant for the negro's arrest, but Justice Roberts declined to issue it except upon application of Rev. Mr. Schleuter himself, and the Rev. Mr. Schleuter was too busy to appear. He and several of his friends held the fort all day. Rev. Schleuter will sue D. E. Evans, the contractor, for personal damages.

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Christmas is over.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR to EVERY BODY.

Coke County had more weddings than any county twice its population.

To Correspondents: If possible we would like to have your communications early in the week so as to get them all in the paper, which we expect to go to press each Thursday afternoon.

The old year, with all its vicissitudes is about to pass away. The RUSTLER will commence the new one with new energy, new resolutions and with a hearty good will to build up the good County of Coke and the town of Robert Lee. There are a few citizens yet in Coke, who fail to take the County paper. To these we extend a cordial invitation to "get into the band wagon" by subscribing. To our many subscribers, we promise to merit the "silver wheel" we get from you during 1899.

Mr. M. S. Hogue, who makes his headquarters in this city and who travels considerably in the interest of a piano house, is responsible for this story of a queer marriage ceremony performed in the northwestern part of Kentucky by an Irish magistrate. He told it to Corridor Gossip and some friends while at dinner a few evenings since.

This Irish magistrate was a man of liberal education and a full quota of genuine Irish wit. A short time ago Jim and Bet a colored pair, called upon the squire to be united "for better or worse." The Squire having been notified of their coming, prepared and actually used the following ceremony:

"Jim, will you take Bet.
Without any regret,
To love and cherish
Until one of you perish,
And is laid under the sod
So help you God?"

All of which being answered in the affirmative by Jim, the square turned to Bet and said:

"Bet, will you take Jim,
And cling to him,
Both out and in,
Through thick and thin,
Holding him to your heart,
Till death do you part?"

"Bet acquiesced in a modest bow of the head, and now the happy pair were dismissed as follows:

Thro' life's alternate joy and strife,
I now pronounce man and wife.
Go up the hill till you get on the level and salute your bride,
you old black devil." — Ft. Worth Register.

Robert Lee Tree.

The Christmas tree, at the M. E. Church, was a grand success. Long before 7.30 P. M., the house was crowded to its utmost seating and standing capacity.

Three beautiful and appropriate songs were sung by the "Christmas Choir", and then Santa Claus came and spent nearly an hour distributing presents to the good people. After Santa's departure Mr. J. H. Burroughs superintended the distribution of the presents, ably assisted by Professors O. W. and John Gardner, Larkin Hayley, and Misses Edith Montgomery and Lillie Trammell, besides a couple of lively boys whose names we did not secure. Several hundred dollars worth of presents were on the tree and no one seemed to be short on receiving presents, and we have the opinion that many hearts and pocket books were lighter after "Christmas Eve" than before. May Robert Lee, have many more orderly sober Christmas crowds like this one.

The O. K. Wagon Yard at Balinger is close in and solicits the Coke County patronage.

All Ex-Confederates.

In Coke County are invited to meet with the Richard Coke Camp U. C. V. No. 600, on the third Saturday in January, same being the 21st of the month, at Court House in Robert Lee.

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The bicycle "craze" struck town last Xmas Eve and does not show signs of abatement, so far.

No ranch, farm or stable can afford to be without a can of Nussbaumer's Antiseptic Stock Ointment.

A dry goods drummer "worked" Robert Lee last Wednesday.

When in Ballinger call and see Baldwin & Carter for bargains in groceries.

To kill sand fleas on your dog or your chickens use Nussbaumer's Antiseptic Stock Ointment.

Last Friday, Dr. Martin amputated the left middle finger from Thad Green's hand, which we reported hurt in a windmill, last week. This was hard on a young man, only married two days before, but Thad is made of the right kind of stuff and stood it heroically.

The Rustler is "going it alone" last week and this, having no experienced printer at the helm.

Feed at Lowest Cash prices at D. L. BUCHANAN.

Tom Brown, of Silver, was among our merchants Xmas Eve.

Many of our young people are learning to ride the Bicycle this week.

R. B. Ross, of Ft. Chadbourne was in the other day and treated the newspaper man like as if it was Christmas.

J. W. Hall, of Coleman Co., a very pleasant gentleman, was in the other day subscribe for the paper, and get his license to marry.

