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Lometa, Texas. Dec. 14th 1899 Mr. Editor and readers.

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They had a candy breaking at Brother and sister Strickiand's last Tuesday night.

The San Angelo Enterprise claims our R. L. Powell for Sterling county. Now that's too bad. R. L. is a full-fledged rabbit-twist-

Frank Stokes was seen driving his stock to pasture the other day I. C. How,

Telegram.

New York. Dec. 16 99

Cotton Fact ors.

Editor Coke Co Rustles, Robert Lee, Texas,

Considering news of British severses in Transvaal, and the finaucial situation in New York, the cotton market bas acted extremely well and with the slightest improvement in conditions named will advance shoatly. Re ceipts below shortest estimates and crop looks shorter then ever. Price, McCarwick & Co.

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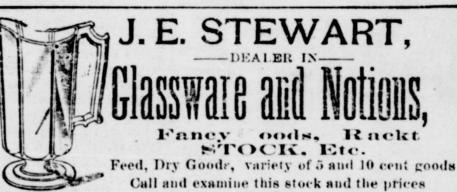
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Miss Cinders-I done reckon dat chocolate wench das jus' come ter town an's cuttin' sich a swell amongs' de bungtung, mus' be oner dese yere new women

Miss Tarheel-Wha' mek yo' tink dat, Miss Cinders?

Miss Cinders-I draws dat inf'unce, Miss Tarheel, 'case her face shine lak de paint her mighty fraish.

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Winter Tours.

Should you desire information regarding California, Arizona, Texas or Mexico, and the long limit, low rate. round-trip tickets, sold to principal points, the various routes via which the tickets can be purchased, or regarding one way first and second-class rates, through sleeping car lines, first-class and tourist, call upon or address W. G. Neimyer, Gen'l Western Agent, Southern Pacific Co., 238 Clark St., Chicago; W. H. Connor, was: Com'l Agent, Chamber Commerce Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio, or W. J. Berg. Trav. Pass. Agt., 220 Ellicott Sq., Buffalo, N. Y.

Three tours of the beautiful island of Puerto Rico are scheduled to leave Chicago December 27, January 28 and February 15. Special Pullman sleepers and dining cars will convey the party to New York, thence on board the splendid new steamships Ponce and San Juan, through and around the island by rail, automobile, carriage and boat. Tickets include all expenses everywhere. These select limited parties will be under the special escort of Mr. Walter Boyd Townsend, under the management of The American Tourist Association, Reau Campbell, general manager, 1423 Marquette building, Chicago. Itineraries, maps and tickets can be had on application to the agents of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.

Half Rates to the Old States .- On December 20th, 21st and 22d you can buy a round trip ticket to the Old between McElroy's place of business States for half of what it would cost you at any other time. You can spend! Christmas with your friends and relatives at your old home, and return' any time within thirty days. If you The man was, in my opinion, about buy your tickets via the Cotton Belt, 5 feet 11 or 6 feet in height."

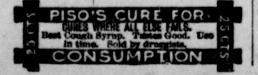
HOLIDAY RATES

Via Texas Midland railroad to all points in the southeast. Through cars via Memphis and New Orleans; tickets will be sold Dec. 20, 21, 22. Also holiday rates to points in Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas and Nebraska; tickets will be sold December 19 and 20. Also holiday rates to all points in Texas; tickets will be sold Dec. 23, 24, 25, 30, 21, 1899, and Jan. 1, 1900. See our J. E. LEITH, G. P. A. Agents. Terrell, Texas

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Truck Grovers' Meeting.

Bonham, Tex., Dec. 18.—The Fannin County Fruit and Vegetable Growers' association held a meeting in the county court room Saturday morning and a very interesting session was held. A good attendance was had and each member seemed to take especial interest in the proceedings.

The constitution and by-law of the association were read by the secretary and adopted. They contain many things that insure the success of this diversification move.

It was decided that the membership fee should not be raised, but remain at 25 cents, and the members are confident that in a comparatively short time the membersship will comprise every enterprising farmer in the county.

A programme for the next meeting to be held at the same place Saturday, June 6, was arranged.

One object of these meetings every month will be to discuss how and what to plant at different periods, and how to successfully grow what planted.

As the time for gardening will be at hand before many more meetings, the question of the purchase of seeds was discussed. It was decided that at the next meeting each member bring a list of wheat seeds he will need and the quantity and give same to the secretary, who will submit the entire amount of the association to the different seed houses and secure as low prices as possible.

The next meeting will no doubt be largely attended and good results will no doubt be had.

Bold Robbery.

Sherman, Tex., Dec. 18.-Sheriff Shrewsbury and Deputy Morrison were at Southmayd, eleven mues west of Sherman, investigating a bold and successful holdup at that place.

Harlis McBee, the victim, makes the following statement of the way it

"I was walking from the postoffice to the Texas and Pacific depot. Just as I reached the railroad track a tall man in dark clothes with a broadbrimmed black hat and a handkerchief tied around his face just so his eyes were visible, met me and presented a revolver rather close to my face saying: 'Hold up your hands.' I thought he was one of the boys about town trying to play a trick on me, and I told him to take that pistol away; he might shoot somebody. His reply

"'Well, I'd just as soon shoot you as any other d-d man.

"There was something in the ring of his voice which I realized belonged to a stranger that made me know he was in earnest. It was a chilly night and I had both my hands in my pocket. As I drew them out I brought my pocketbook out in my right hand and held both my hands up. He told me to stand still and with the muzzle of the pistol right against me he went through all my pockets with his other hand. It was not very light where we were and I don't think he ever saw the pocketbook in my hand until he ran his hand up along my arm until he reached the hand the book was in. then he took it. There was, to the best of my recolection, about \$14.50 in the pocketbook. He then told me to move up, and at the point of the pistol he made me walk into the space and the postoffice. Addressing me, he said: 'Now, you run,' and I proceeded to do so without further orders.

The officers are diligently at work in the matter, but it seems hard to get a clew.

Natural Gas.

Corsicana, Tex., Dec. 18 .- The demand for natural gas for heating purposes is causing the owners of the two pipe lines to extend their mains into the residence districts, and before the winter is over a large percentage of the homes in Corsicana will be heated with natural gas instead of coal. The price charged for gas varies according to the number of stoves in a house, the range being from \$1.75 per month per stove to \$2.50 in residences. Where large burners are put in in business establishments the present price is \$5 per stove per month, and even at this price, which is considered too high, the gas is cheaper, cleaner and much more satisfactory than coal.

Several establishments are now using the natural gas for illuminating ported to have been heavy. purposes and it gives the greatest satisfaction. In short, the natural gas s a bonanza to this town.

The steamer, Belle of Austin, was burned the other night.

Henderson County Lynching Cases.

Palestine, Tex., Dec. 14.-After sparring for points for more than four hours, opposing counsel in the Henderson county lynching cases finally agreed to call it a draw and Ed Cain, who is charged with being an accomplice in the crime, is now on trial for his life.

Cain's appearance has been much improved since the habeas corpus hearing at Athens in August. He darkbrown head is carefull trimmed, his clothes are neat and ignorant of dirt and his manner is confident and at times even cheerful. By his side is his wife. Both are firmly convinced that he will be acquitted.

The legal preliminary controversy that preceded the announcement of 'ready" by both sides in his case was interesting, and like every other phase of this affair from the beginning, rather sensational. It was interesting for a score or more of lawyers not retained who sat within the railing, and sensa-

tional for the host on the outside. Court was called to order by Judge Lipscomb yesterday morning at 9:40 o'clock. The great room was crowded with people and had been for more an hour. Some were garbed in the jeans pants and hickory shirts costume of the Trans-Cedar. Others whose clothes were of a more modern and stylish cut were citizens of Palestine. But nearly every county in east Texas was represented, and all seem under the spell of great though suppressed excitement.

When the prisoners were brought in at 10 o'clock, handcuffed together by twos, necks were craned to get a better view and the whispered questions as to their identity was so great that the court bailiff called strongly for order. Everybody heeded this command—that is, everybody but three healthy-lunged babies, hungry and unimbued with an awe of things judicial. Their wailing. made the dull-colored court room walls echo loudly, and Judge Lipscomb frowned and banished the unruly infants and their mothers to a jury room.

During a lull in the proceedings at the afternoon session Mr. Russell called the roll of the witnesses for the defense. There were more than 400 names. A rough estimate is that at least 95 per cent of the number are present. "Is all the world here?" excalnmed Mr.Russell when he had about half completed his task.

The great crowd of strangers in Palestine in attendance on this trial was visibly swelled yesterday by arrivals on the morning trains. Many more came in last night. Nothing but the trial is discussed, and nothing will interrupt the discussion except a chance to obtain a glimpse of the prisoners.

The indications now are that at least two of the cases will be disposed at this term of court. It is believed that the selection of the jury in the present case will be completed this afternoon.

Arrested at Galveston.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 14.-Deputy Sheriff Bob Adams arrested C. N. Arnold yesterday on a charge of felonious theft. The arrest was made upon a capias issued from the district court of Fort Worth, which was received by Sheriff Thomas yesterday morning from Sheriff Clarke at Fort Worth. The Fort Worth authorities were notified of the arrest, and they sent a reply that an officer would leave there for Galveston to take Arnold back to that

John Edwards was probably fatally shot at Ardmore the other night.

Dr. J. D. Westervelt died very suddenly at Corpus Christi the other day.

Battle With Yaquis.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 14.-Advices from Ortiz, Sonora, report a heavy battle between Mexican soldiers and Yaqui braves on Monday.

Gen. Luis Torres, at the head of a column of 1100 soldiers, formed a half moon around the headquarters of the Yaquis, located about fourteen miles northeast of Chumeanpaco.

The number of braves was estimated at 400. The Indians occupied a small stretch of mesquite jungle, into which the Mexicans poured an incessant fire for over two hours from a slight elevation a quarter of a mile distant.

The Indians were finally dislodged and melted away before the federals like quail, leaving nine dead in the brush. The number of wounded is re-

The Mexicans had none killed and only three men slightly wounded.

Pete M. Hall, sheriff of Nolan county, is dead.

Jury Secured.

Palestine, Tex., Dec. 15 .- At Anderson county's bar a jury composed of twelve sturdy, sun-browned farmers of east Texas will pass judgment on the merits of the case of the state of Texas against Ed Cain, wherein he is charged in due legal form to have been the accomplice of Joe Wilkerson et al. in the commission of the famous Henderson county crime last May.

Those who profess to know say that these twelve men form a body as representative as any that ever sat in a jury box in this section of the state. A majority are said to have acquired a comfortabel share of this world's goods by the dint of long, hard days of toil in the field's of "old Natchitoches district."

In a case of such importance it is not often that the selection of the prescribed number of eligible men from the venire is accomplished at such ease and dispatch. The first juror was sworn in Wednesday at 5:10 o'clock. The twelfth man took the oath at 3:05 p. m. yesterday. The personnel of the jury is as follows:

Caro Quarles, W. D. Middleton, J. O. McIver, W. L. White, J. R. Gambrell, David F. Douthitt, R. L. Springsr, Ed Hudson, S. D. Rhodes, B. Wilson, J. H. Walston and B. W. Camp. In this list there is not the name of a single citizen of Palestine. Most of the men live in the country north of this place.

Seven jurors were placed in the box yesterday morning and the number remaining necessary were added in the afternoon in one hour and five minutes. The state used three and the defense made requisition for twelve. This work done, the attorneys held a consultation. At its close Mr. Morris made the following announcement:

"Counsel have agreed upon certain rules to govern this trial, which we request your honor to have enforced. Witnesses are to be placed under the rule. They will be permitted to talk to no one about the testimony they are to the head of Galveston Bay in the cele-give except the attorneys interested brated coast country of Texas and has Attorneys are to be allowed to take to summer and winter climate which the witnesses at any time and anywhere without the presence of an officer, on first obtaining the consent of the court, with this proviso: That they will pledge themselves not to talk to more than one at a time and not divulge to one witness that which another has told them." The request was

Unimportant work preliminary to the introduction of testimony was begun. At 4 o'clock the jury was excused from further service during the day.

Yesterday morning Mr. Morris announced that he had been informed by the officers that a witness for the state had been evading process. He had a letter, he said, from the sheriff of Kaufman county, in which that official made this assertion and declared that he knew where the man wanted could be found in another county.

After some discussion a fine of \$500 for contempt was entered against a party and an attachment issued to secure his attendance as a witness. In the afternoon fines of \$100 for contempt were entered against Pony Reasonover, a witness for the state, and A. B. Tarkington, a withess for the defendant, and attachments issued, all for the same purpose.

The introduction of testimony will begin this morning.

The Willowdene Case.

New Orleans, Dec. 15 .- The British ship Willowdene laden with coffee from Santos for New Orleans and Galveston, the plague-infected coffee district of Brazil, was expected to arrive in the river Wednesday night, but will not get here before Sunday.

James Sawers & Sons, local agents, received a cablegram from Kingston, Jamaica, saying that she left that place Tuesday. Mr. Sawers when seen stated that he was confident that there was no danger of infection from the vessel, for were it otherwise she would not be permitted to coal at the two places at which she stopped, St. Lucia. West Indies, and Kingston, Jamaica.

The cablegram contained nothing relative to her sanitary condition, which is interpreted as meaning that she has a clean bill of health.

Prohibition Won.

Greenville, Tex., Dec. 15 .- The county commissioners canvassed the returns of the Wolfe City local option election Wednesday. The antis by their attorney filed a motion to throw out the votes of South Sulphur and Hickory Creek precincts for irregularities, which would give the election against prohibition. The motion was rejected. The vote was then declared 400 for prohibition and 386 against.

Fitting Them

Mrs. A .- What do you think, dear? I broke that beautiful \$10 lamp all to

bits. Mrs. Z .- What a shame! But I ring the pieces to me; perhaps I can glue them together.

Mrs. A .- But it's worse than a Chinese puzzle. There must he a thousand tiny pieces. You'd never be able to fit

Mrs. .- Oh, yes. I've often taken letters out of John's waste basket and put them together."

Important to Know This

office boy, sir."

"Well, are you that kind of a boy?" "Yes sir."

"Do you mean you are experienced at work or experienced in getting out of

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The Best Prescription for Chills and Fever is a bottle of GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. It is simply iron and colinine in a tasteless form. No cure—no pay. Price, 50c.

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All except bad ones!

There are hundreds of cough medicines which relieve coughs, all coughs, except bad ones! The medicine which has been curing the worst of bad coughs for 60 years is Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.

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for us."-J. H. BURGE, Macon, Col.,

Here is evidence:

Now, for the first time you can get a trial bottle of Cherry Pectoral for 25 cents. Ask your druggist.

Jan. 13, 1899.

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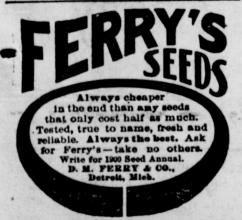
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CHASED A LUCKY NICKEL.

rible Death.

Among a handful of small change which a young business man pulled out of his pocket in a St. Charles cigar store was a well-worr nickel which a heavy gold ring had been inserted, says the New Orleans Times-Democrat. "It's merely a luck piece," he explained in response to the question of a bystander, "and I Clocks may bring cash, but they run | keep it because on one occasion it probably saved my life. I was in Philadelphia several years ago," he continued, "and had occasion one day to call on a gentleman who had his office on the fourth floor of a large business block. After leaving him I was standing in the hallway waiting for the elevator to come up, when this nickel, which I was turning between my fingers, slipped out of my nand and rolled downstairs to the next landing. was at first inclined to let it go, as the elevator just then arrived, but on second thought I told the boy inside that I would walk, and started down to recover the coin. Before I had descended half a dozen steps I heard a tremendous rushing sound, like a ton of coal cearing down through a chute, followed by three deafening explosions and a dull crash. The elevator had fallen and the three reports were caused by the blowing out of the glass doors on each floor as it shot past. The crash, of course, was the noise of its wind-up in the subceilar. The thing was so sudden and unexpected that it left me momentarily paralyzed with consternation. Then I ran downstairs, and noticing something bright on the landing stooped mechanically and picked it up. It was my lucky nickel, but for which I would have been at that moment considerably nearer earth. The elevator boy was fatally injured. I had the coin marked with this ring to keep it from getting mixed with other nickels."

A TIP FOR BARNSTORMERS.

Russian Manager Who Knew How to Fill Her Theater.

A woman theater director in Russia recently hit upon a novel plan for attracting an audience in an unspeakably dull provincial town, says the London Tel raph. She was at Perm with a trave'ing troupe, the capital of the "government" of the same name, with a population of 30,000 souls, nohad ever crossed the threshold of the Doubtless the lady in question wanted like samovars, five dressing gowns, seven saries and-a live horse and a live cow! theater every night if the above proher one-night success and left the reverses. sleepy town the next day-the population having been thoroughly roused out of their state of inertia.

A Successful Experiment.

The exp .. ment made by Lord Rowton and his associates in building model lodging houses in the poorer sections of London has been so successful that a fourth house is to be opened shortly in Hammersmith, When this addition is made, the number of tenants lodging in these houses will be about twenty-five hundred. There are stores for the sale of provisions; the workingman has a home where he can live comfortably, write letters, read books and enjoy many of the privileges of a club; a day's expenses come to one shilling sevenpence for bedroom, bath, breakfast and dinner; and there is a dividend of 5 per cent on the investment. The cubicle in a Rowton house is not a corner of a palace, but it is a comfortable place, worth much more than If afflicted with thompson's Eye Water it costs. The experiment will not be repeated in provincial cities. Unmarried men will first be provided for, and then houses will be built for married

GREAT SOUTH AMERICAN LAKE

in the World. Lake Titicaca is unique among the waters of the world, says Harper's Magazine. Its extent is fourteen times that of the Lake of Geneva, and the level of its surface is 12,545 feet above the sea . Along its eastern shore runs the main Cordillera, rising aloft at its southern end into the mighty Mount Sorata, whose broad expanding glaciers seem to lift themselves like silver from the waves. The shores and islands of the lake were-who knows how long ago?-the cradle of a remarkable civilization, or even series of civilizations. Perhaps latest among them was that of the Inca tribe, which, rising in this place, spread northward over the hills and down a valley to Cuzco and thence stretched forth its conquering arm over a vast area whose exact limit can no longer be defined. The Incas looked back to Titicaca island as the sacred spot whence emerged their legendary founders, Manco Capac and his consort, Mama Occlo Huaco. The traveler on the waters or round the shores of the lake beholds many a monument of departed greatness and industrial prosperity. He feels that he is looking upon historic ground and the dim glamour of a well-nigh forgotten past sheds luster upon peaks and ranges doubtless untrodden by human foot, but often traveled by human eyes and in whose names yet linger the fossilized faith and poetry of departed men. The waters of Titicaca lake reflect no longer the splendor of Inca religious pageants; they are plowed instead by three bustling steamers, on one of which we voyage 111 miles to the Bolivian port of Chililaya. Fortune favored us with a day brilliant and calm, when the waves lay asleep and all the hills were clear. Generally a storm rages, and the voyager suffers from such an irresistible combination of mountain and sea sickness that even the hardy stokers of the engine do not become hab'tuated to it, but suffer

THE OLD STORY.

like so many newcomers.

He Had "A System" That Was Absolutely Infallible.

Walking down the Strand the other day I was a tracted by a crowd that was collected round an omnibus. It was the usual scene-a prostrate horse, torious, above all, for their contempt with the conductor sitting on its head for art and literature. It is related and an officious policeman jotting of the inhabitants that scarcely one down voluminous notes, says Answers. I was about to pass on when the face theater and that no manager had ever of the driver attracted my attention. earned enough to pay his hotel bill. "By jove! that man is uncommonly a friend of my underto score a point, so she determined to graduate days at Oxford," I said to myventure where angels fear to tread. self, and as he at that moment took At first she met with no better suc- off his hat my impression was conplayers had to perform before empty verse of for une! Five years ago he seats; but as soon as she played a was quite the richest undergraduate at trump card, which held good for one Oxford, for, besides a very liberal alevening; the receipts considerably ex- lowance from his parents, he won ceeded her anticipations. The house large sums on the turf. The persistwas literally packed full, right up to ence and regularity with which he won the gallery. The way it was done was was yery marvelous, and he accounted as follows: On the morning of the for it by saying that he gambled on performance she had notices placarded an infallible system, which he would all over the town announcing for the not divulge. His unvarying success evening a "Performance with Sur- produced a belief in us young spirits prises!" The surprises consisted of a that he had successfully solved the series of lotteries during the pauses problem which had been the ruin of after the acts. The prizes were seven so many people. The last time I saw him he was driving his own coach; clocks, a variety of household neces- five years later I met him driving an omnibus. It was a sad sight, and I The audience was enthusiastic and passed on tr fear of his recognizing the people rowed they would visit the me. I suppose the sequel is plain enough. The old story. Luck changed, gram were repeated. The manager and, like all gamblers, he drifted on preferred, however, to be content with to his beam-ends trying to retrieve his

A Vatuable Sentinel.