The Hayrick people were not behind on celebrating Xmas; they had a fine tree and entertainment, we learn.

A Narrow Escape.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart, of Groton, S. D. "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs; cough set in and finally terminated in Consumption. Four Doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Saviour, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles. It has cured me, and thank God I am saved and now a well and healthy woman." Trial bottles free at Ed M. Mobley's Drug Store. Regular size 50c and \$1.00. Guaranteed or price refunded.

Baldwin & Carter, Ballinger buys for cash, and can therefore sell cheap groceries.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Reed entertained quite a number of the young people last Friday night, at their home in this city.

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Judge M. H. Davis' parlor doors were thrown open last Tuesday night and the Robert Lee society young people enjoyed an old time "play party", such as has not been seen in the Capital of Coke for many a day.

The Coke County people are invited to patronize Frank Gibbons wagon yard when they visit San Angelo.

Miss Jessie Stickney has returned from a three months visit to Hamilton County.

Patronize the the cash grocery store and wagon yard, run by D. L. BUCHANAN.

James Tunnell and sister are spending the holidays with Judge M. H. Davis and family.

Arkansaw Smith is doing a fine business in San Angelo, and can save you money on groceries. Try him.

We hear that a big dance and supper was enjoyed by a lot of young people, at the home of J. A. Gardner Jr. this side of Edith on last Monday night.

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Prof. A. P. Stone, who teaches at Union, four miles above Bronte, was buying goods in Robert Lee, last Christmas Eve.

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A large portion of the Robert Lee "400" enjoyed instrumental, vocal and "chin" music at the home of the Editor last Christmas evening.

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There is a Church organization on Indian Creek of about 20 members and every meeting almost every member is in attendance. Some of our more numerous organizations can never get a fourth of their membership to attend.

The Robert Lee Post Office hours on Sunday's will be from 8 to 9 o'clock each Sunday mornings. Parties desirous their mail, will please act accordingly.

The editor of the Rustler while in San Angelo a few days ago, dropped in to see J. S. Miles, the buggy, wagon and harness man of that city, and found Mr. Miles very busy unpacking and marking his goods, consisting of four or five cars of buggies, wagons and harness, just received. After introducing ourself to him, we made him stop long enough to show us the two makes of wagons he now has, in stock; one the New Capital, the other a less price wagon, The Luedinghaus, that took the premium over 23 other wagons at the last St. Louis Exposition. Mr. Miles told us in the conversation, that wagons had been sold too high in San Angelo, considering their make, and this was the reason he had bought these wagons so that the public can get something worth their money.

He substantiates this by offering to refund to any one, buying either a "Capital" or "Luedinghaus" wagon of him, \$10.00 within twelve months, if they can show good cause why it is not better than any other ever bought in San Angelo. After examining the wagons and noticing the extra heavy tires, Bois d'arc rims, and the simple California brake, we can recommend, to our Coke County people, that Mr. Miles has exactly what he advertises, the best wagons in San Angelo, or West Texas.

Messrs. S. C. Wilkins and M. G. Reed, former publishers of this paper, are looking after their five ranches, a few miles North of town.

Not cheap goods, but goods cheap, at the new cash store. D. L. BUCHANAN.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Merchant entertained a number of their friends Wednesday evening at their home in Sothern part of town.

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Prof. O. W. Gardner is spending part of his week's vacation hunting "deer" in Western Coke.

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CALENDAR CHANGES.

HOW BEGINNING OF NEW YEAR HAS "LEAPED."

From December to March and from March to January—A Table Which Gives Much Valuable Information About Days and Dates.

NCESSITY ever has and always will be the mother of invention. It is evident that previous to the latter part of the sixteenth century the nations of the old world were differing widely in their opinions as to which was the proper date to recognize as the beginning of the year. This naturally would cause more or less difficulty in arriving at the proper time for settlement of accounts, renewing their obligations and determining the dates for holidays, feasts, etc., which were strictly observed by various kinds of religious and other organizations. In order to more clearly illustrate the state of affairs and the possibilities of what could arise from such a condition from which they were obliged to base their calculations a momentary glance at history will be necessary. In those ancient days, the friction of thought relating to these conditions well served its purpose in bringing about a much needed reform. However, like most other innovations on methods which have become stereotyped on the minds of the people by custom and long usage, it required centuries before the change was universally adopted and used as it is at the present day. The uncertainty of accuracy in the Julian or old style method of computation of the year had long been noticed by ancient astronomers consequently in October, 1582, Pope Gregory XIII. undertook to reform the Roman calendar. The alteration by him created what is commonly termed the new style, which recognized January first as the beginning of the year in nearly all civilized countries. After great consideration that Pope ordered that ten days should be deducted from the year 1582, by which what, according to the old calendar, would have been the fifth of October, the fifteenth of October, 1582.

Previous to this Spain had commenced the year for a time on March 25th, but since 1582 on January 1st. In Portugal the new calendar was adopted in 1582, but previously the new year came, first March 25th, then Dec. 25th. In the provinces in Holland commenced the year at Christmas, but in others at Easter. In 1575 the duke of Requesens, governor of the Low Countries, ordered that it should begin on January 1st. In Denmark the year began January 1st, after having sometimes commenced on Christmas, and on 12th, which was the date of the of St. Tiburce. In Switzerland, the fourteenth century the year began on January 1st. It was later changed March 25th, which continued until the adoption of the Gregorian calendar in the greater part of Italy, during the fourteenth, fifteenth and sixteenth centuries the year began at Christmas. In 1751 the Gregorian calendar was generally considered the beginning of the year, but this was not universal

some places it began at Easter. The University of Cologne considered March 25th as the first of the year. The new style was adopted by the Catholics in 1584 and by the Protestants in 1700. In France, it was the custom about the ninth century to commence the year with Christmas. From the end of the eleventh century to the year 1563 it began at Easter, or rather on Holy Saturday (Easter eve). The Gregorian calendar was adopted in 1582. England and Ireland had been commencing the year on March 25th, but in 1751 it was enacted that the first of January, 1752, should be the beginning of that year, and all future years. Subjoined is a calendar from which can be determined the day of the week for any date from Jan. 1st, 1700, to Jan. 1st, 2100.

To find the day of the week for any date, look under the columns for years, and locate the given year; then, in the same line to the right, in the column under the desired century, you will find the index number. Then locate the desired date. If it is in January or February, leap year, or otherwise, always be careful to look in the column under the right month. After having found your date, look in the same line to the right in the columns for days of the week, and in the column which is headed with your index number you will find the desired day of the week. Example: What was the day of the week January 1, 1898? Under column for years we find 98; then to the right, under 1800, we find index number 2; then to the right of January 1st, in column headed with 2, we find Saturday.

G. W. CUNNINGHAM.

Experience is such a costly teacher that it keeps a man hustling to pay the tuition. Edith Montmery and Lillie Trammell, besides a couple of lively boys whose names we did not secure. Several hundred dollars worth of presents were on the tree and no one seemed to be short on receiving presents, and we have the opinion that many hearts and pocket books were lighter after "Christmas Eve" than before. May Robert Lee, have many more orderly sober Christmas crowds like this one.

The O. K. Wagon Yard at Balinger is close in and solicits the Coke County patronage.

All Ex-Confederates. In Coke County are invited to meet with the Richard Coke Campaign, U. C. V. No. 600, on the third Saturday in January, same being the 21st of the month, at Court House in Robert Lee.

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The Rustler don't need a holiday this time.

ON NEW YEAR'S EVE.

The festive scene is at its height within. The myriad lights their radiance shed around, And tripping feet and blithe and happy hearts Are keeping time to music's sweetest sound.

Darkness without holds his unbending sway, Save where the twinkling stars shine out above, On child of poverty as child of wealth, Upon the outcast too, with eyes of love.

Little think they within the portals grand Of her who stands without the stately gate; Little they dream what weary weight of woe One tithe of all their riches could abate.

Poor wanderer, crouching at the rich man's door, Watching with longing eyes the scene of mirth, Thy worn and pallid face a story tells, Sorrow has been thy dreary lot on earth.

From early morn till midnight hour rings out The same old tale of poverty and grief, Piercing hunger gnawing at the aching heart; She oft has prayed grim death to send relief.

O, ye within the pale of wealth and power, Forget not those who cower at your gate. Mayhap the wretch who humbly begs her bread, In days long since gone by, was, like thee, great.

Think, stately belle, before whose sway all bow, Mayhap the wretched woman gazing there Was once the worshiped of a lofty home, Of fairest forms was once most fair.