Napoleon, the big bird of the ostrich farm, in Jacksonville, Fla., has proved itself a valuable sentinel in defending the pheasarts and other fine fowls in the enclosure. It is a hure bird, weighing some 400 pounds, is pugnacious in disposition, and thinks it can whip anything in sight. Some of the negroes living near the farm have cast longing eyes at the fat pheasants, thinking they would be equal to juicy turkeys. I e other night some of them crept into the enclosure and got near the pheasants' cage before Napoleon observed them. Then with a shrill harsh hiss the bird raised its wings and rushed at them. The negroes yelled for help and rushed to the fence to escape. Napoleon helped them over in fine style. One of them was severely hurt by the bird's sharp claws, The negroes fled, while Napoleon paced up and down the enclosure, hissing with anger and exultation. The next morning shreds of clothing were found in abundance, while the blood around showed that Napoleon had hurt the intruders. Every night now the big bird patrols the yards, marching along like a sentinel on duty.

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Indeed, Egypt boasts only seventy pyramids in round numbers, while the pyramidal and conical mounds in the Mississippi river, and the pyramids in back wall of the sanctuary, contain in which was placed a planet of fine

"Tickets for the Pyramids! All | This is about sixty feet high, and aboard for Teotihuacan, Uxmal, Mitla slopes off at an angle of forty-five degrees. A platform about twelve feet wide occurs near the top, and from this, midway in front, a few steps of well-hewn stone lead to the summit. At the sides of the stairs are sloping sculptured slabs, forming a kind of balustrade. The total length of the building is seventy-five feet, the width about twenty-five feet, and the walls are fully four feet thick. The great tablets, placed two on the sides of the United States, from Georgia to the sanctuary door and one against the stone. Its breast had a hollow in it

can Museum of Natural History, one of the eminent authorities of Mexican antiquities as well as explorers. This spot has other interests, too, for it is one of the most historic places in the conquest of Mexico by the Spaniards. It is the opinion of Prof. Saville and others that the city was destroyed by volcanic eruption, as the valley and the two great pyramids are covered with volcanic debris.

The Temple of the Sun measures 680 feet at the base by 180 feet high. Like all the great pyramids, the temples of the Sun and the Moon are divided into four stories, three of which, by the way, are still distinctly visible, but the intermediate gradations are almost effaced. A temple stood on the summit, having a colossal statue of the sun, made of one single, huge block of

IN THE ODD CORNER.

QUEER AND CURIOUS THINGS AND EVENTS.

A Fish That Goes Fishing-The Remora Spends Its Life Fishing for Its Fellows-Woman with a Gold Nose-Monkey-Faced Bird.

The Ocean of the Sky.

In the ocean of the sky The cloudy tides go by, Impetuous fare and ceaseless bear Their precious freight on eddying air, Perfume and purple dye. By earth's green banks they sweep, Silent and soft as sleep. But ocean's tide is not so wide As the ethereal streams that glide In the vast upper deep.

Where the high forests blow. They gather the wine of tree and vine, The scent of grape, the breath of pine, And scatter it as they go. Frail argosies they float, That waft the quivering note, The echolng trill of greenwood hill, The unconscious art, the untaught skill Of many a feathered throat.

Their quiet currents flow

When the great red sun is spent, They follow the track he went. They pillage and bar his cloudy car And fling as gift to the evening star The gems of the Occident. She sits like a queen on high As the sunset tides go by, And 'round her throne like jewels strown

The luminous hues of light are blown In the ocean of the sky. God sets the tides of the sea. In his gracious hand they be. And twice a day they stir the bay With the smell of salt and the flash of

spray, And twice to the ocean flee. And I like to think he keeps The key of the greater deeps, And everywhere spreads out his care And covers the ocean of the air With the love that never sleeps.

-Henry R. Palmer, in Hartford Courant

A Fish That Goes Fishing. The remora is a fish that spends its life in fishing for its fellows. It uses no bait, no line, no hook, but its curious tackle is very effective. Its dorsal fin, instead of being placed, as in other fish, at one-third of the distance from head to tail, is moved forward upon the very forehead. The fin is, moreover, flattened out and furnished with a disc-like rim, by means of which the remora attaches itself firmly to any object with which it comes in contact. It can cling, too, despite any force that can be brought to bear. The remora may even be killed before its grip is weakened. It is only another instance ful "Path of Death," with of the providence of Dame Nature that its tombs and tumuli,cover- these fellows have their strange aping a space of nine miles pliance, for they are so constructed as square; to the south and to be able to swim only for short disple mounds, mounds of sacrifice, mounds only hieroglyphics. These are the southwest, the hills of Tiascula, tances, though they move very swiftly source of great annoyance, for if they A few months ago one of the pyra- stick to one individual long enough it while they dart away to seize a bit of food left over from the shark's or the swordfish's meal. Like a flash the morsel is swallowed and the parasite resumes his free-pass journey. Frequently sharks have been captured with the bodies all scarred where they had rubbed against coral reefs, oyster banks and rocks in wild efforts to scrape off the ever-present remoras. The West Indian turtle fisherman long ago learned how to make use of this strange fish. Having captured a good, strong, healthy specimen, the fisherman fastens him to a long braided manila line by a loop round the body just above the tail. Then he rows out to the turtle grounds, and having spotted a victim prowling slowly along on or near the bottom, pitches the remora overboard. Quicker than thought, the little fish instinctively makes for the nearest moving object, and dashing its head against the turtle's back or under shell, becomes a fixture. The fisherman then hauls in his line, bringing the unlucky prey to the surface and as a rule, at once drops off when this is done. In this way turtles that are too shy to come to the surface or within spearing distance are readily caught, and, more than that, are uninjured, which makes them more valuable for market purposes. Now and then the remora will make fast to a big fish, and give its owner a lively tussle. The line may break or the angler let go, but the little sucker fish never loosens his hold under water. Often remoras attach themselves to moving vessels, and are found clinging to the bottom when the ship comes into port. There are several species. One kind prefers sharks, and is always found attached to these monsters, while

> Woman with a Gold Nose. A young woman artist in this city, who became an adept in delicate processes of enameling while studying in Paris, has just completed a gold and enamel nose for a woman who had lost that organ from cancer. The sufferer | be less than \$11.96, delivered.

another usually clings to swordfish,

and a third sticks to turtles.

had tried to conceal her disfigurement by wax roses, but rain and sunshine played havoc with them, Rubber noses she found too heavy for everyday wear, and, besides, they had to be touched up frequently to keep them presentable. The rubber, too, irritated the skin. The artist suggested an experiment. She offered to bear the expense in case of failure, and the woman without a nose consented. From plaster of paris the artist molded a truly artistic nose, suitable to the patient's style of face. Then she took the cast to Maiden lane and bought gold and had it carefully shaped after the pattern. By drawing out very finely the edges where the metal would touch the flesh, the lines of contact, when the nose was worn, were hardly detectable. A pair of spectacles fastened to the nose held the nose in place. Then came the most ticklish part of the work—the enameling. I .e. nose was re-enameled sixteen times. before the artist was satisfied that she had matched exactly the woman's complexion. As the patient's skin was dark and reddish, and full of color, it was difficult to imitate. Finally, however, when the nose was finished, it was as natural as could be-darkest at the roots, lightest at the bridge, and on the tip, and it rose out of the face instead of resting against it. Now the woman has a better shaped nose than she ever had before and, besides, the most durable one,-New York Herald.

The King of the Beggars.

While we have heard of the kings of many lands, and have come to recognize men who have acquired superior power and influence in any particular calling as "kings of trade," and the like, the king of the beggars will be to most readers a new dignitary. Such a personage, however, exists, and is recognized by the state. In "China in Transformation" it is said that organizations have acquired such a hold on the social life of China that even the beggars are formed into a sort of society. They are organized into companies, regiments and battalions, and even have a king. His title is the king of the beggars, and he is responsible for the conduct of his tattered subjects. On him the blame is laid when disorders, more serious than usual, occur among them. The king of the beggars at Peking is a real power. While the beggars swarm like troublesome insects around some chosen village, and seek by insolence to intimidate every one they meet, their king calls a meeting of the principal inhabitants. and proposes for a certain sum to rid the place of its invaders. After a long. dispute the contracting parties come to an agreement, the ransom is paid, and the beggars decamp, to pour down like an avalanche on some other place, and be "bought off" in the same manner. Troublesome as Chinese beggars are, however, even they are ruled by etiquette, and have their professional code. They may not call at private houses except on special occasions of mourning or festivity, and even that privilege may be compounded for by a covenant between the head of a family and the chief of the beggars. The roadside is always free to them, and the road to Peking is lined with the whining fraternity. They are sometimes really enterprising. Once at the burial of a native Christian in Fuchau a company of beggars and lepers gathered round the grave and demanded twenty thousand cash before they would allow the coffin to be lowered. One of the rabble actually got down into the grave and prevented the lowering of the coffin. They eventually compromised for eight hundred cash.

Monkey-Faced Bird. A new kind of bird has been discovered in the steeple of the Broad Street church, high above the bell. N. J. Sherman, whose business place is near the church, climbed into the steeple to investigate the source of a peculiar cooing noise. He found a large bird on a nest full of young ones. She flew off into a tree, and as she alighted the branch broke and the bird came to the ground. It seemed dazed and was captured. The bird has a peculiar face, like a monkey, and is large. It is at present confined in a cage, while its owner has written to authorities on ornithology to inquire as to the species. A bird of its kind has

Dynamite at Pretoria.

The young birds were also captured.

never been seen in this region before.

The dynamite used to blow up the guard train the other day was made at Pretoria by a company to which the government granted the sole right to import, manufacture and sell explosives in the state for a period of fifteen years, of which about five have passed, the government receiving a royalty on each case sold. The New York Press is authority for the statement that the company's initial investment in grounds and buildings was \$2,919,900, and it carries a stock of \$3,-400,000 to \$3,800,000 at all times. The monopoly is strongly opposed by the mining companies of the Rand and elsewhere. Under it they pay \$17.84 for No. 1 dynamite, whereas, if the trust were abolished, the cost would



ca number thousands. The ages and the names of many of the builders of the Egyptian pyramids are known; in North America these interesting data are yet to be unearthed.

To the jaded globe-trotter a new pleasure has been unfolded by the latest discoveries of the Mexican and South American archaeologists. We know that the Egyptian pyramids were erected as mausoleums for those ancient rulers with unpronounceable names. The American pyramids and pyramidal mounds appear to have been erected for various purposes. They have been grouped into tem-

travel and exploration. To enumerate illustrations of all these various types would take pages and pages of type, but a few of the more salient ones may be described.

Prof. Holmes, of the United States" National museum, has made a pen sketch panoramic view of the ruins of Palenque, one of the best known of the ruined cities of Mexico which is worth recalling. In this one sees temples surmounting the truncated pyranids. Take as a single example the pyramid to the right of the palace ruins, crowned by the Temple of Inscriptions. | Prof. Marshall Saville, of the Ameri-

low relief.

THE GOD OVER THE TEMPLE

In the great mixed cities of Mitla, Chichen-Itza, Uxmal, Copan, Tlacolula, Quiche, Pepianpia, Miesantia, Lacquamada, Tepotzlan, Xochicalco and Teotihuacan, the pyramidal ruins, crowned with picturesque crumbling temples, are very numerous.

It is at Teotihuacan that the most imposing structure of this kind on the continent is found, the Pyramid of the Sun. Photographic views of it and from it, showing in the distance the Temple of the Moon, were made by

stroyed by Zumanaga, the first bishop of Mexico, and the gold was seized by the insatiable Spaniards.

The interior of the pyramid is composed of clay and volcanic pebbles, incrusted on the surface with light, porous stones, telzontli. Over this was a thick coating of white stucco, such as the Aztecs used for their dwellings. The view from the top of the ancient structure is enchanting. To the north of the great Pyramid of the Moon is the wonder-

of sepulture, mounds of observation largest and most important mural in- the villages of St. Martin and St. for a few rods. With their vacuum atand mounds of fortification. Thus a scriptions found in America, and are Juan, the snowy top of lztac- tachment they can dart upon an unsusnew zest is added to the appetite for in the usual style of characters and in cihuatl, towering above the Matlacin- pecting shark, swordfish or turtle and ga range, and in the west the valley of in a twinkling become inseparable Mexico with its blue-white lakes, traveling companions. They do not apwhile far away the faint outlines of pear to injure the larger fish in any the Cordilleras are perceptible in the way, but nevertheless seem to be a clear atmosphere.

mids was opened and in the center, will become sickly and poor. The retwenty-five feet below, were found a moras leave their protector and velarge collection of human bones, while hicle only for a few seconds at a time, fifty feet below another collection was found.

What man has done man can do-but there is a great deal he ought to be ashamed to try.-Ex.

THE NURSERY.

Some of the Things That the Children Need.

The room selected for the nursery should be, if possible, large and lofty, with a south aspect, says the St. Louis Star. The walls should be prettily papered and let the pictures and photographs be good, so that the children may be trained from their earliest years to appreciate artistic things. A good picture is full of teachings to a thoughtful child. Cork carpet is better than an ordinary carpet, and there should be a high fender, well secured, before the fire, to avoid accident. A cupboard in a nursery is most useful and almost necessary. Children love to have a place of their own where they can hoard their hundred and one treasures, and many a wet morning can be pleasantly passed in turning out and rearranging them. Gas should never be allowed in a nursery, as it vitiates the atmosphere. A good lamp should be used instead, placed on a bracket safely out of the way, so that there is no danger of its being overturned. There should be a good, roomy sofa, so that the little ones may He down if not feeling very well, and a low rocking-chair and footstool for the nurse, or, a any rate a low chair, if the rocking one is not approved of. A crawling rules a grapital thing for a bally, and it in be decorated and em-beddered was all kinds of comin deidered w ans and ores tations of animals, A thermometer should wall and the temperature hang on t be kept as near 60 degrees as possible. If the nursery is obliged to be on the attic floor, it is a good plan to have the slate whitened with a mixture of time and size. This will help to keep the room cool in summer.

Gentleness! more powerful than Hercules.-Ninon de l'Enclos.

KING AND HIS PRIME MINISTER



the accompanying illustration is none people. Uganda, while rich in minerless than his majesty the king of Ugan- als, is so thoroughly unhealthful for da. As his majeste is too young. Europeans that it has hitherte been to assume the responsibilities of gov- pretty well left to itself. But owing to ernment, Apolo Katikiro, prime min- the approaching visit of its prime minister of Uganda, does most of the rul- ister to England, renewed interest is ing. This Katikiro, by the way, is the being taken in this lttle mid-African stout gentleman seated on the king's kingdom, and it is said that it will right, and it will be a source of sur- soon be opened to European commerprise to many to learn that his author- cial enterprises,

The demure-looking infant shown in ity extends over more than 2,000,000

ころいろいこころいろいろう The Christmas Rose

frosty. Men's boot heels made the snow creak under them as they passed refinement, albeit with certain signs of ing in his ears he went out. As he with quick tread. There was a rumble of carriage wheels, a rapid, hurrying tread of thousands of feet in the crowded thoroughfare of the great

And amid all this Christmas activity Philip Meredith walked with an acrid and indefinable pain at his heart. He was as strangely incongruous amid the joy, the color, the brilliancy of this festival eve as a skeleton at a feast.

He made a strenuous effort to forget. He had told himself that the coming of this anniversary should not overwhelm him with that agony of recollection which he knew down in his innermost soul he could not endure. For days the approaching holiday had filled him with an unacknowle ged terror.

It was the first Christmas he had spent without her, without Mirabel. And, telling himself that he would forge., that he would not remember, he straightway remembered with the intimate fidelity of pain all that could wound him now.

A breath of fragrant air from out a florist's shop made him turn his head for a moment, and as he looked he saw forget-me-nots. The sight gave him a pang. He recalled the morning they bad first met. It was a morning in spring, fresh with innocence-one of those mornings that yet dawn on the world to evoke images of primordial daybreaks when the world was young. Her eyes were blue-blue like the forget-me-nots. Then, less than a year later, they were wed, and the one Christmas they had spent together had seemed to him more exquisite in its perfect happiness than the one on the plains of Judea could have been to the shepherds. Then came misery; scarcely had the echo of the Christmas bells died away in the air than that fatal episode had occurred that had parted them. It arose in a trifle, as



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ARE YOU CHOOSING MY GIFT? most of the world's misery and wars have, and then before he knew it he had said words that had made a gulf between them which it seemed could never be bridged. She said she would go away and battle with the world by herself; he made a brutal reply. Then they parted.

Again the opulence of a florist's shop met his gaze. A sudden resolution came to him; he stepped up to the window and speculated between orchids

"Ah, Philip. I see you are choosing my Christmas gift," said a voice at his elbow. He turned-it was his cousin, a woman born to bring to others some of the light and joy denied them in their own poor lives. "Do not hesitate so," she continued, laughing. "You know how easily I am pleased in the matter of flowers. Shut your eyes and choose whatever you see first when you open them, and it will suit me."

'It will give me more pleasure to suit your taste than to trust to a haphazard choice," he replied. "Give me your parcels, you look like Mrs. Santa Claus, and come with me straight into the shop and say what you will have. I will see to it that the Christmas saint wears a flowery garland for you."

"Oh, Philip," said the woman, her eyes filling with a soft mist, "you are always good and generous, and I will let you give me a bunch of those American beauty roses—but not for me. I want to send them to the Woman's hospital in the morning."

He purchased the roses, and they separated at the door.

It was Christmas morning in St. Joseph's hospital. There was a faint antiseptic odor in the air. The long lines of frow white cots stretched their serried rows down the room in pitilessly quiet arraw. In one cot lay a woman, who was a mystery to the hospital ometals. She had been brought in late in the afternon of the day before insensible. She was young and beau-

It was Christmas eve. The air was | tiful; her clothing was that of a gentlewoman; she had all the marks of toil, but every mark that could iden-Mfy her had been carefully clipped from her garments. All night Siva the Destroyer had hovered near her. Yet he passed her by, and in the early hours of the morning she revived and



OH, HOW BEAUTIFUL!

murmured words they could but indistinctly understand. Toward noon she revived so that her conversation became intelligible. But with the return of consciousness she seemed to guard her secret more closely. She refused to answer the questions of the hospital physicians, and insisted that she would soon be strong and well and would leave the hospital. There were no marks of violence on her-there was absolutely nothing to point to her identity-only the sinister fact that she had fallen in a faint on het way to the river gave the officials a hint of what might be concealed. The wedding ring shone on her hand, yet she steadfastly refused to let her husband be notified. The hospital physicians shook their wise heads and turned her over to the tender mercies of the nurse, saying that she would be all right when she recovered her full senses. Shortly after noon the nurse approached her. She bore a large box. "Here is something for you," she

It was a large white box; around it were wide, pale blue ribbons. A spray | They're just the sweetest little girls-

f holly lay on the top. She looked at it listlessly. "Shall I open it for you?" said the

nurse pleasantly. "It was sent especially for you by a friend." The pale patient almost smiled. The nurse's kindness was almost pathetic.

"There is no one to send me flowers," she said; "but you may open it for me."

The nurse did so. A rush of fragrance filled the air. The roses burst upon the vision of the pale woman with the glory of midsummer, dazzling in their brightness. They lay in their satin-padded home like fragrant jewels.

"Oh, how beautiful!" she cried, "Let me have them."

As she took them a card fell cut. She looked at it as one might look at a dear face that had been hidden for years. Her eyes dilated. She was silent for one moment, then she cried out in a voice that thrilled the nurse and caused every head in the ward to be lifted from its pillow.

"It is he!" she cried. "It is he. I must go at once."

They remonstrated with her, but the sick woman was well. She arose from



I KNEW YOU WOULD FIND ME. that pale couch with sudden vigorher eyes were bright-avery trace of illness left her. "I must go to him," she repeated, time and again. The doetors came and looked at her and then conferred in a low tone with the nurse. "She may go," they said.

down the street,

She walked some disance and then the neared a church. On its steps, just stepping out to go down the avente, was a man. His restless agony had driven him forth to try to exorcise the demon that would not let him rest. He had passed the church and, drawn by an impulse he could neither define nor resist, he had entered. With the strains of "Gloria in Excelsis" ringstood on the steps of the cathedral and looked casually down the street he saw what made his heart stand still. He caught at the air with lips that were pale with emotion. Great God! could it be she? A mist swam before his eyes-his knees shook under him. He hastened toward her.

"Mirabel!" he gasped. She looked up at him with a smile. "I was going to see you," she said simply.