None knoweth what thy future lot may be; Perhaps the beggar crouching at thy door May give to thee the longed-for crust of bread, The balm of hope into thy heart may pour.

And ye within your stately dwellings here, Forget not those who stand without the pale, And you with all the joys of home and friends, Remember those without the pleasant vale.

For one above looks kindly down on all, On rich and poor alike, where'er they be; And He who bids us give to those who ask Will make thy giving doubly blest to thee.

The miser who is able (but unwilling) to relieve want is truly a miser.

DIED OF A BROKEN HEART.

End of the Personal Attendant of George M. Pullman.

This man died of a broken heart, says the Chicago Chronicle. He was William R. Johnson, doorkeeper, messenger, usher and general all-round Cerberus in the late George M. Pullman's imposing offices in the Pullman building. Johnson was very black, rather tall and somewhat ungainly in his movements, but faithful and trustworthy to the last degree. Johnson will be remembered by many, for all the strangers or unknown persons who sought an interview with the palace car magnate had first to encounter and explain the nature of their business to the dark-hued doorkeeper. When Mr. Pullman died a few months ago and his will was made public it was found he had bequeathed the faithful Mr. Johnson the sum of \$2,000. The latter had been in the millionaire's service for 20 years or more, and he had never been found wanting. He took large checks to the bank and brought back the money; he warded off cranks and bores; he accompanied his employer on frequent and extensive travels, and attended to financial and other errands without ever giving the slightest cause for suspicion as to his fidelity or honesty. As Mr. Johnson was not so natty in his get-up or so prepossessing in appearance as some other Afro-Americans, it is said that time and again friends and associates of Mr. Pullman threw out hints that Johnson was not exactly the style of factotum to occupy so confidential and exalted a position, but the palace car magnate invariably turned a deaf ear to all these hints. Johnson suited him, and, no matter what others might think, Johnson would continue to work for him and be in no danger of losing his job as long as he lived. But death came more swiftly to the rich man than Johnson thought possible. And when the first shock of grief was over and things began to take a turn with a new president at the head, Johnson learned one day that his place was gone. This it was that broke his heart. He had long since come to regard it as a life position, the tenure of which would only be interrupted by old age, and then, in the natural course of things, a pension would certainly follow. And it doubtless would have been so if Mr. Pullman had lived a few years longer. Johnson wandered about rattled and dazed for days. It was hard for him to realize the facts. He was out of employment and growing too old to expect much encouragement in looking elsewhere for work. With tears in his eyes he broke the news to his wife and children. At length he found some trivial employment about one of the big railway stations, at wages which are usually paid to ordinary porters, but sorrow continued to weigh heavily on him, and day by day he grew more melancholy and despondent. He knew that he would be remembered in Mr. Pullman's will, but to his way of thinking this was no compensation for the loss of his position. Just about the time Johnson came into his legacy of \$2,000 he took to his bed and died—so his friends say—of a broken heart.

Tobogganing by Rail.

All the excitement of tobogganing, together with some entirely new features of that exhilarating sport, can be enjoyed on the track of the Manitou and Pike's Peak railway. This incline, having an average descent of 844.8 feet to the mile, offers an opportunity for coasting which is turned to good account by the officers and employees of the road. The toboggan, which is used only for pleasure purposes, consists of a plank 12 inches wide and 3 feet long, along the middle of the under side of which there is a cleat, which runs between the rack bars, and holds the toboggan thereon. On either side of the middle cleat there are brake shoes, bolted to the plank at one end and bearing against the outside surfaces of the rack bars or cog teeth. These brake shoes are operated by a lever grasped by the rider. Across the front end of the plank is bolted a rest for the rider's feet. The weight of the toboggan is 35 pounds. The speed attainable depends on the nerve and pleasure of the rider. A record of a fraction under a mile a minute has been made, and the entire trip of nine miles has been done in eleven minutes, including four stoppages at sidings on the road, where the toboggan has to be carried about 40 feet. At very high speeds the friction of the runners on the rack rail has sometimes raised the metal surfaces to such an intense heat that the runners have become welded to the rail, and the toboggan brought to a sudden stop. To obviate this the rider now carries a bar of soap, which he applies to the top of the rack teeth by reaching over in front of the toboggan. Even then the friction is so great that in fast traveling on the long grades the toboggan leaves a stream of sparks in its wake.