The morning sunshine made a halo about her head. Her eyes were filled with a dewy sweetness. The purple were slipping away on the horizon before the glory of dawning joy. He felt dazzled. His heart leaped, then burned within him. He drew her arm within his own, and they turned down a quiet side street.

'I knew you would find me some time," she said, with an infinitely gentle air. "When they brought me your I saw your dear name once more I knew that my trouble and separation for you to come to me, and so I started to come to you. Sweetheart, how good it is to see you once more."

"Listen he said, his throat quivering. "Listen to the bells. They are ringing 'Peace on earth, good will to No birthday of any pagan god ever brought such happiness as this."

The lesson taught by their long seperation and the meeting that Christmas morn was one which the pair never forget.

The little folks at our house—they talk like anything Bout Santa Claus comin', an' what he's goin' to bring;

An' mother never has to scold, or tell 'em 'bout the noise-

They're just the sweetest little girlsthe best of little boys!

'Cause why? They know that Santa Claus knows ever'thing they do, while he's loadin' up his sleigh he's watchin' of 'em, too!

An' them that minds their mother, they gets the most o' toysthe best o' little boys!

They've just been writin' letters to Santa Claus each day, An' tellin' him just what they want,

an' showin' him the way To where our house is, so's he'll know just where to leave the toys Fer just the sweetest little girls-the best o' little boys!

They're longin', longin', longin' fer the days and night to go,

An' all o' them are happy, an' they make their mother so! She never has to scold 'em, or tell 'em

'bout the noise-'Cause they're the sweetest little girls -the best o' little boys!

Use Plenty of Paper and Cards,

No child of today would consider & course, those that Santa Claus with his own hands hangs upon a tree or the bottom of a box with a bright colored Christmas card lying on top of it. Anyone accustomed to being with children will appreciate the pleasure that the accessories of their Christmas gifts give them. Every scrap of ribbon, the tiniest card, the very scraps of bright wrapping paper, are all hoarded, and used somewhere for decoration. The little girl makes sashes of the ribbons and dresses for her paper dolls of the tissue wrappings, while the cards serve as priecess works of art on the wells of her playhouse.

Don't Give Begrudgingly. No loveless gifts, no gifts that are given to satisfy convention or grudingly, should dishonor the day of love, and when your Christmas list is cut away all the germs of weariness and anxiety, and left only the joy of cowhich involves - the world. If your powers are limited to leaving at a friend's door a bunch of holly tied with a bit of bright ribbon and a little card of greeting, you have still had your share in the pleasure giving and dispensing of "good will toward men;" and if you have but bestowed some rosy apples for the children and a pound of tea for the grandr, ther, you have lightened the hearts of the poor.

The lucky wan is the man who sees and grasps his opportunity.

So she took her roses and walked | HAGGARDONTHEWAR

BELIEVES ENGLAND'S DOWN-FALL WILL RESULT.

Calls It Judgment from on High-His Private Life-Will Soon Stand for Parliament in a Cornwall Constituency.

Rider Haggard has had ample oppor-Transvaal affairs. He says that in the them. end England will be beaten and that it is the judgment of heaven. He is one of the few survivors, now only three or four in number, of the party that accompanied Sir Theophilus Shepstone on his mission to the Transvaal, which resulted in the annexation of that country on April 12, 1877. Mr. Haggard spends several months each year in a big house in Redcliffe Square,London; but after the season, if still in England, he is pretty certain to be found in Ditchingham Manor, the anshadows of the aftermath of pain cestral home of his wife's family, which the novelist has filled with souvenirs of his travels. His study is on the second floor. Its walls are lined with bookcases, with pictures above them, the latter being original drawings of the illustrations in his books. Here, too, is Mr. Haggard's greatest treasure—a dosk formerly used by Charles Dickens and bid in by Haggard at the Gads roses in the hospital this morning and Hill sale. In this room he does the greater part of his work, writing away steadily if he feels in the mood, and were over forever. I could not wait often tossing his pen aside in favor of either a rod or gun. Mr. Haggard's new book, "A Farm-

er's Year," has had abundant success. Its sales have been eclipsed by those of the sixpence edition of one of his earliest works. This is "Jess," whose scene, men.' Come, come with me, darling. it will be remembered, is laid in the Transvaal. The astute publisher of this novel saw his chance, and in taking it was wise enough to make the new edition a popular one. The result is that he is unable to supply the demand for the book, and it is said that "Swallow," also a story of Boer THOSE CHRISTMAS CHILDREN. life, is having a greatly increased sale. However, the author of "Allan Quar-

termain" seems to have no idea of sitting down to watch his royalties pile up. He is planning a long trip through Cyprus, Egypt and the Holy Land, which is taken to mean a book from him. There is no truth in the report published by an American paper that the novelist has gone in for gold min-



RIDER HAGGARD.

ing in Alaska with Lord Ernest Hamilton. It was a cousin of Rider Haggard instead who took a large slice of Bill Partridge's shares off his hands.

It would be supposed that the long and important trip that Mr. Haggard present half a present-except, of has mapped out for himself would be enough to occupy him fully, but the novelist adds politics to the list of thrusts into a stocking-unless it were things he wants to study, and it is anhidder in manifold paper wrappings at nounced that he soon will stand for a constituency in Cornwall.

LIVING ON THE WATER.

Some Families Spend Their Time on

Their Anchored Yachts. A wet sheet and a flowing sea has nothing whatever to do with life aboard a yacht, as exemplified in the Bay Ridge Yacht Basin, in South Brooklyn, says the New York Herald. There are five or six yachts there, one of them a roomy schooner craft, which for various reasons are not in commission this summer. Nevertheless the owners and their families or their friends live and sleep on board. On one sloop are five young men, who go to a skyscraper building in Nassau street every morning and take out down to this limit you have pruned two or three vivacious typewriter girls when work is over to make the evenings merry. They rented operation in a blessed lovemaking the boat on condition that they would not take her outside the basin, and hired a retired sea captain, who lives near the basin, to look after the boat during the day and to "mess" for them. They find it cheaper than paying board in the city, and ever so much pleasanter. Three families wintered on yachts in the Bay Ridge basin last winter, and they enjoyed the experiment so much that they talk of trying it again. The blizzard and the rough weather had no governors and many other distinterrors for them. One sloop, the Peri, guished public men have indorsed the was housed above decks very much like enterprise.

those in the tales we read about Arctic expeditions. The families who lived in this way were on terms of sociability and visited every night for games and cards. They gave a boat party in January, and their friends in Brooklyn who are given to assisting at social entertainments, joined them in a modest little vaudeville. When the basin was frozen solid one night they gave a skating party, with a piping hot supper below decks as a wind up. There are still novelties about for tunities for forming his judgment of persons who know where to look for

BEGINS NEEDED REFORM.

Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens, the newly elected president of the W. C. T. U. and successor of the illustrious Frances Willard, will this season begin an active campaign against the sale of liquor to college students. She will try to have a national law passed for-



MRS. LILLIAN M. N. STEVENS. bidding the sale of intoxicating drinks near any college campus. The famous Princeton Inn, which was closed last year, was largely owing to the work of Mrs. Stevens' sisters in the W. C. T. U. Mrs. Stevens was born in Dover, Me., and has always made her home in the Pine Tree state. Her first public work was as a school teacher, but at the age of 21 she married Mr. Stevens, a leading business man of Portland. One daughter, now Mrs. Gertrude Stevens Leavitt, blessed their home. When the Maine Christian Temperance Union was organized about twenty-five years ago, Mrs. Stevens was elected treasurer, which position she held for three years. She was then made state president, and for twenty-two years was re-elected to the position, and in all that time but one allot was cast for another candidate. From 1880 to 1893 she filled the position of assistant recording secretary. and in the latter year was elected recording secretary. Of profound wisdom, Mrs. Stevens holds the respect and love of the organization at whose head she is placed. She is a born leader, and where she leads other women will gladly follow.

TO FIND JONES' GRAVE.

Perhaps few people know that the ashes of John Paul Jones, one of the most distinguished heroes of the American revolution, are buried somewhere in Paris. Exactly where nobody knows. After leaving the American service because of some alleged grievance, Jones enlisted in the French service, and dying shortly afterwards, was buried in the French capital. Efforts to locate the tomb of the great naval officer have failed up to date, but with increased vigilance it is throught that the discovery can be made in the course of time by carefully inspecting the graveyards of Paris. Recently a Philadelphia paper has commenced to agitate



JOHN PAUL JONES. the matter by suggesting that close search be instituted for the grave of John Paul Jones, and in the event the quest is successful, that the body be brought back to this country and buried in Washington, D. C. Twelve

THE RIBBON GIRL.

Back in Two Rivers Millie Duncan had had a pleasant home and the expectation that her lines would fall in pleasant places. But a bolt came out of the blue. Millie's father died suddenly, and just at the wrong time, not only for himself, but for his family. She faced the necessity for earning her own living, and, leaving the younger children and her mother to depend upon the small income that remained to them, she made a bold entrance into Chicago-which cared nothing about her boldness, but only bellowed at her like an angry bull. If Millie was frightened she did not show it. She found an ugly little room, made it as attractive as she could, cooked her own coffee mornings, contented herself with ten-cent luncheons, and indulged in a hearty meal at dinne; time. For this function-for such it was to Millieshe made a careful toilet and entered the dining room of the rather fashionable boarding house with the air of a princess who was amusing herself by an experience among the common people. This was her one luxury-it was in this fashion that she kept a hold upon sociability. This gave her cheer for her work and sustained her vivacity. It amounted in fact to a necessity.

Now one of the greatest afflictions that had come to her at a time when afflictions seemed to be pouring thick and fast upon her was leaving the vicinity where Allen Darrow lived. They were not sweethearts; they had not seen much of each other. But it had been his presence that had made a party seem really festive to her. It was the meeting with him casually on the quiet streets of Two Rivers that had caused her heart to leap. It was he she thought of when she put on a new gown. Or, if she did anything unworthy of her best self, it was he she remembered, blushing at her own baseness. If she was generous or courageous in any unusual way she turned to thoughts of him with joy, thinking that he would be pleased if he knew. She had not said good-by to him when she left home. She had not the desire to burden him with the details of her misfortune. How could he understand; who had always lived an easy, luxurious life, what responsibilities she had been called upon to face? How could he appreciate the sinking of the heart which she felt in leaving the refined, easy life, the books, the lazy hours at



THEY WANT IT FOR A WEDDING. the plano, the charming circle of friends, for the work and friendlessness that a poor girl must know in Chicago? She put her dreams bravely behind her, therefore, and left without a word of farewell.

She was rather glad when she found that her work in the great dry goods house, where the influence of friet ds had secured her a position, was to be among the ribbons. She rioted in the color about her, and, making up her mind that anything that was worth doing at all was worth doing well, she not only studied to be most assiduo is in her service to those who came to purchase, but she took the greatest pride in arranging her stock attractively. So original were the fashions in which she put forth the bolts of gleaming satin ribbons that it was much noticed. A gruff floorwalker ventured to compliment her. The other girls at the ribbon counters were profuse in their praise. And Millis began to show the satisfaction that comes from work well done, though the task be insignificant. She began to look at life from a different point o! view and to rejoice that she was among the workers and that work was a pleasure to her. In short, being a wholesome young woman, she put regret behind her and rose to meet the emergency with all the gallanty in:

One day she was putting her prience to its full test with a trying customer, who could not be suited and who would not go away, when a young man and woman entered and took chairs side by side, and began looking at white satin ribbon.

"They want it for a wedding, I'll happier than I am now-and I am wager," thought Millie to herself, look-happy, for I have found you again. ing behind the nodding plumes of the Yours always, Allen Darrow. fretful customer to w re the two sat and laughed together. "I suppose they | the letter the store was no longer gray. mean it to run up e aisles of the

church. I wish this tiresome old thing would go and let me wait on them.'

But the tiresome old thing would not go. She staid on, asking for things she did not want, and Millie, with a politeness which continually grew more frigid, continued to supply her demands. But, meantime, she kept glancing in the direction of the laughing pair, and feasting her eyes on the gay attire and the happy face of the girl who sat partly facing her. Golden hair and blue eyes, a brilliant golf cape, and a nonchalant little turban, made up a pleasing whole. Millie hoped the young man was as good looking, and made up her mind that she would get a glimpse of his face before he left. Just then he turned and looked at her, and she perceived with a poignant blending of pain and delight that it was Allen Darrow.

She had no desire then to wait upon the pretty girl or upon her laughing companion. Her one thought was to get away. But Allen Darrow had recognized her, and, with a word of apology to the girl by his side, he hastened to Millie, holding out his hand for a hearty greeting.

"Will you not let me introduce Miss Ferguson?" he inquired, Millie gave consent, and the two girls chatted together with every outward appearance of cordiality-a cordiality which was no doubt genuine with Miss Fergu-

"You were looking at the white satin ribbon," ventured Millie at length, with a sort of obstinate pride in her voca-"Did you wish to purchase tion. some?"

A covert smile fluttered about the young man's lips, and then Millie blushed at the knowledge of the transparency of her motives. As usual, Allen Darrow understood her perfectly. Formerly this had been a pleasure; now she would have preferred to indulge in reserve.

"Yes," Miss Ferguson replied to Millie's question. "We want some white satin ribbon for-for a wedding. Don't we, Mr. Darrow?"

"Indeed, we do," he responded, laughing. "A wedding in which one or the other of us is much interested. won't say which one."

"I should hope both of us were interested in it," cried Miss Ferguson,

They got the ribbon and went away, and after they had gone the sense of her poverty and loneliness and need for monotonous work rushed over Millie, and swallowed up all her cheer and youth for the time being, as a cold storm of the night seems suddenly to extinguish the summer, and to leave only brown leaves and dead fields behind it. That night she could not bring herself to dress for dinner, and the young men she met at the boarding house. She got a dismal little meal on her oil stove, and went to bed early, to toss till dawn, and so, arising late, was behindhand at the store. The work had never before seemed so repulsive. She fancled herself getting horrid little tricks of manner like those of some of the old clerks, and imagined that she was already growing plain and dull.

In the midst of this deep depression, when all the store looked gray and confusing, and the words of her fellowworkers sounded strange and foreign to her ear, she heard some one inquiring for her. It was an American District Telegraph boy, with a package. A sudden shaft of anticipation pierced Millie's leaden heart. She signed the book with trembling fingers, and broke open the strings on the box. Within were exposed to view the most glorious American beauty roses she had ever seen. They were not like other roses. They were glorified flowers, and in the

midst of them was a little white note. "My dear Miss Duncan," it read, "am I not to have the great pleasure of calling upon you? I confess I have not tried to find where you were because I was really hurt and offended that you left Two Rivers without saying goodby to me, or letting me know that you were going away. But now that I have zeen you I can feel no offense. I think I understand the motives that led you to do as you did. I do not know how to be sufficiently thankful that I went with Miss Ferguson to buy those wedding bands. I am to be best man at her wedding, which is to occur next Saturday. She is to marry one of my best friends, and I am fond of her and glad that you two met. But how I am running on! You see I want so much to talk with you that I cannot stop. Kindly let me know where and when I may call. And I will be frank and confess that my call is not to be one of ordinary importance to myself. Il be the most important visit I made to any one. I am filled at I will not let the dread get uppermost. I insist that my heart shall sing. I insist that my fate is to be fortunate.

A sort of golden glory rested over ev- a perfect figura.

and that after the visit I shall be even

erything, and she turned with eagernees to a customer.

"Burnt orange ribbon No. 5? Yes, ma'am, we have a fine piece I should SOME GOOD STORIES FOR OUR like to show you."-Chicago Tribune.

PLUCKED HIS GAUDY FEATHERS Revenge of a Turkey Gobbler Upon

Vainglorious Peacock. From the Galveston News: "I have always believed," the colonel said, 'that animals have far more intelligence than they are commonly credited with. I am sure they can talk to one another. A case in point: You see that turkey gobbler and hen out there? Let me tell you an actual fact about them. L. M. Johnson presented me with a very handsome peacock. He was a splendid bird, and the beauty of his plumage was the wonder of the neighborhood. One afternoon I saw him strutting around and making a magnificent display of his gorgeous tail feathers. Mrs. Turkey looked on admiringly for a while, and trotted over to where gobbler was quietly napping under a peach tree. They were engaged for a moment in earnest conversation. Then Mr. Gobbler straightened himself up, stiffened his wings, gave a strut and proudly spread his tail feathers. Madame gave a contemptuous toss of her head and evidently laughed at him. I could see the fire in the gobbler's eye, and told Mr. Boubel, my engineer, who was with me at the time, to look out and we would see some fun, and we did. That gobbler marched straight over to where the peacock was still piroueting and admiring the glint of his iridescent plumage, pounced on him and long ago, says a writer, and while I never let up until he had picked out the last feather of that gorgeous tail. I gathered up the feathers, put them which is well worth recording. The together and gave them to Mrs. Gunni- neighborhood, as many people know, son. You can go over the river and see them if you want confirmation of tance down from the summit of one the story. The poor peacock, after the of the steepest and most dangerous, a loss of his tail, took no more interest pair of eagles had built their nest. in life, but pined away and died in less | The competition amongst the young than a month.

NUTS AND DATES.

likely to prove of very considerable scantiest of footholds, and a slip value in California, Arizona and New Mexico. With the exception of the crashing to the rocks 600 feet below. hime-consumed product of a few iso- One or two attempts were made, howlated trees, the entire quantity now ever, but never successfully, and the used in this country is imported and eagles seemed to defy the very boldest its use is limited almost exclusively to of us. Now my host had a son named ice cream and confection flavoring, David, a boy of 15, and this youngster says the Scientific American.

choicest walnuts and almonds are worry to him, that it entered into his raised, the pistache is considered the dreams at night, and he vowed he very best of all nuts for table use. It would not rest until the eggs were in is very nutritious and fattening and of his possession. One morning he came to indulge in her usual little dissipa- a delicious flavor of its own, and down very late to breakfast. "Come, tion in the way of conversation with should soon come to be a leading arti- Davie," said his father. "What's cle of its kind in our markets. Mr. Swingle, who has been investigating I dreamed a dream that tired me." foreign plants and fruits, perfected arrangements by which some choice plause, and the demand that he would grafts will reach this country next relate his dream. "Weel, I dreamed spring.

> While able to withstand considerable frost in winter, the date palm must have a very dry and exceedingly hot climate at the time of the ripening of the dates. The sandiest and, generally his father sent him to the kitchen to speaking, the poorest soils produce the best dates; while it will yield in any soil, it takes most kindly to otherwise almost worthless land, even that which is white with alkali suiting it. Still, an abundance of water is at certain periods of its maturing quite necessary. Arizona is thought to be a good field for date-growing.

A Boer Christening.

London newspapers just now are filled with incidents of the Boers, most of them far from flattering. One of the best relates that in a Dutch church tells about some of the Indian superodd names for the child, and ones which might prove embarrassing to the and explanations followed.

First Woman to Wear a Corset.

The first corset-not counting ancient modifications of the Gecian zone or girdle—was introduced into France by Catherine de Medici. It was a once with anticipation and dread. But strange affair, and fashioned after the style of a knight's cuirass. The framework was entirely of iron, and the velvet, which decorated the exterior only, served to hide a frightful and cumbersome article of torture. In the days that followed ladies of the court laced themselves frightfully and wore the When Milie looked up from reading dreadful prison night and day in their when Milie looked up from reading dreadful prison night and day in their efforts to obtain what they conducted

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

JUNIOR READERS.

Davie a Hero-Bird Intelligence - A Naturalist Relates a Remarkable Instance of It-Bears and Lightning-Navajo Indian's Belief.

"I Thank You, Dear." Four little words of love to hear-Four little words so sweet They make my work seem, oh, so light,

And put wings to my feet. I think if folks knew just how nice They sounded in my ear, For every little thing I do, They'd say, "I thank you, dear."

Run up and down all day For things my sisters leave around, Or brothers put away. And when at last I find them And bring them with delight, They only say, "Why, mercy, child,

I thought you'd stay all night!"

Why, goodness me! I race the stairs,

Oh, grown-ups, if you only knew! My heart goes in my boots! I work so hard for those few words But seems like nothing suits. No matter if my feet were tired, I would not cry one tear, But happy be, if folks to me Would say, "I thank you, dear."

Davie a Hero.

I was touring through Scotland not

was staying at a farmhouse in Galloway a very remarkable event occurred abounds in precipices, and at some disand daring spirits of the village as to who should secure the coveted nest and the eggs it contained was very keen. But the precipice was well-The culture of the pistache nut is nigh perpendicular, affording the would have sent the unwary climber was absolutely determined to secure that nest somehow or other. He con-Along the Mediterranean, where the fided to me that the subject was a wrong? Are ye tired?" "Na, na; but This declaration was received with apthat I climbed the cliff and harried the eagles' nest." "And what did you do with the eggs?" I asked, laughingly. "Weel, I put them in my bonnet and set it on the shelf above the kitchen door." By way of keeping up the joke see if his bonnet was, as he had said, upon the shelf. He went to the place, and there, sure enough, were the cap and the eagles' eggs. In his sleep he had accomplished that would have been an impossibility at any other time, and robbed the precipitous nest. When I came away David was the hero of the hour, but his father had sternly forbidden him to think anything more about eagles' eggs.

Bears and Lightning.

A writer in the Denver Republican

in Pretoria not long ago there appeared stitions. Of the Navajoes he says: Ala very stolid-looking farmer's wife, though there are plenty of bear in who had brought her baby into town parts of the reservation, the Navajo to be christened. Before leaving home, will not kill one if he can avoid it, and her "lord" had written the names it never for food. No sum of money was intended to give the infant on one | would tempt him to touch a dead bear, slip of paper and the list of the house- or, for that matter, a live one. He has hold requirements on another, and the same feeling in regard to the coyboth were carefully folded and put in ote, whose name he uses as a synonym the great leather purse she carried. for everything cowardly and despica-When the proper time arrived the fond ble, and a coyote skin is an effective mother handed up a slip of paper to tent guard. Another idea no less sinthe minister, who read and reread it, gular is often encountered in-traveling and then remarked that Koffie Rijst over the reservation. No Navajo will Suiker Gember Komfijit were rather ever make a campfire of wood from a tree that was struck by lightning, or that might have been. If such a fire possessor at some future time. Then is made by an irreverent white man, the other slip of paper was produced the Indians will retire to a distance, where they cannot feel the heat or smelf the smoke, and they will go to sleep in their blankets, fireless and perless, rather than eat of food preed on that kind of a fife. The Navo believes that if he comes within the influence of the flame, he will absorb some of the essence of the lightning, which will thereafter be attracted to bim, and sooner or later will kill him. Up in the mountains more than half the great pines are scarred by lightning, but no wood from them is used. Almost any old Navajo can narrate instances where the neglect of this precaution has resulted disastrously, for me are sometimes killed by lightning

frequent, and it is but a step from the effect to the cause.

Bird Intelligence

During the early part of the summer of 1835 a pair of water-bens built their nest by the margin of the ornamental pond at Bell's Hill, a piece of water of considerable extent, and ordinarily fed by a spring from the height above, but into which the contents of another large pond can occasionally be admitted. This was done while the female was sitting, and as the nest had been built when the water level stood low, the sudden influx of this large body of water from the second pond caused a rise of several inches, so as to threaten the speedy immersion and consequent destruction of the eggs. This the birds seem to have been aware of, and they immediately took precautions against so imminent a danger, for when the gardener, seeing the sudden rise of the water, went to look after the nest, expecting to find it covered and the eggs destroyed, or at least forsaken by the hen, he observed, while at a distance, both birds busily engaged about the brink where the nest was placed, and when near enough he clearly perceived that they were adding, with all possible dispatch, fresh materials to raise the fabric beyond the level of the increased contents of the pond, and that the eggs had by some means been removed from the nest by the birds, and were then lying upon the grass about a foot or more from the margin of the water. He watched them for some time and saw the nest rapidly increase in height, but I regret to add that he did not remain long enough, fearing he might create alarm, to witness the interesting act of replacing the eggs, which must have been effected shortly after; for, upon his return, in less than an hour, he found the hen quietly sitting upon them in the newly-raised nest. In a few days the young were hatched, and soon quitted the nest and took to the water. The nest was shown to me shortly afterwards, and I could then plainly discern the formation of the new with the older part of the fabric.

An Acorn. Norna had been sick a long while, and she was so tired of lying in bed that all the family tried to amuse her. Papa bought her a little musical box, and mamma gave her picture books. Tom bought a new game for her, and Dotty a bunch of grapes; even baby offered her an acorn which he picked up under the great oak tree. What a beautiful little thing it was, fitting neatly in its tiny saucer, and what a dainty saucer, too, with row after row of wee brown scales folded so prettily over each other. Mamma tied a string around the acorn, hung it over a glass of water and told Norna that now she could see it grow. "But how can it find its way to the water, mamma?" asked Norna. "Watch and see," said mamma, smiling. The next day Norna thought the acorn looked a little larger, but soon after that, oh, dear! there was a dreadful crack all along its side. "It is spoiled, mamma," sighed Norna. "It will never grow now." "Watch and see," said mamma again. Norna did watch. At last she saw something white and something green coming out of the crack. The white shoot grew down into the water and made a root, but the green shoot grew upward and made two little leaves. And so the acorn turned into a baby oak. And Norna so enjoyed watching it all that she forgot she was sick, and was almost as happy as if she had been outdoors in the sunshine. "Your little girl is much better," said the doctor to mamma. "She is well enough to play in the yard. This new medicine has helped her." And nobody knew that the little acorn had helped her as much as the medicine .- Zoeth Howland.

Four Odd Experiments.

Here are four interesting experiments with goblets or large tumblers of water: Fill them within an inch of the top. Into one drop very carefully an egg; it will sink to the bottom. Into the other put just enough salt so that the egg will float, and into the other put just enough salt so the egg will stay in the middle. You can have the egg stay just where you wish in the tumbler by varying the quantity of salt. Now fill a tumbler brim full of water, moisten and heat a needle by holding it in your hand; then very carefully place it on the water, and you will see it float.

Elderdown.

The eider duck lines its nest carefully with its own down. The nest is robbed of the down by the Icelanders and the duck quickly proceeds to reline her nest, supplying the feathers from her own body. The third time the drake gives his down, and this is allowed to remain. Ten thousand pounds of eider down are gathered annually in Iceland, and the natives receive for it about \$3 a pound, althrough the trade is carried on through barter, the natives receiving little or

A heart is never hurt so much as a region where thunderstorms are when it can never tell what hurts it.

no money.

LIFE IN THE BOER CAPITAL DAIRY AND POULTRY.

Though Pretoria, the capital of the | which ripple in little runnels down the | crime punishable by death for a black South Africa republic, is a town of less sides of every roadway, nestles the than 10,000 inhabitants, it is at present | capital of the South African republic. one of the most important places on It is a town of trees and hedges and the map of Africa. The town was flowers. It has wide avenues and good named in honor of the first president buildings and can boast of the modof the Transvaal, Pretorius, who led ernity of electric lights. the migrating Dutchmen in their great trek from Cape Colony sixty years ago.

republic at Pretoria was a little ways guarded by a white warder, thatched barn, but on the site of that armed with a revolver, and a Kaffir barn now stands one of the handsom- constable bearing a rifle. Some of est and costliest buildings in South Af- these prisoners are white, but most of rica. In this connection there seems them are obstreperous blacks undergoto be a general idea that Pretoria is a ing punishment for their sins of the

A common sight in the streets of Pretoria is a gang of convicts engaged In 1889 the parliament house of the in roadmaking. The prisoners are alraw and unpleasing frontier town, with past. The white prisoners are well

clothed, wearing good felt hats and flannel shirts. They are not forced, like the Kaffir prison-

THE TOWN OF PRETORIA

to deal in illicit liquor, many a poor Kaffir is strung up for getting mixed up in the making of native "moonshine whisky." The public gallows stand in the garden of the city jail and the state artillery attends all executions. There is no official executioner, the execution ceremony being performed by prisoners of good behavior, who thus earn their liberty and are put across the border. There is a custom at these Pretoria executions for the officiating black to wear a pair of white gloves, and, after the fatal drop, these gloves are thrown into the pit below, to signify that the hands of the person superintending the affair are clean of all

The greatest drawback about Pretoria, as is the case with the rest of the Transvaal, is its railway connecers, to wear convict | tion. South African railways are the dress marked with slowest in the world. The Boer is not

their heads shaved in his gates. To travel 220 miles in mistakes in future.

wonder at when it occurs in the Transvaal. But it is only the mail trains that travel at such a reckless speed, since the freight trains going the same distance do the trip in five days. Most Boers, one is not surprised to find, make their wills before going on a railway journey, for the ordinary Transvaal engine leaves the track about once an hour. In fact, among railway men on the notori-

ous Beira railway there is a

the low and flat and monotonous veldt | Public executions are a very com- best driver on that line performed the welcome trees change the character of mon occurrence in Pretoria, and do not remarkable feat of traveling the whole length of the line and ran his train

two days is not a very remarkable record from the American standpoint. Yet such a run is a thing to

tradition that in the early days the kept green by springs of clear water, among the citizens. Since it is a off the metals only twenty-three times.

INTERESTING CHAPTERS FOR

OUR RURAL READERS.

How Succesful Farmers Operate This Department of the Farm-A Few Hints as to the Care of Live Stock and Poultry.

Dairy Notes.

The United States department of agriculture is making strenuous efforts to establish a butter trade with the oriental countries, such as China and Japan. Recently a governmental order was given to a Minnesota creamery for 12 cans of butter containing 23 pounds each to be sent to China. The cans are hermetically sealed and then are packed in boxes with sawdust. The butter is similar to that put on our own market, with the exception that it has a trifle more color and more salt. The butter is not as highly flavored as some, but that fact increases its chance of keeping. It is learned that the government will carefully watch results and if this shipment does not prove a conspicuous a fast traveling man, and he will not satisfactory, will endeavor to ascernumber, nor are allow others to travel fast while with- tain the reasons and guard against the

> At the coming dairy conventions this winter makers of dairy butter will do well to send butter for exhibition purposes. Most of the poor butter on the markets comes from people that suppose they are good butter makers. Their grocers do not like to tell them that they do not make the kind of butter the market demands, but the judges at the dairy exhibitions have none of that sympathetic feeling and will score the butter as it deserves. If more would compete at these places it would greatly advance the interests of the dairy. Every housewife should consider it a favor to be told just where she fails in coming up to the demands of the public. Sometimes it will be in the color, sometimes the salt, often it will be found to be something that may be easily remedied. We should remember that there is a commercial standard that will have recognition. The trouble with most dairy butter is that it has been made in accordance with the standard in the mind of the butter maker, and not in accordance with the general commercial standard.

The export of Canadian butter to England has undergone many changes within the last twenty years. There was a time when it appeared certain that Canada would control to a large extent the butter market of Great Britain. In 1881 the value of Canadian butter imported into England was over \$3,300,000. Then Danish butter began to compete with it seriously, the latter butter being under the watchful supervision of the Danish government. That government did not hesitate to go beyond what we call governmental sphere to influence its trade. Canadian butter continued to decrease in quantity imported for the door came there, but only to know Willis Eagle and Clement Dove." In following eight years, till in 1889 the concluding the notice the editor missed value of Canadian butter sold in Engthe opportunity of his life by neglect- land was only a little over \$174,000. ing to say: "We wish the gay birds After that time there was some improvement but nothing that had the appearance of permanency until the Canadian government took the matter in hand in 1897. The authorities began the subsidizing of cold-storage steamers and the partial subsidizing of creameries and cheese factories to such an extent that the Canadians were stimulated to send their butter across the water in its best condition, and of best quality. It made a reputation for itself on the English market and from that time the trade has rapidly developed. In 1895 the value of butter sent to England was \$893,000, but in the following year, under the fostering care of the government, the amount sent over was valued at \$1,912,000. In 1898 the amount was about the same as the preceding year, namely, \$1,915,-

A Poultry House.

From Farmers' Review: We have about completed a poultry house to accommodate fifty hens that when finished will have cost less than \$1 in money. It is built of large poles, or small logs, and is 12 by 20 feet in size. It faces the southeast and is five feet to the eaves, the ridge pole being three feet higher. Eight twenty-foot poles are used for the back or northwest side; two twenty-foot poles are needed in front, one at bottom and one at the top, with six nine-foot poles between, for the length is partitioned with logs nine feet from the west end, making a room 9 by 12 to be used as a roosting room. Twenty-four twelve-foot poles are needed, eight at either end, and eight for the partition, but the partition foles need not be so large.

The larger room (11 by 20) is open to the southeast and will be the scratching shed, the only door opening from the shed futo the roosting room. The east end logs were held in place and made solid at the southeast corner by a timber being set in the ground tance from the base of supplies. The of them. They are then covered with the ends of the logs. Small poles were used as rafters, being placed about one looks at the marvels of creation with fore, give a good idea of how the Brit- primitive way is baked the bread of foot apart, and nailed, one end to the ridge pole the other to eave pole; straw creased.

is placed thickly on this-thick enough to shed water. It is also necessary to wire or fasten poles or brush at intervals on this to secure it in place and to prevent the wind blowing it away.

A window placed in the south wall of the roosting room is necessary to allow. light and sun in this room. The cracks between logs are chinked, then daubed carefully, inside and out. If this is well done and your mortar is good you will have a house that, if not a thing of beauty, will be very comfortable and will last as long as you want it to, with an occasional renewing of the roof and a patching with mortar. One man and one horse can build such a house, if the poles are close by, in six days, and with cash outlay only for nails, window and door. Such houses are practicable only where poles are plenty.

When the walls are whitewashed inside such a house will look very cozy. especially of a cold, windy day. The roosting poles will be flat on top and made level, and these, with a few nests, will constitute all the furnishings in the roosting room. The roosts will be placed to allow of one passing entirely around them, to allow of better and quicker removal of the droppings.

In the shed will be placed the box containing their bath, which will consist of road dust and sifted ashes, renewed as often as necessary; drinking fountain, grit and charcoal box, several nests and a great amount of litter in which a little grain will be scattered in order to induce them to exercise. The litter will be renewed when necessary, often I hope, for the more they scratch and wear out the litter, the more eggs we will get. Common boxes will be used for nests, entirely separate from other furnishings and from each other, for while they will take more room than a continuous row of nests, they are much easier cleaned. Wheat or oats straw will be used for nesting material. A curtain made of gunnysacks-burlap-will be used to confine the chicks to the shed of stormy days. Old carpeting would do all right. Poultry-raisers who do not need to count the cost can pass this article to some one not so lucky.

EMMA CLEARWATERS.

Poultry Notes.

The egg trade of Germany and Russia is said to be developing very rapidly, but the movement of eggs is toward Germany and from Russia, so far as these two countries are concerned. In 1880 Germany paid other countries \$3,498,000 for eggs, but since that time her imports of eggs have increased to such an extent that during the first eleven months of last year the value of her imports of eggs was \$16,993,000. On the other hand Russia is building up a fine trade in export eggs. In 1881 the total value of eggs, exported from Russia was \$237,000. In 1894 it had increased to \$9,252,000, and for the first eleven months of last year, it was \$17,990,000. The raising of poultry for the production of eggs become an important factor in Russian husbandry. In 1894 freight on the Russian railroads was reduced, and this gave an impetus to the infant industry.

Little is known generally of the real character of what we call "black-head in turkeys." Previous to the year 1894 even the cause was unknown, as no scientist appears to have investigated it thoroughly. In that year Dr. Theobald Smith, of the Rhode Island Experiment Station, set himself the task of finding out the cause of the disease. He requested persons having birds sick with black-head to send him parts of the birds that died. The parts received were sections of the heads and intestines, particularly the liver. The latter is always affected in this disease. The liver is covered with mottles of brownish, greenish or yellowish color. A microscopic investigation showed the trouble to be due to a minute parasite of the protozoan order. The life history has not, so far as we are informed, been determined, hence it is difficult to say if the parasite has an intermediate host, such as some animal or insect, that it must go through before being able to live in the turkey. Whenever the disease breaks out in a flock it is certainly well to isolate the sick birds and remove them from the pasture ground over which they have been roaming.

Butter and Other Pure-Food Laws in . France.-They have contracted a purefood enthusiasm in France, and now the senate is considering a law that provides for imprisonment for from three to twelve months and a fine of from \$20 to \$1,000, or both, for deceiving the purchaser either respecting the nature and qualities of the goods or the amount sold. If false weights are used the punishment can be doubled and the offending scale smashed up. Another year's punishment can be added if the goods sold should be hurtful to man or beast .- Merchants' Sen-

It is not a wise thing to have so few feeding places that some of the sheep must wait for the others to get through. The weakest ones are always the sufferers by this practice. It costs little to construct enough feeding racks so that all can eat at once. The thriftiness of the flock is thorony to-

LUTHER AS A HUMORIST. His Geniality Tempered the Acrimony of His Zeal.

the scenery, and in a pleasant valley,

As one approaches Pretoria across close like the blacks.

PRETORIA STATION.

all the objectionable features

of the Boer embodied in its

buildings and general layout.

Such is very far from the

truth, thanks to the ener-

getic and progressive uitland-

ers who have settled there

and done much to beautify

the place.

Zeal tipped with humor is what made Luther so effective, says Samuel M. Crothers in the Atlantic Magazine. He struck heavy blows at the idols men adored. But he was such a genial, wholesouled iconoclast that those who were most shocked at him couldn't help but like him-between times. He would give a smashing blow at the idols and then a warm hand-grasp and a hearty "God bless you" to the idolater, and then idolater and iconoclast would be down on the floor together, trying to see if there were pieces of the idol-worth saving. It was all so shocking, and yet so unaffectedly religious and so surprisingly the right thing to do, that the upshot of it all was that people went away saying that Dr. Martin wasn't such a bad fellow after all. Luther's Table Talk penetrated circles which were well protected against his theological treatises. Men were conscious of a good humor even in his invective; for he usually gave them time to see the kindly twinkle in his eye before he knocked them down. In order to engage Karlstadt in a controversy he drew out a florin from his pocket and cried heartily: "Take it! Attack me boldly!" Karlstadt took it, put it in his purse and gave it to Luther. Luther then drank to his health. Then Karlstadt pledged Luther. Then Luther said, "The more violent your attacks the more I shall be delighted." Then they gave each other their hands and parted. One can almost be reconciled to theological controversy when it is conducted in a manner so truly sportsmanlike. Luther had a way of characterizing a person in a sentence that was much more effective than his labored vituperation (in which it must be confessed he was a master). Thus, speaking of the attitude of Erasmus, he said, "Erasmus stands looking at creation like a calf at a new door." It was very unjust to Erasmus, and yet the picture sticks in the mind; for it is such a perfect characterization of the king of mind that we are all acquainted with, which accompanying illustration will, there- red-hot coals and firewood, and in this

| fulness, curious not to know how that | Crow officiating, assisted by Revs. whether it leads to something to eat.

seem to arouse the slightest excitement

A Queer One.

From the Atlanta Constitution: One of the queerest marriage notices of the season appeared in a Georgia newspaper recently. It was as follows: "On the evening of the 13th inst. Miss Mol- filled, eh? Did the dentist do a good lie Buzzard was united in marriage to job? Smith-Well, he spared no Mr. John Hawk, the Rev. Jonathan pains.

Could Swear to That,

From Judge: Jones-Got your teeth

A FIELD BAKERY IN SOUTH AFRICA



their daily bread. It is no easy thing to feed 20,000 hungry Tommy Atkinses when these same gentlemen are engaged with the enemy a good disthe wide-eyed gaze of bovine youth- ish soldier is supplied with the staff the soldier boys.

One of the greatest problems which of life during active campaigning. The the English officer in South Africa has commissariat department is provided to face is that of duly giving his men with a large number of oblong, lightly built steel ovens, and these, with the usual corps of cooks, accompany the camp during every advance. When a position is taken up, the ovens are laid down and a trench built in front

A Brand New Christmas

(For the Children.)

The Barnes children couldn't have any Christmas this year. They live in the country, and there were trees enough, to be sure. But there was nothing to put on one to make it look "sparkly," as a tree ought to look, and there was not a penny to spend for tree trimmings.

The Barnes children, however, had a jollier time than they had ever had with a tree. Joe said so, and George said so, too; and Grace and Winnie agreed with them. This is how it was done. A delightful young auntie lives with them. They call her the Lady with a Bright Idea. She always has a new bright idea just in the nick of time, but this year it did seem as if the idea was brighter than ever. It fairly shone.

"We'll give the presents in a funny way," she said to the children. "Yes, we'll give them in two or three funny ways. You'll see!"

There was a very mysterious feeling in the air Christmas morning. Everybody loked at everybody else, and then they all smiled. Something good was going to happen. When the breakfast



THEN OFF THE CHILDREN RAN.

plates were lifted, there were little envelopes tied with gay ribbons. Such a time as the children had untying them! In each was a card, and on each card was a verse, signed, "The Christmas Postman."

Joe shouted as he read his aloud: "When you get this, dear Joe, You must straight away go

And look under your bed, But pray don't bump your head." Joe jumped up, but auntie called, "Here, you must wait until the rest have read their notes, and all start at

once." The verses were all short. George

read his next: "Look behind your closet door, For a great big package on the floor." Grace read:

"In the northeast chamber, out of sight.

Under the coverlet, snowy white, You'll find a gift if you search just right."

Last came Winnie's: "A present lies on the garret stair;

I think that Santa Claus dropped it there."