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TEXANETTES.

The Katy is to build an elegant depot at Belton.

Will Cooper was shot to death at Marquez, Leon county.

The David Brin stock at Waxahachie was auctioned off for \$18,850.

The kitchen of the Muti hotel at Victoria burned. Loss \$1000.

Rev. F. Gertman fell from a ladder at New Uline and broke an arm.

Buck Thompson, struck in the head at Bartlett, died of his injuries.

Several new residences have just been erected at Blossom, Lamar county.

Thomas M. Crowder, the oldest Texan in Morris county, is dead, aged 72 years.

Mrs. J. T. Ham, residing near Gordon, was drowned in Palo Pinto creek. She was 70 years old.

Ray, the small son of City Marshal Pennington of Holland had both legs cut off by a train.

F. S. Crank's hardware store at Waxahachie was burglarized and several guns and pistols taken.

The residence of A. M. Norwood at Bonham was burglarized and a number of valuable articles taken.

The lawyers of the Waco and McLennan county bar met and elected L. T. Williams, Esq., judge, to preside during the absence of Judge Sam R. Scott.

Judge Edward Hill, second assistant in the attorney general's office, has approved Waller county refunding courthouse bonds to the amount of \$31,000.

Dr. C. W. Cook, a practicing physician of Stubbs, a small village twelve miles south of Kaufman, was shot in the shoulder.

The George E. Brown company of Augusta, Me., capital stock \$100,000, was granted a permit to do business in the state. The purpose of the corporation is to do a general real estate and live stock business.

The remains of Ed Britton, the cigar maker who committed suicide at Fort Worth by shooting himself in the head, were shipped to Reynolds, Ind., for burial, a telegram having been received from that place from one of the dead man's relatives.

The epidemic of hold-ups in the city of Austin during the past two weeks has caused considerable excitement there, particularly among those who by force of circumstances are compelled to be on the streets at very late hours of the night.

Mrs. Metcalf, wife of Mr. J. F. Metcalf, a commercial traveler, died suddenly alone in her room at Waco with her infant 7 months old beside her on the bed. Mr. Metcalf was absent from the city. His family resides with Mr. and Mrs. Lewall.

A Davilo of Laredo was badly injured while out hunting by attempting to force a 44-caliber cartridge into a .28-caliber pistol. The cap exploded and his face and eyes were seriously burned by powder, but his sight not injured.

Some unknown murderer called at the gate of Dr. Joe Bowers, who lives at Red Bluff, near Edna, saying his wife was very sick and he wanted the doctor. Dr. Bowers started out to see who was calling him, and as he got about half way between the house and the gate he was shot and instantly killed.

The Brink stock of dry goods at Kaufman, which was taken in charge by the federal court some time ago, was a few days since auctioned off. It brought \$19,037.50 cash. This stock invoiced a little over \$29,000 previous to the sale.

Roy Pennington, who was crushed under a freight train at Holland, died of his injuries. A crowd of boys were riding on a freight train as it was leaving the siding and this boy fell under the wheels and both legs crushed.

Joseph H. Blessington, an old resident at Waco, died in that city. Mr. Blessington took an active part on the southern side during the civil war, was several times wounded and had many thrilling adventures and hairbreadth escapes. After the war he was engaged in the quarantine service of the state.

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They daily insure an easy and natural movement of the bowels. You will find that the use of

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Write the Doctor. Our Medical Department has one of the most eminent physicians in the United States. Tell the doctor just how you are suffering. You will receive the best medical advice without cost. Address: DR. J. C. AYER, Lowell, Mass.

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Catarrh is our country's enemy. Lagrippe, lung troubles and other diseases of the mucous membrane take hold of our people and fatal results follow with alarming frequency. All of these troubles are catarrh, and cannot exist where the membranes are clean and healthy.

Mrs. Lou Davis, Fayetteville, Tenn., tells in her letter how Dr. Hartman's great catarrh remedy, Pe-ru-na, cured her of la grippe and serious lung complication. She says:

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A. F. & A. M.—Hayrick Lodge No. 696, meets Saturday night on or before the first full moon in each month. Visiting brethren invited. Bert Sheppard, W. M. H. E. Johnston, Secretary.



I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 357, meets every Thursday night at hall in Robert Lee.

I. J. Good, N. G. H. H. Hayley, Secretary.

Robert Lee Mail Directory.