Then off the children ran to search for their presents. Such a stamping and scuffling and shouting as the grown people heard! Pretty soon they came rushing in, one after the other. Then such an untying of strings and tearing off of wrapping papers as there was!

"Auntie! Auntie!" they shouted. "These are your presents! You are the Christmas postman!"

Auntie's gifts were not to be mistaken. She made them nearly always, Joe's was an envelope album for scraps. Joe liked to cut all sorts of things out of newspapers and magazines. The scrap-album was made of twenty-six big brown envelopes, tied together by cords, in a pasteboard cover. They could be taken out when filled and new ones put in.

George's "great big package" was a wooden box made into a nice little store. It had shelves and counters, and a set of scales besides. Grace's gift was a fancy work bag,

with pockets holding embroidery silks. It had some crochet needles and a pair of embroidery hoops, and some pretty doilies ready to begin work on.

Winnie's gift was an afghan, pillow and strap for her doll carriage. The afghan was made out of pink and white worsted knitted in stripes. The pillow was of pink silk, over which was a cover of Swiss with a lace rutfie. The strap was a piece of white ribbon with little pink flowers painted

on it. As the children were exclaiming over these gifts, they were startled by a loud noise at the door that led into the dining room from the hall. Bang! Bang! The boys ran to open the door. There stood their father. He had

slipped away while they were upstairs, and they had not missed him. He had a trunk, covered with cotton and trimmed with evergreen, on his shoul-

"Express from Santa Claus," he

"Ho, ho! Express from Santa Claus!" the children shouted, dancing around the room.

It was a regular Christmas trunk, when opened. "Merry Christmas." was printed in green letters on a white ground inside the lid, and everything in the trunk was done up in white paper, tied with green cord. In each was stuck a sprig of evergreen. In the trunk were all the presents from papa and mamma to the children, and from the three grown folks to each other. Most of the gifts were homemade, and not costly, but all were rece ed with delight. There never was such a jolly Christmas trunk!

"Why, we haven't given our presents to each other!" cried Winnie at last. Each of the four children always had some trifling gift for the other three. "I'll tell you a nice way to give them!" exclaimed auntie. "All mark your presents with the first names of those they are for, and bring them to me. Then we'll go to the sittingroom and play 'hunt the thimble" with each bundle. The one whose name is on it must go out while we hide it." And off they trooped to collect their bundles and to spend a merry morning hunting for them .- Annie Willis Mc-Cullough in Youth's Companion.

A CHRISTMAS VISITOR,

Papa, Archie and May went to the woods to get a Christmas tree, and found just what they wanted-a little pine, bushy and straight.

"There is something I must cut off," said Archie. He pointed to a little bunch on one of the twigs, and pulled out his knife.

"No, no!" cried May, holding his hand. "Let it stay. It is a poor little caterpillar's house."

May was right. One Indian summer day a caterpillar, dressed in brown velvet, was taking a walk in the woods. At last he came to the little pine tree and thought to himself, "What a nice place to spend the winter!"

So he made himself a little house. He made it very tight and close, of fine, soft thread, and fastened up the door. He did not leave himself even a window to look out. If there had been one, how it would have surprised him to see that he and his house and the pine tree were riding in a sleigh

with pap and May and Archie! He would have been still more sur-

prised if he had seen the tree standing in the parlor, covered with toys and trinkets and little candles.

"It must be spring at last," he thought, for it was very warm in the

So he poked a hole in the wall of his house and out he came. But what do you think? He was not a caterpillar at all!

"Oh, see the lovely butterfly!" cried May.

He flew to the tip-top bough; and the children said there was nothing else on the tree so pretty as the but-

"He must have come down the chimney with Santa Claus!" said May, And



FLEW TO THE TIP TOP BRANCH. she never guessed that he came out of the caterpillar's house.

WHY SANTA CLAUS IS CUPID.

Santa Claus, the dear old stupid, Paid a call last night to Cupid. Brought him posies, gay old giver! Silver arrows and a quiver.

Then the wakeful boy, upstarting, Saw the saint in haste departing-Seized an arrow, thankless Cupid, Winged it straight at "dear Old Stupid."

This the way, and that the reason, Merry maids, this Christmas season, Find his bounty overflowing-Revel in its rich bestowing.

This is why, the country over, Morning smiled on lass and lover. This is why the dear old stupid Claims tonight that he is Cupid.

Those Christmas "C. O. D's." He was an active parcel boy. From house to house he'd range, And whatsoe'er your bill might be He always "had the change But cruel, coarse and changeless boys His efforts did deride. Until, from utter loneliness,

The little fellow died!

KEEP OLD SANTA CLAUS.



SANTA CLAUS AS WE KNOW HIM.

If all the little fictious, fairy tales he has sat enthroned for ages pass. and fancies dear to children were to be given up, what would become of the imaginations of the coming generation? We have been called a practical people. So we are, If anything, too practical. As we grow older the realities of life crowd thick and fast upon us. Why then seek to desirey one of the most beautiful ideals of child life?

Let the little ones hang up their stockings on Christmas eve. Let them believe in the dear old white-bearded man who is one of their happiest illusions, and, above all, let them be real children while they may, not minlature men and women, tired of the ideal side of life before they leave the

nursery for the schoolroom.

Yes, we believe that the best and truest mother can with perfect justice to both her children and herself conscientiously decide to keep Santa Claus in the especial niche in which

Give us Santa Claus! Throw the good old saint out into the snow? Put away those delicious Christmas eve dreams, when every stir in the household after dusk meant the stamp of a reladeer? Bring up a child without the belief in the chimney and its capacity to stretch on Christmas eve? No; a thousand times no!

There's too little poetry in life now.

Let the children have all of it they can get. Says a recent writer: "I wish there was a grown-up Santa Claus. I'd love to believe in him, and I would not thank anyone who told me he wasn't true, I'd listen to his sleigh bells with something very much like rapture, I'm afraid. It wouldn't be for the presents, either. That isn't why love him because he means that somewhere there's a great-hearted creature, who is thinking of them and planning all the year through to delight them."

WAS OF GREAT VALUE

THE COLLECTION OF THE LATE PROF. MARSH.

His Heirs Endeavor to Recover It from Yale University-Story of Prof. Marsh's Busy Life as an Educator in Above Named Institution.

On the death of the late Prof. Marsh, whose name in the scientific world ranks closely with that of Agassiz, the splendid collection of minerals of which he was the owner fell to the share of Yale university under the terms of the will. Prof. Marsh had been identified for many years with the chair of mineralogy in that institution, and he felt justified in the course which he took. But serious trouble has since arisen. On account of the monetary value of the collection, which is estimated to be worth several millions of dollars, the heirs of the late Prof. Marsh are bent upon contesting the will with the view to obtaining possession of the collection or the monetary equivalent, to be di-



PROF. OTHNEIL CHARLES MARSH. vided up between themselves. They have served notice on Yale and Yale in turn has employed legal counsel determined to leave no stone unturned in her efforts to retain possession of the collection which rightfully belongs to her. Prof. Marsh was one of the most celebrated instructors of the many who have figured in the history of Yale university. He was born in Lockport, N. Y., Oct. 29, 1831; and was the nephew of the late George Peabody, the banker and philanthropist, from whom he received most of the wealth which permitted him to complete his education and found the Peabody museum. The original gift for this purpose amounted to \$150,000. This has developed into what it was intended it should be, viz., a school of original research, as well as one of instruction. Prof. Marsh was fitted for college at Phillips academy at Andover, Mass., where he prepared to enter Yale, and graduated with the class of 1860. He renewed his studies at the Scheffield Scientific school, where he sought to prepare himself for the higher studies in natural history. He paid particular attention to mineralogy and geology, which he intended to make his life work. While on an exploring trip in Nova Scotia he discovered an important fossil reptile. His reconstruction and description of it gave him positive rank among scientists. This discovery determined Prof. Marsh to make paleontology his specialty, so he renewed his studies in the universities at Berlin, Heidelberg and Breslau. He spent much time during the vacation periods exploring the Alps and making researches in different parts of Germany. In 1866 he returned to the United States, where at Yale university the chair of paleontology, the first of its kind, was established. From this time on Prof. Marsh devoted a great deal of time to work of exploration in the far western part of the country, especially the Rocky mountain region. The first trip to the Rockies was made in 1868, and resulted in many important discoveries in his line of work. This trip was followed by others at frequent intervals, and parts of the Rocky mountains and foothills were traversed which had never before been visited by white men. So far into the forests and mountains did these little parties penetrate that on most occasions a strong escort from the regular army was necessary to protect them from the Indians. The remarkable collection produced as a result of these researches, not alone in the west, but in all parts of the country, are stored in New Haven. These works have been examined in part by Prof. Huxley and Darwin, the latter believing that some gave the strongest kind of evidence in support of his theories on evolution. Prof. Marsh took many honors, both in this country and abroad, and at the time of his death last spring held important offices in most of the leading scientific associations in the United States and continental Europe.

Sterlingworth-I think people should marry their opposites, don't you? Throckmorton-Of course I do. A self-made man should wed a tailormade woman .- Judge.

LONDON'S WOMAN BARBER.

She Is Learned in the Mysteries of Hypnotte Influence.

The Lady Barbers' association-the original one, mark you-has existed eleven years, says the Pall Mall Gazette. Its present address is 655 Chancery lane, and its latest proprietor Mme. St. Quentin, who has been in possession since June last. She is a charming and accomplished ladylearned in the mysteries of hypnotic influence, and has even views on Buddha. In response to the invitation contained in the announcement that madame was at home, coupled with the parenthetical promise of tea, the writer descended to the pleasant basement room, with the electric lamps diffusing brightly warm color through the crimson shades, and beheld the priestesses of the razor performing the customary rites upon various stubbly and upturned masculine chins. It seemed so entirely pleasant a process that the writer remembered with a secret joy that he had not shaved that morning. Presently it was his turn, and, placing his head upon the pad, he suffered himself to be lathered and prepared for sacrifice. To be shaved by a defthanded woman is almost a magical process. There is none of the "slishslashing" of the gentleman whom a bountiful nature intended to be a hedge carpenter. No, no. There is something smooth and gliding over one's cheek, with here and there the light pressure of delicate fingers, and, presto! one emerges with a chin that is equal without a shadow of deprecation to every domestic and ante-marital demand upon it.

BURIED TREASURE

Over Which a Blind Negro Has Raved for Thirty-Five Years.

There is an old negro, Uncle Tom Weston, down on the Florida side of the Okefinokee swamp, who has raved for 35 years about a buried treasure which he is unable to recover. He says his old master buried \$25,000 in gold during the civil war when Sherman's army was marching through Georgia. He carried the treasure box for h's master and dug the hole in the swamp in which the gold was buried. An accident made him blind before the war and he was not able to see where the treasure was concealed. His master died during the war without recovering the gold, and left no instructions concerning it. Uncle Tom has suffered from rheumatism for many years and is a cripple. Though he is blind and crippled Uncle Tom has made many trips to the swamp in quest of the hidden treasure only to be disappointed. The old man is afraid somebody has already recovered it, as he understands several parties instituted a search. He is the oldest negro in the Okefinokee region, and he sits on his door sill all day long wondering about the buried treasure and sorrowing because he must die without succeeding in recovering it.

IN THE PUBLIC EYE.

Sir Walter Francis Hely-Hutchinson has been governor of Natal and Zululand since 1893. On account of his recognized abilities he enjoys the good will and confidence of the crown. In dealing with the native chiefs he has been unusually successful, rarely ever having failed to carry his point. Befor taking up South African work this distinguished Briton was connected with Fijian affairs and also with af-



SIR W. F. HELY-HUTCHINSON. fairs in New South Wales. At one time he was lieutenant governor of Malta. Being the son of the fourth earl of Donougmore, he belongs to one of the most aristocratic of old English families.

Smallest Postoffice. California claims to have the smallest postoffice in the United States. It is located at Virginia, on a beautiful stretch of road between Escondido and San Diego, and consists of an old piano packing case, in size about seven feet high, six feet long and five feet wide. In its front are the locked doors to five private boxes, in addition to the general delivery window. No money: order business is transacted there, but the office has the monopoly of Virginia's stamp trade.

To make laws complete they should reward as well as penish.

MOULDERS OF DESTINY IN SOUTH AFRICA

The South African war will always | Irishman by birth, distinguished him- | the Cape, where he is engaged on "spebe notable for the number of new men | self early in the affairs of the Trans- | cial service." His highness is a major it brought so suddenly and so conspic- vaal campaign. He first saw service uously to the front. First among these in the Indian mutiny. There he was ar enthusiastic soldier, though it is a men, of course, is the British com- under Roberts at Kandahar, where his foregone conclusion that he will not mander-in-chief, Gen. Sir Redvers Bul- great bravery and dash attracted the have a very active part in the settling ler. This man is a soldier, a politician, attention of his superior officer, who is an administrator, an adjutant-general also an Irishman. Later White took years of age, and has lost his early asiah, in Afghanistan. He was made a

of affairs.

in the imperial army and an English part in the fierce struggles around Ka- fell mortally wounded in that fierce country squire. He is now over 60 bul, Sherpur, Sakhiti Shah and Char- engagement so early in the war, was slimness, but none of that earlier activ- knight for advancing at great risk, be greatly missed from the front in ity, solidity and unfailing self-reliance single-handed, along a ledge of rock the Natal field force, of which he was which distinguished him as an officer and shooting dead one of the Afghan commander. Col. Otter, the leader of

in the Fourth King's Royal rifles and

Major-Gen. Sir W. P. Symons, who a popular and gallant officer, and will in, successively, Canada, India, Egypt, leaders. It was Lord Dufferin who the Canadian troopers, has also seen



per that is volcanic in its fury. He | never would say two words where one would do. He is even repellant in his abruptness, but under the caustic crust there is said to be a kind and generous heart.

Sir F. Forestier Walker, who primarily had command of the South Af- ing academic or theoreticrican forces, is known among his al about this general. He friends as Freddy, being, as has been shines more on the battleat times said of Dewey, a little bit of field than he does in the council chama dandy, and handsome, tall slender ber and is a gruff, outspoken man, and the beau ideal of the aristocratic with indomitable will and a stern young Englishman. He is a typical guardsman, and his dress is always faultless. But he has fought so hard the Cape to take command of the cavin Egypt and among the ferocious alry, took part in the Nile expedition Zulus that people forget he is somewhat of a dude and think of him only as the hero of a hundred fights. He is only 44 years of age, and yet he has been advanced to the position of a gen-

eral officer. Lieut.-Gen. Lord Methuen, who was chosen for command of the First division in South Africa, enjoys the distinction of being the youngest lieutenant-general in the British army. He mand at Mafeking, has seen much joined the Scots guards in 1864, fought | service in South Africa. He first went in Ashanti in 1873, and in Egypt went to Natal with Sir Baker Russell in through Mahuta and Tel el Kebir. He 1884 and fought through the Bechuanwas also mixed up in the Bechuana- aland expedition. He also commanded land expedition and has had plenty of a flying column during the Zulu war minor campaigning to do in the north- and has always distingushed himself west of India, that ever ready practice for valor and discretion as an officer. ground of the British officer. His He is a genial and popular man, and is lordship is a courteous and polished still young, as officers go. gentleman, well tested by hardships in the field.

Gen. Sir George White, who is an royal family seeing actual warfare at lifeer of great tact and energy.

dian army. There is noth-

sense of duty. Major-Gen. French, who was sent to of 1884-85 and was mentioned in the

dispatches for signal bravery. He is one of the most promising of the younger generation of English officers, as also is Gen. Yule, who has come so prominently to the front of late, and who is a Canadian by birth. Lieut.-Col. Baden-Powell, who first came into notice during the Transvaal

war as special-service officer in com-

Prince Christian Victor of Schleswig-Holstein is the only member of the considerable active service and 1s and also in the Riel rebellion.

foxlike Joubert and the intrepid Croner Pretorius, who was wounded at a burner, extends through the reser-Elandslaagte, was also one of the best trained of the Boer officers, and his loss was no doubt keenly felt by his countrymen in the field. Another officer in whom the Boers place much faith is Gen. Jan Kock, who was originally in command of the Boer forces at Ingagnani, but was wounded early in the war. Commandant Botha, who was killed in the sortie at Kimberley, was a famous Dutch fighter who first distinguished himself at Brenkhorst Spruit. It was this same Kimberley engagement that brought forward Col. Murray as a fighting of-

HOW CAVALRY CROSS RIVERS



The accompanying illustration will give a good idea of how English cavalry cross the South African rivers. Each engineering corps is usually supplied with two collapsible boats, packed away in sections. When water is met with in a march to the front, the different sections of these boats are speedily bolted together, while the troopers divest their horses of all trappings, tying the same up in their horse cloths. After this eight troopers at a time cross the water in each boat, carrying their arms and accouterments with them, and swimming four horses on each side of their little craft.

Homes Built Off Shore.

In Tupuselei, in new Guinea, the houses are built on piles in the open ocean, a good distance from the shore. The object of this is to protect the inhabitants against sudden attacks of the kindly head hunters, who always are on the lookout for victims, whose heads they need in their business. Other villages in this happy land are perched up in all but inaccessible trees for the collar abuts against the under side of cargoes as water. same weighty reason.

CURRENT NOTES OF DISCOVERY AND INVENTION.

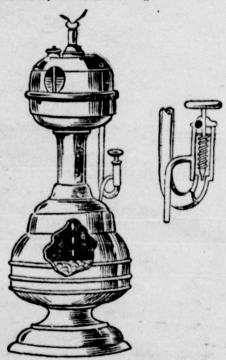
A Portable Acetylene Gas Lamp-Warranted Not to Bruise-The Scientific Theory of Blushing-Electrical Hair-Cutting.

Scientific Theory of Blushing. It is just as natural for some persons to blush as it is for others to turn pale. The same laws of nature which govern the one govern the other. The capillaries, or small blood vessels, which connect the arteries and veins in the body, form, particularly over the cheeks, a network so fine that it is necessary to employ a microscope to distinguish them. Ordinarily the blood passes through the vessels in normal quantities, leaving only the natural complexion. But when some sudden emotion acts on the heart, its action increases, and an electric thrill instantly leaps to the cheeks. The thrill is nothing more than the rush of blood through the invisible capillaries just beneath the delicate transparent surface of the skin. The causes that bring this condition in the circulating system are called mental stimuli. They consist of joy, anger, shame and many other emotions. Sudden horror, remorse or fear, on the contrary, influence the nerves which control the blood vessels, and the face becomes white. Blushing and pallor result from the sudden action of the mind on the nervous system. So, if the mind be forewarned and prepared for emotions, both habits can at least be partially overcome. But when the nervous system be highly strung, it would be a lifelong, if not a futile task, to endeavor to effect a perfect cure. It is the sensitive, nervous girl who blushes easily, while the girl stolid of nature, or who by conventional education has her nerves under perfect control, seldom blushes .- Philadelphia Times.

A Remarkable Earthquake. On July 19 last the city of Rome undulated with the waves of an earthquake for nearly half a minute. The famous monuments of antiquity scattered in and about the city were strongly shaken, but, fortunately, no serious damage was suffered by them. The great columns in the Forum rocked visibly, and a large stone crashed down from the Colosseum. A strange atmospheric effect, which has before been observed during great earthquakes, was very noticeable on this occasion. People who rushed in alarm from their houses were drenched with a torrent of rain that poured from light gray clouds which almost instantaneously gathered in a perfectly clear sky as soon as the earth began to

A Portable Acetylene Gas Lamp.

A new acetylene lamp has been inlooked upon as an officer of promise. vented by an inventor of Josserand, He fought throughout the Fenian raid Tex., which is particularly adapted for use as a table lamp, and which is ar-Of the Boer officers, the wily and ranged to insure a uniform, perfect and brilliant light. The lamp comje are, of course, the most important. prises a base supporting a bowl form-Gen. Cronje will be remembered as the ing a generator in which the calcium vanquisher of Jameson in the battle carbide is contained and in which gas at Krugersdorp and is generally re- is generated. A cap screws on the garded as the best fighting man in the generator and terminates in a pipe by Boer army. He fought at Laingsnek which a water reservoir is supported. and is fearless and daring. Command- A tube, provided at its upper end with



voir and serves to conduct the gas. Water is supplied from the reservoir to the generator below by means of a pipe provided with an automatic valve. As shown in the enlarged detail view, this valve has a downwardly extending stem fitting loosely in the end of the waterpipe and an upwardly extending steam receiving the end of a rod screwed in a cap closing the valve chamber. The screw-rod is provided with a collar enlarged at its lower end by a spring coiled around the stem. A tube opening into the valve chamber above the valve conducts the water to the generator. When the screwrod is screwed down the valve is seated to cut off the water supply, but when the rod is screwed out until the

SCIENTIFIC TOPICS. the cap so as to allow the spring to hold the valve loosely to its seat, then the water rises in the valve chamber and flows, drop by drop, to the generator. When the gas pressure overbalances the water pressure the valve is seated, thus preventing the further generation of gas. When the gas pressure has diminished, the valve is opened by the water, and generation is resumed. The supply of carbide can be replenished by unscrewing the generator cap and placing the required quantity of the material within the bowl. The water reservoir can be filled by means of a filling cap.