Robert Lee and San Angelo, daily except Sunday. Arrives 5:30 p. m. and departs 7:30 a. m.

Robert Lee and Ballinger, daily except Sunday, arrives 7 p. m. and leaves 7 a. m.

Robert Lee via Sanco to Silver, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Arrives 7 p. m. and leaves 6 a. m.

Robert Lee and Ft. Chadbourne, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, arrives 6 p. m. and leaves at 7 a. m.

Robert Lee and Tennyson, Tuesday and Saturday, arrives 7 p. m. and leaves at 6 a. m.

Robert Lee and Edith, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, arrives at 12:30 p. m. and leaves at 7 a. m.

Robert Lee and Sweetwater, Monday and Friday, 8 p. m. arrives, Tuesday and Saturday, 6 a. m. leaves.

Church Directory.

Baptist—Each First Sabbath at 11 a. m., and at night. At Methodist Church.

Eld. G. C. Berryman, Pastor.

Christian—Services on Second Sunday in each month at 11 a. m. and at night, at School House.

Rev. Hooton, Pastor.

Methodist Episcopal South—Services Third Sunday in each month at 11 a. m., and night.

Eugene T. Bates, P. C.

Methodist Protestant—Services on Fourth Sunday in each month at 11 a. m., and at night, at Methodist Church.

A. S. Miller, Pastor.

Methodist Sabbath School at 3 p. m. each Sunday.

J. C. Turner, Supt.

Primitive Baptist—Second Sunday and Saturday before in each month at Valley View School house.

Gid Graham, Pastor.

Plan of Robert Lee Circuit of the M. E. Church South:

FIRST SUNDAY—Bronte 11 a. m. & 7:30 p. m.

SECOND SUNDAY—Rock Springs 1 a. m.; New Hope 3 p. m. and at Olga 7:30 p. m.

THIRD SUNDAY—Robert Lee 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

FOURTH SUNDAY—Sanco 11 a. m. and Hayrick 3:30 p. m.

Eugene T. Bates, P. C.

Eld. G. C. Berryman, Baptist, preaches at Cedar Hill school house on Second Sunday and Saturday before in each month.

Eld. Walker W. Smith's appointments: Indian creek School house third Sunday and Saturday before in each month. Antioch Church, Rock Springs school house on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before, at 11 a. m. and at night.

Eld. A. M. Lackey's appointments: Bronte—Third Sunday and Saturday before, 11 a. m. and night. Valley View—First Sunday at 11 a. m.

Tennyson—Fourth Sunday 11 a. m. Saturday night.

Official Directory.

DISTRICT.

Judge.....J. W. Timmins, Attorney.....D. D. Wallace, Sheriff.....L. B. Murray, Clerk.....J. W. Barnett,

COUNTY.

Judge.....M. H. Davis, Attorney.....J. R. Patteson, Clerk.....J. W. Barnett, Sheriff.....L. B. Murray, Assessor.....W. W. McCutchen, Treasurer.....C. L. Hughes, Surveyor.....G. C. Berryman, H. & A. Inspector, Will Perry,

COMMISSIONERS.

Prædict No. 1.....E. C. Rawling, " 2.....M. H. Havens, " 3.....J. C. Newton, " 4.....G. W. Payne,

Sanco Siftings.

Now that the wires are replaced and the snow drifts removed from track; we are, to some extent, in touch with the outside world, including Merry Christmas.

As to news, none seems so important as the tracks of Old Santa Claus (you know the bad weather left the ground muddy, hence tracks were easily made even with a very small load.) He came near by - sure he did - for some one feels better, looks better and can see better from a quarter distance can say Thanks twice to Old Santy.

School resumed on Monday and is moving on nicely.

The young folks are feasting on Musicals entertainments, which is not a dishonorable report.

Stock are in fine condition so far, and with some feed at the proper time, will go through the winter in good condition.

Few may the New Year be bountiful in his gifts, and the recipients grateful a little more so than the swine that looks not up.

SANCO.

Mr. Emmett Reed and Miss Lulla Webb astonished their parents and friends, on Christmas Eve morning, by going to San Angelo and getting married. They returned Monday morning and were forgiven for thus playing a Christmas trick on the old folks. These young people are well known in Coke and are at once a handsome and popular young couple. The RUSTLER joins their many friends in wishing them a smooth and prosperous voyage down the river of life.

Coke County people will get good groceries and good treatment, when they trade with Baldwin and Carter, Ballinger.

Indian Creek Entertainment.

When your scribe reached the house at good dusk, Xmas Eve, it was full to either wall.

The first thing on the program, was, entertainment by the school conducted by Prof. S. B. Williams who is teaching the public school this part of the entertainment consisted of beautiful songs by the young ladies, accompanied by splendid recitations, delivered by the boys and girls of the school. These pieces were both amusing and instructive, and music on the violin in lively tones was interesting.

We had a splendid Santy in the person of Sam Lewis, who was well equipped and gave us all a hearty laugh. And when Santy rolled back the curtain in the corner of the house, there was brought to view a beautiful cedar tree loaded down with many presents of beauty and merit, which was well distributed among the parents and children, of the community. We had the best of order, and the friendly feelings exhibited seemed to say, like the first Xmas morn, Peace on earth good will to men, so may it ever be.

REPORTER.

Read your County Paper.

THE CELEBRATED

Burkhart's Vegetable Compound

Free Samples at Pearce's Drug Store.

Silver Sunshine.

We have had some very cold weather up here; a fine snow and good rain. The ground is in good shape for the plow.

Some of our neighbors started to Lubbock and met the snow storm so they turned back for Coke.

Mr. J. N. Padgett went to San Angelo this week.

Messrs. Will Jameson, T. T. Meek, and — Stokes have gone to Colorado this week for Xmas supplies, I suppose.

There will be preaching at Cedar Hill on Christmas day, by Bro. Ridgewell.

We are expecting to hear the Wedding Bells during the holidays.

The young folks enjoyed a dance at Mr. Tom Roberts last Friday night.

Miss Lillian Harrod, who has been visiting her uncle, Mr. J. N. Padget, has returned to her home in Burnett County.

There will not be a Christmas Tree up here. I would come to your little village to that Christmas Tree but I am afraid Old Santa would forget me, so I would feel better to stay at home.

Come to see us, Mr. Editor, and we will feed you on pie melons, pies and sausage, for the holidays.

SILVER PEAK.

Small Stock Jewelry at PEARCE'S DRUG STORE.

A modern passenger train should enable the traveler to go on a journey with little or no deviation from his daily habits of life. This the "Pacific Coast Limited" does, with its superior equipment, quick time, and superior route. The equipment is unsurpassed, the train being made up of a composite car, which contains a barber shop, bath room, buffet and observation smoking compartment; ladies parlor compartment car, with seven private compartments and parlor, furnished as is the composite car, with library and all conveniences for correspondence, ladies maid in attendance; two or more pullman ten section drawing room sleepers, and last in the train but by no means least in importance, the dining car, where meals are served a la carte. This train represents the highest type of car builder's art and runs straight through without change via the Texas & Pacific Railway to St. Louis, Chicago, Los Angeles, and San Francisco twice a week. For time tables, sleeping car rates, maps and full information write to E. P. Turner, General Passenger and Ticket Agent, Dallas, Texas.

We hear that the Tom Richards case was dismissed in San Angelo the other day.

Prof. J. B. Hudman, of Silver, was in town last Tuesday.

How To Look Good.

Good looks are really more than skin deep, depending entire on a healthy condition of all the vital organs. If the liver is enactive, you have a bilious look; if your stomach is disordered, you dyspeptic look; if your kidneys are effected, you have a pinched look. Secure good health, and you will surely have good looks. "Electric Bitters" is a good Alterative and Tonic. Acts directly on the stomach, liver and kidneys purifies the blood and cures pimples, blotches and boils, add gives a good complexion. Every bottle guaranteed. Sold at Ed. M. Mobley's Drug Store. 50 cents per bottle.

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The best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblain, Corns and all Skin Eruption and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25cts. per box. For sale by Ed. Mobley.

Remarkable Res-cue.

Mrs. Michael Curtin, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement, that she caught cold, which settled on her lungs; she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found her self benefited from first dose. She continued its use and after taking a bottle, found her self sound as well; now does her own house work, and now is as well as ever was.—Free trial bottles of this Great Discovery at Mobley's Drug Store. Large bottles 50 cents and \$1.00.

To kill the mange on your dog use Nussbaumer's Antiseptic Skin Ointment.