Warranted Not to Bruise.

A Philadelphia inventor has devised a fender for automobile or trolley cars, the principal of which is shown in the illustration. The fender is made of inflated hose, tied gether in the shape of a locomotive cow-catcher. The special advantage claimed for the inven-



tion is that there is no metal framework to bruise a person struck by it.

Artificial Sponges.

A German technical journal describes a method of manufacturing artificial sponges, recently invented and patented by Dr. Gustav Pum of Graz, Germany. The process consists principally in the action of a solution of chloride of zinc on pure cellulose. The results are products which swell up with water, but turn horny and hard on drying. In order to retain for the product the property of also absorbing water after drying, certain chemicals are employed in treating the cellulose with zinc chloride, and finally the product is subjected to a mechanico-plastic treatment. For example, the cellulose is treated with concentrated zinc chloride solution and sodium chloride (common sait) whereby a pasty viscous mass is obtained which is mixed with coarse-grained rock salt. The plastic mass thus obtained is pierced in a press mould with pins, after whose removal the pressed material appears traversed by small canals in all directions. The excess of salts is removed by washing one or two days with alcohol and water. The product thus obtained can take the place of natural sponge in all its uses. and may especially serve for filtering water for sanitary and industrial purposes. It is also suitable for filling up life preservers, for the production of anchor buoys, as well as in surgery for absorbing secretions, etc.

Electrical Hair-Cutting.

A French scientific journal, L'Electricien, describes an electric substitute for the barber's scissors. It consists of a comb, carrying along one side of its row of teeth a platinum wire through which flows an electric current. As the comb passes through the locks to be shorn, the heated wire instantaneously severs the hairs, leaving them of even length, and sealing the cut ends as in the ordinary process of singeing with a taper. A similar device is a curling iron, kept at an even temperature by an electric wire in the in-

Scientific Jottings.

The cultivation of fruit trees along the highways of France is being extended each year, the government having adopted this practice as a source of revenue, so that now roadside fruit cultivation has become an important

branch of national industry. An account of the application of liquefied carbonic acid gas to extinguish underground fires was given by George Spencer at the recent meeting of the Institution of Mining Engineers, says Nature. At a colliery with which Mr. Spencer was connected a fire occurred in a heading, as the result of a fall of roof and sides on steam pipes. The heading was built off with as little delay as possible, but notwithstanding all efforts to shut out the air, sufficient reached the seat of fire to keep it burning slowly. It was, therefore, decided to apply carbon dioxide, and for this purpose six cylinders of liquefled gas were successfully used. It is not claimed that the method described can be successfully applied to all fires, but there are undoubtedly many cases, which might be so treated. In case of fire on shipboard, the use of carbon dioxide would no doubt prove invalua-, ble, as it could be quickly applied and would not cause the same damage to

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The less there is in a dude's pockets the better his clothes fit him.

A man's height in the social world is estimated by the length of his purse.

A Philadelphia young man, who is heir to \$5,000,000, has been abducted. Search the girls.

New York is enthusing over a young violinist by the name of Petschnikoff. He certainly has the name of a genius.

lawyer, is the central figure in court, but the "czar" privileges are entirely history.

The Hon. Thomas Reed, practicing

All other dramatic failures of the season have been as naught compared with Capt. Carter's debut as the American Dreyfus.

The Pitusburg Telegraph says: "Sausage links are now more conspicuous than golf links." Let it be hoped that neither variety will join the missing links.

That Chicago "buggy robber" is not wholly up to date in his extensive operations. He should ride in a horseless carriage and commit only cashless robberies.

An exchange is worried over a New York paper's headline reading: "General Wood Ordered Home by Cable." Perhaps "General Wood Ordered (by cable) Home" might be more intelligible to some exchange editors.

The humorist's assertion that talk is cheap, women half price, seems in the whirligig of time to have brought in its own revenges. At the recent international council of Congregationalists, every speaker exceeded the time allotted him, thus encroaching upon the privileges of his successor. At a subsequent meeting of a state federation of women's clubs, only a single speaker overstepped the limit of time, and the exception was a man!

Persons sometimes wonder why patent medicines, prepared foods and other proprietary articles take such outlandish and heretofore unheard-of names. Mr. Duell, the commissioner of patents, in an address on trademarks before the commercial congress made it clear. The government cannot allow a man to use his own name as a trademark, for other men may have the same name. Neither can he use a geographical term, for other pedple have a right to that as well. Any descriptive word denoting the qualities or ingredients of the article is also unavailable, for other producers might use the same materials and be entitled to the same descriptive ad-

Interrogation, as a figure of speech. may be made quite effective when used by a writer, but must be treated warily by the orator, lest it provoke disconcerting replies. Mr. Andrew Carnegie delights in repeating a story of his youthful days in Scotland. He says that a minister, who gave full value for salary received, and ordinarily preached for an hour, one morning, when in splendid condition, spoke for an hour and a half. Then, without turning a hair, he remarked that what he had hitherto spoken concerned the major prophets. He would now turn to the minor prophets. "But what place," he asked dramatically, "shall we reserve for Malachi?" Just here a restless sister of the flock rose from her seat under the pulpit, noisily dropped her psalm-book, made her way down the aisle, and after opening the heavy, creaking door, turned to face the astonished pastor and people. "Malachi," she said, succinctly, "Malachi may have my place!"

The aggregate number of passengers carried during the year ending June 30, 1898, as returned in the annual reports of railways, was 501,066,-681, indicating an increase, as compared with the year ending June 30, 1897, of 11,621,483. The number of passengers carried one mile during the year was 13,379,930,004, there being an increase of 1,122,990,357 as compared to the year previous. The increased density of passenger traffic is shown by the fact that in 1898 the number of passengers carried one mile per mile of line was 72,462, as compared with 66,874 for the previous year. The corresponding figure for 1893, however, was 83,809. The number of tons of freight carried during the year was 879,006,307, there being an increase of 137,300,361. The number of tons of freight carried one mile was 114,077,576,305, which, compared with the previous year, shows the large increase of 18,938,554,080. The number of tons of freight carried one mile per mile of line was 617,810, which is 98,731 greater than the corresponding item for the year preced-



"TURKEY ACTRESS"

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A pretty little Thespian said to me | the other day:

"I must look out for a turkey job for Christmas.'

"Why, what do you mean?" I queried.

"What, haven't you heard of 'turkey actors'?"

"I know plent; of actors who are geese, and a few actresses who are ducks," was the reply.

"Oh, dear, no! Turkey actors are those who only get an engagement for Thanksgiving or Christmas or New

"And how long can they live on

that?" "Well, it's better than nothing, I engaged for twenty dollars and expenses last Christmas to play Alida Bloodgood in "The Streets of New

York.' Oh, what an experience!" "Come in here," quoth I, "and over a brimming bumper of chocolate or a

wild wassail of tea, tell me all." And as we lunched together she told

me this: "They sent for me from a dramatic agency, said the money was sure and almost any dresses would do. Alida is the daughter of a banker in the play, but they said that in the town where we were to perform on Christmas night they wouldn't know the difference. However, I fixed up three changes

without spending a cent. "We were all to meet the manager at the ferry in Jersey City. He didn't appear, but sent a message that he'd see us in the town.

"We all paid our fares-I had forty cents left-and reached the place pretty well disgusted.

At the hotel they viewed us suspiciously, as we had no trunks, and there we learned that the matinee had been abandoned, no seats having been

"We had a rehearsal instead, and it was six o'clock before I staggered into the hotel, only to learn that we couldn't have any supper unless we paid for it individually.

"I sent word to our manager that I had no money and shouldn't play without my supper.

"This brought him to my door in a hurry. He knocked, and entered with a surprised air. "'Why, my dear,' he said, 'there's

some mistake." "'I think there is,' I replied, spiritedly. 'If I don't have any supper I

don't go on. "'Why, that'll be all right, my dear. We'll go out together, and you shall

hav supper with me.'
And he laid his arm affectionately
on my shoulder.

"I gave him a good push, and he fell up against the foor. Oh, how angry he

"'What are you doing?' he shouted. "'Rehearsing you in the character of a gentleman, said I, and you won't

"He went out and banged the door, but a very nice supper came up to me later. Still I remembered the gleam of hate in his eyes and was on my guard.

"We had a very good house that night and felt a little encouraged. As I stood looking out of the peephole in the curtain, the property boy brushed against me.

'Beg pardon,' he said, hurriedly, but I've been workin' so hard an' nothin' to eat so that I'm as weak as a rat. I've had no supper.'

'You shouldn't go without your supper,' I said.

'I ain't got the price.'

"I gave him half of my forty cents. "'Go out and get a cup of coffee and a sandwich.'

"He took the money with a grateful

look and disappeared.

"The play went on. So did he, for



"I WANT GREENBACKS."

that matter, for he played two parts, poor little soul!

"At the end of the third act he knocked at my dressing room door. "'Say, you're Miss Hallett, ain't

"'Well, I got somethin' I want to say to yer on the quiet.'

"I finished dressing and came out, 'You certainly was good to me,' he said with a grin, 'an' now it's turn about.

"What do you mean?" "Just this. The boss-the manager, I mean-just sent me up to the hotel to get five dollars changed into pennies an' nichels an' ten cent pieces.'

"'Well, what has that to do with

" 'Plenty! He's a-makin' up salaries out front in the office, an' he's alaughin' with another feller. He's going to pay you your salary in pennies an' nickels an' dimes.' 'I don't believe it.'

"'Well, you can. I heard him tell

the other feller, an' they think it's a great joke. He's down on you for some reason or other. Don't gimme away."

"And so he disappeared again. "So this was the manager's con-

temptible revenge. "Twenty dollars in nickels and pen-

"I called the stage manager.

"'Don't ring up the curtain, Mr.

Clarke,' I said, 'for I shan't go on until I get my salary.' "But, my dear what I said, was my

rejoinder, as I went back to my dressing room.

"I thought of Patti refusing to put on her slippers until poor old Mapleson had produced \$4,000-how she got two thousand, simply put on one slipper and waited.

"Heavens! Suppose they had paid her in nickels and pennies!

"The manager came dashing back. "'What's this, Miss Hallett?'

"'I want my salary.'

"'Salaries will be paid immediately after the performance.'

" 'Mine must be paid now or the performance will not be finished.' "In awkward position he drew a

newspaper package from his overcoat pocket. It seemed heavy, and I heard the clink of coin. "Awful lot of silver tonight," he

said, as he handed me the parcel. "I dropped it scornfully.

"'I want greenbacks,' I said firmly. "'But I haven't---'

"'Greenbacks or no performance,'

repeated calmly. "You should have seen his facel-"You should have seen the property boy contorting himself with delight be-

hind a 'set house.'

"With the 'smothered curse' of the melodrama the manager picked up the scattered coins and marched away. A twenty-dollar bill came back to me in a few moments and the play ended in orthodox fashion.

"But what do you think of that for meanness?"

"I'm speechless," said I. "Encore the oolong, please! I must steady my nerves!"

Made Him Walt.

"Mrs. Hopkins, where is that Christmas present you said you had bought for me?"

"Well, Mr. Hopkins, you talked so beabout hard times that I put it away until your birthday."-Chicago

Mamma had received a book of synonyms for Christmas. Hattie was telling a friend the presents each one received, and she ended by saying: "Oh, yes, mamma got a book of class-

GREAT IS SIBERIA.

HAS AN AREA AS CREAT AS UNITED STATES.

And Nearly All of It Is Wheat Growing Land - How to Colonize It with Russians Is the Czar's Bewildering Problem.

With regard to the future colonization of this outlying portion of the empire of the czar, there is no doubt that an unmistakable gain will be derived, for the growth of the population in Siberia, where an area of 13,-400,000 square miles is inhabited by only 7,100,000 souls, and where the extraordinary wealth in minerals, woods and arable land still awaits exploitation, will certainly proceed with greater strides than heretofore, says Arminius Vambery in the Pall Mall. Without giving implicit faith to Russian official statistical data, it may fairly be assumed that, owing to the particular care the government has always taken as to further colonization, the eminently agricultural Russian will probably avail himself of the offered facilities, and that the population in the hitherto empty lands will considerably increase. It may be objected that Russia, the most the ly populated country in Europe, will hardly find a surplus to provide for the newly opened territory; but it must be borne in mind that the Russian peasant is noted for his migratory propensities. And, besides, since the emancipation of the serfs in 1861, the agricultural proletariat having steadily grown-the annual amount is computed to be 800,000 men-it is almost certain that it will easily drift in an eastern and southeastern direction, augmenting thereby the total of the population. So far we readily agree with the Russian statistics; but we cannot subscribe to their prophesies as to the quickness and extraordinary high number of that growth. The calculation that in the lapse of the next hundred years the above-mentioned area of 1,187,000 square kilometers will have a population of 60,000,000 or 80,000,000 is certainly exaggerated and at all events inconsistent with the increase hitherto noticed in more favorably situated and more accessible centers of western Russia. Even in the most fertile districts of southwestern Russia the density of population remains far behind that of other European countries, for whereas one reckons upon one square kilometer in France, 71.5, in Germany 91.5, in Italy 106.5, in England 122, and in Belgium 210 inhabitants, in southern Russia we have only 48.4.

SAVES A TIME-KEEPER'S English Invention Which Records the

Arrival of Workmen

From the London Mail: The latest mechanical time recorder for use in factories and other places of employment is called "the guv-nor," and it not only registers the precise minute at which the employe arrives at his work, but it photographs him neatly and expeditiously on a film, so that his employer may see just how he looked when he pressed the button. Many virtues are claimed for "the guv'nor" by the patentees. Its accuracy and simplicity of operation are held to be the chief advantages which recommend it to the favor of large employers of labor. In point of size and general appearance "the guv'nor" is a good deal like a polished oak portable pho-, tographic camera. To insure correct results the instrument must be so fixed against a door that the light, being at the back of the employe as he faces the lens, will fall through a glass. lid into the box. That is the single condition of success. All that is further necessary is for the employe tolook squarely at the lens, smile softly if he feels that way, and push the knob that protrudes invitingly from the box. As he does so he will ring a bell and expose a section of celluloid film upon which the face of a small clock showing the exact minute at which he arrived will be photographed. Immediately beneath the clock face his own will be "fixed by a sunbeam in eternal prime" for future reference. For days when there are no sunbeams a special contrivance has been provided in the shape of a regulator at the side marked 'Fine, medium and dull," and a small indicator moved round to the proper description will arrange an exposure to suit the prevailing atmospheric conditions. Each instrument contains twelve feet of film, upon which 288 pictures may be taken, and for establishments with a greater number of hands larger machines can be supplied. Apart from its purely commercial uses "the guv-nor" promises to furnish a highly interesting record for anyone who may want to turn up old films and see how he looked on each morning of the year.

As to Marrying Opposites. From Puck: Sterlingworth-I think people should marry their opposites, don't you? Throckmorton-Of course I do. A self-made man should wed &

LOCAL CHIPS.

Remember you will get no paper next week.

For Lime call on J. J. Vestal. Jewelry for sale at Pearce's Drug Store.

H. D. Pearce returned to Ballinger first of the week.

ed the prrty at Mr. rnd Mrs. Cope- Saturday night. land's last Friday night,

Store. Price \$1.00

Mrs. J. I. Murtishaw and daughter were among the Xmas shoppers. They live across on Wild tree next Saturday. All presents Cat.

Call and see the nice presents at Pearce's Drug Store. Plenty of fire works on hand too.

Misses Lucy and Ellen Mobley from over on Wild Cat were shopping in town during the past

Each purchase of fifty cents worth of Holiday goods from Mrs. at an eight nollar Album.

Mrs. Durham and Miss Mattie, they will get it for you. of Sauce, were shopping in town last Monday.

Dillon C. Dannelley deals in day returning the next day. Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware. and Confectioner es, Ballinger ered free by Mrs. Ingram. Texas.

Married. At the residence of rest and celebrate next week. the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Trammell on last Friday morning, Mr, Tom Hooten and Miss Lillie Trammell were happily united as man and wife, by Judge M. H. Davis. Only the bride's family and a few of the grooms friends witnessed the ceremony, which was performed in the Judge's usual easy and happy manner. An inviting wedding breakfast was served a few hours Liter and Mrs. Trammell gave the happy couple a party at night. The Rustler ex ends best wishes

640 acres of land, about 75 acre under fence, 15 in cultivation, good dirt, tank, Dwelling house, time those favored with invitaabout 9 miles north of Robert Lee For further information call on Perryman & Averitt.

last Salurday.

Prof. J. A. Thomas, of Ft. Chadbourne, was in town last Satur-

The Christmas tree at Rock Springs School House will be held Monday night.

Dillon C Dannelley dealer in Dry goops, Groceries, Hardware, and confectioneries, Ballinger, Texas. Give him a call.

mas tree at their school-house.

NOTICE! The tax-payers of the Robeat Lee High School District whose names we did not get. are notified that their taxes must be paid on or before January, Dry Goods, Groeeries, Hardware, 1900, or cost will be added. H. Burroughs, Assessor and Col- Texas.

up-to date, will have a tree Mon-

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Copeland's good year for his work. List Friday night.

plete stock of merchandise at ments at Pearce's, prices to suit the short cotton crop. J. D. Collier and Co.

Edith, Texas.

Big stock of all kinds of fire works at Pearce's.

Attend the "Christmas Tree" Saturday night. It will be at the M. E. Church.

Pasturage. Can feed fifty head on sugar cane and can pasture 150 mare. Plenty of water and good grass. B. L. Acrey Kobert Lee, Texas.

Messrs J. E. Stewart and J. W. Reed bave the thanks of the ex-Mr. Otis Copeland and Mr. Don pectant children for paying for Carlyle, of Colorado City, attend- the hauling of the tree to be used

Call and see samples of cheap The Haydeu Cranfill conspiracy and fine tailor made clothing, at trial is on sale at Pearce's Drug Lewis Bros, fit and satisfaction gnaranteed.

> A number of most estimable ladies have the dressing of the should be sent to the Church as early as possible Saturday.

Take a look at Mrs. Ingram's Christmas goods.

Messrs. Merchant and Patteson have recently treated themselves to a new book case and lots of books for use in their Law and Land office.

If you want anything in the Ingram will receive free a chance drug line. Call at Pearce's Pharmacy. If they haven't it in stock

> Prof. O. W. Gardner made a quick trip to Angelo last Satu: -

Remember the fine Album off-

The printers will have a little

F. L. and R. H. Harris willgive \$100. reward for the arrest and conviccion of any person killing or stealing any of their stock.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Copeland entertained a number of their that Mattie and George McDon young friends at their comfortable ald have seperated, and everyoue home, last Friday night. They is warned not to trade for any live near Meadow Mountain about stock branded, TY fourteen miles up the river. The youth and beauty of that part of left thigh, said stock belonging to the country were there and enjoy- Mrs. Mattie McDonald, nor to ea the evening untill into the next trade for or buy any other propermorning. The editor ased to at- ty belonging as above. tend parties at "Uncle Newt's" many years ago in Runnels County and knows that it was a good tions had. Following is a list of those present: Misses Annie Hanks, Jennie Scott, Cassie Don-Geo. Hannaford was in town egh, Susie Brown, Lula Newton, Birdie Pearce, Mollie Good, Annie Good, Belle Reed, Kellie Brown, Nellie Goss, Trecie Raymer. and Daisy Perry, and Messrs. Otis Copeland, Don Carlyle, Tom At- dy, accompanied them. nett, Bass Arnett, Charlie Copeland, Jim Brown, Prof. F. E. Thomas, Jim Reed, Raymond High School will spend the holi-Johnston, Earl Johnston, Charlie Poct, Robert Arnett, Harry Copeland, Geo. Goss, Charlie Goss. Tom Goss, Enoch Sparks, Fred Cn Monday night the Indian Blackwell, Clem Hallmark, Wal Creek people will have a Christ- ter Perry, Dave Reed, Mr. J. R. Arnett and family and Mr. Noah Bell and family and many others

> Dillon C. Dannelley, dealer in and Confectionaries, Ballinger

Mr. and Mrs. Whitesides were The Hayrick community, always shopping in town last Saturday,

Bro. Clark, the new Methodist minister preached last Sunday obtain at this writing. Misses Lula Newton and Bir- night. The hearers all praise die Peare attended the party at him, and the Rustler predicts a

Christmas tree candles and can We now have a new and com- dles and candle-holders and orna-

> town Wednesday buying Christ- ams accompanied them, mas presents, etc.

Edwin Jameson, son of W. G. Prof. Savage will spend the hol | Angelo Monday. Mrs. Latham Jameson, near Silver, was down idays with his parents at Brown- accompanied him, last Sunday night for some medi- wood. We expect him back about January the first.

the week at home here.

A Big Display

AT MISTROT BROS. & CO.

Of DOLLS, TOYS, and, in fact, a nice line of Christmas Goods We are making the prices, and the "Rush is ox."

BLANKETS, CAPES, BOYS, YOUTH'S AND MEN'S SUITS, OVERCOATS, AND A Complete line of Dry Goods, Shoes, and Boots.

We claim to buy goods cheaper than our Competetors, as we have 23 Retail Stores and a large wholesale astablishment. Which places us in position To carry out our claims.

We haven't time to quote prices, but cordially invite you to call and get our prices.

Our Ladies' fine \$2.00 Kid button Shoes; Regular, but our leader for \$1,35 Are big values and fast sellers. See the pair we have cut open at our store.

25cts gets each of the following articles: 8 spools of best thread, 6 large pencil Tablets, Set of Plates, Pair of men's rubber shoes, and many other equally good

Fifteen per cent off untill Jan. 1st on all our trunks. This alone is a big saving over and above our already low prices.

Remember our price, that one and all and our aim, to sell and please you So that we may be able to sell you again.

YOURS TO PLEASE,

MISTROT BROS. & CO.

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

Notice.

All persons are hereby warned

(Y under T) on left hip or

T. S. Vaughn.

Gin Notice.

The Robert Lee gin will run every Friday hereafter and the mill will grind every other Saturday as here-to-fore.

L. H. McDorman & Co

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Shook were up shopping Mondac. Mrs. Shook's sister, a pretty young la-

Miss Lambert, who has taught the primary department of our days at her home in Comanche County. Miss Lambert is a young lady of rare accomplishments and her friends will miss her much.

J. E. Stewart came in Wednesday with some more Dhristmas

The following named ladies have kindly consented to take charge of the dressing of the Christmas tree tomorrow (Saturday); Mesdames D. T. Averitt, W. B. Harrison, J. S. Gardner, and Miss Lula Newton. These ladie will be assisted by others whose names we are nuable to

J. A. Gardner Sr. has gone to Weatherford to spend the rehim a plkasant stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Low, from Bronte were up Monday looking at the Will and Roy Warren were in Xmas displays. Miss Carrie Ad-

Dr. J. B. Latham Went over to

B. F. Moutgomery resignad as school trustee last Saturday. H. P. Mart Trammell is spending H. Pearce was selected to fill the

J. E. Stewart

Is "in it" with a large and well assorted stock of

Holiday Goods,

---CONSISTING OF-

Fire-works, Fine Presents.

And GIFTS of every description at prices ranging

From 5 cents up.

Look at my stock of Dolls, Albums, Toys, Candies, Also Fruits and numerous other desirable things not mentioned.

Don't fail to see my goods before you purchase.

We have the BEST, CHEAPEST, NEATEST AND CLEANEST line of

Tin and Glassware

Ever brought to the county. Drop in and take a look at Our prices and quality. It will pay you.

Yours For Business,

J. E. Stewart.

was shopping here Monday.

Mrs. Jack Miles and Miss Can- instant, a boy. non were in town Monday.

W. J. Edwards has sold the Emainder of the winter, We wish dith and Tennyson mail lines to John Edge, of San Sabe County, who will run it awhile.

Read

Wanted-An Idea &

Mrs. J. W. Hastings of Sauco, Born. To Mr. and Mrs. Will Gunnels, on last Friday the 15th

> Born, To Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Blair, on Dec. 19th, a boy.

Miss Ada Fry has consented to assist in dressing the Christmas tree gaturday.

Miss Stella Pierce was shopping in town Wednesday.

Tuesday, Wednesday, and yesterday were cold, muddy, cloudy days in this city.

Read our boliday supplement It is the first in the history of

Coke County Rustler LIEUT. BRUMBY.

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TEXANETTES.

Sherman has a broom factory.

Parties are boring for oil at Burnet. Ennis has organized a charity society.

Detroit is to have an electric light plant.

A cotton seed oil mill is to be built at Detroit.

The Texas and Pacific is improving its dam at Bonham.

In a friendly scuffle at Greenville, Gus Baird was stabbed.

The total matriculation of Sherman's public schools is 1846.

Several handsome residences are being erected at Bonham. The tenth cavalry (colored) is to be

stationed at Bracketville. The contract has been let for the Y.

M. C. A. building at Paris. Seventeen carloads of oranges passed

through Bonham a few days ago. A temale vender at Tyler named Willis was robbed of \$225, taken from

his stand. The Abilene presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian church met at

H. Techmeyer, a traveling man, had a foot horribly crushed by a train at Flatonia.

Scarlet fever caused the public schools at Ccimesneil to close until

Train-rocking flends are pursuing their nefarious work at two or three points in the state.

Ed Steger will erect a mammoth barn at Bonham. It will be one block long and capable of accommodating burden of his thought during the lat-600 horses.

S. G. Huddleston has been appointed superintendent of the Gulf and Brazos Valley railway, with headquarters at miral. Mineral Wells.

A young man named Hudson fell from a tree at Dike, Hopkins county, and sustained injuries from which he died in a few hours.

Moses Gimel has filed a petition in at \$3523 and no assets save wearing apparel, which is exempt.

Attorney General Smith has gone to Washington to represent the state in the Waters-Pierce Oil company case before the United States supreme court.

Henry Johnson, an aged colored man, was adjudged guilty at Waco of selling without a license whisky to cotton pickers. He was given a light sentence.

The jury at Decatur in the case of Rev. A. D. Rodgers against the Fort Worth and Denver railroad for \$10,000 for alleged damage sustained on the company's train, allowed Mr. Rodgers \$2200.

Sheriff Cabell of Dallas was notified that over two miles of copper telephone wire was stolen between that city and Fort Worth. Copper wire is valuable and finds a ready market at all times.

A greater number of farmers have traded with cash this year at Thornton, Limestone county, than for years before, and the proportion of cash buying farmers is safely and largely increased for 1900.

Ex-Confederate General Longstreet and wife are at Mason. In 1858, while a captain in the United States army, Gen. Longstreet was stationed at Fort Martin Scott, and while there purchased Mason county land. His business is in connection with same.

Mark Robinson, Jr., was thrown from a wagon near Madison and instantly killed.

The house famine continues at Corsicana without any indication of speedy relief. The town is full of strangers, most of whom want to rent residences, and there is not a residence for rent in the city. Four-room box houses that did not cost exceding \$350 are readily renter at \$10 per month.

Waxahachie has already commenced preparations looking to the entertainment of the State Firemen's association, which convenes in that city next May. A large amount of money is being subscribed, and Waxahachie will make the occasion a red-letter event healthy ship, but will meet next for the Texas fire fighters.

Admiral Dewey's Flag Officer Dies at Garfield Hospital.

A BRILLIANT YOUNG

He Was Regarded as an Engertic and Capable Assistant and Was at the Head of Mis Grade.

Washington, Dec. 18.-Lieut. Thos. M. Brumby, flag lieutenant to Admira. Dewey during the Manila campaign, who has been ill with typhoid fever for shortly after 6 o'clock yesterday even-

The lieutenanant's present illness dated from about the 27th of Novemmore than a cold, whi h, however, failed to yield to treatment, and soon afterward he went to the Garfield hospita' where he died.

The death of Lieut. Brumby, while not unexpected, was a great shock to Admiral Dewey. The relations of the two men for several years past have friendship had grown up between them Lieut. Brumby went out to the Asiatic station with Admiral Dewey and had been with him until they both returned to the United States several months ago. In his capacity as a flag lieutenant to the admiral Lieut. Brumby was thrown with his chief practically all the time and acted as his personal representative in many matters of detail, delegated to him by the commanding officer. He was regarded by Admiral Dewey as a bright, energetic and capable assistant, while the devotion of the latter to the admiral was something marvelous. The ter days of his illness, before his mind was wrecked with delirium, seemed to

his attentions to him until his condi- shared their views. tion became precarious and visitors were not allowed to see him. Some and Thursday she was joined by her at Windsor when she leared of the debankruptcy. His liabilities are placed husband, both remaining with him feat of Buller. until he died. Brumby's aged mother is still living in Marietta, Ga.,

> The father, who is dead, was a colonel of the fourteenth Georgia regiment in the confederate army.

Lieut. Brumby was 44 years of age and unmarried. Nothing definite has been decided concerning the funeral except that the body will be taken to Georgia for interment, leaving here tonight for Atlanta. It is entirely improbable that Admiral Dewey will accompany the remains, but will designate his secretary, Lieut. H. H. Cald-

well, to perform that duty. Lieut. Brumby was appointed a naval cadet from Georgia, entering the service on the 29th of September, 1873. and his present commission dates from the 25th of August, 1892. Practically all the time during the last two years he has been with Admiral

In his report of the battle of Manila Admiral Dewey spoke in very terms of the sercomplimentary vices and gallantry of his flag lieutenant and recommended that he be advanced some numbers on the list of lieutenants. His recommendation was adopted by the navy department and the name sent to the senate, but together with a number of other promotions made by the department failed to be acted upon.

The Willowdene.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 18 .- The British steamer Willowdene, Capt. Anderson, from Rio de Janeiro via Santos, coffee laden, thirty-six days out, arrived at Port Eads and is now at the Mississippi quarantine station.

Her crew consists of twenty-five men. All are in excellent health and there was no sickness aboard during the voyage. The vessel will be put through the strict fumigation and unloading process provided by the United States treasury regulations. The ship took part of r cargo of coffee at Santos, and oth English and American consuls testify that the

the American consul testines that the sine was thereathly districted, and since then she has been at sea thirt, six days with not a case of sickness aboard.

The board of health is not certain of its powers in prohibiting entry to a Thursday to decide finally. The ship has 43,000 bags of coffee aboard. Gen. Buller's Losses.

London, Dec. 18 .- Gen. Buller's casualities at Colenso are reported at eighty-two killed, 667 wounded and 348 missing. His loss in officers was seven killed, forty-one wounded and seventeen missing. Several of the wounded have since died from their

Theseghastly figures given out by the war department caused dismay among those aware of the news. Buller's loss is even greater than Lord Methuen's at Magersfotein. The regiments suffering most were the royal field artillery, the Dublin fusileers and the Devonshire regiment.

The defeat of Gen. Buller has centered the storm of indignation that has been growing for two weeks upon the ministry and the clamor against Colonial Secretary Chamberlain and several weeks, died at Garfield hospital the marquis of Landsdowne, the war minister, is fierce and determined.

They are scapegoats upon whom the wrath of the nation falls. Chamberlain is especially the object of vindicber, the first symptoms being nothing tive invective since it was his policy that caused the war. Landsdowne is second only to Chamberlain in this denunciation, Lecause of his sloth in putting in the field troops sufficient to nip the war in the bud.

Whether Landsdowne is removed at once or not it is certain that there will be a big shake up in the war ofbeen very intimate and a strong fice personnel at once. It is semiofficially admitted that the conduct of the war will result in a thorough reorganization of the department.

> A clean sweep will probably be made in a number of the bureaus, and officials that have grown gray in the service will have to make way for younger men who are up to the times and can cut out the dry rot that permeates the whole system, bringing it up to the standard required by the great changes that have revolutionized warfare in the past few years.

> Field Marshal Wolseley advised Landsdowe months before hostilities hegan to send a great army to South Africa. His advice was unheeded.

Lord Roberts suplemented his be regarding his work for the ad- chief with like counsel. He, too, was ignored. Others only a degree below Admiral Dewey was unremitting in them in rank and war experience

Field Marshal Wolseley, commander-in-chief of the British army, arrivdays ago Mrs. W. I. Heyward of Ma- ed in London yesterday, bearing sperietta, Ga., a sister, was summoned cial orders given to him by the queen

> Telegrams from Windsor had preceded his arrival in London, hastily calling a meeting of the cabinet, and the ministers met at the foreign office yesterday afternoon to discuss the reverses of Buller, Methuen and Gatacre and plan the most effective means of retrieving the disaster.

> Joseph Chamberlain, the colonial secretary, was not present.

Cape Colony is in a ferment, and Boer reports say that 5000 British colonial troops have joined the Boers.

Sugar Mill and Refinery.

Tampa, Fla., Dec. 18 .- Plans have been perfected for the erection in this city of a big sugar mill and refinery. It is the intention of the men behind the enterprise to make Tampa not only the market for the sugar cane of Florida, but to bring the crude article from Cuba and refine it here. Those interested do not care to have their names made public at present, but have authorized the statement that the refinery would be established.

Carl Jahl was found dead in bed at Mineola the other day.

The Texas at Havana.

Havana, Dec. 18.-The United States battleship Texas, Capt. Sigsbee commanding, has arrived here, and Capt. Greene, commandant of the naval station, has conferred with Capt. Sigsbee with regard to the removal from Colon cemetery of the bodies of the victims of the Maine disaster. The present intention is to remove the remains with as little ceremony as pos-

The work of disinterment will begin this morning. Each coffin will be closed in a metal casket and be surrounded by a disinfecting compound. he night to the naval wharf, where ready for removal to the battleship which it is said, will take place Wednesday night or Thursday at daybreak. The Texas will then leave at

Father Chadwick will identify the coffins as they are taken from the ground, having a chart showing the exact location of each.

A WARM SESSION.

Closing Day of the General Debate on the Financial Bill.

MR. BAILEY OF TEXAS SPOKE.

an Hour's Talk, He Vigorously Presented the Democratic View-Proceedings of the Senate.

day yesterday of the general debate on in the Tugela river and it was my insharp personal colloquy occurred between Representatives Wheeler and Berry of Kentucky over the recent Kentucky election and the charges growing out of it. Considerable feeling was shown. Later in the day Mr. Bailey of Texas, until recently the Democratic floor leader, received close attention in an hour's speech, vigorously presenting the Democratic view, and eulogizing the time-honored and undying Democratic organization. In marked contrast with Mr. Bailey's utterances Mr. Scudder of New York, who was seriously wounded. followed him, announced that as a Democrat he believed in the gold standard vance, which he did, and his leading and would vote for it. Mr. Payne of regiment, the East Surrey, occupied New York and Mr. Dalzell of Pennsyl- Colenso Station and the houses near vania also spoke during the day. The the bridge. At that moment I heard debate under the five-minute rule oc- that the whole artillery I had sent cure to-day.

Washington, Dec. 16 .- Soon after the senate convened yesterday, on motion of Mr. Hale of Maine it was agreed to adjourn from yesterday till next Mon- be within effective range. It proved day. Mr. Aldrich presented a special to be full of the enemy, who suddenly order fixing the standing committees opened a galling fire at close range, and their personnel for the senate of killing all their horses, and the gunthe fifty-sixth congress. The order was ners were compelled to stand to their adopted without dissent, a statement guns. Some of the wagon teams got being made by Mr. Cockrell of Mis- shelter for troops in a donga and dessouri that such vacancies as existed in perate efforts were being made to the minority representation would be bring out the field guns. filled at an early date.

Mr. Davis of Minnesota secured the pasage of a resolution requiring the secretary of state to transmit to the senate the reports of Hon. Bartlett Tripp, Samoan commissioner, on affairs in Samoa.

The senate at 12:42 went into executil Monday.

Republican National Convention.

Washington, Dec. 16.-The Republithe honor of entertaining the conven-St. Louis and New York.

The meeting of the committee was held at the Arlington hotel and was presided over by Senator Hanna, the chairman of the committee. Fortythree of the forty-five states and all of camp at Chievely." the six territories were represented.

The proceedings throughout were enthusiastic and harmonious, every night, Frank Walker was hanged. speech that was made emphasizing the Walker shot Thomas Sanders. fact that President McKinley will be renominated and that the convention were presented by distinguished citizens in open session.

The balloting occurred in the afternoon behind closed doors. On the first ballot Philadelphia received thirteen votes, Chicago twenty, New York seven and St. Louis nine. On the second ballot the contest narrowed to Philadelphia and Chicago. The New York votes went to Philadelphia and the St. of the Lakes.

Printers Strike.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 16.-The members of Pittsburg Typographical union No. 7 have walked out of the offices The caskets will be removed during of the Pittsburg daily newspapers and work, although the scale or publishers does not expire until Dec. 24. Their demand is that the maof the Typographical union.

Buller Meets With Serious Loss.

London, Dec. 16.-The war office has received a dispatch announcing that Gen. Buller has met with a serious reverse, losing ten guns.

Gen. Buller was attempting to cross the Tugela river. Finding it impossible to effect his object, he ordered a retirement in order to avoid greater

He left eleven guns behind.

The following is the text of Gen. Buller's dispatch announcing his re-

"Buller to Landsowne, Chievely Camp, 6:20 p. m., Dec. 15 .- I regret to report a serious reverse. I moved in full strength from our camp near Chievely at 4 o'clock yesterday morn-Washington, Dec. 16.-The closing ing. There are two fordable places the financial bill proved to be one of tention to force a passage through one exceptional interest. At the outset a of them. They are about two miles apart.

> "My intention was to force one or the other, with one brigade supported by a central brigade. Gen. Hart was to attack the left drift. Gen. Hilyard the right road, and Gen. Lyttleton was to take the central and to support either. Early in the day I saw that Gen. Hart would not be able to force a passage and I directed him to withdraw. He had, however attacked with great gallantry and his leading battalion, the Cannaught rangers, I fear, suffered a great deal. Col. I. G. Brooke

> "I then ordered Gen. Hilyard to adto support the attack-the fourteenth and sixty-sixth field batteries, and six naval twelve-pounder quick firing guns, under Col. Long, had advanced close to the river, in Long's desire to

"The fire, however, was too severe, and only two were saved by Capt. Schofield and some drivers, whose names I will furnish.

'Another most gallant attempt with three teams was made by an officer whose name \$ will obtain. Of the eighteen horses, thirteen were killed and as several drivers were wounded. tive session and at 1:10 adjourned un- I would not allow another attempt. Unsupported by artillery, I directed the troops to withdraw, which they did in good order.

"Throughout the day a considerable force of the enemy was pressing on can national convention will be held my right flank, but was kept back by at Philadelphia on Tuesday, June 19 mounted men under Lord Dundonald next. The place and date were decided and part of Gen. Gartol's brigade. The by the national Republican committee day was intensely hot and most tryyesterday after a friendly contest for ing on the troops whose conduct was excellent. We have abandoned ten tion between the city selected, Chicago, guns and lost by shell fire one. The losses in Gen. Hunt's brigade are, I fear, heavy, although the proportion of severely wounded, I hope, is not large. The fourteenth and the sixty-sixth field batteries also suffered severely. We have retried to our

At Mountsville, W.Va., the other

Gen. Otis notified the war departwill be in effect simply a ratification ment that the transports City of Sydmeeting. The claims of the rival cities ney and Pathian, with forty-eigh infantry volunteers, arrived at Manila. No casualties are reported.

Wheat Crop Statistics.

Washington, Dec. 16 .- The statistician of the department of agriculture reports the wheat crop of the United States for 1899 at 547,300,000 bushels or 12.3 bushels per acre. The produc-Louis vote was split between the City tion of winter wheat is placed at 291,of Brotherly Love and the Windy City 600,000 bushels and that of spring wheat at 255,600,000 bushels. Every important wheat growing state | has been visited by special gents of the department and the ch ges in acreage are the result of heir investigations. The newly-se ded area of winter wheat is estimated at 30,150,000 acres, which is about 200,000 acres they will be under guard until all is contract between the printers and greater than that sown in the fall of 1898. The sowing of wheat is still going on in California and some of the chinists employed to care for the tino- southern states and the foregoing estype machines, and who are mem- timate is subject to correction. The bers of Dequesne lodge No. 99 of the average condition is 97.1. The acreage International Association of Machi- sown with winter rye is estimated at nists, be forced to become members 0.7 per cent less than that of last year. The avera condition is 98.2 per cent

BRITISHAND BOERS

Gen. Buller is Expected to Strike a Blow.

MORE TRANSPORTS WANTED

Orders Have Been Issued at Woolwich to Prepare Another Seige Train to Go to the Front.

still without news from Ladysmith, other than that already issued. The general belief is that the large Boer forces Lord Methuen encountered at Magersfontein were partly drawn from Natal and that Gen. Buller will strike a blow before these have tike to re-

The newspapers are calling upon the government to employ the Cunarders as well as the White Star steamers as funeral. Halting at the vault, the third transports, seing the urgent necessity cavalry band played a funeral dirge for getting more men to the Cape as speedily as possible. Forty thousand bishop of the southern Episcopal men could still be sent from England diocese of Virginia, offered an invocawithout calling upon the militia for tion. This was followed by an adforeign service. The militia effective dress by the grand master of Masons is 100,000, and from this body 20,000 in Colorado, and the procession then carefully selected could easily be spared moved to the tomb where the remains for south Africa. Moreover, the colo- of Washington lie. nies are again proffering assistance.

speedy transports. Sir Charles War- ters of the thirteen original states ren, who arrived at Cape Town Thurs- formed in line, facing the representaday, will possibly join Lord Methuen tives of other jurisdictions and the and take command of the combined grand lodge and other brethren standforces.

dispatch, which is at variance with all of Virginia called upon each of the the other reports, reports Lord Methu- jurisdictions in turn for messages and en's forces as retiring Tuesday on the tributes sent by them. camp at Modder river as the result of correspondent says:

"Tuesday forenoon the Boers brought made: heavy guns into action. The British artillery replied, but failed to silence them. Lord Methuen thereupon withdrew his force out of range and concentrated at Modder river."

Orders have been issued at Woolwich to prepare another siege train to go out with the seventh division.

Conference to Be Held.

Denver, Col., Dec. 15 .- A. R. Rucker, president of the United States Monetary league, left here yesterday for St. Louis, where he will hold a conference with the governors of several states friendly to the free coinage of silver, relative to a suit which is about to be begun by the state of Colorado for the purpose of securing a decision by the United States supreme court as to the legality of the demonetization of silver. The general assembly of the state passed a joint resolution authorizing the governor to take steps to bring this question before the supreme court, and the governor at once placed himself in communication with the executives of other states.

The replies have been most satisfac- gramme. tory, many governors promising assisttion. Especially in Texas has the re- iel of Georgia and others. Senator ception of the idea been cordial, and it made by Great Prophet Robert T. Danis possible Mr. Rucker will go to that Chauncey M. Depew of New York was

The suit will be begun in Denver, en a hearty reception. The United States Monetary league will give the state of Colorado as a present the house of representatives, pronounca solid silver brick of the purest metal ed the benediction. of 100 ounces and representing \$100 at the present ratio. The state will send it to the United States mint at Washington with the demand that it be coined into 100 silver dollars.

"will be refused. Upon refusal, suit renegade Yaquis some little distance will be entered in the United States east of Pitaya Pass. The Indians outsupreme court, for we have a right un- numbered his escort twice over, and der the constitution to demand that in a running fight one of his men was the bullion be coined. The question lost. will be raised as to where the constitution lands us, and the suit is brought in the name of the state of Colorado to military headquarters on the river and secure more rapid action than otherwise would be given it."

Mr. Rucker will be assisted by counsel from this and other states.

Big Coal Fleet.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 15.-Nearly three and a quarter million bushels of coal there will be no need of further figh started down the Ohio yesterday, des- ing, but heavy garrisons will have to New Orleans, making 13,000,000 bushels ford protection to the peaceable Indithe present movement began. The ans and Mexican inhabitants in the fleet consisted of seveniern steamers and the further movement of coal will have to be suspended until the return to be foun of some of the empties.

Washington Honored.

Washington, Dec. 15.-Mount Vernon was the scene yesterday of the most unique and impressive ceremonies in its rich and picturesque history. Masons of high degree from all over the United States and Canada met at the tomb of Washington in services commemorating the 100th anniversary of the death of the great statesman. President McKinley delivered a tribute to the memory of the first president, and senators and congressmen, high government officials and distinguished private citizens were participants and spectators of the solemn service. Later in the day, when the Masonic ceremonies had been concluded, the Independ-London, Dec. 15.-The war office is ent Order of Red Men succeeded them in honoring the memory of Washington with the rites of their order.

> At Mount Vernon the procession was formed in line at the mansion, where President McKinley and other distinguished guests joined it and neved solemnly to the old vault where first reposed the remains of Washington This procession was formed and moved in exact order and over the same path which was followed at Washington's and the Right Rev. A. M. Randolph,

Then occurred the impressive services The greatest need, therefore, is of the Masonic ritual. The grand masing in a circle around the tomb with The Daily Chronicle's Modder river joined hands. Then the grand master

As the grand master of California, renewed artillery firing that day. The representing the western states, concluded, the following responses were

> All of the grand masters-"Oh, death where is thy sting?"

> The craft-"Oh, grave, where is thy victory?"

> The grand masters then deposited their wreaths and evergreens and the craft slowly marched past, laying on the tomb their tributes.

> Upon reaching the mansion the lines were drawn up and President McKinley delivered an address. He was introduced by the grand master of Virginia and delivered an eloquent oration which was listened to in profound and impressive silence.

The services concluded with a benediction by Brother Ed. N. Claish, rabbi of Beth Ahaba synagogue, Richmond, Va.

President McKinley was accompanied to Mount Vernon by all the members of the cabinet now in the city, Gen. Miles and Gen. Corbin.

Last night the order of Red Men supplemented their Mount Vernon ceremonies with elaborate exercises at cor vention hall, where parriotic music by the marine band, songs and addresses formed features of an interested pro-

Great Incohonee George E. Green, of ance and, if possible, active co-opera- New York, presided and speeches were state before proceeding to Washington. the orator of the evening and was giv-

Rev. Henry N. Cowden, chaplain of

Mexicans and Yaquis.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 15-Lieut. Montes arrived at Ortis Sonorao Wednesday with an escort of nine soldiers and re-"This, of course," says Mr. Rucker, ports having encountered a band of

The occurrence closes further safe travel over the short route from the makes it impossible until the section is again swept by a stong force of sol-

methods of Montes describes Torp ing very efthe last two weeks a fective toward running hown the rebellious Indians and that within a month maintained along the river to af-

renegade Yaquis now There are the lower river country, and traffic the river is not interrupt-

HOUSE AND SENATE

Currency Bill is Still Up Before the House.

MANY MEMBERS MAKE SPEECHS

Resolution Was Adopted for a Holiday Re cess from Wednesday December 20 to January 3.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The currency debate in the house lasted from 11 province of Nueva Vizcaya. o'clock yesterday morning until 10:30 last night, with a recess of three hours at Cervantes, in the heart of the Tilad for dinner. The pressure for time to mountains, on the evening of Dec. 3, each from Maryland and Massachu- Thermopylae. setts, will vote for the bill.

journ over to-day to give the members lay it down.

ana, Gamble of South Dakota, Republi- flight. cans, and Bailey of Texas. De Vries of

At 5 o'clock, the house recessed until 8 o'clock.

of the gold standard. The gold stand- daybreak." ard, had stood the test of experience,

The other speakers were Messrs. Robinson (Dem.) of Indiana, Kleburg tion with the insurrection, has been (Dem.) of Texas, Rixey (Dem.) of Virginia, Cooney (Dem.) of Missouri, Zenor (Dem.) of Indiana, Kitchen (Dem.) of North Carolina, and Henry (Dem.) Mabini has been the leader of the exof Texas, all against the bill.

At 10:30 the house adjourned until

11 o'clock to-day. Washington, Dec. 14 .- Yesterday session of the senate consumed only a few minutes. Soome routine business was transacted but beyond the introduction of bills nothing of consequence was accomplished.

At the beginning of the session Mr. Gallinger of New Hampshire presented a bill for the codification of the pension laws. It is proposed that the committee shall consist of jurists and mem-

bers of the G. A. R A resolution offered by Mr. McMillan of Michigan calling upon the secretary of war for information as to how many days the St. Mary's canal was blocked during the past season of navigation and requesting his opinion as to the desirability of constructing additional canals, was adopted. At 14:40 p. m. the senate went into executive session and at 1:25 p. m. adjourned.

Boston Republicans.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 14 .- Gov. Poynter has appointed ex-Senator Allen to fill the senatorial vacancy caused by the death of Senator Hayward.

Monday night Gov. Poynter wired ex-Senator Allen to come to Lincoln for a conference. Allen came down from his home at Madison on the morning train and went immediately to the capitol, and he and the governor were closeted in the latter's executive room for some time. When the conrence was over Gov. Poynter anounced that he had decided to appoint he ex-senator to the place and that his commission would be made out as speedily as possible. The newly appointed senator announced his intention of proceeding to Washington at once and assuming the duties of his

It is announced that the appointment of Allen was made certain by the recelpt of a telegram from Wm. J. Bryan by the governor, in which Bryan urged that good faith and party expediency demanded Allen's appoinment. insane at Sh

Important Capture.

Manila, Dec. 14 .- The following dispatch, dated Cervantes, Dec. 5, has just been received from a correspondent with Maj. Marsh's battalion:

"Maj. Marsh, with Capts. Jenkinson and Cunningham, Lieuts. Thompson, Rutter, McClelland and Power and 15 men, is about starting for Bontac, the principal town in the province of that name, to the northeast, through an absolutely desolate country and over a mountain 10,000 feet high. He is pursuping Aguinaldo, whose escort, now reduced to fifty men, is known to be

"According to the natives Aguinaldo intends to disguise himself and take a circuitous route toward Bayambong,

"Mai. Marsh with 300 men ar red speak continues, as most of the mem- about twenty-four hours behind bers desire to make contributions to Aguina'do, who had believed he had the literature of the occasion. Much found an inaccessible refuge. On Dec. of it, however, seems to be for home 2 the American commander had a wonconsumption. There has been very lit- derful battle in a cloud-enveloped tle cross-firing thus far and no exciting mountain pass, 3000 feet above the sea, or dramatic incidents. So far as known completely routing Gen. Gregorio del twelve Democrats, eight from New Pilar's force of 200 picked men in a York, two from Pennsylvania and one position almost strong enough to rival

"Gen. Pilar died at the front of his The house adopted a resolution for a men, urging them to make a stand unholiday recess from Wednesday, Dec. til the ball of a sharpshooter pierced 20, to Jan. 3. Mr. Richardson, the min- his head. His followers tried to carry ority leader, asked that the house ad- away the body, but were compelled to

an opportunity to participate in the "Two of the Americans were killed Washington memorial exercises but and were buried by their comrades Mr. Payne, the majority leader, object- where they fell. The others, carrying ed, saying George Washington, if alive, nine wounded, camped for the night he thought, would be in favor of the on top of the mountain, an eminence house proceeding with the transaction of 4000 feet, suffering greatly from the cold blasts. In the morning they moved The speaker appointed the following down the trail to Dugaqui, where they committee to join with the committees learned that Aguinaldo with a few men of the senate and District of Columbia and three women, all carried on litters in preparing plans for the centennial borne by Igorrofas, had passed along celebration of the establishment of the the same trail to Cervantes, where he seat of government in Washington: was during the fight. A runner had Messrs. Cannon of Illinois, Grout of brought him the news of the death of Vermont, Heatwole of Minnesota, Sher- his chief of staff. He was greatly afman of New York, Hemenway of Indi- fected and prepared instantly for

"Gen. Concepcion, with six officers, California, Cowherd of Mississippi, who had deserted Aguinaldo, surren-Democrats, and Bell of Colorado, Pspu- dered when Maj. Marsh reached Cagayan, province of Lepanto.

"On arriving at Cervantes, Maj. Marsh's battalion was without food, ex-At the night session the feature was cept rice, and had only a small supply a characteristic speech by Mr. Linney of ammunition. Maj. Marsh secured of North Carolina, the only Republican five days' rations, made arrangements who voted for the Teller resolution in for his sick and wounded, and having the fifty-fourth congress, in explana- chosen twenty-five mounted and 100 tion of his change of position in favor unmounted men, resumed the chase at

Mabini, former secretary of state in he claimed, and had proven itself the the so-called Filipino government and Aguinaldo's ablest adviser, although of late withdrawn from official conneccaptured by Gen. MacArthur near Rosales. He will be brought to Manila. treme anti-American faction.

The Lumbermen.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 14.-Prominent lumbermen from different parts of the United States, who are holding a conference here, adopted a resolution praying congress to appropriate funds for six portable jetties or steel caissons, to be used in aiding navigation on the Mississippi river and its tributaries. An interesting talk was made by Mr. A. H. Winchester of Buchanan, W. Va., on the necessity of lumbermen making a good exhibit at the Paris ex-

Robert Hennin, colored, had his leg cut off by a train at Hudson, Ark., the other day.

Modder River Battle.

Pretoria, Dec. 14.-An official report says: A battle at Modder river began Monday with cannon firing, heavy fighting proceeding from 3:30 o'clock in the morning until 9 o'clock with cannon, Maxims and rifles. A bombardment began at 4:30 o'clock. A balloon arose just above the British positions, where it remained ten minutes and descended. There were heavy English government. rains during the night.

At 9 o'clock Tuesday worning report was received from Modder river. dispatch rider brought word that all the Boer positions had been maintained and that forty-one British prisoners. had been taken. At 9:30 o'clock it was reported that the heavy cannon, fire had somewhat a sated. The British are constantly using their balloon.

Sam Jones colored, w

PASTURE AND FARM.

Indian Territory wheat looks well. Less than two acres in strawberries netted a La Porte grower \$1800.

A La Porte man realized \$160 from less than an acre of blackberries . Carload shipments of oranges are

now being made from Phoenix, Ariz. Alfred Doole of Ballinger has purchased of Thomas Shaw fifty cows at

The Concho country is said to be in better shape than it has been for The cedar and the holly will soon

be used in the annual Christmas adornment. Cap. Charles Shreiner of Kerrville

has sold his wool clip of 600,000 pounds at private sale. The pork packery at Palestine has

commenced operations and the farmers are taking in their swine. W. A. Moody of Mineola has a Berkshire hog, not quite 2 years old,

that weighs 739 pounds actual weight. The New York Tree Planting association planted over 1000 trees along streets in that city the past twelve

The state penitentiary board has closed the deal for the purchase of a convict farm of over 5000 acres in Brazoria county.

months.

G. D. Tarlton of Hillsboro has purchased the old Union Beef company's pasture in west Texas, of 53,000 acres, paying \$1 per acre.

John R. Blocker of San Antonio made a sale of cattle recently in the Indian Territory, selling 4000 head of 2, 3 and 4-year old steers at from

The Club Land and Cattle company of Henrietta has sold all its yearlings steers at \$20 around, no cut back. This is a new company and this is its first crop of yearlings.

One of the cows in the herd of Red Polled cattle recently brought from Maquoketa, Ia., by J. O. Holt & Son, was milked soon after her arrival at Midland and gave eighteen quarts.

J. C. De Moss of Carlsbad, N. M., has marketed 2700 pounds of Angora Mohair at 22 1-2 cents per pound. This is the second clip this season from 1000 goats and first clip from 700 kids.

E. W. McKenzie of San Angelo will ship 500 head of steers and fat cows from Big Springs on the 20th inst., to the Kansas City market. He will also drive about 1500 steers to Pecos county.

W. J. Cox of El Paso has gone to Chihuahua, Mex., to close a deal for 18,000 head of cattle for Cuba. The cattle are from the Terrezos ranch and are to be delivered in lots of 1000 every five days.

The Aztec Cattle company of Northern Arizona, one of the largest cattle companies of the southwest, is going out of business. This year they sold about 16,000 head on the eastern market, and next year will see the last remnant of a once great herd sent to market.

Death has taken off another well known stockman in the person of David M. Clarkson, who was interested with his son in a ranch in Val-Verde county. At one time Mr. Clarkson was one of New York's million-

The Concho country is in better range condition than for years.

Jim McLymot's (of San Antonio) 1200 sacks of wool sold at 14 1-8 cents a short time ago and enjoyed the advantage of getting better proices for it than he has received for several

S. M. Farmer, residing near Bollinger, has gathered and sold \$900 worth of pecans this fall. He says that while the crop has been rather light this fall, the prices has been better than ever known before.

Parties who have kept themselves informed on such matters say that during the last three or four months \$200,000 has been paid out in Abilene. and vicinity for horses and mules. This includes the mules sold to the

Mr. George Shelton of Corsicana aised on one-quarter acre of land 119 bushels of sweet potatoes, and upon three-quarters of an acre 60 bushels of peanuts, each crop being worth \$1 a bushel. Besides this, he has the peavine hay, a most excellent for-

Two carload of turkeys were recently received at Waco. They were all, half-breed bronze Canadians. Some of the gobblers dressed twenty-five pounds. Gobblers brought \$40 per 100, and the hens \$25 and 35 per 100. They were soon sold at fast prices.

Mr. Editor:-

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ions 2 weeks ago and the Crank is culture, and men with broins, men whom have made fairly good forstill wants information.

There are many other questions word in harmony. the Crank would like to ask.

Rustler.

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I want to tell the Nanhattie to applause than Washington. Bro that we teach christ and him can be purchased at from 2 to \$6. D. W. affirmed aed got beat. Prof. crusified in our S S and the visi- per acre. Jones' side was the lucky one. ble results have been 14 converted in the last year.

I can't afford to enter into a ed with a good stock of Xmas controversy with the Bro as any cation, etc. goods. The patrons and citizens one else, I think it a hindrance to the negro question, I do think the article from Bro Reed, possibly three Kickapoos. All of these man that answered it ought to be our commissioners made a mis streams have living water in them bank to pay for any evidence that and think they did what they building. thought was best so I think the South of the Colorado River willing to pay cash for the ans. with an enterprising spirit who tunes in Coke. wers, the Crank will ask informa- will help us to bring our own tion on the 14 to the 19 verses of Coke county to the front. Fel- who have successfully battled a

Rev. Mr Myers of the P M I close good wishes for the Church preached for the Rock Springs people yesterday, Sunday

> G D P Clark is about to lose his hand had something like a bone fellon and blood poison set up he has ceen at Ballinger for some days under treatment, I learned yasterday that he was some better anb would be at home today.

Mr. Ike Billingslea is just in from Angalo with Xmas goods

Xmas is all the go here now. Mr. Wm Billingslea is holding the highest head of my man in our beat. I saw him running two wasting diseases, all effects of self-Rate One fare for the round trip big turning plows this morning. abuse, or excess and indis-

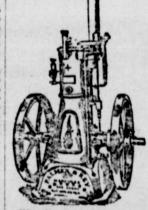
> The Bro is doing fine Work. Mr R E Douglas killed two fine flogs Saturday, one weighed 400 and the other 250 pounds.

> J L and Buster Robinson took their last 2 or 3 bales of cotton to Ballinger last week.

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If the Crank is a fool his money best thing for us as a cou ty to are found Grape, Pecan, Paint, evidence. I am talking to senci. do all we can to bring our county and Mule creeks, on each of which to the front and write good men can be found prosperous ranch-The Crank asked many quest. to come into our county, men of men and stock farmers, many of

Coke has a number of farmers St. Mark 16 chapter, the Crank low citizens, let us endeaver to gainst the time bonored illusion keep peace among ourselves and that "this County is no good for grangers." Many have made a

good living and paid for their land, besides year by year, buy ing land adjacent.

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> Editor Rustler, Robert Lee, Tex.

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We the undersigned Commissioners Court of Coke County Texas, do sole. mnly swrar that the requirements of Art. 867, Chap. 1, litle 25, of the revised Statutes of the State of Texas. as amended by the acts os March 20, 1899, have been in all things fully complied with at the November term, 1899, of seid court and that the cash and other assets mentioned in the County Treasurer's quarterly report, made by the County Treasurer of Coke County Texas, and held by him for the County, have been fully inspected and counted by us, and that the amount of mony in his hands is \$240.18 and the assets are 729.09

Amount of Schoo Fund 2315.74, to-

tal amounts \$3285.23 M. H. Davis County Judge, J. H. Burroughs Com. Prec. no. 1, M. H. Havens, Com. Prec. No. 2. J. C. Newton, Com. Prec. No. 3. G. W. Payne, Com. Prec. No. 4.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of November 1899, J. W. Barett, Co. Clerk,

Coke County, Texas.

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Of the fifth Sunday meeting to be held wih the Antioch Baptist Church of Christ; at Rock Springs, Coke County Texas, commencing Friday night. Dec. 29, 1899

Introductory sermon by R. M. Cumbie, Alternate John Reed.

Saturday, 9 A. M. Who should be received as members of the Church of Christ, John Reed. R. M. Cambie, M. G. R. Griffieth.

10 A. M. Is the Lord's supper a Churh ordinance, if so, who is entitled to partake of it, Isaac Reed, D. W. Townsand, W. P. Crow,

11 A. M. Serman by W. G. Green, Alteanate, A. M. Lackey. 12 M. Dinner.

2 P. M. Is it the duty of Baptists to participate in Union or other nominational (other than Baptist) Sunday Schools? R. M. Cumbie, W. P. Crow, W. G. Green, R. Cook, Joe Bruce.

3 P. M. Question Box.

4 P. M. Board-meeting.

7 P. M. Sermon by W. P. Crow, Alternate, R. Cook.

Sunday 11 A. M. Sermon by D. W. Townsand, Alternate, Isaac Reed.

12 M. Dinner.

3 P. M. and at night sermons by some one appointed dering the D. H. Burt. Committee C. P. Haghes.

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